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"The World is My Parish" — John Wesley

"Go ye into all the world" — Mark 16:15

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Eddie Cantor In a New Role

WHEN we think of Eddie Cantor we think of a radio comedian who not only does a lot of chuckling himself but makes us chuckle as well. But some time ago at the conclusion of one of his programs he offered us some very pertinent advice. "We've had a lot of fun here tonight, and now, if you will permit me, I'd like to say something a bit more serious. Here in Los Angeles a few days ago we had a rather disturbing windstorm. I was walking along Sunset Boulevard at the time, and like the other pedestrians, I ran for cover as a gale swept down. There were a number of stores nearby, but something guided me toward a building across the street. I stood there in the archway several minutes, I guess, before I realized where I was. I had taken refuge in the doorway of a church—and it set me thinking. The world today is going through something far more threatening than a windstorm. Every single one of us needs refuge of one kind or another. And I know of no better place to go for it than a church. You know, the church must be a very strong and righteous thing—for it has survived every enemy it ever had. And the book which embodies the principles of the church—the Bible—is still at the top of the best-seller list. We are extremely fortunate to live in a country where we can worship as we please, when we please. Let's make the most of this blessing. Go to church—whatever your race or creed—you'll meet old friends and make new ones. The greatest calamity that can befall a people is the loss of religion. Don't let it happen here. Go to church!" We simply wish to add that if we in America wish to preserve freedom of worship we must practice it freely. No use to lament the forced closing of churches in Europe and do nothing about keeping them open here in America.

Is This a Phoney War?

IN 1939 we heard many expressions of a phoney war that was being waged. Belligerent speeches were made, threats given, troops paraded, and even smaller governments surrendered to the overpowering German army but there were no casualties—not even a shot fired. But the war is not phoney in this respect today. Mr. Churchill in addressing Parliament concerning the Balkan campaign reported that 60,000 British troops had been engaged in Greece and that 45,000 or more of them had been successfully withdrawn. What happened to the other 15,000? If we assume that one-half of them were captured this means that 7,500 British soldiers were killed. Yet Britain reported that while they sustained only small losses the mountain passes of Greece were carpeted with German dead and wounded and the rivers and streams ran red with blood. But Hitler reports to the Reichstag that German losses were insignificant—about 1,100 killed, 3,700 wounded and 500 missing. Are both sides lying about the number of casualties? Probably, but this much is certain: there never has been a war of consequence where uncounted thousands have not been mercilessly slaughtered. And when we in America talk about more active participation in the war we are considering the matter of sending a few hundred thousand sons from their homes to a foreign soil to a battle from which many will never return. Such a decision will not be made hastily. Black crepe on the doors of a million American homes is not a pleasant picture.

Saints In Caesar's Household

IN PAUL'S Phillipian letter there is this startling phrase, "All the saints salute you, especially those of the household of Caesar." It is practically impossible for us to imagine the difficulty of becoming a saint amid the depraved and demoralizing conditions of an ancient Caesar's household. We hold these days to be most difficult in which to be Christian. The greatest challenge that comes to us is that of clean living in a soiled world. But these are not unusual days in this respect. Christianity has always existed under adverse circumstances and, we repeat, there were no more difficult days for Christians than during the reign of the Caesars. Yet Paul speaks of saints in his very household. If we are to be Christian in an un-Christian world we must take antagonistic circumstances for granted. Jesus so warned us, "Ye go as sheep among wolves . . ." Paul said, "Endure hardness as a good soldier of Jesus Christ." If we experience difficulties in personal purity amid world impurity we do well to remember that it has ever been so. Sainthood is achieved 'in spite of', not because of. . . . No environment, no matter how evil, should be an excuse for moral failure. We should have sympathy for others, to be sure, but no excuse for ourselves. Then, to be Christian in an un-Christian world, we must center our attention, not on outward pressures, but on inner resources. Nothing that happens outside you is so devastating as that which happens within you. Stevenson could have said, "I am in poor health, I can do nothing." But no untoward external circumstances were allowed to defeat him. He drew upon the inner resources of his life. Burns could have said, "I am poor, that's a worthy excuse." And it is—for the weak. But not for Burns, rich in ideas, culture, sentiment. He relied on the inner resources of the soul, not on external environment. Again, to be Christian in an un-Christian world we must attach ourselves to the saving elements about us. There is the Holy Scripture—nothing can keep us from that. We can buy a New Testament for a dime—we can daily feed our souls upon its great truths. There is the inexhaustible resources of prayer. No untouched environment can keep us from praying—regularly—earnestly. There is the church—with the doors wide open. No one can keep us from the fellowship and inspiration of the church. Amid perplexing difficulties of living the Christian life attach yourself to the saving elements in your environment. We grant the difficulty of being Christian in an un-Christian world. But if we think it is impossible, then Christ is a fake and God is a myth. "With God, all things are possible . . ."

How Desperate Are The British?

OUR governmental representatives in England are swinging to the opinion that America's actual participation in the war will be necessary in the near future in order to stave off a British knockout by Germany. Senator Pepper and others in America have recently voiced the same opinion. John Bull has been depicted as a beaten fighter, staggering around the ring in a dazed condition, unable to avert the knockout blow that will surely come unless Uncle Sam steps into the ring and relieves him. How much truth is in the picture and how much of it is propaganda? Obviously the British have shown a magnificent fighting spirit and theirs is a serious plight. But have they used all of their own resources? India, her greatest colonial possession, has been very slow in providing fighting forces for the British and for primarily one reason. England has consistently refused to make genuine her promise of self-government after the war. It will be remembered that England promised India virtual autonomy after the first world war. In that war India sent nearly 1,500,000 men to the front—more than all other British dominions combined. And they were heroic fighters, laying down their lives to the very end. They would do it again—if. Why doesn't England guarantee future self-rule to India after the war and tap the vast resources of India in her desperate struggle against Germany? Obviously some British rulers feel that this is too much to ask. Then why seek greater aid from the U. S.? Self-rule in India would mean economic readjustment in the Isles. It would mean the loss of prize positions of the British ruling class in India. It would mean the loss of prestige. But what are these losses if the struggle is desperate at home? Are they not fighting for democracy? And does not democracy mean self-rule?—even in India. This is no attempt to appear anti-British. All intelligent sentiment in America is decidedly pro-British. But is it not reasonable to ask England to mobilize her entire man-power before seeking the man-power of a foreign nation?

The Enemy Within Our Gates

WHEN it is said that the annual crime bill in America is fifteen billion dollars a year we are not particularly shocked. But when it is said that the crime bill divided among 130,000,000 Americans is \$116 a year for each person, to pay, we begin to realize the actual cost to each of us. Roughly speaking, every man, woman and child in America pays an average of \$10 each month for the crime bill. Newsweek magazine recently summarized the growth of lawlessness in the following, "A serious offense was committed in the United States every 21 seconds last year. The total of 1,517,026 major crimes, 2.2 per cent more than during 1939 and averaging one felonious homicide every 44 minutes, a robbery every ten minutes, and a larceny every 35 seconds." We are all the more shocked when, on good authority, it is estimated that 40 per cent of the crimes committed in the U. S. can be traced to the use of alcohol—an industry protected by the government and encouraged by the brewers. Right
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CHURCH CALENDAR

May 19-28, South Central Jurisdictional Conference on Evangelism, Mt. Sequoyah.

June 2-13, Arkansas Pastor's School, Hendrix College.

URGENT CALL FROM THE BISHOPS

The fiscal year for World Service closes May 31. To avert a deficit in the first year of the history of the United Church, preachers, pastors and churches are urged to pay as much as possible on Benevolences now. Forward money on hand and all that is collectible to your conference treasurer immediately. Let's stand by our missionaries in spite of world tragedy.

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BOOK REVIEW

"Biography of the Gods," by E. Eustace Hayden.

Here is the fascinating though technical story of the gods who are yet worshiped by millions in the world's living religions of today. Dr. Hayden, professor of the History of Religions at the University of Chicago, really writes a source book, not to be read with ease, but thoroughly trustworthy from the standpoint of historical accuracy. The roots of the lives of the gods are in the rich soil of human hopes and hungerings . . . they were born and grew to grandeur because of man's desperate need . . . faith in God is the confidence of man that the universe . . . gives support to our hopes and ideals . . . Each of the gods had his own individual and distinctive development . . . there are no sun gods on the equator . . . no rain gods in rainy countries . . . because of lack of appreciation on the part of the people. The chapters are, The birth of the gods, How the gods change, The gods who died, The gods of India, Buddhas, China, Yahweh, the Christian God, Allah, and The twilight of the gods. It is the opinion of this reviewer that the conclusions of Dr. Hayden are thoroughly humanistic, and therefore, inadequate. He says, "More important than faith in God is devotion to the human ideals of which he (God) has become the symbol . . . more needful than faith in God is faith that man can give love, justice and peace . . . in human relations." To us, humanism has broken down and it is impossible for man to worship an attribute of God without vital faith in His reality. Love, justice and peace must be embodied in that OUTSIDE and BEYOND man which Christians believe is in the God of Christ. Macmillan Company. Price \$2.50.—The Editor.

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now the liquor interests are advertising what great things they are doing with the taxes they are paying for national defense. Is it good business to receive a dollar in taxes from a demoralizing business when we must pay ten dollars in taxes because of the business? This is not even common sense. It is up to the Church of Jesus Christ to tell the truth about liquor. No other source of information can be relied upon.

ABOUT PEOPLE

DR. O. E. GODDARD, Conway, is assisting Rev. John G. Gieck in a meeting which began Sunday at Charleston.

MRS. L. R. SPARKS, wife of our pastor on Swan Lake Circuit, is recovering from an operation at St. Vincent's Infirmary.

REV. A. N. STOREY, pastor at Augusta, preached the sermon for the Laura Connor High School at that place on Sunday, May 18.

REV. S. G. RUTLEDGE, superannuate member of the Little Rock Conference, whose home is now at 200 Summer St., Hot Springs, is a patient at St. Vincent's Infirmary.

REV. R. C. ALEXANDER of Spiro, Okla., was guest preacher at First Church, Fort Smith, Sunday, May 18, and Rev. Rudolph Woodruff, Dallas, Texas, filled the pulpit at the evening service.

COUNTY JUDGE C. P. NEWTON of Little Rock was the speaker at a special Laymen's Day program Sunday, May 18, at Gardner Memorial Church, North Little Rock, Rev. Jefferson Sherman, pastor.

MR. ROY DAWSON, superintendent of schools at Osceola, was guest speaker at the morning services at First Church, Blytheville, Sunday morning, May 18. Mr. Dawson is the newly elected lay leader of the Jonesboro District.

BISHOP CHARLES L. MEAD, aged 72, died at his home in Kansas City on May 17. He retired one year ago after being in the ministry for 47 years, the last 21 as bishop. He administered the Denver area of the former Meth City area for 7 years after which he was active bishop for one year of the Kansas area of the United Methodist Church.

REV. J. L. SHELBY is enjoying his work at Mountain View. Finances are in full. The charge is the first in the North Arkansas Conference to pay the Conference Claims in full. The church is well organized and new members are being received each month. A new parsonage has been built and some furnishings added. The district superintendent, Rev. Connor Morehead, is in high favor with the pastor and people of the charge.

REV. E. H. HOOK, pastor of First Church, North Little Rock, has just closed a one week's revival at Geyer Springs, Rev. Curtis Williams, pastor. There were 16 additions to the church, 9 on profession of faith and many reclamations. Bro. Hook's preaching was greatly enjoyed by the people and they were blessed by his messages. Bro. Williams says everything considered it was the best meeting in the history of Geyer Springs church. This promises to be the best year of the four that Bro. Williams has served this church.

JOHN MANN, Marianna, has been elected president of the student body at Hendrix College. Billie Womack of Pine Bluff was elected vice president. Other officers elected to serve during the 1941-42 school year are R. A. Teeter, Smackover, president of the Senior class and Bernard Reed, Lonoke, senator; Anne Porter Burney, Pine Bluff, president of the Junior class

and Henry Henley, senator; Larry Honeycutt, Nashville, president of the Sophomore class and Ruth Murphy, El Dorado, senator. Freshman officers will be elected next fall.

TWO missionary families from central Africa, home on furlough during the past year, have sailed from New York to their stations in Africa's interior. Rev. and Mrs. T. A. O'Farrell, in charge of educational and religious work in Nyadiri, in the northern section of Southern Rhodesia, are on their way back for another term of service. Dr. and Mrs. Arthur L. Piper, founders of the hospital and leper colony in Kapanga, Belgain Congo, have also sailed back to resume their work which has been in charge of Nurse Mare Jenssen for more than a year.

REPRESENTATIVES of the Methodist Church who will attend the Church Fellowship Council in Toronto, Canada, June 3-5, sponsored by the American Section of the World Council of Churches to perpetuate the ecumenical movement stressed by the Oxford, Edinburgh, Madras and Amsterdam Conferences are Bishop Ivan Lee Holt, Bishop Charles W. Flint and Bishop James C. Baker. Other members of the delegation are Dr. John R. Mott, Professor Georgia Harkness, Mrs. J. D. Bragg, Dr. Paul N. Garber, Dr. E. A. Sexmith. Dr. Lees Green is an alternate.

BISHOP IVAN LEE HOLT, of Dallas, is playing an important part in various interdenominational meetings, and is scheduled to appear on the program of the North American Ecumenical Conference in Toronto, Canada, June 4. He addressed the national convention of the Disciples Church in St. Louis, May 7, and had a part in the Ecumenical service honoring Adolf Keller at the West End Collegiate Church, New York, May 20. That same evening he presided at a union memorial service in the First Christian Church, New York, in honor of Dr. Fivis Idleman.

THIRTY of the thirty-one active bishops and a number of retired bishops were present at the spring meeting of the Council of Bishops at Nashville, May 8 and 9. A commemorative service was held to honor Bishop Horace M. DuBose whose death occurred last January in Nashville after twenty-three years in the episcopacy. The plan of episcopacy visitation, adopted by the bishops, provides for the holding of sixty-seven fall conferences. When these are over the bishops will meet again for their longer annual meeting, Dec. 9-12 on historic St. Simons Island, near Brunswick, Georgia. Here John Wesley preached in 1736.

TWO Methodist women, Dr. Georgia Harkness and Senator Hattie Caraway, were chosen by the General Federation of Women's Clubs among the 53 women in 30 occupations representing "the great strides made by women in the past 50 years." They have been invited to attend the Federation's gold jubilee triennial convention in Atlantic City, N. J., May 19-24. Dr. Harkness, who is professor of theology at Garrett Biblical Institute, Evanston, Ill., was named for her outstanding work in religious advancement. Mrs. Caraway was named by the Federation in the field of politics. She is a member of First Church, Jonesboro.

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THE CHURCH WORKSHOP

H. MELLE FIKES, Editor

FOR THE DEDICATION OF NEW HYMNALS

If you are bringing new hymnals into use in your church, some such litany as the following, taken from Church Management, would make both appropriate and impressive ceremonial for you:

Unison:

To Thee, "Our God, our Help in Ages Past,

Our hope for years to come,"

and

to Thee, "O Master workman of the race,

Thou man of Galilee," and to Thee, "Holy Spirit, Truth Divine" We dedicate these books of Christian Worship and Praise.

Minister: For inspiring us to sing at the time of day, "When morning gilds the skies" to sing "Again as evening's shadow falls."

People: We dedicate these books of Christian Worship and Praise.

Minister: For inspiring us to faithfulness through all seasons, when "Another year is dawning," or when "Summer suns are glowing," or when "Backward we look."

People: We dedicate these books of Christian Worship and Praise.

Minister: For inspiring our children to sing, "Now in the days of youth," and our elders, "Mid all the traffic of the ways."

People: We dedicate these books of Christian Worship and Praise.

Minister: For inspiring us to know that "This is my Father's world" and that there is a "Father in heaven, who lovest all."

People: We dedicate these books of Christian Worship and Praise.

Minister: For inspiring us to faithfulness when "Angels from the realms of glory, wing their way o'er all the earth" and when "Christ, the Lord, is risen."

People: We dedicate these books of Christian Worship and Praise.

Unison: To all of these faithful souls who have given us our Christian hymns and other aids to worship to lead us in noble thoughts and deeds, and to bring us closer to God, in deepest gratitude, we offer this prayer:

"Now thank we all our God
With heart and hands and voices,
Who wondrous things hath done,
In whom His world rejoices;
Who, from our mothers' arms
Hath blessed us on our way
With countless gifts of love,
And still is ours today. Amen."

A GOOD SLOGAN FOR THESE TIMES

"Never trouble trouble till trouble troubles you."

Every man goes down to his grave carrying in his clutched hands only that which he has given away.—Rousseau.

COURAGE

Courage is armor
A blind man wears;
The calloused scar
Of outlived despairs;
Courage is fear
That has said its prayers.

—Karle Wilson Baker.

"GLEANINGS"

(From "I Am An American Day" bulletin, Little Rock High School Stadium, Sunday Afternoon, May 18.)

You and I are America. Unless we change, America will not change. Unless we are willing to experiment boldly with the application of absolute honesty, absolute purity, absolute unselfishness, and absolute love in our lives and in our relationships and responsibilities, America, the land of the free, may lose her freedom because she no longer has the moral and spiritual value to maintain it.—J. HERBERT SMITH.

These are the aspirations that have brought happiness and achievement to the America we love. These are the aspirations that must help us to find our way to new glory and grace in the midst of worldwide change. A great civilization must have its roots in the soil of the past and its branches reaching out to the stars of the future. Otherwise it lacks the experience and motive necessary for noble achievement in the present. Has the nation lost its way? Let it return again to the faith of its youth.—From "The American Citizen's Handbook."

IS IT A DREAM?

*Is it a dream—and nothing more—this faith
That nerves our brains to thought—our hands to work
For that great day when war shall cease, and men
Shall live as brothers in a unity
Of love—live in a world made splendid?*

*Is it a dream—this faith of ours—that pleads
And pulses in our hearts—and bids us look,
Through mists of tears and time, to that great day
When war shall cease upon the earth, and men
As brothers bound by Love of Man and God,
Shall build a world as gloriously fair
As sunset skies, or mountains when they catch
The farewell kiss of evening on their heights?*

—G. A. STUDDERT-KENNEDY.

A GREAT BOOK

A prize volume recently from the press is that of Dr. H. Richard Niebuhr, of the Yale faculty, on Religion. Dr. Niebuhr bases the study of this volume, which comprises the Taylor Lectures, given this spring in the Yale Divinity School, upon three major convictions, as follows:

1. Self-defense is the most prevalent source of error in all thinking and perhaps especially in theology and ethics.

2. The source of evil greatest in life is the absolutizing of the relative, which in Christianity takes the form of substituting religion, revelation, church, or Christian morality for God.

3. Christianity is "permanent revolution" or *metanoia* which does not come to an end in this world, this life, or this time.

Positively stated these three convictions are that man is justified by grace, that God only is sovereign, and that there is eternal life. Truly a great book—one the student of the things of the Church in our times will want closely to study.

How often do we sigh for opportunities of doing good whilst we neglect the openings of Providence in little things, which would frequently lead to the accomplishment of the most important usefulness! Dr. Johnson used to say, "He who wants to do a great deal at once will never do any." Good is done by degrees. However small in proportion the benefits which follow individual attempts to do good, a great deal may thus be accomplished by perseverance even in the midst of discouragements and disappointments.—Ex.

METHODIST STUDENT DAY

Our Board of Christian Education, Nashville, urges that we fix in our minds the meaning of, and in our schedule the observance of, Methodist Student Day, June 8.

Our need is that we shall make every possible provision for observing the day. To this end there are available through the Board, for use in making up the most intelligent and serviceable program, two pamphlets which every local church staff will require: "The Church Has a Stake in Methodist Student Day," and a leaflet of a series of testimonials in tribute to the usefulness of the loan funds.

Using these helps and our own resources, we should bring on this day a convincing challenge to our people.

LOVE, THE ULTIMATE

The authorities that crucified Jesus are today forgotten, and Jesus' reign encircles the earth. Judas died a suicide. Annas was destroyed by a mob a generation later. Caiaphas was deposed the following year. Herod died in infamy and exile. Pilate banished and execrated. Jerusalem endured the bloody horrors of siege. Only Peter, redeemed, is remembered. And Jesus, "towering o'er the wrecks of time," rode with shining clearness over the chaos. History's one really decisive battle was won. Greed, pride and worldly power were rendered bankrupt and impotent. After a life-long experiment, of which the cross was but the climax, Jesus showed love alone to be permanently solvent. Love alone is the ultimate power. From "What Use Is Religion?" by Elmore M. McKee.

HOW TO VISIT THE SICK

Dr. Joseph Parker, famous preacher of another day, builder of the great "City Temple," London, so recently razed by German explosives, has left for us in what was his usual eloquent and poetic writing and utterance style, his prescription of a sort for more meaningful ministry to our sick. This is what he said concerning helpful calls upon those who suffer:

"It is a common notion that any man can visit the sick. Let me tell you that very few ministers can enter a sick chamber with any probability of doing real and lasting good. They can read the Bible and they can pray, and yet, when they have gone, the room seems as if they had never been there. There is no sense of emptiness or desolation. Other men, probably not so gifted in some directions, will enter the sick room, and there will be a light upon the wall, summer will gleam upon the window pane, and angels will rustle gently in the air, and it will be a scene of gladness and a vision of triumph."

REPORT ON WORLD SERVICE

Methodists in the United States have contributed \$3,061,048.60 to the World Service work of the church during the first 11 months of the fiscal year, according to a report made by Rev. O. W. Auman, treasurer of the World Service Commission, but that is \$556,236.29 below the amount given in the same period of last year by the three uniting Methodist Churches.

This decrease of 15.38 per cent in general benevolences from June 1, 1940 to April 30, 1941, means that the eight million Methodists must contribute \$1,239,350.70 *this month* in order to equal the income for the previous fiscal year. Last year the three denominations gave in May a total of \$683,119.50.

"Extra special efforts must be made this month to turn in every cent for World Service, if the great, new, united Church is to equal its giving of last year," stated Dr. Auman in announcing the figures. "Every church treasurer should send all benevolence payments to his conference treasurer before May 31 so that the World Service share may be forwarded to the Chicago office by that date."

THE CLOSING HYMN

Is it your practice to omit the closing hymn—especially when straitened for time? In order to carry through, we should never bring ourselves to this expedient in our worship. Following the sermon the worshipper requires of heart an opportunity to reaffirm his faith,—even though there may not be present those who wish to unite with the church. Omitting the hymn and closing at once with the benediction has much the effect of the minister saying, "Now I have told you; God bless you, goodbye."

Rockport Church Through More Than A Century

EXACTLY one hundred and twenty-five years ago, in the year 1816, twenty years before Arkansas became a state, the Rev. John Henry was sent from the second session of the Missouri Conference to the Hot Springs circuit as preacher. There were no church buildings, but there were many early settlers who had filed claim on tracts of ground on the fertile banks of the Ouachita river. The head of this circuit under the leadership of the Rev. Mr. Henry was the Rockport settlement, two miles northwest of the present little city of Malvern, Ark. Soon a church was organized and that church is still doing business near the same spot where it was organized 125 years ago. Rockport, now on the Malvern circuit, because of its historic interest, was visited by President and Mrs. Roosevelt in 1936 during the Arkansas Centennial celebration. It was on these sacred grounds that Bishop John M. Moore preached during the Centennial to several thousand people through a loud-speaker hook-up. General Lee's army is said to have camped on the ridge directly behind the present church building.

Rev. John Henry, the first pastor, is credited by some to have been the first Methodist preacher to enter the territory of Arkansas and to have preached the first Methodist sermon. He lived to be 93 years of age and died at his home near Center Point in 1872. The fifth session of the Missouri Conference which met at Shilo meeting house, Illinois territory, on September 18, 1820, appointed Henry Stephenson to the Hot Springs Circuit. The building at Rockport then was of crude log structure and an open fireplace was used for heating. Rev. Henry Stephenson was followed in 1821 by Isaac Brookfield; 1822, Samuel Bassett; 1823, John Blasdett; 1824, Green Orr; 1825, Gilbert Clench; 1826, Parker Snedcor; 1829, Rucker Tanner; 1830, Nelson R. Benby; 1831, H. G. Joplin and W. Duke; 1832, Henry Cornelius; 1833, Fontaine Brown; 1834, W. M. S. Duke, and 1835-1836, by H. Cornelius.

Rockport was surveyed, named and became the county seat of Hot Spring County in 1836. In the following years it grew to be a thriving town. It was at the head of navigation on the Ouachita river and served as a center of trade for a very large surrounding territory.

In 1846 the Southern church be-

early church at Rockport, taught Sunday School in the waiting room of the depot every Sunday afternoon.

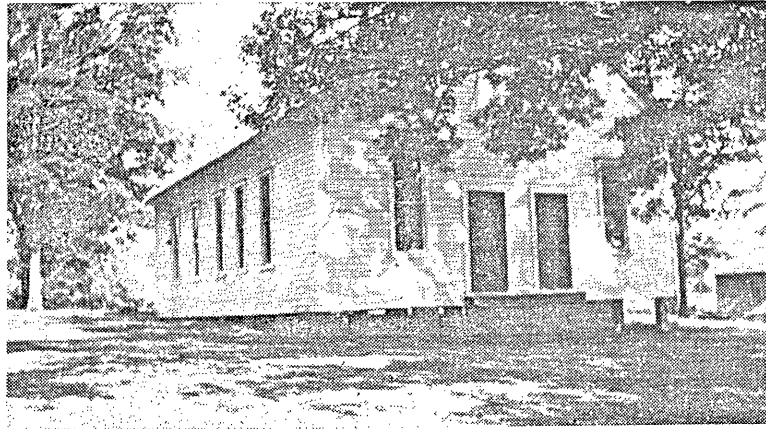
In 1877 Malvern had grown so much and Rockport had diminished in numbers until it was decided to move the church building to Malvern where the majority of the

tom and J. Millard Smith, trustees for the church paid Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Butler \$100.00 for the land the church now stands on. Thus the same old building came back to fill the place that it once had in the lives of these people. During later years it was served by such men as John F. Taylor, Roy Jordan, Manuel Scott, J. E. Cooper, O. C. Robinson and H. A. F. Ault.

The church today has a membership of 115. Mr. J. Millard Smith, who has been an active member and regular attendant for 50 years is chairman of the board of stewards. Dale Haltom is superintendent of the lively Church School with an average attendance of 65 pupils. The present pastor is Rev. Orrie L. Thompson. He says: "We are happy to have the opportunity to work in this spot where men have worshipped throughout more than a century and to have a part in such a historical sacred succession of Arkansas Methodism."

One has said of the church:

"Beauty thou mayest not have possessed
But here we loved our best
Here sung, prayed, carried dead
And here in holy bonds were wed."



ROCKPORT CHURCH, NEAR MALVERN

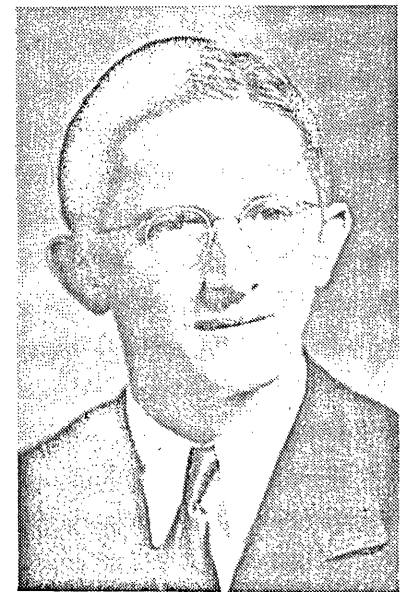
came separated from the parent church. During the year another church building was erected on land donated by Nicholas Miller, and because of his benign influence among the congregation, it was called "Uncle Nick's Church." This building was one block north of the new courthouse. Here the congregation worshipped until 1871.

At this time a need was felt for a new building and it was erected during the year of 1871 under the leadership of the pastor, Rev. Finch Winburne. Prior to this date the church was served by Rev. E. N. Watson, father of Dr. W. C. Watson, pastor of the First Methodist Church at Malvern at the present time.

In 1872 a railroad was built through this section, but its nearest point was two miles east of Rockport. Here a regular stop was made, a depot was built and the place was named Malvern. Mr. Samuel H. Emerson, who was a religious leader as his father had been in the

members could have a convenient place to worship. This frame church was used as a place of worship for 11 years when the congregation decided to erect a brick building. The members living near Rockport had reassembled themselves and held services in the Rockport school house under the leadership of Mr. J. W. Keith, who preached there and at the Magnet Church for a number of years. Mr. Keith paid the Methodists of Malvern \$50.00 for the old frame church building and helped to move it back to Rockport and re-erect it near the scene of its first site. There it stands today, a sentinel of the old town of Rockport and a living reminder of the one hundred and twenty-five years which the Methodist Church has regularly served that community.

When the church was moved back to Rockport it was rebuilt on the land where the Baptist Church and Masonic Hall had stood and in 1914 Mr. George Collie; Guy Hal-



REV. ORRIE L. THOMPSON

Conference For World Peace Commission

Nationally known leaders in religious, economic and political fields are being invited to speak at the exploratory conference on the basis of a just and enduring peace which has been called by the World Peace Commission of The Methodist Church for May 27 to 30, in the Chicago Temple.

Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam, resident bishop of the Boston area and former president of DePauw University, will give the opening address as general chairman and convener of the conferences. Dr. John Foster Dulles, chairman of the Federal Council of Churches' commission on a just and enduring peace, who was counsel to the American committee to negotiate peace in Paris, 1918-19, will speak early in the conference.

Plans are being made to register more than 1,000 church leaders from all sections of the country, according to the Rev. Charles F. Boss, Jr., secretary of the conference and executive secretary of the Methodist World Peace Commission, Chicago.

The Rev. Ralph W. Sockman, D. D., minister of Christ Methodist Church New York, is chairman of the commission and Dr. Georgia Harkness, professor at Garrett Biblical Institute, Evanston, is secretary.

Objectives of the conference, as announced by the committee, include: exploration of diverse angles of the peace problem from the point of view of Christian faith; finding a common ground upon which the Christians may unite in exploring plans for the post-war order; providing educational influence and opportunity in Methodism for prophetic leadership in achieving a just peace; cooperation with the Federal Council of Churches, and, indirectly, to become leaven in the national thinking concerning the bases of a just peace.

In addition to the plenary sessions of the peace conference, the members will work in commissions dealing with specific phases of peace, such as: the Christian faith, economic bases, the colonial problem, the political structure, judicial

machinery and a program for Methodist churches.

"Conference leadership," stated the Rev. Mr. Ross in announcing the conference, "will include persons holding diverse views on such issues as pacifism, aid to Britain, and the military involvement of the United States in present wars. Discussion of these points will be omitted in the interest of Christian fellowship and concentration upon the main theme of the conference."

"Leaders of the peace conference are not being chosen on the basis of particular philosophies, but upon their capacity for significant contributions to the solutions necessary in Asia, South America and Europe and, in general, international cooperation in the interest of a just and enduring peace."

JONESBORO DISTRICT Third Round

May 18, a. m., Marion; Conf. 2 p. m.
May 18, p. m., Turrell-Gilmore, at Gilmore. Conf. following service.
May 25, a. m., Tyrone. Conf. 2 p. m.
May 25, p. m., Lake Street. Conference following service.

June 1, a. m., Dell Circuit, at Simpson Memorial. Conference 2 p. m.
June 1, p. m., First Church, Blytheville. Conference Monday p. m., Aug. 4.
June 8, a. m., Marked Tree. Conf. 2 p. m.
June 8, p. m., Nettleton-Bay, at Nettleton. Conference after service.
June 15, a. m., Wilson. Conf. 2 p. m.
June 15, p. m., Dyess-Whitton, at Dyess. Conference after service.
June 22, a. m., Brookland, at New Haven. Conference 2 p. m.
June 22, p. m., Dell. Conf. Aug. 18, p. m.
June 29, a. m., Jonesboro Circuit, at New Hope. Conference 2 p. m.
June 29, p. m., Bono-Trinity, at Shady Grove. Conference after service.
July 13, a. m., Manila-St. Johns, at Saint Johns. Conference 2 p. m.
July 13, p. m., Monette, at Macey. Conf. following service.
July 27, a. m., First Church, Jonesboro. Conference Wednesday p. m., Aug. 6.
July 27, p. m., Truman. Conference after service.
Aug. 2, a. m., Luxora. Dinner at Rosa, Preaching at 1:30, conf. 2:30 p. m.
Aug. 3, p. m., Yarbrough-Promise Land, at P. L. Conference after service.
Aug. 10, a. m., Lake City, at Lunsford. Conference at 2 p. m.
Aug. 10, p. m., Joiner. Conference after service.
Aug. 17, a. m., Kelser at Riverside. Conference at 2 p. m.
Aug. 17, p. m., Osceola. Conference after service.
Aug. 24, a. m., Lepanto. Conference June 19, p. m.
Aug. 24, p. m., Leachville. Conference after service.—E. W. Potter, D. S.

THE DEVOTIONAL PAGE

ROY BAGLEY, Editor

PUNGENT PARAGRAPHS

Let prudence always attend your pleasures; it is the way to enjoy the sweets of them, and not be afraid of the consequences.

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The whole of life experience goes to show, that right or wrong doing, whether as to the physical or spiritual nature, is sure in the end to meet its appropriate reward or punishment. Penalties may be delayed but they are sure to come.—H. W. Beecher.

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Appointments once made, become debts. If I have an appointment with you, I owe you punctuality; I have no right to throw away your time, if I do my own.—Cecil.

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By the ancients, Courage was regarded as practically the main part of virtue: by us, though I hope we are not less brave, purity is so regarded now. Courage, however kindled, is fanned by the breath of man: purity lives and derives its life solely from the Spirit of God.—Hare.

FAITH IN CAPTAIN

The Christian Herald (London) gives us this incident:

A little boy was crossing the ocean with his father, who was the captain of the ship, when they ran into a storm. The waves tossed the ship about like a cork, and everybody was stricken with fear. But the boy sat still, with his eye directed toward a certain spot. He sat there quite unperturbed as the ship was dashed about by the waves. Someone asked him if he were not afraid and he answered:

"I have got my eye on that little window, and through that window I can see the bridge, and on that bridge is my father. My father is the captain of the ship, and has taken it through many a storm."

It may seem that everything is tumbling round about us in the world today, but let us remember always, that the Lord is on his throne.—The Expositor and Homiletic Review.

A PRAYER

*I would, dear Jesus, I could break
The hedge that creeds and
hearsay make,
And, like the first disciples, be
In person led and taught by
Thee.*

*I read thy words, so strong and
sweet;*

*I seek the footprints of thy feet;
But men so mystify the trace
I long to see thee face to face.*

*Wouldst thou not let me at thy
side*

*In thee, in thee, so sure con-
fide?*

*Like John, upon thy breast re-
cline*

*And feel thy heart make mine
divine.—John D. Long.*

POEM OF THE WEEK

THE LARGER PRAYER

*At first I prayed for Light:
Could I but see the way,
How gladly, swiftly would I walk
To everlasting day.*

*And next I prayed for Strength:
That I might tread the road
With firm, unfaltering feet and win
The heaven's serene abode.*

*And then I asked for Faith:
Could I but trust my God,
I'd live enfolded in His peace,
Though foes were all abroad.*

*But now I pray for Love:
Deep love to God and man,
A living love that will not fail,
However dark His plan.*

*And Light and Strength, and Faith
Are opening everywhere;
God only waited for me, till
I prayed the larger prayer.*

—MR. E. D. CHENEY.

A Reason For The Hope

By JOHN L. HORTON

Be ready at all times to give an answer to every man that asketh you, a reason of the hope that is in you, with meekness and fear. (I Pet. 3:15.)

For more reasons than one, the world is waiting for someone to speak with a positive note. Men will listen when a man like St. Paul speaks saying, "I know in whom I have believed." To a man like John who says, "I know that I have passed from death unto life." People are disturbed. They are confused. Many have doubted their beliefs and believed their doubts. They are waiting for a positive note.

The text chosen to form a basis for this sermon came from a man that was so sure that he would follow Jesus always that he boasted that nothing could separate him from Jesus. He discovered that "Emotions" was not a reason, complete reason. He discovered that a "Profession" was not enough though it was important. And possibly because of his experience he was writing to others saying "Be sure about this thing." When anyone asks your "Reason" for the hope be able to give one.

To the world's question, "How do you know that you are a Christian, that you have been saved?" Let us be ready with an answer.

Ye Must Be Born Again

I may know that I am a Christian for I cannot become a Christian without being born again. Surely if I have been born again I will know it. Wesley was asked, "Where were you born?" To which he answered, "The first time at Epworth and the second time at Aldersgate."

Don't let someone confuse you with a treatise on the theme of "Regeneration." Nicodemus could not understand it either. I may not know how God does the changing,

but every man that has been born again KNOWS it. The new birth means nothing more or less than being changed. We become new creatures in Christ Jesus. Moody said, "You can't purify the water of a pump by painting the pump." Paul said the things I once hated I now love. Something had happened to him. No theory there, plain, unquestionable fact.

Christ Like

If I am a Christian I am like Christ. Jesus said, "I must be about my Father's business." Do you feel that urge? He went about doing good, are you like that? Paul said, "Let this mind be in you that was in Christ." If we have not His spirit we are none of His. If we do have it, we have a reason for believing that we are Christians . . . for the hope. It is a seldom thing that people come into our home that they do not mention the resemblances of the children to their parents. They expect our children to look like us. The child of God should have those characteristics in him that would make men say, he is a Christian. In fact if you have to tell people that you are a Christian, you are not! Religion makes us think like Jesus and live like Jesus.

I know that I have passed from death unto life because I love.

There was no doubt in John's mind about this matter. No man wrote more about love than John. "Beloved God is love . . . we should love." Don't treat this word lightly. God didn't. It cost God His Son. If you love men you are going to do something about it. You will, of course, seek their salvation. Love goes down to the roots of the social, the economic, the racial question. It determines our attitudes. Don't be too quick to say that you

SENTENCE SERMONS

I believe that the first test of a truly great man is his humility.—Ruskin.

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Ideals are the world's masters.—J. G. Holland.

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Adversity borrows its sharpest sting from our impatience.—Horne.

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Clocks will go as they are set; but man, irregular man, is never constant, never certain.—Otway.

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Indifference is the individual giant of the world.—Ouida.

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Indolence and stupidity are first cousins.—Rivarol.

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Free-thinkers are generally those who never think at all.—Sterne.

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Fools love the martyrdom of fame.—Byron.

ANOTHER DAY

"When grief is great enough it cuts down until it finds the very soul, and this is agony. And he who has it does not seek to share it with another, for he knows that no other human being can comprehend it—it belongs to him alone, and he is dumb. There is a dignity and sanctity and grace about suffering; it holds a chastening and purifying quality that makes a king or queen of him who has it. Only the silence of night dare look upon it, and no sympathy save God's can mitigate it."—Selected.

GIVE ME THE POWER

"Give me the power to labor for mankind;
Make me the mouth of such as cannot speak;
Eyes let me to groping men and blind;
A conscience to the base; and to the weak.
Let me be hands and feet; and to the foolish, mind;
And lead still further on such as thy kingdom seek."
—Theodore Parker.

love. Love propels us, drives us to do God's will.

Did you ever hear anyone question the faith of a man like Dr. Grenfell? A man like E. Stanley Jones? The world has said with more truth than we like to admit, "No man careth for my soul."

We may know for His spirit beareth witness with our spirits that we are the children of God.

Methodists should never give up the doctrine of "Heart Felt Religion." I'd rather be called a fanatic than to freeze to death. I do mean by that, I would encourage cheap emotionalism. I do emphasize this truth, "We need to be able to say, 'I know in whom I have believed.'" There is a voice that speaks to the souls of men. No man could have a "Heart Warming" experience without knowing it. God's Spirit does bear witness with our Spirits that we are His children.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

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North Arkansas Conference, Conway, Ark.

CHURCH SCHOOL DAY

Following are the Church School Day offerings of the Little Rock Conference received up to Monday, May 19:

Arkadelphia District	
Bismark	\$ 3.00
Pullman Heights	15.00
Leola	6.00
Hunter's Chapel	2.00
Toler's Chapel	2.00
Mt. Zion (Ark. Ct.)	1.90
Mt. Carmel (Holly Spgs. Ct.)	3.50
Dalark	5.00
Manchester	6.00
Manning	1.00
Sparkman	10.00
Sardis	10.00
Ebenezer (Traskwood Ct.)	3.00
Grand Avenue	20.00
Previously reported	144.25
Total	\$232.65
Camden District	
Huttig	\$ 15.00
Fredonia	8.00
Sharmon (Taylor Ct.)	1.95
Pine Grove (Taylor Ct.)	1.00
New Home (Taylor Ct.)	1.50
Welcome (Taylor Ct.)	1.00
Parker's Chapel	7.06
Previously reported	169.86
Total	\$205.37
Little Rock District	
Hunter	\$ 15.00
New Hope (Bryant Ct.)	4.00
Previously reported	398.03
Total	\$417.03
Monticello District	
Wilmar Ct.	\$ 12.00
New Edinburg Ct.	8.00
Eudora	12.00
Tillar-Winchester	25.00
Previously reported	348.00
Total	\$405.00
Pine Bluff District	
Sheridan Ct.	\$ 10.00
Rison	20.00
First Church, Stuttgart	25.00
Humphrey	8.00
Sunshine	2.00
Pleasant GGrove	4.00
St. Charles	6.00
Previously reported	208.50
Total	\$283.50
Prescott District	
Prescott	\$ 25.00
Murfreesboro	12.50
Delight	12.50
Previously reported	157.00
Total	\$207.00
Texarkana District	
Hatfield Ct.	\$ 3.00
Bradley	11.00
Previously reported	68.00
Total	\$82.00
Grand Total for Conference	\$1832.55
—C. K. Wilkerson, Treas.	

ON THE HONOR ROLL

Since our last report fourteen more charges have paid their Church School Day offerings in full. Every charge in the Monticello District is out which places the District Superintendent's name on the Honor Roll. This makes sixty charges and one District out in full by Monday, May 19th. Our congratulations go to Brother Sadler and the Monticello District.

Those on the Honor Roll this week are: C. D. Meux, A. J. Bearden, R. F. Sorrells, G. C. Bailey, R. E. Simpson, A. J. Shirey, S. C. Dugger, W. T. Bone, J. T. Thompson, Fred Schwendemann, C. E. Whitten, H. D. Sadler, J. D. Montgomery, L. E. Wilson, M. K. Rogers.—Clem Baker.

ASSEMBLY DELEGATES

Indications point to an unusual large attendance at the Arkansas Pastors' School this year. Each pastor in the Little Rock Conference should attend and we trust that a large number will be able to take their wives for the fine course being offered them this year. Since the Little Rock Conference Assemblies start immediately following the Pastors' School, it will be a fine thing if our pastors would confer with their young people and arrange for their delegates to the Assemblies before they leave for the Pastors' School. The assemblies this year are going to be exceedingly important and we trust that every charge in the Conference can arrange for delegates.—Clem Baker.

YOUNG PEOPLE ON MARCH

The Paragould District Young People are on the march, not with gun nor war-drums; but they are shouldering responsibility and marching to the enthusiasm of Christianity. Tomorrow they will be the leaders of the church.

Our District, because of a natural barrier, is divided into two sections, and each section is subdivided. This enables us to reach more young people and to keep from having to limit the number who attend. The larger churches have a League Union, and the smaller churches have banned together in Rally Groups. The Rally Groups met each Fifth Sunday for a devotional program but at its last meeting at Pruett's Chapel, the Southeast Union decided that they needed to meet more often in order to improve their meeting and to get better acquainted with the other young people of this union. This gave us a meeting each month with a devotional program and a fellowship or recreation period. This first meeting was held at Beech Grove, April 18th, with sixty-one present. All were well pleased with this first meeting. Knobel, attending for their first time, asked to be host for the next meeting. Many of the churches which usually bring a large group to the Fifth Sunday meeting were kept away because of the closing of schools.

Credit for the success of our meetings go to the pastor and local church leaders for their cooperation in making church work interesting and challenging. Much credit is due to the young people, since it is their program, planned and put on to the most part by them. Miss Ellen Jensen, our Rural Worker on the Morning Star Circuit, deserves much credit for her untiring efforts in adding interest and being of service in every way.

Let us as leaders of young people realize that we have a great responsibility, as well as a high privilege in organizing our young people. Hitler, Stalin, and Mussolini, have organized youth and revolutionized all of Europe and parts of Asia; we want to organize our youth, not for destruction as the military dictators have, but we too must revolutionize our world—but with a "Back to Christ" motto.—LeRoy Henry, Co-director of Young People.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S UNION

Rice Belt Union No. 2 met at St. Charles on Thursday, April 17. DeWitt was in charge of the program, entitled "Our Church," which was led by Charles Edward Stephenson, with talks by Magdelene Burnett and Jean Ann Essex.

The number present from each department was as follows: Gillett, 65; DeWitt, 20; Bayou Meto, 18; St. Charles, 16; and Campshed 4. After reports had been given from each department, the banner was awarded to Gillett for having the most outstanding report. This banner is to be kept by the Gillett Young People until the next Union meeting which will be at DeWitt with Bayou Meto in charge of the program.—Mildred Corbett.

CHURCH SCHOOL DAY OFFERINGS

We give below our second report on the Church Day offerings of the North Arkansas Conference:

Batesville District	
Previously reported	\$118.15
Evening Shade	4.00
Calico Rock	4.00
Total	\$126.15
Conway District	
Previously reported	\$ 75.00
Lanty	1.75
Malletown	1.14
Russellville	40.00
Cato	1.21
Total	\$119.10
Fayetteville District	
Previously reported	\$ 21.50
Fayetteville (Part payment)	50.00
Decatur	1.00
Sulphur Springs	1.00
Total	\$ 73.50
Fort Smith District	
Previously reported	\$114.50
South Ft. Smith	3.00
Total	\$117.50
Helena District	
Previously reported	\$143.01
Marvel	2.25
Holly Grove	8.00
Crawfordsville	10.00
Total	\$163.26
Jonesboro District	
Previously reported	\$193.19
Black Oak	5.00
Blytheville, Lake Street	2.50
Macey	4.00
Bono-Trinity	1.25
Total	\$205.94
Paragould District	
Previously reported	\$131.65
Smithville Charge	2.00
Total	\$133.65
Searcy District	
Previously reported	32.95
Bellefonte	1.70
Leslie	2.18
Clinton	8.00
Heber Springs, Central	2.00
Total	\$ 46.83
Standings by Districts:	
Jonesboro	\$ 205.94
Helena	163.26
Paragould	133.65
Batesville	126.15
Conway	119.10
Ft. Smith	117.50
Fayetteville	73.50
Searcy	46.83
Total	\$985.92
—Ira A. Brumley.	
WORLD SERVICE OFFERINGS	
The following are offerings of the North Arkansas Conference Church Schools, April 10 to May 10.	
Batesville District	
Calico Rock	\$ 6.58
Batesville, Central Ave.	17.88
Newport, First	20.66
Mountain View	4.00
Cotter	15.02
Weldon	4.00
Salem	2.69
Tuckerman	7.18
Total	\$ 78.01
Conway District	
Greenbrier	\$ 2.04
Gardner Memorial	4.50
Dardanelle	21.52
Lamar	1.00
Knoxville	.80
Total	\$ 29.86
Fayetteville District	
Berryville	\$ 8.89
Springdale	14.00
Centerton	2.64
Huntsville	1.65
Council Grove	2.50
Morrow	3.00
Elm Springs	3.35
Harmon	4.55
Fayetteville, Central	12.50
Farmington	2.70
Prairie Grove	3.92
Monte Ne	.25
Green Forest	.50
Rhea	1.50
Elm Springs	2.50
Rogers, Central	10.00
Total	\$ 74.45
Fort Smith District	
Greenwood	\$ 5.25
Hartford	8.09
Ft. Smith, First	15.81
Clarksville	
Mt. View	8.01
Gar Creek	4.93
Mansfield	1.00
Huntington	3.48
City Heights	3.00
Goddard Memorial	4.81
Waldron	6.35
Total	\$ 40.00
Helena District	
Crawfordsville	\$ 2.00
West Helena	18.18
Widener	3.44
Wynne	25.00
Vandale	7.60
Haynes	9.00
West Memphis	12.00
Total	\$ 77.22
Jonesboro District	
Nettleton	\$ 12.00
Bay	2.00
Keiser	3.51
Luxora	2.97
Fisher Street	10.00
Turrell-Gilmore	11.00
Marion	9.66
Yarbro	5.32
Promised Land	3.00
Osceola	30.00
Manila	9.45
Joiner	9.00
Dell Circuit	4.25
Dell	6.00
Lake City Charge	4.00
Bono-Trinity	3.75
Wilson	19.00
Tyronza	6.27
Monette	7.00
Dyess	2.72
Whitton	1.30
Jonesboro, First	30.00
Total	\$192.21
Paragould District	
Beech Grove	\$ 2.68
Biggers	4.00
East Side	4.29
Rector, First	11.32
Piggott	4.83
Success	2.00
Walnut Ridge	5.40
Emmons Chapel	3.00
Ravendon Springs	1.00
Black Rock	1.64
Mammoth Spring	1.30
Hardy	1.52
Corning	10.37
Gainesville	2.50
Camp Ground	.71
Pocahontas	6.40
Cummings Chapel	.76
Total	\$ 63.72
Searcy District	
McRae	\$ 4.00
Section	4.64
Garner	4.36
Lebanon	1.89
Harrison	15.00
Beebe	5.00
Heber Springs, Central	5.00
Gregory	1.93
Judsonia	4.23
Smyrna	1.00
Augusta	6.84
Total	\$ 53.89

Note: The Fourth Sunday offerings of the North Arkansas Conference are showing an increase under the World Service plan as you will see from the above report. The summer months should bring in a large amount of money for the World Service program.—Ira A. Brumley.

ELBERTA YOUNG PEOPLE'S UNION

The Elberta Young People's Union met at the Bingen church, May 1, with 194 young people present, representing Nashville, Murfreesboro, Mineral Springs, Doyle and Bingen.

The Bingen young people rendered a very interesting program on the subject "What have you planted in your garden?" with Mrs. Clyde Owen as leader. The following young people gave talks on the subject: Mary Virginia Daugherty, Mary Haynes, Mrs. V. O. Lane, William Earl Martindale and Wayne McAfee.

Meeting was adjourned until June 5, when the Union will be at Mineral Springs.—Barbara Hyatt, Secretary.

The Pastors' School—A Glorious Opportunity (June 2-13)

By GASTON FOOTE

THE state of Arkansas can rightfully boast of one of the finest Pastors' Schools in United Methodism. It has been so acclaimed by former instructors who are familiar with such schools elsewhere. It is easy to understand why—splendid co-operation on the part of all the Methodist preachers in the state—the splendid fellowship among the students and faculty—and, each year, the best faculty the Board of Managers can obtain.

What a glorious opportunity the Pastors' School offers. First, the opportunity of intellectual stimulation. When summer arrives, the average preacher finds a need for new grist for his homiletic mill. He needs to be stabbed awake to new trends of thought, fresh conceptions of reality, added illumination to ancient truths. He wants to know more about successful church administration, new methods of procedure and promotion, workable ideas to be applied to his own task. He wants to share his own experiences with his brethren in the ministry; share the results of his own studies; seek guidance in the matter of reading. He wants to know what

books to read, what books others are reading. He seeks answers to problems that bother him and wants others to assist him in arriving at a satisfactory conclusion. The Arkansas Pastors' School is designed to meet these pressing needs.

Again, the Pastors' School offers abundant opportunity for Christian fellowship. Methodist preachers have a way of really enjoying themselves when they get "off their dignity." Abundant opportunity is offered for directed and informal re-

creation among our fellow ministers with whom we delight to associate. The recreational facilities of the

beautiful campus of Hendrix College, including the golf course, are particularly inviting after the morning classes are over.

Finally, the Pastors' School offers an opportunity for spiritual refreshment. In such a time as this we need to renew our consecration; to make our vows to God more vital; we need the spiritual uplift. The Pas-

tors' School is designed to meet this need.

Elsewhere the courses and faculty have been announced. With such out of the state teachers as Dr. G. T. Rowe of Duke, Dr. J. H. Hicks of S. M. U., Dr. Joseph Smith of Memphis, Miss Lucy Foreman of Nashville, and Mrs. W. D. Landrum of Tyler, in addition to our Arkansas teachers, there will probably be plenty of interesting class sessions. And with such outstanding platform speakers as Dr. Frank Hickman of Duke, Dr. Marshall Steel of Dallas, Dr. Wm. K. Anderson of Nashville and our own Bishop C. C. Selecman, there will be many high peaks of inspiration.

Every minister of the state will want to do his best to attend the Arkansas Pastors' School this year—and take CREDIT.

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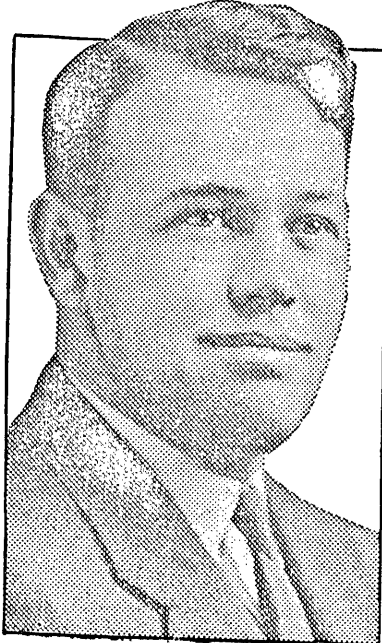
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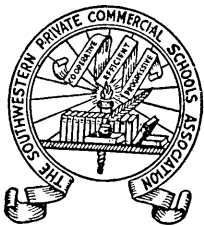
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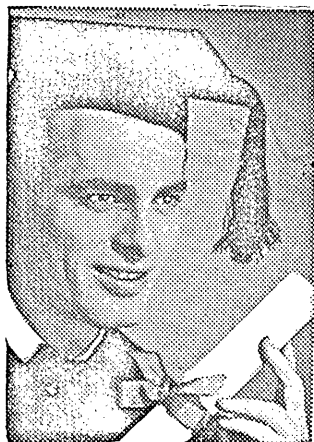
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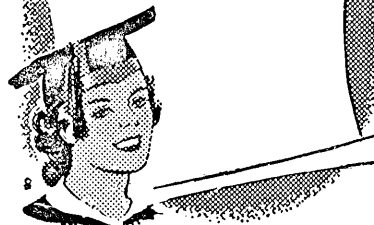
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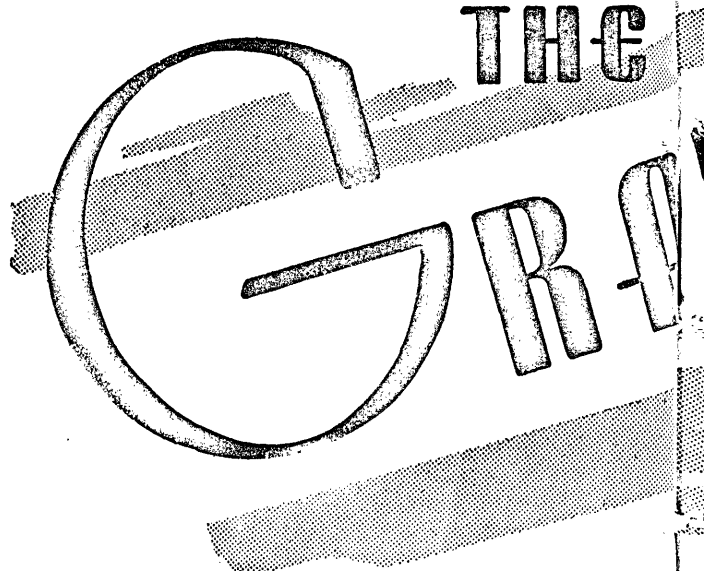


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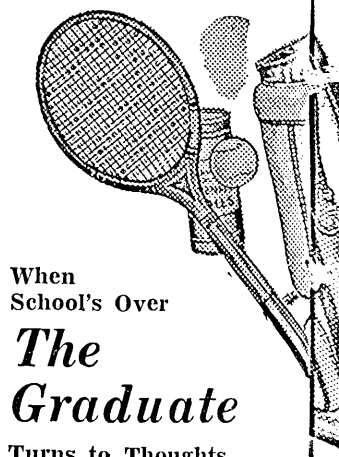
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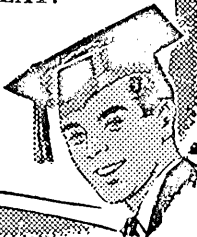
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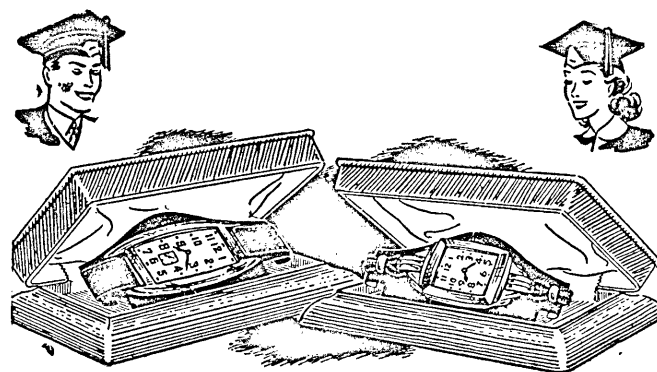
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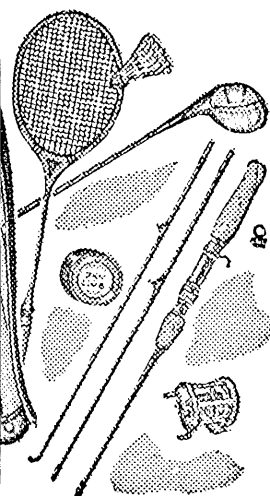
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CHILDREN'S STORYLAND

MISS KATHLEEN SHEARER, Editor



SOAP BLOCK PRINTING

BY VERNA GRISER McCULLY

Betty opened a dresser-drawer, then pushed it shut again.

"Doesn't it need straightening up?" asked Bobby.

"It certainly does," answered Betty. "But I haven't anything but old newspaper or plain wrapping-paper to put in the bottom. If I had some pretty paper like Doris has, it would make me want to keep my dresser neat. Hers is all lined with white paper that has pink and blue designs on it. She bought it at the store."

"Couldn't we make some like it?" asked Bobby.

"I suppose we could," said Betty, "from wrapping paper. But it would take forever to paint it, even if you helped me."

"If we had a press, maybe we could print it somehow," suggested Bobby.

"But we haven't a press, and besides we wouldn't know how to print designs," said Betty.

"We might ask mother how to fix some pretty paper in a quick way," said Bobby. So they went off downstairs and explained their problem to Mother.

"Why not make some soap-block prints?" she asked.

"From soap?" asked Betty.

"Certainly," replied Mother. "The white kind that floats is best, but you can use the brown kind from the kitchen, too. Ordinary toilet soap is too hard."

Betty ran off to the kitchen and came back with a cake of white soap.

"What else do we need?" she asked.

"A big knife, a penknife and your water-color paints and some smooth

wrapping paper," said Mother.

"What color paper?" asked Bobby, getting up and starting for the door.

"Any color," said Mother. "If it is white or cream, you can print light designs on it; if it is dark, you will have to print with darker paint, or use white, or mix a lot of white with your colors to make them lighter than the paper."

Betty collected paper while Bobby found the other things. When they were ready, Mother said:

"Slice off the end of the bar of soap, making a piece about an inch thick; then cut this in smaller pieces. You can use a plain square as your block for printing, or oblong pieces. A square with the corners cut off makes an interesting eight-sided shape. Each square must be cut perfectly even and smooth if the design is to be neat."

Bobby and Betty began cutting small blocks of soap. They discovered that the big knife was good for cutting off the first big blocks, while the smaller knife was better for cutting various shapes.

"Couldn't we cut fancy shapes?" asked Bobby.

"Certainly," said Mother. "As soon as you can cut the simple shapes nicely, you can try more difficult ones, like triangles or diamonds or stars. Or you might make some in the shape of flowers and leaves."

"How do we print with them?" asked Bobby when they were finished.

"Mix some water-color paint the color you wish," said Mother. "Make it quite thick. With the brush put some of the paint on the flat, or printing side of a soap-block. Be sure not to rub the paint into the soap, because that will make the

soap mix with the paint. Then press the block gently down on the paper, and you will find your design printed there. Keep it even and neat if you want it to look well."

Betty followed instructions, printing on a scrap of paper, and, sure enough there was the figure in color on the paper.

"But how can you make a pattern?" asked Bobby.

"You make up a pattern of different shapes, or from the same shape repeated in different ways." Mother took a simple inch-square block of soap and printed a design.

"That's lovely," said Betty. Then Betty used two blocks, a small square and a long, narrow shape, to make a design.

"I don't care much about fancy paper for dresser drawers," announced Bobby. "But I would like some nice paper for a portfolio or book cover." So he printed another design. They found that after a while a soap-block would wear out, or get out of shape or become soft, so they would have to make another the same size and shape. They kept doing this until they had printed the whole paper.

After Betty learned how to print easily, she designed some patterns on white paper cut the right size to fit the insides of her dresser-drawers. She printed these in pink and blue. They looked very fresh and pretty.

"They are so pretty that I think Mother would like some, too," said Betty. "I'll use cream-colored paper and print it in blue and yellow, to go with her room."

"Then I'll make some more fancy paper for a portfolio for you," announced Bobby, choosing some tan paper and printing it in dark green

and brown, so it would be practical and not soil easily. "If it is to have a lot of wear, we can shellac it, the way we did with the coasters we made last summer," he added as he smoothed the paper.

CHILDREN'S BOOK REVIEW

Daniel Boone. Written and illustrated by James Daugherty.

This is the 1940 Newbery prize book. It is dedicated to the author's father and son.

Mr. Daugherty in his introduction says he seems to hear Daniel Boone and his true breed calling across a hundred years to young America!

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The illustrations, full of vigor and movement add very much to portraying the central figure whom all America loves and respects.—Blanche Chenault Junkin.

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Arkadelphia District

Benton	\$ 175.00
Carthage-Tulip	2.50
First Church, Hot Springs	680.33
Grand Avenue, Hot Springs	110.00
Pullman Heights, Hot Springs	31.20
Leola Ct.	1.00
Malvern Ct.	4.50
Princeton Ct.	4.59
Traskwood Ct.	12.86
Total	\$1022.98
Previously reported	412.76
Grand Total	\$1435.74

Camden District

Buckner Ct.	\$ 16.00
Camden Station	25.00
Ebenezer Ct.	5.45
First Church, El Dorado	300.00
Vantrease, El Dorado	20.00
Emerson Ct.	4.20
Fairview	71.50
Fordyce	50.00
Parker's Chapel	68.19
Stephens	56.70
Taylor Ct.	43.00
Total	\$ 660.04
Previously reported	1205.76
Grand Total	\$1865.80

Little Rock District

Austin Ct.	\$ 10.00
Bryant Ct.	18.94
Carlisle Station	125.00
Keo-Tomblerlin	2.00
Asbury	1206.00
First Church, Little Rock	417.00
Forest Park	45.75
Henderson	29.00
Highland	50.00
Pulaski Heights	233.34
28th Street	80.00
Winfield	187.50
Mabelvale	25.00
Primrose	30.00
Total	\$2469.53
Previously reported	2181.70
Grand Total	\$4651.23

Monticello District

Arkansas City	\$ 50.00
Drew Ct.	22.70
Dumas	13.67
Eudora	56.00
Watson	50.00
Total	\$ 192.37
Previously reported	172.78
Grand Total	\$ 365.15

Pine Bluff District

Almyra	\$ 10.75
Gillett	207.03
Hawley Memorial	66.00
Lakeside	63.25
Rison	30.17
Star City Ct.	35.13
Grand Avenue, Stuttgart	58.00
Swan Lake	35.00
Total	\$ 505.33
Previously reported	232.27
Grand Total	\$ 737.60

Prescott District

Amity	\$ 10.83
Bingen Ct.	6.15
Blevins Ct.	32.42
Gurdon	22.50
Prescott Ct.	10.70
Springhill Ct.	10.00
Washington-Ozan	20.00
Total	\$ 112.60
Previously reported	654.53
Grand Total	\$ 767.13

Texarkana District

Cherry Hill Ct.	\$ 2.95
DeQueen	78.00
Fouke Ct.	2.70
Horatio Ct.	60.00
Lewisville-Bradley	20.00
Mena	212.00
Stamps-Garland City	1.25
College Hill, Texarkana	2.13
First Church, Texarkana	166.66
Texarkana Ct.	58.00
Total	\$602.69
Previously reported	672.22
Grand Total	\$1274.91
Grand Total received through April 30, on Benevolences	\$11,102.56

GENERAL ADMINISTRATION AND JURISDICTIONAL CONFERENCE EXPENSE FUND

Arkadelphia District

Carthage-Tulip	\$.62
Traskwood Ct.	1.50
Total	2.12
Previously reported	8.00
Grand Total	\$ 10.12

Camden District

Previously reported	\$ 4.50
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Little Rock District

Bryant Ct.	\$.20
Henderson	15.00
Mabelvale	9.00
Total	\$ 24.20
Previously reported	94.35
Grand Total	\$118.55

Monticello District

Dumas	\$ 1.25
Previously reported	38.25
Total	\$ 39.50

Pine Bluff District

Pine Bluff Ct.	\$ 2.25
Previously reported	12.00
Total	\$ 14.25

Prescott District

Amity	\$ 2.50
Center Point Ct.	.50
Nashville	12.50
Total	\$ 15.50
Previously reported	26.86
Grand Total	\$ 42.36

Texarkana District

Horatio Ct.	\$ 6.00
Stamps-Garland City	1.00
College Hill	.83
Texarkana Ct.	10.00
Total	\$ 17.83
Previously reported	73.24
Grand Total	\$ 91.07
Grand Total Received through April 30, 1941	\$320.35
(Continued Next Week)	

REPORT OF TREASURER OF ARKANSAS METHODIST

APRIL, 1941

Bank Balance, April 1	\$ 400.50
Cash Balance, April 1	40.82
Balance	\$ 441.32

CASH RECEIPTS:

Subscriptions	\$ 351.00
Advertising	550.72
Conf. Collections (L. R.)	103.95
Rents	154.50
Miscellaneous (Int. from Jacobs)	4.87
Total Receipts	\$1,165.04
Grand Total	\$1,606.36

CASH DISBURSEMENTS:

Salaries	\$ 420.00
Office Expense	44.76
Postage	61.44
Printing	666.00
Utilities	62.75
Union Nat'l (Principal)	50.00
Union Nat'l (Interest)	10.80
Building Improvement	59.32
Building Repairs	2.30
Miscellaneous	64.29
Total Disbursements	\$1,441.66
Bank Balance, April 30	\$ 137.86
Cash Balance, April 30	26.84
Total	\$ 164.70
Grand Total	\$1,606.36

—Warren Johnston, Treas.

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WOMAN'S SOCIETY OF CHRISTIAN SERVICE

MRS. J. R. HENDERSON, Editor

A JAPANESE WOMAN SPEAKS

(From a statement made by a Japanese Christian woman living in California)

We have seen truths twisted by press and radio during the past few years and have gone through with our reactions of writhing anguish and indignation to no avail. So I suppose we are calmer now than we might otherwise be.

Though voices are stifled in utter despair of the use of explaining, and our hearts are made numb by the merciless persecution of propaganda, there nestles a fervent prayer in every heart for understanding and peace.

Sometimes I wonder why we don't have a leader—some great person ready to give his all to save mankind from this mess. Why isn't the church of Christ big enough to unite at such a time as this? If I were an American, and so not accused of being a propagandist, I would move the women of America to unite for peace. The Federation of Women's Clubs could do some wonderful work. America is still enough of a democracy so that this could happen.

As for Japan, women there have not the voice the American women do. Sometimes I wonder if it is not the wiser thing to lose face. Sometimes one wins by surrendering to a man gone mad with artificial power. There is no reasoning with such a person.

Today an American teacher and I talked about the war. I suppose she had been wanting to know of our reaction, so I told her my own personal views about our having passed over that excitement phase about headlines. Then I continued:

"I believe that you Americans are more excited than we are about war in the Pacific. While so many are returning from the Orient, we Japanese are not selling our furniture and preparing to depart. What is the use of getting excited? What could we do by going to Japan or anywhere else? After all this is where my husband received his technical training; this is where I grew up; this is the land of our children. Let fate take care of what comes. We will stay here. What could we do in Japan?"

After all, not one of us ever chose to be born any particular color or in any particular place. Why should any one be penalized for being born yellow, or black, or white, or under any particular flag. I am sure God never intended that. Some day we shall have a democracy of the intellect, spirit, and love.

Meantime, when we even think of the plight of the peoples of other parts of the earth, I cannot help but be grateful. To find ourselves here in this free land, free to work, free to think and live, is in itself a blessing. God must have had some plan that we find ourselves in the midst of plenty in times like these. He must have some mission for us.

I believe that we should live our daily lives just as calmly as possible trying always to be truly God's servants in whatever capacity we find ourselves, if we as individuals are to be saved from some enveloping holocaust. When our minds are

MISSION STUDY AT RUSSELLVILLE

Woman's Society of Christian Service has completed an interesting and instructive study course on China. The book "Dangerous Opportunity," by Ballew was given under the general direction of Mrs. Wallace Cowan, Secretary of Missionary Education. Four sessions were held with a total attendance of 141. At the opening session an intensive map study was given by Mrs. W. E. Phipps, bringing out much general information in preparation for the study book. Leaders for the four sessions were Mrs. D. N. Misenhiemer, Mrs. Van A. R. Moores, Mrs. Sam Casey and Mrs. D. A. Gibson. Appearing on the programs were Mrs. W. E. Phipps, Miss May Horton, Mrs. C. A. Hughes, Mrs. M. C. Hickman, Mrs. H. W. Dean, Mrs. O. J. Carpenter, Miss Doris Williamson, Mrs. E. R. Shanks, Mrs. Frank Wallace, Mrs. Ernest Fox, Mrs. S. D. Mitchell, Mrs. E. K. Weeden, Mrs. R. R. Wood, Mrs. John Tucker, Mrs. Clyde Lavasque, and Mrs. J. C. Willis. Devotionals were given by Mrs. T. R. Rye, Mrs. C. L. Gardner, Mrs. W. H. O'Hara, and Mrs. D. A. Gibson. Chinese music was played at each session by Mrs. Ernest Fox, and special solos were given by Mrs. Clark Reasoner and Mrs. Lambert Resiment. The educational room of the church was beautifully decorated in Chinese appointments at each session. The decorating committee was composed of Mrs. O. J. Carpenter and Mrs. J. R. Hopper. At the last session a Chinese tea was enjoyed in the Ladies' Parlor. Mrs. C. L. Gardner told the story of Willow Ware China which was used in serving the tea foods. Mrs. H. M. Lewis in Chinese costume presided at the tea table and was assisted in serving by Mrs. Lambert Resiment and Mrs. James Wallace, also in costume.—Mrs. Van A. R. Moores, Publicity Chairman.

HUMPHREY WSCS MEETS

The Humphrey Woman's Society of Christian Service met in the home of Mrs. A. Fowler Wednesday afternoon with fifteen members and two visitors taking part in the Mother's Day program, with Mrs. Ed Mullory as leader. Mrs. Harry Osborne presided at the piano while Miss Louise Fowler pinned a rose on each mother present. "Faith of Our Mothers" was sung after the Scripture lesson by the leader, and Mrs. J. J. Roberts offered a prayer. A story of Pope Pius' mother was told and Miss Sara Roberts honored "Mother" in song. Several tributes to mother were given, ending with one to Susannah Wesley. Mrs. Lloyd Stillwell sang a solo and Mrs. Mullory closed the meeting with a prayer. After a short business session we enjoyed a contest and delicious refreshments served by the hostess and her daughter.—Mrs. J. G. Mouser, Publicity Supt.

plugged in to the positive things of life, the negative currents cannot even approach our inner selves.

So I have absolute faith that nothing can harm us as long as our minds are charged with the true love of Jesus Christ.

INDIAN GIRLS "IN THE SWIM"

By Donald F. Ebright
Cawnpore, U. P., India

Fifty years ago, when the Methodists in Lucknow proposed a college for women, a Hindu said, "You might as well try to educate cows."

In that statement, representing public opinion can be seen India's tremendous advance in half a century. Today women's education is accepted. The Methodists founded that college and today Isabella Thoburn College is one of the best equipped and most progressive colleges in all Asia. It still pioneers.

Last week the Kunwarani Lady Maharaj Singh Swimming Pool was opened. Sir Maharaj Singh, who was present, remarked that at first he was surprised that the college proposed giving Lady Maharaj's name to a swimming pool. Swimming is not yet a sport in India. It is not looked upon as a recreation, as for example, in America or Japan. In fact it is looked down upon. The reason is: caste. Swimming is an occupational accomplishment of certain groups such as fishermen or boatmen. They are generally low-caste. The traditional attitude has been, "Why should I, a student, be so undignified as to do as the fisherman?" With Western example to follow, young India is discovering that swimming is a good sport.

What is a swimming pool? Under Christian college influences it will help break the bondage of caste.

Last week, too, the first cricket match between the boys and girls of Lucknow University, witnessed by a record crowd, was given a big write-up in the papers.

From purdah to swimming and mixed cricket in a generation! India marches on.

ZONE MEETING AT ROGERS

Zone 2 of the Fayetteville District met at Rogers on Thursday morning, May 8. Seven of the fourteen societies of the zone were represented. Mrs. W. F. Matthews of Rogers presided over the meeting. Dr. E. K. Means, the pastor host, gave the welcome address. The devotionals was given by Mrs. Robert Butts and Mrs. F. L. Cogbill of Rogers. Mrs. Lawrence Harris sang a solo. Mrs. Clifford L. Smith, the District Secretary of Fayetteville District presided over the business meeting. Mrs. C. A. Waters of Gentry was elected the Zone Chairman and Mrs. Porter Weaver of Gravette the Zone Secretary. Mrs. Sam B. Wiggins gave a report of the Annual Conference meeting held in Fort Smith in April. A lovely luncheon was served at the noon hour by the Rogers ladies. Mrs. E. K. Means led the afternoon meeting which was a prayer retreat. She was assisted by Mrs. Duty, Mrs. Arrington, Mrs. Waggoner and Mrs. Butts. Mrs. C. E. Pickens sang a solo. Dr. E. K. Means talked to us on Missions. Mrs. Clifford L. Smith expressed our thanks to the Rogers ladies for the lovely entertainment and program which they had prepared. She announced the District meeting for the Fayetteville District to be held at Bentonville,

COURSE FOR LEADERS OF MISSION STUDY CLASS

Mrs. Peter Kittel of Forrest City, Jurisdictional Secretary of Missionary Education and Service, asks us to call to your attention the course for our women which is to be offered at the Pastors' School at Hendrix College, June 2-13. The subject is "Leadership of Mission Study Groups" and Mrs. W. B. Landrum of Tyler, Texas, will be the teacher. Mrs. Landrum is a native Arkansan, a sister of Dr. Granville Davis of Little Rock Junior College, and has many friends in Arkansas. She is an experienced teacher, having taught among other places, at Mt. Sequoyah and Dallas Pastors' School. Under the former Woman's Missionary Council she was a member of the Standing Committee on Christian Social Relations and is now Secretary of Christian Social Relations and Local Church Activities in this Jurisdiction. A person of mature judgment and deep consecration, Mrs. Landrum, with her very charming manner will prove a valuable asset to the Pastors' School this year and those who avail themselves of this excellent opportunity, will surely be better teachers of mission study classes. The course for this fall, "Christians and World Order," with the text, "A Christian Imperative," by Barnes, will be the basis of the study.

DISTRICT MEETING AT BLYTHEVILLE

Mrs. Robert Bearden, District Secretary of the Jonesboro District, announces a District meeting to be held at the Blytheville Lake Street Church on Thursday, May 22, at 10:00 a. m. Mrs. W. L. Green is president of the hostess society. The program for the day follows:

Theme—"Thy Kingdom Come—Through the Work United Hearts Can Do!"

Devotional—Rev. E. K. Sewell, pastor-host.

Business Session—At which time the charters for the local societies of the District will be presented to the presidents of the groups.

Luncheon at the church.

Discussion Groups: Presidents of societies organized into circles, Mrs. Henkel Pewett, Jonesboro, in charge; Presidents of societies not having circle organization, Mrs. A. P. Patton, Jonesboro, in charge; Supplies, Mrs. W. F. Brewer, Blytheville, in charge; Missionary Education, Christian Social Relations, Spiritual Life, leaders to be provided.

Prayer Retreat—Led by Mrs. E. W. Potter, Jonesboro.

Unless we stop this rising wave of drunkenness in one more decade we will be the most drunken nation God ever saw staggering over this planet.—Bishop E. H. Hughes.

If you do not practice friendship with people you do not like, you will not be able to make friends with people you do like.—Newton.

Tuesday, May 20. Dr. E. K. Means dismissed us with prayer.—Mrs. Porter Weaver, Secretary.

Chinese Methodism Looks Forward

By BISHOP GEORGE CARLETON LACY

The first session of the China Central Conference was a truly significant gathering. In the midst of warfare and through naval blockades one hundred and ten elected delegates met in Shanghai, March 26 to April 4th, to set the Methodist Church in China firmly on its feet and facing forward. Nine Annual Conferences and one Provisional Annual Conference reported 67,000 full members, an increase of 18½ per cent in five years. Their leaders were full of courage and ready for hard work.

In typical Methodist style they organized a dozen Boards and Commissions, but this was done with a minimum of machinery and overhead. All were geared into the Ex-

and providing new equipment at war prices.

Our hospitals which were largely supported by the fees of well-to-do patients who paid handsomely for private wards are now doing an immense amount of charity work, and are confronted with terrific charges for drugs and transportation charges thereon. Repairs of damage done by bombing raids are among the incidental additional costs of operating.

Many of the church congregations have been scattered; others have been reduced to penury. The churches have undertaken a heavy burden of relief work and have done heroically in rehabilitating

Because the Chinese Methodists expect to do their part, and trust American Methodists to do their part, we are not afraid. The church took two of its outstanding ministers from positions of commanding influence and made them bishops to lead in the march forward. The Rev. Z. T. Kaung, D. D., was pastor of the Moore Memorial Church, easily the greatest church not only in Shanghai but in all China—not the largest in membership, perhaps, but the most comprehensive in its ministry to all classes of society and all departments of life. Bishop Kaung goes into the occupied areas of North China to lead the church through a period of trial, just as much of the missionary force has been withdrawn and the freedom

supplement too meager pastors' salaries in times of emergency.

One of the outstanding impressions of this Conference was of the high type of leadership which has developed in the Methodist Church of China. From among them the two bishops were chosen on the first and second ballots. Among outstanding laymen were Dr. Y. C. Yang, president of Soochow University who led in the preparation for this Conference and left for America shortly before it convened, and Dr. R. L. Lo, editor of Methodist Publications and vice-president of the National Child Welfare Association. There were capable women like Dr. Carol Chen, dean of Hwanan College, and Dr. Ruby Sia



REV. GEO. CARLETON LACY, D.D.
Formerly secretary of the American Bible Society in China was elected a bishop at the recent session of the China Central Conference and assigned to the Foochow Area.



REV. W. Y. CHEN
Secretary of National Christian Council of China, was elected a bishop at the China Central Conference. He will work in West China.



REV. Z. T. KAUNG
Pastor of the Moore Memorial Church in Shanghai and the clergyman who baptized Generalissimo Chiang Kai-Shek, was elected a bishop by the China Central Conference. He was assigned to the Peking Area.

ecutive Board which acts also as the central correlating agency for all mission work whether supported by the Division of Foreign Missions or the Women's Division of Christian Service. During the week that followed the adjournment of the Central Conference this Executive Board faced some of the most difficult problems that ever confronted the church in China. The war has resulted in a sky-rocketing of all living and operating costs, estimated to average approximately ten times what they were before the war. This burden falls most heavily upon the salaried classes which include preachers, teachers, doctors and nurses. At the same time normal income to church institutions has been practically cut off in many places. Endowments for schools were largely invested in rent-producing properties. In some places these have been destroyed, in other places occupied by invaders, thus discontinuing income. Schools likewise have exhausted reserves by the heavy expense of moving to places of safety, renting temporary quarters while their own campuses are idle or used as refugee camps,

destitute members and neighbors, but they still must care for orphans and aged. And members who still have their homes and farms and shops are often unable to provide the support for dependant relatives and increase their gifts to the church. Nevertheless, they have responded nobly. One church which last year raised but \$700 has pledged \$3500 for 1941. The giving from the women's missionary societies of Fukien, where the price of rice has jumped from \$8 to \$400 a load, has been in inspiration to the whole church.

When the Executive Board had before it all the available figures it found that despite the greatly enhanced value of the American dollar its actual purchasing power in China had shrunk nearly forty per cent. In other words, just to keep our program of church work going at the pace and to the extent that has been set four years ago, along with the magnificent advances made by the Chinese Church in all parts of the country American Methodists must be asked to give forty per cent more than they gave to our work in China during 1940.

of Christian institutions is being seriously jeopardized.

The Rev. W. Y. Chen, Ph. D., for five years has been the General Secretary of the National Christian Council of China. As such he was the recognized leader of the united Protestant forces in this country. As a counsellor of youth organizations inside and outside the church he has no peer. As the bishop of the Methodist Church resident at the National Capital (Chungking) he will continue to exert his earnest Christian influence on many phases of life in the processes of reconstruction.

Christian literature, evangelism, social service, war relief, religious education, missions, music and worship, these were some of the aspects of work which the church recognized as part of its obligation and opportunity. The women were right at the front wherever there was a real task to be undertaken. The laymen rose valiantly to the challenge, and among other projects have undertaken to raise a permanent fund of one million dollars to

who won her way so ably on the floor of the last General Conference, and more than half a dozen others of similar calibre; there were the heads of three theological seminaries, Dr. Samuel Lee of Peiping, Dr. C. T. Yang of Foochow and Dr. Handel Lee of Nanking Theological Seminary who is chairman of the Central Conference Executive Board. There were the religious education secretaries, Liu I-hsin of North China, S. S. Ding of Fukien, and Z. S. Zia of Shanghai and their younger associates who while not delegates helped in committee work and formulation of programs.

Altogether they make up a company of whom Methodism may well be proud, to work with whom it is a joy and privilege. Bishop and Mrs. Gowdy who are retiring from active service after nearly forty years in China have seen the church take long strides in these four decades. This new Methodist Church in China looks forward through the storm clouds and marches courageously with head up, knowing that "He goeth before them."

THE LAYMAN'S PAGE

A. J. SHIREY, Editor

THE SUPERANNUATED MINISTER

At the last Annual Conferences a new apportionment was handed down to the churches; an amount for the support of the men who have grown too old to carry on the active ministry. Before this time there had been a small part of the General Benevolences designated by the conference for that purpose. Now the care of worn out preachers comes under the head of the support of the ministry, along with the Pastor, District Superintendent, and Bishop. This is as it should be. The Church has received the benefit of the active years of their lives and in most cases never paid them a living wage during those years. There was nothing to be laid up for the "rainy day." Financially speaking, every day was a rainy day for these men. To throw them on the scrap heap with no thought of their further care and welfare would be a cruelty and injustice unknown even among the great business corporations that are supposedly heartless and cold-blooded in their dealings.

Check Up On Your Church

Last Sunday, May 18th, was VETERANS' DAY—the day set aside throughout Methodism for giving thought to these aged warriors who have had to retire for younger men to carry on the fight. Doubtless, in thousands of churches this day was not, and will not be observed. Whether it is observed formally in your church or not, there is something that YOU can, and should do about this worthy cause. You (any interested Layman) can at least inquire "What has been done for these brethren?"

Remember, no matter where your church membership is, the church of which you are a member has an apportionment for this cause. The Conference year is now half gone, has your church raised one-half of the amount it was apportioned for the Superannuates? If it hasn't, someone is falling down on a very sacred duty and obligation. These men and their families have to live throughout the year, not just at Annual Conference. See to it that this fund is kept paid up through the year so they will have something on which to live.

A Heritage of the Labors of Others

A study of the work of 1,000 superannuates of the old Southern Methodist Church reveals the following statistics:

Churches built, 4,000 at a cost of \$8,000,000.00.
Churches repaired, 5,000 at a cost of \$2,000,000.00.
Parsonages built, 1,500 at a cost of \$2,500,000.00.
Parsonages repaired, 3,000 at a cost of \$1,000,000.00.
School property acquired, \$2,000,000.00.
Couples married, 262,000.
Funerals conducted, 410,000.
Children baptized, 322,000.
Sunday school organized, 25,000.
Women's societies organized, 9,000.
Young People's societies organized, 7,000.

These men gave 234 sons to the ministry of the church. They led 4,000 sons of Laymen to enter the ministry. They received thousands into the membership of the church. These men who wrought so nobly and well received an annual average salary of only \$450.00. The

church today is reaping a rich harvest from their labors. Shall we forget such heroes?

AMERICAN CHURCH BELLS STILL RING

By Alpha T. Nichols

One of the greatest blessing we Americans have in these troubled days is the heartening tones of the church bells on Sunday morning. They are a voice calling, reminding and sometimes pleading, for in many countries they've been tragically silenced and consigned to the junk heap for making over into armaments! No call to worship, no tolling reminders to look up to the source of life; but a vast, empty silence, starving the human soul.

Bells have tolled a great and interesting history since the Christian era began and every lover of Jesus should feel a song in his or her heart when the church bells ring out through the yet free American air. Most of the old customs connected with the ringing of the church bells have died out. The oldest, the Curfew, still remains here and there. There was the "Passing Bell" telling of a death. "Burial Peals" once common after funerals, the "Sermon Bell" giving notice that a sermon was to be preached, the "Sacrament Bell" for the celebration of the Holy Communion—to name a few of the ecclesiastical uses of the bells.

Many of the old bells had significant inscriptions on them, such as—"This emblem of Peter is struck in the name of Christ"—or—"I mourn for death, I break the lightning, I fix the Sabbath, I rouse the lazy, I scatter the winds, I appease the cruel."

A few of the larger bells are of world-wide renown such as the great bell at Moscow, "Tsar Kolo-

kal," which was cast in 1733. But we all know the sad fate of anything in Russia, even remotely connected with religion.

Bell-ringing itself has been a science and art. Church bells can be "chimed" or "rung." England has had bell ringing societies and has produced a large volume of literature on bell-lore.

So, just to be able to hear the bells is enough to thrill the heart. In this intense, fast moving age the bewildering things that happen so easily make us blind and deaf to the quiet power of God working through it all.

When you hear the church bells ring listen with your heart as well as mind, and remember what it symbolizes. Think of the bell as saying, "I am the voice of life; I call you; come and pray." It means a lot to us while the fiendish cleverness of the powers of darkness are wildly bringing to a climax the age-old conflict between right and wrong.

Listen to the bells' musical message!—Bradford, Arkansas.

RULES OF THE AGES

By J. L. VERHOEFF

The current issue of The Golden Rule Fellowship, published in New York City, suggests that 1941 probably will be a crucial year in World history, and perhaps the turning point in civilization.

Continued success for the German war machine might make it a turning point in world history, but Christians the world over have just observed another anniversary of Christ's victory over death and they probably are firm in their belief that the first Easter still marks the turning point in civilization. Victory for Hitler would merely mean the retarding of civilization's ad-

vance unless the setback should serve to awaken Christians to a realization that the Golden Rule is the one way of life which makes possible all of the things war usually destroys.

The mere fact that time dates from the birth of Christ suggests the central place which the church founded by Jesus should have in determining the outcome of this crisis. Life for many generations has been too easy, and the master minds of the decade have given too much time to providing luxuries and too little to building of a world fellowship based on the Golden Rule.

In time of peace there has been conflict between capital and labor, internal strife among both the capitalists and the laborers leading to national ills which some now think can be cured by the necessity for co-operative effort in the interest of national defense.

The past decade has brought forth ideas in various forms intended to force Christian acts on all Americans through the avenues of social legislation with its new taxes and various prohibitions. It was this same leadership which threw one much maligned prohibition overboard because of claims that it had failed to better the morals of the people. Then this same leadership advanced new notions that the world can be saved by more prohibitions.

Jesus lived that the men of his day might learn from his example that the Golden Rule is a practical way of life. Enough men and women in this world today profess Christianity to prove to present generations the potency of that rule if they would but be followers of Christ and do of their own free will those things the social-minded

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IN TIMES OF CRISIS



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Thirty Years Of Service--Thirty Thousand In Gratitude

Pulaski Heights Observes Thirtieth Anniversary

PULASKI Heights Methodist Church, which will be thirty years old next year, launched an anniversary campaign on Sunday, May 18, to raise \$30,000 in cash and pledges, payable over the next eighteen months. At the end of the opening day, more than \$16,000 had been subscribed.

During the past month, intensive plans have been worked out by various committees, under the leadership of the pastor, Rev. Fred R. Harrison. The committees are as follows:

General Campaign Committee: Alton B. Raney, General Chairman; H. B. Stinson, Vice-Chairman; H. M. Duphorne, Treasurer, and Rev. Fred R. Harrison, Honorary Chairman; Steering Committee: Alton B. Raney, H. B. Stinson, H. M. Duphorne, E. A. Matthews and Rev. Fred R. Harrison; Public Information Committee: E. A. Matthews, Chairman; C. P. Newton, E. H. Coulter, and Nick Smith; Honorary Committee: Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Rosenbaum, Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Branch, and Mrs. J. S. McDonnell; Historical Committee: J. P. Streepey, Mrs. Herbert Smith, A. D. May, Will Rosenbaum; Lists and Records Committee: Hugh E. Rowland, I. E. Butler, H. M. Duphorne; Large Gifts Committee: R. R. Chamberlain, R. E. Warden, Herbert Smith.

The campaign solicitation organization is as follows: Twenty-four teams of four members each, working under four divisions: Women's Mrs. I. E. Butler, Chairman; Men's "C" Division, J. C. Conner, Men's

"J" Division, A. J. Johnson; Youth Division, Harold J. Engstrom, Jr.

The campaign is being carried on under the slogan, "Thirty Years of

Service—Thirty Thousand in Gratitude." The raising of \$30,000 will be the first step in a building program to include a new auditorium

and the modernization of the present plant.

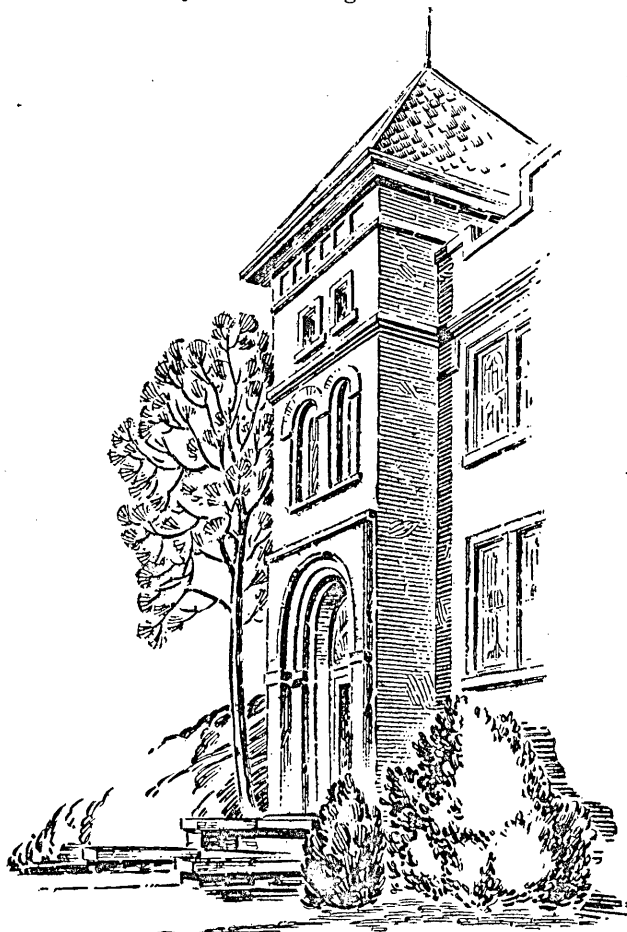
Pulaski Heights Methodist Church, organized in 1912 with 47 charter members, has a membership of 1460 and a Sunday School enrollment of 1304. The late Dr. A. C. Millar arranged for the purchase of the church site, when he was Presiding Elder in December, 1909. The Church was organized under the pastorate of Rev. H. F. Buhler. The first service in the new building was held Christmas Eve, 1912, by Rev. R. L. Duckworth.

The thirteen pastors serving the Church before the Rev. Mr. Harrison were: H. F. Buhler, R. L. Duckworth, S. R. Twitty, L. E. N. Hundley, B. A. Few, W. T. Thompson, Fred G. Roebuck, M. T. Workman, J. C. Glenn, J. M. Hamilton, Leland Clegg, W. Neill Hart and J. E. Cooper.

Former Sunday School Superintendents are: J. W. Strawn, R. L. Hattaway, Clay E. Smith, John P. Streepey, C. B. Cook, M. L. Milner, Henry A. Thomas, Sr., W. T. Mayfield, H. C. Cridland, W. O. Clark, Alton B. Raney and G. A. Wilkins.

Eugene A. Matthews is chairman of the Board of Stewards; A. D. May is Chairman of the Board of Education; Mrs. I. E. Butler is President of the Woman's Society of Christian Service.

The Historical Committee plans to complete the history of the Church, and to present during the anniversary period one or more dramatic programs depicting the beginning and growth of the Church.



ENTRANCE PULASKI HEIGHTS CHURCH

MID-YEAR MEETING N. A. CONFERENCE BOARD

The North Arkansas Conference Board of Missions and Church Extension is holding its midyear meeting during the Pastors' School at Hendrix. Two afternoon sessions are being planned—2 p. m. Wednesday and Thursday, June 4 and 5. The District Superintendents are requested to meet with the Board Thursday afternoon, June 5th.

All applications for loans or donations should be sent to Rev. A. N. Storey, Augusta, Arkansas, Secretary of the Church Extension Section of the Board.—A. W. Martin, Chairman.

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With The Churches

AN APPEAL TO THE NORTH ARKANSAS CONFERENCE

A letter from Dr. O. W. Auman, Treasurer of General Commission on World Service and Finance, states that the Methodist Church must raise for World Service in the month of May the sum of \$1,239,355.79 in order to avoid a deficit at the end of the fiscal year, May 31.

He breaks down this large sum, and tells us the amount which should be raised by each Annual Conference.

\$5,904.04 is the amount which he says should be raised for World Service by the North Arkansas Conference during the month of May.

All of us, both the pastors and the people, want to do our full share at a time when the World Service needs are so urgent, and we shall need to pay our benevolences in full to date (including the month of May). All of these funds should be sent to the Conference Treasurer not later than Monday, May 26.

With the whole-hearted cooperation of all there will be no deficit in the North Arkansas Conference World Service giving for the fiscal year ending May 31. We urge all treasurers and pastors to send their remittances not later than May 26.—Allen D. Stewart, Chairman North Arkansas Conference Commission on World Service and Finance.

CHILDREN'S WORKERS MEETING

A meeting of Children's workers of the Conway District was held at the Methodist Church in Russellville recently. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss and set up Vacation Church Schools in the churches of the district. The meeting was under the direction of Mrs. Roy Bagley of North Little Rock who is the District Children's work secretary. Rev. I. A. Brumley, Conference Executive Secretary, was present and spoke on the materials available and also discussed organization of Vacation Schools in the local church. Rev. H. M. Lewis led the devotional for the morning hour and Rev. E. T. Wayland for the afternoon hour.

In the afternoon the meeting was divided into groups for the various age groups of the Church School. These group discussions were led by Mrs. I. A. Brumley of Conway, Mrs. Basham of Levy, Mrs. Hirshey of Gardner Memorial church, North Little Rock, and Mrs. Woodsmall of Washington Avenue, North Little Rock.

Churches and charges represented were Havana, Atkins, Dardanelle, North Little Rock First Church, Gardner Memorial, and Washington Avenue, Dover, London, Ola, Pottsville, Lamar, Russellville, Conway, Plummerville, Danville and Levy.—Reporter.

EVANGELIST RETREAT IN PRESCOTT DISTRICT

The preachers of the Prescott District held an Evangelistic Retreat at Saline Church in Pike County, Monday, May 5.

Rev. E. H. Martin, Mineral Springs, brought the devotional message for the morning session and Rev. Arthur Terry led a discussion on "Preparing for a Revival."

At the noon hour Rev. Henry T. Miller, pastor of Saline Circuit, made provision for spreading the picnic lunch.

Rev. S. T. Baugh brought the devotional message for the afternoon session and Rev. K. L. Spore led a discussion on "Conducting a Revival Meeting." Rev. S. K. Burnett spoke on "Giving the Invitation." Rev. J. D. Baker suggested general themes for revival preaching.

The meeting closed with a consecration service led by the District Superintendent.

During the day pastors reporting to Brother Spore, District Director of Evangelism, indicated that dates have been set and preachers secured for 63 revivals in the district. Rev. C. H. Giessen reported that plans were nearing completion for observation of Layman's Day with a layman preaching in every church in the district on Sunday, June 29.—Reporter.

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INTERNATIONAL SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

Lesson for May 25

BROADENING CHRISTIAN HORIZONS: PETER'S VISION

LESSON TEXT—Acts 11:5-18.
GOLDEN TEXT—Then Peter opened his mouth, and said, Of a truth I perceive that God is no respecter of persons.—Acts 10:34.

"The best argument for Christianity is a Christian" (Henry Drummond). Peter presented just such an argument when, early in the history of Christianity, there arose a difference of opinion regarding his ministry to a Gentile and his family. The stumbling stone of offense became a stepping stone to higher things, leading to the place of broader horizons. Peter, instead of appealing to his apostolic authority or asserting his position, simply related what God had done. He presented the best proof that God had actually been at work; namely, a redeemed soul.

We may learn from this lesson that the way to broadened horizons and greater usefulness for the church is by

I. A Vision of God's Plan (vv. 5-10).

All men are equally precious in God's sight. God taught Peter very effectively that, whether Gentile or Jew, the Lord is "not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance" (II Peter 3:9).

When God speaks we do well to give heed to His message, even though it cuts across our ideas and prejudices, as it often does. It is not our plan that is important; it is God's plan and purpose. As we walk in that way we shall have

II. An Experience of God's Power (vv. 11-15).

The Holy Spirit had fallen on the Gentiles and they actually had been saved. Is it not singular that in the early church they could hardly believe that a Gentile could be saved? Now we are astonished if a Jew is saved! Why will we in our unbelief limit the Holy One of Israel?

The all-powerful gospel of the grace of God is still saving men and women, Jews and Gentiles, from their sins. Have you seen it happen? It is a great inspiration to faith and service. God is ready so to encourage us—He is the same today as He was when He sent Peter to Cornelius. Are we willing to run His errands, proclaim His message? To do so we need

III. An Appreciation of God's Word (v. 16).

The best way to learn the meaning of God's Word is to use it, live it, obey it. "If any man will do his will, he shall know of the doctrine, whether it be of God" (John 7:17). Peter had learned anew that God's Word meant just what it said. We who are God's servants should believe His Word and act on it in faith.

Observe that Cornelius had gathered a group in his household to hear the Word of God (Acts 10:27, 33). Could we not do the same? "Cannot each calculate with exactness some time and place where the gospel is to be preached, and is it not possible to bring thither one's relatives and friends? Secondly, when present in a place of worship, cannot each be prepared to say, 'We are all here present'—all, family

and friends, mind as well as body; 'in the sight of God'—not to be seen by others, not conscious so much of others as of the presence of God; 'to hear all things'—not to be amused or to sleep; 'that have been commanded thee of the Lord'—not to listen to human conjecture or the exploiting of doubts, but to receive a positive message which is delivered in a reverent spirit and with the prophetic formula: 'Thus saith the Lord.' What would happen were all Christian churches filled with such audiences?" (Charles R. Erdman).

This brings us to what is most important of all in broadening our spiritual horizons.

IV. An Understanding of God's Love (vv. 17, 18).

God's love is for all people. Since He has not raised any barriers of race, creed, color, class, or social position, it is not for His followers, and assuredly not for His servants, to set up hindering restrictions which He does not countenance. If God intended to save Gentiles, Peter wanted to be an instrument in His hand, not a hindrance in His way. One of the needs of our day is that those doing God's work should not withstand Him and His love. He who is the same yesterday, today, and forever, is ready to work as powerfully today as He did in the days of Peter and Paul, or of Finney and Moody. Let us give Him liberty to work in and through us, not as we may wish, but as He desires. Who are we that we should withstand God?

ARKANSAS METHODIST ORPHANAGE

During the week just ending, I have had the pleasure of attending the following District Conferences:

The Arkadelphia, at Ebenezer Church, presided over by Rev. J. E. Cooper. This being my old district, the district in which I was licensed to preach and from which I entered the Annual Conference and in which I served my first four years as a pastor in Hot Springs, it was a delight for me to visit there. Meeting friends of other days and the splendid management of Brother Cooper was interesting.

The next day I attended the Prescott District Conference held at Glenwood and presided over by the Rev. J. D. Baker. It was a splendid conference, well managed, and while I have loved Doc Baker through the years, I left with a deeper feeling of appreciation of his ministry and leadership.

Then I attended the Monticello District Conference at Jersey, presided over by Rev. H. D. Sadler. The session was largely attended and of splendid interest.

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It is a joy to me and I suspect to

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The Arkansas Methodist, represented by several brethren, is in high favor with the people and Dr. Foote's editorship is striking the people with great favor. He is a fine man and certainly makes a good editor.

Remember us in your prayers.—James Thomas, Executive Secretary.

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The following contributions were received at the Home in April: Dress, hat, purse, shoes and socks, for Talmadge, Mrs. Foote's Class, Winfield Church; 2 good used silk dresses, Doyle Brown, Little Rock; 8 prs. trousers and 3 shirts, Mrs. O. H. Chrisp, Bald Knob; 3 sport suits and \$4.00, for Billy Blalock, Queen Esther Class, Magnolia Church; 20 pts. cream, Martin Dairy; 2 gal. Easter novelty ice cream, Young Matrons' Circle, Winfield Church; huge three-tiered decorated cake for Easter, A. R. Kerr, Little Rock; 2 large Easter Cakes, Rex Glass, Little Rock; Easter Egg Hunt, Sunshine Class, First Methodist Church, Little Rock (an annual affair for this class); case fresh eggs, Cabot Methodist Church; 2 crates oranges, Ray Robinson, Little Rock; half crate oranges, M. F. Zuber, Little Rock; 25-lb. bucket of candy eggs and 5-lb. box chocolates, Max Pruniski, North Little Rock; quilt, Mrs. Jack Freeman, Lape; hat, slippers, panties, socks each, for Pauline and Geraldine, Young People of Pulaski Heights Church, Little Rock; \$3.00, Susannah Wesley Class, Asbury Church; large collection good used clothing and new silk dress, shoes, socks, undies, for Maurine, Virginia Howell Class, Asbury Church; large assortment of good used clothing for boys, Mrs. C. M. Weston, Little Rock; an all-day trip to Hot Springs and meals for Talmadge

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and Harold, Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Weston. These and many gifts from relatives and close personal friends have made Easter, and all the other days of the month, pleasant for all of us. We are most grateful for the many expressions of love and loyalty that come to us.

The children are all well. There is only one month more of school and all are beginning to think of plans for the summer months. Some will visit relatives while others have no place to go for a vacation. For these we try hard to plan some special outings or camping trips so that all will have a pleasant vacation. We deeply appreciate the groups who help us in doing this. All the children were guests of the Goodman Wonder Shows recently and had a grand time. The Scout groups have all had an overnight camping trip this spring. —Mrs. W. T. Lane, Matron.

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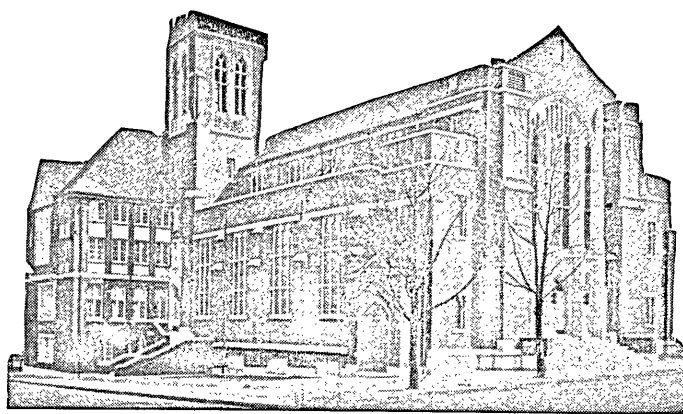
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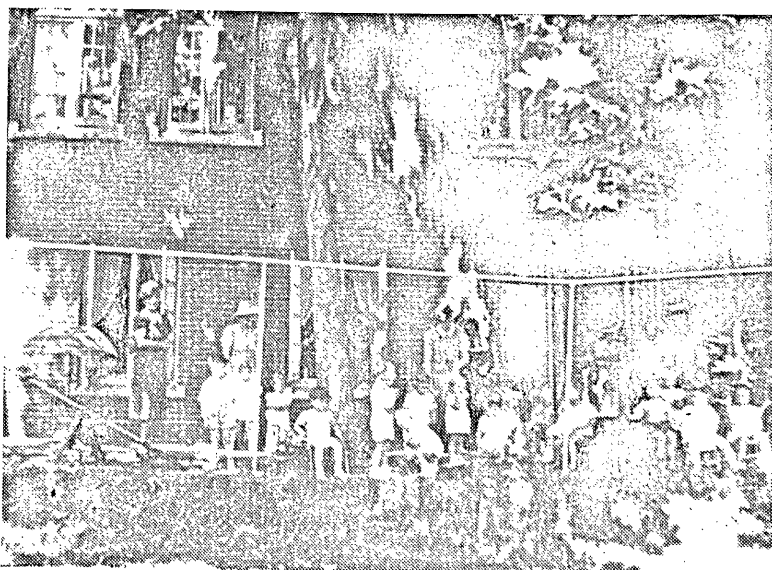
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COCKSURE prognosticators who "know everything" about the war and the leaders in it have all had a headache since Rudolf Hess dropped from the clouds on a Scottish moor. That's a mystery that hasn't been solved as yet. Even the British statesmen who have questioned Hess have not found a satisfactory answer. There has been no shortage of theories, however, some of them as fantastic as an H. G. Wells mystery story. Practically all reliable authorities are agreed that the unusual action was taken because of differences of opinion between Hitler, No. One Nazi, and Hess, No. Three Nazi. Probably this difference of opinion has been accentuated by Hitler's policy of co-operation with Stalin. Hess has long been identified with that Nazi group which dislikes co-operation with communistic Russia. In the Moscow treason trial of January, 1937, Hess was named as the German who plotted with Trotsky to overthrow Stalin. This possible cause for the rift is the more credible because of the fact that on the same day that Hess took flight the Nazi newspapers announced that Hitler and Mussolini would soon meet with Stalin to plan new moves against Britain. Closer co-operation with Russia was not, however, the only possible cause for friction. Hess had been responsible for negotiations to encourage Spain to aid the Axis powers; but at the time of the Hess flight Generalissimo Franco was kicking many of the rabid pro-German men out of key positions, causing a sharp setback to German hopes. Hess might have felt himself in line for a rebuke for failure. We believe, therefore, that Hess was finding it extremely uncomfortable to remain in Germany and, knowing Hitler as he did, he chose to flee for his life. He fled to the only place in the world where he felt he would be safe—to England, landing near the home of his best English friend, the Duke of Hamilton. When Berlin was informed of Hess's disappearance Nazi officials immediately broadcast that "a letter left behind him showed, unfortunately, in its confusion that party member Hess was a victim of mental illusions." In other words, they didn't know where he had gone nor what he would say upon arrival, but they wanted to assure the world that what he said wouldn't make sense. Yet, just a few days before, he had addressed a group of high-ranking German officials. It is senseless to say that he was senseless. He simply cleared out while he could, leaving his family in the merciful care of the Nazi party. He probably invented the story of a possible negotiated peace himself, to the better explain his presence in Scotland. But that he actually thought that he could bring about peace is incredible. After what has transpired between these two countries in the last year, peace is practically impossible at this stage and no one would know this better than vindictive and tyrannical Hess. So the Hess episode shows one thing only, seemingly dissension in the party among the leaders. But let's not be optimistic about this. Germany is not going to be broken up through internal dissension—not for a long time to come. The masses in Germany are behind Hitler; false propaganda has made them blind to truth; and the Hess story will only serve to goad them on to greater effort in crushing those in their way to world power. If internal dissension does come in Germany, and we would look for the day with joy, it will come when people are starving at home and the armies are retreating on the battlefield. Neither is true of Germany at the moment.

One-Armed Robbers

THE State of Arkansas is suffering from a deluge of one-armed robbers, the marble machine of the drug store, restaurant and hotel lobby. That this is a flagrant violation of the law against gambling there is not the slightest doubt in the mind of the individual who takes time to investigate. If the player is lucky, and he usually isn't, the machine registers the number of free games won on the board. If he desires to quit playing he simply goes to the proprietor of the establishment and collects five cents for every free game registered on the machine. In some establishments where the player is not known, the pay-off is refused, but this is the exception rather than the rule. Law enforcement agencies throughout the state seem to be winking at the whole affair, saying they must "catch the proprietor paying out the money" before an arrest can be made. Obviously they could get affidavits from individuals stating that they had been paid off but this would be too much trouble for them. So the nefarious business goes on, corrupting youth, teaching them to gamble, robbing the public too dumb to know what's happening. Newsboys have been known to go to the nearest marble machine, after having made a few nickels selling papers, and spend their last penny, while oldsters who ought to know better, stand by and see them robbed. Of course if a hooded robber came in the store and held up the boy at the point of a gun they would immediately try to interfere. But the robbing marble machine is different, or is it? What can be done about it? Churchmen and church women can circulate a petition among the law-abiding citizens stating that they will not patronize the store until the marble machine goes out. Law enforcement agencies can be put on the spot—and they should be. Preachers can speak out against such law violations. The time has arrived for Christian action against such un-Christian practice. The one-armed robber ought to go. Law abiding citizens can see that it does go, in every community in the state. Failure at this point simply indicates Christian lethargy.

Sermonettes

GOD is able . . . if we are willing. Managing one's self is one's biggest business.

Kindness costs so little . . . is worth so much.

Old Man Opportunity may knock but once . . . the next time he sends his daughter, Miss Fortune.

Someone said we have the greatest politicians money could buy.

Another said that a politician's greatest asset was his lie-ability.

A Good Investment

THE local church in the state of Arkansas can make no better investment this week than to make provision for a few dollars (if he needs it) to send the pastor to the Arkansas Pastor's School which opens next Monday at Conway. The minister on a small salary may have a hesitancy in going because of the heavy demand on his salary but a little encouragement (moral and financial) from the official board would be a fine investment for both church and pastor. For Arkansas has one of the three highest ranking Pastor's Schools in America. It has a most excellent faculty this year and the special platform speakers are not to be surpassed anywhere. Here the minister will get inspiration for new sermons, the mental stimulus for further study, the spiritual uplift for more dynamic activities. Dr. Gilbert T. Rowe, of Duke, will teach two courses on "The Minister's Message" and "The Pastor and His Task," Dr. Joseph Smith of First Church, Memphis, will teach "Christian Beliefs" and "Preparing Sermons." Dr. J. H. Hicks of S. M. U. offers two courses on "Teachings of the Prophets" and "The Old Testament." Additional courses will be taught by Dr. C. M. Reves, Dr. O. E. Goddard, the Rev. Clem Baker, the Rev. J. W. Glover, Miss Lucy Foreman and Mrs. W. D. Landrum. In addition to the class work there will be two preaching services daily. The preacher for June 3rd through 6th is Dr. Marshall Steel of Highland Park Church, Dallas, one of the most popular and effective preachers of the South. The preacher for June 9th through the 11th is Dr. Frank Hickman of Duke University. And the preacher for June 12th and 13th is our own Bishop C. C. Sealeman. No better investment could be made by any church through its official board than a few dollars spent, especially where salary is small, in sending their preacher to Arkansas Pastor's School.

Both Salt and "Pepper"

SENATOR Pepper of Florida seems to be the self-appointed spark plug for the interventionists in the European war. In his Senatorial speech of May 6, Senator Pepper advised the U. S. to "Get tough by seizing the points of vantage from which the monsters (Axis powers) are preparing to strike us." He recommends occupation of Greenland, Iceland, the Azores, the Cape Verde Islands, the Canary Islands and Dakar, on the coast of Africa. He wants American aviators attached to the Chinese army to "make a shambles of Tokyo." He asserts that this would not involve war with Japan but would simply "let them know how the white man shoots and teach them decent respect for the rights of their neighbors." No mention is made of the rights of Japanese women and children in Tokyo to live, were such an aerial bombardment to take place. Not content that three-fourths of the world is at war, Senator Pepper wants war in every corner of the world. Believing that the best defense is a mighty offense, he would put our army to defending America in such far away places as Tokyo, Singapore, Dakar and South Africa. To do this would mean total war in the total world. America is unprepared to defend herself at home, having only two motorized units in the army against Germany's possibly twenty. Such a course of action would mean death to thousands of American boys on foreign continents. This is too much salt and "Pepper" for the broken wounds of the world.

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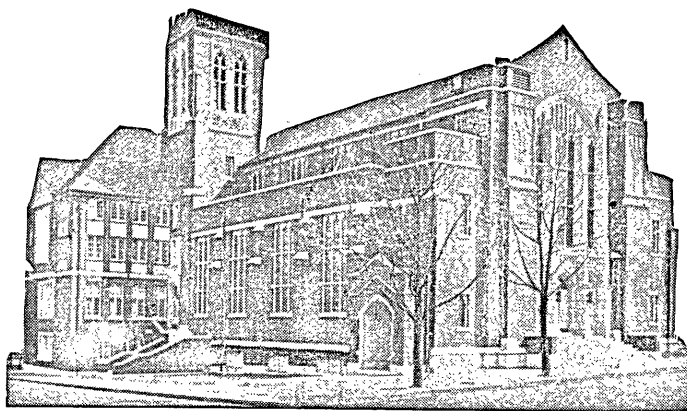
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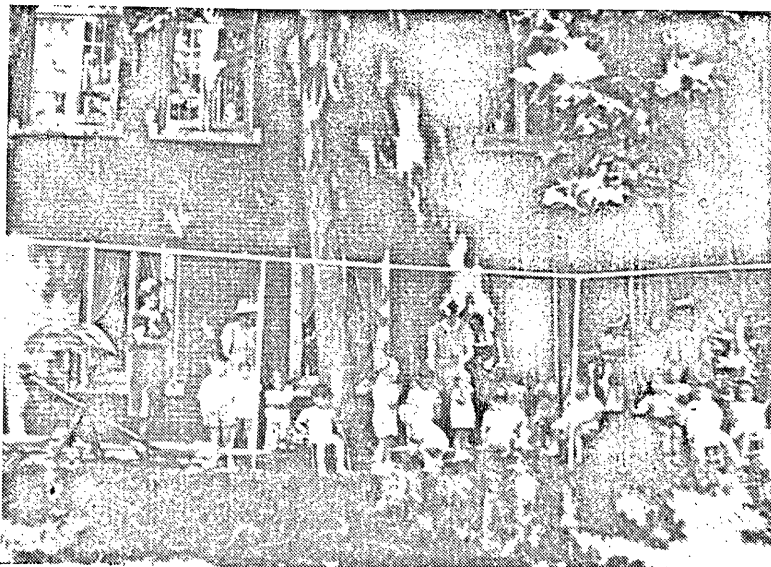
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