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"The World is My Parish" — John Wesley

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

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A Trial Balloon Bursts

RECENTLY the daily press carried the report that our soldiers would be able to buy beer soon at Red Cross Service Clubs. Such a statement regarding this time-honored institution could not but alarm prohibition forces. Bishop Ralph Cushman, national president of the Anti-Saloon League wired the headquarters of the American Red Cross regarding the report. He received the following reply: "Replying to your wire, please be assured that the American Red Cross is not dispensing or planning to dispense beer to the armed forces." The statement in the press was likely a trial balloon sent up by the liquor forces. It seems that the balloon bursted. Let us remember that there is no individual, no organization, no institution sacred in the eyes of the promoters of the liquor business. For greed and gain they would prostitute the home, the United States army, the Red Cross or any other agency, sacred as it may be to American life, if by so doing they could add a little more blood-money to their growing funds. Such disregard for sacred things is but further evidence of the debased nature of the liquor traffic and but further evidence that it should be driven out of our American life.

Must We Have Poison Gas?

WE HAVE felt that this war has about plummed the depth of human misery, human destruction and human degradation. There seems but one thing that humanity can do to itself to make its cup of bitterness complete—the use of poison gas. This inhuman method of warfare is outlawed by international law. However, in the present world crisis, international law seems to have been thrown into the scrap heap. There has been the feeling, for some time, that only the dull dread of retaliation in kind has kept Hitler from using poison gas. There is the fear, despite his repeated assertions that he will not use gas, that he may, in desperation, use gas to support his failing cause in Russia. Let us pray that the world may be spared this final agony of suffering.

We Need Signatures

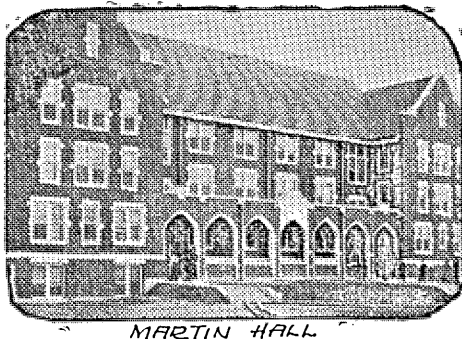
THE prohibition forces throughout the state are circulating petitions for signatures calling for the right to vote on the liberalizing of the liquor laws in Arkansas at the election this fall. While it will be necessary to have the signatures of only about sixteen thousand legal voters in Arkansas on the petitions, we should have thirty thousand in order to forestall efforts that otherwise would be made by liquor forces to prevent a vote on the question. Only legal voters should sign this petition and each individual must sign in person. In sending in the petition the person circulating it must make affidavit that the names on the petition were signed by the petitioner in person in his presence. There is only about a month left in which to do this work, if petitions are to be sent in to headquarters in time to be checked before being turned over to the authorities. We must not fail in our effort to secure enough signatures to make possible the vote on the question. A failure, at this time, would set the cause of prohibition back for months, if not years. There is no real reason for failure, if someone will present the matter to the people.

The Pastors' School

OUR Annual Pastor's School at Hendrix College will open Monday, June 1st. For several reasons this Pastor's School should be unusually well attended, and those in charge have reason to expect that the attendance will approach a record.

These are crucial days and the pressure on the life and ministry of a sincere pastor is especially heavy. Our ministers need the relaxation, the fellowship, the inspiration and the information which this School will bring.

We are to have two of our Bishops with us. Bishop Edgar Blake, of Coral Gables, Fla., will be the platform speaker through the first week. His opening address will be given Monday evening, June 1st. Bishop Charles C. Seletman, our presiding Bishop, will be present and deliver some of the platform addresses the second week. No more popular, helpful speaker comes our way than he. We are to have also, in the second week some platform addresses by Dr. A. W. Hewitt of Vermont, a rural church leader of national repu-



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tation, who is much in demand for such work. Dr. Hewitt is the author of "Highland Shepherds" and is as interesting on the platform as he is in this unusual book. He will also teach a course in his field the second week. Another leader of national reputation, who will be present, is Dr. A. H. Rankin, one of our Home Mission Secretaries. Other leaders of our church, within the state and without, will help to make this one of the strongest Schools, in point of leadership, that we have had.

Courses are to be offered for undergraduates, for pastors, both in rural areas and in town, for ministers' wives and for those interested in the study of Missions and the Bible.

We are very fortunate, in Arkansas, to have this common meeting place for the leaders of our church. We are fortunate to have such a spirit existing between the two Annual Conferences of our state as that this meeting is one big brotherhood. We are fortunate in that our College is located almost in the geographical center of the state and that it is under the management of leaders sympathetic to our program.

Our churches should send their pastors to this meeting. The cost is nominal and will pay the church big dividends.

The Last Big War

WHEN Hitler sent his soldiers marching into Poland, he told them that the destiny of Germany, for the next thousand years, was in their hands. That conception of the magnitude of this war need not be confined to Germany. The destiny of the whole human race, for a thousand years, is likely to be decided by the turn of events in the war this year. That is not saying that the war will end this year; it is saying that the issues of the war will most likely be decided this year and that the ultimate end will not be difficult to foresee.

Whether Axis forces or the United Nations win the war, it is our judgment that it will be the end of big wars for generations. There will be no way, for the centuries to come, to make war on a large scale on the victors in this war. If the United Nations win, as we believe they will, the forces of aggression will be disarmed and a world "police force" of some character set up which will make it impossible for one nation to disturb the peace of the world. If the Axis wins the United Nations will be disarmed, and if the present pattern is followed they will be enslaved. Under such a regime there could be no successful revolt.

The very nature of present-day warfare makes the conquered people helpless to revolt. The population of Germany is small as compared to the combined millions they have overrun. Yet these submerged millions are helpless in revolt and will continue to be until help comes from the outside. It requires years of time, billions of money, unlimited materials, huge manufacturing plants, and a mass of trained workers to prepare for war today besides the armies that run into the millions of men. Subjugated people could not command such forces. Hence we believe that the victors in this war will shape the life of the world for generations to come.

Rome conquered and ruled the world of its day for a long period of years without a dangerous rival. Later, however, there did gather a mass of enemies to the north that swarmed down upon Rome and its power ended. It was so because Rome seemed scarcely to know that the attack was coming. Such a thing could not happen in this modern world.

We live in a different world than that. Such a revolt or attack against the victors of the present war will not be possible. The revolt of subjugated people against present implements of warfare would be possible only with the discovery of a new source of power not now known.

World Service Program Must Succeed

THE report of payments to World Service in the month of April was very encouraging. The report for the fiscal year, which ends with May, brings a little sense of uneasiness. In April the church had an increase of \$134,219.51 in payments for World Service, as compared to payments for World Service in April of last year. Throughout the church there was an increase in payments for the first eleven months of the fiscal year. That also is somewhat encouraging. The sense of uneasiness came with the announcement that it would be necessary to collect \$1,142,526.16 in May, for this cause, if we are to even equal the payments to World Service last year. As the result of quite a bit

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CHURCH CALENDAR

District Conferences:

North Arkansas Conference—

May 26-27, Paragould District, Fourth Street Church, Rector.

Little Rock Conference—

May 15, Monticello District at McGehee.

May 22, Little Rock District at Mabelvale.

June 1-12, Arkansas Methodist Pastors' School.

June 22-26, Little Rock Conference Young People's Assembly, Hendrix College.

HOME EDUCATION

EVERY parent ought to have certain worthy aims regarding habits of the children that will make for character and ability to succeed. Here are a few of essential aims: The value of time, the success of perseverance, the dignity of simplicity, the value of character, the power of kindness, victory by love, the value of true friends, the influence of example, the obligation of duty, the virtue of patience, the improvement of talent, happiness in service, the joy of initiating and originating something good, clean speech, reading daily good literature of some kind, living daily to please God.—Religious Telescope.

WORLD SERVICE PROGRAM MUST SUCCEED

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of cultivation last year we raised more money in May than it will be necessary to raise this year to equal the payments of a year ago. We believe that Methodism will turn the trick again this year. The report showed that the North Arkansas Conference was ahead of last year, at this time, in payments and that the Little Rock Conference was behind last year's record. The report indicated that we must send in from the two Annual Conferences in Arkansas, before June 1st, an additional \$14,640.19 if Arkansas is to pay as much this fiscal year as last. Since practically all of our District Conferences meet in May and since that means heavy payments on Benevolences, it is our feeling that we will reach or exceed that goal. However, it cannot be done by wishful thinking. We should raise every dollar possible on benevolences this month and see that it is in the hands of our Conference Treasurers in time for them to report to World Service headquarters before June 1st.

Whenever you are angry, be assured that it is not only a present evil, but that you have increased a habit.—Epictetus.

The Broadcast Hour

Rev. Arthur Terry, district superintendent of the Monticello District will be the speaker on the Methodist Hour over KTHS at 4:00 o'clock next Sunday, May 24.

ABOUT PEOPLE

Y. C. YANG, JR., son of President Y. C. Yang, of Soochow University, China, and a student at Birmingham Southern College, will enter Virginia Polytechnic Institute in the next academic year to study engineering.

PROF. HUNGYU LOH, member of the science faculty of Soochow University, China, who came to the United States last year on a research fellowship, has been appointed an instructor in physics at Virginia Polytechnic Institute, Blacksburg, Virginia.

IT IS announced that Bishop William C. Martin, Omaha, Neb., will give the commencement address at Philander Smith College on May 27. Rev. Edward W. Harris, pastor at Monticello, will preach the baccalaureate sermon on Sunday, May 24.

DR. J. H. REYNOLDS, president of Hendrix College, and Rev. Clem Baker, executive secretary of the Board of Education, Little Rock Conference, are attending a meeting of the General Board of Education in Nashville, Tenn., on Tuesday through Friday of this week.

REV. HARRY S. DEVORE, of North Texas Conference, has been elected to the presidency of Central College, Fayette, Mo., to succeed the late Dr. R. H. Ruff. President DeVore has had wide experience as pastor and as editor and business manager of the Southwestern Christian Advocate, in addition to three years as superintendent of the Dallas District.

STUTTGART, First Church, gave a mothers' and daughters' banquet on Tuesday evening, May 5, in the social rooms of the church with one hundred and fifty mothers and daughters attending. Miss Alice Hampton was toastmaster. An interesting program was carried out and Miss Ruby Shannon, who has taught in the Church School for twenty-five years, was paid a special tribute. A gift was sent to Miss Shannon who was unable to be present.

DR. CHARLES W. TADLOCK, executive secretary of the Board of Pensions, Missouri Corporation, died May 9 at his home in St. Louis, Mo., of a heart attack. Dr. Tadlock was sixty-eight years old and had been in the ministry forty-seven years. He was a delegate to the Uniting Conference of Methodism in 1939 from the St. Louis Conference of the former Methodist Episcopal Church, South. Previous to unification, he was executive secretary of the General Board of Finance of the M. E. Church, South.

THE Delaware (Ohio) Conference recently held by American churchmen to find a basis for a "just and durable peace," addressed to Christians everywhere a plea for action and giving for relief the world over of more than has ever been given before—because needs are greater. It said: "Six million young men in the prison camps of the world; scores of missions of refugees—homeless, helpless, starving; while regions subjected to slow starvation as a result of the policies of states; these and kindred areas of desperate suffering inflicted upon masses of innocent victims challenge the church to a demonstration of its basic doctrines of human solidarity and brotherhood in the family of God."

REV. J. L. DEDMAN, district superintendent of the Helena District, writes: "Mrs. Dedman underwent an operation in the Methodist Hospital at Memphis, Friday, May 8, and is recovering as rapidly as could be expected. I want to say a word about the hospital. It is one of the best in the South and the service is superb. In my ministry I have had the joy of visiting and rendering any help and encouragement within my power to patients in many hospitals. I have also had the use of them for my family and for myself, but I have never come in contact with one that is better equipped or that renders better service. Like many other institutions belonging to us, the Methodist Hospital in Memphis should be a pride and joy to those of us who by virtue of being Methodists own it."

METHODIST MEN has been selected as the name for men's organizations in local churches as the result of that name polling the highest number of votes in a survey conducted by the Men's Work committee of the Board of Lay Activities, it has been announced by Dr. George L. Morelock, executive secretary. More than 600 leading Methodist laymen voted in the survey.

LED by Captain Alejandro Guzman, of the Salvation Army in Mexico, a "Great National Evangelistic Crusade" has been launched by the Army with the cooperation of the Protestant churches of the republic. One of the goals of the campaign is "to place a Gospel portion in every home in the land"—calling for more than 5,000,000 New Testaments and parts of that book. The campaign is beginning in the larger cities with series of evening evangelistic services.

REV. EARL S. WALKER, secretary of the Helena District Conference, writes: "In making my report on the building projects reported at the Helena District Conference I failed to mention that a new church building has been constructed at Wesley's Chapel on the Colt Circuit of which Rev. J. C. Richey is pastor. The amount of money raised for this project was \$1,750.00. The church at Wynne, under the leadership of Mr. H. K. Barwick, Jr., who is a member of our Hospital Board of the Methodist Hospital at Memphis, raised \$163.00 for Golden Cross."

CARRYING the plans, for reaching every man, woman and child in the United States with Christian education during the four-year United Advance of Protestantism, "out where people live" was the major accomplishment of the 130 one-day conventions recently completed in 41 states and the District of Columbia. More than 35,000 church and community leaders received new inspiration and impetus for the Christian education program from the 200 leaders of 40 denominational and inter-church groups who composed the nine teams which toured the country during the last three weeks of April. This report was made by Harry C. Munro, director of the Advance for its sponsors, the International Council of Religious Education.

HE FAILETH NOT

THE Lord is not slack concerning His promise . . . there hath not failed one word of all His good promise, which he promised." Yes, he faileth not. We can always be sure that we have the backing of His promises, for He is faithful. He is a "faithful high priest" making reconciliation for the sins of the people. He is faithful that calleth us, "who also will do it," making possible our loyalty to Him. Shall we not, then, backed by His promises, as "ministers of Christ and stewards of the mysteries of God . . . be found faithful?"—Selected.

HOW FAITH GROWS

THE more faith grows, the more it is not directed toward things, not even worthy things, but toward Christ. The more faith grows, it does not say, "Give me," but it says, "Make me." The more faith grows, it does not strive nor cry, it makes the communion of the soul with God its first quest, whether gifts, like health, follow or whether they be withheld.—Leslie D. Weatherhead.

A PRAYER FOR WORLD PEACE

ETERNAL God, in whose perfect Kingdom no sword is drawn but the sword of righteousness, and no strength known but the strength of love; so guide and inspire, we pray Thee, the work of all who seek Thy Kingdom, that the nations may find their security not in force of arms, but in that perfect love which casteth out fear, and in that fellowship revealed to us by Thy Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.—From "America's Prayer Minute."

THE DEVOTIONAL PAGE

H. O. BOLIN, Editor

"JESUS ONLY"

Three of the disciples, Peter, James and John, climbed the mountain with Jesus and there he was transfigured before them. His face shone like the sun and his garments were as white as the light. Moses and Elijah came back from the spirit world to talk with him. This was the world's greatest assembly: Moses representing law, Elijah representing prophecy and Christ representing grace. A cloud covered the mountain top. A voice spoke out of the cloud saying, "This is my beloved Son, hear ye him." When the cloud was gone and the voice was hushed the disciples saw no man save Jesus only.

He was all they needed to see. He is all we need to see today. We very often hear it said, "Christ is the hope of the world." This statement, like many others, is repeated so often and without much thought that it is beginning to lose its meaning for us. I wonder how many of us stop to raise the question, "In what way is Christ the hope of the world?"

To answer this we need briefly to analyze world conditions. There are three outstanding evils in the world that have brought us to the brink of ruin: greed, hatred and selfishness. Eliminate these and the other problems can easily be solved.

But when we come to the matter of eliminating these troubles we find that they are very deep-seated; so deep-seated in fact that they seem to be part and parcel of human nature in the raw. If it be true that they are such, then their elimination will be quite a task; one that will require nothing less than the changing of human nature. Christ is the only individual in the universe who even proposes to thus change people. This change is so radical that it is called a new birth; it is purely and simply the starting of life over again. The promise is that the new-born are new creatures in Christ, that they will hate the things they once loved and love the things they once hated. These are big promises indeed, but the wonder of it is thousands have come to Christ and bear testimony to the fact that he does work this change. If I am right in my contention that these three evils are chiefly responsible for the bad condition of the world, and if they are so deep-seated that they are a part of human nature in the raw and cannot be removed without a change of heart, then Christ and He alone is the only hope of the world, for, among all the teachers and leaders of the world, He is the only one who even promises to work such a change.

Not only does Christ eliminate these evils by the salvation He purchased through His death on the cross, but further aids in conquering them by His teachings and His example. Where will you find another who spoke out more earnestly against hatred and more forcibly for one's enemies? He faithfully practiced His own teachings even to the point of death itself. In dealing with greed; the inordinate love for the material things of life He would have us put first things first; the spiritual above the material. In eliminating selfishness He would have us deny ourselves, take up

"LOVE THYSELF LAST"

*Love thyself last. Look near, behold thy duty
To those who walk beside thee down life's road;
Make glad their days by little acts of beauty,
And help them bear the burden of earth's load.*

*Love thyself last. Look far and find the stranger,
Who staggers 'neath his sin and his despair;
God lend a hand, and lead him out of danger,
To heights where he may see the world is fair.*

*Love thyself last. The vastnesses above thee
Are filled with Spirit Forces, strong and pure.
And fervently, these faithful friends shall love thee:
Keep thou thy watch o'er others, and endure.*

*Love thyself last; and oh, such joy shall thrill thee,
As never yet to selfish soul was given.
Whate'er thy lot, a perfect peace will fill thee,
And earth shall seem the ante-room of Heaven.*

*Love thyself last, and thou shalt grow in spirit
To see, to hear, to know, to understand.
The message of the stars, lo, thou shalt hear it,
And all God's joys shall be at thy command.*
—ELLA WHEELER WILCOX.

our crosses and follow Him. Paul was right when he said, "I am crucified with Christ, nevertheless I live, yet not I but Christ liveth in me." If self is crucified then self-interest is dead; nailed to the cross with Christ. If self-interest is dead, then Christ lives and reigns in the soul. The life ceases to be self-centered and becomes others-centered. Christ both lived and died for others. Thus the three great evils of life are conquered. If their elimination is necessary to the continued well-being of the world, then the hope of the world is in Jesus. "They saw no man save Jesus only." God grant that we may be as wise as they.—H. O. B.

WHAT'S LIFE ALL ABOUT?

It is a mystery we say, we cannot understand it. Yes, but as Joseph Parker said, "We must either believe in mystery or be killed by facts." Who of us understands the full mystery of radio or electricity? Yet we do not refuse to listen to distant voices or light our homes with the push of a button merely because we cannot understand it. In the same way, we dare not stand off and refuse to have an experience with Jesus Christ simply because our mind are too limited to grasp the whole truth. Doctor Parkhurst once defined skepticism as "the friction caused by a small brain trying to absorb a great idea." Let us change skepticism into discovery by becoming humble and teachable.—From Bertha Conde in "What's Life All About?"

A TEST OF SINCERITY

An old Scotch woman said to her pastor, "That was a grand sermon you preached last Sabbath at the Kirk!"

Seeking to test her sincerity he asked, "And what was the text?" "Ah meenister!" she replied, "I dinna ken the text or the words. But I came home and took the false bottom out o' my peck measure."—Southern Churchman.

SPIRITUAL DEFENSE

By Thomas S. Brock
Lakeworth, Fla.

Everybody is talking about our defense program. . . . But this nation needs a greater defense than battleships, airplanes, tanks and a trained army. It needs the spiritual defense of our millions of people who will bow before God confessing their sins and then rise to make sure that the spiritualities of life are the more important.

People cannot neglect the Church and the Bible and make Sunday a holiday and expect to be a strong nation. The nations which have not protected the spiritualities have gone down to defeat and have been wiped off the face of the earth. All that one has to do is to call the roll of the nations to discover that fact. Some of the nations at war have not read history right. The great question before us as a nation is whether we shall have our eyes open to this fact or merely depend on arms. There is something more important than winning the war. That is the peace after the war. Whether we shall be prepared for that will depend on the spiritual defense we are building now.

We need in America a great revival of the great fundamental truths of our faith by which a great company shall accept them and unite with the Church because they have accepted the Lordship of Jesus. We need the strengthening of the faith of millions in the Church so that the reality of the Christian religion will be known. It is a great privilege to be a Christian and we should go out to persuade others to be followers of Christ. That is real defense work. It is the only kind that will last. God cannot be defeated and Jesus Christ is alive today using the old challenge, "Follow Me."

IN EXTREMIS

An Affirmation for a Time of Personal Anxiety:

In Thee I can endure all things. I am delivered from the bondage of fear. I can face unafraid all sorrow, or loss, illness, death, or calamity of any sort. I accept with joy and gratitude all escapes, and mercies, and good things which may be vouchsafed to me. I strive with all that is within me to avert suffering or evil; but having done all, I stand. Though all life's structures come tumbling down, yet are my feet on solid ground. Thou art my Rock. I can walk secure amidst the wrecks of time, knowing that in the economy of the ages, and through the mysteries of the spirit, Thou makest all things to work together for good to them that love Thee. Out of my darkness a great Light shineth. I am still, and know that Thou are God.—James Myers.

Go through the world and find those who are intrinsically weary— weary of the purposes, weary of the results, weary of the conditions of life. They are those who have lost their ideal or who never had one.—Philip H. Wickstead.

The best sermon ever preached will not help the man who is not listening.—Roy L. Smith.

FROM VISION TO SERVICE

"It is good for us to be here," Peter had exclaimed on transfiguration mount, and so far he spoke the truth. We need the breath of heaven occasionally, but we must beware lest we make Peter's mistake. He was so enraptured with mountaintop blessing that he wanted to prevent the adjournment of that heavenly conference. But mountaintops are to be visited, not inhabited. We must pass with Jesus from vision to service, from communion to sacrifice, from mount to multitude. Waiting at the foot of the hill were human need and disciples' failure. To retain the mountaintop experience, it must be carried down where lunacy and sin and failure are. Self-surfeiting, even with spiritual enjoyments, is to miss the spirit of Him who said, "I am among you as he that serveth."

Prayer

Lord and Master, how good it is to be with Thee anywhere, on the mount or in the valley! Aid us to gain a spiritual experience that shall be devoted to living problems and practical needs, even while we neglect not the deeper realities of our inner life with God. In thine own name we pray. Amen.—Evangelical Messenger.

FOLLOWING THE APOSTLES

In the glorious company of the Apostles, the goodly fellowship of the prophets, the noble army of martyrs, the holy Church throughout the world is one. Therefore, year by year, let us reverently commemorate their names, remembering what they were, but steadfastly gazing at what they are. Their very words are still ringing in our ears; of some the beloved image, too, is full before us. Let us live as they would bid us, could they still speak; let us fulfill their known behests, following in their steps, filling up the works that they began, carrying on their hallowed offices, now bequeathed to our care.—Henry Edward Manning.

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YOUNG PEOPLE'S ASSEMBLY

The twenty-third Young People's Assembly of the Little Rock Conference will be held at Hendrix College, Conway, June 22-26. This year, there is to be only one assembly for young people and it is for those 15 through 24 years of age.

"Daring To Do God's Will" is the program theme, with the following courses being taught: Community Service, Worship and Evangelism, Recreation, World Friendship, The Methodist Youth Fellowship, Friendship and Marriage, Choosing a Vocation, What It Means To Be a Christian, The New Testament in the Life of Today, and Church Music. Guilds and Interstate Groups include: Archery, Caravans, Dramatics, Game Shop, Hand Craft, Journalism, Music and Photography.

Due to the fact that the Senior High group and the young people will hold their assembly together this year the District Directors are requesting an early registration so as to be able to furnish accommodations for everyone. Each district in the Conference has as its goal, at least one representative from each charge.

CAMP FERNCLIFF

"Come and See" is the theme for the Christian Adventure Camp to be held June 29 through July 3 at Ferncliff, for boys and girls, age 12-15, of the Arkadelphia and Little Rock Districts. The camp site is a scenic spot located 18 miles west of Little Rock out 12th Street Pike. There are cabins, a dining hall, chapel, hospital, tennis court, archery range, lake for swimming and boating, ground for recreation, mountains for climbing and places of interest for hikes.

A period each morning will be given over to quests, which include: Ways to Worship, Learning to Play, Choosing Our Heroes, How Can I Know I Am a Christian, Our Neighbors In India, and Like Jesus Did. Interest Groups for an afternoon period are as follows: Woodcraft, Dramatics, Handcraft, Music, Knowing Nature, Religious Art Appreciation and Archery.

One of the purposes of this camp is to help boys and girls to keep healthy and happy. The greater purpose of this camp is that intermediate boys and girls may through the guidance of Christian leaders enter into those experiences which develop Christian character.

PRAYER FOR YOUTH

By Sarah Mizelle Morgan
O take our nation's youth Dear God,
Awaken in each heart
That latent Trinity that forms
In each, thy counterpart.

Endow them all with one ideal—
To choose the perfect way—
Knowing the world of tomorrow
will be built
From visions of today.

Shakespeare—I can easier teach
twenty what were good to be done
than to be one of twenty to follow
my own teaching.



A GREAT DAY

Sunday, May 24, ought to be an unusual day for Methodism. Perhaps there is great significance in the fact that Pentecost Sunday and the anniversary of Wesley's Aldersgate experience fall this year on the same date. The real significance lies not alone in the fact that both events can be commemorated on the same day, but rather in the fact that in each instance the Holy Spirit descended upon man.

In the second chapter of Acts it is recorded:

And when the day of Pentecost was fully come, they were all with one accord in one place. And suddenly there came a sound from heaven as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting. And there appeared unto them cloven tongues like as of fire, and it sat upon each of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance."

When devout men of all nations gathered together and said the men so speaking were full of new wine Peter stood up and declared that the men were not drunk. He quoted the prophet Joel:

And it shall come to pass in the last days, saith God, I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh: and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions and your old men shall dream dreams: . . . And it shall come to pass that whosoever shall call on the name of the Lord shall be saved."

Other words too Peter said unto them, such as "Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost."

How well we know that those who gladly received his words were baptized and added unto the Christian Fellowship.

Now the important factor here is not the way Pentecost was observed or the number who came to observe this Jewish Festival; rather the chief factor worth studying is the activity of the Holy Spirit. It was because Peter and the eleven were trusting God and were ready to receive that made possible the descent of the Holy Spirit into their lives. It was the Spirit that enabled them to speak out so boldly and enthusiastically about Christ and his message of salvation for a lost people. It is then the functioning of the Spirit in the hearts of the Apostles and the people who heard and accepted their message that marks Pentecost as a Christian day of importance. Truly without hearts ready to receive, and without a Spirit ready to enter there would have been no Pentecost.

The account of the spiritual pilgrimage of John Wesley from that of doubt to positive assurance is well known and loved by Methodists. Wesley left Georgia without any comforting peace of salvation and not without mental confusion at his failure to attain the ideal of personal holiness emphasized by his Moravian friend, Peter Bohler.

The reasons for his spiritual state may be many and unknown but nevertheless they contributed to help bring his life unto that unpredictable Aldersgate experience.

In his diary he recorded how he went unwillingly to a society in Aldersgate Street where one was reading Luther's preface to the Epistle to the Romans. Bishop Paul B. Kern suggests that "Wesley himself seems on that particular night not to have been consciously seeking a blessing from the Lord." Outward Wesley may not, but inwardly his soul had been hungering for the cleansing touch of the Holy Spirit. That night with transforming power the Spirit of the Lord did descend and mirac-

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WORLD SERVICE—OUR HOPE

"We must preserve at all costs, the world-wide Christian fellowship, without which no free world order of justice and peace can be achieved," is the Federal Council of Churches' way of stating a great truth. The same realization comes home to us in the words of a church leader who says, "If \$8,000,000 can be given for one battleship, then it is not too much to ask half of that amount to make that battleship an unnecessary piece of machinery in a Christian World."

Yes, everywhere young and old are growing more determined that our future world shall be so organized that world catastrophes shall not occur with greater intensity each cycle of twenty years. Still, it is easy, these unhappy days, to become discouraged over the future which young people must face here and everywhere. What can they do in a world that exhibits such cruelty, and brings such suffering to so many million victims of war—suffering which will continue for years? Yet it is impossible for us as Christians to remain idle in the midst of distress. This is our problem: How can youth of good-will reach out over the barriers of distance and distrust and fear, with words of cheer and actions of love?

Idealistic American youth can do a most effective thing. They can stretch out friendly hands to hungry, homeless youth overseas—youth who already know physical suffering, and are in danger of yielding to intellectual pessimism and spiritual despondency. The hope of the Christian World Community of the future rests, in no small measure, upon our prompt aid to these victims in war-stricken lands. Will they be still alive, still hopeful, ready to build the peace when the war is over?

The Methodist Committee for Overseas Relief was set up by the General Conference to act as a clearing house for worthy appeals. When you give to it, you are giving to China Relief, to the American Friends' work in Europe, to the YMCA War Prisoners Aid, to the orphaned missions, to the YWCA War Emergency work, to Evangelical churches of Europe, to refugees who have reached the Americas.

In China, for example, a "project" may begin at 5 cents to feed a starving child for one day, or rise to \$2 to provide food and shelter in a refugee camp for one month, or to \$100.00 to endow a bed in a mission hospital for one year. Or, in Europe, prisoners-of-war, most of them young men, ask for footballs and athletic equipment, books and Bibles. Or, through the American Quaker organization, our gifts carry milk to child refugees in France.

No better way is known to sensitize youth to the needs of the great human family. Overseas Relief can find its place on summer programs for youth, in many ways: An Overseas Relief Day, or a platform hour, or movie on China Relief, or through discussion groups or commissions, or dramatics. One thing is certain, "We must preserve at all costs the worldwide Christian Fellowship."

The Sunday School Lesson

By HORACE M. LEWIS



THE LORD'S SUPPER

LESSON TEXT: Luke 22:7-38.

GOLDEN TEXT: This do in remembrance of me. (Luke 22:9.)

LESSON FOR MAY 24

The last tragic week in the life of Jesus, before crucifixion, was rapidly drawing to a close. It was the time of the Feast of the Passover. Jesus wanted to have this last evening apart with the disciples for fellowship and instruction. In the midst of this last supper with His followers, Jesus instituted the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper, which He planned should be a perpetual memorial of His coming to earth. There are two or three significant lessons embodied in the incident of which we read.

1. In This Self-Selected Memorial, Jesus Asked That We Remember His Sacrificial Death On the Cross.

Usually we fix as memorials of our great some victorious achievement of their lives. Jesus here passes by the experiences of His life that indicate victory and triumph and selects the most humiliating experience of His entire ministry as the one fact that He wanted the world to remember. We would likely have selected some other scene in His life, if we had been choosing a memorial of Him—the songs of angels on Bethlehem's hills or the star guiding the wise men to the place of His birth; the miracle of feeding the five thousand or of raising Lazarus from the dead; the transfiguration, in which Jesus appeared in something of the glory that was His with the Father; the glorious victory of resurrection on Easter morning, these and other scenes in the life of Jesus would have come to our minds as we were planning a memorial. Jesus selects His sacrificial suffering on the cross as the one outstanding thing which He would have people of earth to remember about His life. In the crucifixion, Jesus would have us see the supreme evidence of God's love for the sons of men. If we look at the Christ on the cross and are not convinced of His love, if we see Him on the cross dying for our salvation and will not be saved there is nothing more that God can do to lead us to accept Him as Lord and Saviour.

2. Jesus Believed In the Future of His Kingdom While Facing Apparent Defeat.

There were various groups gathered here and there in the darkness of this night plotting against Jesus. Malice, jealousy, hatred and murder were in the hearts of His enemies. There was a storm gathering in the darkness of the night which was soon to break in all of its fury over the head of the Master. He was the center of all their wicked schemes. Yet in the midst of it all, knowing better than any one else that in less than twenty-four hours He would have passed through the garden of Gethsemane, the mockery of the courts, the tragedy of Calvary and in death would be sealed in a tomb with soldiers guarding His dead body, in this situation Jesus calmly institutes a memorial which His followers across the centuries were to

observe, sing a psalm and walk out to face it all unafraid. He looked through temporary defeat to permanent victory. Jesus knew, despite the worst that earth could do, that His Kingdom would live forever.

3. Jesus Here Was Forced To Work With Faulty Human Instruments As He Must Do Today.

One of the most trying experiences that can come to a skilled workman is to have the instruments, with which he works, break in his hands. Only Infinite patience could have borne with the blundering failures of the disciples in this crisis and yet believe that through them the world could be remade. He had trained them for three years for such an hour. Yet, when the test came, one betrayed Him, one denied Him and all ran like frightened sheep when danger threatened. Knowing all of this Jesus believed in them and after the resurrection gathered this same group, except Judas who was dead, and committed to them the whole future of His Kingdom.

Since that fateful week, across the centuries, the finest workmen Christ has had have broken again and again while about His service. After two thousand years the instruments with which Christ must do His work are still faulty and often fail Him in crisis. Only a Master Builder, of infinite power, could take such as we are and do so much with so little.

ARKANSAS METHODIST ORPHANAGE

1610 Elm Street

The past week was a busy one with me. I attended three District Conferences, the Arkadelphia, Camden and Monticello. Each was well attended and the brethren all seemed to be enthusiastic and happy over their work. They appreciate the fact that we have weights and responsibilities now such as we have never had before but by the help of God and the leadership of the Spirit, the people, so far as I know, are meeting all demands.

I wish I had time to write my personal convictions as to these District Superintendents, for some of them are experts and the Church has lost nothing in putting younger men in these responsible positions of leadership.

After I made my short talk concerning the Orphanage, the audience seemed to be impressed and I had many expressions of appreciation and outlines of plans given me. I wonder some time why more of our people do not remember the Orphanage in their wills and help us to augment our little endowment fund.

In my next note to the Methodist I will make mention of the remaining District Conferences that I will attend. Suffice it to say that all things seem to be going well with us. Yours truly.—James Thomas, Executive Secretary.

A GREAT DAY

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ously move the heart and mind of Susannah Wesley's then unfamed son. So it is that Wesley wrote:

"About a quarter before nine . . . I felt my heart strangely warmed. I felt that I did trust in Christ, Christ alone for salvation; and an assurance was given me that He had taken away MY sins, even MINE, and saved me from the law of sin and death."

Here again it is worth noting that it is not the place nor the time, but the working of the Spirit that made this event like Pentecost, significant.

The exact conditions which made possible Pentecost and Aldersgate we do not know though we wish this priceless knowledge were ours. However, like the Apostles of old and like Wesley we can know one thing for certain—God has promised to bless his people with his Spirit. Our part is to make ready our lives to receive the Spirit by opening the doors that lead to the spiritual nerve centers from which flow those thoughts, words, and acts that elevate us above the bestial level.

If in our commemoration of Pentecost and Aldersgate we can make our lives ready to receive then surely for us the transforming power and the radiance of the Spirit will be deeply experienced and we will be able to write for our lives:

"About . . . I felt my heart strangely warmed and I knew that he had taken away MY sins, even MINE, and saved me from the law of sin and death."—H. O. E.

FORT SMITH DISTRICT CONFERENCE

The Fort Smith District Conference met in its seventy-fourth session Tuesday morning, May 5, in the church at Waldron with Rev. W. V. Womack, district superintendent, presiding in his usual brotherly and statesmanlike manner. His careful preparation made the prompt transaction of the business of the Conference possible.

Twenty-nine of the thirty pastors were present. One was absent due to illness.

The report of the pastors show that 444 members have been received, 155 on profession of faith and 289 by certificate. We have 69 Church Schools with an enrollment of 9,283 and an average attendance of 4,738. One hundred sixty-four training certificates have been earned. There are thirty-eight Woman's Societies of Christian Service with a membership of 1,874. Seven hundred and sixty-nine copies of the Arkansas Methodist come into the homes of our people. Eighty-four receive the Christian Advocate. 140 receive the World Outlook and 903 copies of the Upper Room are sold quarterly. The pastors have been paid \$19,500. \$3,500 has been paid on Benevolences. Thirteen of the charges increased their acceptances on Benevolences over last year. \$7,095 has been paid on church debts and \$3,958 on buildings and improvements.

Mr. T. Leland Hunt was elected district lay leader. He succeeds Sam A. Galloway who has just completed his eighth year. Armil Taylor of Clarksville and H. G. Moore of Booneville were elected associate district lay leaders.

Rev. Ira A. Brumley, executive secretary of the Board of Education of the North Arkansas Conference, addressed the Conference relative to our responsibility in the field of Christian Education.

The Conference by a unanimous vote accepted the invitation of the Midland Heights Church in Fort Smith to meet there for its session in 1943.

At 11 o'clock, Dr. Oscar E. Rice, pastor of First Church, delivered a very inspiring and helpful sermon from the subject: "Unanswered Prayer."

Rev. J. M. Harrison was an excellent pastor-host. Assisted by the good people of the Waldron Church, and Rev. M. B. Short, pastor of the Waldron Circuit and his people, the

entertainment was superb. The Conference adjourned at 3:30 in the afternoon. Rev. J. M. Harrison pronounced the benediction.—J. T. Byrd.

QUARTERLY CONFERENCES

MONTICELLO DISTRICT: Third Round

Crossett, May 17, a. m.
Monticello, May 17, p. m.
Wilmot, June 14, a. m.
Arkansas City, June 14, 3:00 p. m., at Halley.
McGehee, June 14, p. m.
New Edinburg Circuit, June 21, a. m., at Good Hope.
Warren, June 21, p. m.
Fountain Hill Circuit, June 28, a. m., at Extra.
Hamburg, June 28, p. m.
Drew Circuit, July 12, a. m.
Portland-Parkdale, July 12, p. m., at Parkdale.
Montrose-Snyder, July 19, a. m., at Montrose.
Lako Village, July 19, p. m.
Tillar-Winchester, July 26, a. m., at Newton's Chapel.
Endora, July 26, p. m.
Watson, August 2, a. m., at Kelso.
Dermott, August 2, p. m.
Wilmar Circuit, August 9, a. m., at Mt. Pleasant.
Hermitage Circuit, August 16, a. m., at Palestine.
Dumas, August 16, p. m.—Arthur Terry, District Superintendent.

When Alexander's painter brought the portrait of the conqueror to him, he was charmed to see that it was painted with his hand resting on his brow, thus covering a little deformity. God gives us all the hand of mercy that covers the deformities of others, which Christ gave his life to hide—the charity which can hide a "multitude of sins."—A. B. Simpson.



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THE CHILDREN'S PAGE

ANNIE WINBURNE, Editor



BOYS AND GIRLS OF OTHER LANDS

LITTLE PRINCESS SHANTI'S JALSA

Little Princess Shanti was having a jalsa, which means a party. It was a birthday party, and such a birthday party never was! All the little noble children from far and near were invited—one hundred of them. They were playing in the great council room, and having such a good time. My, how they did romp and scamper!

On a table in the middle of the veranda was the birthday cake. My, me! what a cake! It wasn't one cake, but six cakes, because the little Princess was six years old. And the last cake was the biggest. And all six were piled one on top of the other like building blocks.

When Princess Shanti and her guests had eaten all the fruits, nuts and sweets they could possibly eat, they ran back to the big council room again.

There the servants' children and the unfortunate children of the city were standing about watching the party. One little girl, Phulwa, which means flowers, was a cripple, and her big brother, Sunni, had to carry her.

When everyone was tired with racing and playing they gathered around a big table loaded with toys. The Princess began to give the toys away to the guests.

Little Phulwa watched so wistfully. When the Princess took up a beautiful big Kewpie doll and gave it away to a dear little girl, Phulwa put her hands over her eyes and cried.

Sunni said, "Why do you cry, Little Sister?"

And Phulwa answered, "I have no doll, and oh, Big Brother, the Kewpie doll is so beautiful!"

Now, just at that very moment the little girl with the Kewpie doll happened to be coming toward Phulwa and Sunni. Sunni put his little sister down on the floor and waited till the little girl had come quite close. Then he snatched away the doll from the little girl and gave it to Phulwa.

The children screamed and shouted, and a big servant began to beat Sunni, and the Princess' father, the big Maharajah, came running out of his room to see what was the matter.

"What?" said he. "Tears on the Princess' birthday! This won't do. Now tell me all about it."

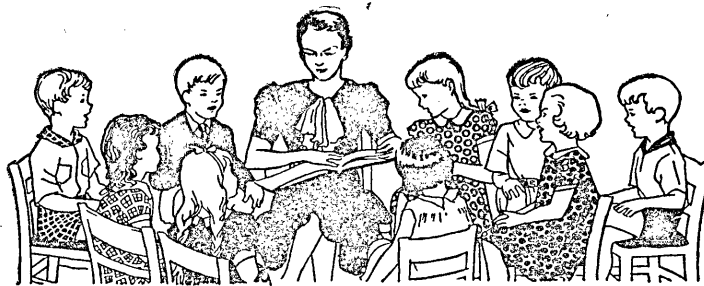
"My little sister has no doll," said Sunni, "and Princess Shanti has so many. I only took one Kewpie doll."

The little Princess stood quite still for nearly half a minute. She was thinking hard. She put her arms about the neck of the little girl who had the Kewpie doll.

"Will you give me the Kewpie doll back for my birthday?" she asked.

The little girl said, "Yes, of course, because you are the Princess."

So Shanti took the Kewpie doll and gave it back to the little crippled Phulwa, and then she said to her little friends, "I have given



LITTLE OLD STORY-BOOK TOWN

*How dear to the hearts of the children all
Is little old Story-Book Town,
With its giants and fairies and hobgoblins small
All heroes of old renown!*

*Here Jill and her brother still scramble uphill,
And both with their pail tumble down;
The greedy Jack Horner is eating pie still
In little old Story-Book Town.*

*The Spider still frightens Miss Muffet away
When near her he dares to sit down;
And Jack after giants climbs Beanstalks all day
In little old Story-Book Town.*

*The little Old Woman who lives in a Shoe
Still wears a most worrying frown;
With so many children, what else can she do
But spank them in Story-Book Town?*

*Oh, who would not live where the moon is green cheese,
In a cottage of gingerbread brown,
Where candy and sugar-plums grow on the trees,
In little old Story-Book Town?*

—CONSTANCE I. DAVIS in Christian Guardian.

IN STORYLAND

THE TWIN UMBRELLAS

By Grayce Krogh

Joan hurried along the wet pavements toward the schoolyard, carrying her little green umbrella in one hand and her school books in the other. It had rained all night, though it was not raining now.

"Oh, dear," Joan wrinkled up her nose in distress, "I don't like to carry an umbrella one bit! I do wish I didn't have to!"

It was a very pretty umbrella, with a handle carved in the form of a daisy. Joan should have liked it. She did, really, but carrying it seemed such a bother!

"I know I'll forget it when school is over," she told herself, as she went to the classroom.

There was a cloakroom in the back where the boys and girls left their coats and hats, overshoes and umbrellas until school was out. Joan hung up her coat and hat, put

each of you a toy. Will you give it back to me?"

And they did, because she was the Princess, you know.

Shanti gave each toy to an unfortunate child.

And when all these children had each been given a toy, she said, "And now, father (he was the big Maharajah, you know), let us give these children the rest of the birthday cake and fruits and sweets."

And they did. And everybody said the little Princess Shanti would grow up to be a kind, beautiful Maharani. And she did.—Apples of Gold.

her umbrella in the rack, and set her overshoes in a corner.

"My, what a lot of umbrellas and overshoes there are," she laughed. "I'm glad Mother marked my initials in mine, so that they won't get mixed up. Of course, I'd know my daisy-topped umbrella anywhere, but overshoes all look alike."

Joan sat down at her desk and looked around. She had gone to this school only a few weeks. Sometimes she felt lonely because she did not know the children well. There was one little girl whom Joan liked very much. Her name was Janet Lee, and Joan hoped that they might be friends and playmates. Janet sat on the other side of the room, and Joan smiled at her in a friendly way.

"Some day I'll ask her to come to my house and play," she thought as she got out her book.

It rained all morning and when it was time to go home for lunch, Joan saw that it was still raining. She buttoned her coat, put on her overshoes and picked up the daisy-topped umbrella.

"My, it is raining hard," she said to herself.

"That is my umbrella you have taken," she heard someone say. She turned around.

There stood Janet smiling at her.

"You have my umbrella," she explained again.

"But I haven't," Joan cried. "This is my green, daisy-topped umbrella that my aunt gave me. See, it has my initials inside of it."

Joan pulled out the top, where Mother had marked her initials in red.

"But, no, these are 'J. L.' and mine are 'J. T.'," she cried with a frown. "How—?"

"Well, I have a green daisy-top-

JUST FOR FUN

Instructor (examining a class): "Who drove the Israelites out of Egypt?—you!" he said, pointing to a boy in the corner.

Boy (trembling): "Twasn't me, sir, I only came back from the country last week."

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"Willie," asked Mrs. Stitts, "can you tell me what the minister meant when he said it was more blessed to give than to receive?"

"Well," replied Willie, thoughtfully, "he must have been thinking of castor oil."—Ex.

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With a grinding of brakes the officer pulled up his motor car and shouted to a little boy playing in the field, "I say, Sonny, have you seen an airplane come down anywhere near here?"

"No, sir!" replied the boy, trying to hide his slingshot. "I've only been shooting at a bottle."—Onward.

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Rapidly approaching the counter, the talkative old lady breathlessly said to the grocery clerk: "How much are lemons? What do you charge for oranges? How deep is that river? When does the train leave?"

The poetic clerk answered:

"Two for a nickel,

Three for a dime,

Up to your neck,

At half past nine."

—Exchange.

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Doctor: "I'm sorry, Mrs. Brown, but I have to tell you that your husband will never be able to work again."

Mrs. Brown: "I'll go tell 'im. It'll cheer him up."—Selected.

ped umbrella," Janet told her, "and I'm Janet Lee."

"Then, where is mine?" Joan asked.

"I'll help you look," Janet promised, so the two little girls went back to the cloakroom and there, all alone, stood the umbrella.

"How funny that we have umbrellas alike," Joan laughed. "We're almost twins."

"Our umbrellas are twins, anyway," Janet smiled. "I go home the same way you do. Let's walk together. I live near you."

"Oh, let's play together Saturday!" Joan suggested, and Janet promised that she would.

"I'm so glad I brought my umbrella!" Joan cried. "I wanted to be friends with you, and our twin umbrellas helped."

"I'm glad, too," Janet agreed.—Story World.

THE STORY OF THE LITTLE BROWN RABBIT

A little brown rabbit slipped out after the rain
To nibble some sun-kissed flowers;
Alone in our garden he seemed quite vain
And prepared to stay for hours.

I knew his mother must be so worried
But he ate without giving a thought
Until, at a noise, he jumped and hurried
Right home like a good rabbit ought.—
Mabel Brown in Wesleyan Christian Advocate.

Social Sabotage

By CLIFTON H. SCOTT

To the men and women of Arkansas who want safer surroundings and a more wholesome atmosphere in which to raise their children.

THE entire world today has become a series of armored encampments, a succession of bloody battlefields. As nation after nation has been drawn into this World Conflict, the supreme importance of each individual becomes increasingly apparent.

The survival or destruction of nations as units of world economy is dependent upon their adjustability to environment and the stability of the principles which these aggregations of individuals have accepted upon which to build their lives and their governments. Unless they have built upon rockbound fundamentals, they must surely be engulfed in the day of titanic upheaval. The habits of living and thinking of one individual may well be the balance that sways the scales one way or another in this supreme test of Humanity—just as one vote is sufficient to swing an election which is almost tied.

You or I may be the individual, today or tomorrow, whose weight thrown this way or that may determine the course of world affairs for many years to come. Too often we overlook the importance of daily conduct, not only in our own lives but to those about us.

As individuals, we may think that we are at liberty to sabotage our own bodies and minds with careless, immoderate, slothful or untruthful ways of living. We forget that each is an example to those about us of right or wrong conduct. Our families, communities, states and national government reflect the sum total of the individuals composing them and each must accept responsibility for the weight we cast on one side of the scales or the other. One voice may decide a close vote today as the Democracies battle for their existence. One careless or thoughtless bad habit may destroy some individual whose weight in the right direction might change the course of an entire nation or aggregation of nations.

For hundreds, even thousands of years, individuals—and hence communities and nations which they compose—have condoned a growing sabotage of manpower by an enemy more formidable than the steel armaments arrayed against the World Democracies today. Statesmen, businessmen, physicians, artisans and craftsmen, teachers and preachers have raised voices of warning against the economic, social and moral waste which result from the use of and traffic in liquor. Yet, because a sufficient number of individuals have not been clear visioned and steady willed enough to turn "thumbs down," the liquor problem is still with us and the liquor industry in the past few years has steadily expanded. So have our penal institutions and hospitals—to make room for an ever growing number of men, women and young people, whose brains and bodies have been warped and wasted by drink.

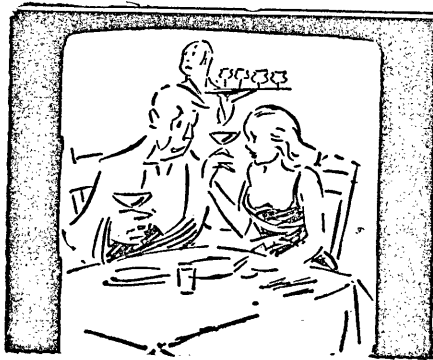
The case of the People vs. Liquor has been repeatedly argued in every tribunal of society. Business long ago cast its vote against liquor by denying responsible employment to workmen who make a habit of drinking. Railroad Brotherhoods have ruled it out with finality and quickly rid their ranks of any individual who, by personal indulgence, might constitute a menace to public safety. Commercial aviation forbids employment to any pilot who is not sober-minded. The athletic fraternity universally puts its candidates for honors in football, baseball, track, tennis, swimming or various other sports, under compulsion of rigorous self-discipline, the first commandment of which is "no alcohol."

Officers of law enforcement and penal institutions all have borne witness to the importance of alcohol as a causation of crime. Studies conducted since the turn of the century have indicated that in our prisons and reformatories, alcohol has been found to be a factor in 48% of the

cases; it has been listed as a first cause in 31% and the sole cause in 16%.

Physicians and officials of medical institutions have given testimony, year after year, on the steady increase of alcoholism and of forms of insanity caused by it. In California, alone, "nearly one-third of all the admissions to our seven mental hospitals, are alcoholic cases," according to A. J. Resanoff, director of Institutions of that state.

Nations and communities throughout the world have tried at various times to rid themselves of this social and economic evil. Ninety years ago—in 1841—the first State Prohibition Law in the United States was passed by Maine. Between that date and 1920, nearly half of our



states enacted laws prohibiting or strictly forbidding the sale and manufacture of liquor.

The 18th Amendment to the Constitution of the United States made illegal, after January 20, 1920, sale and transportation of intoxicating liquors for beverage purposes in this country. Congress passed the "National Prohibition Act" applying the provisions of this amendment to any liquor containing alcohol in excess of one-half to one per cent and made unlawful the sale or transportation of such liquors.

In spite of bootleg racketeering and its host of attendant crimes, the youth of the nation was noticeably affected by this prohibition enactment. Liquor men began to complain loudly that "half the expected market for beer does not exist" and "we shall have to face a steadily falling consumption of beer" unless "the beer-drinking habit is instilled into thousands, almost millions of young men who do not, at present, know the taste of beer." There was further lament that "not one-tenth of the youth in college today know what really good American beer tastes like . . . they have to be educated."

By 1930, the world production of intoxicants for beverage purposes had decreased 41%. The banishment of hard liquors in Scandinavian countries, national prohibition laws in Ireland as well as this country, growing demands for efficiency in industry and safety on railroads and other public carriers and the consistent anti-alcohol educational activities carried on by the various temperance organizations had brought this much social gain.

But the world depression turned renewed interest to the sale of liquor as a fertile field for profit. The liquor interests undertook a pressure campaign so successful that, by 1933, there was a public upswing in favor of general use of intoxicants which resulted, in this country, in the Repeal of the Prohibition Amendment by Joint Resolution of both Houses of Congress in February of that year. It was ratified by three-fourths of the states and became effective December 5, 1933.

With repeal, the liquor interests undertook gigantic advertising programs, designed not merely to satisfy the taste of habitual drinkers but to create an ever growing number of customers. The extent of that campaign is indicated by the fact that by 1940, alcohol ranked third in advertising expenditures in newspapers—with an expenditure of \$16,878,707 for that year. An additional \$8,180,529 was spent in radio, magazine and farm journal advertising, according to the Bureau of Advertising, giving the

liquor campaign sixth place in all advertising through these combined media.

The result was an estimated expenditure of \$3,228,491,968 for liquor in 1929 in the United States. There also was an estimated cost of \$15,000,000,000 for crime that year, according to J. Edgar Hoover, Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. Another \$6,000,000,000 went for gambling. Still another bill chargeable to Liquor Sabotage was \$310,500,000, the economic estimated cost of one-fifth of the motor fatalities in this country in 1940, due to alcohol according to the National Safety Council.

Today, Humanity stands at a crossroads. If Democracy is to survive, if we truly love our chosen way of living, free from dictatorship except of principle, every individual must throw his weight on the right side of the scales. We are not merely fighting steel armaments. We are fighting the forces of Hatred, Brutality and Intolerance. And we are fighting an enemy who knows the value of Discipline, especially of Youth.

Since the rise of Hitler, the Youth of Germany has been mechanized into ruthlessness. The German people lifted themselves from a state of subjugation after the First World War to the status of World Menace by accepting—at the point of a pistol—basic laws of physical well being. These included physical exercises for the entire nation; the abstinence from alcohol and tobacco by Youth; control of alcohol and tobacco advertising by a German business council and a publicity campaign—not on the delights of drinking but the nature and dangers of alcohol to the people and the race.

The greatest object lesson ever given the world in Temperance was enacted on the fields of northern France when disciplined German forces met the soldiery of France which not only had been permitted but encouraged to drink in leisure hours. France collapsed in a few days and alcoholic rot unquestionably contributed its quota to that downfall. Statistics show that the French people have consumed more gallons of alcoholic beverages per capital since the First World War than any other nation in the world.

Today, the National War Program has placed several millions of its finest young men in the United States under the exacting discipline of military life. Their continued well being no longer is a matter of personal choice. It is being forced upon them while they are on duty by rigid training and exercise. Steps are being taken to rebuild at least a portion of the appalling number of draft rejects who, through misfortune or self indulgence, have been found physically unfit for armed service.

Any army, whether of Defense or Offense, is dependent upon its Supply Lines for its continued existence. Behind our armed forces stands the civilian population of this country. Whether mobilized in War projects and industries, pursuing private affairs or busied in the ever important homes, each civilian has been affected by this World Conflict. In a fight to the finish, the outcome often is determined by seemingly unimportant minorities. The decision which each of us is making today, the principles of living and the rules of conduct which we have accepted and by which we abide, have become of utmost importance.

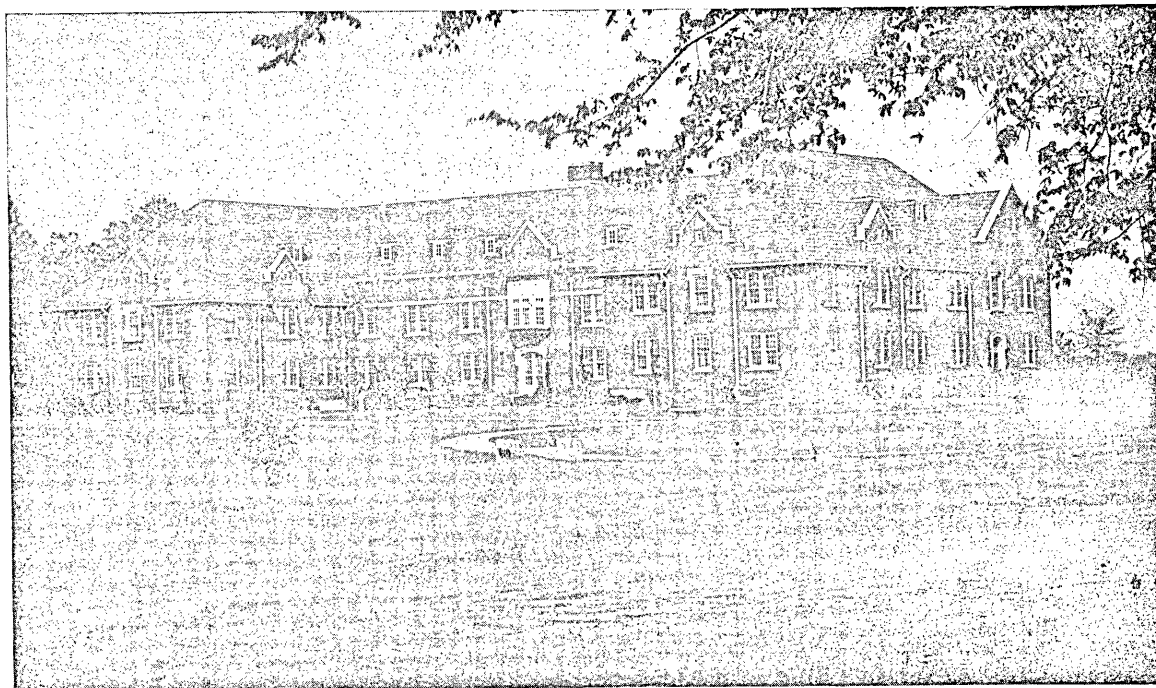
Until a man has a goal upon which his heart is set, he is a mere biological incident, an aimless drifter like the amoeba floating in the sea—feeding automatically, insensible to the eternal drama of Creation which builds and destroys and then re-builds according to some chosen pattern. Once he finds a goal, however, to which he is willing to bend his every thought, effort and action, he allies himself with the Creative Forces of the Universe, building for good or evil according to the pattern he has chosen.

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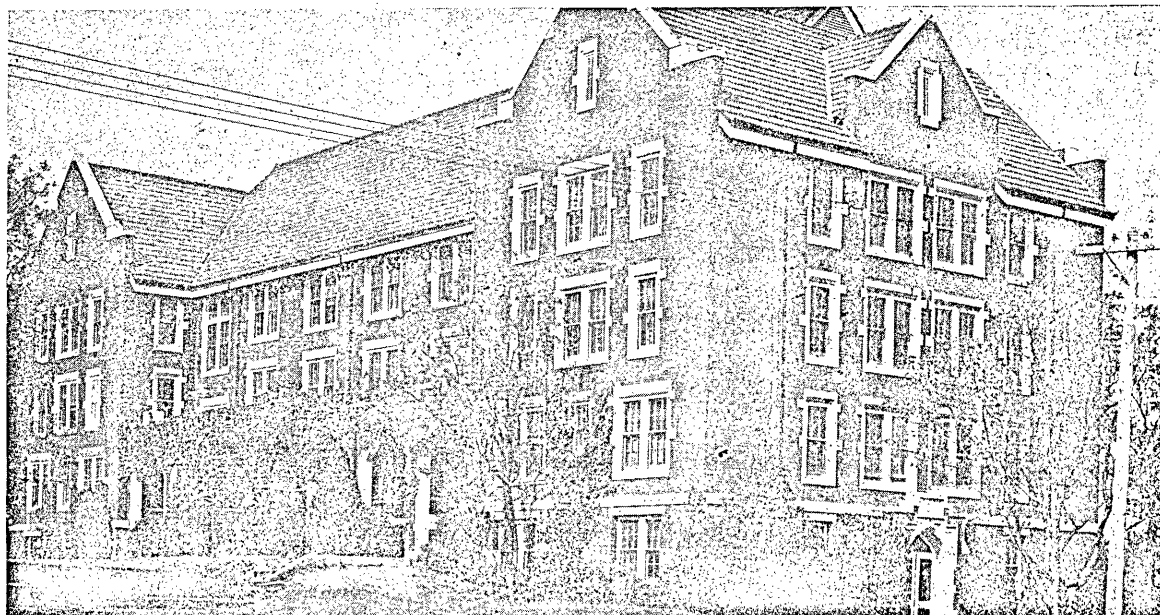
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CONWAY DISTRICT CONFERENCE

The Conway District Conference was held at Atkins, May 7, at ten a. m. There was a splendid representation from the whole district in attendance. Rev. R. S. Hayden directed the work of the conference in a very splendid manner. Dr. Jas. A. Anderson said on the conference floor that this was the best attendance and the most spirited conference that he has ever had the privilege of attending during his long years of service as pastor, district superintendent and editor. Rev. E. B. Williams brought a very excellent message in the worship hour at eleven o'clock.

The evening service was in charge of the laymen and a very inspiring program was given under the direction of Joe A. Goetz, district lay leader. The following men appeared on the program: Oda Brents of Cleveland, John Rye of Russellville, J. G. Moore of Morrilton, Dean Staples of Hendrix College. Mr. W. H. Fleming of Morrilton led the singing.

Two young men were granted license to preach, namely, Edwin Bland Dodson and George Benjamin Fogg. Three young men were recommended for admission on trial into the Annual Conference—Ralph Hillis, Alf Eason and J. C. Wilcox.

The reports to the Conference were good, comparatively speaking. Fred Smith of Dardanelle emphasized that the giving to the church on the part of the membership as compared to giving to other things is something to shame us all, even though we may report 100 percent on budget. This address, coming from a layman, was very timely and helpful.

The Atkins church did a splendid job of entertaining under the leadership of its enthusiastic pastor, J. Kenneth Shamblin. The Conference voted to go to Levy next year after a friendly and spirited contest between Levy and Plainview.—J. A. Gatlin.

LETTER OF APPRECIATION

We are taking this method of expressing our heartfelt thanks to the many friends who, by visits to our home, by letters, telegrams, cards and gifts, congratulated us and expressed their love and good wishes for us upon our recent golden wedding anniversary. It brought back to us, from the sacred past, the happy memories of life's friendships. After a long ministry, nothing brings more joy than the friendships formed by mutual concern and happy fellowship in the service of God and of our fellowmen. It is full compensation for all our effort and sacrifice to have friends, all the way back life's way, who love us and will continue to love us until life is done. We are so happy, in the eventide of life, to have all the friends to claim as our own.

We most sincerely thank you, one and all, for your esteem and good will. Yours in continued friendship. —Rev. and Mrs. R. E. L. Bearden.

The glory of life is to love, not to be loved; to give, not to get; to serve, not to be served.—Hugh Black.

ARKADELPHIA DISTRICT CONFERENCE

The Arkadelphia District Conference met May 13, at Manchester Church on the Dalark Circuit. District Superintendent J. E. Cooper, presided. R. E. Simpson was elected secretary, and Clyde Parsons and Edwin Keith were appointed assistants. Hal H. Pinnell, of Pullman Heights, Hot Springs, gave the morning devotional and presented the report of the Committee of the Spiritual State of the Church. Dr. Homer T. Fort of First Church, Hot Springs, preached on "Christ's Expectancy." The spiritual emphasis was a high point of the session, and there was a large consecration of individual future effort at the close of the morning service.

Dr. Matt Ellis, president of Henderson State Teachers College, Arkadelphia, and Rev. Clem Baker, Conference Executive Secretary, spoke on Christian Education. Dr. James Thomas told of the fine work of the Methodist Orphanage.

Pastor's reports revealed that most salaries are paid to date, Benevolences are 80% paid to date, \$2,444 has been sent the Conference Treasurer, with four churches paying their Benevolences in full on Easter Sunday—all four are in Hot Springs: Grand Avenue, Oaklawn, Pullman Heights and Tigert Memorial. Additions since annual conference numbered 325 training credits issued thus far, 229. Eleven supply pastors are being sent to the Pastors' School with their expenses paid by the churches in the District.

One new local preacher was received into the District, Rev. Chas. W. Kunzelman, a technical sergeant at the Army and Navy Hospital in Hot Springs, and one supply pastor was recommended to the Annual Conference for Admission on Trial.

Mr. Howard A. Brooks of Malvern was elected District Lay Leader; Mr. B. Murry of Arkadelphia, Mr. Chas. B. Cook, Jr., and Mr. H. A. Tucker, both of Hot Springs, were elected Associate Lay Leaders.

The Conference went on record as criticizing sugar rationing program as long as one ounce of sugar is being used by the distilleries in the manufacture of wine, beer and whiskey. This resolution was authorized to be sent to the War Department, the District's two representatives in Congress and the state's two Senators.

Rev. George E. Reutz was the only pastor absent from the conference. His young son was operated upon for an ailment that morning, thus preventing his attendance.

First Church, Benton, with J. M. Hamilton as pastor, reported an old debt of \$1,295 on the church auditorium as being paid. More than \$1,700 was raised on Easter Sunday for the program of the church. Grand Avenue, Hot Springs, announced the purchase of a vacant lot next to the church to permit construction of a parsonage at a later date. The church raised \$800 for this purchase. Pullman Heights, Hot Springs, with Hal H. Pinnell as pastor, announced that its church debt had been reduced and refinanced, a new Hammond organ installed and other improvements

made through a program of gifts and insurance.

The District stands at the "top" in Church School Day observance, every church being represented in full. The remainder of the year's work is full of hope and expectancy.

Other district superintendents visiting the Conference were: J. D. Baker of the Prescott District, and A. J. Christie of the Texarkana District. Rev. Aubrey Walton addressed the Conference on the Education of Young Preachers. Women of the W. S. C. S. made unique reports of the women's work in the District and Daily Vacation Bible Schools. Grand Avenue Methodist Church in Hot Springs was selected for the 1943 meeting.

Appropriate resolutions were passed thanking the pastor and members of the Manchester Church for making possible a fine day in spite of the rain that came down at the close of the lunch hour.—R. E. Simpson, Secretary.

CARR MEMORIAL CELEBRATES

Friday night, May 1, was a night of rejoicing in the Carr Memorial Church, Pine Bluff, when the last note of indebtedness on their new educational building was burned by the pastor, Rev. Doyle T. Rowe, and Mr. R. C. Cutrell, Chairman of the Board of Stewards.

This building was erected three years ago under the leadership of Rev. S. T. Baugh at a cost of approximately \$6,000, and was to have been paid for in four years. However, under the leadership of Bro. Rowe the indebtedness was paid off a year early with a substantial cash balance left over.

Mr. Fred Moore, District Lay Leader and General Superintendent at Carr, acted as master of ceremonies. Rev. S. T. Baugh, who served for five years as pastor of the church and under whose leadership a firm foundation for a great church was laid, brought a stirring message on the responsibility of the church for the future. Mr. R. C. Cutrell, Mr. Fred Moore, the district superintendent, and the pastor brought messages of hope and encouragement. A number of people who had been a member at Carr for over thirty years were introduced, and a good musical program was enjoyed, after which refreshments were served by the ladies of the church.

Carr Memorial is one of our most progressive churches. Under the leadership of a consecrated pastor and a group of loyal and devoted laymen and women the church is making rapid strides forward and is a real spiritual power in Pine Bluff.—W. Neill Hart, District Supt.

Prayer is not only worship, it is also an invisible emanation of man's worshipping spirit—the most powerful form of energy that one can generate. The influence of prayer on the human mind and body is as demonstrable as that of secreting glands. Its results can be measured in terms of physical buoyancy, greater intellectual vigor, moral stamina and a deeper understanding of the realities underlying human relationships.—Dr. Alexis Carrel.

MIDYEAR MEETING BOARD OF MISSIONS AND CHURCH EXTENSION

Two meetings of the North Arkansas Conference Board of Missions and Church Extension are scheduled during the Pastors' School at Conway: First, a joint meeting with the District Superintendents at 2 p. m., Tuesday, June 2. Second, a meeting of the board only at 2 p. m., Thursday, June 4. Pastors and churches desiring loans or donations to church and parsonage building enterprises will please have applications properly filled out in the hands of Rev. A. N. Storey, Marion, Arkansas.—A. W. Martin, Chairman.

DEDICATION OF WALNUT RIDGE CHURCH

During the past five weeks the Walnut Ridge Church has been entirely re-decorated and various badly needed repairs made in preparation for the dedication of the building by Bishop Charles C. Selecman, June 21. The auditorium is finished in ivory walls and ceiling and light woodwork. New lighting fixtures are being installed and the floors have been refinished in natural color.

On the outside of the building the columns have been refinished and painted, the roof repaired, windows repainted and various improvements made. The painting of the Church School rooms, kitchen and basement is being done by volunteer labor.

All friends of the Walnut Ridge Church are invited to attend the dedication services on June 21 at eight p. m.—Henry Rainwater, Secretary, Church Conference.

HENDRIX HAPPENINGS

Plans for the Hendrix summer session, running from June 2 to August 7, were announced by officials this week. The summer term, first in seven years, is being held in cooperation with the accelerated education program of the nation in "all-out" defense program. In accord with the national slogan, "This year college starts in June," officials expect a number of this year's high school graduates to be included in the summer student body, and twelve courses will be offered for students beginning college work.

The tentative list of offerings includes twenty-nine courses covering such fields as literature, music, mathematics, history, the sciences, religion, aeronautics and speech. Twelve semester hours will be obtainable.

Dr. H. I. Lane will be dean of the summer term, and thirteen professors are scheduled for faculty members. The term will consist of five periods a day, beginning at 7:30 a. m.

Officials have announced the session will not conflict with the statewide pastors' school which opens at the college June 1 and the five youth and adult summer assemblies already scheduled to be held on the campus. "Facilities are ample to take care of all previously scheduled events," officials said.—Reporter.

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MRS. SUE M. WAYLAND, Editor

"MAKE AND MEND" MOTTO AT BENNETT

"Make and mend" is the wartime motto of Bennett College students at Greensboro, N. C., as conservation of all materials becomes increasingly urgent and homemakers are forced to turn to their own ingenuity in affecting household economies. Bennett girls have extended the slogan not only to the making and renovating of their clothing, but also to furniture. Under the supervision of R. Vincent Grigsby, instructor of home crafts at the college, they are learning to paint and refinish tables and bureaus, re-upholster chairs, and even construct simple household furniture from inexpensive or discarded materials.

Instruction in home crafts at Bennett was undertaken last September in response to requests. A laboratory was equipped and opened in the college science hall. The course, believed to be unique in liberal arts institutions, includes learning the names and uses of tools, acquiring skill in such techniques as straightening chairs and stools, and mastering the basic elements of furniture construction. Students are also becoming familiar with different types of woods and veneers, period styles of furniture and fabrics, besides learning how to wax and polish furniture, remove spots and touch up furniture.

TEXARKANA HOST TO DISTRICT MEETING

About 125 members of Texarkana District were guests of First Church, Texarkana, April 28 for the annual District meeting. The following officers were re-elected: Mrs. W. A. Bengé, president; Mrs. T. H. Owens, corresponding secretary; Mrs. Jas. McGuyre, recording secretary.

Mrs. T. H. Owens was elected delegate to the Assembly at Columbus, Ohio, in May and to represent the District at Mt. Sequoyah in July.

Missionary education of children was presented in a helpful way by Mrs. Fred Gantt, Foreman.

Mrs. A. R. McKinney, Conference president, was introduced and gave a message on supplies and finances, urging women to sacrifice and tithe.

The Conference secretary, Mrs. H. King Wade, clarified the ten points of the efficiency aim.

The noon hour meditation was given by Mrs. C. A. Evans, of Arkadelphia. In the discussion of her subject on "The Abundant Life," she brought encouragement and inspiration as she compared the nature, growth and fruit bearing possibilities of the trees with human lives. She stressed the need for women to stay calm and serene during these trying times.

Miss Hallie Buie, returned missionary to Korea, gave an inspirational talk on the Korean people and their relation to the present world situation.

At the roll call, reports were heard and pledges were made. De Queen was selected as the place of meeting for the 1943 District meeting and Ashdown for the Fall Study Leaders' meeting.

The afternoon session was concluded with a question and answer quiz by Mrs. W. A. Bengé, after which Mrs. A. R. McKinney voiced the closing prayer.—Reporter.

FOR WE ARE LABORERS TOGETHER WITH GOD. 1 Cor. 3:9.

PRAYER

*Lord, what a change within us one short hour
Spent in Thy presence will avail to make!
What heavy burdens from our bosoms take!
What parched grounds refresh as with a shower!
We kneel, and all around us seems to lower;
We rise, and all, the distant and the near,
Stands forth in sunny outline, brave and clear;
We kneel, how weak! we rise, how full of power!
Why, therefore, should we do ourselves this wrong,
Or others—that we are not always strong—
That we should ever weak or heartless be,
Anxious or troubled—when with us is prayer,
And joy and strength and courage are with Thee?*

—RICHARD C. TRENCH.

STAMPS W. S. C. S. HAS SUCCESSFUL STUDY CLASS

The class was conducted by Mrs. W. H. Knight, using Dr. Holt's book, "Christian Roots of Democracy in America," as the text. The class studied the book, using the outline as given by the author, with additional material and suggestions by the study committee for the different sessions of the class.

An investigation committee with Mrs. E. Farley as chairman, consulted several authorities in the community and found that Stamps has a population of 2,700; about one half of these are Negroes.

The number of people paying poll tax is 450. They also found that 350 of these vote. From 25 to 35 of these are Negroes.

From one-third to one-half of the church members in the community vote. This investigation and its findings presented a challenge to our church people.

The study proved to be most helpful and far-reaching in its results.—Mrs. Sam Earl, Chairman; Mrs. E. Farley; Mrs. T. H. Owens, Sec'y.

SCARRITT FUND

Dear Friends: I am rejoiced to acknowledge receipt from Scarritt College of the following funds recently sent there: \$25 from friends in Camden and \$30 sent by Mrs. James Thomas for a class at Winfield Methodist Church, Little Rock. Also \$2 from Mr. and Mrs. Luther Moffatt of Crossett. One dollar by Mrs. Walter Ryland of Pine Bluff and one dollar from the Star City W. S. C. S. These are graciously accepted and now as the semi-centennial draws nigh it is hoped many will send in as large contributions as possible.

Please ask your friends, your Church School classes and other organizations to join in with us to help make our quota this year for Scarritt. Some of the young women from our ranks will make use of scholarships this year. Yours in His service.—Mrs. W. S. Anderson.

One of the cheapest things we do in war time is to express doubt of the loyalty of a man with whom we do not agree. Many a true patriot has been called a traitor because he was misunderstood.—Sam Senter.

MONTICELLO DISTRICT MEETING

The W. S. C. S. of the Monticello District held its annual meeting at Dumas on Thursday, April 30. More than ninety members and guests attended. Mrs. V. O. Buck, District president, had charge of the program, the theme being "If You Love Me, Love and Serve Others." The meditation was given by Mrs. T. A. Prewitt, using 1 Cor. 13.

Mrs. E. D. Galloway, Conference Secretary of Missionary Education and Service, spoke on her department of work, giving all information and requirements of study courses.

Mrs. Neill Hart of Pine Bluff, Conference Secretary of Children's Work, gave helpful information regarding the Children's Work.

Mrs. Walter Ryland of Pine Bluff, member of Conference Spiritual Life Group closed the morning session with a very inspirational devotional on the theme for the day.

The afternoon session opened with quiet music and hymn, "Take Time To Be Holy," followed with a devotional led by Rev. Arthur Terry, District Superintendent.

Mrs. Harvey Parnell, Corresponding Secretary, presided over the business meeting. Mrs. Richard Jones of Crossett was elected president, as Mrs. Buck has accepted the office of Conference Secretary of Literature and Publicity. Other officers were re-elected as follows: Mrs. O. W. Petway, Warren, vice-president; Mrs. Harvey Parnell, Holley, corresponding secretary; Mrs. Edwin Haskew, Eudora, recording secretary.

Mrs. E. D. Galloway conducted an "Information Please" forum, which proved to be very instructive.

Mrs. O. W. Petway was elected to represent the District at Mt. Sequoyah this summer.

Four Life memberships were presented throughout the District last year.

A lovely poem was read by Mrs. T. A. Prewitt, paying tribute to our retiring president, Mrs. V. O. Buck. Mrs. O. W. Petway represented the District in presenting Mrs. Buck with a gift. She has served as leader of the District for the past seven years.—Mrs. Edwin Haskew, Recording Secretary.

MEMBERS OF THE W. S. C. S.

If your pastor plans to attend Pastors' School, make it possible for his wife to attend also. Your society will benefit from the information and inspiration she obtains there. The two weeks of fellowship with Arkansas preachers, their wives, and the faculty will be a rich experience.

A special course is offered for the benefit of the women. The subject is to be "Latin America," the missions course to be studied in the W. S. C. S. this fall. Mrs. W. B. Landrum, a jurisdiction officer, is to be the teacher.

In addition, the women may select one of the other courses being offered.

The expenses, covering room, board, and registration for the two weeks is just \$13. The date is June 1-12; the place is Hendrix College, Conway.—Mrs. Alfred Knox.

CONWAY DISTRICT MEETING

The Conway District meeting of the W. S. C. S. was held in connection with the Church District Conference at Atkins May 7. The groups all met together in the morning sessions.

The W. S. C. S. group meeting assembled at 1:15 with Mrs. T. A. Hillis presiding. After a few moments of silent meditation Mrs. L. L. Evans of Plainview led the group in prayer. Mrs. Doyle Baker was named secretary for the meeting and the business was immediately gone into. Mrs. J. G. Moore of Morrilton was elected secretary of the District for 1942. The resignation of Mrs. Guy Murphy from Spiritual Life chairmanship was accepted and Mrs. R. J. Goss of North Little Rock was elected Spiritual Life chairman of the District.

A surprise love offering of \$10.00 was taken and given to Mrs. Carl Beetles, formerly Miss Viola Nethery, deaconess serving in Conway the Conway District.

Mrs. Johnnie McClure, new Conference secretary of Children's Work was introduced and spoke briefly to the group, asking for a District children's worker. The group voted that Mrs. McClure act as District worker since she lived in Conway District.

Mrs. Hillis gave as pledge for District, \$3,550.00, and asked that all auxiliaries pay as loyally as possible so that it could be met. She also stressed cooperation with new secretary, that her year's report would be good in all phases of the work and urged that all societies study the Conference minutes thoroughly.

Mrs. O. E. Goddard, District Secretary of Study, spoke of study, asking the group to enter into mission study, telling the need of study as leaders of the righteousness of the nation.

Thanks were extended to Mrs. Hillis for her untiring service to the District and best wishes to her as she enters her new work as vice-president of North Arkansas Conference.

Mrs. C. L. Gardner dismissed the group with prayer.—Mrs. Doyle Baker, Secretary.

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ARKADELPHIA, CAMDEN, AND MONTICELLO DIS- TRICT CONFERENCES

The Arkadelphia District Conference was held last Wednesday in our beautiful new church at Manchester on the Dalark Charge with Rev. J. E. Cooper presiding, and Rev. Orrie L. Thompson pastor host. The sermon was preached by Dr. Homer T. Fort. Unusual features were a Vacation Institute held in the afternoon under the direction of Mrs. E. E. Fohrell and an impressive dramatic presentation of the work of the W. S. C. S. led by Mrs. Huie. Pastors' reports were good. A spirit of optimism prevailed. The District is growing under the leadership of Brother Cooper, ably supported by every pastor. The dinner on the ground was in keeping with the reputation of the good women of the Dalark Circuit. This district leads the Conference in Church School Day.

The Camden District Conference met at Hampton with Rev. Leland Clegg in the chair and Rev. A. C. Rogers as pastor host, opening at 9:00 a. m. and concluding all business by 11:15 a. m. This was the briefest conference I have ever attended and yet nothing was left undone. Brother Clegg has learned the art of getting things done promptly. The sermon by Rev. R. E. Fawcett was so good that the conference voted unanimously to request the editor to print it in the Arkansas Methodist. The Camden District is one of the best Districts in Methodism and we were not surprised to hear good reports along all lines. Brother Rogers has been well received and will have one of his best years on the Hampton-Harrell Charge. Reports for the District cannot be given in full but indicated that this District will reach every goal set for the year. Already it is leading in Training Work and Church school enrollment. I think I have never seen so much good food as that served by the women in the school building nearby at noon.

The Monticello District Conference opened at 9:00 a. m. with a challenging devotional message by Rev. Edward W. Harris. The Monticello District Conference ran so smoothly that a stranger would never have guessed that this was

THE SUPERINTENDENT'S CORNER

THE SUPERINTENDENT AND FOURTH SUNDAY PROGRAM

By CLEM BAKER

The law of the Methodist Church requires all Church Schools to observe the Fourth Sunday in each month as World Service Sundays. This means that a program on World Service should be presented and an offering taken and sent in to our Conference Treasurer. The Fourth Sunday offerings are credited to a church's World Service acceptance. In our old language these offerings help pay our Conference Claims. The fiscal year for Methodism closes May 31st. All Conferences in Methodism are trying desperately to get just as much Fourth Sunday offerings as is possible into the hands of their Treasurers before the end of the fiscal year. We are, therefore, appealing to our fine Church School Superintendents in Arkansas to send promptly to our Conference Treasurers the offerings taken next Sunday together with all Fourth Sunday offerings that they have not already sent in.

Each month Fourth Sunday programs are sent to some one in each local Methodist Church in Arkansas. Brother Brumley sends them for the North Arkansas Conference and I send them for the Little Rock Conference. If these programs are not reaching the proper person we will both appreciate our superintendents writing us so that we can get these programs to the one who is responsible.

the first conference over which Rev. Arthur Terry had presided. We met at McGehee with Rev. R. A. Teeter as pastor host and the McGehee women serving the bountiful dinner. Rev. E. D. Galloway of Warren was the conference preacher. His message was timely and stimulating. We enjoyed the pastors' reports. Some statistics revealed for the mid-year show that to date the Monticello District has: Paid 41% of this year's goal on World Service; Paid 44% of the total assessed for the year for pastors salaries; Has had 268 additions to the church; Has had 153 Training Credits; Has paid 100% on all Specials, including Orphanage, February Special and Church School Day.

The report of the Committee on Temperance written by Ted McNeal was so unusual that it was ordered submitted to the Methodist.

It is with sincere regret that the annual meeting of the General Board of Education in Nashville, Tenn., this week will prevent my attending the conferences being held this week in the other districts.—Clem Baker.

IMPORTANT APPEAL TO LITTLE ROCK CONFER- ENCE PASTORS

Last week we mailed to each pastor in the Little Rock Conference a package containing programs and enrollment cards for our Pastors' School and our various assemblies for young people. These are the only programs that can be sent this year to each charge. We are earnestly begging our pastors to see that these programs are properly distributed. Please let your young people and their adult leaders have these programs. Read about these assemblies on the Youth Page of the Methodist this week.

AGAIN WE ARE COUNTING ON OUR PASTORS.—Clem Baker.

ONE HUNDRED TWENTY- THREE NAMES ON HONOR ROLL

All during last week the Church School Day offerings came with every mail from the Little Rock Conference. We especially congratulate the Pine Bluff District with Rev. Neill Hart, District Superin-

tendent. This district made a great showing last week and is within \$12 being out in full. We want to apologize to Rev. R. P. James of the Lockesburg Charge and Rev. Orrie L. Thompson of the Dalark Charge whose names should have appeared on our list last week, but for some unaccountable oversight, did not get in. They have been in full for some time. The pastors whose charges have paid in full this week are: O. C. Birdwell, L. C. Gatlin, Kirvin Hale, G. B. Pixley, J. H. Cummins, Mark Vaught, Everett Vinson, C. D. Cade, Ralph Randle, Alfred Doss, H. B. Vaught, E. T. Miller, Herschel Rich, Van Harrell, L. E. Wilson, J. D. Montgomery, Robert Core, E. C. Rule, J. W. Mann, W. C. Lewis, Otto Teague, R. P. James, Orrie L. Thompson, P. D. Alston, Roy L. Brown.—Clem Baker.

VACATION SCHOOL INSTITUTE

On Saturday, April 25, a vacation school institute was held at Rover. Rev. R. S. Hayden, district superintendent, led the worship program. The general organization meeting was conducted in which plans for vacation schools were made and discussed. After lunch the meeting was divided into Junior and Primary groups. Miss Viola Nethery, rural worker, was in charge of the Primary and courses of Primary level were studied. Mrs. Audra Basham, district director of Children's Work, was in charge of the Junior group. Courses and activities for Juniors were planned. Four churches were represented and five vacation schools were pledged.

On Saturday, May 2, a similar meeting was held in Russellville Church with Bro. Hayden leading the worship program and Mrs. Basham the general organization meeting. In the group meeting Miss Lula Doyle Baird, director of Children's Work of the North Arkansas Conference, led the Primary and Beginners and Mrs. Basham the Juniors. Courses for these divisions were also studied and activities and vacation schools planned. Four churches were represented here. Both of these meetings were very worthwhile and resulted in definite planning for vacation schools in the churches represented.—Mrs. Audra Basham, Conway District Director of Children's Work.

SOCIAL SABOTAGE

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individuals, spreading contagiously until at last they are accepted as social customs and law.

Society as a whole is slow to accept new customs and laws if they are prohibitive of self-indulgence because the individual is often slow to accept self-discipline. No statutory law can be truly prohibitive until the many individuals of a social group, state or nation, have learned the folly of not obeying that law, and written it into their personal conduct of life as an expression of character.

One of the finest developments of the modern prohibition movement has been the growing extent of the educational work being done among

young people both in and out of schools. Youth is bearing the brunt of today's military conflict and must reap the consequences of the standards of living accepted today, which will mould the society and governments of Tomorrow. The older generation, by example—always more telling than precept—has the responsibility of carrying on and expanding that educational work which eventually will destroy Intemperance, the greatest Saboteur of Society.

The people of Arkansas are asking for an opportunity to vote, this fall, on a Local Option Bill which will permit the residents of various communities, cities and counties, to determine for themselves whether or not the saloon, the cocktail bar

and the liquor store shall flourish on every street down which they and their children must pass daily.

Local Option is the democratic way to settle this matter. If people want to drink that is their privilege, but it also is the privilege of sober-minded people who want to protect themselves and their children from undue and unfair temptation to demand that such drinking be done where the public at large need not suffer from its effects.

The first step to securing this essential democratic freedom is to get enough signatures on petitions now being circulated among the legal voters of the state. This can easily be accomplished if all the Christian forces against liquor will give time, energy and even money to see that

the required number of signatures of legal voters are obtained. Then the people will have the chance at the polls to declare whether or not they want a safe, sane and wholesome atmosphere throughout the state of Arkansas in which to live and to rear their children, free from the threat and enforced tyranny of this greatest single force of Social Sabotage.

As the father of four fine daughters, I feel it is a privilege to contribute financial support towards the effort to settle the liquor question by Local Option.

The more God empties your hands from other work, the more you may know that he has special work to give them.—E. H. Garrett.



THE LAYMAN'S PAGE

A. J. SHIREY, Editor



POETS' CORNER

PSALM OF BELLS

O, the loveliness of bells!
How beautiful their design, and the sound
of them, how excellent.
I love the chiming of cathedral bells call-
ing men to worship;
The merry jingle of sleigh bells, calling
men to jollity.
I love the ribboned bells that artists
paint on greeting cards;
The tinted bells on the celluloid covers of
old albums, along with doves, sera-
phim and clasped hands;
The connotation of wedding bells, Christ-
mas bells and New Year's bells.
I delight in the memory of a school bell
ringing out across Arkansas hills in
the days of my childhood.
And the loud clang of a dinner bell call-
ing to hungry hands across a wide
plantation.
But O, the carved beauty, the matchless
purity of the dainty bells that make
a white hyacinth,
And the fragile, melting loveliness of the
bells of Easter lilies!
These expand the heart and speak, with
mute eloquence, of Something beyond
our knowing.
Quiet bells. Quiet with a silence that
holds deep, deep undertones. — Bess
King, Little Rock, Ark.

CONCLUSIONS OF A BISHOP

The conclusions reached by Bish-
op J. Ralph Magee regarding the
war and its practical relationship to
the life of the Church may not win
your approval one hundred per
cent, but they are worth considera-
tion. Here they are:

1. I am sure war cannot be ac-
cepted as a Christian practice and
receive the blessing of the Church.
2. I am just as sure that un-
Christian philosophies expressed by
arms by other nations cannot be
met without war.
3. I am sure we can prosecute a
war of defense without hatred or
revenge. If we permit hate and re-
venge to control us we too are un-
Christian.
4. I am sure we can rightly pray
God to give wisdom and sound
judgment as well as right spirit to
all our leaders and to all the people.
5. I am sure that we need to
preach the principles and spirit of
Jesus more effectively than ever to
maintain the morale of the people.
6. I am sure that we can keep
our faith in God and not blame Him
for the brutality and frenzy of men.
7. I am sure we can work for
and pray for a peace that will be
fair and just to all peoples and by
such a magnanimous Christian
Spirit help to lay a sounder ground-
work for abiding peace.
8. I am sure we are all believers
in democracy and will preach and
help in every way to maintain all
of its Bill of Rights, yielding only
those essential to the exigencies of
war and insisting on the full return
of all of them when peace finally
comes.—From The Layman.

WHY I SIT UP FRONT

I have some good reasons why I
sit up front in church.
First, the pastor spent many
years in preparation and the last
week in study to bring me in one
short hour the message for these
times. I do not want to miss any of
it. Besides, I pay him good money—
in fact, I tithe—so I want all that he
has for me.
Second, I go to church to wor-

ship and I do not want to be dis-
turbed by ushers, late comers and
back-door drafts.

Third, I fill my pew that I may
set an example for the men of my
church who habitually fill the back
seats first.

Fourth, I have done some speak-
ing, so I know how hard it is to
push a message across empty seats.
I believe that one man in the front
seat is worth two in the back seat to
bolster pastor morale. I sit up front
in church because the pastor ex-
pects me there and I will not dis-
appoint him.—Thomas B. Clay, Lay
Leader, Genesee Conference.

WAYSIDE BEATITUDES

Blessed is he who keepeth his
mouth shut when he knoweth noth-
ing worth saying.

Blessed is he who hath oil to pour
on troubled waters.

Blessed are they who find their
place in the service of the Lord
without having to be cudgled or
begged.

Blessed is the man who is honest
with God and his groceryman.

Blessed are all those who do not
have to repeat everything they hear
about other people.

Blessed are those who attend to
their own business.

Blessed are those husbands and
wives whose religion is as sincere
in the home as it appears in the
church.

NO ATHEISTS IN FOX HOLES

A dramatic account of how a lack
of food, inability to sleep, and, fi-
nally, dwindling ammunition sap-
ped the strength of the Bataan de-
fenders was given by an officer
who fought through most of that
history-making campaign.

The officer, Lieut.-Col. Warren J.
Clear, has just returned to the
United States from Corregidor. He
told his story of Bataan's final
weeks on the "Army Hour" pro-
gram broadcast over NBC Red Net-
work.

Commenting on the behavior of
individual men under fire, Colonel
Clear admitted "There are times
when a man finds self-confidence
alone will not sustain him."

Prayers In a Fox-Hole

He told of a time when he was
forced, during an enemy attack, to
dive into one of the fox holes made
immortal in General Douglas Mac-
Arthur's birthday greetings to Pres-
ident Roosevelt.

"There was a sergeant in the fox
hole, too," he recalled, "and he
squeezed to one side to make room
for me. Then all hell broke loose
and I wasn't surprised to find my-
self praying. The sergeant was
praying, too, almost as loud as I
was.

"When the attack was over, I
turned to him and said, 'Sergeant, I
noticed you were praying.'

"Yes, sir, I was. There are no
atheists in fox holes," he replied."

When a person is in desperate
need of help and has a realization
of the futility of self-help and the
help of his fellow mortals, "O God,
help—O God, save men!" And this
in spite of his glib denials of God's
existence in the hours of his pros-
perity.—Now.

SHALL THE RADIO BE USED TO FAN WAR HATE?

Religious leaders of national Prot-
estant, Catholic and Jewish organi-
zations in a recent session at Col-
umbus, Ohio, of the thirteenth an-
nual meeting of the Institute for
Education by Radio, unanimously
opposed the fostering of hate by
radio as a method of building civil-
ian morale. They adopted a resolu-
tion stating: "That religious broad-
casts in war-time, as well as in
peace-time should not only avoid
stirring up hatred against human
beings of any race, nation or creed
but should seek to contribute to
the understanding and good will
which are basic to a just and dur-
able peace among the peoples of the
world."

Dr. Van Kirk in an address be-
fore the meeting stated: "To build
new political and new economic
machinery without at the same time
establishing spiritual bridge-heads
between the races and classes of all
nationalities and colors is to lose
the peace, and if the peace is lost
the war will be lost."

Dr. Van Kirk listed the following
five duties of the radio religious
broadcasts in this time of crisis: 1.
To make real to our people the
power of the Sword of the Spirit,
a power which is being dramatized
in Norway, Germany, and the Low-
lands; 2. To broaden the base of un-
derstanding and good will between
religious and racial groups; 3. To
make articulate the gospel of hope
in a despairing world; 4. To pro-
mote intelligent discussion of the
bases of a just and lasting peace;
5. To exercise a pastoral function
with the whole nation as its parish
to alleviate the sufferings caused
by the war.

These are high purposes to which
the radio might be dedicated in
these days. If the people only re-
ceive a pollution of hatred through
the medium of the radio as a "shot"
to stimulate war effort, the radio
will be our curse instead of our
blessing in this awful hour of our
nation's history.

NEWS VALUE OF RELIGION

Nearly all the daily newspapers
of this country have a "Church"
page in one issue of the paper each
week, usually the Saturday's issue.
This costs the paper quite a sum of
money over the run of a year.

Now that the newspapers are
faced with the necessity to conserve
newsprint, they are having to look
about to decide what can be left out
of the papers with the least loss of
revenue to the publication and a
minimum decrease of "news value"
to the reading public.

The Church Stands To Lose

There are many editors of metro-
politan newspapers who are not
over-friendly toward the Church, to
say the least of it. Many of them
have never considered the items
carried on the church page of their
papers as of any particular news
value, or as being particularly de-
sirable as a part of the paper. Such
editors and managers of papers, will
doubtless seize any justifiable ex-
cuse as an opportunity to do away
with the church page.

Such attitudes are due to inherent
unfriendliness to the church and
what it stands for on the part of

men, who themselves, are un-Christ-
ian. Being un-Christian makes
them unfriendly toward the church.
Being unfriendly toward the church
quite naturally they resent giving
the churches free space in their pa-
pers from week to week.

This is another case of people
working at a trade but never learn-
ing it. The newspaper man who
does not recognize the "news" value
of the doings of churches in the area
served by his paper is blind to news.
It is doubtful if any page—except
it be the "funnies"—is more closely
read by a greater number of peo-
ple, week by week, than the church
page. A newspaper man with a nose
for news will think more than once
before he discontinues the church
page of his paper.

It is probably true that the news-
paper publishers receive small
thanks from the church or the pub-
lic for this service rendered. But it
is likewise true, that they are ex-
actly cheered for every good they
do; so there is no reason on this
score to think that the church page
doesn't matter. Just in case the pub-
lisher of your paper might be get-
ting "weary in well-doing" and feel
that religion and the church have
no significance as news, it might be
a fine precautionary measure at this
time to drop him a note of appre-
ciation for the Church Page, or
Church Column, as the case may
be, to encourage him to continue it
in this time of emergency and re-
trenchment. It would be very easy
in these days for church news to be
cut out of our leading papers—
never to come back. This is a chal-
lenge to Laymen to let our great
newspapers know how we feel about
a matter that is important.

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→ GRAY'S OINTMENT

TO CHECK

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IN 7 DAYS
take **666**

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When your head aches and nerves
are jittery, get relief quickly, pleas-
antly, with Capudine. Acts fast be-
cause it's liquid. Follow directions on
label. All druggists. 10c, 30c, 60c.

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CONFERENCE TREASURERS' REPORTS

REPORT OF LITTLE ROCK CONF. TREASURER

As Treasurer, I am making a report of the remittances received during the month of April.—C. E. Hayes.

BISHOP'S FUND

| Arkadelphia District | |
|-----------------------------|----------|
| Benton Station | \$ 17.00 |
| Friendship Ct. | 1.53 |
| Oaklawn Church, Hot Springs | 30.00 |
| Leola Ct. | 4.49 |
| Previously reported | 52.15 |
| Total | \$105.22 |

| Camden District | |
|---------------------------|----------|
| Bearden | \$ 27.00 |
| Camden Station | 41.00 |
| Camden Ct. | .45 |
| Centennial Mission Charge | 5.25 |
| Junction City Ct. | 1.50 |
| Kingsland Ct. | 4.78 |
| Louann Ct. | 8.75 |
| Smackover | 4.50 |
| Taylor Ct. | 29.00 |
| Waldo | 36.75 |
| Previously reported | 302.94 |
| Total | \$461.92 |

| Little Rock District | |
|----------------------|----------|
| Austin Ct. | \$ 4.79 |
| Bryant Ct. | 2.17 |
| Carlisle Station | 10.00 |
| Des Arc | 4.00 |
| Hickory Plains Ct. | 4.00 |
| Capitol View | 25.00 |
| Chenault's Chapel | .85 |
| Henderson | 20.00 |
| Pulaski Heights | 20.25 |
| St. Mark's | .92 |
| Primrose Chapel | 10.00 |
| Previously reported | 265.95 |
| Total | \$367.93 |

| Monticello District | |
|---------------------|----------|
| Crossett | \$ 5.42 |
| Drew Ct. | 2.59 |
| Dumas | 3.94 |
| Eudora | 1.25 |
| Montrose-Snyder | 4.26 |
| Portland-Parkdale | 20.00 |
| Tillar-Winchester | 7.50 |
| Warren | 15.00 |
| Watson | 3.99 |
| Previously reported | 117.74 |
| Total | \$181.69 |

| Pine Bluff District | |
|-------------------------|----------|
| Bayou Meto Ct. | \$ 1.50 |
| Gillett | 34.00 |
| Grady-Gould | 3.00 |
| Carr Memorial | 13.50 |
| First Church | 22.50 |
| St. Charles Ct. | 3.00 |
| Sheridan Station | 3.50 |
| Sherrill-Tucker | 1.00 |
| Star City | 12.50 |
| Grand Avenue, Stuttgart | 21.00 |
| Swan Lake | 6.75 |
| White Hall and Glendale | 6.75 |
| Previously reported | 147.80 |
| Total | \$276.80 |

| Prescott District | |
|----------------------|----------|
| Bingen Ct. | \$ 2.98 |
| Emmett-Bierne Ct. | 1.09 |
| Forester | 7.50 |
| Glenwood Charge | 6.25 |
| Gurdon | 4.70 |
| Murfreesboro-Delight | 1.80 |
| Prescott Station | 27.00 |
| Previously reported | 129.72 |
| Total | \$181.04 |

| Texarkana District | |
|---------------------|----------|
| Cherry Hill Ct. | \$ 2.00 |
| De Queen | 27.00 |
| Dierks-Green Chapel | 5.03 |
| Horatio Ct. | 8.00 |
| Mena | 4.00 |
| Stamps Charge | 12.00 |
| College Hill | 5.24 |
| Texarkana Ct. | 3.00 |
| Previously reported | 122.16 |
| Total | \$188.43 |

Grand Total received through April 30th \$1,763.03

CONFERENCE CLAIMANTS

| Arkadelphia District | |
|----------------------|----------|
| Benton Station | \$ 65.00 |
| Friendship Ct. | .42 |
| Leola Ct. | 10.00 |
| Malvern Station | 20.62 |
| Previously reported | 174.60 |
| Total | \$270.64 |

| Camden District | |
|---------------------------|------------|
| Bearden | \$ 72.00 |
| Camden Station | 25.00 |
| Camden Ct. | 2.15 |
| Centennial Mission Charge | 9.00 |
| Ebenezer Ct. | 2.65 |
| First Church, El Dorado | 200.00 |
| Huttig | 18.50 |
| Junction City Ct. | 3.49 |
| Kingsland Ct. | 10.59 |
| Louann Ct. | 19.75 |
| Smackover | 16.00 |
| Taylor Ct. | 71.00 |
| Waldo | 97.00 |
| Previously reported | 729.95 |
| Total | \$1,277.08 |

| Little Rock District | |
|----------------------|----------|
| Austin Ct. | \$ 11.99 |
| Bryant Ct. | 5.68 |
| Carlisle Station | 40.00 |
| Des Arc | 12.00 |
| Hickory Plains Ct. | 21.00 |
| Capitol View | 56.00 |
| Chenault's Chapel | 1.36 |
| Henderson | 45.00 |
| Highland | 25.00 |
| Pulaski Heights | 99.00 |
| St. Mark's | 1.52 |
| Primrose Chapel | 23.00 |
| Previously reported | 556.55 |
| Total | \$898.10 |

| Monticello District | |
|---------------------|----------|
| Crossett | \$ 21.58 |
| Drew Ct. | 4.52 |
| Dumas | 14.00 |
| Eudora | 6.00 |
| Montrose-Snyder | 9.46 |
| Portland-Parkdale | 55.00 |
| Tillar-Winchester | 19.65 |
| Warren | 40.50 |
| Watson | 1.95 |
| Previously reported | 393.21 |
| Total | \$565.87 |

| Pine Bluff District | |
|--------------------------|----------|
| Bayou Meto Ct. | \$ 3.50 |
| Gillett | 90.00 |
| Grady-Gould | 2.00 |
| Little Prairie Ct. | 4.00 |
| First Church, Pine Bluff | 110.00 |
| St. Charles Ct. | 7.00 |
| Sheridan Station | 12.60 |
| Sherrill-Tucker | 1.00 |
| Star City Ct. | 46.00 |
| Grand Avenue, Stuttgart | 53.00 |
| Swan Lake | 12.00 |
| Previously reported | 297.15 |
| Total | \$638.25 |

| Prescott District | |
|----------------------|----------|
| Bingen Ct. | \$ 6.62 |
| Emmett-Bierne | 3.36 |
| Forester Charge | 19.75 |
| Glenwood | 10.00 |
| Gurdon | 16.75 |
| Murfreesboro-Delight | 4.82 |
| Prescott Station | 96.00 |
| Previously reported | 380.58 |
| Total | \$537.88 |

| Texarkana District | |
|---------------------|----------|
| Cherry Hill Ct. | \$ 3.90 |
| De Queen | 96.00 |
| Dierks-G. Chapel | 12.93 |
| Horatio Ct. | 13.00 |
| Mena | 14.00 |
| College Hill | 14.00 |
| Texarkana Ct. | 12.00 |
| Previously reported | 336.61 |
| Total | \$502.44 |

Grand Total received \$4,690.26

BENEVOLENCES

| Arkadelphia District | |
|------------------------------|------------|
| Arkadelphia Ct. | \$ 33.45 |
| Benton Station | 175.00 |
| Benton Ct. | 5.00 |
| Friendship Ct. | 25.00 |
| Holly Springs Ct. | 3.00 |
| First Church, Hot Springs | 1,000.00 |
| Grand Avenue, Hot Springs | 225.00 |
| Oaklawn, Hot Springs | 100.00 |
| Tigert Memorial, Hot Springs | 10.00 |
| Hot Springs Ct. | 20.20 |
| Leola Ct. | 58.49 |
| Malvern Station | 100.00 |
| Traskwood Ct. | 6.00 |
| Previously reported | 304.84 |
| Total | \$2,065.98 |

| Camden District | |
|-------------------------|------------|
| Camden Station | \$150.00 |
| Camden Ct. | 9.40 |
| Chidester Ct. | 34.50 |
| Centennial Mission | 7.50 |
| Ebenezer Ct. | 8.17 |
| First Church, El Dorado | 400.00 |
| Fairview Ct. | 90.00 |
| Fordyce | 50.00 |
| Huttig | 48.00 |
| Junction City Ct. | 29.14 |
| Kingsland Ct. | 62.00 |
| Louann Ct. | 62.00 |
| Smackover | 20.00 |
| Stephens-Mt. Prospect | 92.71 |
| Strong Ct. | 10.06 |
| Taylor Ct. | 110.40 |
| Thornton Ct. | 47.00 |
| Waldo Ct. | 221.00 |
| Previously reported | 1,774.39 |
| Total | \$3,193.71 |

| Little Rock District | |
|----------------------|----------|
| Austin Ct. | \$ 65.00 |
| Bryant Ct. | 33.50 |
| Carlisle Station | 250.00 |
| Des Arc | 33.00 |
| Hazen | 35.00 |
| Hickory Plains Ct. | 103.50 |
| Keo-Tomberlin | 51.00 |
| Asbury | 1,263.65 |
| Capitol View | 575.00 |
| First Church | 500.00 |
| Forest Park | 87.50 |
| Henderson Church | 100.00 |
| Highland | 250.00 |
| Hunter Memorial | 53.00 |
| Pulaski Heights | 375.00 |

| | |
|---------------------|------------|
| St. Marks | 3.39 |
| Scott Street | 235.00 |
| Mabelvale | 45.00 |
| Primrose Chapel | 50.00 |
| Previously reported | 2,475.19 |
| Total | \$6,586.73 |

| Monticello District | |
|---------------------|------------|
| Arkansas City | \$ 33.00 |
| Crossett | 45.84 |
| Dumas | 9.50 |
| Eudora | 67.00 |
| Hermitage Ct. | 16.50 |
| Lake Village | 88.20 |
| New Edinburg Ct. | 7.30 |
| Portland-Parkdale | 70.00 |
| Warren | 122.84 |
| Watson | 7.00 |
| Previously reported | 648.04 |
| Total | \$1,115.22 |

| Pine Bluff District | |
|-------------------------|------------|
| Bayou Meto Ct. | \$.75 |
| DeWitt | 450.00 |
| Gillett | 150.00 |
| Little Prairie Ct. | 19.00 |
| First Church | 375.00 |
| Hawley Memorial | 80.00 |
| Rison | 80.00 |
| St. Charles | 49.00 |
| Sheridan Station | 28.25 |
| Star City Ct. | 50.00 |
| Grand Avenue, Stuttgart | 158.00 |
| White Hall-Glendale | 15.00 |
| Previously reported | 937.26 |
| Total | \$2,392.26 |

| Prescott District | |
|----------------------------|------------|
| Bingen Ct. | \$ 8.25 |
| Forester | 12.50 |
| Glenwood | 40.00 |
| Gurdon | 25.00 |
| Mineral Springs Ct. | 19.50 |
| Murfreesboro-Delight | 12.50 |
| Nashville-Wakefield Church | 8.78 |
| Prescott Station | 131.50 |
| Previously reported | 959.88 |
| Total | \$1,217.91 |

| Texarkana District | |
|-----------------------|------------|
| De Queen | \$114.00 |
| Dierks-Green's Chapel | 24.51 |
| Hatfield Ct. | 7.00 |
| Horatio Ct. | 22.00 |
| Lewisville-Bradley | 10.00 |
| Mena | 50.00 |
| Richmond Ct. | 85.00 |
| Stamps-Garland City | 80.00 |
| College Hill | 16.66 |
| First Church | 166.66 |
| Texarkana Ct. | 70.00 |
| Previously reported | 753.98 |
| Total | \$1,399.81 |

Grand Total received \$17,971.62

(Continued Next Week)

N. ARKANSAS CONFERENCE TREASURER'S HALF- YEAR REPORT

Benevolences, May 13, 1942

As Treasurer, I have received on General (World Service) and Conference Benevolences since Conference through May 12.—Guy Murphy, Treasurer.

(Two stars indicate in full, one star indicates one-half or more.)

| Batesville District | |
|--------------------------|------------|
| Batesville: First Church | \$1,000.00 |
| Central Avenue | 525.00 |
| Bethesda-Cushman | 94.07 |
| Calico Rock-Norfolk | 104.00 |
| Cave City Station | 82.82 |
| Cave City Ct. | 30.00 |
| Charlotte Ct. | 19.61 |
| Cotter-Gassville | 96.04 |
| Desha Ct. | 57.56 |
| Elmo-Oil Trough | 18.50 |
| Evening Shade Ct. | 20.00 |
| Melbourne Ct. | 60.52 |
| Moorefield-Sulphur Rock | 80.82 |
| Mountain Home | 113.16 |
| Mountain View | 96.85 |
| Newark | 75.00 |
| Newport: First Church | 330.96 |
| Umsted Memorial | 120.00 |
| Pleasant Plains | 95.00 |
| Salem | 110.00 |
| Strangers Home Ct. | 35.50 |
| Swift-Alicia | 83.00 |
| Tuckerman | 278.47 |
| Viola Ct. | 27.25 |
| Weldon-Tupelo | 99.50 |
| Yellville Ct. | 32.20 |
| Total | \$3,685.83 |

| Conway District | |
|----------------------|----------|
| Atkins | \$225.00 |
| Belleview-Havana | 36.86 |
| Bigelow Ct. | 24.75 |
| Cato-Bethel | 9.70 |
| Conway: First Church | 1,352.25 |
| Conway Ct. | 27.00 |
| Danville | 170.00 |
| Dardanelle | 241.25 |
| Dardanelle Ct. | 32.05 |
| Dover Ct. | 31.35 |
| Gravelly Ct. | 9.95 |

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| Greenbrier Ct. | 38.14 |
| Lamar-Knoxville | 19.00 |
| Levy | 91.50 |
| Morrilton | 526.50 |
| Morrilton Ct. | 15.00 |
| Springfield Ct. | 15.00 |
| Naylor Ct. | 18.42 |
| North Little Rock: First | 1,428.00 |
| (Askings in Full, plus) | |
| Gardner Memorial | 326.24 |
| Washington Avenue | 99.91 |
| Ola Ct. | 20.12 |
| Oppelo | 25.00 |
| Perry-Perryville | 55.30 |
| Plainview | 87.00 |
| Plummerville | 105.00 |
| Pottsville | 26.05 |
| Russellville | 351.00 |
| Vilonia Ct. | 37.50 |
| Waltreak | 5.00 |
| Total | \$5,449.84 |

| Fayetteville District | |
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| Alpena Ct. | \$70.00 |
| Bentonville | 300.00 |
| Berryville | 42.00 |
| Centerton Ct. | 92.91 |
| Cincinnati Ct. | 7.00 |
| Elm Spring-Harmon | 130.00 |
| Eureka Springs | 53.00 |
| Farmington-Goshen | 51.00 |
| Fayetteville: Central | 900.00 |
| Gentry | 50.00 |
| Gravette-Decatur | 122.30 |
| Green Forest | 14.50 |
| Huntsville | 20.00 |
| Lincoln | 30.00 |
| Monte Ne Ct. | 12.45 |
| Pea Ridge Ct. | 46.24 |
| Prairie Grove | 130.00 |
| Rogers | 445.00 |
| Siloam Springs | 350.00 |
| South Fayetteville | 8.41 |
| Springdale | 345.00 |
| Springtown-Highfil | 26.00 |
| Viney Grove Ct. | 21.68 |
| Winslow | 18.81 |
| Total | \$3,223.30 |

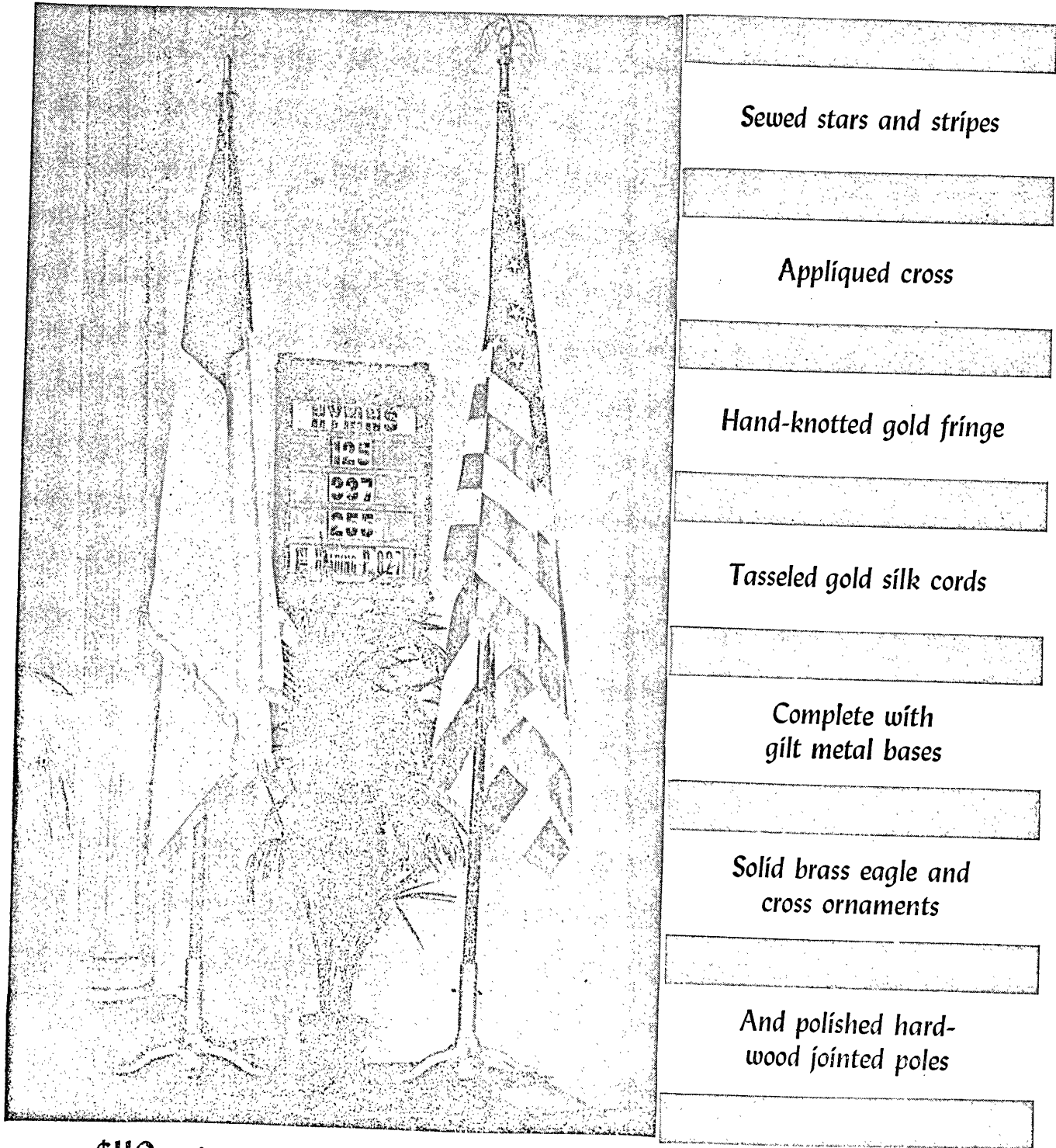
| Fort Smith District | |
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| Alix Ct. | \$ 16.00 |
| Alma-Mulberry | 119.75 |
| Altus Ct. | 30.00 |
| Booneville | 300.00 |
| Charleston Ct. | 42.50 |
| Clarksville | 498.00 |
| Fort Smith: First Church | 631.21 |
| Goddard Memorial | 240.00 |
| Grand Avenue | 107.68 |
| Midland Heights | 115.00 |
| Second Church | 65.50 |
| Greenwood | 35.50 |
| Hackett-Midland | 46.00 |
| Hartford | 35.00 |
| Hartman Ct. | 32.35 |
| Huntington-Pine Street | 72.00 |
| Kibler-City Heights | 47.53 |
| Lavaca Ct. | 50.50 |
| Mansfield | 37.06 |
| Ozark | 125.50 |
| Paris | 113.01 |
| Prairie View, Scranton | 29.50 |
| South Fort Smith | 30.00 |
| Van Buren: First Church | 171.10 |
| East Van Buren | 10.00 |
| Waldron | 82.00 |
| Waldron Ct. | 40.25 |
| Total | \$3,122.94 |

| Helena District | |
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| Aubrey | \$ 100.00 |
| Clarendon | 350.00 |
| Colt Ct. | 20.22 |
| Crawfordsville | 46.74 |
| Earle | 114.37 |
| Elaine | 363.50 |
| Forrest City | 1,125.00 |
| Harrisburg | 158.00 |
| Haynes Ct. | 62.75 |
| Helena: First Church | 1,200.00 |
| Holly Grove-Marvell | 243.00 |
| Hughes | 218.00 |
| Hulbert-Blackfish Lake | 35.00 |
| Marianna (Askings in Full) | 775.00 |
| Parkin | 52.64 |
| Vanndale-Cherry Valley | 113.00 |
| West Helena | 32.87 |
| West Memphis | 117.50 |
| Wheatley Ct. | 98.00 |
| Widener-Madison | 79.47 |
| Wynne | 448.00 |
| Total | \$5,793.06 |

| Jonesboro District | |
|---------------------------|----------|
| Black Oak | \$ 82.25 |
| Blytheville: First Church | 825.00 |
| Lake Street | 110.35 |
| Bono-Trinity | 48.32 |
| Brookland Ct. | 30.49 |
| Dell Station | 12.50 |
| Dell Ct. | 35.74 |
| Dyess-Whitten | 40.83 |
| Joiner | 50.00 |
| Jonesboro: First Church | 1,300.00 |
| Fisher Street | 56.50 |
| Huntington Avenue | 141.76 |
| Jonesboro Ct. | 65.00 |
| Kelser Ct. | 37.50 |
| Lake City Ct. | 9.69 |
| Leachville | 135.00 |
| Lepanto | 176.00 |

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| Luxora ----- | 35.83 | Lorado Ct. ----- | 75.50 | Bald Knob-Bradford -----** | 237.00 | Pangburn Ct. -----* | 89.50 |
| Manila-St. John ----- | 77.41 | Mammoth Spring-Hardy ----- | 4.72 | (First Charge in Conference | | Quitman Ct. -----* | 132.03 |
| Marion -----* | 468.00 | Marmaduke ----- | 52.05 | (to pay IN FULL, 1941-42.) | | Rose Bud Ct. -----* | 42.60 |
| Marked Tree -----* | 561.25 | Maynard Ct. ----- | 12.00 | Beebe -----* | 271.24 | Scotland Ct. ----- | 2.00 |
| Monette ----- | 12.00 | Morning Star Ct. -----** | 50.00 | Cabot -----* | 132.00 | Searcy: First Church -----* | 800.00 |
| Nettleton-Bay ----- | 125.00 | Paragould: First Church ----- | 791.00 | Clinton-Shirley -----** | 119.00 | Valley Springs Ct. -----* | 51.79 |
| Osceola -----* | 650.00 | East Side ----- | 62.90 | Cotton Plant -----* | 244.00 | Jasper Ct. ----- | 8.00 |
| Trumann ----- | 91.00 | Paragould Ct. ----- | 100.00 | Gregory-McClelland -----** | 81.00 | Total -----* | 4,402.03 |
| Turrell-Gilmore ----- | 39.09 | Piggott ----- | 125.00 | Griffithville Ct. -----* | 110.00 | | |
| Tyronza -----* | 87.53 | Pocahontas ----- | 200.00 | Harrison -----* | 250.00 | District Standings | |
| Wilson ----- | 24.04 | Rector: First Church ----- | 175.00 | Heber Springs: First Church -----** | 502.00 | Helena ----- | \$5,793.06 |
| Yarbro-Promised Land -----* | 65.02 | Fourth Street ----- | 41.00 | (Askings IN FULL) | | Conway ----- | 5,449.84 |
| Total -----* | \$5,393.10 | Smithville Ct. ----- | 33.00 | Central ----- | 30.00 | Jonesboro ----- | 5,393.10 |
| Paragould District | | St. Francis Ct. ----- | 43.02 | Hunter Ct. -----* | 75.00 | Searcy ----- | 4,402.03 |
| Beech Grove-Camp Ground ----- | \$ 19.42 | Walnut Ridge ----- | 109.20 | Jacksonville Ct. ----- | 15.00 | Batesville ----- | 3,685.83 |
| Biggers Ct. ----- | 20.00 | Total ----- | \$2,375.54 | Judsonia -----* | 108.11 | Fayetteville ----- | 3,223.30 |
| Corning -----* | 300.00 | (Note: Not having the official Acceptance, regret not being able to grant stars in the above District.) | | Kensett -----* | 75.00 | Fort Smith ----- | 3,122.94 |
| Gainesville Ct. ----- | 10.50 | Searcy District | | Leslie -----* | 42.50 | Paragould ----- | 2,375.54 |
| Greenway Ct. ----- | 38.29 | Antioch Ct. -----** | \$ 109.00 | Marshall -----* | 50.00 | Total Benevolences ----- | \$23,445.64 |
| Hoxie Ct. ----- | 22.50 | Augusta (Askings in Full) -----*** | 521.00 | McCrory -----* | 227.00 | Last year ----- | \$29,691.12 |
| Imboden-Black Rock ----- | 19.44 | | | Fakes Chapel Ext. IN FULL. | | Increase ----- | 3,754.52 |
| Leonard Ct. ----- | 71.00 | | | McRae Ct. ----- | 76.26 | (Continued Next Week) | |

"Throughout the history of mankind, symbols have exerted an impelling influence upon the lives of men. The cross and the flag are embodiments of our ideals and teach us not only how to live but how to die."—Gen. DOUGLAS MacARTHUR



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WINFIELD MEMORIAL

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CHRISTENED

Geraldine Juliette Billingsley, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Marcus Billingsley, 1309 Main, was christened at the morning service Sunday, May 17th.

CHURCH-NIGHT DINNER NEXT WEDNESDAY

The regular monthly Church-Night Dinner for all members of Winfield will be served next Wednesday night, May 27, at 6:30 in Fellowship Hall. Following the dinner a devotional will be given by Dr. Slack. Beginning at 7:30 the Departmental meetings of the Church School will be held.

Circle No. 10, Mrs. H. C. Graham, Chairman, will serve the dinner. Plates are 25c each. Phone the Church office and report that you and your family plan to be present.

REPORT

The offering made the evening of the presentation of "I Made My Son a Criminal," amounted to \$206.83, \$100.83 being in cash. This amount is credited to Winfield Church.

SERVICE TO SOLDIERS

The Methodist Church raised a great deal of money last year to be used in service to men in the uniform while on leave. No request for such an offering has come as yet, in the manner in which it came before. Winfield is attempting to provide such a fellowship in the best, and maybe the only, way possible. Sunday evenings a Chaplain from Camp Robinson is preaching. He is bringing many of his men in uniform with him. The Church is serving sandwiches, cookies, drinks and an hour of fellowship, singing, etc. Last Sunday there were about 100 men from the Reception Center and a good time was had by all. Next Sunday the men from the 106th Medical Training Battalion will be our guests and their Chaplain, Lt. Horace E. Gravely, will preach. **THIS IS A CALL TO SERVE.** Members of Winfield, let us do for these men what we hope other cities and churches are doing for our men.

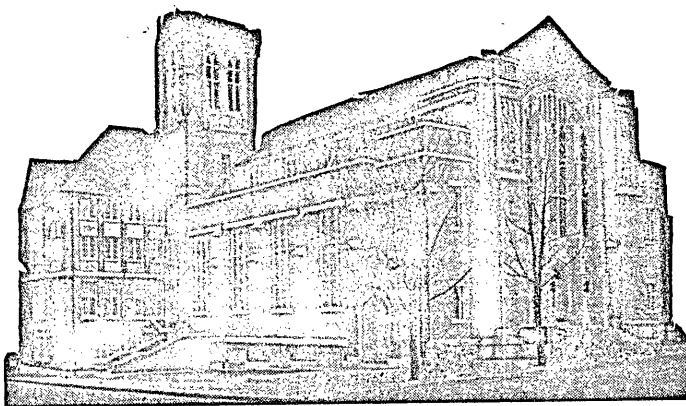
CALENDAR

Friday, May 22, 7:30—Banquet for Graduates. Meet in Young People's Parlor. Reservations necessary.

Wednesday, May 27, 6:30—General Church Night Supper with Departmental meetings.

I shall pass through this world once. Any good, therefore, that I can do, or any kindness that I can show to any human being, let me do it now; let me not defer or neglect it, for I shall not pass this way again. —Anonymous.

Righteousness is not a theological, but an ethical word, and has to do not with a person's creed, but with a person's character. —Dr. John Watson.



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Church Secretary



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Minister of Music

MISS KATE BOSSINGER
Organist

MISS OLIVE SMITH, Director of Religious Education

Next Sunday At Winfield

- 10:00 a. m. Church School. Now is the time to begin putting in some extra licks to keep attendance up to the high point.
- 10:55 a. m. The Rev. Dr. C. M. Reves will preach. Dr. Reves is the District Superintendent, is former Pastor of Winfield, and is very interested in the work of this Church. Dr. Reves was the pastor when this present building was constructed, a lasting monument to his life and work, and to the confidence in which he is held by the membership. You will want to hear Dr. C. M. Reves.
- 6:00 p. m. Fellowship of Youth Organization.
- 8:00 p. m. Evening worship and preaching. Chaplain Horace E. Gravely, 106th Medical Training Battalion will preach. The men of his organization will be guests. An hour of Fellowship, with refreshments, will follow in Fellowship Hall.

THE MINISTER'S MESSAGE

Congratulations to our Junior College and High School graduates. You have finished something you began. We are proud of you; we are proud that you are members of Winfield Church and workers in the departments. We will follow your work and progress with interest. We will cherish your continued interest in Winfield Church. We will always have a place where you can serve.

To "say" congratulations is not enough with us. We are going further than words to show you that we want you to be happy in Winfield. You have done things for the Church; the Church wants to do things for you.

Therefore, Friday of this week Winfield Church is giving you a banquet, kinda like a birthday party. We are asking all the other young people and Seniors to buy tickets; we are serving you free.

We hope this may be one of those "Grand Occasions" which help you to appreciate the Church as something very important in your life.

METHODIST CHURCH

Christian Education

By Miss Olive Smith

ORCHIDS TO WINFIELD WOMEN

To the Women of Winfield Church goes most of the credit for the success of the two family night dinners. To Mrs. Rankin and her team of workers in the kitchen, we say that the food was delicious. To Mrs. Maddox and the dining room helpers we say that Fellowship Hall never looked prettier. It would be impossible to name the scores of women who gave unstintingly of their time, but in this way we wish to thank every one who helped and to say that without you we couldn't have "put across" our program.

Our thanks go also to the Family Life Committee composed of Mr. and Mrs. Bayne, Mr. and Mrs. Bowen and Mr. and Mrs. Crouse for their help in working out the details.

PARENTS' QUESTIONS

When should the child's religious training begin?

When a young child asks about death, what should one say?

How can truthfulness be developed in a child?

How are childhood fears overcome?

How can I get my child to eat? Every parent is perplexed with many such questions.

Thought and study of childhood behavior are necessary to have a better understanding of our children and enable us to guide them more intelligently.

It is not enough to know how to care for the physical needs of our children. Parents must realize that the spiritual, emotional and mental needs are just as important in developing mature adults.

In order to help parents grow in knowledge about their children's needs and interest, Winfield Church office has provided material on these subjects.

1. "The Religious Training of the Child."
2. "The Child's Emotions."
3. "Habits and Habit Training."
4. "Discipline and Authority."
5. "Character and Spiritual Growth."

These books and pamphlets are available for your use at any time.

FELLOWSHIP MEETINGS

May 24—6:30 P. M.

YOUNG PEOPLE: Meet in Fellowship Hall. Miss O'Quinn from the Tuberculosis Office will present the program. Young People from the First Christian Church will be guests. Refreshments will be served in Fellowship Hall after Church with the soldiers.

SENIOR HIGH: Meet in Young People's Parlor. Earl Nichols will be in charge of the program on "The History of the Christian Church." The group will enjoy refreshments and fellowship with the young people and visitors from Camp Robinson after church. Last Sunday night 31 were present and 29 stayed for church.

JUNIOR HIGH: Meet in the Outdoor Court. Billy Weidemeyer will lead the program on "The greatest of Service."