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"The World is My Parish" — John Wesley

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

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Democracy The Dependent Child Of The Church

SOME state that the church is dependent on democracy for its life. That statement does not comport with the facts. The Christian church was born under totalitarian rule and grew to be a world power in the face of the efforts of a totalitarian government to destroy it. It is true also, because the Christian church is undergirded by the everlasting arms of God, that the church would live on, after some fashion, if every democratic government on earth were to perish and the world again come under totalitarian rule.

While we believe that no human power can destroy the church, we know through the study of history and through human experience that the program and progress of the church can be hindered and retarded by the powerful opposition of the world about. We know also that the largest opportunity of the church for progress, development and the fulfillment of its mission comes when it breathes the pure air of democracy.

Although the church has proven its power to live in a totalitarian world without the support of democracy, democracy has yet to prove that it can live in a totalitarian world without the support of the church. It is very doubtful that it could do so. That is true because democracy is indebted to the church for the very foundation upon which its superstructure rests. The basic foundation of a democracy is a recognition of the value of human personality and a recognition of the individual rights of the individual. These are basic in a democracy and non-existent in totalitarian government.

Across the centuries, since the day of Jesus, the Christian church, and in the beginning the Christian church alone, has proclaimed the intrinsic value of the common, everyday man and the inherent rights of the individual. Democracy, by the very nature of things, will not and cannot live apart from this basic attitude toward life. We cannot save democracy unless the church also is saved; and that with enough liberty of action as will permit it to continue to undergird democracy by the proclamation of the essential truths about human life on which democracy rests.

Good Business Judgment

NEAR the end of a conference year, while we were serving a district, we were called into a special meeting with leaders of a church which was heavily involved in debt. Their preacher had served four years and it was generally expected that he would move. The message which the special committee conveyed to us was, in brief, that their church was heavily involved in debt and for that reason they were having difficulties both with the debt and with the church budget. It sounded like the preliminaries to a proposal to cut the budget for the coming year. Instead the committee announced that it had been authorized to advise the Bishop's Cabinet of a raise in the pastor's salary for the coming year. The reason the committee gave for the raise in salary was that the church was in such a desperate condition, financially, that they were obliged to have a stronger leadership, at the head of their church, in order that they might pull through their financial crisis. We are calling that "Good Business Judgment," and it proved to be so in the case of this church.

The Divorce Problem Yesterday and Today

THE divorce problem today, from the viewpoint of the church, is quite different from the divorce problem as it existed when Jesus was born in Bethlehem. As a result of the teachings of Jesus and the influence of the Christian church the basic foundation on which the marriage relationship rests has been changed.

Before the Christian era marriage was largely a contractual relationship between a man and woman. This contract to live together as husband and wife could be broken almost at will as any other human contract could be broken. There were certain property rights that, among some people, had to be given proper consideration, when the marriage contract was broken. There seemed to be little or no moral quality attached to the breaking of a marriage contract, no more than there was attached to the breaking of any other contract which the law allowed to be broken. Even the Jews, the most religious people of the pre-Christian era

WHEREFORE THEY ARE NO MORE TWIN, BUT ONE FLESH. WHAT THEREFORE GOD HAS JOINED TOGETHER, LET NOT MAN PUT ASUNDER. Matt. 19:6.

were following the old Mosaic law when Jesus was on earth. The Pharisees, in their effort to entrap Jesus referred to this old law which allowed a man, if he became displeased with his wife, to put her away by the very simple process of writing her a bill of divorce. After that he was free to marry again.

In contrast to this conception of marriage, as a contract by two human beings that could be broken at will, the Christian church, following the teachings of Jesus, took the position that marriage is more than a human contract; that it is a holy, sacred relationship, instituted of God, that cannot be broken without moral guilt on the part of one or both parties. The Catholic church even took the position that marriage is a Sacrament which can be solemnized only by the church.

With this conception of the marriage relationship, as taught by the church, the fight for the preservation of the home, and the sanctity of the marriage relationship was pitched on an entirely different plane. Idealism, morality and religion all became entangled with the marriage relationship, and cannot be divorced from it so long as the Christian church follows the teachings of Jesus. The church changed the standard for marriage from a human contract to a holy, sacred relationship and the church will continue to fight for that high standard so long as it is Christian.

Could It Be Possible That Congress Was Mistaken?

A FEW years ago we had the farcical spectacle of Congress in solemn assembly, after due deliberation, declaring, by their vote, that beer is non-intoxicating. Now comes the report, through our local daily press, that on the first Sunday since the enactment of ordinances in Greater Little Rock prohibiting the sale of wines and beer on Sunday, the arrests for drunkenness decreased almost sixty-seven percent. This would seem to indicate that about two-thirds of our drunkenness, at least over week-ends, results from the sale and drinking of beer and wine.

This amazing reduction in week-end drunkenness would also seem to indicate that our learned statesmen in Washington, who declared by formal vote that beer is non-intoxicating, were either abysmally ignorant of the effects of beer drinking—which has not been charged thus far—or they were degrading the powers conferred on them by the electorate and the constitution of our nation beyond words to describe by writing into an act of Congress something which every mother's son of them knew was not true. An act of congress declaring that "fire will not burn" would be just as sensible and just as true to facts.

Good and Bad In Best and Worst Of Us

THIS dark hour in world history should help Protestant churches to see how badly we need to unite our powers in order that we may be able to meet the challenge to the church today and in order that the church may move forward despite the tempest now blowing in its face. A united Christendom would be an all but irresistible force even in our world of major, mind-staggering movements. We can become impotent and powerless because of petty differences and self-centered activities or we can become the most powerful agency in the world for good through vision and unity of purpose and efforts.

We can emphasize what we think are the faults and failures of others while we try to exalt ourselves by lauding what we think to be our virtues with the common result that we have all mutually discredited ourselves in the minds of the people we are trying to impress. Usually the importance of our differences can be illustrated by some verses of a song which was facetiously sung in the South some years ago:

"I would rather be a Baptist and wear a smiling face,
Than be a dirty Methodist, who is bound to fall from grace.
I'd rather be a Methodist and talk about free grace,
Than be a half-baked Calvinist and damn near half the race."

There are some features about the most desirable of churches which some do not like. There are some features about the seemingly least desirable of churches that attract and win some. Would it not be wonderful, if we could pool the powers for good in all churches into one mighty movement to mould the life of the

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CHURCH CALENDAR

September 27-October 4, Religious Education Week.

September 27, Church School Promotion Day.
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IN THE LIVES OF MEN

By
CHARLES O. RANSFORD

Teach your child to be kind and gentle. It is a rare child who learns life's refinements outside of the home.

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A missionary said to an inquirer, who asked, 'How may I help?' He replied, 'He most helps who prays the most.' God only knows the days and years of this horrible war. Christian faith can take no denial of his presence in all world affairs. Surely, he cannot be indifferent to the effectual fervent prayers of righteous men and women.

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Every young man as he goes out into life faces character problems. Not the service one must render, for work is routine, but the maintenance of integrity and self-respect are the first consideration. There is only one rule: in work be honest and diligent, in character relations be upright and true. Whatever life's circumstances there is one sure and safe rule, it is always right to do right.

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War is coarse and brutal. Its effect on the individual is war's most serious indictment. One would not say, a soldier cannot be a gentleman. But all must confess a military life is not conducive of refinements. The brutal and horrible treatment of prisoners and civilians by the German and Japanese armies is a part of their long and severe military training. Civilization is in revolt against such atrocities. American young men have always made good soldiers. They fight as trained men, strategically prepared. Never have they been charged with losing their sense of humanness and fine manliness.

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Know yourself. You may know your strong points and boast of your strength and be caught unawares in a fault. Know your weaknesses and build a strong defense. Strength sometimes becomes a weakness through egotism and overconfidence. A consciousness of weakness may make one cautious and compel the building of a reserve. The man who really knows himself in strength and weakness may be strong by his balanced judgments.

NEWS AND NOTES ABOUT FACTS AND FOLKS

REV. J. E. COOPER, district superintendent of the Arkadelphia District, will speak each morning at 7:30 over KTHS and at 9:30 over KWFC in Hot Springs during the week of September 21, Monday to Friday. Friends are invited to listen in.

MISS ELIZABETH M. LEE AND DR. A. W. WASSON, secretaries for Latin America of the Board of Missions and Church Extension, are representing the Board at the General Conference of the Methodist Church of Mexico which is being held in Monterrey, Mexico, September 10-20.

JAMES W. MORRISON, of near Woodberry, Ark., died at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Jeffie Smith, Hampton, on Sunday, September 13. The funeral was held Monday by his pastor, Rev. Alva C. Rogers. Mr. Morrison was for a number of years a member of the Methodist Church at Woodberry but was a member of the church at Hampton at the time of his death. He is survived by five sons and three daughters.

REV. HAROLD EGGENSBERGER, associate pastor of First Methodist Church, Little Rock, preached at the evening service, September 6, at Mabelvale, Rev. Gerry Dean, pastor. This was the first in a week's series of services with a different minister filling the pulpit each evening. Mr. Eggensperger also preached at Gardner Memorial Church, North Little Rock, Sunday evening, September 13, while the pastor, Rev. O. L. Cole, attended the dedication of First Church at Stuttgart.

REV. LELAND CLEGG, district superintendent of the Camden District, makes the following announcement: "The pastors of the Camden District will meet September 23 at Ebenezer church, Rev. G. B. Pixley, pastor. We will meet at 9:30 a. m. with Rev. Clem Baker presenting the Educational Advance and Rev. Alfred H. Freeman, pastor of First Church, El Dorado, will preach at 11 o'clock. Dinner will be served on the ground. Ebenezer church is one of the historic old congregations of the former Methodist Protestant Church and now has over two hundred members."

DR. E. STANLEY JONES, missionary to India, now on a lecture tour in America, says: "So far, America's greatest act as a nation has been the liberation of the slaves. Her next great act will be to give the descendants of those freed slaves equality of opportunity. We must do it, not through patronage or condescension, but through simple justice—an already too long delayed justice. The Negroes have more than earned the right to that justice. Although suppressed and thwarted at every turn they have made more progress in these eighty years since slavery than any race in human history in that length of time. We should be proud of them and open the gates of opportunity to them."

REV. FRED M. HOLLOWAY, minister of the First Presbyterian Church of Rutherford, N. J., was guest preacher at the First Methodist Church, Morrilton, Sunday, August 23, while visiting his mother, Mrs. A. E. Holloway, widow of the late Rev. A. E. Holloway, former pastor of the Morrilton church. Mr. Holloway is pastor of one of the larger suburban churches in the New York metropolitan area and moderator of his Presbytery this year. A graduate of Hendrix College, Columbia University and Union Seminary, he has been very active in educational and religious circles in the East. Of particular interest is the fact that he was the speaker this spring for Religious Emphasis Week at Duke University, North Carolina.

REV. A. H. DuLANEY, pastor of our church at South Fort Smith, assisted Rev. C. J. Wade in a revival meeting at Pioneer Memorial Church on the Prairie View-Scranton Charge. There were seven conversions and all united with the church. Rev. J. J. Decker, pastor of Midland Heights Church, Fort Smith, assisted Bro. DuLaney in a meeting at South Fort Smith.

the first two weeks in July. There were 20 additions, 10 on profession of faith. The church at South Fort Smith is up to date on everything and they expect to have a good report at Conference.

BISHOP A. W. LEONARD, chairman of the Methodist Commission on Chaplains, Washington, D. C., sends us the following telegram: "Methodist Commission on Chaplains meeting in Washington September 9 to 11 greatly encouraged over present response of our ministers for chaplaincy. At this meeting more than 100 Methodist candidates examined and given ecclesiastical endorsement. By January 1 imperative we have 1200 chaplains in army and marked increase in navy. Age limit extended and slight modification in educational requirements make possible procuring of candidates in larger numbers than previously. We must have full quota by January 1. Bishops, district superintendents and pastors earnestly urged to cooperate with Methodist Commission for procuring our full quota of best trained men by that date."

DR. CHARLES W. IGLEHART, Far Eastern adviser to the International Missionary Council, says: "Today we (Christians in America) belong to a world Christian community in which our younger church brothers and sisters are just as mature and dependable in their Christian life and insights as are our own people. Each, in his own land and situation, is today grappling with the perplexing problems offered by this world conflict. Each is broken-hearted over the sundered ties and yawning chasms of misunderstanding. Each is trying still to love and not hate. And each, too, with us, is peering eagerly down the months and years, waiting, praying, striving to come out into those brighter days when all of us can spend our energies and make our sacrifices and share our fights in the service of our one Master, and of the setting up of his Kingdom in all the earth. They join us in the quest: after the world conflict, a world community."

SPIRITUAL dedication and financial obligations have been joined in a program for Methodism adopted by the Council of Bishops and the General Commission of our Church caused by war conditions. Formulated by the special "Commission of Fifteen on Emergency Appeal and Postwar Program," the plans heartily endorsed by the bishops and commission members call for a two-phase financial campaign which it is hoped will result in \$2,000,000 for war-time emergency use. The program was adopted at a joint meeting held in the Chicago Temple on August 28, following a two-day meeting of the "Commission of Fifteen" in the LaSalle hotel, Chicago. "There shall be a special period of prayer and self-sacrifice throughout the Church," reads the report, "to be known as the 'Week of Dedication,' February 28 to March 7, 1943, and on Sunday, March 7, there shall be taken a special freewill offering for designated emergency causes."

GOOD AND BAD IN THE BEST AND WORST OF US

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world after the pattern laid down by the Christ. The band of disciples, scattered on that fateful night before the crucifixion, left Jesus to die on Calvary surrounded by His enemies. United, after the resurrection, they were a force which people said "turned the world upside down." We can emphasize our differences and deplete our powers and stand before the world, shorn of much of our potential strength, or we can present a united front and combined powers and undergird the world with such a force as it needs now and will need increasingly when the shooting war is over.

There are three kinds of members in our churches: informed, uninformed and misinformed.—Panning.

THE DEVOTIONAL PAGE

H. O. BOLIN, Editor

CHANGE THE NATION THROUGH ITS YOUTH

Realizing how the dictators of Europe and Japan have indoctrinated their people with ruthless ideals through reaching the very youngest child with their teachings, Dr. Frank M. McKibben, minister of religious education at the First Methodist Church in Evanston, Ill., and a member of the faculty at Northwestern University, asserts that the Christian churches "must develop a statesmanlike program whereby they may more adequately interpret to their own children and youth, and to the masses as yet unreached, the philosophy and resources of the Christian religion. This means," adds Dr. McKibben, "that in this critical hour, Christian education in the home, the church, and in proper relation to the public schools, must be made a central emphasis and activity, commanding the finest leadership, the wholehearted moral support, and the full financial resources of the churches."

"Life is molded and guided by the powerful, silent forces set to work from the earliest days in the home," writes Frank B. Fagerburg, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Los Angeles. He recalls that Zacharias and Elizabeth, father and mother of John the Baptist, "were both righteous before God, walking in all the commandments and ordinances of the Lord blameless," according to St. Luke. Growing into manhood under the guidance of such parents, Dr. Fagerburg points out, John the Baptist had a great advantage over many other boys in his neighborhood whose parents paid little attention to the holy law. He concluded, "We shall have more Johns like the Baptist when we have more parents like Zacharias and Elizabeth."

It is far more important to the world that the Christian church shall capture the imagination of a youth who will become a great moral leader through the manner in which he conducts his business in adult life, than it is that church groups build magnificent edifices. The Rev. W. J. Moffett, writing in the Presbyterian says, "To hold up a vision, in word and by life, of the nature of God and the beauty of Christ before young people, some of whom will take part in the making of the new order, is far closer to the real task and opportunity of the Church than is the working out or the preaching of the details of that new order."

If Stalin could create a new Russia within his own lifetime by a systematic youth program, the Church in America has every right to expect that it can create a more Christian nation by capturing its youth. Students of political science point out the similarity between democracy and Christianity. This being true, if democracy is to prevail, Christianity must be understood and practiced. The place in which to start this understanding must be in the home, in the church school, and in young people's groups.—From The Union Signal.

The greatest affair in life is the creation of character.

Better, Wiser and Happier

*Do you wish the world were better?
Let me tell you what to do:
Set a watch upon your actions,
Keep them always straight and true;
Rid your mind of selfish motives,
Let your thoughts be clean and high,
You can make a little Eden
Of the sphere you occupy.*

*Do you wish the world were wiser?
Well, suppose you make a start,
By accumulating wisdom
In the scrapbook of your heart;
Do not waste one page on folly,
Live to learn, and learn to love.
If you want to give men knowledge
You must get it, ere you give.*

*Do you wish the world were happy?
Then remember day by day
Just to scatter seeds of kindness
As you pass along the way;
For the pleasures of the many
May be oftimes traced to one,
As the hand that plants an acorn
Shelters armies from the sun.
—ELLA WHEELER WILCOX.*

WHAT IS YOUR LIFE?

Our theme is in the form of a question. One taken from God's great question Book; the Bible. "Go to now, ye that say, To day or tomorrow we will go into such a city, and continue there a year, and buy and sell, and get gain; Whereas ye know not what shall be on the morrow. For what is your life? It is even a vapour, that appeareth for a little time, and then vanisheth away." (James 4:13-14). Let us apply this question to three phases of life; the community, the church and the home.

What is your life in your community? We hear a lot of talk these days about building a better world order. Some times we feel that the world is so large and we're so small that there is nothing we can do about it. We fail to realize that after all the world is made up of individuals and communities. The only way the world can ever be made better is for each individual to do his duty in the community where he finds himself. Space will not permit me to mention in detail all the little things a person can do to help his community, and it is the doing faithfully these little things that counts most. There is the political situation in each community where all good citizens need to make their power felt. It does no good to complain of corruption in politics if you do nothing to right it. Then there is the charitable work that must be done. And that which is more important, namely, the creation of conditions through public sentiment which will make charity less needed. When all are fairly remunerated for services rendered in helping to create the good of this life the need of charity will be much less. There are the thousand-and-one acts of kindness, services, encouragement and helpfulness we can render as we practice the policy of good neighbor to all about us.

What is your life in your home? As a people we are out of our homes too much. We are rapidly becoming a nation on wheels. Even the tire shortage has not made much change here. Eddie Guest was right when he wrote his beautiful poem, "It Takes a Heap 'O Livin' In a House To Make It Home." We are hardly in the home enough to get acquainted with our families. No longer do we have time for the old-fashioned family altar that in other years proved such a help in character building. Our haste has brought thousands of people to the verge of nervous collapse. I am sure this has something to do with the rapid growth in our divorce evil. I am wondering if as parents we are putting forth much effort to make our homes suitable places for the development of Christian character on the part of our children and young people? Do we as children, young people, wives and husbands ever stop to consider that we are in a time of great crisis and that we need to exercise patience, kindness, sympathy and understanding toward other members of the family? There is no more important phase of life than that of the home.

Last, but certainly not least, what is your life in the church? The world's greatest thinkers are telling us that Christianity and Democracy go hand in hand. You cannot have one successfully without the other. They rise or fall together. We see the truth of this when we note how Christianity fares in nations that have other forms of government. We cannot have Christianity without the church. The church is Christianity organized. It is the body of Christ. As our personalities express themselves through our physical bodies, so Christ expresses Himself through the church.

Are we loyal to this great institution? We thank God for our religious freedom, but the only way

THE ONE SOLUTION OF THE PROBLEMS WHICH CONFRONT A DISTRAUGHT WORLD

By Franklin Delano Roosevelt
President of the United States

Dear Mr. Shullenberger: I hope whenever it is possible that our great religious bodies will hold their customary national conferences and conventions. Nothing but the prior demands of the war on our resources should intervene to curtail or interrupt this marshaling of the spiritual forces of the Nation. I hope, therefore, with careful planning and foresight it will be possible to hold our customary religious assemblies.

Often in past years I have emphasized the need for a revival of religion. Many times have I emphasized that the one solution of the problems which confront a distraught world will be found in a return to the practical application to everyday life—among nations as among men—of the eternal principles of the Christian religion as summed up in the Sermon on the Mount.

We have received a splendid spiritual inheritance from the founders of the Nation who, not being indifferent to religious principles, guaranteed freedom of conscience to all citizens and thereby made possible the free and unhampered development of the Christian life. In sending my hearty greetings to the International Convention of the Disciples of Christ in Grand Rapids, may I express the hope that your deliberations, conceived in fortitude and courage, may be guided by wisdom and understanding so that you will exemplify to all mankind the strength and security that lie in spiritual things. Perhaps not since the Fathers of the Constitution established freedom of religion have our people had greater need for a return to the teachings of the Master.

God speed you in knowing His will and in spreading His message.
Very sincerely yours, Franklin D. Roosevelt.—From the Voice.

to keep it is to use it. Do we support the church with our presence, our money, our prayers and our service? Those who wish to help build a better world had better take the church into serious consideration, for that condition still only comes about through the efforts of organized Christianity.

In closing let me raise the question again, "What is your life" in your community, your home and your church? We have but one to live and on earth it is short; it is like a vapour that soon vanisheth away. May God help us to live it well and thus leave footprints on the sand of time that will prove an inspiration and a help to generations yet unborn.—H. O. B.

Would you have virtue in the world, establish it yourself. Would you have tenderness, be tender. It is only by acting in the name of that which you deem to be an ideal that its realization is brought to pass.—Theodore Dreiser.

First Methodist Church, DeWitt, Dedicated

The first record that we have of a Methodist Church in Arkansas county dates back to 1818. The hub of the Arkansas circuit was at Arkansas Post and that circuit extended from Arkansas Post to Fort Smith, a distance of three hundred miles. This beginning of Methodism in Arkansas was the year before Arkansas became a territory.

The establishment of the Methodist church in DeWitt was coincidental with the founding of the town of DeWitt. Later DeWitt became a part of the Bayou Meto Circuit, and was served by the Rev. E. N. Watson. In 1858 DeWitt Circuit was organized and T. H. Ware was the first pastor. At a later date, perhaps about 1872, a revival meeting was conducted in the court house of DeWitt by Dr. Andrew Hunter, assisted by Dr. A. R. Winfield, and at this meeting a lawyer by the name of C. C. Godden was converted. That same year, 1872 he united with the Methodist Church and was licensed to preach, joined the Conference and was assigned to the DeWitt Circuit.

There have been three church buildings in DeWitt. The first was located on North Main Street. It was later moved to the present site, and in 1923 the church was destroyed by fire. This was during the pastorate of the Rev. A. B. Barry. After the destruction of the old church plans were inaugurated for a new church building. The building committee was composed of L. A. Black, C. P. Chaney, Dr. C. E. Park, E. B. Gibson, and J. W. Shackelford. Mr. Shackelford was treasurer. 204 people pledged themselves in a financial way for the erection of the building. The building was started under the ministry of A. B. Barry, and was completed under the ministry of S. R. Twitty.

Following is a list of the preachers who have served the community of DeWitt as pastor of

the Methodist Church: Thomas Tennant, E. N. Watson, T. H. Ware, C. C. Godden, Robert Saunders, J. R. Sherwood, G. E. Cameron, J. D. M. Sturgis, F. F. Harold, F. P. Doak, R. R. Moore, A. M. Shaw, J. W. Rogers, B. A. Few, A. B.



REV. H. B. VAUGHT,
Pastor DeWitt Church

Barry, S. R. Twitty, O. E. Holmes, Leland Clegg, R. H. Cannon, A. W. Waddell, J. D. Baker, A. C. Carraway, A. J. Christie, and the present pastor, H. B. Vaught. From the beginning of the Methodist Church in DeWitt there has been a rapid growth in all the departments of the church

work. The pastors have served well in their respective years of service. The church now has a membership of 675.

Since the coming of the Vaughnts to DeWitt last November there has been a marked revival of spirituality, interest and activity. Under the leadership of Bro. Vaught, the Stewards and Board of Trustees began the conference year with a more aggressive and advanced program in church activity. They increased the present pastor's salary. The Benevolences of the church were increased 100%. This has been paid in full. During this year, 60 members have been added to the church roll. The church debt of \$6,500.00 has been paid in full. The church has been repaired and redecorated at a cost of about \$600.00. The church is now completely free of debt, and great plans are now being made for the continuation of the church growth.

The church was dedicated at a special service, Sunday, September 13th, at 11:00 a. m. by Bishop Charles C. Selecman. He was assisted in the service by the following: Rev. Neill Hart, District Superintendent of the Pine Bluff District; the pastor, Rev. H. B. Vaught; Dr. Clem Baker, Executive Secretary of the Board of Education of the Little Rock Conference and Rev. E. T. Wayland, Editor of the Arkansas Methodist. The pastors of the Baptist and Presbyterian churches dismissed their services for the morning and with their people joined in the service. These pastors also assisted in the dedication service.

Brother Vaught is in high favor with his people, who feel that the repair and redecoration of the church, together with the payment of the church debt, is evidence of his unusual powers of leadership and of the readiness of the membership of the church to co-operate with him in his aggressive leadership.

Is Relief Still Needed?

By BISHOP HERBERT WELCH

YES, more than ever! There is more money to give than a year ago. Missionary and benevolent funds in this country and also in England are receiving increased support. The Methodist people share in the enlarged national income and join the upward trend in giving. But while salaries are being raised and debts being paid, we must not forget the neighbor whom we are to love even as ourselves!

That neighbor's needs have not lessened but have grown with the passing months. The area of suffering is expanding, the intensity of suffering is increasing, savings and supplies are exhausted. General Jan Smuts asserts, "There is struggle, pain, and suffering on a scale unknown in history."

The tragic needs of men, women and children whose lives have been blasted by war present a compelling challenge to the Christian Church. The very essence of our Christian gospel is that we should help, even at sacrificial cost. To ignore or slight this need is to be recreated to our God-given responsibility. To render an adequate ministry will be to seize most creatively this situation. We dare not fail to take every occasion to make His love and care most clearly understood by those who suffer.

Take a single, almost trivial, example. From a Methodist hospital in West China comes this word:

"I have felt so bad that we had no fund for the poor as I have always had wherever we have been. Food is so high-priced that it was impossible to take in those who could not afford to pay for it. When Bishop Chen was here on one of his flying trips I told him of this and my hopes to get a fund somehow for this purpose. This week a letter came from the Bishop saying that the Methodist Committee for Overseas Relief had set aside \$5,000, Chinese currency (about \$250 U. S. A.) for our hospital. My, how that did rejoice my heart! We have a beg-

gar boy in the hospital now that we picked up off the street, and we are trying to pull him through. And we have a father and his little son both ill from hook-worm. The father has not been able to work for three months and the little mother has been trying to support the family which has three children. How thankful I am that the relief funds were here so we could help this little family to get on its feet again. Every day sees poor folk—sick and needing medicine—but too poor to buy it. On their slips we now write M. R. F. (Methodist Relief Fund) and they can get what medicine they need, free."

The responsibility for these needy ones rests in a peculiar way upon the Christian Church. We must help our people to recognize that while, as Christian citizens, they have many responsibilities, to the Red Cross and other appeals, the implications of this hour are so critical and of such tremendous importance for the churches that their sacrificial and consecrated help is indispensable to render a truly Christian service of compassion to the victims of war.

For our own sakes we must do it. To deny the impulse of generosity arising from our Christian belief is to throttle our spiritual growth and cause it to shrivel.

For the Church's sake we must do it. The help which we give will keep alive members and leaders of the Church in many lands who would actually perish without our help. The ministry of love and care in the name of our Lord to all, without reference to race, color or creed, is the most creative opportunity that has ever been presented to the Church. To enter wholeheartedly and sacrificially into meeting the needs of suffering mankind will be to convince untold numbers of people that Christianity has a direct bearing upon the future of personal and national relationships in our world. Such witness will be read in many languages and by many peoples who cannot read any book and who may never listen to any sermon.

For the world's sake we must do it—the world that lies by the roadside wounded and dying. Here is a new adventure upon which all may enter with an undivided heart. In this, as a recent popular book put it, "You felt that you were taking part in a Crusade." It was a feeling of consecration to a duty toward all the oppressed of the world. It gave you a part in something that you could believe in wholly and completely, and in which you felt an absolute brotherhood with the others who were engaged in it."

Many have been crying in this present darkness, "Why does not God do something?" Let us rather ask, "Why do not I do something?" We cannot go—most of us—except by proxy, but that proxy is at hand. Dr. Fosdick writes:

"A man's money is an extension of his body, an enlargement of that material, physical equipment through which his spirit works. Money is another pair of legs and lo, it can go where otherwise we could never go, walking, amid the need of China today or ministering in India and the Islands of the sea. Money is another pair of hands and it can carry burdens that our own fingers cannot touch in our community, our nation and around the world. Money is another pair of vocal chords and it can speak where our voice cannot be heard, teaching and preaching where in personal presence we may never go."

"Send us, O God, as Thy messengers, to hearts without a home, to lives without love, to the crowds without a guide. Send us to the children who none have blessed, to the famished whom none have fed, to the sick whom none have visited, to the fallen, whom none have comforted. Kindle Thy flame on the altars of our hearts, that others may be warmed thereby; cause Thy light to shine in our souls, that others may see the way; keep our sympathies and insight ready, our wills keen, our hands quick to help our brothers in their need; for Christ's sake. Amen."

RICHARD PERDUE
President Little Rock Conference
Co-Editor

YOUTH'S PAGE

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President North Arkansas Conference
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Seventeen Arkansas Delegates Attend National Convocation

AS I SAW IT

By Robert Spitze, Berryville

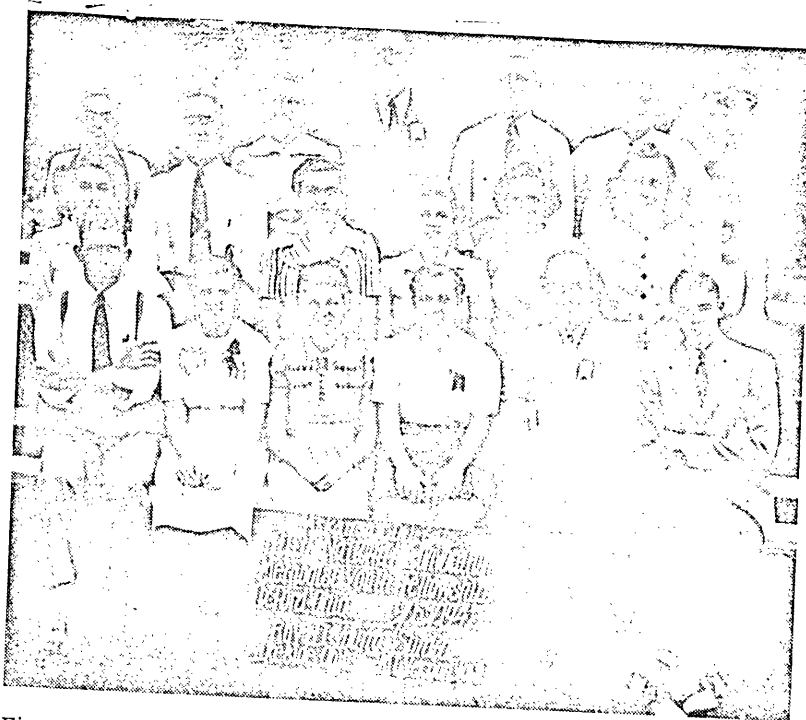
Just as every American is emotionally stirred as our national anthem is played so the hearts of 120 Methodist youth were religiously strengthened as the chords of the great hymn, "God of Grace and God of Glory" were sounded. With this theme hymn written by Harry Emerson Fosdick the four-day session of the First National Convocation of the Methodist Youth Fellowship opened on Tuesday night, September 1, at Oxford, Ohio. Leaving their homes, schools, and various jobs, these young people, representing the Far East, South America, Central America, Mexico and forty-seven states, came long distances to seek a closer communion with God through worship, association and recreation, and return with a clearer vision of God's love and justice "for the living of these days."

My first inspiration of this convocation came in the quietness of the opening worship service. All of the introductions and announcements of a typical convention were dispensed with. Before a candle-light altar a student, a soldier, a negro, a voice of a student in a concentration camp, and a conscientious objector prayed for an inspiration, a Christian's determination and courage, and understanding of other races, and for a vision of world peace during this convocation. After each worship service in the morning and evening, a challenging address was delivered by outstanding church officials, educators and ministers and followed by open forums on topics related to a disciplined Christian life and our Christian faith in our church of today and a new world of tomorrow.

A second inspiration was found through the devotionals held each morning at seven o'clock. I found this half-hour a period of consecration and a time of a renewing of God's guidance for the remainder of the convocation. Closely following this period Dean W. J. Faulkner of Fisk University gave us "resources for the day," or the principles in our Christian faith.

Between these worship services, addresses and periods of meditation, twenty-one commission and interest group were provided for us. One experience of the convocation which shows the spirit of the youth was the laying of \$500 on the altar to be sent to a camp of Japanese young people on the western coast.

A third great inspiration of the convocation was the consecration and communion of the last morning. While soft music was being furnished by the choir and as young people representing all parts of the world were on the stage, a clear, challenging voice said "GO"—go to our friends, to our homes, to our churches and tell the world that Christianity holds the world together—Christians, love and peace. Thus the National Methodist Youth Convocation ended but its influence shall live on and grow in the hearts of 1,200 young people as they return home and face the tasks before them.



First row, left to right: Rev. C. R. Hozendorf of Mena, Betty Jane Martin of Jonesboro, Virginia Devoll of Paragould, Mary Mitchell of Conway, Rev. Ira A. Brumley of Conway, Bascom Raney of Walnut Ridge. Second Row: Miss Maribeth Hughes, state president of the Methodist Student Movement; Richard Perdue, Little Rock Conference Youth President; Margaret Woodsmall of North Little Rock, Glenda Devoll of Walnut Ridge, Hazel Taylor of Fayetteville, Helen Kleine of Goshen. Third Row: Jim Worthem of Magnolia, Marie Adams of Jonesboro, Earle Cravens of Marianna, Robert Spitze of Berryville and Byron Cravens of Marianna.

The Free Voice Of Youth

The youth of Arkansas are grateful for the privilege of sharing, through the medium of their *Youth Page*, many of the great experiences of the delegates attending the National Convocation at Oxford, Ohio, which closed with a beautiful and inspirational consecration service Saturday, September 5th.

Rev. C. Ray Hozendorf, Little Rock Conference Director of Youth Work, writes that "Every minute of the Convocation was filled with inspiration and Christian fellowship. The 1,200 representatives, including nearly 1,000 young people, were enthusiastic in their desire to serve the Master."

Byron Cravens, now a student in the School of Theology at Duke University, was elected one of the National Youth Officers. Byron is well known among the young people of this state. His experience as past president of the North Arkansas Conference Youth Fellowship and his wide acquaintance with youth problems will make him an excellent chairman of the National Commission on Community Service to which he has been elected. To whatever responsibilities Byron calls us in carrying forth the work of this or any commission, let us respond prayerfully, yet eagerly, and in this way manifest our appreciation for his leadership.

Fully realizing the important part Methodist Youth will play in winning the peace and in the reconstruction that must follow, the delegates called upon the Methodist Church "as a Church not to actively support or participate in the war." The delegates furthermore declared that the Church's job today is "to preach, teach and exemplify love and not hate."

Bishop Paul B. Kern, head of the Nashville area, keyed the theme of the Convocation, "For the Living of These Days," by calling upon the youth to help create a Christian Church "not of exclusiveness and color-line discrimination, nor of exalted domes and ornate naves, but a Church of great redemptive purpose that has open doors for people of all colors and classes and having a great human passion for its risen Lord."

In the final session of the Convocation a resolution was adopted which called for the development of Fellowship Groups "for meditation, study and work," whereby the techniques for personal development and social action might be discussed and applied more effectively.

Suggested action leading to total war-time prohibition in our country received the approval of the Convocation Youth.

All in all the Convocation made clear the fact THAT THE METHODIST CHURCH HAS NOT LOST THE FREE VOICE OF YOUTH. MAY METHODISM ALWAYS RETAIN THIS!—H. O. E.

NOT IN NOTEBOOKS BUT IN THE HEARTS

By Richard Perdue

The first thing to say about the First National Convocation of the Methodist Youth Fellowship that met in Oxford, Ohio, is that the Convocation is not yet over. Although in its official extent it was adjourned September 5, its spirit will be kept alive in the reports which will appear soon as a continued series in the *Highroad* and other Methodist publications.

Our Convocation was unique from the standpoint that it brought together on a national scale Methodist youth representing the Youth Division of the local church and the Methodist Student Movement of our college campuses. Both of these working organizations are embraced in the Methodist Youth Fellowship, which, with two million members, is the largest body of Christian young people in the world. One thousand, one hundred thirty-five official delegates representing these two millions met at Oxford to contribute and partake as individuals and move with the collective body to further the Christian cause through the stimulus of youth.

A reassuring and inescapable impression of the Convocation was that its hugeness did not destroy its sensitiveness to its basic endeavor, the strengthening of the M. Y. F. of the local church. Like some gigantic, five-story, thousand-ton cyclotron turning its attention to the atom, the major resolution of the Oxford meeting were concerned with world-wide results, but where did work toward that end begin? It began with personal rededication, revitalization of the local M. Y. F., and reinforcement of the sub-district program.

Our Convocation, speaking for the Methodist young people it represented, went on record as favoring the immediate stoppage of the legal sale of whiskey, at least for the duration of the war, as opposing a domination of the world by any sovereign power after the war, and encouraging the church to follow and minister to its membership wherever it may be—in the armed services, in Civilian Public Service Camps, and in prisons. It resolved to ask the President or the Secretary of State of the U. S. to clarify further our war aims regarding what we are fighting for and not what we are fighting against.

All the official resolutions of this assembled body were recorded, but more important than what the delegates carried away in their notebooks is what they carried away in their hearts. All the inspiration that was transmitted through the personalities of the great leaders of the Methodist Church will shine over all the land. What it must have meant to our leaders to feel the eager and throbbing pulse of America's Methodist Youth saying, "What can we do?" That's what happened at Oxford.



THE CHILDREN'S PAGE

ANNIE WINBURNE, Editor



BOYS AND GIRLS OF OTHER LANDS

PERSEUS, THE SUN PRINCE

By Alice Wetherell

(Adapted from the Greek Myth)

It was early morning in old Greece. A man named Dictys was casting net for fish, when suddenly he saw an object drifting on the waves. He waited till it came a little closer. Then he threw his net again, and drew it in to shore. It was a big brass box. Huddled in the corner was a princess and a tiny babe.

"I never thought to reach shore," wept the princess, hugging the golden curls and white face to her. "Can you shelter my Sun Prince?" For so the baby was called because his hair shone just like sunshine.

"You shall come and live with us. My wife will be a mother to you," said Dictys. "My brother is the king of this island."

So for many years the Sun Prince or Perseus, as it is in Greek, lived with his mother at the home of Dictys, happy and contented.

Now Poydectec, the king, was very different from his brother, Dictys. When he saw Perseus growing up much beloved, with princely manners and courteous to everyone, he took a great dislike to him. Especially it annoyed the king to see how Perseus loved his mother.

It was about this time that Perseus first went to sea. At a strange island, a beautiful woman appeared to him in a light. Her eyes were clear, and seemed to read his very heart.

"Who art thou, mighty Queen?" said Perseus.

"Athene, who has brought you magic shield and helmet and sandals," said the Queen.

"Pluto's helmet will make you invisible whenever you desire," she continued. "Mercury's sandals will allow you to fly. And my own helmet will let you see all things even when your face is covered."

"Tell me how to use them, magic Queen," said Perseus.

"First go home to your mother. Only the dutiful son shall know the use of magic."

So Perseus hurried home to find his mother a slave in the king's palace. However, the king was frightened by the look of power in Perseus' eye, and let him take his mother back to Dictys' house again.

Just after this the king invited Perseus to a banquet with many wealthy men. Perseus had no money to bring a gift as all the other guests did for the king. And so the king's guests taunted him. Turning to the king, poor Perseus said:

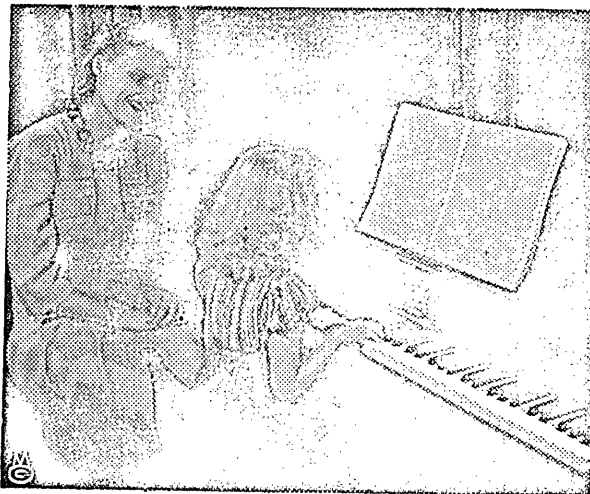
"I have no money, but anything that I may have to travel far to bring, I will gladly get for you, if it costs money."

The king, disliking Perseus still, sent him on a dangerous trip where he was sure he would be killed. And Perseus, having promised, bravely set forth on the journey with the magic helmet, shield and sandals.

"Will you look after mother while I'm gone?" he said to Dictys, as he was setting out.

Dictys promised.

"Will you look after mother while



Music Lesson Time

When music lesson time comes 'round
And Betty has practiced each day,
She's happy and proud and her teacher is glad,
She now will be able to play
Her scales and her studies in accurate time,
Daddy loves the new piece she is learning,
She has worked so hard and studied so long
And then besides she is earning
Some real happiness to store up for the years
Joy is found in creating each day
And music brings pleasure and joy to each one
Which cannot be taken away.—A. E. W.

JUST FOR FUN

Boss: "The boy who gets this job must be fast."

Sambo: "Mistah, Ah is so fast Ah can drink wotah out of a sieve!"—Selected.

* * *

A small boy returned home from school and told his father he was now second in his class. The top place was held by a girl.

"But surely, John," said the father, "you're not going to be beaten by a mere girl?"

"Well, you see, father," explained

"I'm gone?" Perseus asked Athene.

Not until she had promised to, was the youth satisfied to go upon his dangerous journey.

With all the dangers, the story ends quite happily. Because Perseus had been a dutiful son, Athene had told him exactly how to use her magic gifts. And before many months the boy who loved his mother came back safely again to her and cared for her as well as he knew how. And with the new power that he won for his good deeds, Perseus was able to put the cruel king off the throne, and make Dictys king instead.—Presbyterian Advocate.

John, "girls are not nearly so mere as they used to be."—Independent Forester.

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Mr. Bronson died very suddenly and an important business letter was left unmailed.

Before sending it off, his secretary, who had a passion for explanatory detail, added the following postscript below Mr. Bronson's signature:

"Since writing the above I have died."

* * *

Teacher: "What became of that kitten you had?"

Pupil (in surprise): "Why, don't you know?"

"I haven't heard a word; was she poisoned?"

"No'm."

"Drowned?"

"No'm."

"Stolen?"

"No'm."

"Hurt in any way?"

"No'm. She growed into a cat."—Presbyterian Advance.

A LITTLE MIXUP

The little verses, "A Secret," in last week's issue were mixed up as they were arranged on the page. Verse number two should have been verse number one, which makes a difference in the reading.—A. E. W.

A PRAYER FOR PARENTS

Our Father, we thank Thee for little children born into our homes and bringing with them gladness and joy. We pray Thy divine blessing upon them. Grant to their fathers and mothers not only the wisdom to teach them Thy ways but also to set them an example of Christian living. May their tiny feet be turned toward the way of Christ. May they learn His spirit. May they learn to love and serve Him. And as Jesus in Nazareth increased in wisdom and stature and in favor with God and man, so may they try to be like Him. In His name we pray. Amen.—Ryland Knight in Christian Index.

IN STORYLAND

BUDDY VISITS THE BABY CHICKS

By Edith Brandis

Buddy Sandusky lives with his father and mother near a chicken hatchery. One day his mother took him to see it. While they were there Buddy watched Mr. Smith fill the upper room of the big incubator with beautiful brown eggs.

On the way home, he said, "Mother, an incubator is a little house with an upstairs room and a downstairs room. The upstairs room keeps the eggs warm like an old hen until they hatch. Please, what is the downstairs room for?"

His mother said, "Buddy, when the chickens come out of their shells, Mr. Smith will let you see for yourself."

"How soon will they come out?"

"It takes three weeks for baby chicks to hatch. Would you like to keep count of the days?"

"Oh, yes, Mother!"

When they reached home his mother took a big sheet of paper and drew squares on it with a black crayola. Every day Buddy took a crayola and made a big cross in a square. Then he went up to the hatchery and watched Mr. Smith work. Once Buddy saw him turn the eggs over. Another day he saw him sprinkle the eggs with a little warm water.

The days went by. When Buddy had 19 squares filled with crosses, he asked, "Will the chickens hatch tomorrow?"

"No," said mother, "the day after tomorrow. I will go with you to see them."

When they went to the hatchery his mother walked but Buddy ran all the way. He could hardly wait another minute to see the chicks hatch.

Mr. Smith put Buddy on a stool and said, "Watch that brown egg there. Soon it will give a little jerk!"

Buddy sat as still as a mouse and watched. The egg jerked. A little broken spot appeared in the shell. Another little jerk. Another broken spot. Soon Buddy realized that he was seeing something pick a row of little holes right straight around the middle of the shell.

Buddy was so excited he could not talk. He could only make little sounds of delight. He whispered to himself, "It is the little chicken—all finished—trying to get out."

When the row of holes was done the chick began to push. It heaved and it pushed and the shell began to break. Buddy almost forgot to breathe.

The little chick heaved and pushed many times. The eggshell broke in two. The chicken struggled. The two halves of the eggshell fell away. He was out.

The chicken was not pretty and fluffy. He was wet and ugly. He rested a minute or two. Then his neck began to straighten. His legs began to stretch out. He stood up on two wobbly feet. He held up his head. He staggered toward the light at the front of the upper room.

He slid down through a slit into
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* You'd Like Stuttgart — "The Rice City" *

Last Sunday, September 13, was a great day for the First Methodist Church in Stuttgart, since it marked the end of a long struggle with troublesome church debt, which, under the leadership of Rev. Van W. Harrell, the pastor, has been paid in

Stuttgart. The secondary schools in this progressive center are of the finest order and their graduates are prepared to enter colleges and universities anywhere in the nation. The organization of the school system, in its board and faculty, is all

gart before making a final decision.

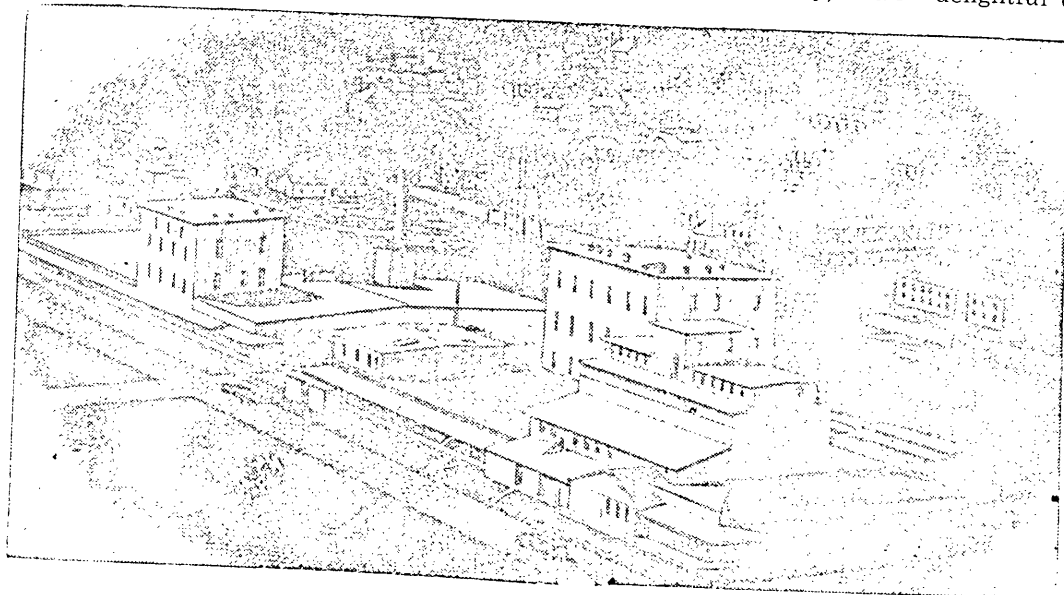
If you like a city with civic pride you would like Stuttgart. Its many organizations, besides the churches and schools, which have as their primary purpose the building of a delightful community life are indi-

social, educational and business center.

If you have sporting blood in your veins, you would like Stuttgart. In season duck hunters gather here from the four points of the compass. If you have never seen a heavy flight of ducks, you should be on one of the many lakes about Stuttgart when a flight is on. At such a time it would be necessary for one to be familiar with the heavier flights of blackbirds, for the statement, "thick as blackbirds," to have any real descriptive meaning.

At such times the skies above the reservoirs are literally speckled with the thousands of ducks in flight as they circle for lighting. The rest lakes, at such times, are practically covered with ducks at rest. If you like duck hunting, you would like Stuttgart.

If you are interested in National Defense, you would like Stuttgart. The national government has chosen this center as the place for the location of one of its larger airports. The project is now under construction a few miles outside of the city. The contour of the land, and the area about the port seem to make this an ideal location for such a project. Five hundred cadet fliers can be in training at one time here. These with the attendant ground crew and others in training here



A TYPICAL RICE MILL—STUTTGART

full. The climax of weeks and months of planning came with the meetings Sunday evening. At six o'clock the ladies of the church served dinner for the Board of Stewards and visiting ministers, honoring Bishop Charles C. Selcman, who was present for the dedication of the church at the evening hour. Other visitors at the dinner, besides Bishop Selcman, were Rev. Neill Hart, District Superintendent of the Pine Bluff District; Dr. Clem Baker, executive secretary of the Board of Education of the Little Rock Conference and Rev. E. T. Wayland, editor of the Arkansas Methodist. Dr. James Thomas, superintendent of the Methodist Orphanage; and Rev. O. L. Cole, pastor of Gardner Memorial Methodist Church also were visitors in the service of dedication which followed. At this service Bishop Selcman preached and dedicated the church. This dedicatory service was unique in that it was the second of two splendid Methodist churches to be dedicated in Stuttgart this year, Grand Avenue Methodist Church having been dedicated earlier in the year. If you are a church man or woman, you would like Stuttgart because of the splendid opportunities offered church people in these two churches and by several churches of other denominations.

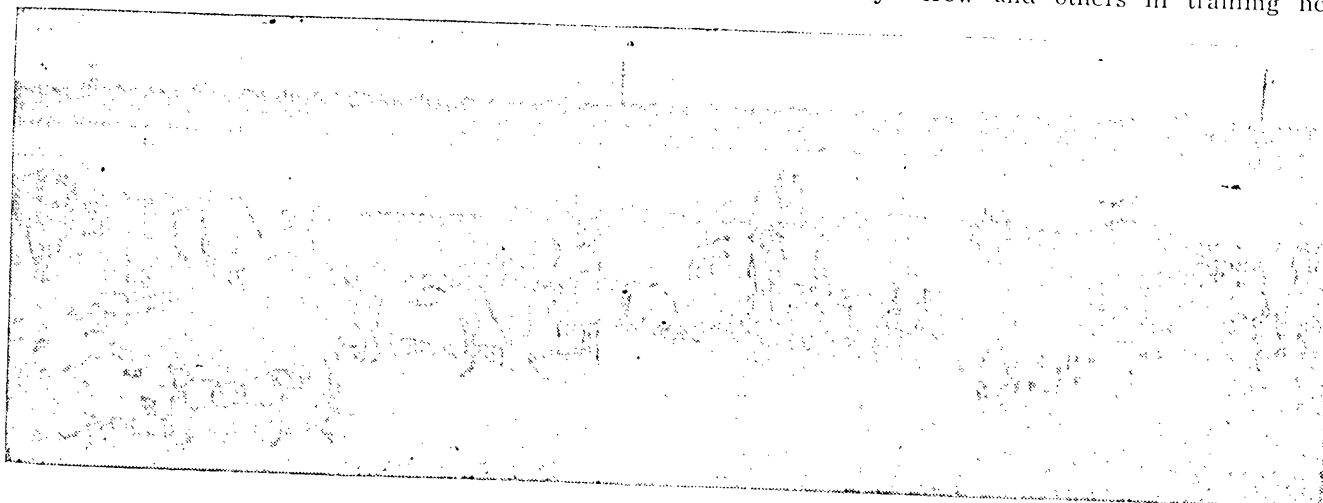
If you are interested in growing rice you would like Stuttgart. If you did not go there to grow the rice, you would want to go there to learn how to grow it. Rice growing and rice milling is a major industry in this rice center. The thousands of acres of rice about the city in shocks or growing grain is a sight that one interested would go far to see. This abundant crop of rice is milled in Stuttgart by three rice mills, modern in every respect: The Arkansas Rice Growers Co-operative Mill, the Walton Rice Mill and the Arkansas State Rice Mill. In the present world crisis food is to play a major part in the final results of the mammoth struggle. Stuttgart deserves a high tribute from suffering humanity for the part it is playing in feeding the world in such an hour as the present.

If you are interested in educational opportunities, you would like

that could be desired. Its equipment is modern and adequate.

Anyone looking for unusual business opportunities would like Stuttgart. The rice industry, the cattle

civic clubs, the Rotary Club and the Lions Club furnish opportunity for a wholesome fellowship among the men of the city and furnish an avenue also for the promotion of many



WHITE FACED CATTLE—STUTTGART

industry, the general farming interests, its railroads, its reputation as the duck shooting center of the nation, these and other contributing factors make it a business center that is attractive to any wide-awake business man.

If you are interested in farming, you would like the farming territory lying about Stuttgart, and you would like Stuttgart as a trading center. A variety of products, corn, cotton, fruit and grain can be grown on the wide expanse of tillable land about the city. The land lies such as that modern farming machinery can be used in the production of crops, and the transportation facilities are such as these crops can be put on the market.

Cattlemen interested in the growing of beef cattle would like Stuttgart, where the industry of cattle growing is developing rapidly. The pasture land on the wide stretches of the prairie in this area are more and more being used in this rather new industry. There the climate for growing cattle is neither too hot nor too cold and the wild grasses of the prairies furnish ideal grazing for this very profitable industry. Anyone contemplating the purchase of acreage for a cattle ranch should investigate the situation at Stutt-

interests which have to do with making a town attractive to the eye and to the heart. The Fine Arts Club, the Garden Club and the Boys and Girls Clubs each in its place adds to the sum total of interests which make Stuttgart a religious,

will make this a center of about five thousand service men.

You are invited to make Stuttgart your home and enjoy the many advantages it offers. You are also invited to visit Stuttgart and enjoy the hospitality of its people.

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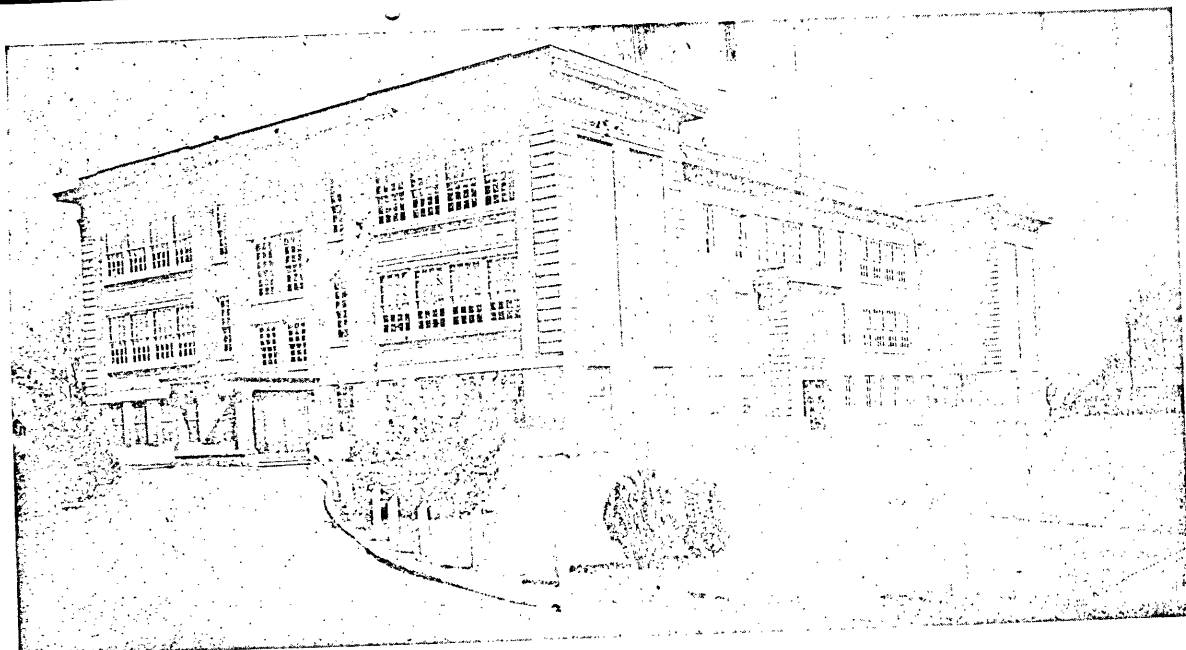
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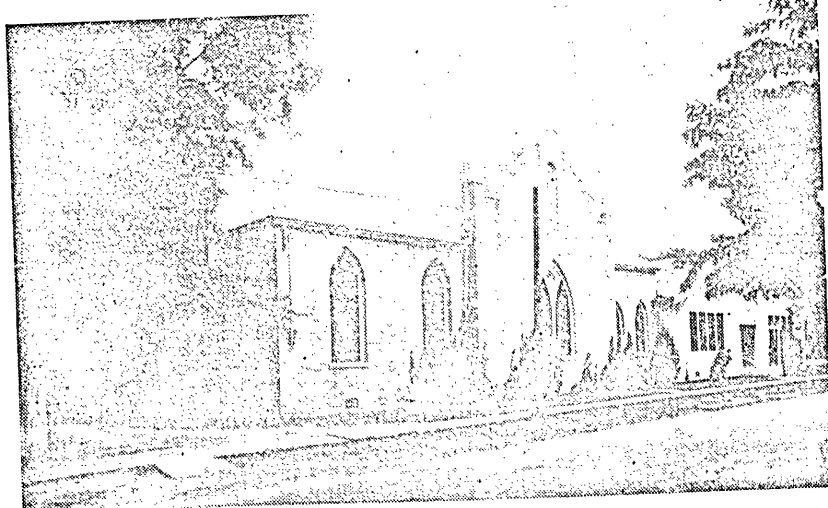
Stuttgart is a city of splendid schools and unusual educational opportunities. It has two modern school buildings and a gymnasium. The High School is a member of the North Central Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools. H. H. Haley is the progressive Superintendent of the school system. Stuttgart has a school system of recognized efficiency.

DEDICATION

First Methodist Church

The First Methodist Church, in Stuttgart, was organized in 1887, under the leadership of Rev. R. W. McKay. The present building stands on the lot where the original church was erected. Many of the leading ministers of the Little Rock Conference have served this church as pastor. First Church has had a long and distinguished career and has for years been one of the leading appointments of the Little Rock Conference.

Perhaps the outstanding achievement of this church has been the gift to Methodism and the Christian world of a great leader, Bishop Ivan Lee Holt.



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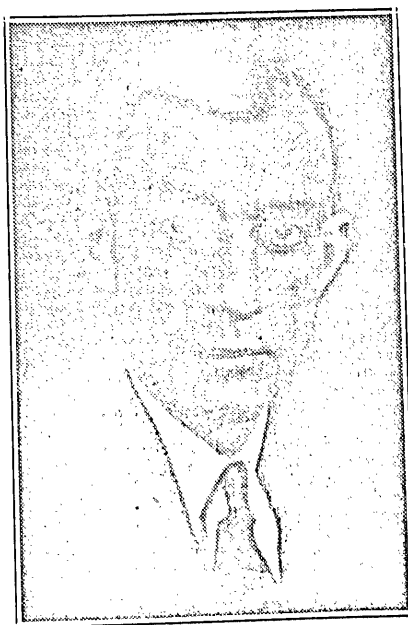
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This "Rice City" is the "Duke's Paradise of America."

The Government has under construction now a large Airport which will accommodate five thousand Soldiers, including five Flier Cadets.

In 1940 First Church owed to the Board of Church Extension approximately \$5,000. This was paid in full this year. Extensive repairs and improvements have been made on the Educational Building and the auditorium. The present church plant, with its modern equipment, meets all requirements of its members and constituents.

The church was dedicated, by Bishop Charles C. Lindsey, Sunday, September 13, 1942. R. J. Lindsey is Chairman of the Board of Stewards. Dr. M. C. John is Chairman of Trustees.

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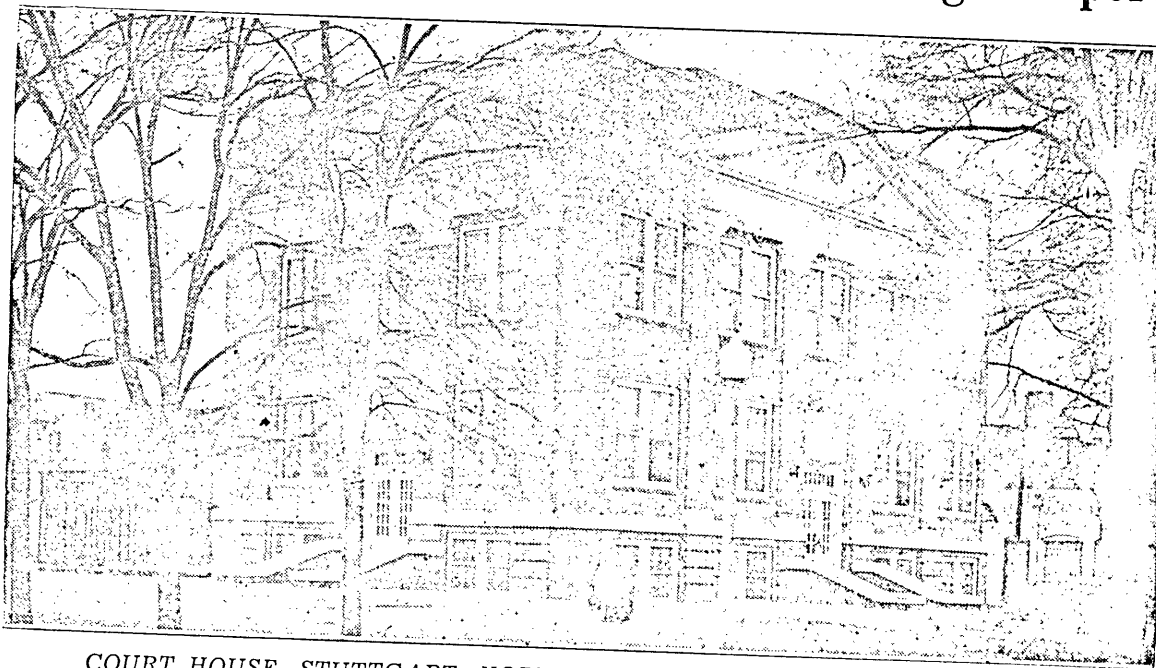
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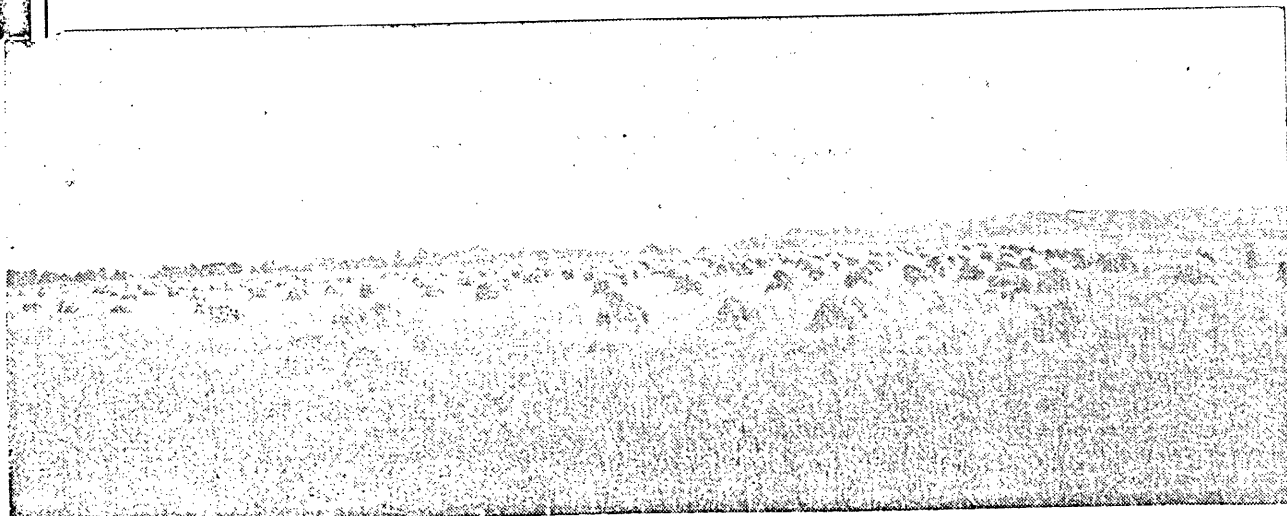
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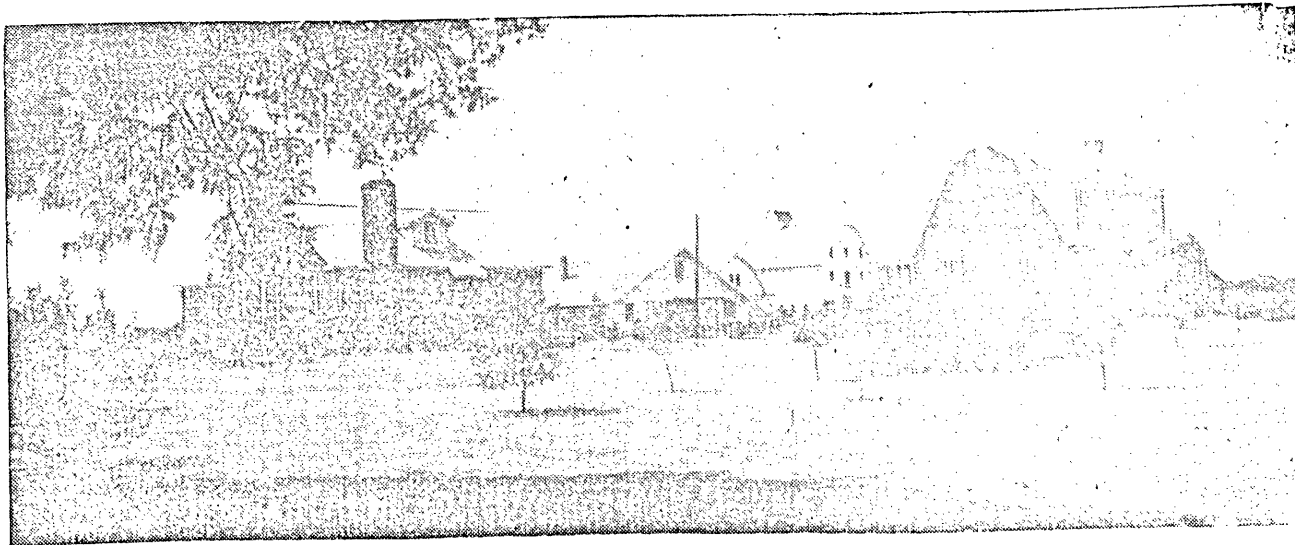
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MRS. SUE M. WAYLAND, Editor

SERVING THE FIRST AMERICANS

By Mark A. Dawber

Twenty-three years ago, a program of religious education was launched in a number of important government Indian schools in the United States. The program was initiated by several denominations cooperating through the Home Missions Council of North America.

Phoenix, Arizona; Sherman Institute in California; Chemawa in Oregon; Haskell in Kansas; Chilcoco, Oklahoma; Flandreau in South Dakota; and Albuquerque in New Mexico are centers in which this religious work is carried on today.

This interdenominational ministry has far-reaching possibilities. By it we are able to reach young people of every type of Indian culture from the most primitive to those that have been almost merged in the white civilization. They represent a large proportion of Indian tribes and offer a unique opportunity to reach the American Indian with the Christian faith. The emphasis on Christianity without denominational bias is exceedingly important in the training of young Indians for Christian leadership.

The ministry of our religious work directors is not confined to the classroom but extends to the campus in a social and recreational program. This includes entertaining the students in the home of the directors or in the community house. The directors also reach out into the territory from which the students come, visiting in their homes in the vacation period, helping former students to adjust themselves to new tasks and new relationships when they have finished school. Many inspiring reports come to us of the fine record being made by the Indian students who have been touched by this interdenominational ministry in the government schools.

A contribution is also effected in the general field of Indian life. The National Fellowship of Indian Workers and the regional conferences of Indian workers are making it possible for the Indian missionaries of all the denominations to come together once a year for fellowship, instruction and inspiration. These contacts with each other are building a bridge over denominational chasms that will mean much to the future of Indian Christian service. As part of this field service a number of important surveys are being conducted.

SWISS CARE FOR HUNGRY CHILDREN

The number of French children being cared for in Switzerland is steadily increasing. Relays of hundreds of children pass through Geneva regularly to be distributed in various parts of the country for periods of rest with proper food and care. For example, 1,000 children from occupied France were received in Geneva on June 11, and 1,000 from the unoccupied zone on June 17. Large numbers of people in Switzerland are also "adopting" children in France by good contributions to their upkeep through the International Save the Children Union. Switzerland's effort should be supported by that of other countries.—Christian Century.

Hereby perceive we the love of God, because he laid down his life for us; and we ought to lay down our lives for the brethren.
I John 3:16.



In the Cross of Christ I Glory

In the Cross of Christ I glory,
Towering o'er the wrecks of time
All the light of sacred story,
Gathers round its head sublime.

Bane and blessing, pain and pleasure,
By the cross are sanctified;
Peace is there, that knows no measure,
Joys that thro' all time abide.

JOHN BOWRING.

Last Call From Supply Department

Your contribution to this department for this quarter goes to foreign work. (A card notifying you was sent the first of July) and must be sent to Mrs. Allen Gannaway, 1412 Wilson street, Arkadelphia, by the last of this month.

Send your report to me promptly, that I, in turn, may send mine on time and in full.

Let us not forget this important phase of our work. Your interest and cooperation will be greatly appreciated. Yours in His service.—Mrs. Watson Jopling, Secretary of Supplies.

WHAT HAVE WE DONE WITH THEM?

"What have we done with the new members who have come into the W. S. C. S.?" asked Mrs. Helen B. Bourne, secretary of education and cultivation, Woman's Division of Christian Service, during a conference hour at Lake Junaluska on July 31. "We feel," continued she, "that we have something to give them. Have we given it? We have failed to give them the information, the vision and the missionary spirit which would result in more cheerful and generous giving. We have to be patient and challenging with the women who haven't had the vision that we have, in order that they may see the vision of sacrificial giving for the cause of missions. Because a total feeling of unity has not been felt in all groups that places a greater responsibility upon those groups who do have the complete feeling of unity in interpreting the spirit of unity. We of the southern area of the church should give to those others something of the spirit of unity. We know and love and pray and are unafraid. We know we have something. What are we doing to give it to the person who does not have it?"

For all who lead us in public prayer we ask thy special grace, that they, using the poor instruments of words, speaking out of the limited experience of their little lives, may yet prove to be the ministers of God to our souls, lifting us for a moment into the world supernatural and inspiring us anew to faith and courage and kindness.—Robert Freeman.

One should never be ashamed to own that he has been in the wrong. Which is but saying in other words that he is wiser today than he was yesterday.—Pope.

ANNIVERSARY MEETING AT EUREKA SPRINGS

Eureka Springs Methodist church ladies celebrated the second anniversary of the organization of the Woman's Society of Christian Service September 2. This date seemed necessary because of the resignation of the president, Mrs. Geo. Fentem, who is leaving town.

Mrs. Ray Seals, wife of the pastor, is the newly elected president, and presided at this anniversary meeting. The corresponding secretary, Mrs. Eagle Thomas, had charge of the program. She gave a report of the two years' work done in the society, which was most gratifying to the members and the guest of the afternoon.

Mrs. G. G. Davidson, the guest speaker for the afternoon and a charter member of our society, whose husband was pastor when our society was organized, complimented the ladies on their good report.

Mrs. Fentem, the retiring president, thanked the Eureka Springs churches, first for Life Membership pin; also Mrs. S. B. Gilmore for the \$100 given to missions in her honor, which makes possible the wearing of this beautiful diamond set Life Membership pin.

Miss Clara Bushman presided at the piano and the audience sang the old hymns so dear to Methodism.

The social hour following the program was enjoyed by all the society and members of other churches. Refreshments were served at a beautifully decorated table.—Annie House.

If you meet opposition it may indicate that you are doing something that counts. In digging his wells Isaac had no opposition from the Philistines until he struck water.—Virginia Methodist Advocate.

EDUCATIONAL SEMINAR AT MIDLAND HEIGHTS

The Educational Seminar of the W. S. C. S. opened at ten o'clock at Midland Heights church, Ft. Smith, with one hundred present. Meeting opened with song, "Holy, Holy, Holy." Devotional by Bro. J. J. Decker. Solo, "My Task," by Mrs. Lucile Banther.

Mrs. J. B. Randolph introduced Mrs. Alfred Knox, Conference chairman of Missionary Education, who gave a most interesting and instructive talk on Missionary Education and the work of W. S. C. S.

Mrs. Bacon gave a talk explaining the emergency gift.

Mrs. Randolph reported that the quota for ten Baby Life members had not been reached.

Mesdames Thompson, Dyer and Amerine were selected to nominate a chairman for Zone 1.

Mrs. Knox discussed the fall study course and courses for next year.

"Latin American Missions" course was introduced in a skit given by Mrs. Lester and ladies from Goddard Memorial church.

Mesdames McConnell, Evans and Halliburton were appointed court-cy committee.

Meeting adjourned for lunch.

Afternoon session opened at one o'clock with song, "Faith Of Our Fathers," followed with prayer by Rev. W. R. Dalton. In the absence of Chaplain Kelley, Rev. W. V. Womack led the devotional.

Mrs. Rollwage and ladies from First Church introduced the study course on "International Relations For World Peace."

Mrs. Bacon reported collection of \$6.38. The money was divided among Zones 1, 2 and 3 to be used on Baby Life memberships.

The nominating committee nominated Mrs. Lawrence Dyer from Grand Avenue church for chairman Zone 1 and she was unanimously elected.

Mrs. Tolleson introduced the course on Bible study.

It was voted that the next District meeting be held jointly with the pastors' meeting.—Mrs. Hugh Harmon, Acting Secretary.

WE MUST BE READY

Do you know that we must be ready to re-enter Japan, Korea, Occupied China, the Philippines, Malaysia, Burma, our European fields, the minute the war is over? If we have to wait to raise money, then we shall lose months, maybe years, and our nationals who are carrying on now under pressure that we can only dimly guess would be justified in feeling that we did not really care enough to stay by them. Nobody knows what kind of work we shall be able to do in that good day that is coming, but no Christian can doubt that it will be a larger, more effective work than we have ever done. That will take money, much money. We should not have to surrender a single dollar of the appropriations written in our books for those suffering countries, what we ought to do is to increase these appropriations right now, and so to build up a really strong reserve against that day of great need and unthinkable opportunity.—From a Missionary News Letter.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

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

LITTLE ROCK CONFERENCE NOTES

By Clem Baker

Brotherhood Meetings

The Executive Secretary of the Little Rock Conference had the high privilege of meeting with the district superintendent and preachers of the Monticello and Arkadelphia Districts last week and presenting "The Educational Advance." In each district we were gratified to find the interest running high and that a number of churches have already made splendid plans for this campaign.

The Monticello District Brotherhood met Tuesday at Dermott with Rev. Arthur Terry presiding. This district has a splendid report along all lines and reports all finances in full and already has an excellent record on additions both by profession of faith and by letter. Brother Terry is proving his worth as a district superintendent.

The Arkadelphia District Brotherhood met at First Church, Malvern with Rev. J. E. Cooper presiding. This district will pay everything in full and will have an overpayment on benevolences and preachers' salaries. Brother Cooper is deservedly popular on this district and the preachers presented a resolution requesting the Bishop to return him to this district for the next four years. This makes four districts in which we have met the preachers this month and at each meeting we have been encouraged over the prospects of the campaign to reach the unreached people for our Church Schools.

Conference Youth Cabinet Meets

A quarterly meeting of the Little Rock Conference Youth Cabinet met

THE SUPERINTENDENT'S CORNER

By CLEM BAKER

"DON'T MISS THE BOAT"

The term "missing the boat" is a slang expression applied to any one expecting to do something but putting it off until it is too late. In regard to the Education Advance we trust that it may not be said about any of our superintendents that "they missed the boat." This boat is standing in the docks all steamed up and ready to go. Our Bishop and all our District Superintendents are on deck. Our pastors are urging our people to get aboard. The sailing date is Sunday, September 27th. Much preparation must be made in advance of this date. We know that each superintendent in the Conference plans to get into this campaign. Again we urge that no superintendent wait until the boat sails and leaves him behind. We have never had such an opportunity to increase our Church School enrollment. Brother Superintendent "don't miss the boat."

at Little Rock last Friday night with fifteen members in attendance. Richard Perdue, our new president, presided and Dorothy Bowers, our new secretary kept the records. Richard gave an interesting account of the Methodist Youth Convocation held in Ohio last week. A number of interesting items of business were attended to. Among other things it was decided to issue a monthly news bulletin to be edited by our president and sent to all Conference, District and Sub-district officers. Reports on Mission pledges were encouraging. Our treasurer reported that \$802.01 had been sent to the National Treasurer of the Methodist Youth Fund and that more than \$100.00 taken in at the Assemblies has been sent to China Relief. The Cabinet gave careful attention to the Education Advance and each member pledged to give

it all the emphasis possible among the young people of our Conference. The next meeting of the cabinet will be held in December.

Rally Day and Installation Service

Rally Day will be observed throughout the Little Rock Conference on Sunday, September 27. An effort should be made to bring out the largest attendance we have ever had in our Church Schools for that day. As a part of the program for that day, our Church School officers and teachers will be installed. This installation service should be made a great occasion and the high hour of consecration, as well as the time for giving special emphasis to the Church School work and the services of volunteer workers. It should also be made an occasion for pledging the support and cooperation from the homes and the member-

ship of the church as a whole.

Some suggestions for the installation service may be found in the Church School publications and a splendid leaflet may be had from the Publishing House, 1910 Main Street, Dallas, Texas, for five cents.

Christian Education Week

Again we want to call attention to Christian Education Week which is being observed September 27-October 4 in the local churches of forty denominations. In the Little Rock Conference we are putting special emphasis during this observance upon the Christian Education Advance but in addition to the Advance this should also be an occasion for developing a new consciousness of the importance of Christian Education in the home and in the community, as well as in the Church Schools. It is hoped that a full week's program will be worked out and that during the week each home will be visited by the Church School workers. These home contacts will do much to interest the parents and bring out larger attendance at the Church School hour. Splendid helps for the observance of this week can be found in the "Church School," "The Christian Home," "Childhood Guidance for Christian Living."

A special leaflet entitled "Christian Education Week" was mailed to each pastor and each superintendent in the Conference. Possibly no school will be able to carry out all suggestions contained in this leaflet but certainly each pastor and each superintendent will find many helpful suggestions in planning their program. Let us make this a great week for the life of our churches and the interest of our Church Schools throughout the Conference.

VALUE OF AN ENEMY

Always keep an enemy on hand, a brisk, hearty, active enemy. Having one is proof that you are somebody. Wishy-washy, empty, worthless people never have enemies. Men who never move, never run against anything; and when a man is thoroughly dead and utterly buried nothing ever runs against him. To be run against is proof of existence and position; to run against something is proof of motion.

An enemy is, to say the least, not partial to you. He will not flatter. He will not exaggerate your virtues. It is very probable that he will slightly magnify your faults. The benefit of that is twofold. It permits you to know that you have faults and are, therefore, not an angel; and it makes them of such size as to be visible and manageable. Of course, if you have a fault, you desire to know it, and when you become aware of it, you desire to correct it. Your enemy does for you this valuable work which your friends cannot perform.

In addition, your enemy keeps you wide awake. He does not let you sleep at your post. He keeps your faculties on the alert, puts you in such a state of mind that you cannot tell what he will do next. He is a detective. Through his ex-

pert agency you soon discover who are your true friends, who are your enemies, and who occupy a neutral ground. The next best thing to having a hundred real friends is to have one open enemy.—Selected.

BUDDY VISITS THE BABY CHICKS

(Continued from Page Six)

the lower room. He was the first chick to get out of his shell.

Buddy watched him get dry and fluffy. He saw what bright eyes he had. He saw his beautiful Rhode Island Red color. He saw him stand up and walk around.

Other chickens came dropping down into the warm little room.

Buddy said, "Mother, I have seen a baby chick break out of his shell. I have seen him drop down into the lower room. And now I know what the lower room is for. It is where the chickens get warm and dry and fluffy. It is where they walk around and take their exercise."

"You are right, Buddy."

"Mother, I think it is wonderful to see baby chickens hatch."

"So do I, Buddy."

Then they went home.

(Issued by the National Kindergarten Association, 8 West 40th Street, New York City).

INTEGRITY

Many things are necessary to a good house—good walls, good floors, good roof, and the workmanship must be of a high order. Many new inventions add to convenience and beauty. But know that fundamental to this house is its foundation. If there is here only wood, hay or stubble the superstructure, however excellent, will avail nothing.

There are many charms and graces which go well with a profession of religion. Let us have them all. But remember that as the homely foundation is fundamental to the house, so character is fundamental to Christian life.

In the parable of the talents the "well done" was spoken not to the brilliant, or the influential, or the graceful, or the gifted, but to the "good and faithful servant."

Lord, if we cannot be much else that we would like to be, help us still to be this.—The Free Methodist.

Every great and commanding movement in the annals of the world's history is the triumph of some enthusiast.—Emerson.

If you have a thing in mind, it is not long before you have it in hand.—John Burroughs.

THE CHRISTIAN

When one has found a man who is gentle in speech, cheerful in manner, tolerant in judgment; a man who lives uprightly and unselfishly, loving deeds more than creeds and friendship more than favor; a man who gives without thought of return, being wronged is ready to forgive, and being misunderstood still keeps his faith; a kindly man of wholesome thoughts, uplifting spirit and a resolute purpose to do the will of God; mark him well—that man is a Christian!—Alfred Grant Walton.

Jesus did not argue that God answers prayer—he prayed, sometimes all night, and in the morning "the power of the Lord was present to heal."—E. Stanley Jones.

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A. J. SHIREY, Editor

IGNORANCE IN AMERICA

We in the United States of America have been unduly proud of our mental ability. We boast of great inventions, system of public school reaching all the way from the first grade to the highest degree that can be bestowed by our great Universities, public libraries all over our land, daily newspapers, magazines, and radio to disseminate news of the world to every man's door; but in spite of all these things we still have a great amount of ignorance in our midst; ignorance that is a blot on our national development.

A few days ago figures released by Dr. John W. Studebaker, Director of the U. S. Office of Education, show that thus far in the operation of the Selective Service Act, 433,000 men have been deferred from military duty because of inability to pass the Army's literacy requirements (which are very meager.) Of this group it is estimated that at least 250,000 were physically fit for duty and were, with the exception of unfitness due to illiteracy, entitled to have been classified as 1-A men.

This 250,000 men is the equivalent of 15 divisions. Think of it—15 divisions lost through ignorance. There is something sadly wrong with our educational system when it is possible for 250,000 young men to grow up to perfect physical maturity without enough education to be able to so much as read or write their own names. It looks as though such a thing would be impossible, yet there is the evidence staring us in the face. It does no good to deny the truth. There it stands, in an hour of national peril, it is an alarming bit of truth. FIFTEEN DIVISIONS LOST THROUGH IGNORANCE, KNOWN AS "ILLITERACY"! That is bad.

Ignorance At Its Worst

Yes, it is bad that enough young men, strong and able-bodied, to form 15 divisions of much needed troops are too ignorant to be of value in our nation's defense. But that is as nothing compared to the SPIRITUAL ILLITERACY OF OUR PEOPLE.

Figures compiled by the committee representing the principal Protestant Churches of America in the great nation-wide CHURCH SCHOOL ADVANCE MOVEMENT show that of the children of school age in our country, seventeen million (17,000,000) are spiritually illiterate, that is, they know nothing about God, Jesus Christ, Christianity or the Church. Back of these 17,000,000 children are forty million (40,000,000) adults in exactly the same condition—SPIRITUALLY ILLITERATE.

SPIRITUAL ILLITERACY IS MORE DANGEROUS THAN CULTURAL ILLITERACY. Cultural illiteracy might be likened to a festering sore on the body of our nation. Spiritual illiteracy is the mark of death. Fifty-seven million spiritual illiterates within our nation is so large a group that it can easily hold back the march of progress to better things in the life of our country. They act as dead weight and brakes to hold back any program of national betterment that depends upon spiritual awareness.

In a day when the keenest minds of the world are saying, "Nothing better than the world now knows

can be brought forth until we have more Christ-minded people with which to perform the task." What a tragedy it is that here in the United States of America we have 57,000,000 SPIRITUAL NIT-WITS!

The Church Has a Task

If the Church is to effectively lead in the quest for a better world, her first task is to reach and win for Christ the 57,000,000 spiritual illiterates within our own borders. These 57,000,000 Christ-dishonoring, Christ-disowning Americans are a greater menace to the health and welfare of this country than the 200,000,000 people who make up the population of the Axis nations. It is what is done about this fifty-seven millions of native-born American citizens that will eventually determine the fate of this nation.

A GREAT GENERAL TESTIFIES

Sometime ago LIFE magazine carried a special number commemorating the Island of Malta—the most bombed spot on the face of the earth. Many interesting facts were brought out in the pictures and articles published at that time. The world will have to wait till the end of this war to know the epic of Malta in all its fullness. The man most responsible for the gallant way in which Malta has withstood everything the Axis powers could throw at it, and still keep its head up, is General W. G. S. Dobbie. He has inspired the natives of the island, as well as his troops, by the serenity of his life. No storm of bombs, no threat of death shakes his courage or faith in the least. The source of his strength is revealed in a recent testimony of his, published in a British dominion newspaper:

"I gladly give my testimony to the saving and keeping power of God in Christ. I came to know Him as my Saviour forty-seven years ago, and all through my military service to the present day He has been my Saviour and my Lord.

"Although I have often been unfaithful to Him, yet He has never been unfaithful to me, nor has He let me down. I have always been sensible of the fact that my sins, which were forgiven me when I first accepted Him as my Saviour, were blotted out once for all, and that in spite of my failures, I have become a new creature in Christ Jesus. That realization has given me a profound peace which none of the circumstances of Army life in peace or war have been able to disturb.

"I should like also to testify that to serve God and to follow Him is a very real and practical thing in the Army. The help that He gives is also real and practical, as I have proved times without number. I have made it a habit to bring all my problems to Him, both great and small, both professional and private, and I can testify that the help He gives is certain and convincing.

"I have known Him now for forty-seven years, and I could not face life without Him. They little know who do not trust Him what they are missing. It is no small thing to know all the past has been forgiven, that help from the hands of Almighty God is available for the present, and that the whole future

for eternity is assured. I am not presumptuous when I say I know that, because it has all been given unto me by His grace—apart from my own deserts. I commend such a Saviour to all."—NOW, May 29, 1942.

IRRESPONSIBLE ADULTS

One of the most distressing problems facing the city of Little Rock today is the problem of juvenile delinquency. That is what the symptom of a terrible disease is called. Children go astray, wander off into sins, vices and crimes which no child should ever know, and then become branded as "juvenile delinquents." But are the children to blame? Yes, to some extent, but not half as much as their irresponsible parents. It is parenthood that has broken down in the city of Little Rock that is causing the sins and errors of children to be smeared over the front pages of our state papers. It is a case of the sheep leading the lambs astray.

Somewhere, I came across a poem, Author Unknown, that describes the evil situation in our Capital City (and in many other places) exactly.

'Twas a Sheep

'Twas a sheep, not a lamb that went astray
In the parable Jesus told;
'Twas a grown-up sheep that wandered away
From the ninety and nine in the fold.
And out on the hilltops and out in the cold,
'Twas a sheep that the Good Shepherd sought.
And back to the flock and back to the fold,
'Twas a sheep that the Good Shepherd brought.

Now, why should the sheep be so carefully fed
And cared for still today?
Because there is danger if they go wrong
They will lead the lambs astray.
For the lambs will follow the sheep, you know
Wherever they wander, wherever they go.

If the sheep go wrong, it will not be long
Till the lambs are as wrong as they;
So, still with the sheep we must earnestly plead,
For the sake of the lambs today.
If the lambs are lost, what a terrible cost
Some sheep will have to pay.

"Juvenile delinquency" is another term for "adult," or better still, "Parental irresponsibility." We are all paying, and paying dearly, for the lambs that are being lost. Our annual crime bill of more than fifteen billion dollars is cost enough. But that is just the money cost, which is the least of it. Lives are being warped; souls are being lost; God is being forgotten; homes desecrated and hell filled. That is the rest of the cost. IRRESPONSIBLE PARENTHOOD IS AMERICA'S NUMBER ONE PROBLEM. No nation has ever, or can ever, survive the failure of its homes.

THE CHURCH PAPER

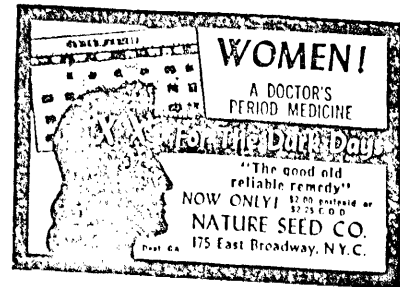
A prominent Presbyterian church, on its weekly program, printed the following reasons for taking the church paper:

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12. It gives the news from the churches.
13. It awakens the talent of the church and makes it more useful.
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16. It cultivates a taste for reading.
17. It makes the children more intelligent.
18. It makes better children.
19. It creates interest in the salvation of others.
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WITH THE CHURCHES

WIDENER AND ROUND POND REVIVALS

Widener and Round Pond churches participated in the Helena District simultaneous revival, July 16-17. We were fortunate in having Rev. S. O. Patty to assist at Round Pond and Rev. Alfred Knox at Widener.

Both churches followed the district program for the campaign. About two weeks preceding the meeting, a thorough survey of both communities was made. After the meeting started, all prospective members found in the survey were contacted by personal workers, including the pastor and visiting ministers. Most of the prospects were seen the first week. Many of them were called on four times during the two weeks period. This required real work on the part of all concerned as each church has a large territory for which it is responsible. This was particularly true of the Round Pond Church, which has a constituency of about 15 miles leading out in three directions from the church.

There were forty additions at Round Pond, twenty-seven by vow and twelve by certificate. Seventeen were baptized. There were twenty-one additions at Widener, fifteen by vow and six by certificate. Six, including one infant, were baptized. The total for both meetings was 61 additions, 43 by vow, and 18 by certificate. Twenty-three were baptized. Several of these made their decisions for Christ in their home. Some decisions were made in cotton fields and others at the church.

Many of them, for various reasons, do not attend church. Some of these, because of tire shortage, and other reasons, did not attend many services, but at the last service they came forward and made a public profession and united with the church.

One of the most thrilling experiences of my ministry was the last night of the meeting at Round Pond, when 40 people came to the altar and received church and baptismal vows.

We agree with Bishop Sealeman in what he said concerning a survey when he spoke at Junaluska, "A survey is not worth the paper it is written on unless it is followed by some local church in a definite effort."

No, the task is not completed, due to the fact that these decisions have been made and they have united with the church. They must be enrolled in the Church School and encouraged to subscribe for periodicals of their church, and to attend and take part in all of the church services. This is where "The United Christian Education Advance" comes in."—L. E. LeFevers. Pastor.

I will place no value on anything I have or may possess, except in its relation to the kingdom of Christ. If anything I have will advance the interest of that kingdom, it shall be given up or kept, as by keeping or giving up I shall most promote the glory of him to whom I owe all my hopes for time and eternity. May grave be given me to adhere to this.—David Livingston.

WHEATLEY CHARGE

The part Wheatley Charge played in the simultaneous revival campaign of the Helena District this year was not so spectacular as some but we do feel we have had a profitable year.

The pastor had planned with his official boards and all was in readiness. At Salem church, Rev. Elmo Thomason took over with the help of such laymen as A. L. Jones, Floyd French and others and 22 were converted or rededicated. Six adults were baptized. At the Wheatley church Rev. William Sherman of Fayetteville, one of our most beloved members of the North Arkansas Conference, took charge and with the help of the membership headed by our Church School superintendent, Sam Brownlee, leading the song services, a very profitable series of services were held with the interest growing all the way. Brother Sherman is not a sensationalist but our people loved him for his soul stirring messages as the spiritual life of the community was deepened. Eleven were added to the membership by baptism. With Rev. Wilson Schultz of Ola leading the song services and bringing soul stirring messages with his violin, the pastor did the preaching at Biscoe-Brasfield with good attendance and profitable results with eleven being brought into the church. The pastor did the preaching for a week at the Goodwin church where three new members came in through baptism.

For the year 52 members have been added to the charge, 28 on profession of faith. Our people have been cooperative and have shown a fine spirit. Our W. S. C. S. at both Biscoe-Brasfield and Wheatley have carried on and are doing excellent work in every phase of their work. Our church school at Wheatley will throw itself into the Christian Education Advance to its utmost. Our finances are in good shape and if it were not for the fact a large number of our officials are young men and answering the country's call and thereby leaving us stripped of help we would be happy.

The Wheatley church has recently installed a set of three by five feet wool bunting flags which adds to the beauty of our auditorium and the patriotic and worshipful spirit of our people.—Ray L. McLester, Pastor.

COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Dr. Aaron H. Rapking, secretary of the Department of Town and Country Work, of the Board of Missions and Church Extension, has prepared a mimeographed leaflet, "Community Council," designed to show the pastor or other leaders in a local church or community how to organize and operate such a body through the leadership of the various social, religious, educational and other institutions serving the town or village.

"One of the major responsibilities of the Community Council," says Dr. Rapking, "is to promote a spirit of cooperation and understanding among the homes, churches, schools, and other agencies that have as their purpose the achievement of the best physical, mental, social, moral and spiritual growth and development of the community. Among

the agencies that would cooperate in the Community Council would be the Parent-Teachers' Association, the 4-H Club, the Grange, the Farm Bureau, the Boy Scouts, the Girl Scouts."

The leaflet outlines plans that a Community Council can carry out, with local modifications, for the benefit of its neighborhood; and an interesting "monthly calendar" of the Community Council of Truxton, New York, which is suggestive for other such groups. Copies of Dr. Rapking's leaflet may be obtained, free of charge, by addressing him at 150 Fifth Avenue, New York.

STREET EVANGELISM IN STAR CITY AND LINCOLN COUNTY

Lincoln county and Star City Methodism and Protestantism generally is taking greater interest in the Kingdom of God this year.

A new movement for this section has been put to good use. The Ministerial Alliance of Star City and the county has sponsored street services and preaching in Star City and the other towns of the county.

A loud speaker system was procured and the several ministers had their "turn" in preaching with the writer acting as chairman. Rev. Earl Lewis used this method to a very good advantage on the Grady-Gould Charge. Fine crowds gathered each Saturday afternoon on the court house square of Star City, and entered reverently into the services.

For one of these services we had Dr. Burke Culpepper of Memphis, Tenn., one of the general evangelists of the Methodist Church, who spoke in Star City. He gave a great message to a large gathering.

It need not be said again that Methodism is not willing to take her place with the other groups in carrying the saving gospel of our Christ to the streets, the highways and the hedges. We are glad that Bishop Sealeman highly favors this plan.—Fred L. Arnold.

MORNING STAR CIRCUIT MAKES FINE REPORT

I have just closed the last of four successful revivals on this charge. The last one was at Schugtown (a church with 40 members), in which we had 37 conversions, 27 of these united with the church. We also took in three by certificate, which boosted the membership at this place seventy-five percent. Taking the charge as a whole we have had 65 conversions, 48 additions on profession of faith and six by certificate.

Three of the four churches are paid up to the minute with their financial obligations, and the charge has doubled its quota with "paid up subscriptions" for the Arkansas Methodist.

I am sure there are plenty of pastors who can give you a better report than this but since this is my first charge, I am glad to make this report.

I wish to thank those who assisted me in these revivals, namely, P. W. Emrah of Knobe, Brady Cook and sisters of Rector, Fourth Street, Harold Spence of Marmaduke and Glen Bruner of Black Oak.—Linley E. Vowell, Pastor.

ARKADELPHIA DISTRICT

Keith Memorial Church, Malvern, had a full time pastor this year for the first time—and it seems to be imminently worthwhile, or perhaps it's the pastor, Rev. Joe H. Robinson. The finances for all causes are doubled over last year and the best part of that is that it is all paid except the pastor and D. S. (but they are paid up to date.) Four new classrooms have been added to the building, and paint is on hand to renew the old building. The parsonage has also been improved: running water, new stove, and pastor's study well furnished.

But the best is the other side of the picture. Thirty-three have been received into membership of the church with three received into preparatory membership. New song books have been secured, and attendance at all services—Sunday School, worship service, and Youth Fellowship are up about 20%. Your reporter happens to know that Keith Memorial has one of the finest Young People's Departments in the entire Conference.

A good revival was held at this church this summer. Rev. Hal Pinnell of Hot Springs helped the pastor in a fine work.—R. E. Simpson, District Reporter.

DO YOU SING IN CHURCH?

From the vantage point of the pulpit the preacher has an opportunity to see whether the members of a congregation really sing when that is the part of the service of worship in which they are supposedly engaged. It is astounding in the average congregation the number of people who make no effort to sing the great hymns and songs of the church. After due allowance is made for colds, sore throats, etc., that keep people from singing, still there are too many who do not sing.

A common, yet very weak excuse for not singing is, "I don't know the hymns." Anyone of ordinary intelligence could at least be making some kind of an effort at singing by the time the last stanza of a hymn is reached, if it was one never heard before. No musical knowledge whatever is required to do that.

No small part of failure of people to sing in our worship services is due to a lazy, careless, indifference which deprecates the importance of this act of worship. The better songs speak of the glories of God, praise Him for His mercies, or in some other way seek to express the feelings concerning God that lie in the heart of a believer. A hymn differs slightly from a religious song in that it is a religious song addressed to Deity. A Christian hymn may be addressed to either God, the Father; to Jesus Christ, the Son; or to the Holy Spirit; or like the great hymn, "Holy, Holy, Holy," it may be addressed to all three Persons of the Trinity. When one thinks of the rich gems of devotional expression found within our hymns and songs it is a bit difficult to understand why anyone who calls himself or herself a Christian would be so slovenly and indifferent about singing in our public services of worship.—Religious Telescope.

The Sunday School Lesson

By DR. W. P. WHALEY



Judah: Example of Self-Sacrifice

LESSON FOR SEPT. 20, 1942

LESSON TEXT: Genesis 44:18-34.

GOLDEN TEXT: "Hereby know we love, because He laid down His life for us: and we ought to lay down our lives for the brethren." I John 3:16.

The time of the events of this lesson is about 1706 B. C., and the place, Joseph's house in Egypt. To get the story leading up to this lesson, read Genesis 39, 40, 41, 42 and 43. These five chapters tell of Joseph's life in the home of Potiphar, where he was a slave; of his imprisonment; of the dreams of his fellow prisoners, and Joseph's interpretation of their dreams; of Pharaoh's troubled dream, and Joseph's interpretation of that; of Joseph's promotion "over all the land of Egypt"; of the great famine that covered both Egypt and Canaan; of the great stores of grain Joseph had saved through seven good years to take care of famine conditions; of the first and second trips of Jacob's sons to Egypt for corn. The first 18 verses of chapter 44 bring us up to Judah's plea and offer to sacrifice himself in order to save Benjamin and get him back to his old father.

I. Simeon Held Prisoner.

The events of their first trip to Egypt for corn were very bewildering and troubling to Jacob and his sons. The sons were accused of being spies; Simeon was bound and put in prison; Joseph inquired minutely about their father and other brothers; they were told not to come back without their youngest brother, Benjamin; they were treated roughly, yet at their first stopping place on the way home they found their money tied up in their sacks of corn. They had bread for a few weeks, but they had left a brother in prison. The drouth and famine were hanging on, but they had been sternly assured they should not see Joseph nor get another grain of corn unless they brought Benjamin with them. "When they had eaten up the corn," their father urged them to make another trip to Egypt for corn to take double money, and presents for the hard man at the head of Egyptian affairs. Reuben and Judah both assured Jacob that double money and presents would do no good. They could not even see the man's face unless Benjamin is with them; and, certainly they could not get corn nor bring Simeon out of prison. "And Joseph, their father, said unto them, Me have ye bereaved of my children: Joseph is not, and Simeon is not, and ye will take Benjamin away; all these things are against me." The old man was afraid to trust one of his sons with the others. They had lost Joseph and Simeon; and now, in the most desperate plight he had ever known, he was required to give up Benjamin, his youngest son and the only remaining son of his beloved Rachel. He was facing starvation, but unyielding until Judah pledged: "Send the lad with me, and we will arise and go; that we may live, and not die, both we, and thou, and our little ones. I will be surety for him; of my hand shalt thou require him; if I bring him not unto thee, and

set him before thee, then let me bear the blame forever." In this, Judah was putting up all his interest in his father's estate. He would never expect anything from the estate, nor any good will from his father, unless he brought Benjamin back. He made this hard vow in face of the fact that he had failed to rescue Joseph, and he had failed to bring back Simeon from Egypt. He himself could not have much confidence in his effort to bring Benjamin back. But in spite of his former failure, he stepped into the desperate situation with all he had left; AND SAVED HIMSELF AND THEM THAT HEARD HIM.

II. Judah, the Cattleman, Before Joseph, the Lord of Egypt.

No doubt Jacob's sons had expected to go to some storehouse and make their purchase of corn from an ordinary steward; but, being foreigners, they were reported to the palace as suspected spies. Thus, these rude cattlemen in their travel-stained apparel, found themselves in the palace face to face with the ruler of the country, a great man next to Pharaoh himself. The situation must have been dramatic beyond description.

They had gone back the second trip with the money returned to them the first trip, with double money for more corn, with presents for the country's overlord, and with Benjamin. They had somehow made it through a banquet and a lot of red tape and rigamarole in the palace, got Simeon out of jail, bought more corn and paid for it, and were all happily on the way home. Soon they were overtaken and arrested. Their corn sacks were opened and examined. In Benjamin's sack was found the silver cup from which the great man of Egypt drank, and by which he divined. They were hurried back to the city and to the palace to give account of this seeming theft. There they were speechless and could make no defense. The great ruler of Egypt proposed that they should all go to their homes as guiltless, but he would keep Benjamin as a slave. At this point, read again the lesson text (Gen. 44:18-34), how Judah pictures the anxiety of the aged father back home! He says he cannot go back without Benjamin, and asks to stay as a slave himself, and that Benjamin be allowed to go back to the father.

III. Joseph Broke Down.

"Then Joseph could not restrain himself before all them that stood by him; and he cried, 'Cause every man to go out from me.' And there stood no man with him, while Joseph made himself known unto his brethren." Judah had won this time! What a report he had to take back home! Thus, after many years, Jacob learned the facts of Joseph's mysterious disappearance. He learned, too, the strength and worth of Judah's character.

IV. The Great Name of Judah.

In his last days, down in Egypt where all Jacob's family moved, the old father pronounced blessings upon and prophecies about each of his twelve sons (Gen. 49). Coming to Judah, the old man said: "Thou art he whom thy brethren shall praise * * * Judah is a lion's whelp * * * The scepter shall not depart from Judah, nor a lawgiver from between his feet, until Shiloh come; and unto him shall the gathering of the people be."

Though his fourth son, and the son of Leah, Jacob passed over his first three sons and his two sons by his beloved Rachel and put Judah in the place of the first born. He became the head of the lion-hearted tribe of Judah, the largest of the Hebrew tribes, including three principal clans and two lesser clans. When the Hebrews marched out of Egypt under Moses, the tribe of Judah numbered 76,500. They were led by the great Caleb. In Canaan the tribe of Judah took the lead in the wars with the Canaanites. It was the tribe of Judah that rallied to David and made him king. It was the tribe of Judah, under the leadership of the young king David, that captured the stronghold of Jebus, changed its name to Jerusalem, and made it the capital of the kingdom. According to the first chapter of Matthew the ancestry of Jesus is traced back to Judah, fulfilling the prophecy in Jacob's blessing 1700 years before Jesus was born.

For a great and thrilling story, get the whole story of Judah.

ARKANSAS METHODIST ORPHANAGE

1610 Elm Street

I am delighted to be able to write in my weekly note the fact that the Homes for Children throughout the United States are all doing a satisfactory and good work, though the management of each of these homes requires a good deal of thought and a good deal of planning.

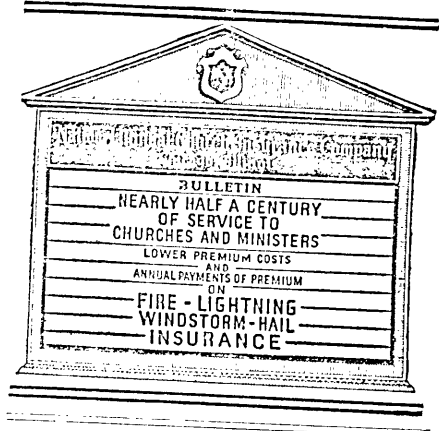
One of our girls who has finished the High School and is now working at a bank in this city made me a visit this morning in my office. The children who have left our Home frequently call on me and I am so proud of them when they are out and doing well that I cannot find words to express my feelings. A letter received this morning from one of our preachers in a remote section of Arkansas tells me that everything is in full at his church and financially they are ready for Conference. I wonder sometimes if we do not give too much thought to the money end of things and thereby lessen our efforts to lead men, women and children to Christ. This is our first and most important duty.

I want everyone who reads this note to accept it as a personal interview in an effort to thank everyone of you for all that you have said, done and planned for the Home.

With love for all, I am, yours truly.—James Thomas, Executive Secretary.

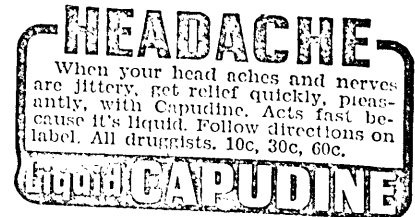
Overcoming the world implies overcoming a state of worldly anxiety. Worldly men are almost incessantly in a fever of anxiety lest their worldly schemes should fail. But the man who gets above the world gets above this state of ceaseless and corroding anxiety.—Charles G. Finney.

Nothing on earth consumes a man more quickly than the passion of resentment.—Nietzsche.



Madam, Does An Old TABOO Prevent Your Knowing This Help?

In less enlightened days, women didn't discuss these things. Now, it's different. If a woman suffers from periodic cramp-like pain and other purely functional distresses, she tries to learn how to help herself. Thousands of women praise the 2-way help of Cardui. Taken as a tonic, it usually peeps up the appetite, stimulates the flow of gastric juices, thus aiding digestion and thereby helping build up energy and resistance. Started three days before the time, and taken as directed, it should help relieve much purely functional, periodic pain. Try CARDUI. A 62 year record says it may help!



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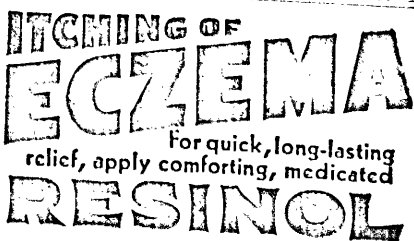


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WINFIELD MEMORIAL METHODIST CHURCH

SYMPATHY

All members of Winfield wish to extend their most understanding sympathy to the family of Mr. J. R. Ricks, who passed away Sept. 12.

W. S. C. S. EDUCATION SEMINAR

The Little Rock District Woman's Society of Christian Service will hold an Education Seminar at Winfield Friday, September 25, at 10:00 a. m. Mrs. E. D. Galloway of Warren, Conference Secretary of Missionary Education, will direct the Seminar. A Latin-American luncheon will be served by Mrs. William Rankin and her committee.

CIRCLE MEETINGS

No. 1—Mrs. Clyde C. Arnold, chairman, 1:30 meeting at home of Mrs. J. W. Blake, 1118 Cumberland.

No. 2—Mrs. W. M. Rankin, chairman, 1 o'clock dessert luncheon at home of Mrs. J. A. Jones, 105 West 24th, Mrs. A. J. Graves and Mrs. Marvin Shelton, co-hostesses.

No. 3—Mrs. Roy Paschal, chairman, 10:00 a. m. meeting at home of Miss Lila Ashby, 1919 Gaines, Mrs. Ralph Lehman, co-hostess.

No. 4—Mrs. W. J. Pennington, chairman, 1:30 dessert luncheon at home of Mrs. F. S. Scott, 2708 State, Mrs. J. R. Osborne, co-hostess.

No. 5—Mrs. Rex Hayes, chairman, 1 o'clock dessert luncheon at home of Mrs. A. C. Shipp, 2322 Battery, Mrs. Rufus Hunt, co-hostess.

No. 6—Mrs. W. P. Ivy, chairman, 1:30 dessert luncheon at home of Mrs. Ben Lessenberry, 2214 Battery.

No. 7—Mrs. F. B. Thacker, chairman, has already met.

No. 8—Mrs. L. M. Wilson, chairman, 1 o'clock dessert luncheon at home of Mrs. T. M. Stinnett, 4115 Lee.

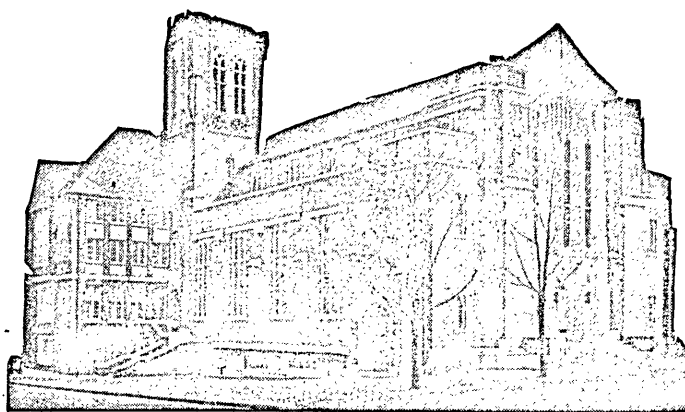
No. 9—Mrs. E. G. Kimm, chairman, 1:30 dessert luncheon at home of Mrs. G. H. McCasland, 804 N. Monroe.

No. 10—Mrs. H. C. Graham, chairman, 1 o'clock dessert luncheon at home of Mrs. George V. Lewis, 5420 Edgewood, Mrs. A. R. Larson, co-hostess.

No. 11—Young Matron's Circle, Mrs. Julian Davidson, chairman, 12:30 luncheon at home of Mrs. H. H. Branton, 428 West "G", Park Hill.

ATTENTION, PLEASE!

Only two months from now and a new conference year will begin. In what condition is your pledge? Have you paid as consistently as you ought to pay? These are questions that you alone can answer truthfully. In looking over our pledge cards I find some who pledged and paid in full, and even more, but in a case like this, was it enough? Of our men who have gone into the service, possibly to give their all, do we expect them to keep up their pledge: I do not, and we could not expect it, though some of them may. So in this circumstance, who will pay the deficiency? Will you help? We need all we can get now for two reasons as follows: first because we have secured only about sixty percent of our budget to date, and second because up to November 1st we will be paying 3% while after this date we will be paying 4% on our church debt. Therefore without waiting for a steward or anyone else to call upon you, come to the help of the church with your contributions. Can we depend upon you?—W. P. Ivy, Chairman Finance Committee.



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MISS OLIVE SMITH, Director of Christian Education

Christian Education

By Miss Olive Smith

YOUTH FELLOWSHIPS

September 20—6:30 P. M.

JUNIOR HIGH: Meet in Couple's class room for recreation. The program will be held in the Ashby class room at 7:15 with Juanita Ingram leading. The theme for the service is "People Who Had Time," continuing a study of "What Do I Have Time For?"

SENIOR HIGH: Will meet in Fellowship Hall for recreation to be followed by a program on India, led by Bert Kennedy.

YOUNG PEOPLE: Meet in parlor for fellowship under the leadership of Dick Neal and Vee Major. The worship service will be led by Lotie Cobbs on "The Place of Youth in the Church."

CALENDAR FOR SEPTEMBER

Sept. 20—Adult Assembly at 10:00 a. m. in Church Sanctuary, Dr. N. T. Hollis, Superintendent of Adult Division, presiding.

Sept. 23—Board of Education.

Sept. 27—Promotion Day for Youth and Children's Divisions.

Sept. 27-Oct. 4—Christian Education Week.

Sept. 30—Church Night Dinner celebrating Christian Education Week.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION ADVANCE

Winfield had a splendid representation at First Methodist Church to hear Bishop Sealeman as he launched the Advance for Little Rock District.

The Advance has specific objectives which will be the goals in Christian Education in the home, the Church and in the community.

In the CHURCH we will strive to increase attendance and to improve the teaching for Christian discipleship. In the HOME the objectives are to have regular Bible reading and prayer and to live as Christians in the family. For the COMMUNITY the objectives are to bring every person within the fellowship of some church and to work for a more Christian community.

These goals are worthy of the combined efforts of every Christian to aid in reaching the unreached. Each department and organization in the church will be given a part in this movement, which is of primary importance.

NEIGHBORHOOD FRIENDSHIP MEETING

Circle No. 10, of which Mrs. H. C. Graham is chairman, will hold the next Neighborhood Friendship meeting Friday, September 18, at 7:30 p. m. at the home of Mr. and Mrs. B. E. Smith, 2016 N. Garfield. This zone includes all friends of Winfield who live north of Kavanaugh and west of Palm.

MAE JENKINS CLASS PARTY

The Mae Jenkins class will have a party at the home of Mrs. E. R. Hanna, 106 Fountain, next Tuesday afternoon, September 22, at 1:30.

Every member or prospective member is cordially urged to be present.

Next Sunday At Winfield

- 10:00 a. m. Church School, The Teaching Hour.
The entire Adult Division will meet in the Sanctuary for about 20 minutes.
- 10:55 a. m. The Worship Hour.
Sermon—"HITCH-HIKERS TO HEAVEN"
by the Minister.
Text, "Grant unto us that we may sit, one on thy right hand and the other on thy left hand, in thy glory." Mark 10:35-41.
This is the first of the series of morning sermons on "Stewardship" for the 30-days of TITHING. I DARE you to hear it.
- 6:30 p. m. Youth Fellowships, recreation, Devotionals.

8:00 p. m.

"THE DISCIPLE WHO REVOLTED"
by the Minister

This is the third of the evening sermons on "The Men Whom Jesus Made." The Miracle of Jesus is that He made such great changes in men.

Read Acts 1:13; Luke 6:15; Matthew 10:4. You greatly increased the size of the congregation last Sunday evening; help increase it again.

THE MINISTER'S MESSAGE

THIS IS THE KICK-OFF play for the "football game" on the Benevolences, except that the kick-off has already been made. WE now have the "ball" on the opponent's 20-yard line. There will be 4 downs (weeks) in which we must "make" the full amount of the Benevolences.

By the rule of football we should make "2½" yards each "down" in order to make the required yardage by October 15th. Therefore, we should make ¼ of our Benevolences each Sunday.

The "ball" is not advanced if the team carrying the ball is forced to "kick" even on the fourth down. The "Quarterback" (W. P. Ivy) does not want to have to "kick" at all; he wants to advance half way to the "goal post" by October 15th. Then, he will be in a "scoring position."

YOU ARE ON THE TEAM. The greatness of a football team lies in the ability of EVERY PLAYER carrying out his assignment on every play.

IF YOU WILL TITHE YOUR TOTAL INCOME FOR WINFIELD CHURCH from September 15 to October 15, you will carry out your assignment and our team will win.