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## What Kind of Preaching?

THE question most often asked by both preacher and laymen is, What kind of preaching is most effective today? While there will be many opinions concerning the answer, at least one effective type of pulpit ministry is that of problem preaching or preaching from life's present situations—preaching rooted in life and drawing its materials out of life. It rests on the assumption that people are all fundamentally alike and there are certain great needs, desires and experiences fundamental to men regardless of class, creed or color. What usually makes a great sermon great is the fact that it gets down to earth and is native to the experience and helpful in the lives of all present. The preacher, therefore, does not begin with his own interest or desire but rather with a problem or difficulty or situation fundamentally real to his people and works toward a solution of the problem which will help them face life more realistically and courageously. For life is not so much a problem as a program; not merely an attitude but an adventure. The preacher will want to know his people, their needs, desires, problems. The sermon would, first of all, introduce the people to the situation or problem to be faced in such a matter-of-fact matter that instinctively the people would say, "Now he is talking to me." But in order to keep problem preaching from being a problem the sermon must seek to solve the problem. The conclusion should deal with methods and techniques; it should point the way out. Dr. Gaius Glenn Atkins said that the preacher's forgotten word is HOW. For it is always easier to introduce a problem than to solve it; to talk about the need of prayer rather than effective methods and techniques for a prayer life. The resources of such preaching from life are unlimited. First of all is the experience of the preacher himself; second, the results of his contacts with the people with whom he lives; third, through his reading and study he may live again with the saints of the ages; finally, the inexhaustible resources of the Bible. For the Bible is not an ancient book. It is our eternal contemporary, a book recording the religious experiences of men with God, growing out of life itself. Dr. Fosdick explains this type of preaching to life's problems when he says, "Preaching is wrestling with individuals over questions of life and death . . ."

## Jurisdictional Evangelistic Conference

THE South Central Jurisdictional Conference on Evangelism will be held at Mt. Sequoyah May 19-28 under the direction of the General Commission on Evangelism of the Methodist Church. There will be delegates from all seventeen of the Annual Conferences within the South Central Jurisdiction. Leaders of the conference are Bishop C. C. Seleenman, chairman of the General Commission on Evangelism, and Dr. Harry Denman, secretary of the Commission. Among others on the program are Dr. Guy H. Black who will discuss "Personal and Visitation Evangelism" and Dr. George W. Cook of Rochester, N. Y., who will be one of the conference preachers. A full delegation from the two conferences in Arkansas is expected. District Superintendents will want at least two delegates from their district including a selected young preacher entitled to a free scholarship, and the District Director of Evangelism.

## The Sense of Self Respect

NOTHING is more needed today in the lives of us than a recapturing of the high sense of self-respect. An old Edinburgh weaver used to pray "God help me to hold a high opinion of myself." Far from being egotism this is the exact opposite. Paradoxically enough, many who think too much of themselves actually think too little of themselves. Tennyson once described Queen Victoria in the phrase, "Loyal to the royal in thyself." Shakespeare said, "... to thine own self be true . . ." This is what is meant by a high opinion of oneself. This sense of self-respect is a great insulator against evil. If Joseph refused the proffered impurity of Potiphar's household it was because he had a high opinion of himself. He was more than a beast and would not so act. If Martin Luther refused to recant, saying, "Here I stand, God help me, I can do no other," it was because of the high sense of respect in which he held himself and the truth he uttered. If a young man refuses to be a drunkard or a gambler or a libertine, it is because of a high sense of self-respect. He says to himself, "I was made for something nobler than that . . . no son of my father and mother would do a thing like that." This sense of self-respect is the very heart of religion. Religion has always said that there are some things sacred—this shrine—this mountain—this day—this Book. But more than that, religion says that life is sacred, people are sacred, you are sacred—your body, your mind, your personality. Indeed life can be one of two things, consecration or desecration; and it makes an eternity of difference which of these routes we choose.

## We Drift Toward War

IF history may be said to repeat itself we are now in the midst of the year 1917. The only difference is that we are accelerating the speed with which we then traveled to the battle front. Since the fall of Greece there has been an unmistakable growing sentiment for actual participation. A long stride was made in this direction on April 24 when Secretary of State Cordell Hull broadcast, "It makes a difference who wins, the difference whether we stand with our backs to the wall with the other four continents against us and high seas lost . . . or whether we keep our place in an orderly world." On April 25, the President declared that U. S. warships would patrol as far into the seven seas as necessary to protect this Hemisphere. Obviously the majority opinion in the U. S. is not ready to support actual conveying of materials, remembering the words of the President four months ago when he said, "Convoys mean shooting and shooting means war." But Admiral Stark of the U. S. Navy says that our naval patrols are now operating from two to three thousand miles across the Atlantic in the war zones. Thus while not conveying our goods to Britain we are patrolling the sea lanes to insure safe arrival. The fact is this is a distinction without a difference. And in all probability the President is right when he said, "convoys mean shooting and shooting means war." All this is in spite of the fact that Gallup poll of public sentiment on April 28 with reference to entering the war against Germany and Italy showed 19 per cent favoring entrance and 81 per cent opposed to it. Are we being led into a war on foreign soil? Shall we again plant our noblest sons among the poppies? No one wants Hitler to win. But the alternative is terrible to imagine. The sobering words of Doctor Fosdick from his New York pulpit on April 27 were, "... for us to plunge as belligerents into this war now, would do three things; first, greatly expand the area of war; second, incalculably extend the duration of the war; third, vastly increase the economic and moral havoc of the war . . . I can see no ultimate victor except social revolution, economic chaos, dictatorship and communism . . . for myself I cannot idealize another war as a means to make the world safe for democracy. I cannot make that devil look like an angel."

## Sermonettes

SOME people are so broad minded that they are flat.  
Religion is caught . . . not taught.

Regardless of the outer circumstances of the world we can keep our personal appointments with God.

The man who gets things done is subject to greater criticism than the man who doesn't.

Real beauty is not merely skin deep... it comes from a pure heart.

It does matter what I do with my life . . . to me, at least.

Honest Churchmen will remember their appointments . . . with God.

Selfishness is not Christian . . . even if found among Christian people.

In such a time as this we need to keep our heads . . . and feet on the ground.

## He Was Dismissed

NEWSPAPERS have given varied reasons for the dismissal of Dan. A. Williams WPA administrator of Lincoln, Nebraska, but all are agreed that his conscientious objections to war had something to do with it. When he gave notice of his intention to register as a conscientious objector, he was dismissed by Malcolm J. Miller, assistant commissioner at Washington. A local official of the draft board had previously informed him that the government "does not look with favor upon anyone working for them who will not fight for them" but, in spite of this, he felt that the position granted to conscientious objectors in the draft act was legal grounds for his continuance in government employment. Regardless of the legality of the case, his dismissal came almost immediately after his conscientious objections were tabulated, in accordance with the draft law. Over against this procedure in America, note the situation of the conscientious objector in

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## CHURCH CALENDAR

May 11-18, *Golden Cross Week.*  
May 19-28, *South Central Jurisdictional Conference on Evangelism, Mt. Sequoyah.*  
June 1, *Laymen's Day, Little Rock Conference*  
June 2-13, *Arkansas Pastor's School, Hendrix College.*  
June 16-20, *Senior Young People's Assembly, Hendrix College.*  
June 17-21, *Christian Adventure Assembly, Mt. Sequoyah.*  
June 17-21, *Epworth Training Camp, Mt. Sequoyah.*  
June 23-27, *Christian Adventure Assembly, Ferncliffe.*  
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July 1-8, *Administrative Conference, Mount Sequoyah.*  
July 7-11, *Older Young People's Assembly, Hendrix College.*  
July 8-18, *School of Missions, Mt. Sequoyah.*  
July 11-18, *Missionary Conf., Mt. Sequoyah.*

North Arkansas District Conferences  
May 14-15, *Batesville District, Cave City.*  
May 15, *Helena Dist. Conference at Marvell.*  
May 20, *Searcy District, at Cotton Plant.*

Little Rock District Conferences  
May 15, *Monticello District, at Jersey on the Hermitage Ct.*  
May 20, *Little Rock District, at Hazen.*  
May 21, *Pine Bluff District, at Roe.*  
May 22, *Camden District, at Chidester.*

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England. For it will be remembered that, in the face of the death and destruction of the war in their own country, there are thousands of conscientious objectors. The government not only retains the c. o. but, in many instances, provides jobs for them by assigning them to some civilian service not directly related to the war. Many are the hero stories of these c. o.'s who have distinguished themselves in various types of civilian service even under enemy bombardment. Does not our democracy here in America give men the right to think for themselves? Does not that mean freedom of conscience? Have not our Quaker brethren been exempted from war for a century on the grounds of religious scruples? Have they not rendered distinguished service in feeding the starving and otherwise protecting the civilian population? Certainly we can be as lenient with this minority group, even though we do not agree with them, as is England whose cause we espouse. And we should not forget that democracy is not only the will of the majority but the right of the minority.

## ABOUT PEOPLE

REV. B. E. ROBERTSON, pastor of the Dover Circuit, will preach the sermon for graduating class of the London High School on Sunday, May 18.

REV. J. D. MONTGOMERY, our pastor at Rison, preached the sermon for the Woodlawn High School on Sunday afternoon at 2:00 o'clock. The class has nineteen members.

DR. W. C. BUTHMAN, professor of history, represented Hendrix last week at a meeting of the social science division of the General study in Cooperative Education at Chicago, Ill.

DR. JAMES T. CARLYON, professor of Christian Doctrine at Southern Methodist University was District Conference preacher at the Durant District Conference held at Caddo, Okla., April 28, 29 and 30.

DR. W. C. WATSON, pastor at Malvern, preached the sermon for the Lono High School on May 4 and delivered the address to the graduating class of the Poyen High School on the evening of May 5.

REV. W. HENRY GOODLOE, our pastor at Helena, will preach the sermon for the graduating class of the Helena High School on Sunday evening, May 18, at the First Methodist Church. There are sixty members of the class.

THE Couples' Class of First Church, El Dorado, celebrated its first birthday with a banquet Friday, May 2. This fine class has made much progress in attendance and interest. Mr. C. E. Bethel is president and Mrs. Lee W. Walton teacher.

THE Century Bible Class of First Methodist Church, Little Rock, is giving a banquet Friday evening, May 23, in Rammel Hall in the church in honor of Mr. H. T. Harrison, who has been teacher of the class for the last twenty-five years.

ASBURY CHURCH, Little Rock, Rev. Fred G. Roebuck, pastor, had a great day on Mother's Day. Fourteen babies were baptized and 12 adults received into the church. Plans are being made for a fine observance of Laymen's Day on June 1. Governor Homer M. Adkins will be the speaker for the day.

REV. E. D. GALLOWAY, pastor at De Queen, preached the sermon for the High School graduating class at Grady on May 4. This is fourth year he has preached the sermon for the class, having been chosen for this honor for the three years he served as pastor at that place. On May 25 he will preach the sermon for the De Queen class of seventy members.

THE noted Lyman Beecher Lectures for 1941 at Yale University were given April 15-17 by Dr. Ralph W. Sockman, pastor of Christ Church, Methodist, in New York City, well known author and radio speaker. Against a background of John the Baptist and of Jesus' own estimate of his prophet, Dr. Sockman presented a stirring picture of the minister's way through the wilderness of our day. Dr. Sockman's next book will be based upon these lectures and will be published this coming season by Macmillan.

MISS GENEVA EPPES of Forrest City, who is a senior in Hendrix College, has received a four weeks' scholarship to the summer session of the Radio Drama Workshop, Milwaukee, Wisconsin. The scholarship was won in competition with 432 other candidates, and includes work in voice diction, interpretation, production, and the opportunity to compete for auditions in the studios of the major broadcasting companies.

WILLIAM WASHINGTON FLOWERS, brother of President Robert L. Flowers of Duke University, died in Durham, N. C., May 1. Like his brother he has long been connected with the University, having been first a student of Trinity College, later a professor there, and more recently a trustee of the University. Services were conducted by Rev. H. C. Smith, pastor of Duke Memorial Methodist Church in Durham.

FOUR volumes of Scriptures every minute, day and night, for the last 125 years is the record of distribution made by the American Bible Society, which celebrates its 125th anniversary in May. A total circulation of approximately 305,555,700 Bibles, Testaments and Portions were reported at the Society's annual meeting held on Thursday, May 8, in the Board of Estimate Room in City Hall in New York in the historic setting where the Society was organized.

DR. J. H. REYNOLDS, president of Hendrix college, attended a meeting of the Board of Education of the church in Nashville, Tenn., last week. From Nashville he went to New York where he was joined by Dr. H. W. Kamp and Dr. Robert L. Campbell, to attend a meeting of the arts commission of the Association of American colleges. Dr. Reynolds is a member of the commission and Dr. Kamp and Dr. Campbell have been selected by the commission to make tours to various colleges and universities lecturing on the arts.

BISHOP PAUL B. KERN, of the Nashville area, left Saturday to make a ten-day visitation of Methodist centers on the island of Cuba, which is in his Episcopal area. In Miami Bishop Kern will be joined by Miss Elizabeth Lee, Dr. A. W. Wesson and Dr. C. K. Vliet of the Board of Missions and Church Extension. Sailing Monday the party is due to arrive in Havana on Tuesday morning and will be guests of the faculty of Colegio Buenavista, Methodist mission school. They will also visit Oriente, Colon, Santa Clara, Camaguey, Holguin, Preston, Mayari, Guara, Omaja, Jovellanos, Cienfuegos and Matanzas.

THE Executive Committee of the Board of Publications held its stated quarterly meeting in Richmond, April 29. The agents, Ben A. Whitmore and Fred D. Stone, in their reports gave high praise to Dr. Lucius H. Bugbee, editor, and the entire Church School Literature staff for their successful accomplishment of the complex task of consolidating the more than fifty church school weeklies, monthlies and quarterlies of the former three churches into one well-ordered plan. They announced that there will be a new series of twenty-four publications beginning with the Fall quarter and available for purchase in September.

## Introductory Offer of "Arkansas Methodist"

New subscribers may receive the "Arkansas Methodist" from now until Jan. 1, 1942 for only **FIFTY CENTS**

The 50 cent rate applies only to NEW SUBSCRIBERS. Of course new subscriptions or renewals of \$1.00 per year will be received any time. Send subscriptions to 1018 Scott Street, Little Rock.

# THE CHURCH WORKSHOP

H. MELLENIKES, Editor

## INVITATION THAT INVITES

### CHURCH OPEN COME IN REST AND PRAY

Taking cue from the famous last words of our Lord, commonly referred to as "The Seven Last Words," our First Methodist Church in Springfield, Illinois, carries weekly inspirational and invitation to those who, involved in the affairs of the world, chance to pass its doors. One such invitation of seven words is the one given above. Of imposing dimensions, these framed requests to the passers by remind and encourage them to take a moment from the stormy sea of life for quiet and rest in the harbor of the sanctuary.

What of this type of further use to which you can put your various worship facilities?

Do we not need in these stressful times of unprecedented cataclysm for the souls of men as well as for their bodies, to make available to every possible one we can devise to reach, the spiritual aids of our church? Surely those churches that are at all central in location should maintain a daily "open-house" schedule and program. If you have worshipful stained glass windows with which to mellow the atmosphere of the sanctuary, why not by some invitational scheme challenge the needy to come in where communion with our Heavenly Father may the more naturally be had? And why not do this on all the days, with perhaps a "Quiet Hour" each Wednesday noon when much is made of special and appropriate organ music and other special worship aids, such as soft and gentle lighting effects.

As pastor we need ever to be watchful for the little opportunities as well as the more significant one which come to our churches for ministry.

To worry about tomorrow is to fail of devotion to the tasks of today, and so to spoil both days.—William DeWitt Hyde.

### WANTED

Have you a good-conditioned phonograph that has not seen service in months, perhaps years? Or records of some value, such as good music, hymns, and the like? Why not send them to the foreign mission field, where they can be of continuing service to people in the villages among which missionaries travel? Such equipment helps attract a crowd for the preaching of the Gospel, and often helps to teach Christian songs. Portable radios are especially desirable when itinerating. If you have such equipment you will contribute, write to the Board of Missions and Church Extension, 150 Fifth Avenue, New York, N. Y., for further details.

## "GLEANINGS"

From Church Management

Enter into thy closet and, when thou hast shut thy door pray to thy Father which is in secret.—Matthew 6:6.

Keep the altar of private prayer burning. This is the very life of all piety. The sanctuary and family altars borrow their fires here, therefore let us burn well. Secret devotion is the very essence and barometer of vital experimental religion.

—CHARLES H. SPURGEON.

## "BUILD ME A CHURCH, SAID GOD"

Build me a Church,  
Said God;  
Not just a man-made spire,  
Not just a place where starvelings  
strut;  
Feeding thwarted desire.

Build me a Church,  
Said God;  
Where men are stabbed aware,  
Of all the agony there is;  
And lifted their hearts in prayer.

Build me a Church,  
Said God;  
Where men learn how to grow  
A life that's full, a life that's good,  
A life with overflow.

Build me a Church,  
Said God;  
That serves the present age;  
That nothing shirks, but with good  
works,  
Builds goodly heritage.

—E. O. HARBIN.

## PRESENT HELPS FOR PASTOR AND PEOPLE

Why go to Church (10 cents per copy, \$5 per 100) and Christian Stewardship (same price) are attractive pamphlets of 55 and 42 pages, respectively, particularly useful in connection with the Every Member Canvass and the training of the canvassers. Order from the General Board of Lay Activities, 740 Rush Street, Chicago.

The Methodist Church, a valuable manual, written by President Shofield, is for sale at all depositories of the Methodist Publishing House.

The catechism answering questions of church school workers concerning the observance of World Service Sunday in the church school should be ordered (free) from Dr. C. P. Hargraves, 810 Broadway, Nashville, Tenn.

Wings Over the World, a graphic portrayal of the World Service activities of the Methodist Church, and written by Dr. T. A. Safford, may be ordered free by pastors for selected distribution from the Service Dept., 740, Rush St., Chicago.

Pastors and supply pastors desiring undergraduate and graduate training for themselves, or training for local preachers in their membership, should address all queries to Dr. William K. Anderson, General Secretary, Commission on Courses of Study, 810 Broadway, Nashville, Tenn.

Address any depository of the Methodist Publishing House for prices and information concerning local church Pledge Cards and Offering Envelopes for your Every Member Canvass.

## EFFECTIVE PREACHING

According to a Mr. W. H. Greever, writing in a recent issue of the American Lutheran, preaching, to be persuasive and convincing, must contain certain very definite qualifications. After thirty years in the pew, Mr. Greever submits the following five qualifications in the order of their importance which he considers essential to the effective preaching of the Christian message:

1. The one purpose of a sermon should be to deliver a definite message from God to man.

2. The delivery of the definite message from God must be made in such a way as to convince the worshiper that God is actually present in the worship.

3. The message, to be real and edifying, must always include specific reference to the basic facts and doctrines of our Christian faith.

4. The hearer in the pew must have unmistakable evidence that the man in the pulpit has received the promised power from on high.

5. Then this prophet of the pulpit who has become the very Word incarnate must have faithful and sincere men before him to whom to give the treasures of God. Acts 4:13 tells the story: "Now when they saw the boldness of Peter and John, and perceived that they were unlearned and ignorant men, they marvelled; and they took knowledge of them, that they had been with Jesus."

What of your preaching—the preaching to which you listen? Does it comply with these standards? Let us PREACH THE WORD, and HEAR as for ETERNITY.

## SOME MORE SPECIAL DAYS

Now that Christian Family Week, beginning with Child Health Sunday, May 4, and closing with Mother's Day, May 11, has been observed we are ready for the keeping of more special days.

With special weeks and days in superabundance, three remaining ones we should consider and use are the following:

1. May 18, "I Am An American Day."

2. June 1, "Laymen's Day." (For the Little Rock Conference.)

3. "Good Literature Sunday."

Why not designate an early Sunday as such a day, upon which to secure an increase in subscriptions not only to the Methodist but to all our many unexcelled church publications, such as the Christian Advocate, the World Outlook, the Methodist Woman, the Pastor's Journal, the Methodist Layman, etc? Would not this be in the further interest of Christian culture and do much to offset the loose but morbid habit of our people in consuming in exceeding volume the garbage-can magazines that infest our news stands and invade our church homes?

## NEW MATERIAL FOR CHURCH SCHOOL WORKERS

On pages fourteen and fifteen of the current (May) issue of the Pastor's Journal are listed a great number of free and charge leaflets and booklets for the use of workers in our church schools. While the list is far too long herewith to reproduce, yet it is important that we avail ourselves of the use of many of these new and just now available helps in the educational work of the local church. You will want to clip for permanent preservation and guidance this entire list, if you are a pastor, therefore, and to keep it available for your helpers of the church staff. We are far too rich in materials to be poor in procedure and in matters of administration!

## THREE RULES FOR LIFE

"Three rules for finding the best of life were given me by a teacher a number of years ago. I pass them on to you for I have found that they do work.

The first is "Go," the second is "Keep Going" and the third "Help someone else to go."—Theodore Adams.

## "WELCOME"

The pastor of our Epworth Church, Houston, Texas, has a post card with a photograph of the church and this message which is sent to all new residents in his parish: "Whether you are Methodist or of another faith, we want you to know that as a part of the religious life of this section of our city, Epworth Methodist Church welcomes you to Houston. This is your cordial invitation to attend our services. If we can serve you in any way, please let us know."



# Even Carlyle Was Wrong!

By E. STANLEY JONES

The foundations of our faith are going to be tried to their depths by the approach storm which will beat upon us. Already one democracy, France, which was founded on secular foundations, has crashed. Will this democracy founded on religious foundations survive? If so we must be sure of our basic fact. The basic fact of Christianity is Christ. Christians are people who believe in God and man and life through Jesus Christ. Can He stand the test?

When Carlyle was going through the mountains of Italy he saw a wayside shrine with Christ hanging on his cross. He stopped and thought and said, "Poor fellow, you have had your day." But Carlyle lived to see that he was wrong, that the day of Christ had not yet dawned.

The breakdown of civilization is because Christ has been refused His day. A Russian novelist once said, "Europe has lost Christ and Europe will perish." But that is not true alone to Europeans; it will be true of us if we lose Christ.

We do lose Christ if we take only a half-Christ ruling over a half-realm. The Christ we believe in must be a totalitarian Christ ruling over the whole of life. This is the kind of a Christ we find in the pages of the New Testament. There we find that the absolute order, the Kingdom of God, and the absolute Person, Christ, came together and were one. The cause and the Person coincided. This is important.

The thing that makes Hitler significant is not Hitler. It is the fact

that the Germans believe that in Hitler, this new Germany is embodied. To be loyal to Hitler is to be loyal to Germany.

The thing that makes Gandhi significant is not Gandhi as a person, but the fact that in Gandhi this new India has come to embodiment and speaks through his lips.

What is the thing that makes Christ significant—the Person? No. It is because a new Order, the Kingdom of God is embodied in Him. The cause and the Person are one. To be loyal to Him is to be loyal to the New Order embodied in Him. That gives Him cosmic significance. Moreover, it makes our faith at once personal in that we have relations with a Person. It also makes it social in that relations with the New

Order embodied in Christ . . . .

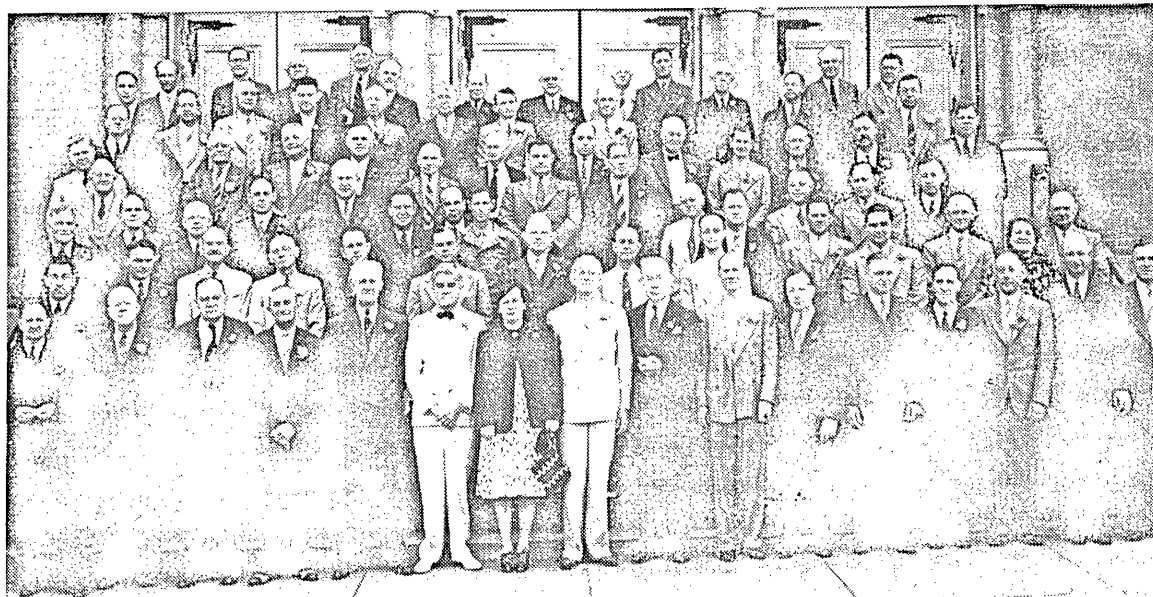
In Russia, two verses rose out of the pages of the New Testament to reassure me, for I needed it as I faced the Russian experiment. The first was this: "For we have a Kingdom which cannot be shaken." An unshakable Kingdom amid the shaking of kingdoms around us. Second: "Jesus Christ the Savior today, yesterday, and forever." An unchanging person. Amid the changes going around us we have an unchanging Person. I came out of Russia with two things on my lips and in my heart: An unshakable Kingdom and an unchanging Person. But these two were one: The Kingdom was embodied in the Person. That Christ embodying that Kingdom is the hope of the world and the hope of America.

## Century Class Of First Methodist Church

**T**HE Century Bible Class of First Church Little Rock, was organized in 1941. Among the group are three leaders who are at present members of First Church: George H. Burden, John W. Downs and Joshua K. Shepherd (the first class president who again served as president about 12 years later). The first elected teachers were George McConnell and Charles C. Reid, who, after two years was succeeded by Harvey T. Harrison, previously acting as substitute and associate teacher.

The services rendered to the Church and members of this class by Mr. Harrison have been of such outstanding value and significance that its measurement cannot readily be indicated, but it may be noted that many of the teachers, officers and stewards of Old First Church got much of their primary training for church responsibility in listening to and absorbing the doctrine and religious philosophy of this able teacher and in fellowship with the class.

First called Young Men's Class and Men's Bible Class, the name



CENTURY BIBLE CLASS, H. T. HARRISON, Teacher

"Century" was adopted to make unnecessary subsequent changes to meet increasing or varying ages of members, and because Century betokened the hope to have one hundred present in each Sunday attendance and was in harmony with the then approaching celebration of the Centennial of First Church.

In addition to unflinching cooperation with the general program of the Church School, Century Class has in past years sponsored ministerial students at Hendrix College and has given financial help and

personal leadership to small churches and missions in rural sections.

As a class, Century has materially helped in providing improved plant and equipment for First Church and has given special financial aid. This work, of course, and properly, is in addition to and apart from the services and support rendered directly to the Church by Century Class members.

Next to Mr. Harrison, the official having longest record of service in the class is Mrs. J. M. Edwards (nee Miss Irene Wilson) or-

ganist; and third is Mrs. L. A. Allen, whose inspirational readings have been so helpful that the class regards her as an Honorary Member.

Other present officers are: W. E. Halbrook, associate teacher; Olin Mitchell, president; T. M. East, first vice-president; R. E. Fakes, second vice-president; C. N. Lemon, Secretary; Charles M. Oliver, treasurer.

The following have served as president of Century Class; Joshua Shepherd, George Burden, P. B. Hill, Burton Webster, Granville Burrow, R. E. Wiley, Silas Rogers, Galloway Harrison, Geo. McConnell, Wilbur Guley, Allan Gates, Wallace Townsend, L. C. Holman, Percy Richardson, J. R. McAllister, H. F. Buhler, E. E. Beaumont, Carl Scheibner, Hugh Wicker, Alexander Weir, L. P. Hutton, Everard Hinshaw, A. H. Hammann, H. J. Burney and Olin Mitchell.

The Class picture, made May 9, 1941, was taken in connection with the celebration of Mr. H. T. Harrison's completion of 25 years of service, and the Class hopes to keep Mr. Harrison as teacher for another quarter century.—J. K. Shepherd.

### ARE THEY WORTHY?

Worthy of what? They served us in their day. There are 5094 retired ministers in the Methodist Church and taking 1000 of those who labored in the former Southern Church the following is the record of a part of their work as given by Dr. Luther Todd in his pamphlet "Southern Methodism's Most Pressing Debt."

Churches built, 4000 at a cost of \$8,000,000.

Churches repaired, 5000 at a cost of \$2,000,000.

Parsonages built, 1500 at a cost of \$2,500,000.

Parsonages repaired, 3000 at a cost of \$1,000,000.

School property acquired, \$2,000,000.

### Work as Pastors:

Couples married, 263,000.

Funerals held, 410,000.

Children christened, 322,000.

Many of these children are now stewards, Church School Superintendents, preachers, school teachers, lawyers, doctors, bankers, and law makers. And of the women leading in their work many were tenderly taken in the arms of these superannuates and dedicated to God in baptism.

### Church Organizations:

Sunday Schools organized, 25,000.

Women's Societies, 9,000.

Epworth Leagues, 7,000.

### Other Pastoral Work:

Christian advocates 500,000.

Raised on Conference Claims, \$6,000,000.

Raised large sums on other calls of the church.

### Made Provision for Future Leaders

234 sons became preachers, 48 sons became missionaries, 303 teachers, 39 editors of church papers, 93 daughters married preachers, 4000 sons of lay members entered the ministry under their influence, 50 sons became leaders of prominence in the state, 700 prominent in professional life, 1000 entered as soldiers in the world war and 50 did not return.

What these 1000 men did is not

beyond what our present claimants and their widows have done and what our active men who must soon retire are doing today.

It might be mentioned that the average salary of these claimants was \$450.00 per year which in some instances was not "paid in full" as we now say to our Conference.

The shaping of our own life is our own work. Is it a thing of beauty, or a thing of shame as we ourselves make it. We lay the corner and add joint to joint. We give the proportion, we set the finish. It may be a thing of beauty and a thing of joy for ever. God forgive us if we pervert our life from putting on its appointed glory.—Ware.

# THE DEVOTIONAL PAGE

ROY BAGLEY, Editor

## PUNGENT PARAGRAPHS

Very religious people always shock slightly religious people by their blasphemous attitude to religion; and it was precisely for blasphemy that Jesus was crucified.—R. G. Collingwood.

There need not be in religion, or music, or art, or love, or goodness, anything that is against reason; but never while the sun shines will we get great religion, or music, or art, or love, or goodness, without going beyond reason.—Harry Emerson Fosdick.

"Can anything good come out of Nazareth?" This is always the question of the wisecracks and knowing ones. But the good, the new comes from exactly that quarter whence it is not looked for, and is always different from what we expected. Everything new is received with contempt, for it begins in obscurity. It becomes a power unobserved.—Feuerbach.

Holy, humble, penitent, believing, earnest, persevering prayer is never lost; it always prevails to the accomplishment of the thing sought, or that with which the supplicant will be better satisfied in the end, according to the superior wisdom of his Heavenly Father, in which he trusts.—Weeks.

Prayer is not eloquence, but earnestness; not the definition of helplessness, but the feeling of it; not figures of speech, but earnestness of soul.—H. More.

## FAITH IN A STONE GOD?

In a park one day in Japan where the old stone god is placed within an iron barred cage, wads of paper are lying about the idol. Some wads have clung to the stone body. Ones who had thrown the wads of paper which clung to the idol were supposed to have their prayers answered. One whose wads had fallen to the surface below were not to have their petitions heard. What a faith! Thank God for a living, rather than a stone god. Thank God for one who is closer than breath; for a real source of prayer, and for the heart of a loving Christ who hears our prayers and answers these as He seest best. Thank God for one in whom we can trust and who knows our hearts, and our needs before we know these.

Thank God that we can recall the ransom paid for our sins by the blood of Christ and the marvelous riches of God's love which led Him to cast all our sins behind His back and to remember them no more. May we forgive and forget because we know if we do not forget we have not forgiven. God bless our enemies. We pray daily for these.—Selected.

Humility in religion, as in the world, is the avenue to glory.

He that is slow to anger is better than the mighty; and he that ruleth his spirit than he that taketh a city.—Proverbs 16:23.

## POEM OF THE WEEK

### THREE WORDS OF STRENGTH

*There are three lessons I would write,  
Three words, as with a burning pen,  
In tracings of eternal light,  
Upon the hearts of men.*

*Have Hope. Though clouds environ round,  
And gladness hides her face in scorn,  
Put off the shadow from thy brow:  
No night but hath its morn.*

*Have Faith. Where'er thy bark is driven—  
The calm's disport, the tempest's mirth—  
Know this: God rules the hosts of heaven,  
The inhabitants of earth.*

*Have Love. Not love alone for one,  
But man, as man thy brother call;  
And scatter like a circling sun,  
Thy charities on all.*

—FREDERIC VON SCHILLER.

## Teach Us To Obey

By J. H. McCOMBE, JR.

A general who controlled a vast number of men once aphoristically remarked, "You cannot command until you have learned to obey." Indeed the more we penetrate this searching maxim the clearer the qualities of leadership are revealed to us. As we search the life of the Lord Jesus Christ and seek to understand its magnetism, our inquiry is continually focused toward the one fact that He obeyed. St. Paul has paid Christ the highest tribute possible when he sums up the matchless life of the Master by declaring that "He humbled Himself and became obedient."

As young people in quest of the abundant Christian life, we may well ask just who and what are we to obey. Three areas immediately suggest themselves—first of all, obedience to God; secondly, obedience to others; thirdly, obedience to our better selves.

Obedience to God. God has revealed Himself to us from time immemorial by means of His laws. We think of Moses and his thunderous experiences on Sinai; we recall the prophets with their fearless protestations of "Thus saith the Lord," and, in modern times, our greatest scientists are pointing out that the universe itself is little more than law. In order to cooperate intelligently with God and His plan of life we must know and obey these myriad laws, for not only is God Love—He is Law. Jesus expressed

the sentiment which we are just beginning to comprehend when He said, "I have come to do the will of Him that sent me" and "Nevertheless, not my will, Thy will be done."

Obedience to Others. The plastic years of childhood have taught us that "the flower of obedience is intelligence." Hourly we have had to learn the "doctrine of obedience" and by so doing have learned that the basic fabric of society is co-operation. Would it be impertinent for a junior in college to suggest that there is a universal need for every member of society to preserve the little green freshman cap they acquired when entering the University of Life. Does not its very color suggest the vital quality of growth?

Obedience to ourselves. In the final analysis we are responsible for our own destiny. God has wisely left to man the freedom of his own will, thus involving him with the responsibility of obedience to the finer or to the baser things of life. In fact, obedience sums up our entire duty. Therefore, as Christian youth searching for the highest in life, we shall find that by obeying God, by obeying others, by obeying our own better selves, we shall discover that Henry Ward Beecher was right when he said, "True obedience is true liberty." Truly "To obey is better than sacrifice."

## IF WAR IS RIGHT

*If war is right, then God is might  
And every prayer is vain:  
Go raise your temples from the hills—  
Red death is in the plain.*

*If war is right, then God is might  
And every prayer is vain:  
Look not for Christ upon the hills—  
He lies among the slain.*

—ALICE CORBIN.

## SENTENCE SERMONS

Prayer and provender hinder no man's journey.—Old Proverb.

The fewer words the better prayer.—Luther

I desire no evidence of the truth of Christianity than the Lord's prayer.—Mad. de Stael.

Some wish they did, but no man disbelieves.—Young.

None but cowards lie.—Murphy.

Fanaticism, the false fire of an overheated mind.—Cowper.

Fate is not the ruler, but the servant of Providence.—Bulwer.

Every one is eagle-eyed to see another's faults and deformity.—Dryden.

## WHY DOES GOD LET CHRISTIANS SUFFER?

By MRS. J. J. MILLER

It is not God's plan that anyone should suffer. God is love and also God is in nature. We have a natural body and a spiritual body. Only God can make a rose. Man can make an imitation of a rose but life is lacking. When we inhale the fragrance of the rose we know that is beyond man's power to produce that fragrance.

When we disobey the laws of nature we must suffer, for that is the law of nature. Also God is no respecter of persons. He loves all of his children whether they be different in color; obedient or disobedient.

God often uses a man while he is lying on a sick bed in such a way that he may do more good than ever before. If Paul had been among people preaching instead of sitting in a prison cell we might not have received those wonderful Epistles that the world is reading today. Many people who have professed Christianity claim that on a sick bed they found Jesus precious to their soul and became earnest Christian workers more devout than ever before. If Paul, after so much suffering for Christ's sake, could preach the unsearchable riches of Christ (Eph. 3:8) can we not endure for a while a little suffering whereby we can gain more wisdom by searching the Scriptures. How must Christ have suffered when he looked down on Jerusalem and said, "How often would I have gathered thy children together—and ye would not."

In the long run a man's best companion is his own mind, and if that companion is a dull one he will always be lonely.—Alice Beal Parsons.

Christianity contends that justice, reason and good-will can control the life of nations as well as the lives of individual men.—Dr. Frank W. Crowder.

# CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

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## ARKANSAS PASTORS' SCHOOL JUNE 2-13

The following are the courses, instructors and text material for the Arkansas Pastors' School:

### First Period 8:00 A. M.

1. The Minister's Message for the Needs of Today—Dr. G. T. Rowe, Duke University, Instructor. Text: "A Faith for Today," Rall (\$2.00)

2. Christian Beliefs—Dr. Joseph Smith, Memphis, Tenn., Instructor. Text: "Basic Beliefs," Hughes (\$1).

3. The Pastor and His Task—Dr. C. M. Reves, District Superintendent, Little Rock, Instructor. Text: "The Preacher, His Life and Work," Jewett.

4. Teachings of the Prophets—Dr. J. H. Hicks, Southern Methodist University, Instructor. Text: "The Prophets of Israel," Harrell. (60c)

5. Adults at Work in the Small Church—Miss Lucy Foreman, General Board of Education, Instructor. Text: "Adults at Work in the Small Church," Foreman (15c).

### Second Period 9:05 A. M.

6. Music in Christian Education—Rev. J. W. Glover, Paragould, Instructor. Texts: "Hymn Interpretation," Washburn (40c); "Better Music in the Church," Moerner (35c).

7. Conducting Study Group in Missions and Christian Service—Mrs. W. D. Landrum, Instructor. Text: To be announced later.

8. The Missionary Work of the Methodist Church—Dr. O. E. Goddard, Conway, Arkansas, Instructor. Text: Selected booklets and leaflets of General Board of Missions and Church Extension.

9. How the Bible Came To Be—Dr. Nat R. Griswold, Hendrix College, Instructor. Text: "The Bible, Its Origin and Growth," Harrell (60c).

### Third Period 10:10 A. M.

10. The Pastor and His Task—Dr. Gilbert T. Rowe, Instructor. Text: "The Minister's Job," Palmer (\$1.25).

11. Old Testament: Its Content and Value—Dr. J. H. Hicks, Instructor. Text: "The Story of the Old Testament," Goodspeed (\$1.00).

12. Preparation and Preaching Sermons—Dr. Joseph Smith, Instructor. Text: "The Art of Preaching," Brown (\$1.75)

13. The Church Working With Young Adults—Miss Lucy Foreman, Instructor. Text: "The Church Working with Young Adults," Rippey (60c).

14. The Methodist Discipline—Rev. Clem Baker, Little Rock, Instructor. Text: "The Discipline," (75c).

The following will be the daily schedule for the Pastors' School this year:

- 7:00 A. M. Breakfast.
- 8:00-9:00 A. M. First Class Period.
- 9:05-10:05 A. M. Second Class Period.
- 10:00-11:10 A. M. Third Class Period.
- 11:15 A. M. Morning Address.
- 12:30 P. M. Dinner.
- 2:00-3:30 P. M. Rest and Study.
- 3:30-5:00 P. M. Recreation.
- 6:00 P. M. Supper.
- 7:45 P. M. Evening Address.

—Ira A. Brumley.

## CHURCH SCHOOL RALLY DAY OFFERINGS

### North Arkansas Conference

We are giving below our first report on Church School Rally Day offerings. The day was observed in the North Arkansas Conference on Sunday, May 4.

This is the largest total offering we have been able to report for many years at the end of the first week of reports:

| Batesville District      |          |
|--------------------------|----------|
| Batesville, First Church | \$100.00 |
| Tuckerman                | 10.00    |
| Salem                    | 3.00     |
| Cushman                  | 5.15     |
| Total                    | \$118.15 |

| Conway District                 |          |
|---------------------------------|----------|
| Gardner Memorial (part payment) | \$ 20.00 |
| Conway, First (part payment)    | 50.00    |
| Perry                           | 2.00     |
| Plainview                       | 3.00     |
| Total                           | \$ 75.00 |

| Fayetteville District |          |
|-----------------------|----------|
| Monte Ne              | \$ .50   |
| Prairie Grove         | 15.00    |
| Berryville            | 6.00     |
| Total                 | \$ 21.50 |

| Fort Smith District |          |
|---------------------|----------|
| Goddard Memorial    | \$ 50.00 |
| Grenade Chapel      | 2.50     |
| Prairie View        | 2.00     |
| Clarksville         | 60.00    |
| Total               | \$114.50 |

| Helena District |          |
|-----------------|----------|
| Black-Fish Lake | \$ 5.00  |
| West Memphis    | 18.01    |
| Helena          | 75.00    |
| Hughes          | 10.00    |
| Wynne           | 25.00    |
| Earle           | 10.00    |
| Total           | \$143.01 |

| Jonesboro District |          |
|--------------------|----------|
| Jonesboro, First   | \$100.00 |
| Osceola            | 15.00    |
| Trumann            | 10.00    |
| St. John           | 5.00     |
| Tyroneza           | 5.00     |
| Half Moon          | 1.00     |
| Lone Oak           | 1.00     |
| Lake City          | 14.00    |
| Dell               | 3.00     |
| Turrell            | 3.19     |
| Yarbro             | 3.00     |
| Promised Land      | 3.00     |
| Marion             | 30.00    |
| Total              | \$193.19 |

| Paragould District |          |
|--------------------|----------|
| Paragould, First   | \$ 75.00 |
| Emmon's Chapel     | 1.00     |
| Hoxie              | 1.40     |
| Rector First       | 20.00    |
| Walnut Ridge       | 25.00    |
| Old Walnut Ridge   | 2.25     |
| Beech Grove        | 2.25     |
| Camp Ground        | 2.50     |
| Gainesville        | 1.25     |
| Scatter Creek      | 1.00     |
| Total              | \$131.65 |

| Searcy District |          |
|-----------------|----------|
| Smyrna          | \$ .70   |
| Mt. Pisgah      | 1.00     |
| Marshall        | 3.00     |
| Cabot           | 15.00    |
| McRae           | 4.00     |
| McClelland      | 2.25     |
| Mt. Pleasant    | 2.00     |
| Judsonia        | 5.00     |
| Total           | \$ 32.95 |

| Standing By Districts |          |
|-----------------------|----------|
| Jonesboro             | \$193.19 |
| Helena                | 143.01   |
| Paragould             | 131.65   |
| Batesville            | 118.15   |
| Ft. Smith             | 114.50   |
| Conway                | 75.00    |
| Searcy                | 32.95    |
| Fayetteville          | 21.50    |
| Total                 | \$829.95 |

NOTE: The second report will appear one week later. This report will be made out May 17. Which churches will be included in the next report?—Ira A. Brumley.

## HOT SPRINGS TRAINING SCHOOL

The Hot Springs Standard Training School closed Friday evening, April 25, with a large attendance during the week and with a total of 91 credits issued.

Dr. E. C. Webb and Rev. Marshall T. Steel of Dallas, and Rev. J. E. Cooper of Arkadelphia were instructors.—C. D. Meux.

## CONFERENCE IS MAKING A GOOD RECORD ON CHURCH SCHOOL DAY

Last week I was away in Nashville, attending the sessions of the Executive Committee of the General Board of Education. Upon my return Saturday, I find that a goodly number of pastors sent in their Church School Day Offerings during the week. Mr. Wilkerson's report this week shows that the total offering to date is nearly \$1500 and that forty-six pastors have sent their offering in full. I want to thank each district superintendent and pastor for promoting this offering which is vital to our Conference Board of Education. May is the best month for promoting this offering. Of course we have no doubt that every charge will reach its quota in full before the end of the year, but may we again earnestly urge that these offerings be taken this month, if possible, and the offering be sent in before we go to the Pastors' School—Clem Baker.

## CHURCH SCHOOL DAY OFFERINGS

Received by Little Rock Conference since our last report up to Monday, May 12.

| Arkadelphia District      |          |
|---------------------------|----------|
| Point View                | \$ 2.00  |
| Malvern                   | 50.00    |
| Morning Star              | 1.00     |
| Pine Grove                | 1.00     |
| Friendship (Pearcy Ct.)   | 1.00     |
| Friendship Ct.            | 2.50     |
| First Church, Hot Springs | 80.00    |
| Previously reported       | 6.75     |
| Total                     | \$144.25 |

| Camden District          |          |
|--------------------------|----------|
| Chidester Ct.            | \$ 16.00 |
| New Hope                 | 1.00     |
| Mt. Ida                  | 2.00     |
| First Church, Magnolia   | 60.00    |
| Jackson Street, Magnolia | 13.70    |
| First Church, El Dorado  | 75.00    |
| Previously reported      | 2.16     |
| Total                    | \$169.86 |

| Little Rock District |         |
|----------------------|---------|
| New Hope             | \$ 4.00 |
| Pulaski Heights      | 75.00   |
| Scott Street         | 15.00   |

|                     |          |
|---------------------|----------|
| Asbury              | 65.00    |
| Forest Park         | 2.03     |
| 28th Street         | 15.00    |
| Henderson           | 17.00    |
| Hunter              | 15.00    |
| Primrose            | 15.00    |
| Previously reported | 175.00   |
| Total               | \$398.03 |

| Monticello District |          |
|---------------------|----------|
| Dumas               | \$ 20.00 |
| Ft. Hill Ct.        | 10.00    |
| Arkansas City       | 10.00    |
| Lake Village        | 15.00    |
| Snyder              | 7.00     |
| Montrose            | 8.00     |
| Wilmet              | 15.00    |
| Portland-Parkdale   | 20.00    |
| Warren              | 45.00    |
| Drew Ct.            | 8.00     |
| Hamburg             | 20.00    |
| Hermitage Ct.       | 15.00    |
| Previously reported | 155.00   |
| Total               | \$348.00 |

| Pine Bluff District      |          |
|--------------------------|----------|
| First Church, Pine Bluff | \$ 75.00 |
| Gillett                  | 12.00    |
| Swan Lake                | 4.00     |
| Previously reported      | 117.50   |
| Total                    | \$208.50 |

| Prescott District   |          |
|---------------------|----------|
| Ozan                | \$ 4.00  |
| Hope                | 50.00    |
| Bingen              | 3.00     |
| Gurdon              | 30.00    |
| Previously reported | 70.00    |
| Total               | \$157.00 |

| Texarkana District   |           |
|----------------------|-----------|
| Ashdown              | \$ 25.00  |
| Doddridge Ct.        | 6.00      |
| Mena                 | 25.00     |
| Previously reported  | 12.00     |
| Total                | \$ 68.00  |
| Total for Conference | \$1493.64 |

—C. K. Wilkerson, Treasurer.

## FORTY-SIX PASTORS ON LITTLE ROCK CONF. HONOR ROLL

Since last report thirty-one more charges have paid their Church School Rally Day offering in full and placed their pastor's name on our Honor Roll. They are as follows: W. C. Watson, Robert S. Beasley, Homer T. Port, J. A. Newell, Roy E. Fawcett, Albea Godbold, Fred R. Harrison, Roy L. Brown, Fred G. Roebuck, B. F. Fitzhugh H. H. McGuyre, M. W. Miller, A. C. Carraway, K. K. Carithers, R. C. Walsh, M. K. Irvin, M. O. Barnett, J. W. Thomas, A. W. Hamilton, L. E. N. Hundley, Braska Savage, Roy Bevan, V. D. Keeley, L. R. Sparks, K. L. Spore, R. L. Long, W. R. Boyd, W. J. Small, C. R. Hozenhof, A. J. Shirey, E. C. Rule.—Clem Baker.

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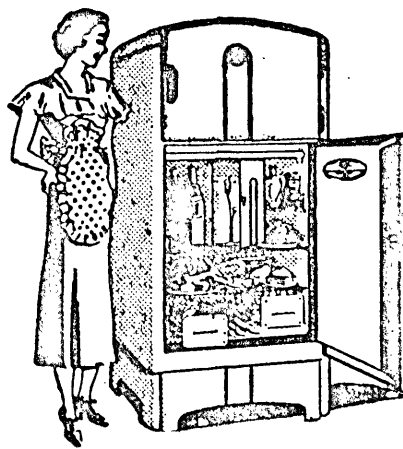
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# Europe And Methodism In 1941

By W. W. REID

The religious movement that began in Great Britain under John Wesley—the movement that later became Methodism and then the Methodist and Wesleyan churches—first gripped the people of the British Isles. But, with the years, it has spread into almost all Europe as well as to America and to every continent of the world . . . .

In practically every European country involved in the present international conflict there are Methodists and their churches and institutions. Some of these lands were first put into touch with the Wesleyan tradition by missionaries from America, some by missionaries from America, and some by immigrants to America returning to the lands of their birth and establishing class meetings and societies. In pre-war Europe there were about one million Methodists, and churches serving a constituency perhaps twice that number. Today's figures vary little.

In England, Wales, Scotland and Ireland there are 855,368 Methodist church members and more than one million Sunday school students. Sunday schools number 12,000. These churches and schools are served by 5,000 ordained ministers, and by 32,000 lay preachers. The original Wesleyan movement for lay preachers persists to this day in the British Isles and many men prominent in public life are enrolled as active preachers.

British Methodism has sent missionaries into Italy, Portugal, Spain and France and organized churches, preaching places and schools there. Besides British pastors there are 46 nationals of these three countries in service. In Italy the church is now entirely carried on by Italian pastors. There are thirty-three English-founded churches, "from the Alps to Sicily," in important cities and towns and villages. In Italy the Methodist constituency is estimated at 4,747; in France 3,800; in Spain 685; and in Portugal 1511. Actual membership is about two-thirds of these numbers.

Within recent months, the "Methodist Episcopal Church of Italy" has been organized as an autonomous Methodism—"because of the pres-

sure of circumstances in Italy"—from churches formerly administered as part of the Methodist Episcopal Church (in America). Dr. Carlos M. Ferreri, who had been in charge of all American Methodist work for some years, was elected superintendent of the new church. This Italian Methodism (which is in addition to that promoted by the British) has about 3,000 members, 12 ordained pastors, and a number of local preachers.

The Methodist churches in Scandinavia and in Germany were, for the most part, founded by nationals of those lands who had lived in America, joined Methodist churches here, and returned home with a desire for an evangelical church free

pal Church, South, established work in Poland, Czecho-Slovakia, and Belgium following the World War. Recent advices from Warsaw indicate that all chapels and churches of former Poland are open and serving today—even the four that have fallen within territory now held by Russia. Methodists in Czecho-Slovakia are reported to be carrying on and interest in the evangelical church activity and message seems to be growing. Four Methodist church buildings in Belgium were badly damaged during the days of fighting. Two ministers—one English and one Dutch—escaped to England when the Nazis arrived; and two other Englishmen in the ministry went to southern France

The (former) Methodist Episcopal Church had mission churches and chapels, with national pastors, in Jugo-Slavia, Bulgaria, Esthonia, Latvia, and Lithuania. For the most part this work goes on despite the war, though pastors and people alike feel the pinch of high prices, restricted movements, and shortage of foodstuffs. There are no Methodist missionaries in these countries.

In the French colony of Algeria and the French protectorate of Tunisia—bordering on the Mediterranean in northern Africa—the Methodist Church has been serving for more than thirty years. There are about 25 Methodist missionaries assigned to these fields—including representatives of the former Wo-

man's Foreign Missionary Society, and four missionaries sent out by the Scandinavian Methodists. They have been serving through hostels and homes for boys and girls who attend government schools, as well as through chapels, dispensaries and school.

Besides its mission activities in Latin Europe, the Methodist Church of Great Britain has long maintained Christian services in India, Burma, Ceylon, China, Rhodesia, Kenya, West Africa, West Indies, Panama, Costa Rica, and British Guiana. Through the "Methodist Committee for Overseas Relief," the American branch of the Wesley Church is

helping provide funds to keep in service these missionaries from England. It is also helping, through the same Committee, to provide for the needs of Methodist missionaries sent out from Scandinavian countries and now out off from their "home base." These latter serve in Africa, in India, and Malaysia.

from state control. Both British and American Methodists pioneered in Sweden. In Germany, especially the church grew strong in the midst of the Lutheran witness. The same is true of the Methodisms of Norway, Sweden, Finland, Denmark, and Switzerland. The German church has now set up an independent Methodism (including Austria) with Bishop F. H. Otto Melle as its head. The Scandinavian churches still carry on with Bishop Raymond J. Wade, of Detroit, as the episcopal leader. In the section of Finland invaded by Russia last year, a score of Methodist churches and institutions were damaged, and more than half the members were driven from their homes.

The (former) Methodist Episco-

and are now engaged in work among the refugees. However, practically all the churches are holding regular services with Belgian pastors.

Prior to the Spanish Civil War, the (former) Methodist Episcopal Church had a center in Seville and a religious educational service in Alicante. This all ceased during the Civil War. The one outstanding Methodist leader is in unoccupied France, and his family is in Belgium.

Methodist work in Austria and in Hungary, in each of which the church has six congregations and about as many ministers, has been joined to the German church under Bishop Melle, and still goes on with the same leaders.



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### THE CONWAY DISTRICT CONFERENCE

The Conway District Conference met at Pottsville, April 28-29. Rev. E. T. Wayland administered the affairs in a splendid manner. Rev. A. W. Martin brought inspiring messages as guest preacher. He dealt with present world conditions in a clear and forceful manner. Rev. R. S. Hayden gave a splendid devotional on Tuesday morning. Dr. Warren Johnston represented the Arkansas Methodist in a stirring message. His report gave great hope for the future of this Methodist periodical.

The reports were good. The work of Church Extension, Christian Education and Evangelism is being stressed throughout the district. The Woman's Society of Christian Service was well represented by Mrs. T. A. Hillis, District Secretary; Mrs. Jewell Nelson, Secretary of the Committee during the conference; Mrs. O. E. Goddard, who spoke in behalf of Scarritt College; Mrs. E. T. Wayland, who spoke relative to the Annual Conference of the W. S. C. S.

Rev. G. C. Johnson represented the Rural Life Commission in his usual fine way.

Local preachers' licenses were issued to two candidates, W. W. Warrington of the Springfield-Hill Creek churches, a resident of Morrilton and working out of Morrilton in the extension program, and R. L. Wall of the Bellville charge.

The records show 401 additions to the church thus far. The finances were reported in good condition.

Joe A. Goetz of North Little Rock First Church, was elected District Lay Leader; J. G. Moore of Morrilton, and J. W. Hull, Russellville, associate lay leaders.

Dr. C. C. Neal of Haygood Institute was present and spoke. He got his offering as usual.

The people of Pottsville, under the leadership of Rev. Irl Bridenthal, did well in entertainment. Though all realize the critical days now and ahead, there was an undercurrent of hope and confidence in our Christ and His Gospel to meet every need and solve our greatest problems.

The conference voted to accept an invitation given by Rev. Kenneth Shamblin, pastor, to go to Atkins next year. The session closed with Dr. O. E. Goddard leading in prayer.—J. A. Gatlin, District Secretary.

### MEN'S BIBLE CLASS ANNUAL DINNER

The Men's Bible Class of Capitol View Church, Little Rock, entertained the Women's Bible Class with the fourth annual oyster supper with all the trimmings. The entire supper was planned, cooked and served by the men without any assistance from the ladies.

Entertainment was furnished by the original Missouri Pacific booster quartet which is composed of B. M. Gibson, Loney Gibson, E. L. Hunt and Leslie Spann, with James Prickett at the piano. This quartet sang at a meeting of this group 18 years ago.

The speaker of the evening was Mr. Roy O. Kemp.

Forty-five plates were served.

The committee wants to thank Mr. W. E. Tyler of the Young Men's Class for acting as head chef.—Reporter.

Thanks are due many pastors for new subscribers.

## With The Churches



DR. W. B. SELAH,  
Pastor St. John's Church, Memphis, who is holding a meeting at Helena for the Rev. W. H. Goodloe, pastor.



DR. PAUL NEFF GARBER  
New dean of Duke University Divinity School. In addition to being professor of Church History, he is president of the Association of Methodist Theological Schools of America.

### RURAL LIFE CONFERENCE IN CONWAY DISTRICT

On April 25-26, an outstanding meeting was held at Lanty, on the Morrilton Circuit. Under the direction of Rev. Grover C. Johnson, Secretary of the Rural Life Commission of the North Arkansas Conference, some of the keenest thinkers of the Nation and State were present as speakers and directors of open forums.

District Superintendent, Rev. E. T. Wayland, brought a splendid message based upon the great words of the Master "They need not depart, give ye them to eat." No man in the conference has a clearer grasp of missions and church extension today than he.

Dr. A. H. Rapking of our General Board spoke on "Thy Kingdom come on earth as it is in Heaven." He made the Kingdom of God move on the feet of men in the field, through the hands of women in the kitchen, through every agency of mankind that is worthwhile.

Bishop Sealeman was present and those of us who have known him from University days know that he is at home with all classes and that he is master of every situation. His message was inspiring.

Fine messages were brought by Mrs. Ada A. Fenton, Extension Economist, Home Management, University of Arkansas, and Mrs. Effie Rogers, Home Demonstration Agent, Conway County. Dr. W. P. Scarlett, County Health officer, was present representing the Health Office. Mr. Frank T. Brodie and Mrs. Effie Parrette, County Farm Security Supervisors, also took part.

The Lanty people did a wonderful job of entertaining. The meeting was held in the school building as the two Lanty churches, former Methodist South, and former Methodist Episcopal are in the process of rebuilding. A fine dinner was served.

Brother Bill Scroggin, who is serving this charge as pastor, is doing an outstanding piece of work.

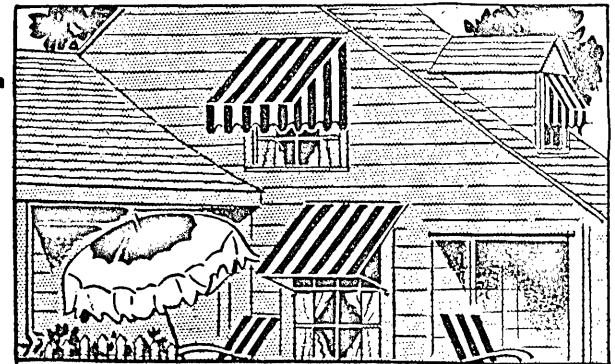
### NOTICE TO BOARD OF CONFERENCE CLAIMANTS

The Board of Conference Claimants North Arkansas Conference is asked to meet at Hendrix College Friday, June 6, at 2 p. m. The Executive Committee should all be present and any other members of the Board who can do so are asked to meet with us.—William Sherman, Chairman.

### THE WORK AT STAMPS

Here are some of the things that have been done at Stamps this year: A unified budget adopted which is clicking beautifully. Everything paid up to date. A campaign of "Visitation Evangelism" in February in which about 600 calls were made; 200 by the W. S. C. S.; 200 by the young people, and about 200 by the pastor. Great results obtained and continued blessings. A Brotherhood organized and two monthly meetings already held. Two new Sunday school classes organized, and S. S. enrollment increased some twenty-five percent. Attendance at church services increased about thirty-five percent. A good weekly prayer meeting functioning beautifully. A course on Missions, one on the Bible, and a Standard L. T. Series No. 2 taught. A Vacation Bible school already planned for June. Pre-Easter services with nine additions on profession of faith, and eight by letter. Twenty-four members received to date. About \$150 improvement made on church and parsonage, and about \$75 paid on debt on parsonage. All the special and general meetings of the District attended except one. A \$200 increase in pastor's salary.

The church set sixteen goals and objectives for the year, twelve of which have already been obtained.—J. A. Wade, Pastor.



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# Methodist Chaplains Serving In Arkansas

By FRANCES MORLAN SHORT

When thousands of young men in our country are placed in army training camps, there is a definite need for their spiritual guidance. Responding to the challenge of this work, three Methodist pastors are now in active duty at Camp Robinson, Little Rock. They are J. Leo Pittard from North Carolina, W. F. Overhulser from Iowa, and Joseph A. Gray from Georgia. Chaplain Pittard comes from the former Methodist Protestant Church, Chaplain Overhulser from the former Methodist Episcopal Church, and Chaplain Gray from the former Methodist Episcopal Church, South. Thus the three former branches of Methodism now united are represented.

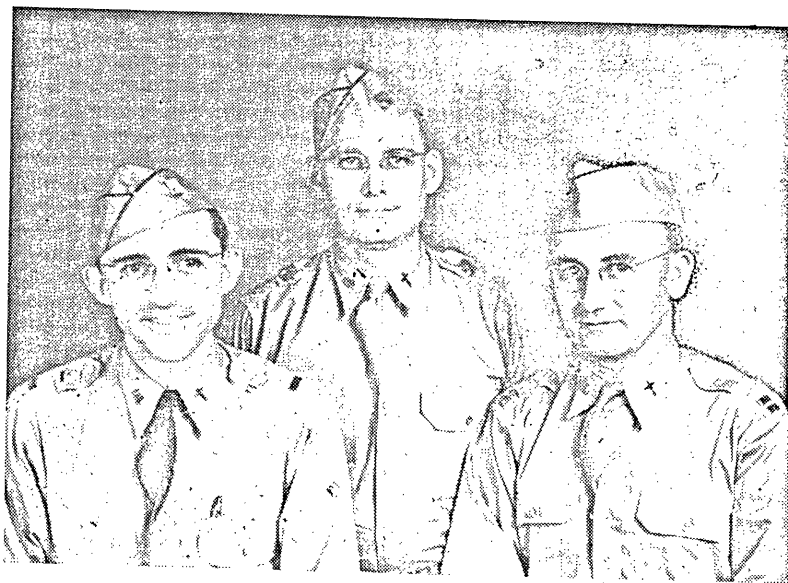
These chaplains show a fine spirit in assuming the responsibilities of "our to the gods of War" but realizing that in times like these, spiritual defense is an essential part of our national defense. They are not endorsing war; they have come to minister in a field which provides adequate opportunity for Christian service.

Chaplains must make application for their positions with the U. S. Army and are given appointments to the Division where they are needed. Their official duties are to "conduct services of worship, care for the spiritual welfare of the men, engage in constructive personnel work of a distinctively pastoral sort, and cooperate with the Commanding Officer and his staff and the Morale Officer and his staff in creating and maintaining a good spirit within the camp." This represents only a small part of their actual duties which include everything from performing an elaborate military wedding ceremony to loaning a soldier a quarter until pay day. Hospital work takes a large part of their day and demands the full extent of their abilities. To them come the discouraged ones, the unhappy ones, homesick boys and boys who seek "something to believe in." It is for the chaplain to show them the way, understand their view point, and help them work out a personal philosophy for life in an army camp.

Chaplain J. Leo Pittard is with the 153rd Infantry, the Arkansas regiment attached to the 35th Division. He says, "Wherever I find

people, there I find my work" and with 2,543 men in the regiment, he has an ample parish. There are three chaplains with the 153rd, and the religious leadership of the group is placed entirely in their hands. Captain Pittard is keenly interested in people and inspires the confidence and respect of the boys. He is a member of the West North

Missouri, and reports that they are the "church-goingest crowd" he ever saw. There are two other chaplains with the regiment and they have the full cooperation of the Commanding Officer, who expects all men to attend worship service when church call is given at 9 a. m. on Sunday morning. They have a regular attendance of over 1000 and



CHAPLAIN J. LEO PITTARD, CHAPLAIN W. E. OVERHULSER, AND CHAPLAIN JOSEPH A. GRAY

Carolina Conference and was pastor of the Morriah-Midway charge at Greensboro, N. C. He has an A. B. degree from Highpoint College, North Carolina, and a Bachelor of Divinity degree from Duke University School of Religion, Durham, North Carolina.

Captain Overhulser guides the religious life of the 140th Infantry, most of them from southwestern

conduct the only Sunday school in camp. Chaplain Overhulser was graduated from Park College at Parkville, Mo., with an A. B. degree, and from Biblical seminary, New York City, with the degree of Bachelor of Systematic Theology. He is a member of the Iowa Des Moines Conference and was preaching at Woodward, Iowa, before enlistment.

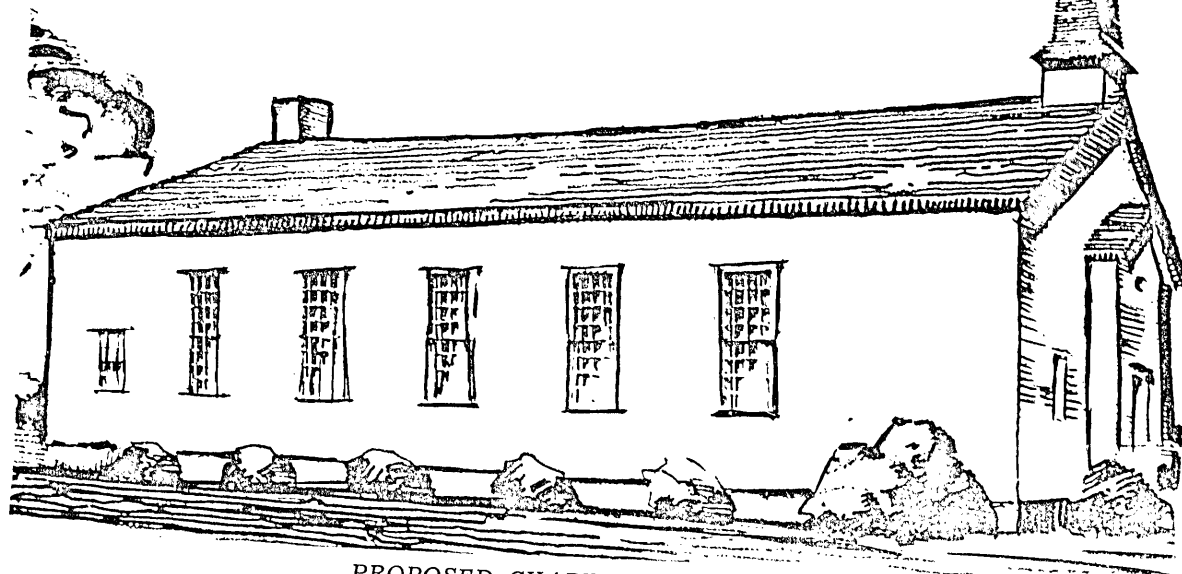
Chaplain Gray is on duty at the

Reception Center and has the selectees under his care. He welcomes the new recruits and gives them their first introduction to the army. Most of them are granted week-end leaves whenever possible and attendance is small at worship service on Sunday. Acting as counselor to the boys, personal interviews with them and their families and hospital work are included in his duties. Mr. Gray served as chaplain in the World War and had 11 months overseas service, six months with the 37th Division and five with the 90th Division during the occupation of Germany. He belongs to the North Georgia Conference and was formerly the pastor at McKendree, Georgia. He has an A. B. degree from Birmingham Southern University, a Bachelor of Divinity degree from Emory University, Ga., and work at the University of Chicago Theological School.

The Government, realizing the need of caring for the spiritual life of the soldiers has recently made a special appropriation for the construction of permanent chapels for the army camps. The buildings will be made of wood, conforming to the design of the other camp buildings. They will have movable altars in order to be adaptable to different religious groups. Each chapel is to have an electric organ. There will be one chapel for each regiment

provide a place for worship and meditation or gatherings of a spiritual nature. Two new hymnals are being compiled for use in the army, one is "Song and Service Book, Army and Navy, for Field and Ship," and the other "Hymnal, Army and Navy."

Special Mother's Day Services were held at the Camp in each regiment. Flowers for the occasion were presented by the Women's Societies of the churches of greater Little Rock. General Truman, speaking to the boys in the presence of their mothers said, "Be all that your mothers want you to be, then this nation need not fear the future. Then we shall know success; this division shall be the pride of the army and ours shall be the finest this nation has ever known."



PROPOSED CHAPEL FOR ARMY CAMPS

## Paid Subscriptions From Pastors

- 27—Centerton, J. C. Gibbons.
- 12—Pocahontas, J. A. Reynolds.
- Grady, R. H. Cannon.
- 11—Texarkana Ct., K. A. Hale.
- 10—Sparkman, Rufus Sorrels.
- 8—Lincoln, Daniel Kaiper.
- Blytheville, A. L. Riggs.
- Hunter Memorial, A. J. Shirey.
- 6—South Fort Smith, A. H. DuLancy.
- Leachville, E. H. Hall.
- 5—Conway, R. S. Hayden.
- Bryant Ct., Richard T. Perry.
- 4—Joiner, C. C. Burton.
- Paris, J. T. Willecox.
- 3—Aubrey, L. F. Lafavers.
- Ashdown, W. R. Boyd.
- Stephens, J. H. Cummins.

- Heber Springs, Central, J. H. Smith.
- 2—Griffithville Ct., J. W. Harger.
- Prairie Grove, J. M. Harrison.
- Vilonia Ct., Howard Williams.
- Bauxite, J. F. Walker.
- Lavaca, J. C. Cofer.
- Dell Ct., W. C. Smith.
- 12—Griffithville Ct., Hoy M. Lewis.
- Cabot, S. O. Patty.
- Turrell, W. D. Bray.
- Gravette, Porter Weaver.
- Bingen Ct., E. T. McAfee.
- Watson, Eldred Blakely.
- 1—Camden, J. L. Hoover; Waldo, James Simpson; Arkansas City, R. C. Walsh; Star City, Fred L. Arnold; Antioch Ct., R. B. Howerton; Cotter, Lloyd

- M. Conyers; Prescott Ct., J. R. Martin; Hot Springs, First Church, Homer T. Fort; St. Francis, L. L. Langston; De Queen, E. D. Galloway; Helena, W. Henry Goodloe; Van Buren, John T. Byrd; Jonesboro, First, A. W. Martin; Scotland, A. A. Noggle; Mansfield, W. J. Faust.

### MONTICELLO DISTRICT

#### Third Round

- Crossett, May 18, 11 a. m.
- Hamburg, May 18, p. m.
- Arkansas City, May 25, 11 a. m.
- Dumas, May 25, p. m.
- Wilmot, June 1, 11 a. m.
- McGehee, June 1 p. m.
- Wilmar Ct. at Mt. Pleasant, June 15, 11 a. m.

- Dermott, June 15, p. m.
- Hermitage Ct., at Palestine, June 22, 11 a. m.
- Monticello, June 15, p. m.
- New Edinburg Ct., at Hebron, June 29, 11 a. m.
- Warren, June 29, p. m.
- Fountain Hill Ct., at Extra, July 6, 11 a. m.
- Eudora July 6 11 a. m.
- Drew Ct., at Lacey, Saturday, July 12, 11 a. m.
- Portland-Parkdale, at Parkdale, July 13, 11 a. m.
- Montrose-Snyder, at M., July 13, p. m.
- Watson, at Kelso, July 20, 2:30 p. m.
- Tillar-Winchester, at Newton's Chapel, July 27, 2:30 p. m.
- Lake Village, July 27, p. m.
- Harold D. Sadler, Dist. Supt.

## Benevolence Reports

As Treasurer of the Little Rock Conference, I am making a report of remittances received during the month of April (April 1-April 30, 1941).—C. E. Hayes.

## BISHOP'S FUND

| Arkadelphia District |          |
|----------------------|----------|
| Benton Station       | \$ 14.00 |
| Carthage-Tulip       | 3.67     |
| Holly Springs Ct.    | 12.33    |
| Tigert-Memorial      | 1.00     |
| Malvern Ct.          | 5.92     |
| Traskwood Ct.        | .17      |
| Total                | \$ 37.09 |
| Previously reported  | \$ 43.21 |
| Grand Total          | \$ 80.30 |

## Camden District

|                      |          |
|----------------------|----------|
| Bearden              | \$ 30.00 |
| Ebenezer Ct.         | 3.60     |
| Vantrease Memorial   | 3.00     |
| Centennial-El Dorado | 1.69     |
| Emerson Ct.          | .68      |
| Hampton-Harrel       | 1.62     |
| Smackover            | 10.00    |
| Stephens             | 7.25     |
| Taylor Ct.           | 23.00    |
| Thornton Ct.         | 1.76     |
| Total                | \$ 82.60 |
| Previously reported  | \$139.59 |
| Grand Total          | \$222.19 |

## Little Rock District

|                     |          |
|---------------------|----------|
| Austin Ct.          | \$ 5.42  |
| Bryant Ct.          | .19      |
| Forest Park         | 3.95     |
| Henderson           | 32.00    |
| Pulaski Heights     | 6.75     |
| Mabelvale           | 5.37     |
| Primrose Chapel     | 5.00     |
| Total               | \$ 58.69 |
| Previously reported | \$380.03 |
| Grand Total         | \$438.72 |

## Pine Bluff District

|                        |          |
|------------------------|----------|
| Gillett Ct.            | \$ 8.80  |
| Rison                  | 5.60     |
| Star City Ct.          | 12.37    |
| Grand Avenue-Stuttgart | 14.00    |
| Swan Lake Ct.          | 6.75     |
| Total                  | \$47.52  |
| Previously reported    | \$ 98.74 |
| Grand Total            | \$146.26 |

## Monticello District

|                     |          |
|---------------------|----------|
| Dumas               | \$ 3.94  |
| Eudora              | 2.50     |
| Hermitage Ct.       | 5.01     |
| Montrose-Snyder     | 1.42     |
| Wilmar Ct.          | 4.44     |
| Total               | \$17.31  |
| Previously reported | \$128.81 |
| Grand Total         | \$146.12 |

## Prescott District

|                     |          |
|---------------------|----------|
| Amity               | \$ 1.87  |
| Bingen Ct.          | .98      |
| Blevins             | 1.75     |
| Center Point Ct.    | 1.50     |
| Emmett-Bierne       | 2.57     |
| Mt. Ida             | 4.54     |
| Gurdon              | 4.50     |
| Nashville           | 6.18     |
| Prescott Ct.        | 12.63    |
| Washington-Ozan     | 1.61     |
| Waterloo Ct.        | 1.50     |
| Total               | \$ 44.13 |
| Previously reported | \$162.86 |
| Grand Total         | \$206.99 |

## Texarkana District

|   |           |
|---|-----------|
| Cherry Hill Ct.   | \$ 2.30   |
| De Queen  | 20.00     |
| Foreman Station   | 5.40      |
| Fouke Ct.   | 2.03      |
| Horatio Ct.   | 10.00     |
| Lewisville-Bradley  | 1.19      |
| Stamps-Garland City   | 1.25      |
| College Hill  | 2.25      |
| Texarkana Ct.   | 19.00     |
| Winthrop Ct.  | 1.00      |
| Total   | \$ 64.42  |
| Previously reported   | \$ 90.55  |
| Grand Total   | \$154.97  |
| Grand Total Received for Bishops' Fund through April 20, 1941 | \$1395.55 |

## CONFERENCE CLAIMANTS FUND

| Arkadelphia District      |          |
|---------------------------|----------|
| Benton                    | \$ 44.00 |
| Carthage-Tulip            | 1.21     |
| Holly Springs Ct.         | 17.00    |
| First Church, Hot Springs | 100.00   |
| Malvern Station           | 51.00    |
| Malvern Ct.               | 10.52    |
| Sparkman-Sardis           | 25.00    |
| Traskwood Ct.             | .22      |
| Total                     | \$248.95 |
| Previously reported       | \$114.46 |
| Grand Total               | \$363.41 |

## Camden District

|                         |          |
|-------------------------|----------|
| Taylor Ct.              | \$ 40.00 |
| Bearden                 | 60.00    |
| Ebenezer Ct.            | 5.40     |
| First Church, El Dorado | 200.00   |
| Vantrease               | 6.50     |
| Centennial              | 3.00     |
| Emerson Ct.             | 1.20     |
| Hampton-Harrell         | 3.25     |
| Stephens                | 16.25    |
| Thornton Ct.            | 3.53     |
| Total                   | \$339.13 |
| Previously reported     | \$303.38 |
| Grand Total             | \$642.51 |

## Little Rock District

|                     |           |
|---------------------|-----------|
| Austin Ct.          | \$ 10.87  |
| Bryant Ct.          | .34       |
| Asbury              | 70.00     |
| Forest Park         | 7.03      |
| Henderson           | 84.75     |
| Pulaski Heights     | 27.00     |
| 28th Street         | 40.00     |
| Winfield            | 262.50    |
| Mabelvale           | 9.00      |
| Primrose Chapel     | 15.00     |
| Total               | \$626.49  |
| Previously reported | 742.90    |
| Grand Total         | \$1369.39 |

## Monticello District

|                     |          |
|---------------------|----------|
| Dumas               | \$ 12.25 |
| Eudora              | 10.00    |
| Hermitage Ct.       | 8.90     |
| Montrose-Snyder     | 2.52     |
| Wilmar              | 7.88     |
| Total               | \$ 41.55 |
| Previously reported | 401.29   |
| Grand Total         | \$442.84 |

## Pine Bluff District

|                         |          |
|-------------------------|----------|
| Hawley Memorial         | \$ 13.70 |
| Rison                   | 12.50    |
| Star City               | 27.50    |
| Grand Avenue, Stuttgart | 40.00    |
| Swan Lake Ct.           | 9.00     |
| Total                   | \$102.70 |
| Previously reported     | 281.71   |
| Grand Total             | \$384.41 |

## Prescott District

|                     |          |
|---------------------|----------|
| Amity               | \$ 5.00  |
| Bingen Ct.          | 9.62     |
| Blevins             | 3.83     |
| Center Point        | 2.00     |
| Emmett-Bierne       | 5.73     |
| Gurdon              | 14.00    |
| Hope                | 24.75    |
| Nashville           | 14.00    |
| Prescott Ct.        | 27.26    |
| Washington-Ozan     | 3.39     |
| Waterloo Ct.        | 3.00     |
| Mt. Ida             | 8.06     |
| Total               | \$120.64 |
| Previously reported | 434.46   |
| Grand Total         | \$555.10 |

## Texarkana District

|  |            |
|--|------------|
| Cherry Hill Ct.  | \$ 3.06    |
| DeQueen  | 65.00      |
| Foreman Station  | 12.00      |
| Fouke Ct.  | 2.70       |
| Horatio  | 18.00      |
| Lewisville-Bradley   | 1.59       |
| Stamps-Garland City  | 2.50       |
| College Hill   | 5.00       |
| Texarkana Ct.  | 34.00      |
| Winthrop Ct.   | 1.20       |
| Total  | \$145.05   |
| Previously reported  | 219.95     |
| Grand Total  | \$365.00   |
| Grand Total received for Conference Claimants through April 30 | \$44122.66 |

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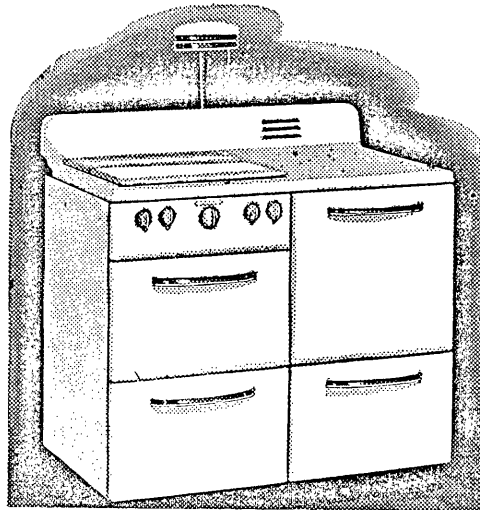
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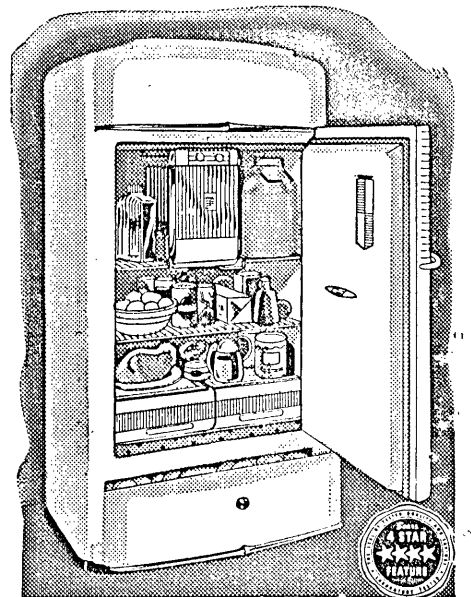
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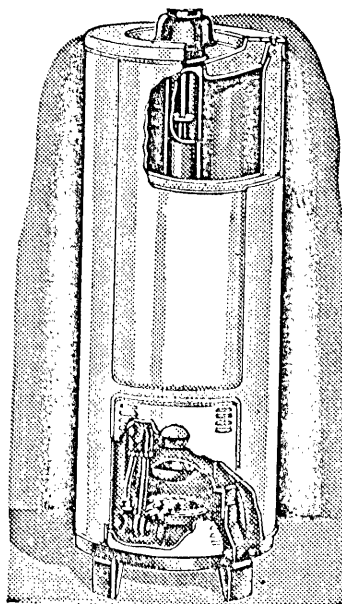
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## SPRING MISSION STUDY ON CHINA HOLDS INTEREST OF WOMEN

According to reports that have come in our women everywhere are finding the special mission study on China most interesting and very timely. We recommend our Secretaries of Missionary Education and Service for the great amount of time and effort which they have expended in preparing and presenting these studies in such attractive ways. The following reports show some things of the type of work that has been done in various Societies:

**PARAGOULD, First Church**—The WSCS presented the spring mission study, "China, Land of Dangerous Opportunity," under the able direction of Mrs. E. E. Turner, Secretary of Missionary Education.

The first session was held Tuesday, April 22, at the High School Auditorium. A beautiful musical program, arranged by Mrs. Ray Meriwether, was presented by Mrs. Meriwether, Miss Ruby Lavender, and Mrs. Billy Wyatt. A motion picture, "Modern China," was shown by T. N. Moss of the high school faculty. The worship program, "Our Heritage of Joy," was in charge of Mrs. John G. Meiser.

The study, "China Awakened by the Missionaries," was discussed by Mrs. Mollie Davies, Mrs. A. C. Cloyes, Mrs. Ross Ford, Mrs. J. F. Caldwell, Mrs. F. B. Lane, Mrs. Minnie Sharp and Mrs. Dan Pepper, at the second session on Wednesday. The worship service, "The Suffering World," was led by Mrs. E. E. Turner.

The Elizabeth Trice circle presented the program on Thursday, with Mrs. Franklin Wilbourne in charge of the devotional, "A Prayer for Courage to Face Life in These Turbulent Times." Mrs. Ray Meriwether sang "This is My Father's World," with Mrs. O. M. Atkins, accompanist. The study, "West China," was discussed by Mrs. F. A. Poe, Mrs. Notray Harrington and Mrs. Mabel Raith Brady.

The worship program, "Courage," was led by Mrs. Max Bolat at the final session on Friday. The study, "Achievements of Christian Missionaries in the Yangtze Valley," was conducted by Mrs. Gerald Albright. A Chinese play written by Mrs. Milton Summerour and directed by Mrs. Gerald Albright was presented by the Jennie Knox circle. Chassins' Rush Hour in Hong Kong and other piano selections were played by Miss Geraldine Crutchfield. Following the program mem-

## MAYLING TEAS

The American Committee for Chinese War Orphans of the China Aid Council are sponsoring the sale of fine Chinese tea. All of the money from the sale of this tea is to be used for the benefit of war orphans in China.

You may get additional information by writing the American Committee for Chinese War Orphans, China Aid Council, 200 Fifth Avenue New York City.

## METHODIST SCHOOLS IN BULGARIA ARE OPEN

Letters from Lovetch, Bulgaria, indicate that Miss Hellony Turner and Miss Esther Carhart, Methodist missionary teachers, are remaining at their posts in spite of war clouds. They write that the American Schools for Girls, an institution of the Woman's Division of Christian Service, is carrying on as usual and that the other American schools in Sofia are still open.

## OPEN GIRLS' JUNIOR COLLEGE IN BRAZIL

Colegio Bennett, Methodist school in Rio de Janeiro inaugurated, in March, 1941, the first junior college for girls in all Brazil. This school will offer a college degree in three major subjects—home economics, nursery school education and social service. The college has opened with fifteen students in the freshman class.

Members of the Jennie Knox circle wearing Chinese costumes entertained with a Chinese tea in the men's Bible class room, decorated with a profusion of colorful flowers. Birds singing in cages added Chinese atmosphere. Tea was served from a lace draped table centered with valley lilies in a silver bowl.

Many visitors enjoyed the programs. The average attendance of members announced by Mrs. J. M. Lowe, president was 37.—Reporter.

**HARTMAN**—Hartman WSCS met at the parsonage on April 29th for the monthly program and business meeting. Mrs. Lois Hardgraves was leader of the program on "Stewardship of Education." Others taking part were: Mrs. Jewel Stephens, Mrs. Otis Gould and Mrs. Roy Nelson. The President, Mrs. Otis Gould, presided over a brief business session, at which time plans were made to serve the Alumni Banquet at the High School and for entertaining all former pastors at the opening of the new church on May 25.—Reporter.

**McGEHEE**—The W. S. C. S. has just completed an interested study on China. Four sessions were held with Mrs. J. B. Hefley, study superintendent, as instructor.

Chinese articles, pictures, maps, and a globe were on display. Rev. J. B. Hefley led in an interesting and instructive panel discussion in which those taking part were Mesdames H. G. Boyd, J. D. Mahle, and C. W. Collier.

One afternoon Mesdames J. C. Ligon, H. A. McAfee, W. E. Abernathy and J. M. Smith reported on interesting topics; Mrs. J. W. Willoughby reviewed a Chinalog. News items of events touching China were collected by Mrs. Glynn Gaslin.

Leaflets were distributed on which was a picture of a Chinese child; it bore an envelope. Each member was asked to feed this child by placing three cents a day in the envelope during the study course. The funds will be sent to the Chinese relief fund.—Mrs. Dan W. Hickman, Reporter.

## STRAWBERRIES AND MIGRANTS

It's strawberry time in Arkansas again, and that means that hundreds of people are on the march in our state. The mission study which was conducted in our societies last fall made us more conscious than ever of these desperately needy people. This is an excellent time to pause and ask ourselves if the study ended when the class sessions were over, or have we converted that active interest into some concrete help. The following excerpts from Miss Edith Lowry's spring Migrant News Letter tells something of the interest that has been aroused over the entire country, and what is being done by various groups.

**NEW JERSEY:** The state migrant committee is an increasingly active group. Child Labor legislation has been of special concern in this state. Last year a bill was passed which will prevent children of 12 years or under from working in the fields at any time, and those from 12-16 from working in the fields while schools are in session. In the fall of 1940 this bill was not enforced. Provision is now being made for it enforcement.

**DELAWARE:** In the last year or so there has been a shift of responsibility within this State. Formerly the Consumers' League of Delaware carried the major responsibility. Now that group has been reorganized and the major responsibility is heading up in the interdenominational church group. One step forward this winter was the training of speakers in Wilmington so that they themselves could do an increasing promotional job within their own state.

**FLORIDA:** Church groups in Florida are most interested in the program for the migrants. They are anxious to help, but seemed to be in some doubt as to how to proceed. A group was called together in January, 1941, representing the different denominations in the state, to see how cooperative plans could be worked out. More than twenty people came, and a state-wide migrant committee is to be established, representing church groups in the state.

**MINNESOTA:** On the 10th of March, the Minnesota Council of Church Women and the Minnesota Council of Churches held their first Migrant Committee meeting. Two projects were outlined for the coming year—the continuation of the Blue Earth Company project and another to be initiated in the East Grand Forks area, where they say that there are from 1500 to 3000 Mexicans in the Red River Valley. A Mexican product of last year's Center said: "You don't know what it means to us to have people belonging to the church ask us to do something with them. We have had all kinds of invitations to drinking parties but this is the first time the CHURCH ever asked us to do anything. Because you are interested in me, I've been able to go to school this year."

Remember, the Methodist Goal is one Methodist for every ten members. Please see that your church reaches this goal as soon as possible.

## DISTRICT MEETING IN BEEBE

The first district meeting of the Woman's Society of Christian Service of Searcy District met at Beebe, May 1, with Mrs. G. W. Pyles, District Secretary, presiding and Mrs. B. N. Holt of Harrison, serving as secretary.

Following a prelude of music, the Rev. Harry King, pastor of Methodist church of Beebe, led the morning worship service assisted by Rev. W. L. Oliver of Heber Springs, who said the invocation.

Mrs. S. B. Wilford of Harrison spoke on the work, purpose and organization of The Wesleyan Service Guild, after which Mrs. G. W. Pyles expressed appreciation to those assisting in making the program of the day and the work for the past year as success.

Mrs. P. L. Kirby of Searcy explained how the finance of Woman's Society of Christian Service are appropriated.

We were especially privileged to have in the meeting, Mrs. Henkel Pewett of Jonesboro, President of the Woman's Society of Christian Service of North Arkansas Conference, who delivered an inspiring message on Christian Service; Mrs. Jno. Patton, conference secretary of Children's Work; Mrs. R. E. Connell, conference secretary of Christian Social Relations and Local Church Activities, who explained the seven phases of this work; Mrs. A. P. Patton, conference recording secretary, who read and explained the recommendations of the committee of organization and promotion; and Mrs. Alfred Knox, newly-elected conference secretary of Missionary Education and Service, who explained this phase of the work and presented special recognition certificates to those societies that had met the requirements for special study.

Following roll call, Rev. J. H. Smith, pastor of Central Church of Heber Springs said the benediction then luncheon was served.

Mrs. W. L. Oliver of Heber Springs led in prayer, opening the afternoon session. Mrs. C. M. Reaves of Heber Springs was appointed assistant secretary of Supplies for Searcy District and Mrs. Lester Weaver of Clinton, District Spiritual Life Leader.—Mrs. B. N. Holt.

## CHRISTMAS CARDS WITH CHRISTMAS MESSAGE

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## INTERNATIONAL SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

### LESSON FOR MAY 18

#### BROADENING CHRISTIAN HORIZONS: SAUL'S CONVERSION

LESSON TEXT—Acts 9:1-16.

GOLDEN TEXT—I was not disobedient unto the heavenly vision.—Acts 26:19.

The conversion of Saul is recognized as one of the outstanding events in Bible history. When two brilliant English lawyers, Lord Lytton and Sir Gilbert West, set out to disprove the truth of Christianity, they selected the resurrection of Christ and the story of Paul's conversion as the focal points of their proof. Working independently, they then came together to compare notes, and found that they had both become Christians as they had become convinced of the truth of the Scriptures.

The two events may well stand together as mighty evidence for Christianity, for only on the ground of regeneration can the change in Saul be accounted for, and only on the assurance that he met the risen Christ on Damascus road can we account for his conversion. This is a great lesson, let us make the very most of it.

#### I. Saul, a Bold Persecutor (vv. 1, 2).

As our lesson opens we find the brilliant and zealous young Jew, Saul, "yet breathing out threatenings and slaughter against the disciples of the Lord." The persecutions in Jerusalem had practically wiped out the church in that city, but had scattered the disciples

abroad, and thus the witness had been spread. The death of the godly Stephen, to which Saul had given his approval, had only increased his determination to destroy those who were "of the way" of Jesus. Looking for new field to conquer, he carried with him to Damascus letters from the high priest at Jerusalem, giving him authority to imprison the followers of Christ. But on the way he met Christ Himself, and was stricken to the earth.

#### II. Saul, a Convicted Sinner (vv. 3-9).

Stricken down by a brilliant heavenly light, he finds himself talking to the Lord Jesus. He hears from His holy lips the solemn indictment of those who persecute God's people—"Why persecutest thou me?" He who lays unkind hands upon, or brings untrue accusation against, God's children had best beware, for so closely is our Lord identified with His people that when they suffer, it is He who bears the hurt.

In a single sentence the Lord disposes of the persecuting zeal and the sinful skepticism of this proud young Pharisee, and Saul enters into Damascus not as the haughty persecutor, but as a man trembling and astonished. He spends three days shut in with his own soul and God, not seeing, not caring to eat, but entering into communion with God.

#### III. Ananias, an Obedient Disciple (vv. 10-12).

Ananias was the "I am here, Lord" type of Christian to whom the Lord could confidently commit His important business. All we know of him is what is contained in this chapter, but it is a very beautiful and enviable record. God is able to work directly on any human

soul and accomplish His end (as He did with Saul on the Damascus road), but His usual manner of working is through faithful human agencies.

One wonders how much would be accomplished for God if every Christian were as willing and ready as was Ananias to do the Lord's bidding in seeking out and helping a struggling soul.

The greatest of all Christian leaders, the apostle Paul, was led out into his life of loyalty and service to Christ by a humble layman. Repeatedly God's Word by precept and example stresses the vital importance of personal work on the part of laymen and women. The leaders of Christian work during the coming generation are now in the Sunday school classes of our churches, perhaps in a little wayside chapel in the country, in the village church, in the mission or settlement house, or in the great city church.

#### IV. Saul, a Chosen Witness (vv. 15, 16).

The fears of Ananias that Saul might still be a worker of evil (v. 13) were soon overcome by God's assurance that in the praying Saul He had prepared for Himself "a chosen vessel" (v. 15) to bear the gospel to the Gentiles and to kings, as well as to Israel.

The great witness of Saul was to be accompanied by great suffering. How often the two go together, and both may be (as they were in Paul's life) for God's glory. Saul knew nothing of that subtle hypocrisy, known as being "a secret believer," for at once he made open confession of his faith in baptism, and "straightway he preached Christ in the synagogues that he is the Son of God." (v. 20).

## ARKANSAS METHODIST ORPHANAGE

We have secured Mrs. Ruth Corry Timberlake to take the place of Mrs. Claudia Streety who resigned several days ago. We feel that we have a splendid assistant matron in Mrs. Timberlake.

The week has been full of activities for the writer. Among other things, I attended the Texarkana District Conference held at Rondo, near Texarkana, presided over by the District Superintendent, Rev. J. W. Mann. I enjoyed the meeting very much and Brother Mann, true to his character was kind enough to let me appear on the program early so as to be able to catch a train back home, arriving at 2:30 in the afternoon of that same day. The brethren there all seem to be happy and the District Superintendent, whom I have known since boyhood, seemed to be having a splendid meeting. Wayne is always diligent in his approach to the many problems arising in a District.

Nothing of any special interest is happening. So far as I know, the brethren of this Conference seem to be happy and I hear less adverse criticism than I have ever heard at this time of the year in our Conference.

So far as I know, the North Arkansas Conference is in the same shape. I sometimes wonder why the brethren of these two Conferences are not together oftener and learn to know each other better and appreciate each other more. I know of no Conference in Southern Methodism that has a more promising set of young ministers than the North Arkansas Conference.

With very best wishes for all concerned.—James Thomas, Secretary.

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## CARLISLE, ARKANSAS

# THE LAYMAN'S PAGE

A. J. SHIREY, Editor

## THE LAYMAN'S GREATEST POWER

Many a layman in the Church feels discouraged and impotent in the face of the rising tide of the world's woes. We are all apt to feel that the situation is bad and there is nothing we can do about it. The Devil wins a victory every-time Christians lose heart and hope. Discouragement is said to be Satan's best tool. We certainly know that no victories are won through bemoaning our helplessness, and then throwing up the job and quitting. "The quitter never wins," so the old saying goes.

"Maybe not, but when you have done all in your power to do, and that isn't enough, then what?" Brother, that's the time to pray. The challenge of the hour for the Church in America is that we cry mightily unto God.

### Whosoever Will May Pray

The layman hears so much about "pay up" that he forgets to "pray up." Your purse may be empty; your cupboard may be bare; but the gates of heaven are not closed to the voice of your intercessions. God will hear and answer your prayers—if you really pray. Don't forget—YOU CAN PRAY, IF YOU WILL. That can, and should be, your greatest and most vital contribution to the life of the church. Make prayer a regular part of your contribution for the support of the Church and its program. We are not helpless, let us pray!

### HEATHEN AMERICA

We used to speak of "Christian America." It is time we began to speak the truth. America has no right to call itself a Christian nation. A short while ago the Legislature of Missouri ordered an investigation as to the moral and religious training being received by the children of that State. To their amazement they found that only one child in six in the public schools (first grade through high school) was receiving religious training of any kind either at home or church. That is not in Africa. That is in the great sister commonwealth that forms the northern boundary of Arkansas.

There is no reason to believe that Missourians are sinners above all those who dwell in these United States. In fact, it would be a fair guess that Missouri is fairly typical of a cross section of our national life. If that be true, there are some meanings hidden in this legislative investigation that cry out for consideration.

### Church Membership for Tomorrow

For a number of years the increase of church membership has come chiefly from boys and girls received into the church from the Sunday school. These have come into the church during the time of their enrollment in public school. The church's richest harvest has been among those boys and girls in junior and senior high school. Most of those who are not won in this period are never won.

It is plain that if the boys and girls who are at the age when they are most responsive to the appeal for Christ and church are not given the teaching that will cause them

to give Christ and the Church a place in their thinking, they will automatically pass over into the "hard to win" group. As adults very few of them will ever be won for Christ. Considering Missouri as representative of America, we are turning heathen at a ratio of five to one.

### Sunday Schools Super-Deluxe

If we are to reach the rising generation of American youth with an effective teaching of religious principles, we are confronted with the necessity of doing one of two things. (1) We must make arrangements whereby religion will be taught in the public school as a regular part of children's education; or (2) we must produce a new type of teaching in our church schools so gripping their interest that they will forego Sunday jaunts to grandmother's; Sunday picture shows, ball games and the like to attend Sunday school. If this sounds like a big order, so it is. But if we had the courage to get out of the ruts of old traditions it is possible to achieve such results. Our present literature and teaching methods would have to be thrown in the trash pile. But there is where the children and parents are throwing them now, by their staying away; so it wouldn't be the great loss one might imagine. If we can't make the teaching of the Christian truths of life more attractive than the things of the world that are calling for people's attention, we're sunk. We might just as well admit the truth. The Devil makes his goods attractive. The church must learn a lesson from the world. "The children of this world are wiser in their generation than the Sons of Light."

### PROTESTANTISM'S GREATEST NEED

Ask the question "What is the greatest need of the Church today?" and the answers will be so varied and different that the resulting confusion will leave one in doubt as to whether or not Protestants themselves know the answer. Yet, great publicity is given every utterance of the Pope and the voice of the Pope is the voice of Catholicism. There is no quibbling about the Catholic position on anything that the Pope has expressed as being the policy of the Church.

This layman has often thought if all Protestant denominations could unite on those things that are considered the greatest evils and had an organization composed of all Protestant denominations with an organ that would be recognized as expressing the "voice of authority" and start doing something about it, greater success would attend the efforts against the eradication of organized vice and evil than is now possible.

Our Church has recently completed a union involving three major branches of Methodism. Does anyone doubt that when the United Methodist Church speaks it has more influence and respect than before the union when each branch was publishing to the world its position on certain questions? This article is not written as a plea for the merger of all Protestantism but in the hope that some plan of action

whereby all denominations may unite in an expression of policies and speak as one against those forces of evil that are rampant in our day and generation.

Public opinion is still a powerful force, especially in America and public opinion, enlightened and quickened by the simple means of united action that expresses the will of Protestantism is the hope of the Christian World today.

The old order passeth. The living creeds of the dead have in too many instances become the dead creeds of the living. Christians must present a united front against those forces that seek to harm and destroy human personality. Christianity must become a living vital power in the hearts and minds of laymen and will so become if there is a proper presentation of what is to be done, how it is to be done and when it is to be done, undergirded and supported by all who claim allegiance to the way, the truth and the light, as followers of the Lord Jesus Christ.—E. L. O.

### REPORT OF BOARD OF LAY ACTIVITIES, TEXARKANA DISTRICT

Continued progress has been made along many lines during the past year. Circuit Boards have been organized in practically every circuit in the District and such organization is bringing about a closer cooperation of the churches in the circuit, is causing a fellowship among the stewards and members

that has not been enjoyed before and is helping in a big way in taking care of the financial obligations. Laymen's Day has been or will be observed in every church in the District. Brotherhoods have been organized in three of the churches. Good reports have come from these churches and the pastors are praising highly the work being done by the brotherhoods.

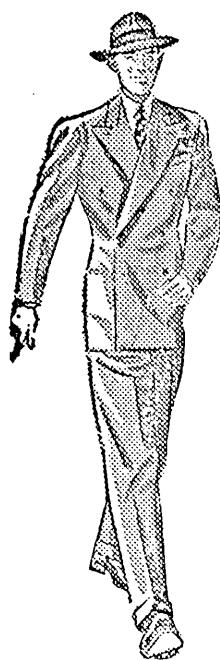
We gratefully acknowledge the sympathetic cooperation and guidance of our District Superintendent, Rev. J. Wayne Mann, in all of our Lay Activities work. We are sorry that this is his last year with us. We also wish to express our appreciation to all of the pastors in the District for their assistance and helpful cooperation.

We make the following recommendations to the Local Church officials as a guide for their activities through the ensuing year:

1. Each local church organized and functioning according to the Discipline.
2. Board of Lay Activities functioning in each charge with emphasis on Stewardship, Evangelism and full payment of all financial obligations.
3. Further organization and functioning of the District League of Stewards.
4. Attendance by as many laymen as possible at the Adult Assembly at Magnolia on June 19th and at the Leadership schools at Mt. Sequoyah.
5. Each station pastor or layman responsible for some neglected area.
6. Organization of Laymen's Clubs or Brotherhoods in each local church.
7. Full payment on acceptance for Conference Claimants and World Service.
8. Vigorous promotion of Evangelism in each church.
9. Continued observance of Laymen's Day.

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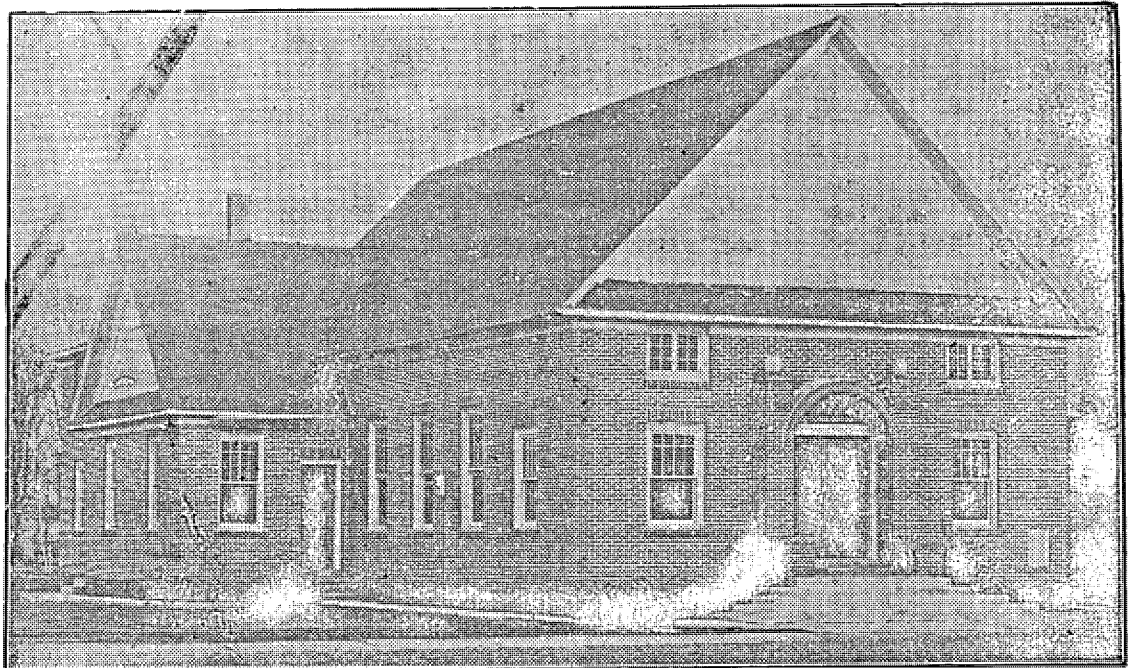
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## High Spots In The Program For the Day

- 9:00 Devotionals
- 9:15 Roll call  
Words of Welcome—W. H. Baldwin, superintendent of Hazen schools.
- 10:00 Hendrix College. Our male quartet will sing and greetings will be brought by Mr. E. W. Martin.
- 11:00 Sermon by Rev. Fred R. Harrison, pastor Pulaski Heights Church.
- 1:00 Women's Society of Christian Service, Mrs. A. S. Fox, district president, presiding and conducting devotionals. Mrs. Russell Henderson, district secretary, will speak.
- 2:00 Reports from Pastors.  
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The Methodist Church at Hazen was erected under the pastorate of Rev. W. L. Arnold, who served here for a period of four years. Brother Arnold succeeded in completing the building in 1935, and paying for it with the splendid cooperation of this loyal group of Methodists here and a host of friends. Since Bro. Arnold's pastorate the Rev. Alton J. Shirey served the church for a period of two years.

This is my second year as pastor. I have found the same loyal devotion as that enjoyed by my predecessors. We have received a total of thirty-one new members into the church, twenty of them this year.

We are rejoicing in the privilege of entertaining the District Conference on May 20, and wish all members and visitors to share with us the splendid hospitality of our church and our fair city.—A. E. Jacobs, Hazen Pastor.

#### MRS. LUCY BUSH BINLEY

Funeral services were conducted for Mrs. Lucie Bush Binley Sunday, May 4, at Roselawn Memorial Park by Rev. Warren Johnson, pastor of the First Methodist Church. Mrs. Binley was the daughter of James Andrew and Jennie McKissach Bush, prominent early settlers of Phillips County, Arkansas. She was the sister of James R. Bush, well known plantation operator of Helena, Arkansas. She was the widow of John Byron Binley of Covington, Kentucky. Mrs. Binley was a very active member of the First Methodist Church. Prior to her first serious illness several years ago she was most energetic and the leader in raising money for the church in various drives and campaigns and always being at the top of the list of successful workers. She is survived by her son, Bush Binley, Little Rock insurance man and her daughter, Mrs. Walter H. Lucy, Helena, a sister, Mrs. R. F. Milwee, a grandson, Walter H. Lucy, Jr., and granddaughter, Miss Virginia Lucy, all of Helena. She was a graduate of Mary Sharp College of Winchester, Tennessee. Years ago she was Grand Secretary of the Knights and Ladies of Honor. She was a woman of boundless energy and high intelligence and unselfishness and thousands of friends will mourn her passing.

Johnny not only had his feet in the aisle, but was chewing gum with great gusto. The teacher noticing both these breeches of discipline, said, "Johnny, take that gum out of your mouth and put your feet in."

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### CIRCLES TO MEET MONDAY

No. 1—Mrs. C. C. Arnold, Chairman, with Mrs. J. A. Adams and Mrs. Burney Standley, 1408 McAlmont, 1 o'clock dessert luncheon.

No. 2—Mrs. W. M. Rankin, Chr., will meet at Blind Women's Home, 1002 S. Oak, 12 o'clock luncheon. Mrs. George Wooldridge, Mrs. J. A. Jeffries and Mrs. C. W. Cooke, hostesses.

No. 3—Mrs. Ray Scott, Chairman, with Mrs. Douglas Thom, 122 Olive, Park Hill, 1 o'clock dessert luncheon. Mrs. R. O. Denham, co-hostess.

No. 4—Mrs. W. J. Pennington, Chairman, with Mrs. O. D. Marshall, 2425 Arch, 1:30 dessert luncheon. Mrs. E. S. Cockmon, co-hostess.

No. 5—Mrs. A. S. Ross, Chairman, with Mrs. H. A. Newman, 1616 Wolfe, 1 o'clock dessert luncheon. Mrs. C. F. Shukers, co-hostess.

No. 6—Mrs. W. P. Ivy, Chairman, with Mrs. B. P. Champion, 2715 W. 6th, 1 o'clock dessert luncheon. Mrs. Emma Maddox, co-hostess.

No. 7—Mrs. F. B. Thacker, Chairman, with Mrs. J. F. Lawrence, 1200 W. 34th, 1 o'clock dessert luncheon. Mrs. W. A. Welch, co-hostess.

No. 8—Mrs. F. M. Stevens, Chairman, with Mrs. C. E. Hayes, 2724 Ringo, 1 o'clock dessert luncheon. Mrs. C. M. Watkins, co-hostess.

No. 9—Mrs. R. A. Raney, Chairman, with Mrs. Raymond Thomas, 3000 W. 13th, 1 o'clock dessert luncheon.

No. 10—Mrs. H. C. Graham, Chr., with Mrs. B. M. Whaley, 2112 N. Van Buren, 1 o'clock dessert luncheon. Mrs. B. E. Smith, co-hostess.

Young Matron's Circle—Mrs. Harvey Shipp, Chairman. Members will be notified.

### OUR NEW MEMBERS

Mr. E. H. Currie, Jr., 4507 Woodlawn, letter. . . Mrs. E. H. Currie, Jr., 4507 Woodlawn, vows. . . Mrs. Henry Lyddon, 1807 Louisiana, baptism. . . Mr. John McCaully, 1908 Gaines, letter. . . Mrs. John McCaully, 1908 Gaines, letter. . . Mr. M. S. McCord, 201 Magnolia, Park Hill, letter. . . Miss Beebe Page, 2610 Summit, letter. . . Mr. C. D. Seymour, 1422 Summit, baptism. . . Mr. Frank Stanley, 2612 Chester, letter. . . Mrs. Frank Stanley, 2612 Chester, letter. . . Mrs. L. M. Talkington, 205 N. 22nd, letter. . . Mr. T. O. McCarty, 319½ N. State, letter. . . Mrs. T. O. McCarty, 319½ N. State, vows.

### MISS CLARK TO WED

Miss Marguerite Clark, who has been working in the Church Office for the past five years, will be united in marriage to Mr. Peyton Golden, Jr., in the Sanctuary next Tuesday, May 20, at 8:00 p. m.

All of her friends in the church are cordially invited to be present.

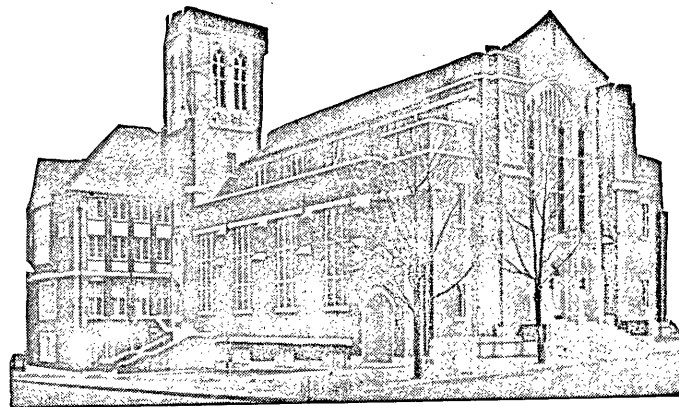
### INFANTS CHRISTENED SUNDAY

Mary Jane Whitten, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Whitten, 2310 West 18th St.

John Damon White, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. J. D. White, 5110 "F" Street.

### FLOWERS IN SANCTUARY SUNDAY

The beautiful flowers in the Sanctuary last Sunday were furnished by Mrs. Rufus Hunt in memory of her mother, Mrs. B. F. Lewis.



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MRS. I. J. STEED  
Minister of Music  
MISS KATE BOSSINGER  
Organist  
MARGUERITE CLARK  
Church Secretary

## NEXT SUNDAY AT WINFIELD

10:00 A. M. Church School—A Class for Every Member of the family.

11:00 A. M. FATAL PHILOSOPHIES—Sermon by Pastor.

6:30 P. M. Jr.-High, Senior, Young People's Leagues and the Sunday Evening Club (Young Adults).

8:00 P. M. "OF WHAT VALUE IS RELIGION?"—Sermon by Pastor.

## Associate Pastor's Message

By HAL H. PINNELL

## JUST FOR THE FUN OF IT

A Mexican lad of ten or eleven years was in his backyard busily engaged in putting together a crude contraption of four poorly related wheels, a weird chassis, and a seat of miscellaneous pieces of lumber. A stranger, seeing the boy at work, stopped to visit and admire, remembering that a nationally advertised contest for boys sponsored by an automobile company was soon to be held, inquired of the boy, "Are you making that to enter the National Soap Box Derby?" The boy, with a sublime contempt for the contest, and conveying an educational rebuke all the more powerful because so unplanned, said, "No, I'm doing it for the fun of it."

Too often our service to the church and its program of Christian education is given because of pressure on the part of a leader who urges us to serve, or because we feel that some "reward" of prestige will be ours if we serve, and yet again because, awards, medals, and external symbols have slipped in between our souls and the joy of doing things for the sheer love of Christ; for the "joy of creative activity" as the educator puts it, or "for fun" as the Mexican boy summed it up.

"I'm doing it for the fun of it," goes deeper than mere external exhilaration; for, the fun of doing Christian work has its basic motivations in the inner springs of one's spiritual being and "the fun—the joy" is a reward of the "right spirit," accruing to the benefit of the person serving and overflows into the lives of those served, producing Christian character. Thus, "for the joy of creative activity" folks ought to offer themselves for service; some as teachers, others as counselors, still others as helpers in the Children's Division of the Church School and parents "for joy" should get behind our TWO-hour Program supporting those who are now serving their children.

"For the fun of it," I will serve where I am needed.

## METHODIST CHURCH

### Christian Education

By HAL H. PINNELL

### Attendance Goal—800!

#### Church School Attendance

Last Sunday ..... 713  
A Year Ago ..... 729

#### Department Reports

|              | Pres. | On Time | Cont. | Stay Ch. |
|--------------|-------|---------|-------|----------|
| Jr. Hi. .... | 69    | 40      | 42    | 35       |
| Sr. Hi. .... | 65    | 45      | 48    | 53       |
| Y. P. ....   | 69    | 50      | 18    | 60       |

#### Adult Report

|                             |     |
|-----------------------------|-----|
| Hinton Class .....          | 54  |
| Jenkins Class .....         | 53  |
| Men's Class .....           | 48  |
| Couples Class .....         | 43  |
| Fidelity Class .....        | 36  |
| Wedding Ring Class .....    | 30  |
| Ashby Class .....           | 22  |
| Friendship Class .....      | 19  |
| Bullington Mem. Class ..... | 17  |
| Young Men's Class .....     | 6   |
| Total .....                 | 335 |

#### League Reports

|                   |         |           |
|-------------------|---------|-----------|
| Junior High ....  | 6:30—27 | Church 12 |
| Senior High ....  | 6:30—37 | Church 28 |
| Young People .... | 6:30—32 | Church 10 |
| Sun. Eve. Club .. | 6:30—25 | Church 20 |

### Evening Programs, Leagues

6:30 P. M.

Junior High Dept.: Leader, George Rice; subject, "The Chapter of Parables."

Senior High Dept.: Leader, Miss Margaret Finger; subject, "Getting Something for Nothing."

Young People's Dept.: Leader, Miss Gladys Helen Nations; subject, "Trying To Get Something for Nothing."

### YOUNG ADULT LEAGUE 6:30

Fun and Fellowship and refreshments—6:30 to 7:00. Panel discussion: "Will the Convoy System Involve Violation of Neutrality?" Discussion leader, Mr. T. M. Stinnett; Panel members: Mr. Ed McCuiston, Mr. L. L. Witten, Mr. E. H. Tuttle, Mr. J. R. Henderson, Chaplain W. F. Overhulser.

### OUR KNOWN SICK

Mrs. W. M. Fuller, Baptist Hospital.

Mr. Paul Dudek, Missouri Pacific Hospital.

Dr. George Lewis, Missouri Pacific Hospital.

### OUR SYMPATHY

The heartfelt sympathy of the congregation is extended to the following:

Miss Irene Poe and Edward Poe, whose father, Mr. Tom Poe, passed away on May 8th.

To the family of Miss Lizzie Stinson who passed away on May 8th.

Miss Frances Davis and family, whose brother, Carl Davis, passed away on May 2nd.

### FATHER—SON BANQUET

Wednesday, May 21, 7:00 p. m.

"Every man a father, every boy a son," is the word; for we are going to see that every man has a boy to bring to the Banquet and every boy has a father to bring him. Toastmaster, Gaston Foote, will provide a lively time for everyone; Sim Bryant, speaker, will keep you awake; boys from the Boys' Club will entertain with musical numbers; a male quartette will sing.

Tickets for 2, 75c; Fellowship Hall.