

# Arkansas Methodist

*Serving One Hundred and Sixty Thousand Methodists in Arkansas*

"The World is My Parish" — John Wesley

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

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## America's Denominational Statistics

THE Federal Council of Churches in America recently published a Yearbook of American Churches indicating the growth of the various denominations between the years 1926 and 1940. As a result, some very interesting facts have been brought to light. In 1926, for example, there were 213 denominations in the U. S. with a total membership of 54,576,346. In 1940 there were 250 denominations with 64,501,594 members—a net gain for the 14 years of 9,925,248 new church members or an annual average of 708,946. About 95% of all the religious forces of America (60 million out of an approximate total of 64 million) belong to the 22 largest denominations. The other 5% are divided into 228 small denominations.

The nine largest denominations are Roman Catholics (Communicants) 18,091,787; Baptists 11,243,316; Methodists 8,930,998; Lutherans 4,781,447; Jewish congregations 4,641,184; Presbyterians 2,825,539; Disciples of Christ (Christian) 2,120,512; Episcopalians 1,996,435; Congregational and Christian 1,049,575. The three largest groups, Roman Catholics, Baptists and Methodists number 38,266,101, or considerably more than the total membership of the remaining 247 denominations.

The largest number of new denominations that have been organized during the last fourteen years were among the Holiness groups; those preaching the doctrine of the "second work of grace", complete sanctification, having the old Adamic nature completely eradicated. There were 26 Holiness denominations in 1926 having a membership of 784,691. There were 44 Holiness denominations in 1940 having a membership of 1,308,112. This is a net gain of 523,501 or more than 66%, a rate of growth not approximated by any other religious group in America during this period. The Holiness denominations are, by far, the fastest growing religious groups today.

The names of some of the new denominations are most interesting. Among them are such as The Church of God in Christ, The Church of God in Christ Jesus, Fire Baptized Holiness Church of God, Church of Revelation, House of God Holy Church, House of the Lord, Triumphant Church and Kingdom and The Latter House of the Lord.

The largest increase in membership among the larger denominations during this 14 year period were as follows: Baptists with 2,802,394 net gain; Roman Catholics with 2,277,534 net gain; Methodists with 860,379 net gain; and Lutherans with 815,444 net gain.

These cold figures ought to be sobering to the people called Methodists. There is no reason for discouragement since a gain of 10% in membership in 14 years is a healthy growth yet the fact remains that Baptists throughout the U. S. have seemingly had three additions to their churches where the Methodists have had one. We get scant comfort from the fact that the Baptists represent 18 different independent denominations while most Methodists are in the one united Methodist church. Methodism must not lose her passion for men and women who are lost without God. There is no use in being alarmed at the rapid growth of "off-brand" sects in America unless we are willing to do something about it. Where there are people there ought to be a Methodist preacher. Methodism must evangelize—or die.

## Power To Become

"TO THEM gave He power to become . . ." says John. Become what? Power to become sons of God. Power to make our ideals for ourselves the realities within ourselves. Power to lift our daily actions up to the level of our aspirations. Someone has defined personality as a bundle of possibilities. Well, for most of us there are many imprisoned possibilities, frozen Niagaras of power yet unreleased. Have we an evil habit that masters us, secret sin that defeats us, a temper that spoils our lives? "To them gave He power to become . . ." Jesus, during His earthly ministry, found people not unlike ourselves, stumbling vacillating, weak, and by His magic touch they became strong, faithful, devoted. He so dealt with the woman of Sychar. Slave to her lower nature, she drank freely of the water of abundant life, returned to her village with pure mind and great aspirations to proclaim that Name which is above every name. He so dealt with the egotistical, proud and self-confident fisherman, Simon Peter. Jesus released the latent imprisoned possibilities within him and made of him a new man—new in spirit, new in outlook, new in devotion, new in power. Through the power of God the Apostle Peter gave to the world his noblest life. If God is the same today as He was yesterday then His power is the same. The Holy Spirit operates today just as on the day of Pentecost. Thus to me, to you, God gave power to become . . . to become sons of God. If we are defeated it is because we refuse the power that God offers for victory. God can—if we will!

## Sermonettes

YOUNG men dream dreams—but must wake up to make them come true.

From the troubled looks of some people it would pay them to lose face.

It's all right to be dumb but why make it our life work?

Kind words are cheaper than sharp ones—let's be economical.

To engage in self-pity is to acknowledge defeat.

Man makes haste but God makes time—for every worthwhile thing.

Some people make a living—others make a life.

God trusted us with liberty; we determine whether or not it was a good risk.

It's not the sin about us that hurts—it's the sin within us.

## Keeping Faith

THE responsibility of President Roosevelt is one which few thinking people envy. Not only are his problems in America multiplied in such a critical hour but his every move is watched by every other nation in the world. Chief among his problems is that of keeping faith with England in her fight against the Axis powers and keeping faith with his campaign promises back home. Having promised England all the surplus war materials America could spare he has made it his business to see that these materials were delivered. Thus the occupation of Greenland and Iceland. Now there is a rumor to the effect that there will be a small territorial occupation of some port in Ireland. This of course would make for a comparatively safe shipping lane across the Atlantic. But in doing this the President is remembering that in his November speeches for re-election he promised the mothers of America that their sons would not be asked to serve on foreign soils. He probably knows that he received many additional votes as a result of this promise. So the matter of keeping faith with England and, at the same time keeping faith with the mothers of America is a most difficult problem. In addition to this, there is the problem of keeping faith with the draftees who signed up for one year's service in the army. Thousands of these men obtained one year's leave of absence from their professions or occupations to enter the army. Will some of them feel that they have been tricked into a longer period of service? Of course circumstances alter cases but the one year draftee must be convinced that world circumstances were sufficient to alter his period of service, else misunderstanding and poor morale will be the result. We realize that it is practically impossible to develop an efficient army during a twelve month period of training. It has taken Hitler eight years to produce his army. But we believe that the democratic process gives the right of the people of a democracy to choose. And when the time comes for the one year draftees to be demobilized, if there is sufficient eminent threat of danger to America, most of these boys will want to continue their service to their country. If there are those who do not desire to do so, keeping them in the army against their will will produce bad morale among the other men. Better to let them go or stay, as they wish, than to defeat the principle for which the democracies are fighting. Thus the matter of keeping faith with the draftees and keeping faith with the America whose defense is in his hands—this will but add to the President's burden. We believe in the democratic right of criticism—we don't believe in intellectual regimentation. But let him who desires to criticize our Chief Executive do it—dispassionately—intelligently—and prayerfully.

## We Should Support Them

EVERY law enforcement officer and sheriff interested in strict enforcement of the law should be supported by the moral forces of the community and state. Sheriff Gus Caple of Pulaski County seems to be serious about the matter of cleaning up the lawless "dives" and roadside "joints" under his jurisdiction. Such a move ought to have the support of the church people who stand for a decent environment in which to rear their children. No public official can do much about enforcing the

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## CHURCH CALENDAR

July 20-27, Preaching Mission Week, Mt. Sequoyah.

Aug. 4-15, Leadership School, Mt. Sequoyah.

Aug. 15-17, Church School Superintendent's Conference, Mt. Sequoyah.

Aug. 15-17, Conference Council of Adult Work, Mt. Sequoyah.

Aug. 19-30, Youth Conference, Mt. Sequoyah.

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law unless public sentiment backs him. Citizens of Little Rock have a definite responsibility in this matter just now because of the 25,000 soldier boys at Camp Robinson. Every vice ring that is designed to corrupt the morals of these young men is an enemy to our national defense program. The presence of this camp near Little Rock brings thousands of dollars every month into the coffers of business. It is therefore the responsibility of every law abiding merchant and business man to support every move our peace officers make in providing a better environment not only for these young men in camp but for the youth of our own community. If the sheriff is serious about cleaning up these festering sores of vice, he deserves the support of every responsible citizen of the county. Why howl about the terrible conditions of the community then do nothing when someone endangers his life in attempting to correct them?

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## ABOUT PEOPLE

REV. C. E. GRAY, pastor at Marshall, has been holding a series of services at St. Joe.

REV. H. W. JETT, pastor at Swifton-Alicia, is holding a meeting at Ingleside, ten miles below Newport.

REV. FRED G. ROEBUCK, pastor at Asbury, has been attending the School of Missions at Mt. Sequoyah.

REV. EARL DuBOIS, pastor at Imboden, is assisting Rev. W. B. Yount, Smithville, in a series of meetings.

REV. ALFRED KNOX, pastor at McCrory, is the preacher for a meeting which is being held at Patterson, two miles north of McCrory.

REV. JEFFERSON SHERMAN, pastor of Gardner Memorial Church, North Little Rock, is the editor of this week's Church Workshop Page in the absence of Rev. H. M. Fikes.

DR. J. H. REYNOLDS, president of Hendrix College was guest speaker at the Little Rock Kiwanis Club on Tuesday. His subject was "American Youth and the 1941 Crisis."

THE METHODIST CHURCH at Lonoke, Rev. O. E. Holmes, is being remodeled and the work will be completed in September. Services are being held in the High School building.

REV. IRA A. BRUMLEY, executive secretary of the Board of Education of the North Arkansas Conference, has been holding a revival meeting at Overcup, a church on the Morrilton Circuit.

THE Greater Little Rock Methodist Union met at Twenty-eighth Street Methodist Church on Monday evening, July 21. Speakers were Bob Trieschman, H. T. Bruce, and Misses Billie Louise Wilson and Dorothy Bowers.

REV. J. L. PRUITT, pastor at Levy, and his people are happy over the completion of their new stone-veneer church and the three-story educational building. Bro. Pruitt is having a good year and the work is in fine shape.

DR. UMPHREY LEE, president of Southern Methodist University, is the assembly speaker for the combined Ministers' Week and Adult Assembly being held at the Sacramento Methodist Assembly Grounds, eighty miles west of Artesia, N. M., July 14-19.

DR. A. J. WALTON, of the Department of Town and Country Work of the Board of Missions and Church Extension, addressed the opening session of the Christian Rural Fellowship Institute at the Agricultural College of the University of Nebraska recently on "The Rural Church Moves Forward."

THE sympathy of many friends goes out to Dr. and Mrs. N. T. Hollis in the death of their son, Nick, Jr., age 11, on July 21. Dr. Hollis is a member of the staff of the State Hospital for Nervous Diseases and the family are members of Winfield Church. Nick was a grandson of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Hollis of this city, prominent members of First Church.

MISS ELIZABETH M. LEE plans to sail on the S. S. Santa Clara on August 1 for an extended trip to South America. At Panama she will join Dr. A. W. Wasson, who has been traveling through Mexico and Central America, and together, as Secretaries for Latin America, of the Board of Missions and Church Extension, they expect to visit all of the Methodist work in Panama, Peru, Bolivia, Chile, Argentine, Uruguay and Brazil.

MRS. MARVYN ALICE POINTER, wife of Rev. James D. Pointer, missionary of the Methodist Church in Inhambane, Mozambique, Portuguese East Africa, died in Laurence Marques, P. E. A., on June 25, according to cable advices received by the Board of Missions and Church Extension. Dr. and Mrs. Pointer first went to Africa as missionaries in 1913 and all

of their services had been in the Portuguese colony of Mozambique, East Africa.

WE ARE greatly cheered and encouraged by the knowledge that our fellow Methodists in America are so mindful of us and so ready to minister to our need," writes Rev. Edwin Finch, head of the War Emergency Fund of British Methodism, to Bishop Edwin H. Hughes, of Washington, in acknowledging receipt of "Day of Compassion" funds. This is to be used for direct relief in Great Britain and for the maintenance of the missionary work of British Methodism.

BISHOP BRUCE R. BAXTER and Mrs. Baxter and Executive Secretary E. D. Kohlstedt, of the Division of Home Missions and Church Extension, sailed from Seattle on July 3 to attend the organizational meeting of the Alaska Mission Conference to be held in Seward, Alaska, from July 25 to July 28. Bishop Baxter will be the presiding officer. The party will visit all of Methodism's home missionary projects in Alaska from Ketchikan to Unalaska, with the exception of the work in Nome.

REV. AND MRS. ROBERT S. SPENCER, recently withdrawn temporarily from missionary service in Japan because of the international tension, have been assigned by the Methodist Church to "a work of reconciliation" among the Japanese of Hawaii. Born in Japan and speaking the language fluently, Dr. Spencer is one of the most influential of Japanese-speaking missionaries and it is believed his ministry for a period in Hawaii will do much toward bringing that body of people into an understanding of the Christian message. Dr. and Mrs. Spencer sailed for Honolulu on July 11.

DISTRICT ATTORNEY THOS. E. DEWEY of New York has been elected by the National Conference of Christian and Jews to launch the first national educational forum on American peace principles, domestic and international, on the campus of Williams College, Williamstown, Mass., Sunday evening, August 24, it has been announced by Dr. Everett R. Clinchy, president of the National Conference. Mr. Dewey will head a panel of representative American leaders in a "town-hall" discussion of "Inalienable Rights-Inescapable Duties" at the opening of the 1941 Williamstown Institute of Human Relations. The institute will bring leaders from religion, education, government, business, labor and youth from all sections of the country.

## WHEN DOES A CHURCH NEED A REVIVAL?

By CARL G. BADER

WHEN does a church need to confess its sins and to seek the pardon and empowering of God?

1. When its minister feels he is preaching in a vacuum, and that his own spiritual life is becoming parched.
2. When its official board counts its task drudgery and works feebly.
3. When its concern is to save money rather than to save people.
4. When its regular activities do not steadily win converts to Christ.
5. When vitality and joy are not throbbing in all its branches.
6. When its members care more for amusement than for worship, and will meet to eat but not to pray.
7. When its people are fluent in fault-finding, but reticent in recommending Christ and His church.
8. When it is more afraid of innovation than of stagnation.
9. When it is concerned lest its property be overused, but unconcerned that its ministry is underpaid and thus crippled.
10. When its members are unwilling to "study to show themselves approved unto God," and when many of them "can't afford" to pay two cents per week for their church paper while cheerfully paying from twelve to twenty cents each week for a secular newspaper.

# THE CHURCH WORKSHOP

H. MELLENIKES, Editor

## WHAT SHOULD THE CHURCHES DO?

In an article published recently in *The Christian Century*, Professor Georgia Harkness, discussing the present crisis, says: "The primary function of the church is to speak and by its speech lead the people to worship, to love one another, to act responsibly in the light of Christian ideals." She emphasizes that the church must declare the reality of the living God, and summon men to faith in Him. She would avoid false optimism, but not surrender to hysteria and panic. She clearly recognizes the practical difficulties involved when she stresses "absolute loyalty to God alone." However, she points out that it is not the business of the preacher to make decisions for his congregation in these matters of conflicting loyalties. She feels that the pulpit needs a note of repentance, but that it is easier to repent in words than in deeds. We need not only repentance, but fruits meet for repentance. Another important emphasis for Christian preaching is that of good will toward all persons. The author feels that, if churches can deal with these major emphasis effectively, they will be able really to serve a war-torn world. But if not, preachers will again "present arms." She feels that the churches must maintain fellowship and that particularly the churches of America must minister to a stricken world. She suggests praying in the mood "to do our best and leave the rest to God."

## I NEVER GO

Someone has offered the non-church goer the following letter to think about:

"I never go to the movies nowadays because my parents made me go too often when I was a boy. Also no one at the movies ever spoke to me, and every time I go someone asks me for money. The manager never calls on me, and people who attend are not all they should be."  
—The Watchman-Examiner.

## THE CHURCH AT WORSHIP

"The basic reason for attending church is that it offers you corporate worship of God in the name of Christ. Churches are not cinemas, soda-fountains, or concert halls, and are not to be judged by the amount of entertainment they provide. They are places for worship, for the nourishing of the good life, and for Christian fellowship. Conceivably one might maintain a growing religious experience without the Church—especially with some other religious organization as a substitute. But not many people do. Among a hundred who say they are going to worship in nature or at home on Sunday morning, there is perhaps one who does. Instead of asking, 'Does one need to go to church to be religious?' one might better say, 'If one is religious, will he want to stay away?'"—Georgia Harkness, in "Religious Living."

To be a standby for the church you must be more than a by-stander.—Virginia Methodist Advocate.

## The Living Church

*This is the church of my dreams,  
The church of the warm heart,  
Of the open mind,  
Of the adventurous spirit;  
The church that cares,  
That heals hurt lives,  
That comforts old people,  
That challenges youth;  
That knows no divisions of culture or class,  
No frontiers, geographical or social;  
The church that inquires as well as avers,  
That looks forward as well as backward;  
The church of the Master,  
The church of the people,  
High as the ideals of Jesus,  
Low as the humblest human;  
A working church,  
A worshipping church,  
A winsome church;  
A church that interprets the truth in terms  
of truth,  
That inspires courage for this life and hope  
for the life to come;  
A church of courage,  
A church of all good men,  
The church of the Living God.  
(In "The New Hymnal for American Youth.")*

## What Is Right With The Church

By H. O. BOLIN

When I speak of the Church I am not thinking of Methodism to the exclusion of other denominations. I think it takes all of these religious groups to constitute the great militant Church of Christ on earth.

We have heard a lot about what is wrong with the church and some of the criticism has been just and fair, but for our encouragement I want us to note briefly just what is right with the Church.

The Church is right in its origin. It had its beginning in the mind of God. To say the least, the Church has certainly been well-born. Christ stood as a Lamb slain from before the foundation of the world. Before the human race was ever created God knew that there would be need for the Church.

The Church is right in its head. It is headed by no less Person than Christ the eternal Son of the Father. Some years ago a group of people were harshly condemning the Church. They condemned the preachers, the sermons, the form of worship, the members; the Church, according to them, is filled with hypocrites. A preacher who was standing by remarked, "What you say is at least partially true. Some of us church folks are a pretty weak bunch, but what do you think of Jesus?" Without an exception they all replied, "Jesus is all right. We can find no fault in him." Neither could Pilate find any fault in Christ. He is the world's one faultless character. He is the head of the Church. The Church, therefore, is right in its head.

The Church is right in its doctrine. It is true that various groups within the Church have different ideas about non-essential points. Such for example, the mode of baptism, infant baptism, whether or not a person who has once been saved can finally be lost, whether the Communion of the Lord's Supper is for all Christians who are present at the time it is administered or only for those who belong

to the particular church in which it is being administered, whether the church should have a congregational form of government which provides for the calling of the pastor or an episcopal form in which the pastor is sent. These are points about which various groups within the Church differ, but they are not essential. You may accept the doctrine of any of the groups on these points and still be a fine Christian, live a life of consecration and service here on this earth and finally get home to heaven when you die. When we stick with the essentials of Christianity all of the different groups within the Church are agreed. All believe that God sent his Son into the world to seek and save the lost. In attaining this great goal Christ lived a beautiful life of sacrificial service motivated by love, died on the cross for our justification, rose from the dead for our progressive sanctification and ascended to the right hand of the Father for our final glorification. He died that our sins might be forgiven. He rose that we might have his companionship in overcoming temptations and his power in living lives of Christian service. The sinner, in his sorrow for his sins, turns his back upon them and puts his trust in Christ as both Saviour and Master and the work is done. These are the essential points of doctrine. All groups within the Church believe them. The Church, therefore, is right in its doctrine.

Finally, the church is right in its purpose. It has but one purpose and that is the building of Christian character. To attain this great goal the Church has many forces and methods, all of which may be summed up under the term "evangelism." This includes the religious training of our children from infancy both in the home and in the Church, reaching the lost and training them in the Christian way of life and finally sending all out to bring others into the fellowship. This is the purpose of the Church

## IT ISN'T THE CHURCH—IT'S YOU

*If you want to have the kind of a church  
Like the kind of a church you like,  
You needn't slip your clothes in a grip  
And start on a long, long, hike.  
You'll only find what you left behind  
For there's nothing really new  
It's a knock at yourself when you knock at your church  
It isn't the church—it's you.  
When everything seems to be going wrong  
And trouble seems everywhere brewing;  
When prayer-meeting, Young People's Meeting, and all  
Seems simmering slowly, stewing  
Just take a look at yourself and say,  
"What's the use of being blue?"  
Are you doing your "bit" to make things "hit?"  
It isn't the church—it's you.*

*It's really strange sometimes, don't you know,  
That things go as well as they do,  
When we think of the little—the very small mite,  
We add to the work of the few.  
We sit, and stand around, and complain at what's done  
And have very little to do  
Are we bearing our share of the burdens to bear?  
It isn't the church—it's you.*

*So, if you want to have the kind of a church  
Like the kind of a church you like,  
Put off your guile, and put on your best smile,  
Hike, my brother, just hike,  
To the work in hand that has to be done—  
The work of saving a few.  
It isn't the church that's wrong, my boy,  
It isn't the Church—it's you.  
—Selected.*

and the Church is right in its purpose.

Some years ago I was thinking about the Church and what it means to the world and the following little rhyme came to my mind and I quickly wrote it down:

*The Church is God's own power  
To bring his Kingdom in;  
It seeks the lost, upholds the cross  
That saves the souls of men.  
O, have you come to love the Church  
With passion deep and strong?  
It's the light of your community  
And the bulwark of your home.*

*Then, God bless you, my brother,  
Will you lay your hand in mine  
And pledge yourself a-new to God  
To serve him all the time  
Until he says, "It is enough;  
Come home and get your crown;  
You've labored here from year to year,  
You've brought my Kingdom down?"*

Yes, the Church is right. It will continue so, down through the years. It is founded upon faith in Christ and the gates of hell will not prevail against it.



# TWO MEN . . . . . TWO MONTHS AND A NEW CHURCH

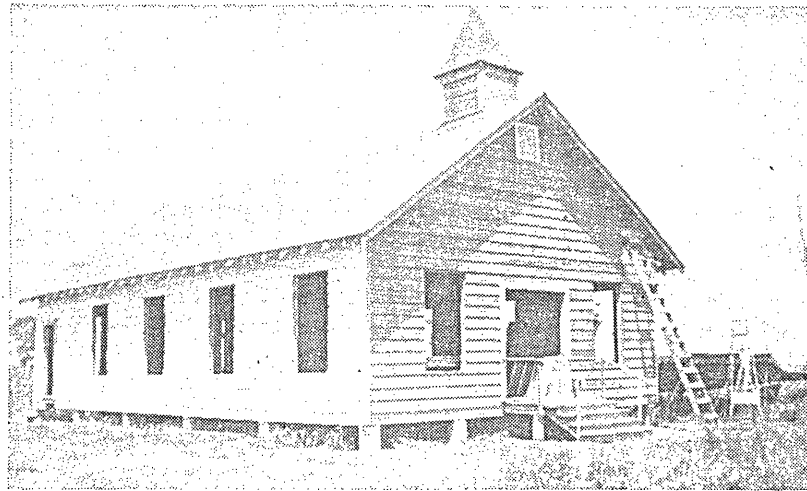
By ANNIE WINBURNE

IT all started in a cornfield on the night of June 2. A tent had been erected, a dozen crude benches had been borrowed and a piano had been moved from Winfield Church to the scene of action. Eight women of the Woman's Society of Christian Service had visited during the afternoon of June 2 in the homes of the community saying, "Go down to the tent at East Ninth and Picron Avenue tonight; our pastor is beginning a meeting."

Well, they came—seventeen of them the first night. J. B. Withee, secretary of the Little Rock Y. M. C. A. led the song service and Dr. Foote preached. The next night there were twenty-six present—the next thirty-four. Along with the people who came there were other things less pleasurable with which to contend. Being in a cornfield, there was an abundance of chiggers or, to use a more polite term, red bugs. But this was not all. There were mosquitos with sharp bills and sharper appetites. Not to be outdone by the chiggers and mosquitos there were innumerable bugs and gnats that came to swarm around the lights and remain until after the benediction (they were that courteous) to harry the worshippers. But amid the scratching and the slapping the people listened—for they were interested.

As if this were not enough to discourage these two men, on the eighth day the clouds gathered and the wind blew, and tore the tent up. The rains descended and ruined the piano. But the next night a sign went up, "services as usual." So they worshipped God under the twinkling stars and threatening sky. Still the preacher preached and the singer sang and the people came. Yes, they were interested.

The preacher was talking about building a new church. Here was



THE DREAM—AIRPORT METHODIST CHURCH

a new community that contained nearly a hundred homes and there was no church or Sunday school. The homes were occupied by home owners, people who were paying out their homes at the rate of \$15 or \$20 a month. They were in the low income bracket, making from \$80 to \$120 a month and these modest little cottages had been sold to them for from \$1,000 to \$1,500. But they were good, honest, hard-working people in the main. And their small children



One of the Dreamers,  
J. B. WITHEE, Sec. of YMCA  
(The other one wouldn't stay  
still long enough.)

were bright and happy. The people knew they needed a church in their community—but now? They could barely meet their existing obligations and care for the needs of their growing families. But they promised to do their very best.

Then Mr. Withee and Dr. Foote saw the man who owned the cornfield. His name was W. J. White, a Presbyterian. Having no conscientious scruples against accepting Presbyterian favors, they asked him to donate two corner lots. He

did—and more. He gave them \$500 worth of lumber to start the church. If these men were not previously enthused over the matter, they were now. During the hot days they "padded the streets" for money to pay the workmen, buy additional lumber, finish the church. They were courteously received, generously rewarded. Methodist laymen throughout the city helped, Jewish merchants helped, almost everyone who was asked, helped a little. And they seemingly got a joy out of doing it. One Main street merchant wrote, "It's a most worthy project for an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure. Please accept our check for \$25." They did—and gladly. And as a result a new \$2,000 church will be finished next week FREE OF DEBT.

The first prayer meeting was held in the unfinished church two weeks ago. At that time there were thirteen members. ALL THIRTEEN were at the prayer meeting. No matter what your story is about your prayer meeting, you can't beat that!

It all started with two men—and a dream—and the leadership of the Holy Spirit. We trust it shall never end. Mr. Withee, local preacher, has been appointed pastor until Conference. But the members of the church have served notice that they want a preacher of their own at that time. And they deserve it.

The people of this community are deeply grateful for what others have done to make this church possible. And they will prove their gratitude as they work for the building of the church in the lives of their fellowmen in this thriving section of the city. They invite all who wish to worship with them.

## SQUINCHED

"The boy gave all his lunch to the Master," young Margaret concluded her review of the feeding of the five thousand, for the other members of the primary class at Trinity Mission, Columbia, South Carolina, "and because He blessed it, there was enough for everybody."

"And what do you think would have happened," the teacher asked, "if the boy had said, 'I can't share this, there is only enough for me?'"

Margaret considered and then said, "It would have squinched up and squinched up and there would not have been nothing for nobody."—Forth.

Brother Pastor: Help increase the circulation of the Arkansas Methodist in your Church. There are many in your congregation who will invest One Dollar to send the Arkansas Methodist to THREE people. Give them a chance next Sunday. (See page 2).

Instruction increases inborn wealth, and right discipline strengthens the heart.—Horace.

## Experiencing A Christian Truth

By HAROLD EGGENSPERGER

On my desk there lies a letter from my Japanese friend, the Reverend Nobuya Utsunomiya. He writes of his experience at the Quayle Memorial Methodist Church in Kansas City, where a lady confessed her sins and was converted following his sermon on Sunday morning. He says, "I am so grateful that God is always with me wherever I go, working with me for His sake."

Mr. Utsunomiya was a classmate of mine at Southern Methodist University for two years. During that time, through our association together and the sharing of our experiences, we became intimate friends. Mr. Utsunomiya has made an unusual sacrifice in leaving his wife and children for three years, in order to come to America to prepare himself better for the ministry of our Lord. He finished the work for his Bachelor of Divinity and Master of Arts degrees in June of this year. Enroute to the West Coast he stopped in Little Rock to visit

in our home. While here he made valuable contributions at the Christian Adventure Camp at Ferncliffe and in speaking to several Methodist Church groups. Just before leaving Little Rock, he received a letter from his wife in Japan saying that the boat on which she had secured passage for him would not sail July 14 as scheduled, but would draw anchor August 1. Realizing his situation he remarked to me, "I am not sorry for myself nor my wife, but for my children as they will be disappointed. I must go at once to the West Coast and try to find passage on another ship."

As we were about to say goodbye, I felt a keen sense of parting company with a real Christian friend. He was leaving our household and our nation but I knew that the Christian influence from his life would remain and that it had touched deeply many persons. Through my fellowship with him he has opened my eyes to many things but above all he has made live the pro-

found truth that Christ has broken down the walls and barriers that separate people of different nationality or different social position. He has helped me to see that "In Christ" there is neither Jew nor Gentile, made or female; all are one. Here is a Japanese boy and I am an American but through Christ we are united as Christians. Our kinship is not one of blood but of the Spirit. The Spirit kinship is higher than any blood relationship. This I had been taught in college and in seminary but now I have experienced it and am moved by it.

The tension between our nations is apparently becoming more acute. Tomorrow may bring peace or war. Mr. Utsunomiya and I, along with countless others, have discovered through experience that for our own lives and for our nations there is only one foundation upon which we can and care to build—that foundation is Christ.

If God sends thee a cross, take up and follow him. Use it wisely, lest it be unprofitable. If it be light, slight it not. If it be heavy, murmur not.—Quarles.

# THE DEVOTIONAL PAGE

ROY BAGLEY, Editor

## PUNGENT PARAGRAPHS

Let your religion be seen. Lamps do not talk, but they do shine. A lighthouse sounds no drum, it beats no gong; yet, far over the waters its friendly light is seen by the mariner.—T. L. Cuyler.

When I see a young profligate squandering his fortune in bangios, or at the gaming table, I cannot help looking on him as hastening his own death, and in a manner digging his own grave.—Goldsmith.

Indulge in procrastination, and in time you will come to this, that because a thing ought to be done, therefore you cannot do it.—Charles Buxton.

The devil tempts men through their ambition, their cupidity, or appetite, until he comes to the profane swearer, whom he catches without any bait or reward.—Horace Mann.

If you would have God hear you when you pray, you must hear Him when He speaks. He stops his ears against the prayers of those who stop their ears against His laws.

## THE CHILD LIVES

Read Luke 8:49-55

Jesus honored the personal invitation of Jairus to enter his home and heal his stricken daughter. Christ responds to the personal invitation to enter every sphere of human need.

Through personal invitation Jesus responded to a seemingly hopeless situation. In the course of the journey to Jairus' home a messenger brought the sad news of the daughter's death, with the suggestion that the case was hopeless, and the Master should not be troubled.

Jesus turned the attention of despairing hearts from the "outlook" which was dark to the "up-look" where there was hope, saying: "Fear not: believe only, and she shall be made whole."

Jesus took with him into the house only a small "inner circle," consisting of Peter, James, John, and the father and mother of the maiden. He put out those who questioned his word. Jesus delights to manifest his power to those who belong to the "inner circle" of faith.

Jesus reminded those who were present that the case was not hopeless. No case is hopeless when Jesus takes the case in hand. When he put away the doubters he "took her by the hand." His hand is omnipotent. It can set the captive free. He not only can raise stricken bodies from death to life, but he can raise souls smitten with the death of sin unto eternal life.

Through personal invitation we should ever be inviting the lost to Christ, and we should also bring the lost to him in our petitions, as Jairus interceded for his daughter.—Julian C. McPheeters.

Peace is the happy, natural state of man; war, his corruption, his disgrace.—Thomson.

## POEM OF THE WEEK

### Life

*Life is too brief  
Between the budding and the falling leaf,  
Between the seed time and the golden sheaf,  
For hate and spite.  
We have no time for malice and greed;  
Therefore, with love make beautiful the deed;  
Fast speeds the night.*

*Life is too swift  
Between the blossom and white snow's drift,  
Between the silence and the lark's uplift,  
For bitter words.  
In kindness and gentleness our speech  
Must carry messages of hope, and reach  
The sweetest chords.*

*Life is too great  
Between the infant's and the man's estate,  
Between the clashing of earth's strife and fate,  
For petty things.  
Lo! we shall yet who creep with cumbered feet  
Walk glorious over heaven's golden street,  
Or soar on wings.*

—W. M. Vories.

## The Twentieth Century Chariot

By J. O. HANES

In the summer of 1907 I was passing through what was then the Indian Territory, when a medium, tough-looking fellow got on board the train. He was part Indian, part white and I don't know what the rest was. I didn't want to sit by him, but I presume that seeing I was a little fellow he came right down and sat with me. Then the thought came to me that maybe God had sent this Indian to me that I might have an opportunity to talk with him about Christ.

I asked him about the country and customs of the people. I asked him about the churches, but he did not seem to know anything about them. I asked him about his own interest in religion, and he told me he was not a Christian. I asked him if he ever thought of a better life. He was reticent for a moment, as strong men are when you talk with them about God, and then with an evident sincerity I have never forgotten, and never doubted, he said: "Sir, I am a rough man and live a rugged life. I am a horse trainer. You may not think it, sir, but when I am all alone out on these plains, I do think of God and I long for a better life."

I preached Jesus to him as we rode together. I felt he might never go to a meeting, he might never see a preacher or Christian worker again. I told him he could be saved on that train if he would accept Christ. I lifted my heart in earnest prayer for him. The whistle blew, the brakes began to grind, the train was slowing down. He rose and gripped my hand and with tears streaming down his sun-tanned cheeks, he said, "I am a Christian. From this time on I am a Christian. I am saved now." He was perfectly radiant. By that time the train had stopped, and gripping my hand again he said, "You are the first who ever spoke to me about my soul." He left the train and I have never seen him again since, but through these years I have been glad that I preached Christ to him as we traveled together that day.

Brother Pastor: Help increase the circulation of the Arkansas Methodist in your Church. There are many in your congregation who will invest One Dollar to send the Arkansas Methodist to THREE people. Give them a chance next Sunday. (See page 2).

## Love Suffereth Long

*The Writ of Loving Well  
Still makes its old demands;  
A sometime residence in Hell,  
The nailprints in the hands.*

*All those who pledge themselves,  
And to its terms agree  
Must chance an unexclusive cross,  
A common Calvary!*

—Sara Henderson Hay.

## SENTENCE SERMONS

In the secret center of our hearts is a candle lighted by the hand of God.

Faith does not demand miracles, but often accomplishes them.

The only salvation that holds out is the salvation that is worked out.

For a mental and spiritual tonic try going to church.

What the church has to offer meets the deepest needs of the world.

Sin is not a surface freckle; it is poison in the blood.

We become Christians not by renouncing the world but by serving it.

Backsliding begins in the knees.

Religion was intended to be an armor, not a cloak.

## STEWARDSHIP AND LAYMEN IN THE CHURCH

By GOVERNOR HOMER ADKINS

The essence of stewardship is guardianship. The steward must guard the property of others; he must protect, conserve and use that property for a good purpose, else his stewardship will fail.

"The earth is the Lord's," we are told. We are all stewards of this world's goods, not only of our own personal property. We must conserve, protect and use that property for the advancement of Christianity, for all lands and other physical things of this earth belong to the Lord. We are merely stewards of the wealth of the world.

We must use our wealth as the Lord would have us use it. It is not ours to waste on ourselves. We were "bought with a price" and everything we have comes to us from the earth and is God's.

The layman has a very important place in the Church. In recent years the progress of the organized work of laymen in the Church has been marvelous. This is a most encouraging sign. It demonstrates a new awakening on the part of laymen throughout America.

The layman had an important place in the Bible. The notion that the Church, the Bible and Christian leadership belong chiefly to priests and preachers is not of God. Call the roll of the mighty men of the Bible. Very few of them belonged to the priesthood.

Study the men whom Jesus chose to be His Apostles. There was not a man from the professional priests among them. Jesus pioneered in entrusting to the common man the eternal truths upon which rests the fate of mankind in this and succeeding generations. The size of the laymen determines the dimensions of a church. Big laymen build a big church. Little laymen dwarf a church. No church is likely to succeed beyond the vision and consecration of its laymen.—From the Methodist Layman.

# CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

REV. CLEM BAKER, Executive Secretary  
Little Rock Conference, 723 Center St., Little Rock

REV. IRA BRUMLEY, Executive Secretary  
North Arkansas Conference, Conway, Ark.

## JAMES THOMAS YOUTH FELLOWSHIP

The James Thomas Methodist Youth Fellowship, a sub-district of the Little Rock District, met July 14, at the Government Project, 10 miles north of Hazen for its regular monthly meeting.

Approximately 60 young people from Eagle, Lonoke, Hazen and Carlisle churches drove through a heavy rain-storm to be present.

The program, led by Billie Sims of the Hazen Young People's Department, consisted of reports on the results of the Youth Caravan recently held at the Lonoke church. The reports were made by Miss Martha Jean Beard, of Lonoke, and Eugene Hammonds of Hazen. Miss Audrey Young, of Carlisle, made a report on the Youth Fellowship Assembly held at Conway July 7-11.

Lester Woosley of Carlisle, Union counsellor, reported on the new organization changes with special emphasis on the mission pledges.

New officers were elected as follows: Billie Sims of Hazen, president; Gene Holmes of Lonoke, vice-president; Betty Jo Hale of Hazen, secretary; Patsy Lassiter of Eagle, treasurer; Mildred Woosley of Carlisle, publicity; Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Clark of Lonoke, counsellors.

The installation service for the new officers will be held at the Eagle church on August 11.—Lester Woosley, Counsellor.

## WAYS OF SUPPORTING THE CHURCH

There are three certain ways of supporting the church:

The first way is probably the oldest way. This is the way of Gratitude. It has been followed by all those who are conscious of having received at God's hands blessings and benefits, and they have gladly placed an offering on God's altar.

The second way of supporting the church has guaranteed the continuance and progress of the church. This is the way of Obligation. Those who have realized their dependence upon the church for spiritual support have also recognized the church's dependence upon them for material support.

The third way of supporting the church brings the church close to personal experience. This is the way of Affection. With it any other way may accomplish much more than its intended purpose. For the gift is part of the giver. The offering is an expression of love—love of God and of God's children.—The Expositor.

## VACATION SCHOOL AT COLLEGE HILL CHURCH

College Hill Methodist Church in Texarkana has recently concluded a most successful Vacation Bible School. Responsibility for the direction of this school was given by the Board of Education to Mrs. J. Ralph Clayton who had as her helpers, Mrs. Roy Phillips, Mrs. Clayton Northcutt, Mrs. W. B. Westerfield and Mrs. Glenn Tanner. There were two other volunteer workers and a total enrollment of forty-nine. Lesson materials used were "Happy Times In Our Church," for Begin-

ners, "Learning About Our Church" for the Primaries, and "The Land Where Jesus Lived" for the Juniors.—Reporter.

## POPE-YELL COUNTY SUB-DISTRICT YOUTH FELLOWSHIP

The Pope-Yell sub-district meeting of the Methodist Youth Fellowship was held Monday evening, July 15, at Dardanelle.

A worship service of Old Testament readings and hymns was led by Rev. Ethan Dodgen of the host church, followed by the showing of technicolor film of Old Testament stories. These stories were filmed by the Morrilton Young People's Department in the summer of 1939, during the pastorate of Rev. H. M. Lewis, with Mrs. R. D. Earl, Jr., in charge of costuming and photography and Mrs. H. M. Lewis, director. Mrs. Lewis, now of Russellville, served as commentator during the showing of the film, with unison reading of the twenty-third psalm and solo "Jacob's Dream in the Desert," by Frank Hilliard of Russellville with Miss Kittle Boles, organist. The entire group joined in repeating the youth benediction.

Bill Strickland of Plainview, president, conducted a business meeting with Mozelle Mitchell of Russellville acting as secretary. The resignation of Forence Kaylor of Lamar as treasurer, offered because of illness, was announced. On recommendation of the executive committee, Dorothy Bridenthal of Pottsville, was selected to fill the vacancy.

One hundred and fifteen young people and adult counselors registered from Atkins, Danville, Dardanelle, Dover, Lamar, Ola, Plainview, Pottsville and Russellville, with visitors from Pine Bluff and Hot Springs.

Bible games were featured during the recreation period under the direction of the Dardanelle young people. Punch and wafers were served from twin lace-covered tables placed at each end of the church lawn with punch served by Katie Mae Madden and Bettye Burkes, assisted by Rebecca McKenzie and Betty Jo Crowley.

Monday evening, August 25, the young people are invited to meet at Dover for a picnic.—Alfred Vance.

## MEDITATION

Into thy hands, O Lord, I commend myself, my spirit, soul, and body; Thou didst make, and didst redeem them; and together with me all my friends and all that belongs to me. Thou hast vouchsafed them to me, Lord, in my goodness, Guard my lying down and my rising up, from henceforth and forever, Let me remember thee on my bed, and search out my spirit; Let me wake up and be present with thee; Let me lie down in peace, and take my rest; for it is thou, Lord, only that makest me dwell in safety. Amen.—Bishop Andrews' Devotions.

There is no truer test of a man's character than the ideals which excite his genuine enthusiasm; there is no surer measure of what he will become than a real knowledge of what he heartily admires.—Liddon.

## CHURCH-SCHOOL WORLD SERVICE OFFERINGS

NORTH ARKANSAS CONFERENCE  
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**Batesville District**  
Tuckerman .....\$ 8.25  
Mt. View .....5.12  
Salem .....6.20  
Total .....\$ 19.57

**Conway District**  
Belleville-Havana .....\$ 7.19  
Perryville .....3.00  
Gardner Memorial .....5.58  
Greenbrier .....2.68  
Morrilton .....16.00  
Total .....\$ 24.45

**Fayetteville District**  
Eureka Springs .....\$ 7.50  
Green Forest ......50  
Gravette-Decatur .....7.01  
Cincinnati .....4.00  
Springtown .....5.61  
Prairie Grove .....4.10  
Centertown .....3.00  
Oakley Chapel ......94  
Huntsville .....1.50  
Gentry .....5.00  
Elm Spring .....4.32  
Harmon .....3.48  
Total .....\$ 46.96

**Ft. Smith District**  
Mansfield .....\$ 3.88  
Clarksburg .....8.00  
Bethel .....3.10  
City Heights .....2.87  
Mt. Vernon .....2.00  
Alix .....2.00  
Ozark .....11.93  
Masard .....2.50  
Hartford .....6.02  
Waldron .....4.00  
Huntington .....2.00  
Total .....\$ 48.30

**Helena District**  
Crawfordsville .....\$ 2.27  
Weidner .....3.24  
Total .....\$ 5.61

**Jonesboro District**  
Tyronza .....\$ 6.50  
Dyess .....2.09  
Whitton .....1.29  
Total .....\$ 9.94

**Paragould District**  
Corning .....\$ 7.70  
Mammoth Spring .....1.27  
Hardy .....1.50  
Biggers .....1.50  
Success .....1.00  
Black Rock .....1.24  
Ravens Springs .....1.00  
Emmons Chapel .....3.00  
Pocahontas .....9.00  
East Side, Paragould .....3.99  
Total .....\$ 31.20

## Searcy District

Higginson .....\$ 3.50  
Griffithville .....3.50  
Ellis Chapel .....3.00  
Smyrna .....1.00  
Mt. Pisga .....1.00  
Augusta .....10.75  
Jacksonville .....3.00  
Judsonia .....4.27  
Heber Springs, Central .....5.00  
Heber Springs, First .....100.59  
Leslie .....2.46  
Total .....\$ 138.07

—Ira A. Brumley.

## LOOKING UNTO JESUS ROBERT JOHN CHRYSTIE

There is an old legend of a prince who had a crooked back. Being very proud, he suffered mentally. One day he said to his most skillful sculptor: "Make a statue of me, but with a straight back. I would see myself as I might have been."

When the perfect statue was finished, it was suggested it be set up before the palace gate, but the prince said: "Place it in a secret nook in the palace garden where only I shall see it." And it was done.

The affair was soon forgotten but every day the prince would steal away and look long and earnestly at the statue, and each time something seemed to set his blood tingling and his heart throbbing.

Months passed, and people began to say: "The prince's back is not as crooked as it was," or "The prince seems much more noble looking than he used to be." Hearing this, the prince went again into the garden and stood beside the statue, and behold, his back had become as straight as the statue's and his brow as noble—he was the man of the statue.

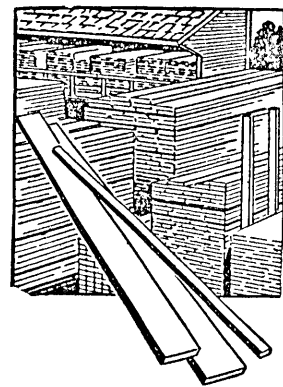
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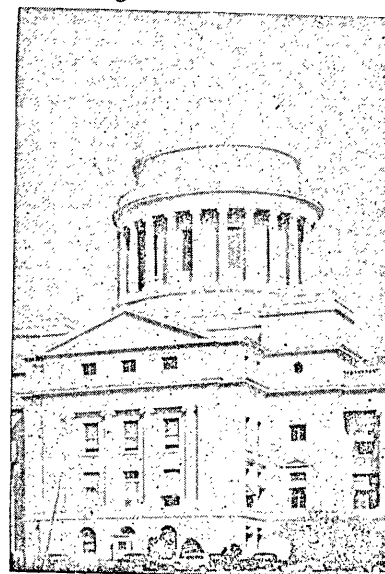
Arkansas' Governor Since  
January 15

time, it was Captain Adkins. Returning to Little Rock, Mr. Adkins began his public career by running for sheriff and tax collector of Pulaski county in 1922. He met with success in this, his first political venture, and took office in January 1923, when only 31 years of age. He was re-elected in 1925 without opposition. He was given additional honor by being elected president of the Arkansas Sheriff's Association.

Leaving the sheriff's office in 1928, Mr. Adkins engaged in private business until 1932, when he again entered public life by participating in the presidential campaign for President Roosevelt. His activities were rewarded in 1933 by his appointment as state collector of internal revenue. It is said that during these years as internal revenue collector, he drove his automobile an average of thirty thousand miles a year and had as many as 75 personal interviews daily.

In spite of his busy life he always took TIME FOR GOD. As a young man he was elected a steward in Asbury Church at 12th and Schiller and has consistently performed his duties as a servant of the church. He served as chairman of the board of stewards for four years and taught a young men's class for 18 years. From this class five young men have gone into the Christian ministry. Doubtless the influence of their Sunday School teacher had much to do with their decision.

When Mr. Adkins agreed to run for governor in 1940, his many friends were delighted. Among those who worked for his election were a host of leading churchmen throughout the state. When he was elected by a substantial majority, Governor Adkins entered upon his duties fully mindful of his responsibility but fully confident of the Divine leadership which had never failed



The Capitol—where the Governor usually spends an unusually long day.

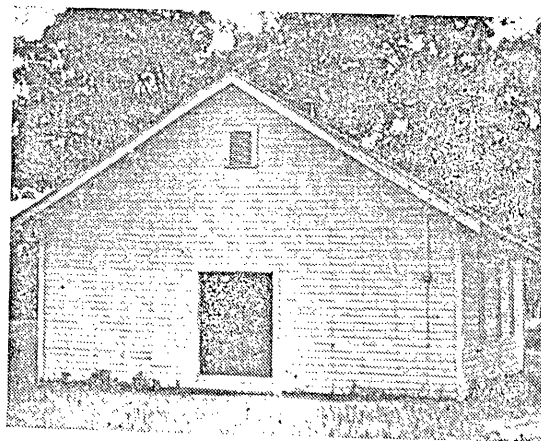
THE story of the elevation of the Pulaski county farm boy, Homer M. Adkins, to the governorship of the state of Arkansas, is a modern Horatio Alger success story—but it is more than that. It is a story of a man who has consistently taken God as a guide and has earnestly tried to follow his leadership in everything he does.

Mr. Adkins was born on a farm near Piedmont, Arkansas, twenty miles north of Little Rock. His father, Lis Adkins, died when he was an infant and he was taken by his mother, now Mrs. L. A. Wilkins, and his sister to live with his grandfather, Mr. T. M. Adkins, of Jacksonville. As a boy he attended little Bethel church, 150 yards from his grandfather's home. Methodist circuit riders made Grandfather Adkins' home their headquarters while preaching at Bethel. Young Homer looked forward to these periodic visits with great anticipation. When he was eleven years of age, the family moved to Little Rock and young Homer started out in search of a job to pay his expenses while attending school. Working for a time in a grocery and a drug store, he finally became a newsboy and when he was sixteen was chosen the outstanding newsboy in Little Rock. In spite of the fact that he went to school and arose at 3:30 a. m. to deliver the papers, he always had time for God. His mother and grandfather saw that he went regularly to Sunday School and church; not that they had to send him for he was always eager to go.

His first real job after school was as a fountain clerk for Snodgrass and Bracy when he was eighteen years of age. It was here that he became interested in pharmacy and by studying at night became a licensed pharmacist at twenty years of age. And while drug stores have the habit of remaining open on Sunday, Homer Adkins always found opportunity to get away for a few hours to attend church services.

Then came the first World War. Upon his enlistment as a private in the 154th Infantry, he was transferred to Camp Beauregard, La. His army promotions were rapid and by the time he had reached France, he had become a lieutenant at only twenty-five years of age.

While in Camp Beauregard, Mr. Adkins met Miss Estelle Smith, a Red Cross nurse. Again they met in France and found themselves both working in the same hospital in November 1918. Early in 1919, when thousands of troops were arriving daily at New York City harbor, as luck would have it, they met again and their courtship resulted in subsequent marriage. By that



Social Hill Methodist Church, near the Governor's Farm. Here practically every Sunday he teaches the Adult Class.



The Junior Class of Social Hill Methodist Church (near Malvern) taught by Mrs. Adkins.

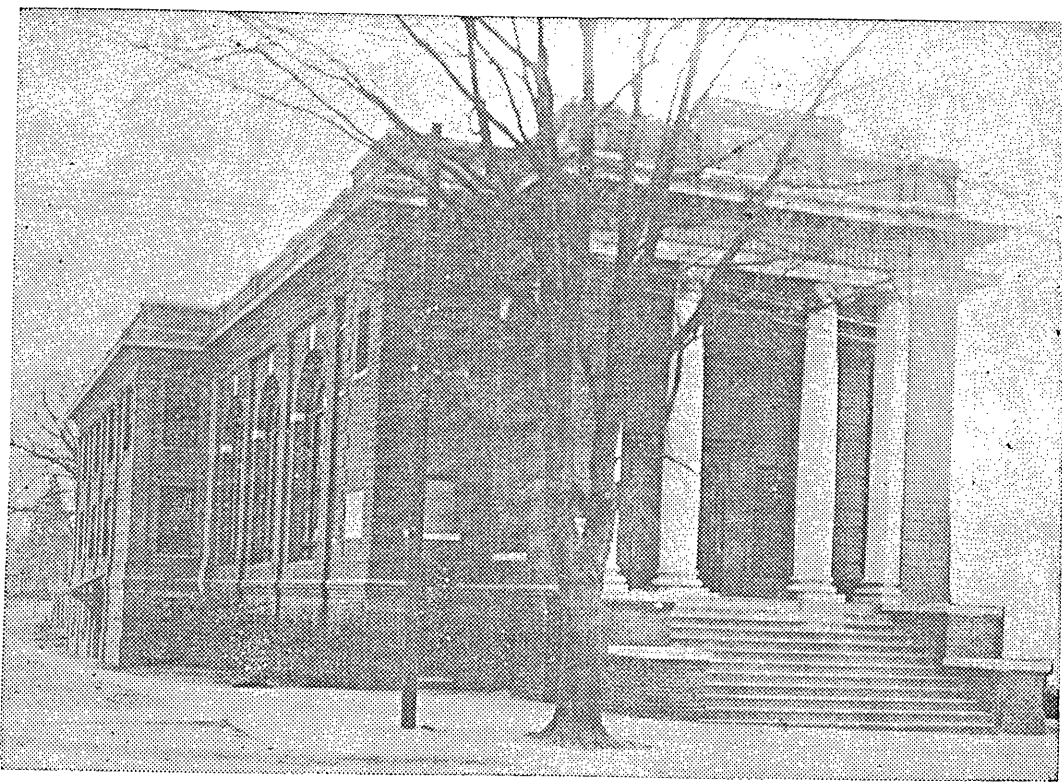
him. "When I saw that I was to be the governor of Arkansas, I went to my bedroom at home, shut the door and asked God to guide me in my new tasks."

Mr. Adkins has been governor only seven months, but during that time he has successfully refinanced Arkansas' road bonded indebtedness at a immense saving of approximately thirty million dollars. He has given the moral forces of his state new courage by his repeated emphasis on the necessity of moral legislation and social and civic betterment. Speaking to a group of churchmen at Mt. Sequoyah three weeks ago he said, "no matter how much we arm, the first line of defense is the moral integrity of the American people."

And now that he is governor, he still takes TIME FOR GOD. He owns a farm thirty miles southwest of Little Rock, near Malvern. It is to this farm that he goes over the week-end, but amid his periods of rest he worships God. For adjoining this farm is Social Hill Methodist church where the young minister, the Reverend Robert Bruce, preaches once a month, but practically every Sunday morning Governor Adkins teaches the adult Sunday School class while Mrs. Adkins teaches the children. They usually return to the city on Sunday afternoon and on Sunday night, the Governor and his wife are in their accustomed pew, in Asbury Church. Even being governor doesn't keep Governor Homer Adkins from taking TIME FOR GOD. "My day is usually 16 or 18 hours long and such an arduous task would be impossible without Divine aid, upon which I freely draw."

## For Today

O God, give me strength to live another day. Let me not turn coward before its difficulties or prove recreant to its duties. Let me not lose faith in my fellow men. Keep me sweet and sound of heart, in spite of ingratitude, treachery, or meanness. Preserve me from minding little slings or giving them. Help me to keep my heart clean, and to live so honestly and fearlessly that no outward failure can dishearten me or take away the joy of conscious integrity. Open wide the eyes of my soul that I may see good in all things. Grant me this day some new vision of Thy truth, inspire me with the spirit of joy and gladness, and make me the cup of strength to suffering souls; in the name of the strong Deliverer, our only Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ. Amen.—Phillips Brooks,



### FIRST METHODIST CHURCH OF MALVERN



DR. W. C. WATSON  
Pastor First Methodist Church  
Malvern

The First Methodist Church is enjoying a fine era of prosperity under the pastorate of Dr. W. C. Watson, who is now on the closing months of his seventh year. During this time more than 500 persons have been received into the church. A debt of \$3,000 has been paid off that was on the educational building, which building was built during the pastorate of Rev. J. A. Henderson, and has been dedicated by Bishop John M. Moore and named Allen Hall, in honor of that marvelous churchman and Christian, D. G. Allen. This man Allen is present every time there is a service in the church if in the city and gives unstintingly of his time and money to the church.

This church has a marvelous leadership among the laity who are very active. Aside from the above named is J. Elmo Young, Dr. W. H. Dowdell, H. A. Brooks, Mrs. H. A. Brooks, Mrs. Ths. H. McLean, who is organist, superintendent of Young People's Department and chairman of the Local Board of Education, which board never fails to meet every month; Mrs. William Murray, superintendent of Junior Department of the Sunday School and president of the Woman's Society of Christian Service; Miss Pauline Goodman, assistant organist, superintendent of Intermediate Department League, one of the teachers of the great Wesleyan Sunday School class of fine women; J. T. Alderson, president of the Century Class, a class of 138 men in the school; Hal D. Lockman, R. W. Griswold and Ray N. Boyle, the three teachers of this men's class.

Mr. Horace H. Fisher is chairman of the Board of Stewards and a wonderful collector as well. He looks well into all the works of the board and all salaries are paid every month and most of all the other obligations of the church. Foy Ritchey is secretary and treasurer of the board and one of the finest any church has ever had. Bro. H. A. Brooks is district lay leader and general superintendent of the Sunday School.

This church expects to begin a revival campaign on August 3. Dr.

# MALVERN

**MALVERN**, county seat of Hot Spring county, was founded by a road company in 1873, connected with the branch line in 1875, incorporated July 5, 1876; now a city.

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Eight miles distant, the Remmel Hydro-Electric plant provides the power which has helped Malvern to become a city. The dam impounds the waters of beautiful Lake Catherine.



CENTURY BIBLE CLASS, FIRST METHODIST CHURCH

Gaston Foote will do the preaching and the Rock, will lead in the song service. This is an exceedingly fortunate in securing the services and to that end great preparations are being made just at the rear of the church, a large piano, a large chorus choir, and they are praying that God will pour out a great blessing on the community. On the 26th of this month a service here, led by a band of crusaders from Malvern. This church enjoys large congregations for service, when chairs are usually used to the

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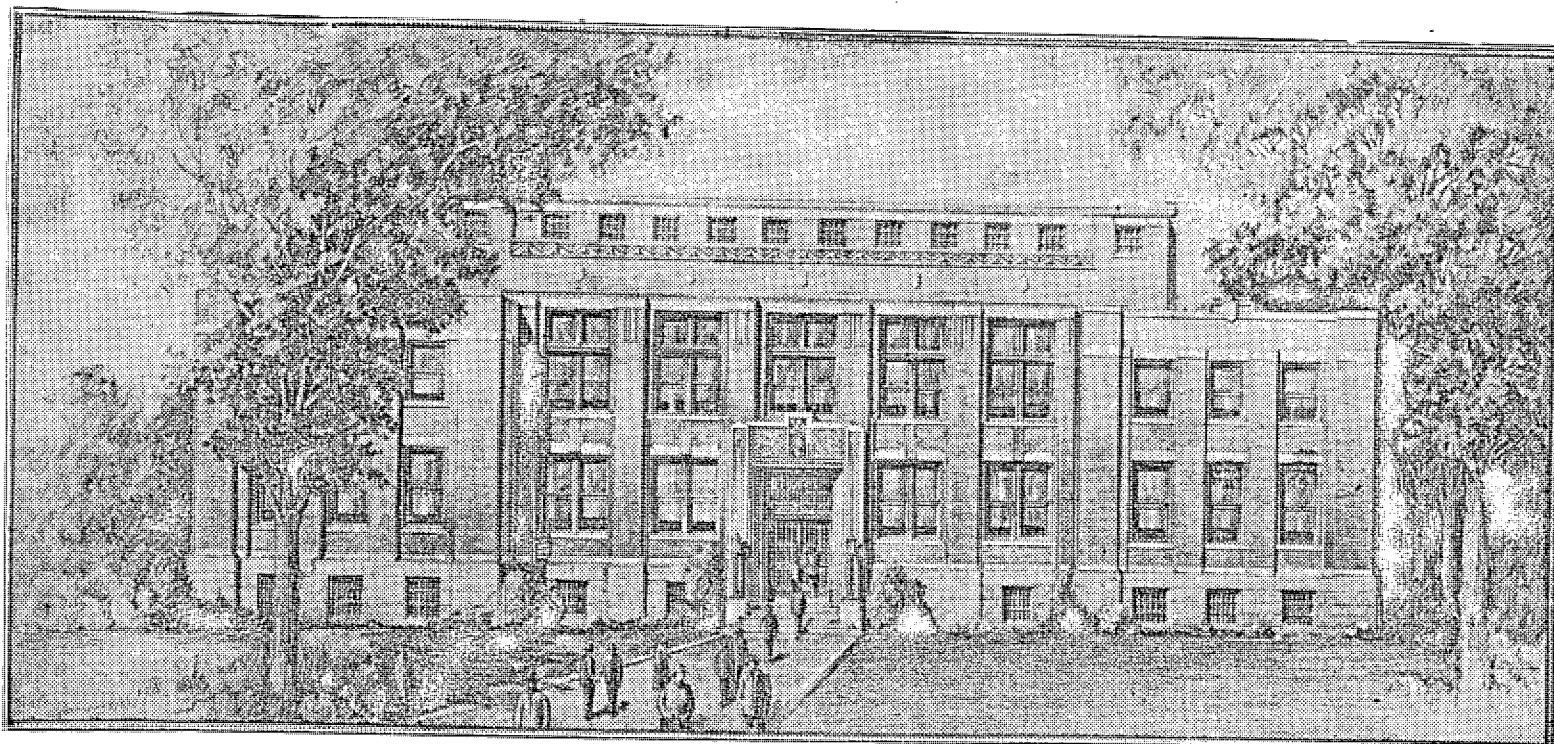


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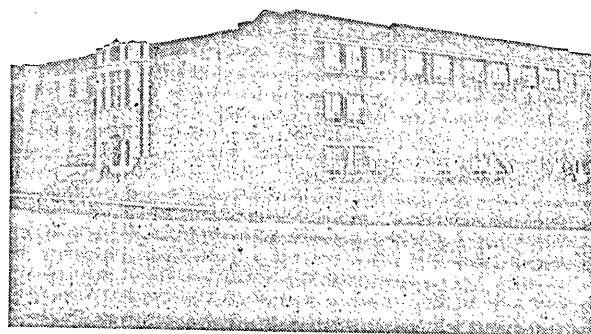
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Malvern is not wholly dependent upon its mill stacks or water-power developments, for it does a large shipping and shopping business with the farmers of a wide and fertile territory. Electric light and power is cheap; natural gas is available. Theatres, wholesale and retail establishments, solid banks, good hotels, public buildings, hospitals and churches of every denomination are among the many inviting things to be found in Malvern.



MALVERN HIGH SCHOOL BUILDING

This church feels that they are fortunate in their District Superintendent, Rev. J. E. Cooper, who is very active, a splendid preacher and the embodiment of politeness and consideration for all. The church will submit a good report at Conference meeting in Fordyce, November 12. It should also be reported that last year the ladies under the lead of Mrs. Murray in the Woman's Society of Christian Service redecorated the interior of the church and the men of the church worked over the exterior of the church, adding much to the appearance of the entire physical plant. All together Malvern Methodism is hopeful and happy.



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# CHILDREN'S STORYLAND

MRS. KATHLEEN STOREY, Editor



## NOT A CENTIPEDE

I'm very, very glad indeed  
That I am not a centipede;  
For think of walking in the street  
Or garden with one hundred feet!  
For how they would get in the way  
Whenever I went out to play.  
And, oh, how cross my nurse would get  
If all my hundred feet got wet!

Suppose, when I began to run,  
That half my feet should stop, for fun,  
While fifty more went rushing past—  
What would become of me at last?  
And, oh, what pain if someone chose  
To tread on my five hundred toes!  
Oh, yes, I'm sure I'm quite agreed  
I would not be a centipede.  
—Religious Herald.

## PEGGY'S SURPRISE

By GRACE HELEN DAVIS

"Let's play down by the brook this afternoon, David," suggested Peggy.

"Yes, let's Peggy, and we'll sail autumn leaves for boats and make up a game about them," agreed David.

David and Peggy liked to do down by the cheerful little brook in the meadow. In the spring they gathered big purple violets along the bank, and often on summer days they searched for wild strawberries or sailed their toy boats.

The brookside looked a little different now from the way it appeared in the summertime. There were stalks of seeds instead of small flowers, and here and there David and Peggy spied a wild strawberry leaf that had turned red.

The children had brought along some big yellow catalpa leaves to sail for pretend-boats.

"They're fun," said David.

The catalpa-leaf boats sailed nicely, but Peggy's got caught on a root which jutted out into the water. She hurried to poke at it with a small stick, but while she was busy doing that something happened that made her cross.

"Oh, David, I think you're mean to throw little pebbles and sand at my legs while I'm trying to get my boat free," she exclaimed.

David, who was sailing his leaf in a small pool a few feet down the stream, was astonished.

"What do you mean? I didn't throw any pebbles or anything else, Peggy," he answered.

"But I surely felt something!" cried Peggy.

She got her catalpa leaf free, and

looked about to see what could possibly have hit her. Then she noticed something in the top of her sock. It was a tiny, hard round black thing. Peggy held it out on the palm of her hand.

"What's this?" she asked.

"Why, that's some kind of seed, Peggy. I think it may be a violet seed," said David.

"But how did it hit me? And it felt as if there were a number of little things like that being thrown at me," said Peggy, very much puzzled.

She and David began to look

among the violet plants. They could see plenty of green, three-cornered seed-pods, and some empty pods that were wide open now. Then David touched a brownish seed-pod that looked just ready to unclose. In a second something surprising happened. The pod snapped open so hard that a whole stream of tiny, round, black seeds came shooting, and were thrown a little distance.

"Oh, David, that's what happened!" cried Peggy. "I must have disturbed a ripe violet pod, and the seeds popped out at me. Don't they pop out hard, though?"

The children told mother about Peggy's surprise at the brook. "I really thought David was teasing me by throwing something at me, mother," said Peggy.

"Well, nature has given the violet plants this way of bursting their pods open so hard that the seeds are thrown a little distance so that they won't all drop close by the plant, and will have some room to grow," explained mother.

"I'm glad nature did that, mother," declared Peggy. "The violets are so pretty that we all like them, and we're glad that each year there are more and more plants down by the brook."

"Let's try to learn a little about the different seeds we come across, and find out how they discover places to grow, Peggy," suggested David. "I know about the little thistle and milkweed seeds. The seed is at the end of the white, downy part, and the wind carries it here and there as it blows."

"And burrs are another kind of seeds that are clothes about. They cling to our clothes, and to animals," put in Peggy. "Yes, let's gather different kinds of seeds and find out about them," David. We'll have fun doing that."—Story World.

## BOOK REVIEW

Valiant, Dog of the Timberline.

This is a splendid dog story by the author of "Silver Chief," Jack O'Brien, who was in charge of the dogs of Byrd's Expedition to the Antarctic.

Valiant is of German shepherd stock. He was trained from puppyhood to be a sheep dog. On a sheep ranch in Montana he had opportunity to use his training, for here he had hundreds of sheep under his care. Valiant showed his most admirable trait, that of faithfulness to his master, when he took part in his master's fight to hold his land claim in Montana against the cattle men.

The illustrations are by Kurt Wiese, and are full page. This book is recommended by The Junior Literary Guild of Rockefeller Plaza, New York, N. Y., for boys in the sixth, seventh and eighth grades. Price \$2.00.—Blanche Chenault Junkin.

## THE POCKETBOOK of KNOWLEDGE BY TOPPS



## RESOLUTION PASSED AT MEN OF CHURCHES CABINET MEETING, FRIDAY, JULY 11, 1941

Whereas, it has come to the attention of the cabinet of the Men of the Churches of Greater Little Rock that there are a large number of places in this community being operated that are conducive to immorality and detrimental to the best interests of our youth, and

Whereas, the youth of today will constitute our citizenship of tomorrow, and

Whereas, these places are being operated by the sanction of law or in the flagrant violation of it, and

Whereas, the Sheriff of Pulaski County, Gus Caple, recently ordered certain classes of amusement establishments to close at 12:00 o'clock

midnight on Saturday nights and to remain closed until 6:00 o'clock Monday morning, and

Whereas, many of these places are being operated on Sunday to the hurt and the degrading of the entire community.

Therefore be it resolved by the Men of the Churches of Greater Little Rock:

1. That we commend the Sheriff of Pulaski County for his efforts towards the better control of such establishments.

2. That we call upon our law enforcement officers and especially the courts to give him the advantage of their whole-hearted support.

3. That we earnestly request, as far as possible under our existing laws, that all places of unwholesome amusement be closed on Sundays and remain closed until 6:00 a. m.

o'clock on Mondays, and call upon all citizens of this county to give their support to our law enforcement officers in any effort to make our community a better place in which to live.—Cabinet of the Men of the Churches of Greater Little Rock.

This resolution was endorsed by some thirty-six men's adult classes in Little Rock.—Submitted by H. J. Burney.

They shall bend their swords into ploughshares and their spears into pruning hooks, nations shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more.—Bible.

Blessed are the peacemakers for they shall be called the children of God.—Bible.

## STANDING FOR PRINCIPLE

We have seen . . . men treat their principles as the crew of the ship of Tarshish treated Jonah; they threw him overboard in order to make port. One is forced to ask whether in such cases expediency was not mistaken for conviction. . . Notwithstanding, it is the men who have consistently and to the end of the road stood for the things that were right, who have made history.—From T. T. Shields.

Brother Pastor: Help increase the circulation of the Arkansas Methodist in your Church. There are many in your congregation who will invest One Dollar to send the Arkansas Methodist to THREE people. Give them a chance next Sunday. (See page 2).



# WOMAN'S SOCIETY OF CHRISTIAN SERVICE

MRS. J. R. HENDERSON, Editor

## MT. SEQUOYAH SCHOOL OF MISSIONS

### BY WAY OF SUMMARY

Approximately forty of the members of North Arkansas and Little Rock Conference Woman's Society of Christian Service attended the School of Missions at Mt. Sequoyah, July 8-18. These women were your Conference, District and Local Society officers. Because many of them were sent by you to bring back inspiration and information for your District and Conference we feel that we are justified in devoting our page this week to the activities of this school. In doing this we hope that those of you who did not have the privilege of attending might know something of what took place during these ten days. The ladies from your Conference were enrolled in one of the following classes offered: Christians and World Order, Dr. Henry Barnett, Lakeland, Florida; Christianity and Democracy in America, Miss Mary Lou Barnwell, New York City; The Message of the Bible For Today, Miss Oscie Sanders, Houston, Texas; The Christian Family, Mrs. Delbert Mann, Nashville, Tenn.; Conducting a Study Group in Missions and Christian Service, Miss Florence Teague, Nashville; and due to the fact that a number of the classes were over-crowded, Mrs. J. W. Mills was asked to open a second class in Christians and World Order.

Your representatives also took part in the following Seminars: Spiritual Life, Mrs. W. O. Prince, Kansas City, Missouri; Christian Social Relations and Local Church Activities, Mrs. W. B. Landrum, Tyler, Texas; Missionary Education, Mrs. Helen Bourne, New York City; The Missionary Enterprise, Miss Sallie Lou McKinnon; Wesleyan Service Guild, Miss Marion Lela Norris, New York City; Student Work, Mrs. Lenore E. Porter, New York City; Young Women and Girls' Work, Miss Helen Cox, New York City; and Children's Work, Miss Ruby Van Hooser, Nashville, Tennessee. The Forum Hours every morning and the Platform Hours each evening, planned primarily for the District and Conference Missionary Secretaries who were attending the Missionary Conference, July 11-18, furnished information and inspiration for all our women.

Limited space does not permit us to tell you about the many fine messages brought by our missionaries and deaconesses. While some brought glowing reports of our work at home and abroad, and others were saddened at having to leave their fields of service, yet all in answer to the question, "Has this expanding Christianity achieved anything real?" immediately answered in the affirmative. We were made to feel and know in our own hearts that whether success were discernible or not they believe enough in what they are doing to go on with it, working with the faith that a later generation of workers will see the fruits of the work being done today.

Dr. Jay Stowell, Department of Visual Education, Board of Missions and Church Extension, aside from illustrating the values of visual education showed numerous pictures

which graphically presented our work in many areas. As we listened and looked we experienced a mixed feeling of pride in what is being done, but of conviction that we, who call ourselves Christian, are doing comparatively little to relieve the suffering of the world.

How we wish it were possible to bring to you all of the inspiration that has been ours as we partook of the bountiful blessings of fellowship with more than 300 Christians gathered together on this "mountain of light" for those brief ten days. The leaders of the school did everything within their physical, financial and spiritual powers to give us not just a "birdseye view," not only of Methodist Church, but of Christian church around the world.

### SEMINAR ON MISSIONARY EDUCATION

Among the eight Seminars included in the schedule of the School of Missions this year was one on Missionary Education. This discussion group was conducted by Mrs. Helen Bourne, Secretary of Missionary Education of the Joint Division of Education and Cultivation, Woman's Division, and Mrs. J. W. Mills, Vice-President of the Woman's Society of Christian Service. The discussion in this section was centered around the purpose of the Woman's Society of Christian Service and the relation of education and cultivation to the purpose. Our regular program meetings, study groups of every kind, the two periodicals, all field literature on our missionary work, are our means for missionary education through the Society. A summary of the discussions was made, but space does not permit us to print all of it here. Many of you, however, will be interested in certain conclusions which developed out of the discussions, as follows: (1) There should be a spiritual basis for all Christian Service; (2) Make all service Christian—"Whatsoever ye do, do it unto the Lord"; (3) A program of Education and Cultivation is necessary, if the PURPOSE of the Woman's Society of Christian Service is to be attained; (4) Education and spiritual development must begin in ME; (5) Contributions of money, or of any material things may be solved through a dedication to the Stewardship Life; (6) All programs should be carefully and prayerfully planned and attractively presented. "Cursed be he who doeth the work of the Lord negligently"; (7) KNOW your HANDBOOKS; (8) Use the Mission and Bible studies recommended. These are planned for the purpose of carrying out the objectives of the Woman's Society of Christian Service; (9) Reports are one of the important means of cultivation. They are part of the "clinic." The District, the Conference, the Jurisdiction, and the Division officers know from reports the strong and weak points, and from this knowledge they are able to prescribe the right remedies. Use the method of reporting agreed upon by your Conference from the suggestions given by the Division. Report in full, and on time; (10)

The goal of four studies each year should be set; (11) Letters from Division, Jurisdiction, Conference, or District officers are for your instruction, correction and cultivation. Study them carefully. Keep them on file for future reference and share this help with those dependent upon you for direction; (12) "A knowledge of the needs is a call to service." Missionary education of the right kind results in deeper spiritual discernment, dedication of self, stewardship in every area of life. The results in money and enlargement of service have reached around the world and are beyond calculation.

### COOPERATIVE PLANS FOR YOUTH WORK DISCUSSED

The School of Missions offered opportunity for secretaries of student work, young women and girls' work and children's work, to study fully the plans for our church for cooperation between the Church School and the Woman's Society of Christian Service. The following Associate Secretaries of the Joint Division of Education and Cultivation, Woman's Division, were present for a part of the school and conducted Seminars on their particular areas of work: Mrs. Lenore E. Porter, Student Work; Miss Ruby Van Hooser, Children's Work; and Miss Helen Cox, Assistant Editor of The Methodist Woman substituted for Miss Helen Johnson, Young Women and Girls' Work. All Secretaries of Young Women and Girls' groups, and of Children's Work should have already received leaflets explaining their work. If you are one of these and do not have this information you should order it at once. Secretaries of Children's Work should have Leaflet No. 160-B and Secretaries of Young Women and Girls' groups, Leaflets Nos. 2047-B and 2048-B. Secretaries of Student Work should have received by this time a mimeographed letter which replaces the first leaflet sent out last spring. If you have not received this, write your Conference Secretary of Student Work, or to Student Department, 150 Fifth Avenue, New York City.

It is expected that this work will be presented at all District Study Leaders' meetings in August and September so that all Secretaries of Children and Young Women and Girls' groups will be ready to begin their work October 1, when the new plans go into effect.

### BASIS FOR ACTIONS

The following summary came from the Seminar on Christian Social Relations and Local Church Activities. The information herein received should lead the groups to a discovery of the enlarged opportunities in this department of our Missionary Program. The exchange of experiences has caused us to be aware of the effectiveness of our existing plan of work, and of the ways by which it can best be administered. Experience in fellowship has created a unity among the conferences in our jurisdiction.

As we studied the work of the Woman's Division of Christian Service in the Board of Missions and Church Extension of the Methodist Church we were faced at the beginning with the question: Is the work of the department of Christian Social Relations and Local Church Activities a vital part of a program in home and foreign missionary endeavor? Should so-called mission funds be appropriated to this department? We came to the conclusion that if every relation (geographical, intellectual, economic or social; city or rural; national and international) were Christian there would be no need of this department. But, because there are these non-Christian areas, there is a danger spot which may give rise to systems of life and thought that can challenge the life of Christianity; and Christian thought and action should thus be given to these areas of need. The purpose of this department is clearly stated in our Handbook (Pages 7-8).

There is need of cooperation between this department and that of the department of Missionary Education and Service within the Conference Society, in making recommendations; and a like cooperation between the two secretaries in the society in the local church in putting their recommendations into action. Intelligent understanding, enlarged vision, and enriched Spiritual experiences will result when there is cooperative planning between the Secretaries of Christian Social Relations and Local Church Activities and Missionary Education and Service and the Chairman of Spiritual Life.

Recognizing the value of perspective, we have chosen for this year to emphasize in this jurisdiction three areas of interest and need that seem to be adapted for emphasis in our conferences—three of the seven Standing Committees, namely: Minority Groups and Interracial Cooperation; Christian Citizenship, and The Christian Family. It is recognized that major emphasis on these three does not limit an individual, society, zone, district or conference to study and act in these three areas alone, but attention should be given to the other four as the occasion demands.

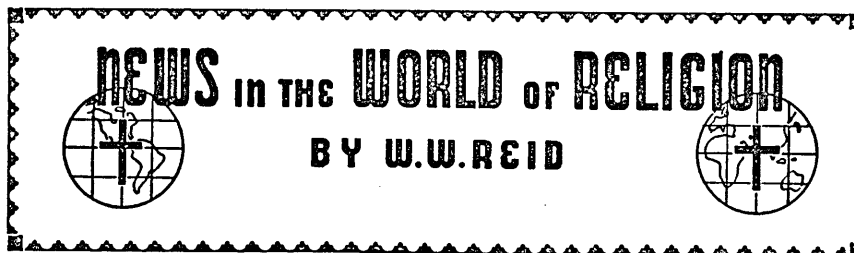
It is recognized that the work of this department is integrated with the work of the whole society.

This group has given special attention to the work of the Committees on Economics and The Christian Home; the National Defense Program; and the conference activities in Local Church Activities and community welfare; Alcohol and Other Narcotics; Christian Citizenship, and Interracial Cooperation. In these studies we have discovered the old truth of the need of cooperative action with the church, the school, the home, civic and community forces; recognizing that "coming together is a beginning, keeping together is progress, working together is success."—Mrs. W. B. Landrum, 401 West Fifth Street, Tyler, Texas, Secretary of Christian Social Relations, Local Church Activities, South Central Jurisdiction.



The Presbyterians in Alaska are to have a new boat that will carry the gospel message to the fishermen, the trappers, and others in isolated communities along the many bays and coastal points. Practically every church in Alaska is helping build the vessel. Juneau Memorial Church is giving a steering wheel, constructed by an expert shipwright, a member of the church. It will be inlaid with Alaskan ivory and California abalone shell. The Northern Light Church, of Juneau, is furnishing lines for the bunks, and the two Haines missionary societies will help to buy galley utensils. The 300-pound storm anchor is a gift of the Angoon Church. Petersburg (Alaska) Church is providing a first-class seven-jeweled ship's clock; Wrangell Church will give funds for the bronze rudder and fittings; Metlakatla Church is buying a radio phone; and the children at Haines House, not to be outdone by the adults, the buying the ship's whistle. Others have contributed construction funds.

New "mass movements" of Hindu people toward the Christian church are reported by Bishop J. Waskom Pickett, of Bombay, India, from two



corners of his far-flung area. Because of close-knit family and caste ties, Indians do not usually accept Christianity as individuals, but by family or occupational groups.

I have just reached home from a tour of the Nanded District of the Bombay Conference," says the Bishop. "In the Vdgir section of the district hundreds of the 'Depressed Class' people are asking to be received into the Church. Two hundred five have been baptized, and probably 2,000 more have declared their faith in Christ. These are Marathi-speaking people and this is our first large mass movement development among Marathi-speaking folk. . . . In the Bhainsa section of the district we have a controlled mass movement among middle-caste Hindus. They speak Telugu but are in an area where Marathi is taught in all the schools. By car-

ing for these Telugu-speaking people on the border we have an opportunity to foster a mass movement of middle-caste Hindus among Marathi-speaking people in adjoining territory and among the Telugus."

"The real peace program has ten points and these points are the Ten Commandments," said the Most Rev. Francis J. Spellman, Catholic Archbishop of New York, recently. "The world has lost peace because these Commandments were flouted; and it can regain peace only through their observance and ascendancy. Before they can be observed in the world or in a nation they must be observed by individuals. They must be observed by ourselves. . . . All of us are the vic-

tims of the war, the war of Satan, the war of the flesh, the war of paganism. Only God's grace, only God's love for us and our love for God can save us and save our fellow-man."

Three thousand ministers in town and country churches in every section of the United States will attend special summer schools, institutes, and camps to be held at theological seminaries and agricultural colleges in the summer of 1941, it is announced by Benton Y. Landis, secretary of the Joint Committee on Town and Country of the Home Missions Council of North America and the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America. Fortyone schools will provide "continuing education for the minister in town and country," Mr. Landis says. "The purposes of these schools are to help ministers become acquainted with tested methods of town and country church work, to interpret trends of modern country life, to promote fellowship among rural ministers and to increase the contacts of ministers with agricultural leaders. Schools are conducted without tuition charge.

### PIGGOTT CHURCH FREE FROM DEBT

In the year of 1928 Methodists of Piggott launched out on a building program which resulted in the building of a beautiful church. This church is adequate in every way for carrying on the program of the church.

Anyone who looks this plant over will readily see that those who planned it were far-sighted. They were men of vision.

Methodists of Piggott are proud of their church and they have a right to be. For there is no better equipped church in Northeast Arkansas for the size of membership.

It was necessary to borrow part of the money to accomplish the purpose for which they set out to do, and immediately the slump came, making it doubly hard to keep up payments. However, for these thirteen years (which is not long considering the cost of the building) there has been a heroic struggle to keep up payments. The former pastors have been loyal and have helped in every way possible.

At the beginning of this conference year we started talking in terms of paying the debt in full by July 1, and in a short while interest enough had been created that the Board of Stewards went on record in favor of the move; following this move by the Board four of our good men deposited a very substantial sum each to be used if and when the full amount of the debt could be paid. Needless to say others joined in and on the 29th day of July a check was mailed to the Church Extension Board which paid the debt in full.

In all there has been a very fine spirit prevailing during this campaign. Our people paid this debt without complaining. The loyalty they have displayed deserves commendation. The credit goes to the people. The writer takes no credit for this accomplishment.

Methodism in Piggott has a future. Watch Piggott Methodism go forward. For this accomplishment we thank God and take courage.—J. J. Decker, Pastor.

## With The Churches

### NORPHLET

Mrs. Gatlin and I landed at Norphlet after the conference of November, 1939. Soon made a survey of the new field and set about getting the task done, which we knew was no small job. The sight of your people moving away from an oil field that was going down is not very encouraging, but God and my church had put me on the job to do something and I didn't want to fail. Rev. Leland Clegg is a good superintendent and he knows his district preachers.

Norphlet has some as good people as we have ever found anywhere and just as loyal to the church. They believe in the spirit of Jesus Christ. When I announced that I expected one member for every Sunday in the year some smiled and wondered where they would come from, but last year 72 were received into the church. Then they wanted to put new pews in and it was done, chairs for the pulpit and runners down the aisles, with woodwork gone over. With all this they had raised the salary a little higher. We had organized an evangelistic committee and this was functioning fine, so when we came back for this year we were already going.

We looked for some help in our meeting this year and my people wanted Bro. M. E. Scott, their former pastor, with Bro. Francis Christie to do the singing and work with the young people and he did his work well. Bro. Scott did some fine preaching which went to the heart of the crowds for we had them all the time. There were 17 adults, 16 by baptism, eight by vows and five by certificate. There will be 12 or 15 more as the committee works over the field. God is wonderfully blessing us and our good people. They have installed in the parsonage a Westinghouse refriger-

ator and a beautiful new cook stove and they are paid for. All finances are in fine shape. We are very happy with these people.—L. C. Gatlin.

### ARKANSAS METHODIST ORPHANAGE

Sunday I spent in Magnolia in the church served by Rev. O. C. Birdwell. As the readers of this article will recall, this church belonged to the Protestant Church but in the union of Methodism, it became a Methodist church owned by us all. I was surprised at the character of building they have there, a magnificent building equal to most any building you will find, yet terribly involved and weak in membership. Brother Birdwell is doing a good work, having received close to thirty members up to date and the prospects are very bright for an upward move. It is necessary to arrange in some way the indebtedness because it is long past due and the congregation alone cannot handle it at the present. I believe it can be worked out under Birdwell's leadership.

I am happy to announce that my last major contract for repairs at the Home has been finished satisfactorily and now I insist with all of the power that I have that our people visit our Home. It is a perfect beauty. The children are happy and our helpers are all in fine shape and we have promise of great success. Help us all you can in every way but especially by giving and visiting us and seeing the Home for yourself—it is yours, not mine.

With love for all, I am—Your brother, James Thomas, Executive Secretary.

Say and write today what you want said and written forever.—Carl L. Howland.

### CHAPLAIN TIPLADY WRITES HYMN FOR AMERICANS

Rev. Thomas Tiplady, superintendent of the Lambeth Missions, London, England, whose church has been wrecked by Nazi bombs, wrote a hymn, "A Hymn For the Times," during an air raid. It has been widely used in recent months in London. Now he has adapted the words for use in America "in appreciation of the ever-increasing sympathy and help which America is giving to the British peoples in their grim and desperate struggle to save the democratic way of life from perishing.

In sending the "American version" to friends in the Hymn Society of America, Chaplain Tiplady says it "may be freely used by all who feel that it can be of service to them. The words are:

"Lord, whom stars and tides obey,  
For our Commonwealth we pray;  
Guard and guide our Chief of State  
In these hours so great of fate.

"To our Congress counsel lend;  
On Thy strength may it depend;  
Guard our sailors out at sea,  
From all danger keep them free.

"Shield our soldiers as they stand  
Guarding Freedom's chosen land  
Bless our airmen in the sky,  
Safe as angels may they fly.

"Every nurse and doctor bless  
In the hour of toil and stress;  
Firemen, watchmen and police  
Grant Thy strength and inward peace.

"On the railroad be as light  
To the engine driver's sight;  
May each motor driver feel  
Thine own hand upon the wheel.

"Lord, whom stars and tides obey,  
Bring our nation 'neath Thy sway;  
May it seek the light divine,  
And obey no will but Thine."

Brother Pastor: Help increase the circulation of the Arkansas Methodist in your Church. There are many in your congregation who will invest One Dollar to send the Arkansas Methodist to THREE people. Give them a chance next Sunday. (See page 2).

Wanted To Buy—Good used pews. Write at once to Mrs. Charlie Logan, Alicia, Ark.

# THE LAYMAN'S PAGE

A. J. SHIREY, Editor

## A Worshiping Church . . . . . A Stewardship Church A Missionary Church

Methodist laymen in all of the 43,000 congregations of the country are to be urged through the General Board of Lay Activities to take a greater responsibility in the carrying out of the program of the Church, it was decided by members of the Board in their second annual meeting, held in Chicago, July 9-11.

With President Edgar T. Welch, of Westfield, N. Y., presiding, the Board heard the annual report of George L. Morelock, executive secretary, in which the work of the

with other agencies in the prevention of juvenile delinquency, a membership identification card for Methodist men, and the subscribing to church and local papers by official boards for their boys in service camps were included in the program adopted from the report of the committee on Men's Work, Work for Boys and Youth, and Conference and District Organizations.

The Benevolence committee urged the giving of emphasis to the benevolences of the Church, the ac-

approved, as was the encouragement of lay preaching. Laymen's Day was set for February 22, with the general theme to be, "Methodist Men and the Mission of the Church."

Each local church should adopt a sound financial budget and policy, urged the committee on Sound Church Finance and Adequate Support of the Ministry in its report. Adequate financial support means "not a mere living of about one jump ahead of the bread line for

damentals of Christian faith and practice. The facilities of the press and the radio are being utilized to the fullest for the promotion of special appeals in behalf of selfish and un-Christian movement and persons. It, therefore, becomes the paramount duty of Methodist Laymen to fortify their own lives against the vicious appeals of paganism by utilizing the resources and facilities offered by various agencies of our church for the cultivation of a deeper spiritual life."



G. L. MORELOCK  
Executive Secretary  
Board of Lay Activities

Board through Conference, District and Charge lay leaders during the past year was explained. The reports of his associates, E. Dow Bancroft, Rev. James W. Workman and W. Rolfe Brown, also were read.

Discussion was then made of the various phases of Methodist men's work in the local church, and at the final session of the Board meeting on Friday morning, the reports of the various committees were adopted. Principal provisions of those reports called for the following programs and aims:

The committee on Stewardship, Worship and Cooperation with other General Boards recommended that education in lay work should continue courses in pastors' schools and that the work be expanded in seminaries. It also urged the promotion of attendance at the worship services of the Church.

More aggressive work for boys and youth in recreational and educational programs, the cooperation



E. DOW BANCROFT  
Associate Secretary

ceptance of full apportionments as a minimum, an every-member canvass for financial and fellowship promotion. Said this committee: "Matters such as temperance, Sabbath observance, and integrity of family life are not strictly personal. They and the indecent motion pictures, gambling and publication of salacious literature require the cleansing of community life as well as the evangelizing of personal character."

A new emphasis of the laymen for a deeper spiritual movement in America was the important recommendation of the committee on Evangelism, Christian Fellowship, Lay Preaching, Laymen's Week and Laymen's Day. Aids to the promotion of such a program were suggested. Support to "World Communion Sunday" on October 5 was

the minister and his family, but enough to give sufficient security to make for efficiency upon the part of the minister," declared the committee.

The conducting of training and spiritual retreats and study courses in the local churches was recommended by the committee on Training Official Boards, Circulation of Church Papers and Literature. It urged the promotion of the circulation of "The Methodist Layman," "The Christian Advocate" and other Methodist periodicals and books. This committee's report closed with these words:

"Your committee feels that in these times when so many subtle appeals are being made for the support and loyalties of men, the supreme obligation of the Methodist Church is to reassert the basic fun-



JAMES W. WORKMAN  
Associate Secretary

Dr. Morelock's proposal for a challenging quadrennial program for Methodist laymen was heartily endorsed by the Board. This calls upon the men to make the Methodist Church, "A worshiping church, a fellowship church, an evangelistic church, a stewardship church and a missionary church."

Vacancies on the Board were filled by the election of the following new members: for the North Central Jurisdiction, Ernest H. Campbell, superintendent of public schools, Ypsilanti, Mich.; for the Southeastern Jurisdiction, Rev. Frank B. Jones, of Paducah, Ky.; and Professor W. K. Greene, of Duke University, Durham, N. C.

Five of the six Bishops who are members of the Board attended. They are: Bishop J. Lloyd Decell, of Birmingham; Bishop Wilbur E. Hammaker, of Denver; Bishop J. Ralph Magee, of Des Moines; Bishop Wm. C. Martin, Omaha; Bishop James H. Straughn, Pittsburgh.

### AT IT AGAIN

By A. J. SHIREY

In the last issue of the CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, Roy L. Smith says: "The depression has been covering a multitude of sins, and some of them are coming to light in towns where everybody has gone back to work in war industries."

In a recent issue of the Arkansas Gazette, Judge Harb of the Little Rock Municipal Court, made a statement that arrests for drunken

driving in Little Rock were increasing rapidly. People are getting more money as a result of the wartime prosperity bubble that is now expanding. We are beginning another mad wave of Godless profanity such as characterized the "silk shirt days" of World War No. 1. This time, instead of silk shirts, it seems the national craze will head toward "honky-tonks," automobiles and "booze." Yes, Roy Smith, is

right. Sins which could not express themselves for lack for cash are now coming to the surface. The evidence is growing each day that America did not repent during the lean years of the sins and lusts which landed us in that terrible debacle. Profits from the forty billion dollar military preparedness pendings of the Government bids fair to wreck what little bit of decency that remains in the masses

of our people. At least, that is the way we are headed now. How many of the automobiles in your community, bought with earnings from war work have been used to transport their owners to church?

Every gross act of sin is much the same thing to the conscience that a great blow is to the head; it stuns and bereaves it of all use of its senses for a time.—South.

## Benevolence Reports

### BENEVOLENCES

<b>Arkadelphia District</b>		
Arkadelphia Ct.	\$ 2.75	
Friendship Ct.	2.00	
Leola Ct.	5.75	
Malvern Ct.	2.40	
Pearcy Ct.	3.00	
Princeton Ct.	13.77	
Total	\$ 29.67	
Previously reported	\$1,963.10	
Grand Total	\$1,992.77	
<b>Camden District</b>		
Camden Station	\$ 50.00	
Centennial Charge-El Dorado	10.77	
Vantrease Memorial Charge	35.00	
Fordyce	15.00	
McNeil Charge	25.00	
Ebenezer Ct.	3.25	
Thornton Ct.	20.00	
Total	\$ 159.02	
Previously reported	\$2,925.86	
Grand Total	\$3,084.88	
<b>Little Rock District</b>		
Bryant Ct.	\$ 4.20	
Des Arc-DeVall's Bluff	13.00	
Keo-Tomberlin	12.00	
Pulaski Heights	129.14	
Mabelvale	25.00	
Total	\$ 183.34	
Previously reported	\$9,210.84	
Grand Total	\$9,494.18	
<b>Monticello District</b>		
Crossett	\$ 250.00	
Dumas	13.67	
Lake Village	16.00	
New Edinburg Ct.	8.00	
Warren	600.00	
Wilmar Ct.	3.42	
Wilmot	20.00	
Total	\$ 911.09	
Previously reported	\$ 635.45	
Grand Total	\$1,546.54	
<b>Pine Bluff District</b>		
Bayou Meto Ct.	\$ 8.00	
Carr Memorial, P. B.	15.00	
Lakeside, P. B.	36.49	
St. Charles Ct.	5.00	
Total	\$ 64.49	
Previously reported	\$1,805.81	
Grand Total	\$1,870.30	
<b>Prescott District</b>		
Bingen Ct.	\$ 19.80	
Blevins Ct.	3.18	
Gurdon	22.50	
Hope	200.00	
Mt. Ida	30.00	
Murfreesboro-Delight	8.03	
Nashville	30.00	
Saline Ct.	5.78	
Springhill Ct.	6.85	
Waterloo Ct.	2.50	
Total	\$ 328.64	
Previously reported	\$1,086.28	
Grand Total	\$1,414.92	
<b>Texarkana District</b>		
Ashdown	\$ 87.00	
Fouke Ct.	5.00	
Hatfield Ct.	3.66	
Lewisville-Bradley	49.00	
College Hill	2.13	
First Church, Texarkana	166.66	
Total	\$ 313.45	
Previously reported	\$1,753.22	
Grand Total	\$2,066.67	
<b>Grand total received on Benevolences through June 30</b>		\$21,470.26

### WORLD SERVICE SUNDAY OFFERING

#### (FOURTH SUNDAY)

<b>Arkadelphia District</b>		
Arkadelphia Ct.	\$ 1.00	
Dalark Ct.	2.50	
Tigert Memorial, Hot Springs	1.00	
Malvern Station	1.88	
Malvern Station	12.25	
Pearcy Ct.	12.00	
Princeton Ct.	4.07	
Traskwood Ct.	2.00	
Total	\$ 36.80	
Previously reported	\$ 239.11	
Grand Total	\$ 275.91	
<b>Camden District</b>		
Camden Station	\$ 15.00	
Chidester Ct.	1.75	
First Church, El Dorado	29.05	
Vantrease, El Dorado	1.06	
Fairview	2.00	
Fordyce	7.90	
Huttig	2.00	
Kingsland Ct.	3.26	
Parker's Chapel--Fredonia	4.63	
Taylor Ct.	.42	
Thornton Ct.	1.00	
Total	\$ 68.07	
Previously reported	\$ 598.37	
Grand Total	\$ 666.44	
<b>Little Rock District</b>		
Austin Ct.	\$ 1.00	
Bryant Ct.	3.00	
Carlisle Ct.	1.00	
Des Arc-DeVall's Bluff	1.00	
Douglasville-Geyer Springs	4.00	
Hickory Plains Ct.	.83	
Keo-Tomberlin	4.00	
First Church, Little Rock	50.00	
Riverview	1.00	
Scott Street, Little Rock	5.00	
Lonoke	1.00	
Mabelvale	7.50	
Primrose Chapel	8.00	
Roland Ct.	.89	
Total	\$ 88.22	
Previously reported	\$ 672.69	
Grand Total	\$ 760.91	
<b>Monticello District</b>		
Arkansas City	\$ 4.00	
Dermott	1.00	
Dumas	3.00	
Eudora	1.00	
Hermitage Ct.	2.00	
New Edinburg Ct.	1.49	
Wilmar Ct.	3.99	
Total	\$ 16.48	
Previously reported	\$ 143.70	
Grand Total	\$ 160.18	

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Good Faith-Faith	.50	
Grady-Gould	4.76	
Prairie Union-DeLuce	2.50	
Roe Ct.	1.60	
St. Charles Ct.	1.00	
Sheridan Station	2.00	
Sheridan Ct.	1.25	
Sherrill-Tucker	2.00	
Swan Lake Ct.	2.04	
Total	\$ 23.79	
Previously reported	\$ 496.59	
Grand Total	\$ 520.38	
<b>Prescott District</b>		
Bingen Ct.	\$ 3.19	
Emmett-Bierne	5.00	
Gurdon	2.50	
Murfreesboro-Delight	1.50	
Nashville	5.50	
Saline Ct.	.04	
Springhill Ct.	1.20	
Washington-Ozan	6.00	
Total	\$ 25.03	
Previously reported	\$ 189.61	
Grand Total	\$ 214.64	
<b>Texarkana District</b>		
Ashdown	\$ 2.00	
Total	2.00	
Previously reported	\$ 237.20	
Grand Total	\$ 239.30	

Grand Total of World Service Offerings received through June 30, 1941—\$2,837.76

Bishop's Fund \$ 2,258.21  
Conference Claimants 5,998.23  
General and Conference Benevolences 21,470.26  
General Adm. and Jurisdictional Conference Expense Fund 506.21  
World Service Sunday, (fourth Sunday) 2,837.76  
Ministerial Sustentation Fund 917.75  
Golden Cross 6.00  
Race Relations 97.10  
League Missions 1.50

Grand Total of Receipts—\$34,093.02

—C. E. Hayes, Treas.

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## INTERNATIONAL SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

### LESSON FOR JULY 27

#### THE HOLY SPIRIT INSPIRES NEW TESTAMENT LETTERS

LESSON TEXT—Galatians 1:11, 12; I Thessalonians 2:13; II Timothy 3:14-17; II Peter 3:14-16; Jude 3.

GOLDEN TEXT—All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness.—II Timothy 3:16.

Letters are usually interesting, frequently very important, and always revealing as to the character and interests of the writer. That is generally true of ordinary daily mail, but how very true it is of the letters of Scripture, the epistles of Peter, Paul, Jude, and John. For in them "holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost." (II Pet. 1:21.)

I. The Gospel (Gal. 1:11, 12; I Thess. 2:13).

The good news (for that is the meaning of "gospel") of salvation by grace through faith in Jesus Christ as Saviour has from the very beginning of its proclamation been subject to attack. Men are not content to receive God's way of salvation, but want to add something to it, adjust its requirements to meet new situations, to tinker and twist.

1. A Divine Revelation (Gal. 1:11, 12.)

Paul was not presenting something which he or some other man had "worked up," but a message that he had "prayed down." Paul was only delivering that which he had received from God (see I Cor. 15:1-4. He was careful that it should not be confused with or by the teachings of men, so he "conferred not with flesh and blood" (see Gal. 1:15, 16).

We too are privileged to proclaim a divine revelation which has come to us in the inspired Word of God. How delightfully sweet and tremendously powerful is the message which we may thus bring forth. It has no human frailty and weakness, no human error, and no misleading

philosophies. It does not need to be revised every year or two. It is God's eternal message of redemption.

2. A Message of Salvation (I Thess. 2:13).

It works in those who believe. Yes, it does—blessed be the name of God! God's Book says so, and the experience of hundreds of thousands of men and women over a period of almost 2,000 years agrees.

Note, however, that to work, the message must not only be "received," but also "accepted" as the Word of God. The message of the Bible may be received as a matter of fact, but for salvation it must be accepted and believed as a matter of faith.

II. The Bible (II Tim. 3:14-17; II Pet. 3:14-16).

Near the end of a life given in utter sacrifice to God's cause, Paul is ready to be used of the Holy Spirit to speak concerning the written Word.

1. It is God-inspired (II Tim. 3:14-17).

Be sure to read this passage in the Authorized Version. The Revised has taken liberties with this verse which the finest scholarship does not countenance. It properly reads, "All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine (teaching), for reproof, for correction, for instruction," etc. Other books may claim some kind or measure of human inspiration—this Book is inspired of God. If there were space, proof of the truth of that statement could easily be given. It is available for all who want to believe it.

2. It Is Not to Be Wrested (II Pet. 3:14-16).

If permitted to do so, God's Word will bring peace of heart, make a man spotless and blameless (v. 14). But its salvation (v. 15) is not for those who ignorantly, or because of their ignorance, or because they are not steadfast in their lives, wrest its truth. Let us receive the Word with gladness, not twist it or distort its meaning to our destruction.

III. The Faith (Jude 3).

1. It was "Delivered Once for All."

It is a final revelation from God.

There is no other gospel, and there never will be another. What assurance that gives us both in believing it and proclaiming it! But the world hates this gospel, and attacks on it are to be expected. Therefore

2. It Is to Be Earnestly Contended For.

No matter how peaceable we may be, how loving and tender-hearted, "if and when attack is made upon the Lordship of Christ, when men make light of sin, and so seem to minimize the vital importance of holiness of life—then, however unpleasant contention and controversy may be to us, it is time we cast our self-regard aside and contend earnestly for the faith once for all delivered to the saints." (J. D. Jones).

The man who has no inner life is the slave of his surroundings as the barometer is the obedient servant of the air at rest, and the weathercock the humble servant of the air in motion.—Amiel.

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## WINFIELD MEMORIAL

### OUR NEW MEMBERS

Miss Polly Bouton, 1916½ Scott, letter. . . . Mr. Willis Evans, 2421 Gaines, letter. . . . Mrs. Willis Evans, 2421 Gaines, letter. . . . Mrs. Ellen Wagoner, 303 S. Martin, vows. . . . Joy Wagoner, 303 S. Martin, baptism. . . . Patricia Wagoner, 303 S. Martin, baptism.

### OUR SYMPATHY

The heartfelt sympathy of the members of Winfield is extended to Dr. and Mrs. N. T. Hollis whose son, Nick, passed away Monday, July 21.

Also to Mrs. Douglas Thom and Miss Ann Harmon whose sister, Mrs. Henningway, and brother-in-law, Mr. Henningway, passed away last week.

To Mrs. R. C. Custer, whose grandmother, Mrs. D. L. Moseley, passed away July 14.

To Mrs. J. P. Powers, whose father passed away last week.

### OUR KNOWN SICK

Mrs. Lee Franklin, Baptist Hospital.

Little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Henson, 2209 Vance.

### YOUNG ADULT FELLOWSHIP

"Young Adults—Peace or War?" is the challenging subject for discussion in the Young Adult Fellowship Sunday evening. The leader will be Mr. Norman Suggs. This is the last of the series on "Christian Citizenship." The finest people in the church attend these meetings and it is truly worthwhile.

### WEDDING RING CLASS PICNIC

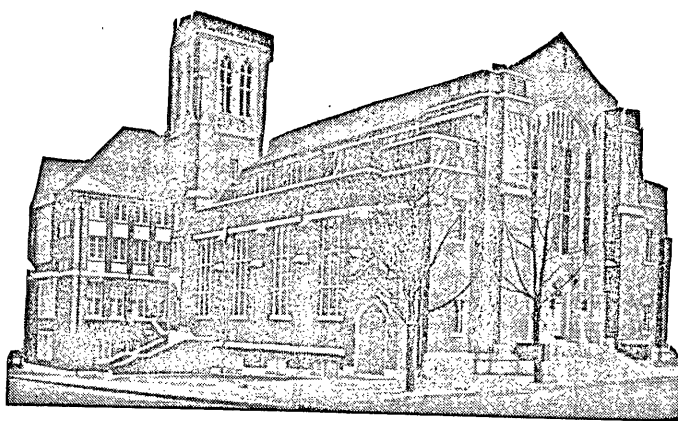
The Wedding Ring Class picnic scheduled for Friday, July 25 has been postponed one week and will be held on August 1, at Jennings Lake. The time is 7:30 and there will be swimming first and a watermelon feed afterwards. All members are urged to be on hand for a fine time together.

The Layman who complains that there is nothing for him to do about the Church may well take time to look outside the Church for just a moment. He will find plenty of people there who do not know of his Lord. If he will start talking to some of them about their religious life, he will soon find himself busy enough to suit anyone.—Christian Advocate.

### LET'S LOOK AHEAD

Some of us have a tendency to forget about our church pledge during the summer months, not realizing that we are making it harder on ourselves as well as our Church. LET'S LOOK AHEAD and PAY AHEAD now so that just before Conference it will not be necessary to put on a big financial campaign to enable our pastor to report "Paid In Full."

Put your church pledge first. Let's look ahead!



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Church Secretary

### Next Sunday at Winfield

10:00 A. M. CHURCH SCHOOL—Best JULY Attendance in 10 years. COME SUNDAY.

11:00 A. M. "MAJORING ON MINORS"—Sermon by pastor. The AIR-COOLED sanctuary was filled last Sunday.

6:30 P. M. Jr.-High, Senior, Young Peoples Leagues and the Young Adult Fellowship.

### THE PASTOR'S MESSAGE

By GASTON FOOTE

### Winfield's Mission Churches

Winfield Church believes in missions, at home and abroad. The admonition of Christ to "go into all the world proclaiming the gospel . . ." is a part of the creed of our church. John Wesley said, "The world is my parish," and this is part of our creed. We believe that the supreme business of the church is to bring men and women into a saving relationship with the Father.

A year ago we pitched a tent in the Fourche community three miles southeast of the city limits and held a series of services. As a result a new church was established. The exterior was finished last fall but this week we are completely finishing the inside. It is a most worshipful little church with stained glass windows, paneled walls and domed ceiling. The pastor will preach here next Sunday evening and we invite all who will to drive out and worship with us.

Two months ago we pitched a tent in the new community north of the Little Rock airport. After a three week's meeting a new church was begun. On last Sunday evening we preached in this unfinished church to more than 100 people. Some 30 of them were soldiers from Camp Robinson, brought out by Chaplain Overhulser, Methodist chaplain. This church will be finished by next Saturday. A Sunday school has been organized under the leadership of Mr. Ray Scott of Winfield and Mr. J. B. Withee, secretary of the Y. M. C. A. is preaching here every Sunday morning and evening. This represents a good \$2,000 investment and there is no debt.

These new churches in our community would not have been possible but for the loyal co-operation of the members of Winfield church and her friends throughout the city. We have stated from time to time what we were doing and, without an organized drive, people have generously given their money because they believed in what was being done. One family last Sunday, not members of Winfield but regular worshippers with us, dropped an envelope in the collection plate marked "Winfield Missions" containing a \$20 bill. We are deeply grateful to these and all who have helped in not only praying for Kingdom extension but working for it as well.

WINFIELD'S SANCTUARY IS AIR-COOLED. MAY WE SEE YOU SUNDAY?

## METHODIST CHURCH

### Christian Education By HAL H. PINNELL

Church School Attendance  
Last Sunday ..... 570  
A Year Ago ..... 401

Department Reports  
On Stay  
Pres. Time Cont. Ch.  
Jr. Hi ..... 55 45 29 40  
Sr. Hi ..... 55 50 48 48  
Y. P. ..... 51 40 18 30

Adult Report  
Men's Class ..... 47  
Hinton Class ..... 43  
Fidelity Class ..... 41  
Couples Class ..... 31  
Wedding Ring ..... 27  
Jenkins Class ..... 25  
Friendship Class ..... 24  
Ashby Class ..... 19  
Bullington Class ..... 8  
Young Men's Class ..... 2  
Adult Officers ..... 9

Total ..... 276  
Fellowship Reports  
Junior High ..... 19  
Senior High ..... 31  
Young People ..... 33  
Young Adult ..... 18

### YOUTH FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM, JULY 27—6:30 P. M.

Junior High Department: Leader, Mr. Leonard H. Caldwell; subject, "The First English Bible."

Senior High Department: Leader, Ray Scott, Jr.; subject, "To Every Living Creature."

Young People's Department: Leader, Bobbie Allbright; subject, "To Every Living Creature."

### GENERAL SUNDAY SCHOOL WORKERS' PICNIC

All officers, teachers and workers of the Sunday School will have a picnic on Wednesday, July 30. Watch for announcements on Sunday in regard to time and place.

I OUGHT TO BELONG to the Church because I ought to be better than I am.

I OUGHT TO BELONG to the Church because of what I can give to it and do through it as well as because of what I may get out of it.

I OUGHT TO BELONG to the Church because of memories; memories of things I can never forget; memories of faces that will never fade; memories of vows that are the glory of youth.

I OUGHT TO BELONG to the Church because of hope; hope that lives when promises are dead; hope that paves the way for progress; hope that visions peace and social justice; hope for time, and hope for eternity—the great hope that casts its anchor behind Jesus Christ.

I OUGHT TO BELONG to the Church, but not until I am ready to join a going concern; not until I am willing to become an active partner with Jesus Christ.