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"The World is My Parish" — John Wesley

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

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Especially Religious For The Duration

WE HAVE a report through "News in the World of Religion" of a large northern church—not Methodist, thank the Lord—whose members seem to have a type of religion all too prevalent in the life of all churches today. This church, with seventy of its members in the armed service has had several hundred of its members sign a "Covenant Book" which contained the following pledge: "As our fathers, brothers and sons have pledged themselves to defend our precious liberty until it is assured beyond question, I too declare myself ready and willing to be especially faithful to my church for the duration of the war or for that period of time our men have given themselves to the service of their country."

To make a vow to "be especially faithful to the church for the duration of the war or for that period of time our men have given themselves to the service of their country" is as ridiculous as it is worthless. A man may properly join the armed forces of the nation "for the duration of the war," but to make a covenant with Almighty God to be especially pious while you are in trouble is an insult to God and a reflection on the church. It is quite probable, on the basis of this limited covenant, that these temporarily pious people are making some heavy demands on the Lord and are expecting a special dispensation of Providence to overshadow their loved ones and themselves "for the duration."

The attitude of this big city church is quite like the little boy who was asked by the minister if he said his prayers every morning and evening. His first reply was "Yes." On second thought he modified his answer some. "That is I say my prayers every night. A fellow can take care of himself in daytime."

America had better quit trifling with religion, with the church and with God. We had better sincerely repent of our national and individual sins and make a covenant with God for life whether we win or lose the war. Only then are we in a position to really pray about the desperate situation in which we find ourselves to the service of their country." The rest of the church membership apparently was not willing to make even this conditional pledge.

Making The Indifferent Different

SOME one has said that the big job of the church is "to make the indifferent different." In the presence of indifference, negligence and sin, we are too prone to fold our hands in self pity and announce to the world that our problems are "peculiar" and by implication impossible of solution. The answer of the apostle Paul to peculiar, impossible problems was "I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me." The church has always made its most satisfactory progress while sailing in the face of the wind. There are interests local and world-wide that are now shouting loud for the attention of people everywhere. They may appear, under these circumstances, to be indifferent to the call of the church. It is our business, with a sense of mission, to press the claims of Christ and the Christian religion until the most indifferent cannot but recognize their importance. It is possible, by prayer, consecration and aggressive leadership, to make the indifferent, different.

"The Valley Forge of 1942"

NEWSWEEK tells us that "military men in Washington are now referring to the next ninety days as the Valley Forge of 1942."

The world has been on the tiptoe of expectation while the greatest and most powerful armies of all time are engaged in the greatest battle of all time in Russia. Time is rapidly running out for the Axis forces, while they are still a great distance from the decisive victory essential to their cause. That bright spot in the picture is darkened by the fact that there is yet time enough, before snow flies, for Axis forces to win a stunning victory unless Russia shows greater power than she has through the past thirty days.

General Rommel, in Egypt, whose armies are being steadily reinforced, is still less than a hundred miles from Alexandria. A renewal of the battle there may come any day. The strange silence that has come over Japan and the lack of any indication as to her next

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WILL HEAL THEIR LAND.
II Chron. 7:14.

major move has created a sense of uneasiness among some. The Battle of the Atlantic and the situation in Indian are cause for grave concern.

These and other danger spots add up to the possibilities of dark days within the next few weeks. There is real encouragement in the metaphor our military men use to describe the situation through which we are passing—"The Valley Forge of 1942." It implies that we are to pass through this winter of uncertainty and suffering and move on to the building of a greater, better world. It implies that they feel that the United Nations are able to take the worst that the Axis powers can give, at the peak of their power, and still believe in ultimate victory.

We trust, also, that their picture of Valley Forge includes George Washington, the leader of the continental army, on his knees in prayer. If America could see its absolute need of divine leadership and were to pass through this "Valley Forge of 1942" in penitential prayer, we would likely come out of our difficulties with something of the spirit that prompted our revolutionary fathers to stamp on the coin of the realm "In God we trust."

Roosevelt Requested To Summon Nation To Prayer

MORE and more the various groups of American life are coming to realize that we are in a life and death struggle for survival. Many are coming also to realize that force or arms alone is not sufficient to bring about a satisfactory peace. Some are definitely convinced that we must have character, as well as cannons, if we are worthy to survive and are equal to the responsibilities of world-reconstruction when that blessed day of rebuilding comes.

With some such kindred idea in mind, our General Commission on Evangelism, in its recent meeting, requested President Roosevelt to summon the nation to daily prayer "not only for the triumph of righteousness and human freedom, but for a revival of morality, sobriety and spirituality." The wording of this part of its message to the President seemed to imply that the Commission felt that prayer for "the triumph of righteousness and human freedom" was of secondary importance to the prayer for "a revival of morality, sobriety and spirituality." It might have been even better if the Commission had placed these great character-determining agencies first in their request and had asked the President to summon the nation to daily prayer "for a revival of morality, sobriety and spirituality, and for the triumph of righteousness and human freedom."

This war cannot result in a "triumph of righteousness and human freedom" unless somewhere in the world there is a dominant body of people to lead and direct the affairs of earth in whose life there are the dominant characteristics of morality, sobriety and spirituality. America could become such a nation and we could be such a people if our President and we were to pray daily for such nobility of character.

It is to be hoped that the President will accede to the request of the Committee and that through daily prayer America may become such a nation as that its triumph in the present world struggle would mean, for the world, the triumph of righteousness and human freedom. When we become such a nation of people, it is quite probable that Christian people, the world over, will then be ready to join us in prayer for the triumph of our cause.

Stand Up and Preach

THE book under the above title was exceptionally good but the title of the book carried a message which preachers should not forget. The church expects a preacher to "Stand Up and Preach." While a District Superintendent, we had a layman consult us who was much concerned about a change of pastors in his church. Though a prominent layman in his church, he stuttered some when excited. In explaining his position he had this to say which we have not forgotten: "It's a f-f-unny t-t-hing that a m-man says that he is c-c-alled to p-preach and then can't preach." This practical layman was raising a question which must trouble the mind of any one who gives it thought. As personality, talents and equipment differ in preachers, we may expect a difference in the effectiveness of the ministry of different preachers. However, any God-called preacher should be able to stand up and preach with some degree of helpful effectiveness. Regardless of any other talents which he may possess, a preacher should be able to preach.

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CHURCH CALENDAR

September 14, Fall Cabinet Meeting, Little Rock Conference, First Methodist Church, Little Rock.

September 16, Fall Cabinet Meeting, North Arkansas Conference First Methodist Church, North Little Rock.

September 27-October 4, Religious Education Week.

September 27, Church School Promotion Day.
October 4, Church School Rally Day.



IN THE LIVES OF MEN

By
CHARLES O. RANSFORD

When Christ Jesus, the Savior came, he not only changed the calendar, he changed the world. The world has never more been the same since Jesus came. He changed men and nations, He changed social and governmental relations, He changed all conditions of human welfare. As He changes men in their deepest personalities He continually changes the world and brings in His kingdom wherein dwelleth righteousness.

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Where strong men differ in opinion compromise is always necessary for adjustments in the way of living. Under such circumstances righteous men are always willing to make concessions. There could be no governments nor laws for their supervision without compromise in adjustments. Moral principles will always abide. Just and righteous men never ask that true principles should be contravened.

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No wars to save democracy, no democratic or dictator governments, no theories of economists, no protests of united labor and no politicians have ever or will ever build a democracy in the hearts of the people. Only the Church of God has that creative power, and, only the Church of God has ever or will ever build a brotherhood of men.

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Socialism, Communism, Fascism, and Nazism all are attempts in a social adjustment. Whatever their purposes, whatever the results in a limited good, they will ultimately fail, because they lack in essential justice and good will. Each strives for the good of individuals or groups and not of the whole mass.

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The assurance of friendship is to permit no one to speak evil of a friend in your presence.

ABOUT PEOPLE

REV. WILLIAM SHERMAN of Fayetteville, who has been seriously sick at the hospital in Fayetteville, has been taken to his home and his condition is improving.

REV. LELAND CLEGG, district superintendent of the Camden District, is in the Scott and White Hospital, Temple, Texas, where he submitted to a minor operation.

REV. W. W. NELSON, Little Rock, assisted the Presbyterian and Methodist Churches at Washington, Ark., his old home, in a fine meeting last week.

A CARD from Rev. S. T. Baugh, pastor at Prescott, from Passaic, N. J., and dated August 19, states: "We are visiting our daughters here. Had a nice trip and most pleasant visit. Be home next week."

APPOINTMENT of E. C. Nash, Methodist layman of Topeka, Kansas, as promotion manager of The Christian Advocate to succeed Rev. Charles A. Britton, Jr., has been announced by B. A. Whitmore and Fred D. Stone, publishing agents. Mr. Britton will become pastor of Liberty Methodist Church in Macon, Ga.

REV. W. J. JORDAN, pastor at Norphlet, has for sale one job printing outfit complete. He has one job press, an extensive variety of type, a paper cutter and a slug cutter. This is an ideal set-up for a church or school. The press is large enough for a large church bulletin or a small newspaper. The price for the entire equipment is only \$375.00 cash. Address Rev. W. J. Jordan, Norphlet, Arkansas.

THE friends of Rev. Allen D. Stewart, pastor of the First Methodist Church, North Little Rock, sympathize with him in the death of his brother, Dr. John M. Stewart of Van Buren, a leading physician of western Arkansas, on Monday, August 17. Dr. Stewart is survived by his wife, two daughters, three other brothers and three sisters. Funeral services were held at the home on Wednesday.

ACTING-PRESIDENT AND MRS. GILBERT A. R. DALE, missionaries heading the College of West Africa, Monrovia, Liberia, arrived in New York with their two sons recently. They crossed the Atlantic in an American transport, and without incident. They are on regular furlough which will be spent largely in graduate studies at the University of Missouri, after which they expect to return to Liberia.

DR. HARRY DENMAN, one of the executive secretaries of the Commission on Evangelism of the Methodist Church, spoke at the Southern Ohio Mass Meeting of the United Brethren Church, at Ludlow Falls, Ohio, on August 16. He delivered two addresses, one in the afternoon, and another in the evening. The mass meeting was the second annual event of its kind and was sponsored by the Southern Ohio District Council of Men's Work of the Church of the United Brethren.

REV. B. A. McKnight, pastor of Evening Shade Circuit, writes: "Rev. J. T. Randle of Central Avenue Church, Batesville, recently assisted in a revival at Sidney, delivering good sermons and succeeding in giving a better tone to church work there. We were able to organize a young people's society of twenty-six with more to be added. We begin a revival next Sunday at Bear Creek followed by a meeting at Kerr's Chapel. The pastor will do the preaching. The Church School enrollment has had a large increase."

REV. J. D. BAKER, pastor and district superintendent of the Center Point Circuit, has just closed the 105th session of the Center Point camp meeting. Rev. E. H. Martin of Glenwood was the camp preacher with Rev. L. O. Lee of Blevins assisting. Wayne Banks of Texarkana did fine work in leading the singing and working with the children and young people. There were nine conversions with four joining the Center Point Church. Three babies were baptized. Bro. Baker writes: "There were not such

large crowds as formerly but a fine interest was taken. It was in many respects a great revival which reached many of the people of the surrounding country."

ACCORDING to data compiled by Secretary A. J. J. Mickle of the Foreign Missions Conference of North America, from the various mission boards, the Red Cross, and the State Department, there are more than 2,000 American missionaries still serving in the warring areas of eastern Asia. Of these, 623 are in Free (West) China, 33 in Burma, 774 in Japan-occupied China, 27 in Korea, 44 in Indo-China, 72 in Japan, 7 in Malaya, 28 in the Netherlands East Indies, 448 in the Philippine Islands, and 45 in Thailand.

WITH contributions to the general and conference benevolences totaling \$1,803 for the present conference year, the First Methodist Church of Conway led all other churches in the North Arkansas Conference as of August 12, according to the report of Rev. Guy Murphy, conference treasurer. The amount already paid in exceeds the acceptance of the church for these claims, the report indicated. Ranking next to the Conway church was First Church, North Little Rock, which was credited with \$1,428 in contributions to these causes. Conway First Church also led all other churches in amount contributed for conference claimants, \$252, Forrest City Church ranking second with \$240.03.

MISSIONARY L. A. McMURRAY, one of the translators of the Luba-Lulua Bible, which has recently been printed but not yet delivered because of the hazards of sea shipment to Africa, has written the American Bible Society: "I cannot close without a word about how desperately we are in need of Bibles and Testaments at this time. Our supply of both is exhausted—which means that some million and a half readers in our area here, and another million indirectly (totalling about one-fifth the whole population of the Belgian Congo, are awaiting with hunger and thirst the arrival of the new edition so long delayed by war conditions. We pray fervently that our new Bibles may come soon."

DR. AND MRS. H. W. JINSKE and two daughters of Batesville have returned from a vacation spent in Crossville, Ala., with Mrs. Jinske's parents, Dr. and Mrs. W. B. Croft. Dr. Jinske addressed the Church Schools in Crossville and in Boaz, Alabama. He met a number of people in Boaz, among whom are Rev. Robert Murphy, pastor of the St. Paul's Methodist Church, Dr. Cook, president of Snead Junior College, Prof. Carley, teacher of the Men's Bible Class, and Superintendent Campbell of the Boaz Public Schools. He states that St. Paul's Church is one of the finest churches in Northern Alabama, and that they heard the pastor deliver a very constructive message on "The Things That Abide."

BISHOP ADNA WRIGHT LEONARD of Washington, D. C., chairman of the General Commission on Army and Navy Chaplains, will report to American Protestantism on Sunday, August 30, in a kind of "mass meeting of the air," the current situation with reference to the spiritual needs of men in the service and the way in which the religious bodies through the Chaplaincy are meeting those needs. Speaking over Columbia Broadcasting System's "Church of the Air" at 9 a. m., C. W. T., Bishop Leonard hopes to be heard by people of every faith who are not at that hour worshipping in their own churches in order that he may officially bring the story of the ministry of the Chaplains just as it has come from the field to Protestantism's headquarters.

BISHOP CHARLES C. SELECMAN announces that it has become necessary to change the date of meeting of the cabinet meeting of the North Arkansas Conference from September 15 to September 16.

THE DEVOTIONAL PAGE

H. O. BOLIN, Editor

RELIGION IN THE HOME

The Church is wisely directing new attention to the Home, and seeking to emphasize its importance to the life of the world and the security and welfare of mankind.

It is calling attention, as positively as it may, to the fact that the Home is a divinely planned unit for society and that without its preservation and proper ordering there can be nothing but chaos, and disorder and ruin in the world.

If the Home is to fulfill its highest destiny and reach its most glorious possibility, what should be its predominant feature? Not beautiful architecture. Not tastily frescoed walls. Not gorgeous and overstuffed furniture. Not magnificent window hangings. Not richly carpeted lawns and artistically designed flower gardens. These do have their value and make their contributions to the joy and pleasure of the family.

But more vitally needed than all these is something else, and that is the presence of God. Without Him, not as an occasional visitor, but as an abiding member of the Home, the walls within which it lives will echo with a hollow sound, the atmosphere will be cold and clammy, the fireplace will lack warmth and radiance.

To make Home what it can be and what it was designed to be and what it should be, and to give to the world the kind of children who will bless the world with their lives and build an order of society in which righteousness and peace shall characterize the relationships of men, God must be there, and His altar standing within its sacred walls.

The Church is moving in the right direction in its emphasis upon the Home and the vital part religion should have in it.—Evangelical Messenger.

SAFETY

A famous columnist was invited by a banker friend to see the new safety-deposit vaults in a large city bank. Iron bars, steel vaults, fire- and burglar-proof compartments—everything was the last word in efficient precaution. With pride in his voice the banker asked, "What do you think of it?"

"Who is the keeper?" the columnist asked.

"That girl, sitting there at the desk," was the reply.

"The safety of the vault depends upon the integrity of the keeper," said his friend.

We are the keepers of the Christian faith. Many people will never accept Christ's love and teachings unless we take seriously our privilege and responsibility of introducing them to Him.—War Cry.

LIQUOR STIRS UP ANGER

The Metropolitan Life Insurance Company is quoted as saying that in a study of 500 homicides among its policy-holders, half of these occurred from trifling incidents, "because they just got mad" over some trifle. In half of the cases the persons had been drinking.—United Presbyterian.

A WORKER' PRAYER

Lord, speak to me, that I may speak

In living echoes of thy tone;

As Thou hast sought, so let me seek

Thy erring children, lost and lone.

O lead me, Lord, that I may lead

The wandering and the wavering feet;

O feed me, Lord, that I may feed

Thy hungering ones with manna sweet.

O strengthen me, that while I stand

Firm on the Rock and strong in thee,

I may stretch out a loving hand

To wrestlers with the troubled sea.

O teach me, Lord, that I may teach

The precious things thou dost impart;

And wing my words, that they may reach

The hidden depths of many a heart.

O give thine own sweet rest to me,

That I may speak with soothing power—

A word in season, as from thee,

To weary ones in needful hour.

O fill me with thy fullness, Lord,

Until my very heart o'erflow

In kindling thought and glowing word,

Thy love to tell, thy praise to show.

O use me, Lord, use even me,

Just as thou wilt, and when and where;

Until thy blessed face I see,

Thy rest, thy joy, thy glory share.

—FRANCES RIDLEY HAVERGAL.

NEGLECT THAT DAMNS

One of the most prevalent sins we face today is that of neglect. People neglect their health and fill premature graves; they neglect their business and go broke; they neglect their friends and lose them; they neglect their families and prodigal sons and daughters are the consequences; they neglect the church and lose their spiritual zeal; they neglect Christ and lose their souls. Oh, the blighting sin of neglect!! Like a pall of darkness it spreads over the land.

The writer of the 142 Psalm with much feeling said, "No man careth for my soul." What a tragedy that such a statement could be truly made! One soul is worth more than all the world. "What shall it profit a man, if he shall gain the whole world and lose his own soul?"

The value of the soul is seen in its durability. It will live somewhere forever. Christ has gone to prepare an eternal home for those who trust Him. God made man from the dust of the earth and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life and man became a living soul. The soul of man is the breath of God and, therefore, can never be annihilated. The destruction of the soul is an eternal destruction; a thing that goes on forever. The sinful soul is separated from a holy God, and this carried to its final conclusion is hell both here and hereafter.

Again, the value of a soul is seen in what the original owner is willing to pay for its redemption. It cost God more to save a soul than it did to make a world. When He got ready to save a soul He must needs give His only begotten Son to become a man; to suffer unlimited humiliation and finally die on

the cross. That's God's estimate of the value of a soul.

Then the value of the soul is seen in its unlimited capacity for development. That begins here, and I think continues forever. Man forever becoming more and more like his Maker. The first nest a bird builds is as perfect as the last. The first web a spider spins cannot be improved upon. They work by instinct. They reach their goal here. But not so with the soul. Surely there is a place where our dreams will come true. They were not given merely to mock us. God is not that kind of a Being.

Since the soul is of such value, no person should be permitted to truthfully say, "No man careth for my soul." All of us should care both for our own souls and the souls of others.

Ministers should have a passion for the lost. Take that out of the heart of any pastor and he is nothing but a "time serving parson" thinking only of position and salary. I am happy to say I do not know of a preacher who lacks this passion.

Church members should care for the souls of others. Some are wondering whether after all they are true Christians. There is one test that never fails which will put you in the clear at this point. Do you have the Spirit of Christ? Remember, His chief business was to seek and save the lost. If you have His Spirit you will also have His passion. If you have His Spirit and passion there is no question about your standing before God. Lacking these qualities, you had better do something about your own condition. Don't think that church member-

RELIGION NEVER IDLE

Any man who has a religion is bound to do one of two things with it. If it isn't true, he must give it up. If it is true, he must give it away. This is not the duty of ministers only. Religion is not an affair of a profession or of a caste. It is the business of every common man. The true ideal of Christian evangelism is the propagation of Christianity, not by public preachers so much as by private conversation and the testimony of common men.

And no religious propaganda is likely to accomplish much that does not spring from, and rest upon, a family life visibly influenced by religion. If men talk about Christianity to their fellows and have religionless homes, or homes marked by unkindness, harshness, distrust, their talk is as sounding brass and clanging cymbals. When all our homes are evidently filled with the Spirit of Christ, then the gospel will spread as it will never spread from church to chapel.—Robert E. Speer.

TO THOSE WHO LOVE

Everything becomes possible to those who love. The commands of the Lord are no longer grievous, for the soul that loves is gifted by that love with fresh energies; it discovers in itself unsuspected possibilities, and is supplied with ever-flowing currents of new vigor.

We shall be enabled to do so much if only we love. We live by loving, and the more we love the more we live; and therefore, when life feels dull and the spirits are low, turn and love God, love your neighbor and you will be healed of your wound. Love Christ, the dear Master; look at his face, listen to his words, and your love for him will awaken.—Henry Schot Holland.

ship alone will give you a clear title to "mansions in the skies," or to a life of highest usefulness on this earth.

Parents should care for the souls of others. It is a tragedy that nine out of ten will take more interest in the material welfare of their children than they do in the spiritual.

Then, church school teachers should care. Some think they have discharged their full duty when they teach their pupils about Christ. The chief end of all religious teaching is to lead pupils to accept Christ as Lord and Master and follow Him as the highest example of righteous living. The teacher who does not keep this end always in view is failing and at the point where failure hurts most.

Let all of us, ministers, church members, parents and church school teachers, really care for the souls of others not in word only but in deed and in truth until a great revival of religion breaks out in this land.—H. O. B.

Freedom is not a gift of the state. Freedom is the result of the courage and sacrifices of high-souled men.

A country cannot subsist well without liberty, nor liberty without virtue.—Rousseau.

A SUMMER CREED

I believe in the flowers and their glorious indifference to the changes of the morrow.

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I believe in the birds and their implicit trust in the loving Providence that feeds them.

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I believe in the prayer-chanting brooks, as they murmur a sweet hope of finding the far distant sea to which they patiently run.

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I believe in the whispering winds, for they teach me to listen to the still small voice within my feverish soul.

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I believe in the soft-speaking rains accented with warm tears, telling me that nothing will grow save as it is fertilized with tears.

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I believe in the golden hush of the sunsets, reflecting a momentary glory of that great world beyond my little horizon.

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I believe in the soft-falling dew, revealing the infinite spring of living waters for everything parched and withered.

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I believe in the holiness of twilight, as it gives me sense of the presence of God, and I know I am not alone. And whatever else I believe is enshrined in those abiding feelings that lie too deep for words.

—A. A. Argow in North Carolina Christian Advocate.

A STORY OF LIGHTS

The night had come. The sun had disappeared, and birds had tucked their heads beneath their wings to rest. A night bird flew close to an electric light.

"Of what use are you?" asked the bird. "You give so little light compared with the sun"

"I do the best I can," said the light. "Think how dark this corner would be if I were not here! People walking and driving might run into one another and some one might get hurt."

"That's true," said the bird; and away he flew. Then he came near a gas light, standing apart from houses and busy streets.

"Of what use are you?" asked the bird. "You do not give as much light as the electric light!"

"I do the best I can," said the light. "Do you not see that steep bank just beyond? If I were not here, some one might fail to see it and fall."

"That's true," said the bird, and away he flew.

Soon his sharp eyes spied a lamp in a window.

"Of what use are you?" asked the bird. "You do not give even as much light as the gas light."

"I do the best I can. I am in the window to throw light down the path, that Farmer Brown may see the way when he comes home. I do my best."

"That's true," said the bird, and away he flew, thinking, "The little and great, all are helpers."—Kindergarten Review.

STOP TO SEE THE PREACHER

You go to see the doctor, and you go to see the nurse
You go into your pocket, and you give them of your purse;
You go to see the merchant, and you purchase from his store,
And when your goods are running low, you go and buy some more;
You go to see your neighbor, and you talk about your farm,
And maybe say a lot of things, in which there is no harm;
You go to see the dentist, when your teeth are getting bad,
You look into the catalogue to find the latest fad;
You answer to your government at every call of roll
But you never see the preacher about your precious soul!

You say the preacher ought to be in every needy place,
And ought to study, preach and pray, and visit all the ill,
And ought to be an honest man, and settle every bill;
He ought to keep his family up, and educate them, too,
And run his car, and visit much, and be a shepherd true;
And if he fails on anything, although he's done no sin,
You think you ought to get him out, and put another in,
And yet, perhaps, the truth is this, you didn't do your part,
And now, you have a guilty soul—a sinful, wicked heart.

Oh, yes, you pass the preacher by, and have but little thought
Of how he's labored in your midst, how faithfully he's taught
To save your precious soul from hell and save your children, too
And help you on the narrow way with pilgrims that are true,
You spend your money and your life, on pleasures of the land,
And never stop to visit him, nor lend a helping hand;
You do not help support the church, nor even pay your dues
Nor help the preacher's family, with goods and clothes and shoes,
But you expect him on his job, faithful and true indeed,
But never ask if he is well, or has a single need.

—Walter E. Isenhour, in The Church Herald and Holiness Banner.
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Back to School

—BUT FIRST TO COHN'S
FOR THE RIGHT THINGS
TO WEAR!

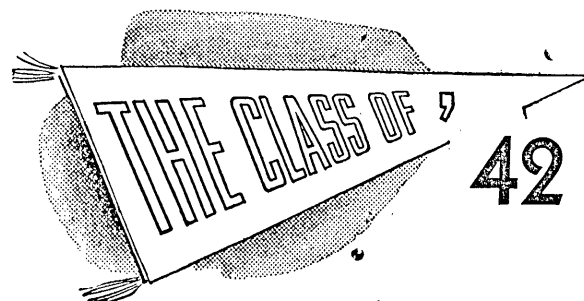
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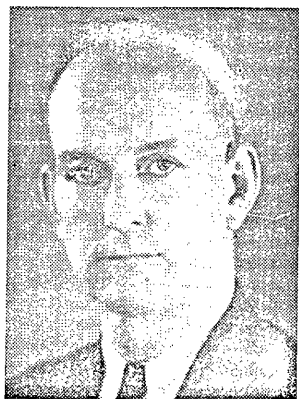
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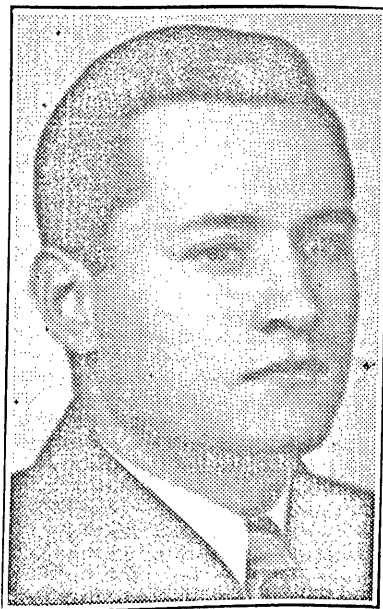
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The Work Of The District Director

By C. Ray Hozendorf, Little Rock Conference Youth Director

A great deal depends upon the District Director of Youth work. Each director has a direct responsibility to the national, Conference, district, and local organization of youth. He cooperates with the national program of youth work through the General Board of Education. He cooperates with the conference executive secretary and the conference director in carrying out the conference-wide objectives. He is a member of the district staff for Christian education and works with the District Superintendent. He has direct contacts with young people and adult workers with youth in the district. Finally, he makes contacts with young people and adults in the local church to guide and stimulate participation in the total activities of the Methodist Youth Fellowship.

What are some of the phases of work that the District Director will be concerned with? In order to be able to do the best work he will know the total program of the Church, being able to make suggestions concerning adult and children's work as well as youth. However, he will specialize in youth work so that he will be able to lead young people and their adult workers into challenging and worthwhile activities. In co-operating with the district and conference staff the director will plan his work well, refer any problems on which he needs help to the staff leaders, and will carefully read and file information received from national or conference officers, making prompt reply to calls for reports and suggestions.

Another very important phase of the district director's work is that he know his district. He will want to know how many churches are in his district. Do they have church schools? Do they have an organized Youth Fellowship? He will want to know about the problems, programs, the leadership, the literature used, and the age groupings. He will need a complete mailing list from all churches and departments. He will need to know about the Methodist Youth Fund. If he secures the information he needs the director will have to visit as much as possible to talk to pastors and leaders, and to cooperate with the District Superintendent. One great help in carrying on this work would be a map of the district giving all churches, with highways and railroads leading to them.

The district director should keep in close contact with all the local churches, knowing the local situations well enough to make it easy to give helpful advice. In making visits to the local churches the director should have one definite purpose in mind.

The contacts thus made by the director will help him to strengthen the program and organization of each church in his district. If he goes in the spirit of helpful service the director should be able to bring about the following: 1. Each church with an organized division; 2. Young people grouped for the growth of the Church; 3. Promotions planned; 4. Equipment used and properly improved; 5. Study and resource materials used effectively; 6. Churches encouraged to write the General Board of Education about problems and successful projects carried out, and 7. Literature and its use interpreted to each church.

A well rounded training program is the goal of every district director. Two types of training should be carried out: (1) the training of

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The Editors regret that the pictures of Mrs. Theda Bell Pelton and Miss Rubye Lee Graves, Director and Assistant Director of the Pine Bluff District, are not available. "Camera shy?"



THE CHILDREN'S PAGE

ANNIE WINBURNE, Editor



BOYS AND GIRLS OF OTHER LANDS

WHEN PETER HAD ALL THE CANDY HE WANTED

Peter's father gave him a dime one Saturday morning. "I thought maybe you'd like to buy the children some candy," he said.

Peter was ten years old, but Dave was only eight, while Dot was five and a baby, so Peter always called them "the children."

Peter decided to buy the candy before he told the others about it, so as soon as he could he put on his coat and ran around the corner to the grocery store.

My, what a lot of candy there was in the case! Peter bought a yellow gum drop and a pink one too; a black all-day sucker, round and hard like a marble; a lemon and a peppermint stick; two pieces of licorice; a big piece of peanut brittle; a chocolate cream; five lemon drops and three strawberry drops—all in a big, knobby sack. They looked good! Peter had never eaten all the candy he wanted, and on his way home he decided he would eat it all himself and not tell the children anything about it. He hoped to meet no one.

When Peter got home he went in the back door and climbed the steps very softly. He went away up to the attic, where he knew they wouldn't think of looking for him. It was cold up there, but he found a blanket and wrapped up in it and ate candy as fast as he could.

First he ate a piece of licorice, which stuck his teeth together and made him chew hard. Then he ate a yellow lemon drop, but he was in such a hurry that he bit it up before he thought and it didn't last long. Just as he started on the pink gumdrop he heard Dave calling from downstairs.

"Peter, where are you? Come here!" he called.

Peter sat very quiet. "They know I've got the candy, and they want some," he said to himself, "but they are not going to get any."

At last the children quit shouting and the house was still. Peter put the all-day sucker in his mouth and sucked all the black off until it looked like a white marble, but that took too long to eat, so he put it back in the bag and ate the chocolate cream.

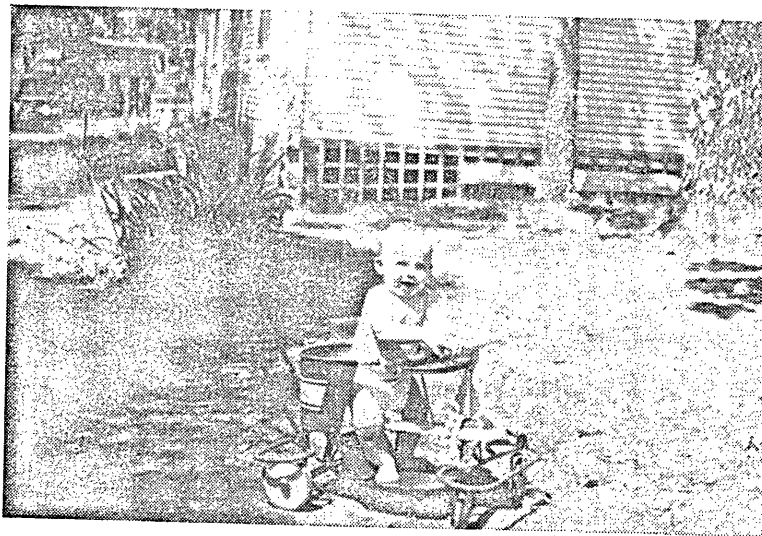
As he ate, somehow the candy did not taste as good as he thought it would. He ate slower and slower, and after a long, long time, two hours, maybe, he got most awfully tired and went downstairs.

Just as he got downstairs the front door opened and Dave and Dot came running in all wrapped up, their cheeks red, and very excited.

"Oh, where were you, Peter?" cried Dave. "We hunted and hunted and called and called. Uncle Ed came and took us for a long drive."

"And we had candy and cakes," added Dot.

"Yes," agreed Dave, "he took us to a fine shop, and we had hot chocolate and cakes and sandwiches and he bought us each a big sack of candy. See, I saved you some. Here it is."



Elmer Brooks Holifield has the happy smile because he is attending the Leadership School which was held at Mt. Sequoyah in June. He is the son of Rev. and Mrs. E. J. Holifield of Washington Avenue Church, North Little Rock, and is seven months old. He hopes to attend many more Leadership Schools.

"Here's some of mine for you, too," said Dot.

And both the children wondered why Peter looked so funny and wouldn't eat any of the candy.—Exchange.

HIDDEN BIRDS

By Laura Dickson

In each of the following sentences, two birds are concealed. Try to find them.

1. As the days grow long again, we engrave new playtimes on the tablet of memory.
2. Too distant for war guns to mar, tinsel-like star lingers at dawn.
3. An elfin character can pipe wee tunes while he dances.
4. There is no crown a dictator would not rob in his greed for power.
5. With rushing wings, the birds in spring show renewed vitality.

Answers to "Hidden Birds"

1. Owl, raven.
2. Martin, starling.
3. Finch, pewee.
4. Crow, robin.
5. Thrush, wren.—Exchange.

THE FIRST CANDLESTICK

The first candlestick was a boy. He sat in the corner of a Scotch kitchen holding a piece of fir candle in his hands, from time to time cutting and trimming it to make it burn brightly.

The fir candle was a length of wood cut off a kind of fir tree, which is found embedded in the peat. This kind of candle is still used in some parts of Scotland.

It usually fell to the lot of the "herd-laddies" to act the part of candlestick, but should a beggar ask for a night's lodging, he was expected to relieve the "herd-laddies" of this duty.—The Child's Hour.

War is the surgery of crime. Bad as it is in itself, it always implies that something worse has gone before.—Oliver Wendell Holmes.

Be not so bigoted to any custom as to worship it at the expense of truth.—Zimmerman.

JUST FOR FUN

Betty, who is three and a half, added after her evening prayer, "O God, make something happen to bring Cousin Amy back."

"Why, Betty," said her grandmother, "you should not wish that. Cousin Amy will not return unless one of us is sick again and needs her care."

Betty looked sober. Then, kneeling once more, she prayed, "O God, cancel the order."—The Churchman.

Aunt Margaret was treating her little niece to ice cream soda. It was the very first thing of the kind that June had tasted. When the glass was set before her, she looked at the straw wonderingly a moment, and then asked: "Aunt Margaret, do I eat the macaroni first or last?"—Exchange.

Two temperamental cases on liberty from a psychopathic hospital visited a soda fountain in a neighboring town. The soda jerker looked at them with dismay while awaiting their order.

"I'll have a chocolate ice cream soda," said the first.

"I'll have a soda without flavor," interjected the other.

"What flavor will you have it without?" queried the soda man.

"I'll have it without strawberry."

"We're just out of strawberry. Wouldn't you just as soon have it without pineapple?"—Pickup.

Mother was slow to comprehend what seemed so perfectly clear to little Sue. The pride of the family was talking about a "fedder."

"A 'fedder'?" mother questioned.

"Why, you know, Mummy," patiently explained Sue, "it's a leaf from a chicken."

Hogaboom: Don't you think there should be but one head to every family?

Derby: I do. And so would everybody else if they had to buy hats for seven daughters and a wife like I do.

IN STORYLAND

FAMOUS BOYS

A woman fell off the docks in Italy. Not one of the men dared to jump in after her; but a boy struck the water almost as soon as she, and managed to keep her up until stronger arms got hold of her. Everybody said the boy was very daring, very kind, very quick, but Garibaldi, and if you will read his life all through—he was so alert that nobody could tell when he would make an attack with his red-shirted soldiers, so indiscreet sometimes as to make his fellow-patriots wish he was in Guinea, but also so brave and magnanimous that all the world except tyrants loved to hear and talk about him.

A boy used to crush flowers to get their color, and painted the white side of his father's cottage in Tyrol, with all sorts of pictures, which the mountaineer gazed at as wonderful. He was the great artist, Titian.

An old painter watched a little fellow who amused himself making drawings of his pots and brushes, easel and tools, and said: "That boy will beat me some day." So he did, for he was Michael Angelo.

A German boy was reading a blood-and-thunder novel. Right in the midst of it he said to himself: "Now this will never do. I get too much excited over it; I can't study so well after it. So here it goes!" And he flung the book into the river. He was Fichte, the great philosopher.—Our Dumb Animals.

HOW DO YOU DO?

By H. Bedford Jones

"How can you, friend?" the Swedish say;

The Dutch, "How do you fare?"

"How do you have yourself today?" Has quite a Polish air.

In Italy, "How do you stand?"

Will greet you every hour;

In Turkey when one takes your hand,

"Be under God's great power!"

"How do you carry you?" is heard When Frenchmen so inquire; While Egypt's friendly greeting word Is "How do you perspire?"

"Thin may thy shadows never grow,"

The Persian wish is true;

His Arab cousin, bowing low,

Says, "Praise God! How are you?"

But oddest of them all is when

Two Chinese meet for thrice

They shake their own two hands,

and then

Ask, "Have you eaten rice?"

—The World's Best Loved Poems.

Papa was deep in a book, when his wife called: "Dan, baby has swallowed the ink. Whatever shall I do?"

"Write with a pencil," was the reply.—Patton's Monthly.

Lack of regularity in prayer will cause a person to become lax in guarding against sin.—Cumberland Presbyterian.

Shangri-La: The Upper Room

By WILLIAM B. SLACK

"And where is the guest chamber, that I may eat the passover with my disciples?"—Mark 14:12-17.

JAMES HILTON, in his novel, "Lost Horizon," tells a story of four persons being kidnapped and spirited away in an airplane to the mysterious lamasery of Shangri-la in an uncharted and otherwise inaccessible mountain of Tibet. There, with four varying European and American angles on life, with a world war in the offing, they live together with the monks of the lamasery and the people of the community, pursuing a philosophy of "temporary escape" from the travesties and tragedies of life and "seeking such wisdom as men shall need when their passions are spent." Shangri-la, to them, was a place where men are "seeking such wisdom as men shall need when their passions are spent."

In April (1942) General Doolittle, with a picked number of choice American aviators, flew over and bombed Tokio, Japan. When the world was too curious about his aviation base, General Doolittle replied, "Shangri-la." Shangri-la, yes, a secret and mysterious air-base to all of us, but to them it was a place of equipping, planning, preparation, discipline, from which they could take-off against the foe and to which they could return for safe landing.

The Upper Room of the Last Supper was such a secret place for prayerful preparation for Jesus and His disciples. That night together they faced Gethsemane, Golgotha and glory. They must have great grace for the hour of Golgotha. Jesus knew that not only He but his disciples must have prayerful preparation, if they are to take-off successfully against the foe and if they are to return safely, and with glory, to their landing field. The Upper Room was the place where men were to get such great grace that they could face Gethsemane and Golgotha in the Glory of God.

I. Fear

We Americans, we Church people, we Christians have some foes that we must take-off against, are taking-off against and we need a safe landing field to which we can return after each take-off.

What is the number one foe of the whole earth this morning? It is not Germany, nor Japan, nor Italy, nor yet within ourselves. It is not Nazism, Fascism, Imperialism, nor Communism. The number one foe of all is FEAR. There is so much fear in the hearts of people around the earth that one of the Freedoms written into the Atlantic Charter a year ago, signed by President Roosevelt and Prime Minister Churchill at sea, was FREEDOM FROM FEAR.

Individually, nationally and internationally, you, we, all of us stand in need of a place for prayerful preparation from which we can take-off against the global foe of fear. Gethsemanes are in our paths for tonight; Golgothas are on our hills for tomorrow. There will be no successful Golgotha if we have failed in Gethsemane. There will be no triumphs over the fears of Golgotha until and unless we shall have had prayerful preparations in Gethsemane and the Upper Room.

For every take-off against the foe there must be a safe landing field for the return, and so, for the take-off against the foe of fear, Christian people have the lighted landing field of FAITH.

One of the most significant tasks before American Christianity is the task of believing. We must be THE PEOPLE who will continue to believe that the Kingdom of God will be established among men. We must be the people who believe that the Prince of Peace will reign and rule individuals and nations. We must have faith for a world that is afraid.

This war is being fought to preserve some ideals, some freedoms, some morals. If we should lose the war, will we continue to believe in these principles and in the Prince of these principles? When we win this war, will we continue to believe that we simply cannot get along without God? As Channing Pollock says, "Faith must

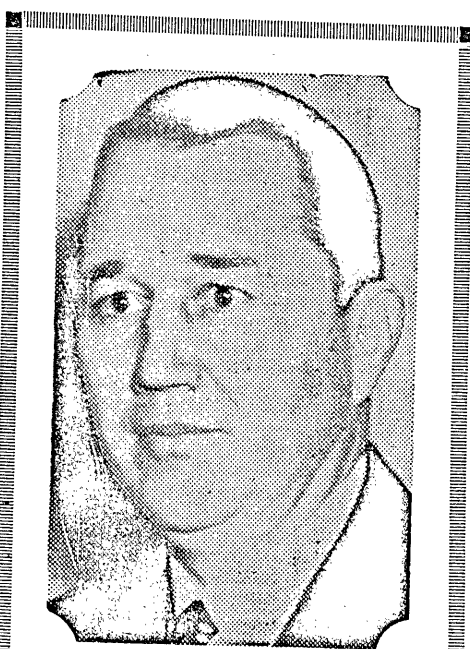
have passion in it," so I say we must get in earnest about our Faith OR we will be compelled to get in earnest about our fears. What we believe in we must give our utmost loyalty to preserve.—our home life, our country, our Church, our God.

Recall the faithful souls of the yesterdays who sought to keep the light of truth and goodness burning for the souls of men to return to. Wordsworth, Beethoven, Keats lived "amid the horrors of Napoleon's day." John Keats wrote the immortal sonnet, "On first looking into Chapman's Homer."

"... yet did I never breathe its pure serene Till I heard Chapman speak out loud and bold:

THEN felt I like some watcher of the skies When a new planet swims into his ken."

Englishmen had gone out to meet Napoleon at Waterloo that summer; Englishmen, with



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Keats, Wordsworth, and others, had a faith-lighted landing field to return to when the foe had been mastered.

II. Hate

What is the number two foe of the whole earth this morning? Hate.

A promoter of prizefights said recently, "A fighter must be mean to be a champion." An army man has said, "A soldier, to be a real soldier, must hate with a vengeance." Well, we have nothing to do with prizefighters being mean in order to be champion, but we do have a great deal to do with millions of men being taught to hate with a vengeance. IF a soldier does hate with a vengeance, as he takes off against the foe of hate, with the moral purpose of establishing FREEDOM FROM HATE, then all the more we of the Church must provide for his return a safe landing field lighted by Christian love.

III. Love

Jesus could not have triumphed on the Cross in a full revelation of Divine and Redeeming Love if He had not had His Upper Room of prayerful preparation. This world is at war because of AGGRESSIVE SELFISHNESS: we can never have lasting peace until we have AGGRESSIVE LOVE. But how? Well, Church people can do it. We can make America a landing field of Christian love for the soldier returning from a venture of vengeful hate if only the CHURCH MEMBERS of America will manifest a heart of Christian love.

Hate makes men drunk, to a frenzy; Love keeps men sober, to a poise. When the ways are uncertain the unbeliever stumbles and straggles

while the man of Christian Vision sees us through. When the ways are dangerous, the unbeliever is afraid, while the man of Christian Courage will be brave. When the ways are darkened by hate, the unbeliever crashes in trying to land, while the man of Christian Love has a bright-lighted landing field.

IV. Barbarism

What is the number three foe of the whole earth, against which we have already marshalled our forces and begun an assault upon? Barbarism, jungleism, brutality, the beast.

The last war was followed by a wave of crime that we have not yet entirely gotten over. Some of it came out of relaxed tension, some of it came out of idleness, and all the rest of it came out of the barbarism we had engendered for the purpose of mastering a mad man and making the world safe for democracy.

V. Decency

When the barbarism-engendered soldier returned to plain civil life, he was not met by a great spiritual power of national DECENCY in which he could lose himself, free himself from the grip of brutality. Now is the Gethsemane time of prayerful preparation against the day of the soldiers' return from what he is again being taught as a means of destruction to the foe.

"God is our refuge" from barbarism. Christianity and the Church must be the rendezvous for decency for the world. We Christ-worshippers, we believers in Love, must light the American landing field with DECENCY. The Christian Faith is not a "philosophy of escape" from the barbarism of the world; Christian Faith is a power whereby the Decency of God masters the barbarism of man.

SHANGRI-LA: The Upper Room,—a place for prayerful preparation from which we take-off against the barbarism of the foe AND to which we return to a landing field that is lighted by Christian decency.

On June 17th, eight Nazi saboteurs landed on our shores from enemy submarines with the avowed purpose of crippling American war effort by fire, explosion, and terrorism. August 8th, six of them were electrocuted, and the other two given prison terms at hard labor. But before the sentence was executed they were tried by seven Generals, their case appealed to the Supreme Court, the highest tribunal of justice on the earth, and reviewed by the President himself, heavily weighed down by the responsibilities of the war as well as the needs of 130,000,000 Americans. When they were advised of the penalty assessed against them, the six who were to die drew up a testimonial and each signed it, saying that the trial was entirely fair and that America is a land of decency. Even saboteurs have rights in the land of decency, and when the rights of destroyers and terrorists are recognized and respected, we may be sure that the rights of decent people will be recognized and respected.

Not long ago a party of tourists employed a guide to escort them through a dangerous tour up to a particular mountain in the wilds. Early in the morning of the trip the guide was seen standing on a nearby foothill, scanning every step of the long way. The tourists became impatient and sought to hurry him, some scolding him for what they called delay. But the guide paid no attention until he was satisfied he knew every foot of the ground he was to traverse. All day long there were narrow trails, rugged crags, winding paths, and mysterious valleys. Never once did the guide hesitate. Before he was willing to start, he had gone to "Shangri-la" and located the marks which were to guide him to the final place.

The guiding marks of Christian faith, love, and decency will see us through fear, hate, and barbarism and land us safely in a way that is well lighted.

(Editor's Note: This sermon was preached at Winfield Church on Sunday morning, August 16, and on request of a number of hearers we have asked for the sermon for publication.)

Arkansas Methodist Financial Statement---July

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| Balance July 1 | \$3,429.41 | |
| CASH RECEIPTS: | | |
| Advertising | \$689.97 | |
| Subscriptions | 305.02 | |
| Conference Claims: Little Rock Conference | 52.59 | |
| Rents | 142.00 | |
| Miscellaneous | 2.39 | |
| TOTAL RECEIPTS | \$1,191.97 | |
| CASH EXPENDITURES: | | |
| Salaries | \$ 350.00 | |
| Advertising Expense | 105.20 | |
| Office Expense | 58.06 | |
| Postage | 100.00 | |
| Printing | 1,112.37 | |
| Utilities | 62.30 | |
| Building Improvements | 15.50 | |
| Taxes | 43.92 | |
| House Rent | 40.00 | |
| TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS | \$1,887.35 | |
| Balance July 31: | | |
| Balance in Bank | 2,729.68 | |
| Cash on Hand | 4.35 | |
| | | \$4,621.38 |
| Bills payable none. | | |
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LIFE IS THE BEST SERMON

Once St. Francis said to a monk of his own order, "Brother, let us go down to the town and preach." The young man was delighted to be the chosen companion of St. Francis on a preaching expedition. And they passed through all the principal streets and down the byways and alleys and out through the suburbs, and so again to the gates of the monastery. Not a word had been spoken. The young man said, "You have forgotten, Father, that we went down to the town to preach."

"My son," said St. Francis, "we have preached. We were preaching while we were walking. We have been seen by many. Our behavior has been closely watched. It was thus we preached our morning sermon. It is no use, my son, walking anywhere to preach unless you preach as you walk."

The transformed life preaches Christ as it walks. It expresses Him in character. For this there is no earthly substitute. A shabby and inconsistent life negates the gospel.—F. C. Feezor, in Baptist Record.

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"The Friendly Store"

LITTLE ROCK

The Layman's Page

A. J. SHIREY, Editor

SHALL WE FOLLOW FRANCE?

Reports on industrial activities in the United States are now emphasizing the fact that in many of our workers in key war industries are failing to show up for work at an alarming rate. Investigation shows that the greatest cause for this "playing hookey" from work is to sober up from "sprees" where too much liquor was consumed.

In many cases where the workers have Sunday off they are taking Monday off to get over the "hang-over" from the day before. This is slowing down the production rate at some places to alarming proportions. It is a form of sabotage, which, though not illegal, is just as effective as a sit-down strike in those same plants would be.

From the reports that have come out of France following her collapse, very much that kind of thing was one of the principal causes of her downfall. Imagining themselves secure behind the great fortifications of the Maginot Line, the Frenchmen who were accustomed to taking life easy and enjoying their drinks, wasted precious hours that should have gone to the production of the airplanes and tanks that would have saved France.

Are Americans so foolish as to think that because thousands of miles of water separate us from our enemies that we can enjoy high living made possible by wartime wages, get drunk and sleep it off, losing precious production time, and that it will make no difference?

We Can Lose This War!

It is about time that plain John Q. Citizen of these United States came to realize that we can lose this war. It is not at all beyond the realm of the possible that such should happen. To say that "We have never lost a war," is no proof that we cannot lose one. The thing that would really count in this case is: If we lose this war, we will have lost our last one. Hitler knows how to crush an enemy so there is no second chance. If we should lose this war there would be no Versailles Treaty for us. There would be nothing but slavery, starvation and eventual annihilation. We can read our fate in that of Poland, Greece and other conquered countries of Europe.

Drunkenness Is Sabotage

With evidence like that coming out of Europe staring us in the face, the person who deliberately holds back the production of supplies by taking time off to get drunk is as much a saboteur as were those paid agents of Germany recently executed for their efforts at destruction within our borders.

Recent steps to induct into the fighting forces all workers found guilty of taking time out of war-industry production lines to go on drunken sprees, is highly commendable. Such a policy, rigidly followed would doubtless go a long way to stop such monkey business. The military authorities need to have the full assurance of great groups of our citizenry, such as the churches, civic clubs, etc., that such a policy has their approval. "All-out" support at this point would doubtless speed action on the part of the governmental authorities to stop

the hang-over absences from work. We cannot allow this kind of sabotage to go unchallenged. If we do, we shall wind up beside France.

THE RELIGION WE LIVE

In the old-fashioned revivals we Methodists used to have (we don't have them so much now), we laid great stress upon people making "A profession of faith in Christ." That is important. It is to the Christian life what birth is to the natural life. It is a beginning. The reason, perhaps more than anything else, that saw revivalism fall into disfavor was the sad failure of the church to give proper spiritual nurture to the new-born Christians who were the product of the revivals. We expected them to grow spiritually without much care. When they failed to do so, we condemned the means that brought them into the church, rather than our failure to properly nurture them.

It no longer makes an impression on the world for anyone to make a profession of faith in Christ. Professions come easy. They are cheap. Profession lies within the realm of mere talk. What this world needs to see is more evidence of people POSSESSING Christ. When we show the world by our lives that our religion makes a vital difference, the world will again pay attention when some one says, "I am a Christian."

We live the religion we have. That is where the rub comes. The kind of lives most of us, who call ourselves "Christians" are no chal-

lenge to those who don't so designate themselves. They see nothing attractive about the lives we live. The writer may be wrong, but it is his humble opinion that if ever again the church witnesses a great turning of the people to it, it will come as a result of those within its fold giving to the world a demonstration of consistent living according to the principles enunciated by Jesus Christ.

PUT FOUNDATIONS UNDER THEM

Perhaps you have been building castles in the air. Perhaps you have been day-dreaming of the fine place

you are going to hold in the world some day. You may see yourself as a skilled nurse or a great teacher. There is nothing wrong with building castles of this kind in the air. In fact, that is where castles belong. Now get busy and put firm foundations under your air castles. Make the most of the opportunities offered you from day to day. Within you is the power to keep your air castles from toppling to the ground. —Selected.

Medically and socially the case against alcohol is just as clear as the case against opium.—Dr. Richard Cabot.

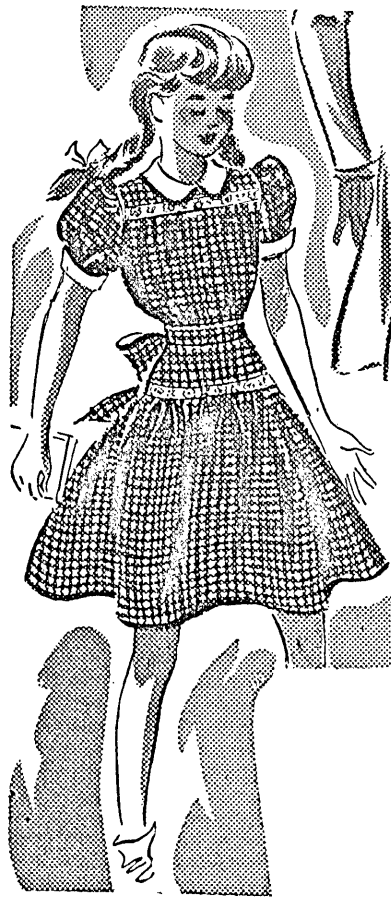
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QUARTERLY CONFERENCES

MONTICELLO DISTRICT
Fourth Round

Fountain Hill Ct., at Hickory Grove, Sept. 6, a. m.
Hamburg, Sept. 6, p. m.
Drew Ct., at Green Hill, Sept. 13, a. m.
Crossett, Sept. 13, p. m.
Wilmot, Sept. 20, a. m.
Eudora, Sept. 20, p. m.
New Edinburg Ct., at New E., Sept. 27, a. m.
Warren, Sept. 27, p. m.
Watson, Oct. 4, p. m.
Dumas, Oct. 4, p. m.
Montrose-Snyder, at M., Oct. 11, a. m.
Lake Village, Oct. 11, p. m.
Arkansas City, Oct. 18, a. m.
Tillar-Winchester, at Selma, Oct. 18, p. m.
Wilmar Ct., at Wilmar, Oct. 25, a. m.
McGehee, Oct. 25, p. m.
Portland-Parkdale, at Portland, Nov. 1, a. m.
Dermott, Nov. 1, p. m.
Hermitage Ct., at Green Hill, Nov. 8, a. m.
Monticello, Nov. 8, p. m.
—Arthur Terry, D. S.

ARKADELPHIA DISTRICT
Fourth Round

Aug. 23, Sparkman-Sardis, at Sardis, 11 a. m.
Aug. 23, Ben Few Camp Ground, 8:00 p. m.
Aug. 30, Friendship at Midway, 11 a. m.; Friendship, 3 p. m.
Aug. 30, Rockport, at 8:00 p. m.
Sept. 6, Carthage-Tulip, at Carthage, 11 a. m.
Sept. 6, Princeton Ct., at Zion, 3:00 p. m. and 8:00 p. m.
Sept. 13, Leola Ct., at Leola at 11 a. m.
Sept. 13, Malvern Station, 8:00 p. m.
Sept. 20, Traskwood Ct., at T., 11 a. m.
Sept. 20, Pullman Heights, Hot Springs, 8 p. m.
Sept. 27, Oak Lawn, Hot Springs, 11 a. m.
Sept. 27, Hot. Springs Ct., at Mt. Valley, 2 p. m.
Sept. 27, New Salem, 8 p. m.
Oct. 3, (Saturday) Holly Springs, at Mt. Olivet, 11 a. m.
Oct. 4 Dalark Ct., at Dalark, 11 a. m.
Oct. 4, Arkadelphia Station, 8 p. m.
Oct. 11, Arkadelphia Ct., at Bismarck, 11 a. m.
Oct. 11, Grand Ave., Hot Springs, 8 p. m.
Oct. 14, Malvern Station (Business session), 8 p. m.
Oct. 18, Friendship Ct. at L'Frais, 11 a. m.
Oct. 18, Keith Memorial, Malvern, 8 p. m.
Oct. 21, Tigert Memorial, Hot Springs, 8 p. m.
Oct. 25, Benton Sta., at Congo, 11 a. m.
Oct. 25, Benton Station, 8 p. m.
Nov. 1, Couchwood Ct., at Piney Grove, 8 p. m.
Nov. 1, First Church, Hot Springs, 8 p. m.
Nov. 8, Princeton Ct., at Waverly, 11 a. m.
Nov. 8, Sparkman-Sardis, 2 p. m.
Nov. 8, Carthage, Tulip, at Tulip, 8 p. m.
—J. E. Cooper, Dist. Supt.

PRESCOTT DISTRICT

Third and Fourth Rounds

Washington - Columbus, at Blackland, August 20, 11 a. m.
Gurdon, Sept. 1, 8 p. m.
Amity Ct., at Amity, Sept. 6, 11 a. m.
Emmet-Bierne at Emmet, Sept. 6, 8 p. m.
Forester, Sept. 20, 11 a. m.
Mt. Ida Ct., at Mt. Ida, Sept. 20, 4 p. m.
Glenwood, Sept. 20, 8 p. m.
Bingen Ct. at Bingen, Sept. 27, 11 a. m.
Murfreesboro-Delight, at M., Sept. 27, 8 p. m.
Mineral Springs Ct., at M. Spgs., Oct. 4, 11 a. m.
Blevins Ct., at Blevins, Oct. 4, 8 p. m.
Spring Hill Ct., at Spring Hill, Oct. 11, 11 a. m.
Hope, Oct. 11, 8 p. m.
Prescott Circuit at Midway, Oct. 18, 11 a. m.
Prescott Station, Oct. 18, 8 p. m.
Antoine Circuit, Oct. 25, 11 a. m.
Okolona Circuit, at Okolona, Oct. 25, 8 p. m.
Center point Circuit at Center, Nov. 1, 11 a. m.
Nashville, Nov. 1, 8 p. m.
Waterloo Circuit, at Waterloo, Nov. 8, 11 a. m.—J. D. Baker, D. S.

CORRECTIONS IN NORTH
ARKANSAS CONFERENCE
TREASURER'S REPORT

Rev. Guy Murphy calls attention to the following typographical errors which occurred in his report last week:

Fort Smith District—Waldron: Fair's Chapel Ext., \$1.50, should be "Conf. Claimants."

Helena District—Marianna, "Conf. Claimants," should be \$189.00.

Jonesboro District—Tyronza, "Conf. Claimants" should be \$62.00. Yarbrow-Promised Land, Gen'l Adm. Fund should be \$1.50.

Searcy District—Columns for "Conference Claimants," and "Sustentation Fund" transposed. List of

payments under "Sustentation Fund" should be "Conference Claimants."

Judsonia—Payments to funds other than Benevolences omitted. Should be: Jurisdictional Conf. Exp., \$2.00; Episcopal Fund, \$18.00; Conference Claimants, \$55.00; Golden Cross, \$6.20.

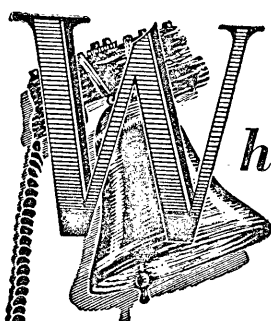
PROOF OF LOVE

In an engine room it is impossible to look into the great boiler and see how much water it contains; but running up beside it is a tiny glass tube which serves as a gauge. As the water stands in the little tube, so it stands in the great boiler. When the tube is half full, the

boiler is half full; when the tube is empty, the boiler is empty. Do you ask. How do I know I love God? I believe I love Him, but I want to know. Look at the gauge. Your love for your brother is the measure of your love for God.—Sunday School Chronicle.

A man ought to fortify his life at least once a day if he is going to win the battle. Also it ought to be unhurried time. Oh, how much we need that! It takes time to be spiritual, it doesn't just happen.—John R. Mott.

Liberty exists in proportion to wholesome restraint.—Selected.



What supports the Four Freedoms?

THE Four Freedoms are meaningful only so long as the character of a nation is strong, and the efforts of a nation are dedicated to the highest ideals.

Freedom of speech and expression is worthless unless men use that freedom to improve the lot of their fellows. Freedom to worship God in their own way is not freedom at all if men refuse their deepest insights and worship false gods. Freedom from want is a mockery if men do not have the correct attitudes toward earning and sharing their daily bread. Freedom from fear is impossible unless men have the abiding securities in their personal lives which only high religion can give.

The Church has always known that true freedom can never come while men are slaves of lusts and passions. It has realized that underneath human freedoms must be convictions that individuals are the children of a Heavenly Father and have divine rights which no tyranny must violate. In peace and in war the Church has been at work giving our conceptions of freedom strength and direction. It seeks to build citizens who are devoted, loyal, responsible, noble, courageous, and free.

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WOMAN'S SOCIETY OF CHRISTIAN SERVICE

MRS. SUE M. WAYLAND, Editor



DINA RIZZI

Miss Dina Rizzi, who is one of the fine Brazilian students studying at Nashville this past year, felt that the dream of many years had been realized when she entered Scarritt College.

As a child she had attended the Methodist School at Ribeirao Preto with her five brothers and sisters. Her father and mother were deeply interested in the education of their children, and the teachers always enjoyed visiting in their home because of this cooperative interest.

After Dina completed the primary course offered in Ribeirao Preto, she entered Colegio Piracicabano, another Methodist school, for further study. It was a happy day for the Rizzi family when her parents came over to Piracicaba to attend her graduation.

The example of unflagging diligence and service which her family had set her made her eager to begin her work. She applied at her "Alma Mater" in Ribeirao Preto, and was accepted as a first grade teacher.

When the type of work was varied in 1935 and the name "Methodist Institute" given to this institution, she adapted herself to social work with loyalty and enthusiasm. As librarian, physical education teacher, secretary and later principal she gave of herself to the growth of the institute.

Although she is the only member of her family who is a Protestant, she joined the Methodist church because of her deep conviction and faith.

She wished to have more preparation in order to render a larger service, but there were no Brazilian schools offering the type of course she needed. Therefore, she found herself thinking more and more of Scarritt College for Christian workers. Therefore, she applied for one of the scholarships offered by the Pan-American Committee in Nashville to work on a Portuguese Word Book for use in colleges in the United States and study in Scarritt at the same time. She was fortunate in receiving this scholarship and her transportation to the United States, and came early in October of 1941.

While she has been getting the very most out of her year's study, she has also been making a contribution interpreting the finest type of Brazilian young womanhood to all whom she meets.

I heard the voice of the Lord, saying, Whom shall I send, and who will go for us? Then said I, Here am I; send me.

Isaiah 6:8.

CONSECRATION

*To pause in thought of silent prayer,
To consecrate our hearts anew,
To seek Thy presence and to find
New strength for work to do.*

*For work which adds a glimpse of heaven,
As in the distance one can see
The Cross and hear the Master saying.
Again, "What wilt thou do for me?"*

*To travel on the road of kindness,
To seek His holy will to do,
To carry on in cherished thoughts
The aims of those who labored through.*

*To pause in thought, to hear Thy call,
To answer, "Lord, use even me
For all Thy work and all Thy plans
To build the way to heaven and Thee."*

—Mrs. W. O. Osterland in *The Messenger*.



MARY McSWAIN

Miss Mary McSwain, who is one of our missionaries to Brazil and is stationed at the Methodist Institute, Rebeirao Preto, Sao Paulo, Brazil, is at home on her first furlough.

Mary is the daughter of the late Rev. R. B. McSwain and Mary McKinnon McSwain, and the granddaughter of the late Rev. H. D. McKinnon and Sue A. McKinnon. She lost her mother at the age of five and came with her brother and sister to San Marcos, Texas, to make her home with two of her aunts, Misses Susie McKinnon (Mrs. A. C. Millar) and Henry McKinnon.

Her formal education began at San Marcos where she entered kindergarten and continued through the fifth grade. Here also she started the study of music. She had a very winsome personality and won the hearts not only of her playmates, but of the teachers and the grown people of the community.

The family moved from San Marcos to Jacksonville, Texas, where her aunts taught in Lon Morris Junior College, and Mary continued her education. After Mary graduated from Lon Morris she spent a year in Little Rock, Ark., with Dr. and Mrs. A. C. Millar. While in Little Rock she continued her study of music and took special courses at the Little Rock Junior College.

She completed her junior and senior years of college work at the Southwest Texas State Teachers' College in San Marcos, Texas, where she stayed in the home of her aunt, Mrs. Frances McK. Morton. While here she acted as secretary to one of the music teachers, in that way paying for her voice lessons. She also was paid by the government to help a lovely blind friend and classmate with her French lessons. Here she was president of the Y. W. C. A.

She taught mathematics in the Waldo (Arkansas) High School one year.

She took her two years' missionary training in Scarritt College, receiving her Master's degree with the June graduates in 1934.

After graduating from Scarritt she did case work in Little Rock one year and social settlement work one year at the Kingdom House, St. Louis, Mo.

She sailed for Brazil in August of 1936.

Knowing will not profit without some doing.—Cumberland Presbyterian.

The Schedule For Misses Rizzi and McSwain

Miss Dini Rizzi and Miss McSwain are visiting in Mineral Springs, Arkansas, the home of the latter. They are making numerous personal appearances over the state. They are scheduled to appear in meetings at Russellville, Beebe, Forrest City and Osceola, in the North Arkansas Conference. Little Rock Conference dates will be published later.

Miss Rizzi will return to school at Scarritt in September and Miss McSwain will go to Merrill Palmer School, Detroit, Mich.

BEING A GOOD SAMARITAN

Miss Ethel Millar, librarian at Hendrix College and some of her friends have made a discovery which they wish to pass on to those who are suffering from a seemingly small complaint but one that is widespread and one that causes untold distress. She writes: "Some of us have made a discovery which we want to pass on for the benefit of mankind, or chiefly womankind. Mrs. Boyer, our nurse, heard that the use of pumice stone on corns and callouses in a certain way would get rid of them. A number of us have proved it to our very great satisfaction and we would like to get the word to all who must be suffering from these painful things." If a request is made to Miss Millar or Mrs. Ruth Boyer, R. N., Hendrix College, enclosing a stamped, addressed envelope and 25c, the pumice stone and directions for use will be sent. If directions alone are wanted, send stamped envelope. They do not expect to make money from this service but are doing it for the good that can be done.

ROADS

There are roads that are small,
There are roads that are long,
There are roads where we wander
at will;
But the best road of all
For the bold and the strong
Is the road to the top of the hill.

—Selected.

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There is in every woman's heart a spark of heavenly fire, which lies dormant in the broad daylight of prosperity; but which kindles up, and beams and blazes in the dark hour of adversity.—The Sketch-Book.

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North Arkansas Conference, Conway, Ark.

LITTLE ROCK CONFERENCE NOTES

By Clem Baker

Local Church Board of Education At Work

We have been trying to say for the last several weeks that the Local Church Board of Education is going to be more important than ever before for the new Church School year beginning October 1st. The biggest thing our schools have ever attempted is the Educational Advance in which our bishops and district superintendents are leading. The Board of Education must be the agency for promoting the Advance. All Boards should be elected just as soon as possible in order that they may get ready for the big work ahead.

Organizing the Board—After the Board is elected, its first duty is to organize. The officers should include a president, a vice-president, a secretary and such committees as the Board may need. The selection of the president is all important. Any member is eligible to be elected president, but ordinarily, it is best not to elect either the pastor or superintendent as president. As a rule it is best to find some other member who is wide-awake, thoroughly interested in the Church School, willing to give time and thought in the work of planning for the Board and one who knows how to cooperate with the pastor and superintendent without unconsciously assuming their responsibilities. The

THE SUPERINTENDENT'S CORNER

"YOU ARE THE CHAIRMAN OF THE DRAFT BOARD
FOR GOD'S ARMY"

By CLEM BAKER

Uncle Sam is building an army—the largest and most efficient our country has ever known. In building this army he is not trusting to luck, to contrasts, to volunteers. He began by making a survey through which he found the names, addresses, ages, of all the prospective soldiers in the United States. He then appointed Draft Board in each county. These Boards are made up of the best men in our communities and are doing the job. Each month they are given a quota and each month they enroll for the army the full number asked of them.

The Methodist Church is building an army for God. It is building this army through its Church Schools. Our goal is to reach the fifty per cent of our children, youth and adults that no one has yet reached. The quota for each local church this conference year is a 20 per cent increase over the enrollment for last year. And the Methodist Church is not trusting to luck. Our Bishop, our district superintendents, and our pastors are our leaders in this recruiting campaign. The Draft Board for each local church is the Board of Education of which the General Superintendent is the Administrative officer. Shall we meet our quota? Uncle Sam has the authority of force behind him. You have only the power of love, love for the souls of the millions of unreached, love or the Church, love for the Kingdom, love for the Christ who died for them all. Ours is a hard but glorious job. Let's all of us who must stay at home rise up in the same fine spirit that inspires our Army and build a new and greater church for our soldier boys when they return.

president presides at the meetings and helps plan the work of the Church School but he is not an administrative officer and must be

careful not to interfere with the work of the superintendent. A good wide-awake president can be of invaluable help to the school.

Vice-President—The vice-president should be given some special responsibility in addition to presiding when the president is absent.

Secretary—The secretary is one of the most important officers. In most cases, the secretary of the Church School should be secretary of the Board of Education. Since the secretary of the Church School is not an ex-officio member of the Board, he should be one of those elected to membership by the Quarterly Conference. The secretary should not only keep a complete record of the proceedings, but should have at hand at all times, the records of the Church School so that the Board as a whole can always know how the Church School is getting along in attendance, enrollment and finances.

Committees—Each Board of Education will have to decide for itself what committees it needs. Some Boards have a special committee on Leadership Training, some have a special committee on teachers, some have a committee on finances, some have a committee on records. Doubtless all Boards this year will need a special committee on the Education Advance.

Work of the Board—After its organization, the first responsibility of the Board is to select the officers and teachers; order the literature; decide upon classes and class rooms; put in a good record system and look after the other usual details of getting the school off to a good start the first of October. The big

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HENDRIX COLLEGE

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THE WORK OF THE DISTRICT DIRECTOR

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young people themselves, and (2) the training of adult workers with youth. The training program may be carried out by Christian Workers' Training Schools and Classes, Epworth Training Schools, local church classes, delegates to the summer training schools and assemblies, the use of leaflets provided by the General Board of Education, careful use of church periodicals, and home study courses.

Evangelism is a vital part of the work of the district director and he should work for the salvation of the people and for keeping them true to Christ's way of living. Everything we do centers here. Every unreached young person in the district is to be reached by the forces the director is leading. He should encourage the members of each Youth Fellowship to do earnest, prayerful work, and through the pastors' plans he should stimulate evangelistic activities in the local churches.

The district director should work for missionary education and giving in each local church, and stimulate pledging and paying to the Methodist Youth Fund. Every local church should be carrying out a definite program of missionary education of youth. The director can accomplish a great deal through the plans of organization set up to accomplish this.

Your district director serves joyfully in this great undertaking for the development of youth. Put your prayers and your time and talent behind them in the days that are ahead and by God's help we can accomplish many worthwhile things.

JUDGE HARDY, TAKE A BOW

Recognizing the influence of the cinema on young people, this newspaper has more than once adversely criticized the motion picture industry for permitting film characters whose roles command admiration, especially women, to smoke cigarettes and drink liquor on the screen. It is a happy occasion, therefore, when the movie makers can be applauded for taking a step in the other direction.

"Judge Hardy," whom Lewis Stone portrays so sympathetically in the popular Hardy Family series, has occasion in the latest picture, "The Courtship of Andy Hardy," to drive home a lesson on the evils of liquor for the benefit of his son, Andy (Mickey Rooney), and he does it without a semblance of "preaching" and so naturally and properly that even a distiller could not take umbrage. Man, he said, pointing to a besotted young victim of his own indiscretion, is capable of great achievements, almost limitless attainments, yet indulgence could convert this noble creature into a helpless, senseless lump—or words to that effect.

It's the kind of thing that goes well with Hardy Family fans—and they number many millions. The great American public has taken this "family" to its heart, and as long as these pictures maintain the same wholesome standards, they will hold that place.—Christian Science Monitor.

You are waiting to do some great thing; you are waiting to pull down some great evil. Perform the small things that are unseen, and they will bring other and greater things for you to perform.—John Bright.

LITTLE ROCK CONFERENCE NOTES

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new thing this year is for the Board to make plans for the Education Advance.

WATCH THIS PAGE NEXT WEEK FOR FURTHER SUGGESTIONS ABOUT THE ADVANCE.

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Where Can We Find Teachers For Our Church Schools?

As we face the most important year we have ever had in our Church School work, the big question facing all pastors, superintendents and Boards of Education is, "Where can we get teachers?" We trust that no church has waited until now to face this problem. Wide-awake Boards of Education have been listing prospects and planning for its teaching force all the year. If your Church School is departmentalized, the superintendents of the three age group divisions will first seek to find prospective teachers for their division, but they will also remember that they are not to name teachers but simply suggest these through the general superintendent and pastor to the Board of Education for election. In finding teachers for the new year the following suggestions may be helpful:

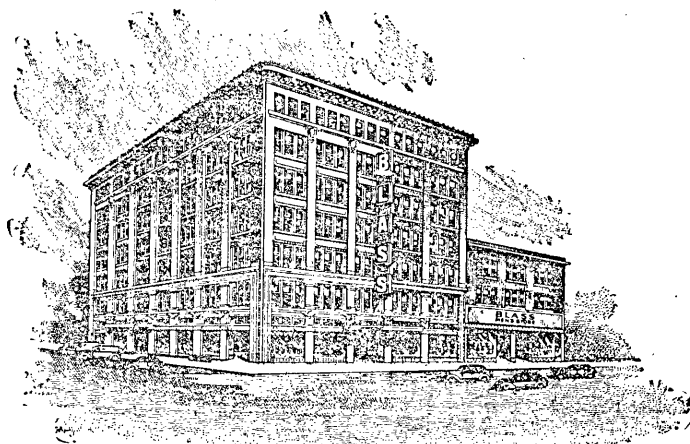
1. **Use the Old Teachers**—The idea that teaching in the Church School is an honor that should be passed around from year to year is foolish. The feeling that teaching is a duty to be borne only for a year at a time is tragic. Teaching in the Church School is an honor and a duty but it should also be regarded as a calling. The longer one teaches, the more useful he or she should be as a teacher. Our first suggestion, therefore, is that each church should use all the old teachers who are doing satisfactory work.

2. **Young People As Teachers**—Some of the best teachers in all our Church Schools are to be found among the older young people and young adults. Too often we have let these young people grow up in their community without realizing their ability. Each church should keep a close watch on the young people growing up in its midst and appeal to all good prospective teachers to take a place in the faculty of the Church School.

3. **New People Moving Into the Community**—Quite often a very fine teacher moves into the community and would take a position as teacher if called upon. The best of these prospects do not advertise their ability. When a new member joins the church, the Board of Education should not stop until it finds out what experience that person has had in Church School work.

4. **New Prospects Among Regular Members**—Quite often we will find good teachers among the regular membership of the church who have been overlooked from year to year. A good Board of Education should make a re-study of the entire church membership for the purpose of bringing new folks into its teaching force.

I am persuaded that practically each church has enough people within its constituency to fill all places in its teaching staff if we will only find them. Let's make this a subject of prayer and earnest study and try to start off the Church School year with a full staff of the best teachers we have ever had in the Methodist churches in Arkansas.



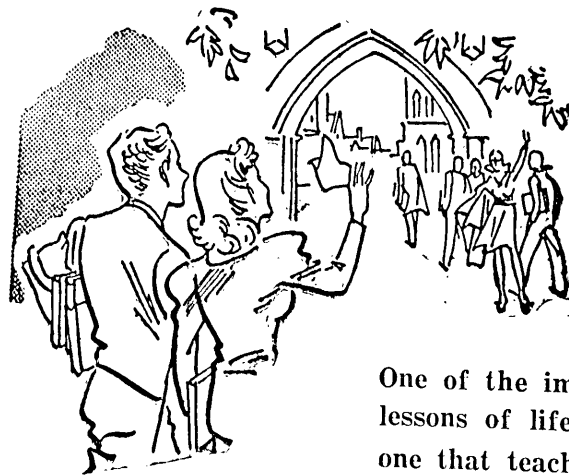
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With The Churches

PRESCOTT CIRCUIT

This is my second year on the charge and we have enjoyed working with these good people. They have been very kind to us.

We held our first revival at New Salem with Rev. John White assisting the pastor. We had good attendance with three additions to the church. There is a fine spirit among the people of the New Salem community and they are loyal to their church. We feel that the whole church was revived.

We have just closed a ten days' meeting at Midway. Rev. C. C. Vanzant did the preaching. He is a man of God and believes in old-fashioned religion. Our people feasted on his good messages. Brother Vanzant has been in the work for a long time and has had lots of experience which gave him a rich background for illustrations. We had good attendance and five additions to the church. I believe all who attended this meeting were blessed and helped to a higher plane of living. The last night of the meeting the pastor was surprised with an old-fashioned pounding. We went to our car and it was packed with all kinds of good things to eat. We are very grateful to our good people. They have been very thoughtful of their pastor and family. My prayer is that God's blessing may rest on each of them.—J. R. Martin, Pastor.

A PROTEST

Dr. John L. Ferguson, pastor of Belmont Church, Nashville, has issued a strong protest through his church bulletin, against the following Associated Press dispatch that appeared recently:

"It's a little early, but we thought you'd like to know what kind of Christmas cards you'll get this year.

"The familiar red, white and green will give way to the patriotic red, white and blue, the greeting card industry announced today.

BISHOP SELECMAN SPEAKS AT JUNALUSKA

There are millions of persons living in the United States today who are spiritually illiterate, according to Bishop Charles C. Selecman, who spoke from the Lake Junaluska assembly Thursday evening at the closing public meeting of the Methodist Leadership school August 13.

Bishop Selecman explained the purpose of the Christian Education Advance movement, being sponsored by 31 Protestant denominations in order to combat "Spiritual illiteracy" on three main fronts, the home, the church and the community.

Objectives of the movement, which has been organized in the spring on a four year basis and will start an intensive campaign in September, are to secure regular Bible reading and prayers and living as Christians in the family; increased attendance at church services and improved teaching in church schools (Sunday schools); and for the community, bringing every person into fellowship of some church.

"The purpose of the movement," Bishop Selecman said, "is to give them all a chance; the 17,000,000 children and young people without

"Furthermore, fat old Santa Claus will be replaced by skinny Uncle Sam's bewhiskered countenance, and the cards, even though Christmas stands for 'Peace on earth and good will toward men,' may contain the warlike slogans, 'Trap the Jap,' 'Paste the paperhanger,' 'Muzzle Mussolini.'"

Characterizing the news item as "startling" and "utterly pagan," Dr. Ferguson said: "It is my firm conviction that millions of sincere Christians in America resent as I do this proposal of the 'Greeting Card Industry' to paganize the celebration of the advent of the Prince of Peace by making it an occasion to exploit cheap, unworthy passions of a spurious type of patriotism. We shall never win this war if we surrender our Christian ideals in order that we may indulge in such low passions."

Dr. Ferguson requested those of his congregation who resented this proposal to commercialize Christmas, to communicate with him at once. "There are enough Christians in America to prevent this if we will act immediately," he declared.

LEPANTO

It was my privilege to spend fifteen days in Lepanto. The fertility of the soil, the hospitality of the people are the first things that impress the visitors. The long and far-famed Southern hospitality—the Mississippi type—is here and the productivity of the soil surpasses the best of the Mississippi delta.

Brother Moore, as usual is doing a most constructive type of work. Already they have spent more than a thousand dollars on remaking the parsonage. Soon the church and parsonage, free of debt, will be ready for dedication. Ten new members joined the church before I left and others are in preparation for membership. Lepanto will have a good report at the Annual Conference.—O. E. Goddard.

Christian education. Thirty million adults are not reached by any church school, a total of 47,000,000 unreached people in the United States.

"Methodism's responsibility in this task is 8,000,000 people. Each denomination will have its own responsibility. If the advance is a success it will be because the whole church gets into it heartily. Unless each individual church and community takes it up and works it out on its own account it will not succeed.

"Do not wait for the flood tide of some great general movement to bring people into the church school. Each local church must go out into its own neighborhood and get them. And do not depend merely on a survey. A survey is not worth the paper it is written on unless it is followed by some local church in a definite effort. Only half our people have religious education. Let us give them all a chance."

The only faith that wears well and holds its color in all weathers is that which is woven of conviction and set with the sharp mordant of experience.—Lowell.

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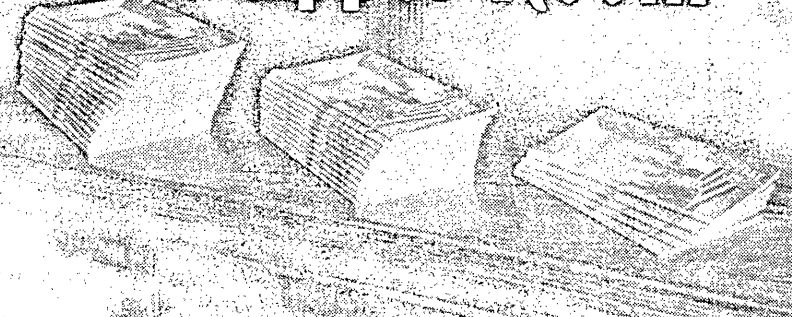
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The Sunday School Lesson

By DR. W. P. WHALEY



Jacob Seeks God's Help

GOLDEN TEXT: "God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble." Psalm 46:1.

LESSON TEXT: Genesis 32:1-12, 27, 29.

LESSON FOR AUGUST 30

For a full story of Jacob one should begin with the 25th chapter of Genesis and read the following ten chapters. It is very interesting, not only because it tells the story of Jacob, but also because it gives a good picture of life back in that old country 1700 years B. C.

I. Leading Up.

In the lesson for last Sunday we left Jacob afoot trudging along the long road from Beersheba to Haran. Back home he had shamefully deceived his old blind father, and cheated Esau of his birthright and his father's blessing. This had upset the family and made Esau a dangerous enemy of Jacob; so, the father and mother bundled up Jacob and sent him for an indefinite stay with his uncle, Laban, five hundred miles away in Haran, hoping he would marry in the connection up there.

II. "Came Into the Land of the People of the East."

One day, looking across a field, he saw a well and three flocks of sheep gathered around it. Jacob went over to the well and asked the shepherds where they lived. They told him they were from Haran. Then Jacob inquired about Laban and the family and learned that they were well. The shepherds pointed to a young lady leading a flock of sheep to the well, and said: "Rachel, his daughter, cometh with the sheep." At this, Jacob went to the well, removed the cover, and watered Rachel's sheep, kissed the girl, and then introduced himself. The excited girl ran home and told her father that cousin Jacob was down at the well. Then Laban went down to the well and welcomed Jacob, and took him into the home.

After a month, Laban proposed to hire Jacob to look after the sheep and cattle. Jacob said he would work seven years for Rachel, and Laban agreed. The next twenty years (some say forty) Jacob worked for his Uncle Laban, who was a hard and scheming master. At the end of seven years Jacob asked for Rachel, but Laban put off on him Leah, and made him work seven years more for Rachel. After these fourteen years Jacob planned to take his wives and children and go away; but Laban offered to keep him at Jacob's own price, and they made a new contract. Jacob agreed to continue to superintend their cattle business on these terms: Jacob was to take for his own all the speckled and spotted cattle and goats, and all the brown sheep; he would remove them three days journey from Laban's cattle and sheep; he would look after both flocks and be responsible for losses; and, of the increase in both flocks, Jacob would take only the speckled and spotted cattle and goats and the brown sheep. This looked like a good deal, and Laban accepted the proposition. However, Laban had been a schemer. He had changed Jacob's wages

ten times. He had charged Jacob with all the losses in the flocks. Jacob, therefore, concluded to try a little scheming himself; so he resorted to a little dumb brute psychology. The scheme worked tremendously to the advantage of Jacob's flocks, and to the disadvantage of Laban's. At the end of six years of this contract, "Jacob beheld the countenance of Laban, and, behold it was not toward him as before." Jacob felt a divine call to move; so he got his family and his cattle on the road, and was gone three days before Laban knew it. Laban overtook them in seven days; but what promised to be a serious quarrel ended in a friendly separation, marked by a stone monument they called "Mizpah."

III. "So That I Come Again to My Father's House in Peace."

That had been the prayer of Jacob the night of his vision at Bethel, and perhaps many other nights. Now his face is set in that direction, but there is yet no feeling of security and peace. He had two wives, their maids, twelve children, many servants and herdsmen, and great flocks and herds. He could not stay with Laban. There was no room or welcome for him among the strange tribes of the country. He had no assurance that Esau's murderous anger had cooled. For weeks they marched slowly along, Jacob worrying by day and having visions and dreams by night. At Mahanaim he sent messengers to Esau to tell him that he was on his way home, and wished to find grace in his sight. The messengers came back with the terrifying announcement that Esau was coming to meet them, "and four hundred men with him." Jacob organized his servants and arranged his stock to meet Esau; then prayed: "O God of my father, Abraham, and God of my father, Isaac, the Lord which saidst unto me, Return unto thy country, and to thy kindred, and I will deal well with thee: I am not worthy of the least of thy mercies, and of all the truth, which thou hast shewed unto thy servant; for with my staff I passed over this Jordan; and now I am become two bands. Deliver me, I pray thee, from the hand of my brother, from the hand of Esau: for I fear him, lest he will come and smite me, and the mother with the children."

The next thing he sent his servants with a magnificent present for Esau—goats, sheep, camels, asses, and cows—hoping to appease him before they should meet. That night he put everything across the brook Jabbok, "and Jacob was left alone."

IV. "Wrestling Jacob."

Awake or asleep, that was a strenuous night for Jacob. Whether he wrestled with a mighty man of flesh, or with a dream, he was utterly broken down by morning. Whatever it was, Jacob was sure

God had wrestled with him that night. Jacob had been some wrestler with men and with God until now; but the night's experience had cured him of wrestling and scheming, and made him a man of prayer. He got a new name in that night's experience: "Israel, a praying man who prevails with God."

V. Israel.

The name Jacob earned in that night of prevailing prayer attached to the people and church of the Jews. They are still called "Israelites," and "Children of Israel." The Hebrews have, from Abraham on down, had a genius for religion. They have been a praying people. They have produced the great religious literatures. The great religious prophets have been Hebrews. Jesus Christ, after the flesh, came through the Jewish people and the Jewish church.

ARKANSAS METHODIST ORPHANAGE

As we approach the Conference season and give much thought to the Christmas Offering for the Home for Children, I find myself anxious to see my brethren of the ministry and laity to talk matters over with them. So many things to be done and so many things ought to be done that we should not lose any time in publishing the fact that we are dependent entirely upon our Christmas Offerings to run the Home. Everything we use in the Home is increasing in price and the expenses are getting heavier than usual.

Nothing out of the ordinary has happened at the Home during the past week except one of our little boys fell and sprained his arm quite badly but I am glad to say that he is doing nicely and Dr. Barrier thinks that he will suffer no permanent injury from the accident.

I was in Stuttgart and DeValls Bluff during the past few days and found things in good shape. That is a wonderful country and its progress is being augmented by the Government Flying School that is going in close to Stuttgart.

We all feel hopeful about the issue of the war and even our children are boasting about it.

Remember us in your prayers and come to see us when you can. Yours truly.—James Thomas, Supt.

PRAYER PLUS

It is recorded of D. L. Moody that upon one of his journeys across the Atlantic there was a fire in the hold of the ship. The crew and some volunteers stood in line to pass buckets of water.

A friend said to Moody, "Mr. Moody, let us go to the other end of the ship and engage in prayer." The common-sense evangelist replied, "Not so, sir; we stand right here and pass buckets and pray hard all the time." He believed that prayer and work should never be separated.—Selected.

True obedience to God is faith and good works. He is truly obedient who trusts him and does what he commands.—Martin Luther.

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Sgt. I. T. (Chris) Lindquist and Helen Newman, at Salinas, California, August 15, 1942. Mrs. H. A. Newman accompanied her daughter to the west, and has returned to her home here after having attended the wedding ceremony.

J. P. Sherrod and Leah Casey, both of Houston, August 16, 1942. Mrs. Sherrod is secretary to Dr. Paul Quillian, now of Houston, former pastor of Winfield.

John G. Wood and Leona Shook, August 22, 1942.

OUR KNOWN SICK

Jack Lessenberry, St. Vincent's.
Mrs. Cora Coker, University Hospital.
Mrs. J. P. Powers, 2315 Vance.

BOARD TO MEET

A regular meeting of the Board of Stewards will be held Wednesday evening, September 2, at 7:30 at the church. All members are urged to be present.—Clyde C. Arnold, Chairman of the Board.

CHOIR RESUMES REHEARSAL

Mrs. I. J. Steed, Minister of Music, has resumed the regular Thursday evening rehearsals of Winfield's choir, after a two-month vacation. She urges that all members return and that anyone wishing to enter as a new member call her to make appointment for tryout.

CHURCH WOMEN TO MEET AT CAMP ROBINSON

The Greater Little Rock Council of Church Women will meet at the chapel at 10th and Arkansas, at Camp Robinson, Monday, August 31 at 10:00. All women of the church are invited to attend.

CIRCLE NO. 4 TO HAVE FRIENDSHIP MEETING

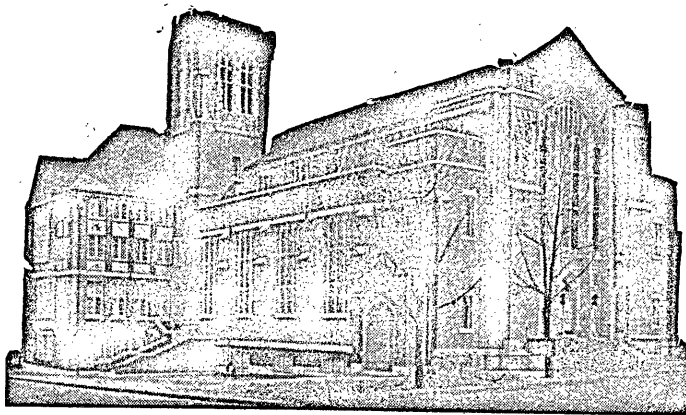
Circle No. 4, of which Mrs. W. J. Pennington is chairman, will hold the next Neighborhood Friendship meeting Monday night, August 31, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Caldwell, 2824 Izard, from 7 to 8:30 p. m.

The zone included in this circle is south of 25th, Broadway to Chester; west 18th to 25th; State to Chester. All friends of Winfield who reside in this district are invited to be present to partake in this neighborhood friendship hour.

ENROLLMENT SECRETARY

Each new member who enters the church school is enrolled and classified by Miss Nina Graves, who is our new enrollment secretary. She is assisted by Juanita Ingram, who takes the newcomers to their respective groups.

We enrolled this month Mr. and Mrs. B. B. Ifwerstrom and family, 1002 Barber—James in the Senior High; Patsy Jean, Junior High, and Sarah Adeline in the Junior; and Janet Lee Powell in the Beginners; Floyd Beeding, Carolyn and Betty Clare Haynes and Carolyn Castleberry in the Primary.



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Next Sunday At Winfield

10:00 a. m. Church School. Serious planning is being done now for the beginning of the Church School year. Workers are needed; if you have experience or talents or willingness please give us that information. Somewhere there is a place where you may find joy in the work of the Church.

10:55 a. m. Worship, Sanctuary, Sermon hour

"PRAYER: THE PERFECTION OF PERSONS"
by the minister

Read 2 Corinthians 12:7-10.

"And he said unto me, My grace is sufficient for thee: for my strength is made perfect in weakness."

6:30 p. m. Youth Fellowships

1. Young People—Gene Haun will speak on his experiences at Mt. Sequoyah at the home of Elizabeth Jones on Mabelvale Pike. Members are to meet at the church at 6:30.
2. Seniors—Officers will have charge of the program, which will be held at St. Marks Church, 10th and Picon. Members of this department are to meet at Winfield at 6:30 to go together.
3. Junior Highs—Ray Clayton, president, has charge of the program which is to be presented by the officers in Fellowship Hall at 6:30.

THE MINISTER'S MESSAGE

KGHI BROADCAST

Each morning next week, Aug. 31-Sept. 4, Monday through Friday, from 8:30-8:45, I will be holding the "Altar Service" over radio station KGHI, a service under the direction of the Ministerial Alliance. My general theme for the week will be "The Church can not fail." You are urged to "listen in" and to call your friends to do so.

"TITHE FOR A MONTH for the Benevolences' sake" . . . That will be asked of you following action by the Board of Stewards and the Woman's Society who are expected to give full endorsement. The Executive and the Finance and the Building Committees, in a joint meeting, have already agreed to "back" it. You will be asked to give one-tenth of your income for a month, Sept. 15-October 15, to Winfield Church. Your budget pledge for that period will be credited first and the balance of your tithe will be accounted as a special for the benevolences for the year. I want to pay all benevolences in full for the year by October 15th.

METHODIST CHURCH

Christian Education

By Miss Olive Smith

YOUTH FELLOWSHIPS

August 30—6:30 P. M.
(Note change in time)

The Young People will meet at the church at 6:30 to go to the home of Elizabeth Jones on the Mabelvale Pike for their Sunday evening fellowship. They will enjoy games and refreshments on the lawn. Gene Haun will speak on his experiences at Mt. Sequoyah, leading into a vesper service.

The Seniors will meet at 6:30 to go to St. Mark's Church at 10th and Picon to enjoy a fellowship with the young people there. The officers of the Senior High are in charge of the program.

The Junior High group will meet in Fellowship Hall at 6:30 for recreation and refreshments. The worship program at 7:15 will be in charge of the officers' group with Ray Clayton, president, leading.

CHARLES HEGARTY TAKES OVER NEW JOB

For a long time we have wished that we might find the right person to put in charge of the church office on Sunday morning. So many requests for information and supplies come in, and it is necessary to have someone interested in Winfield, who can be depended upon to be here every Sunday.

We have found such a person in Charles Hegarty, who has the training and experience needed for the job, so he has been released from his duties as assistant secretary at the enrollment desk to take over this work.

Added to the duties of the church office will be the responsibility of looking after the periodicals and books in the Church Workers' Library, which is fast growing into a project of which we are quite proud.

PAID UP LIST TO BE PUBLISHED

A paid up list of all people whose pledges are paid up-to-date by October 1, will be published the first week of that month by the Board of Stewards.

Next Sunday is the last in this month, which is the last month of the third quarter. Members are reminded that there remains then only one more quarter in the conference year. Now is the time to begin "catching up" so all pledges will be paid in full in November.—W. P. Ivy, Chairman Finance Committee.

TWO WINFIELD MEN RECEIVE PROMOTIONS

Word has come to the church office recently that two Winfield men in uniform have received promotions: Walton C. Threadgill is now a captain, and Frank S. Scott now holds the rank of major.

OFFICE NEEDS ADDRESSES

In a short time your pastor will be writing letters to all Winfield men in the service in order to bring them up to date on happenings in their church. So these letters may be certain to reach their destination, it is requested that relatives of the men telephone the office in case there has been a change of address since they last gave that information to the secretary.