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"The World is My Parish" — John Wesley

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

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"Pretty Drunk"

THE title of this article is a quotation from the reported confession of a man suspected of the recent murder of a ten-year-old school girl. The press report read: "He said he had been drinking whiskey and was 'pretty drunk.'" The father of the accused man visited him recently and is reported to have said to the officers, at the jail, that his son was "a good man when he's sober but a bad actor when he's drinking."

And so we have the old, old story repeated again; a story so frequently told as to have become commonplace; so frequently told that our sensibilities on the question have been shocked to all but numbness and our reactions often all but nil. The story—a son who is "a good man when sober but a bad actor when he's drinking" gets "pretty drunk" and is reported to have confessed that he choked to death an innocent, little school girl because he disliked her father.

For the few blood-stained pennies the state got in revenue and the blood-money the liquor dealers got for their products the state now has saddled on it a financial obligation which will run into big money. A large sum has already been spent in solving the mystery of the crime and a staggering sum will yet be spent before the case is closed. However, as large as will be the bill which the citizens of the state must pay for this liquor crime, the real tragic cost of it all can never be paid. The parental home of the accused is suffering an indescribable pain; the message the accused sends to the wife in his own home, with his declarations of continued love, is pathetic beyond words; a little innocent, unsuspecting school girl has lost her life in a shocking tragedy through no fault of her own; her loved ones have suffered immeasurable agony through the days of search for her, living or dead. There are no words to describe the torturing misery of soul of those who loved her when finally only a skeleton is found.

You can put the whole cost of this crime on one side of the ledger—the cost in loss of life, the agony of soul and the financial loss to state—and balance the account with one word on the opposite page of the ledger—LIQUOR. A vote for ACT NUMBER ONE may save the character and even the life of your child. Shall we continue to sell our children for revenue?

The Ministers and Act Number One

WHETHER we want it or not the people of the various cities, towns and communities in Arkansas will look to the ministers of the various denominations for leadership in the fight for ACT NUMBER 1. This is no time for ecclesiastical hand-washing. We cannot escape our responsibility in this matter if there were any inclination to do so. It would be a little difficult to determine how a minister could keep faith with himself or his people unless he is willing to stand up and be counted in the fight on this moral issue. That certainly does not mean that we should go hay-wire on the question and discredit the cause through fanaticism. It is our conviction, however, that we should, in a forthright, purposeful manner, take our places as leaders in a cause that deserves the best that we can give it. Every Methodist minister in the North Arkansas Conference should plan to vote before he leaves for Conference and organize his people to carry on after he has gone.

This Is No Sham Battle

THE boxing profession has an expression which it uses to describe one method of training—"shadow boxing." The boxer in training makes all sorts of jabs and stabs at an imaginary foe, but no opponent is before him. It is not so in our fight for a fair Local Option Law. The liquor forces are very definitely present.

Some years ago the editor was a member of the national guard and went on a number of encampments with the force for special training. One feature of the training usually was a "sham battle." The troops were divided and distinguished by some special marking and spent hours some day or night in charging and counter charging, while muskets rattled and cannons roared. In such a "battle" at Hot Springs, held in the evening, some one in the force opposing ours, who must have been a fit subject for either the penitentiary or the insane asylum, put a steel jacket

FOR WE WRESTLE NOT AGAINST FLESH AND BLOOD, BUT AGAINST PRINCIPALITIES, AGAINST POWERS, AGAINST THE RULERS OF THE DARKNESS OF THIS WORLD.—Eph. 6:12.

shell in his gun and shot up through our section of the defending front and cut the gun stock of one of our men in two. This one bullet almost broke up the war. We were not expecting anyone to be hurt. It was a "sham battle."

It is not so in the issue that has now resulted in the fight over ACT NUMBER 1. Somebody will get hurt in this fight. The liquor people know it and the sooner we realize it the better for our cause. You may expect the liquor interests to put up an all-out fight to retain the unfair law governing elections on the liquor question. They know that a fair law will make possible other elections that would drive liquor out of some areas where the big majority of the voting public do not want it. The cause of prohibition can be tremendously helped or seriously hurt as a result of this election. We have raised the issue, we have challenged the fairness of the present law. We must fight it through to victory or be defeated and defeat will not do the cause of prohibition any good now or at a later date.

Our forces have been looking forward, for quite a long while, to the opportunity which will come in the election on November 3. This is the first opportunity we have had for a state-wide vote on an issue effecting liquor since the repeal of the 18th Amendment. We sincerely believe that there is a substantial majority of people in Arkansas opposed to the sale of liquor. Let's get them to the polls on November 3rd.

The "Irresistible" Force Meets The Immovable Body

ACROSS the years we have discussed the interesting, hypothetical question, "What would happen if an irresistible force were to meet an immovable body?" We all but have the answer to this puzzling question of the centuries in the battle of Stalingrad. If we change the question just a little and ask, "What would happen if a supposedly irresistible force were to meet an immovable body?"—then Stalingrad would be the perfect answer. It had been broadcast across the world that Hitler's machine was an irresistible force. Much of the world had accepted the broadcast as true. Now, after more than two months' seige and the worst that Hitler and his allied forces can do, Stalingrad still stands. Jackson "standing like a stone wall" and Verdun, the symbol of determined, heroic resistance fade into the shadows as compared to what the Russians have done in this the longest, bloodiest battle of history. The "irresistible" force has been resisted and it looks like the turn of the tide; the beginning of the end.

Everything In Full, Bishop

OUR churches in Arkansas will soon assemble in their respective Annual Conferences and it is altogether possible that some of them will have unsolved problems when the Conferences meet. This is one year, however, when that problem should not be financial. The boom days of the first world war did not bring to Arkansas the financial prosperity which has come with the war-work in our state. High wages and high prices for farm products have combined to make this about the easiest year financially that Arkansas has seen. In both of our Annual Conferences, our payments on Benevolences accepted have been one hundred percent for some time. There does not seem to be a reason now for any church to fail to pay pastor's salary in full this year. It has often been true, in the past, that our pastors have done a better job of collecting the benevolences in full than the stewards have in collecting his salary in full. The usual reason for this is that the pastor has worked harder at his job than the stewards have at their job. If any church or charge comes to this Annual Conference with any unfinished business it should not be financial.

Reverting To Type

IT HAS been the record of the past, across the centuries, that aggressive tyrants enslave their victims. Egypt, Babylon, Assyria, Greece and Rome, all world powers at one time, made slaves of their victims for their own pleasure and profit.

The Nazis, in their reversion to the philosophy that "might makes right", have also reverted to type in their plan to enslave, for their own selfish ends, the victims of their aggression. Their military and industrial enslavement of many of the smaller nations about them is already an accomplished fact. The demand now of France that more than a hundred thousand of its workers leave home and home industries to be industrial slaves in Germany is but another revelation of the Nazi mind and purpose. This is truly a war of survival. It will determine whether this world is to be slave or free.

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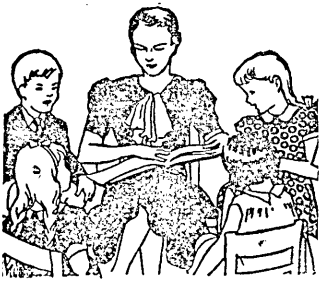
CHURCH CALENDAR

November 4, North Arkansas Conference, First Church, Batesville.

November 11, Little Rock Conference, First Church, Hot Springs.

FOR MOTHERS AND WORKERS WITH CHILDREN—A REVIEW

A Book of Little Crafts by Margaret Powers. Published by The Manual Arts Press, Peoria, Ill. Price \$2.50.



Every mother and every worker with children should have a copy of this book. It is written by a mother of two children, seven and nine years of age, and grows out of her experiences with them and with leaders of children's groups. It is in answer to the plea of mothers everywhere, "Give us something for our children to do. Ready-made toys keep a child amused only so long." In an introduction, Forty Avenues to Fun, the author says in part: "Within the covers of this book are forty avenues to fun which children may follow. These forty crafts are so inexpensive that no child need be denied them because of cost. The least expensive crafts cost absolutely nothing. The cost of the most expensive is a matter of pennies. Almost every craft considered in this book may be done in forty-times-forty different versions. The possibilities of the activities are practically endless because these crafts are not projects, but mediums of expression.

The book is made up of large attractive drawings, some in color, photographs, discussions of the simple, inexpensive materials and tools, and many informal, practical suggestions of procedure. All illustrations are full page size and represent real articles made by children. Each of the "Experiments" has been given a name of its own that expresses the form it is to take. Under "Experimenting With Color and Designs" comes: Dyed and Painted Paper; Marbled Paper; Ink-Splotted Designs; Punched Designs; Torn and Cut Paper; Finger Painting; Stencil; Paper Applique; Potato Printing; Confetti Mosaic; Solid and Shade Dyeing; Blueprints; Stick Printing; Spatter; Spray; Weaving; Decalcomania; Metal Tapping; Icing Cookies; Marbled Sand; Wood Stamping; Seed Designs; Tied Dye; Twist and Knot Dyeing; Crayon Batik. Under "Experimenting With Shapes" comes: Modeling; Carving; Dish Gardens. Under "Experimenting With Sound" are listed: Percussion Instruments; Hum-buzzers; Rhythm Sticks and Sand Blocks; Rattles; Xylophones; Bells and Similar Instruments. There is also a section on "Experimenting with Dramatics." You will be delighted with this book.—A. E. W.

NEWS AND NOTES ABOUT FACTS AND FOLKS

REV. P. D. ALSTON, pastor of Centennial Church, El Dorado, writes: "I have had a good year. All claims are in full and \$4,500.00 has been paid on the new church. We have had forty additions to the church."

REV. C. D. MEUX, pastor at Dierks, writes: "The Dierks-Green's Chapel is out in full on all finances three weeks before Annual Conference. We have reached our Educational Advance goal enrollment with 60 to spare. Our quota was 187 and we have enrolled 247 to date. We have had 37 additions to the church, 21 being on profession of faith."

REV. G. L. CAGLE, pastor at Mineral Springs, writes: "We have completed one of the best years this charge has ever had. Except for a few small items we are ready for Conference. Thirty-seven persons have come into the churches. Every interest of the church program has been looked after and the people are happy over the achievements of the year."

IT IS announced that Dr. Y. C. Yang, former president of Sochow University, will participate in the conduct of the Foreign Missions Research Seminar at Scarritt College this fall. He will conduct the Second Term of the Seminar, beginning Oct. 30 and ending Dec. 11. This theme will be "The Contribution of the Three Religions of China to the Chinese State of Mind." Dr. Yang and his wife are rendering an outstanding service to educational institutions during their stay in America.

REV. W. A. DOWNUM, pastor of our Huntington Avenue Church, Jonesboro, writes: "Dr. E. W. Potter held our fourth Quarterly Conference Wednesday evening, October 14. Our finances were all out in full. All items except the pastor's and district superintendent's salaries were paid in full in June. The membership of the church has grown rapidly since we have been in our own church. It is now well above three hundred. We have received twenty-five on profession of faith this year."

THE fourth General Conference of the Methodist Church of Mexico met in Monterrey, September 10-20, with twenty ministerial and twenty lay delegates in attendance, representing the two annual conferences. The Methodist Church of Mexico was organized in 1930 as a result of the merging of the Methodist Episcopal and the Methodist Episcopal, South, churches. Bishop Eleazar Guerra was re-elected for a second term. According to the church's constitution, a bishop is elected for a term of four years. This is the first time that there has been a re-election. By taking this experimental step, the General Conference recognized Dr. Guerra's energetic leadership and especially his gifts as a financial administrator.

SOMETHING of the change in ideas and ideals which has taken place among many thousands in China in recent years may be gleaned from these "Standard for a Christian Home" which have been adopted by the National Christian Council of China and broadcast through churches and schools: "Both parents should be Christian; the law of love should predominate; there should be respect for personality; there should be equal opportunity for both sexes, especially in education; there should be a working fellowship; there should be training in Christian practices, attitudes, and faith; health and recreation should be available for all; the home should be an educational center; there should be economic security for all in the home."

WITH WORLD SERVICE receipts of \$225,404 for the month of September, the total for the first four months of the fiscal year, ended September 30, amounted to \$638,974, an increase of \$75,637 over the same period of last year. In announcing these figures, Rev. O. W. Auman, treasurer of the General Commission on World Service and Finance, stated: "These encouraging figures indicate that the 25 per cent increase for the whole church proposed by the

Council of Bishops and the Commission on World Service and Finance is easily possible. Let us make our church strong now that the world so badly needs its service and its leadership. The increase for the June 1 to September 30 period amounted to 13.43 per cent, and the gain for September alone of \$6,869 equaled 3.14 per cent.

COMMITTEE ON CONFERENCE RELATIONS

Little Rock Conference Committee on Conference Relations and Ministerial Qualifications will meet at 1:30 p. m. November 11, 1942, First Methodist Church, in Hot Springs. (Those applying for admission on trial, re-admission, ordination (Deacons and Elders) transfer from other communions, recognition of orders, all undergraduates in the classes, and any members of the conference desiring change in their conference relationship are expected to meet the committee.—Chas. H. Giessen, Chairman.

ANNUAL CONFERENCE BOARD MEETINGS

Undergraduates and Accepted Supplies

Candidates for Admission on Trial, Conference Undergraduates, and Accepted Supply Pastors, Little Rock Conference, are called to meet the Conference Board of Ministerial Training at 3:30 p. m., Wednesday, November 11, in the room assigned at the First Methodist Church in Hot Springs.—Aubrey G. Walton, Chairman, Conference Board of Ministerial Training.

Board of Ministerial Training

The Conference Board of Ministerial Training of the Little Rock Conference will meet at 10 a. m., November 11, in the room assigned at the First Methodist Church in Hot Springs.—Aubrey G. Walton, Chairman, Conference Board of Ministerial Training.

Board of Missions and Church Extension

The North Arkansas Conference Board of Missions and Church Extension will meet at 4 p. m., Wednesday afternoon, November 4, in the room assigned at Batesville. All applications for either donations or loans to churches and parsonages should be in the hands of Rev. A. N. Storey, Secretary of the Church Extension Section of the Board, by that hour. District superintendents, pastors, and laymen who wish to discuss Church Extension matters with the Board are invited to appear at that time.—A. W. Martin, Chairman.

Board of Ministerial Training

The Board of Ministerial Training will meet at the First Methodist Church at Batesville, Wednesday, November 4, at 1 p. m. Let us be there promptly at 1 o'clock so as to get out for the opening service of the Conference. None of the classes or accepted supplies will meet the board till after services Wednesday night.

BISHOP SELECMAN ENDORSES FAIR ELECTION LAW

I am advised by Rev. S. M. Yancey that the referendum asking for a change in the Local Option Law will be placed on the ballot to be voted upon November 3. The present law is certainly impractical, unsatisfactory, and unfair to counties or townships desiring to vote dry. For this reason, I urge our pastors and people to go to the polls and vote favorably on this issue. In fact it would please me if each of the pastors would call attention to this cause from the pulpit from time to time between now and November 3.

Let us not forget that the liquor business is the devil's best friend and God's worst enemy.—Charles C. Selecman.

THE DEVOTIONAL PAGE

H. O. BOLIN, Editor

THE GOSPEL AND THE WHOLE WORLD

Say what you wish, Christians live in this world as all other people. It is the only sphere in which we have to operate for the purpose of proclaiming the Gospel. Whatever good there is in human society accrues to us as it does to others; whatever of evil affects us too. The tyranny that struck the German people in 1933, struck them all, the German Christian included. The war that now envelopes the world, envelopes it all, and Christians do not escape. They are fighting in the armed forces and earning their living by working in war industries. Our economy and our whole social life is geared to the war and its needs. We cannot live at all in this world now without recognizing the immediate claims of the war upon us all. There is something total and all-embracing, from which nothing and no one is excluded, about life on the earth today.

We must take that total life of man as our sphere and, moving into it with vigor and great determination, sweeten it at its roots and nurture with care and wisdom the fruits of justice and charity and peace which it can and must bring forth. We must remember always that the justice we seek is not for ourselves only, but for those other members of society also who are different from us in religion, in race, in color, but whose needs, rights, and duties are the same as our own.

People with a sense of history do not have to be reminded that there is ample precedent for Christians acting upon society in this way. Magna Carta, one of the pillars of democracy, was written by Stephen Langton, Archbishop of Canterbury. The clergy and barons acting together wrested the Great Charter from King John in 1215 and thereby won for more men than had hitherto enjoyed it the guarantee of religious liberty, personal liberty, and civil rights. Appropriately, Magna Carta has been called "the first corporate moral accomplishment of a people convinced of the abiding truth of the Gospel."

There is nothing in this world which belongs outside "the abiding truth of the Gospel." Unless we want an indefinite continuance of society saturated with hatred, and parliaments motivated by greed, and commerce directed by exploitation, ending with the world engulfed in war, we would better begin now to bring the life of man under the influence of Christian principles.—Christian Institute for American Democracy.

HEROIC SOUL

The things that I know I should do for my God, God give me grace to promise to do them, and grace also to keep my promise! Seriously to consider the conditions of my life, boldly to enter upon my full duty, frankly to assent to it before men—these are marks of a heroic soul. O that they may be true of me!—War Cry.

Best of all, it is to preserve everything in a pure, still heart, and let there be for every pulse a thanksgiving, and for every breath a song.—Gesner.

AMERICA, TO YOUR KNEES!

*America, to your knees!
Your only hope is prayer.
The world is filled with strife,
Confusion and despair.
But God is still in heaven,
His power is over all.
America, to your knees!
In supplication call.*

*America, to your knees!
Night shadows lengthen fast;
Soon judgment will descend,
The day of mercy past.
Our only hope is God,
In Him we must rely.
America, to your knees!
He still will hear our cry.*

*America, to your knees!
Your forefathers of old
Loved God and served Him faithfully,
For righteousness were bold.
They read and loved God's Word,
Honored the Sabbath day.
America, to your knees!
Confess your sins and pray.*

*America, to your knees!
Now is no time for pride;
In humble pleadings call,
"O God, be on our side,
We've sinned and disobeyed,
We've wandered far astray,"
America, to your knees!
Return to Christ today.*

—ESTER KERR RUSTOF.

PRAYER

One of the most important things we can do is to pray. It is our duty to pray. We are commanded to do so. Jesus said, "Watch, and pray, that ye enter not into temptation." (Matt. 26:41). He taught the disciples to pray. In the parable of the unjust judge He taught perseverance in prayer. The judge granted the widow's request because she kept coming to him with her petition. Jesus went on to say, "Men ought always to pray, and not to faint." (Lk. 18:1). The great Apostle Paul commanded, "Pray without ceasing." (1 Thes. 5:17). Again he said, "I will therefore that men pray everywhere, lifting up holy hands, without wrath and doubting." (1 Tim. 2:8). With these and many other strong commands and admonitions in the Scripture to pray, we sometimes wonder why people don't do more praying. But along with these there have arisen doubts about prayer and objections to it.

One objection is, "Why pray? God already knows what we need and He will grant us these things without prayer." There are some things that God gives to all alike without prayer. He causes it to rain on the just and the unjust and sends the sunshine on the evil and the good. Even the infidel who co-operates with the laws of God in the material realm will be blessed in that realm as richly as will the saint. The man who denies the very existence of a personal God who can hear and answer prayers, but who co-operates with the laws of nature will raise just as good a crop as does the best Christian. The same is true

with regards to the laws of health. These are great values, but are they the greatest in life? I contend that the greatest value in life, whether here or hereafter, is a Christ-like character. The person who lives a life which on the negative side consists in self-denial, self-crucifixion, self-forgetfulness and self-surrender and on the positive of love for all including his enemies, good-will and helpful-service, is reaching the highest goal. Such a life will be filled with joy unspeakable and full of glory, a peace (even in the midst of struggle) that passeth understanding and a satisfaction which words cannot describe. This type of life can only be had in prayer; for in working it out there must be fellowship with God and that fellowship exists only in the hearts of those who pray. Jesus said, "Man cannot live by bread alone," and the person who contends that prayer is useless since God already knows what we need and will give it to us without prayer is thinking of the material side of life. He is trying to do what Jesus said man cannot do. A lower animal can do that, but what man is willing to sink into the class with the brute beast?

Another objection to prayer is, the universe is ruled by laws which will not be set aside in answer to our prayers. The answer to this is, these laws have at times either been set aside or other laws over and above them have operated in given cases. All people who believe in the miracles of the Bible admit this. But this is a foolish objection even for people to make who do not believe in the miracles. I take it that

PRAYER IS THE WISH OF THE HEART

A story is told of a little shepherd boy who was obliged to keep watch over the sheep, and so could not go to church. But in his heart there grew up a longing to pray to God, just as they were doing at the church. He had, however, never been taught to pray, and so, kneeling down, he began, with closed eyes and folded hands, saying the alphabet, "A, B, C, D," and so on, to the end.

A gentleman, passing by, asked him—"What are you doing, son?"

"Please sir, I was praying," the boy replied.

"But why are you saying your letters?"

"Why," said the little fellow, "I did not know any prayer, only I felt I wanted God to take care of me, and help me to take care of the sheep. So I thought if I said all I know, he would put it together and spell what I wanted."

"Bless your heart, my little man! He will! When the heart speaks right, the lips can say no wrong," said the man.—Exchange.

the laws operating in the universe are simply the expression of God's will in the particular realm in which they work. Prayer is not to change God's will. It is rather to co-operate with His will. Jesus prayed, "Nevertheless, not my will but thine be done," and in all circumstances that should be our attitude. Our prayers are not to change God. He is perfect in the absolute sense. Any deviation from what He now is would be a change to something less than perfection. Our prayers are not to change Him but rather to change ourselves. Many of us have read the little book entitled "Prayer Changes Things." Well, one of the things which prayer changes is the person who prays.

I am not willing to admit that God is a prisoner, confined by the laws which He Himself created to govern this universe. But, on the other hand, I don't think he is constantly setting these laws aside in answer to prayer. If He were, we could never come to understand the world in which we live. Since like causes always produce like effects, we can know what to expect. But this does not in the least lessen the importance of prayer. Suppose we do get out of harmony with the laws of the universe and for so doing receive a terrible jolt even to the extent of the loss of health or the destruction of physical life, under such circumstances what is our greatest need? A being who is greater than the jolt we received, and in God we find that being. Prayer puts us in harmony with Him. We may and will have to bear our crosses. The cross-way is the only way to the highest type of living. Prayer puts us in harmony with God who is able to carry both us and our burdens.

So, may our voices, like an ever-flowing stream, be lifted in praise and prayer to God. Read again the above poem, "America, To Your Knees!" He is our only hope. He is our Refuge in the time of trouble.—H. O. B.

Asbury Methodist Church To Be Dedicated

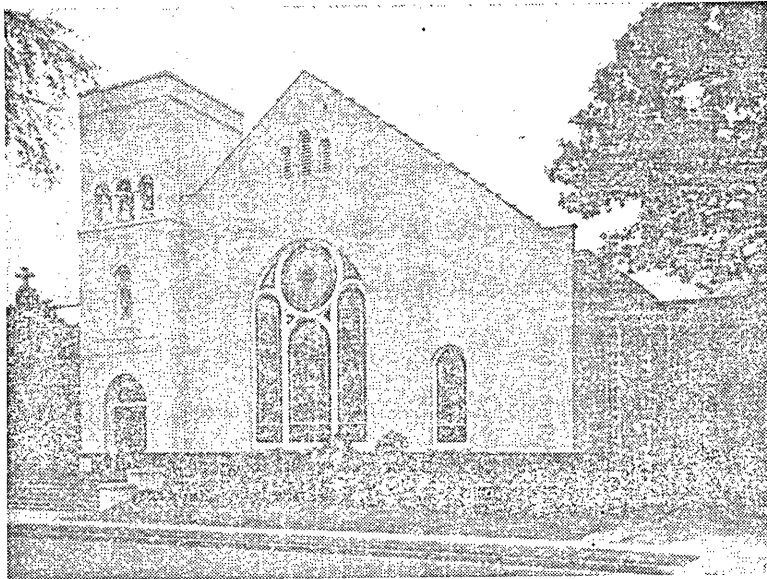
By J. S. UTLEY

AFTER these years of sacrifice and service, we have come to the time of dedication for Asbury Methodist Church. Two major accomplishments have made possible this high day. We have repaired and stuccoed the church without, and redecorated it within, at the cost this year of about nine thousand dollars. We have also, this year, paid the final indebtedness of the church, amounting to four thousand one hundred dollars. A brief historical sketch of Asbury Methodist Church, we believe, will be of interest to its members and friends.

Asbury church originated from a little mission established in 1888 at 1412 West Eighth Street, in a building which still stands. A little later in the same year the congregation moved into a store on the northeast corner of Tenth and High Streets and organized a church. The charter members were Ora Brown, A. E. Dougan, Mattie Dougan, Annie Dutton, W. H. Fields, Charles Marshall, Harry Marshall, Minnie McJunkins, Mrs. W. A. Smith and W. A. Cagilten. Throughout the remainder of the year 1888 and until the Annual Conference in the fall of 1889, H. R. Withers, E. W. Winfield and J. B. McDonald did the preaching. Services were held in this store building for about a year. A tent was then set up on the southwest corner of Tenth and Bishop Streets on property now owned by Immanuel Baptist Church, where services were held until a storm destroyed the canvas. The congregation then moved north across the street into a blacksmith shop which was owned by a Mr. Munzing.

The first church site ever actually owned by the congregation was at the northwest corner of Tenth and Wolfe Streets. It consisted of two lots which were purchased on May 22, 1889, by W. R. Casey, John T. Webb and William T. Wilson, as Trustees for Capitol Hill Methodist Episcopal Church, South, of Little Rock, Arkansas, but no house of worship was erected on it prior to the conference of 1889. The first pastor sent by the conference to Asbury church was W. A. Steel in the fall of 1889. At that time the church had fifty-four members. At present the membership numbers 1,148.

The congregation soon outgrew the blacksmith shop, so at the close of services one Sunday night the pastor, W. A. Steel, submitted the question to the congregation as to what should be done, and it was decided that a new church building would be erected during the following week, on the site at the northwest corner of Tenth and Wolfe streets. This was done and on the following Sunday services were held in the new church. The congregation worshipped at Tenth and Wolfe streets until April 5, 1908. On the following Sunday the first service was held in a new building on the present site at Twelfth street and Schiller Avenue. On June 24, 1911 the church building was set on fire by lightning and burned. While a new structure was being erected the congregation worshipped in a planing mill at the southeast corner of Twelfth and Summit. It was during the pastorate of Rev. A. O. Evans that the present church



ASBURY METHODIST CHURCH

building was completed and the congregation moved back to it and has occupied it continuously ever since 1911.

Fastors who have served Asbury are W. A. Steel, T. D. Scott, E. R. Steel, J. R. Rushing, W. J. Herron, O. H. Tucker, J. M. Workman, W. A. Steel, A. P. Few, W. A. Swift, Frank Barrett, A. O. Evans, W. R. Richardson, W. P. Whaley, W. C. Davidson, W. C. Scott, Francis A. Buddin, J. L. Dedman, J. Frank Simmons, H. B. Vaught, Robert B. Moore, and Fred G. Roebuck.

Beginning with the conference years 1889-1890 and ending with the conference years 1903-1904 a missionary appropriation for the support of Asbury church was made, except for year of 1899-1900. The amounts ranged from \$150 to \$350 per year. The amount fixed for the preachers' salary has varied from \$485.00 to \$4,200.00 per year. The total amount paid for all purposes for the church year has run from \$544.05 to \$20,431.00.

The church has owned three parsonage sites. The first was located on the property now occupied by the S. M. Alley home at 1714 West Tenth Street; the second was at 1205 Schiller Avenue which is now being used by the Young People's Department, and the third is located at 1209 Schiller Avenue.

The first Asbury Sunday School, of which we have any knowledge, was organized at Tenth and High Streets in the year 1888. The Sunday School membership has varied from 75 to 800. The total amount of money raised by the Sunday School, beginning with the conference of 1890, has ranged from \$26.43 to \$8,381.00. The following have served as superintendents: L. J. Clark, F. M. Goar, H. E. Glidwell, J. H.

Andereck, Ben D. Brickhouse, Sr., Guy W. Swaim, C. L. O'Daniel, Oscar Murrie, Sam T. Poe, Joe A. Goetz, Curtis W. Williams, C. B. Nelson, Hardin Bale, and Roland M. Shelton.

The first Epworth League at Asbury was organized some time in the conference year 1894-1895. The lowest membership ever reported to the conference was 20 and the highest was 157. The first report of amount of money raised by the League was made to the conference of 1902. The lowest amount raised by the League in any one year since then was \$32.00 and the highest was \$696.00. The League now consists of three groups.

In 1890 a "Ladies' Aid" was organized with the following members: Mrs. Minnie McPherson, president; Mesdames W. J. Joyner; W. R. Casey, J. B. Sandefur, R. A. Hightower, W. N. Prater, Rachel Cardwell, A. R. Williams, J. W. Pipkin, H. E. Glidwell, E. W. Mills, Jane Kitto, Sue Compton Scott and Misses Mollie Casey, Tonce Joyner, Tillie Kitto, Lonie Joyner and others. It was not until the year 1896 that a "Woman's Missionary Society" was organized. First available record of this

society shows the following members: Mesdames Farrow, Mills, Rushing, Swaim, Hightower, Clifford, Andereck, Goar, Prater, Mitchell, Odom, Cardwell, Crosswell, Smith, Joyner, Yowell, Rogers, Winn, Miss Ellis, the initials not being shown on the record. Mrs. Mills was president of the Foreign Society, and Mrs. Goar of the Home Society. The present membership of the Women's Society of Christian Service is 157. The total amount raised last year was \$1,558.16.

The first Board of Stewards was

composed of W. R. Casey, S. M. Alley, H. E. Glidwell and A. R. Williams. The first Board of Trustees of which there is any record, was composed of W. R. Casey, John T. Webb and William L. Wilson.

The present Board of Stewards is composed of Governor Homer M. Adkins, Dr. James Allen, C. T. Atkinson, Hardin Bale, Vice Chairman E. A. Bowen, J. G. Bowen, Treasurer, M. E. Couch, R. W. Darnell, W. E. Bale, U. L. Dennis, W. S. Ecord, Wayne Farris, Coy E. Fleming, M. T. Garner, W. H. Garner, J. C. Haynes, A. B. Hightower, E. P. Ingram, H. F. Jones, G. C. Killough, J. M. Mackey, L. J. Miller, G. E. Moren, Gordon McCain, L. E. Newland, G. H. Powell, W. E. Robey, W. Roy Sanders, Chairman, Walker Sanders, C. M. Sandlin, Wade H. Scott, J. R. Scott, H. L. Shannon, Roland M. Shelton, Elmer W. Smith, Secretary, H. J. Steinbach, Guy W. Swaim, C. L. Tipton, Judge J. S. Utley, C. J. Walker, H. G. Wilson, J. Gordon Wilson, W. E. Wilson, and honorary members composed of W. T. Hammock and H. A. Perry. The present Board of Trustees is composed of Governor Homer M. Adkins, Hardin Bale, Chairman, J. G. Bowman, Wayne Farris, Walker Sanders, Roland M. Shelton, Elmer W. Smith, Judge J. S. Utley, Sec'y, and W. E. Wilson.

The Church Debt Committee is composed of H. Bale, C. C. Bruton, G. E. Moren, Chairman, J. R. Scott, Roland M. Shelton, Elmer W. Smith, and J. Gordon Wilson.

Bishop Charles C. Seelman will preach the dedicatory sermon on Sunday, November 1, at 11:00 a. m. and dedicate the church assisted by Dr. Claud M. Reves, District Superintendent, and Rev. Fred G. Roebuck, Pastor.

BINGEN CHARGE

At the last session of the Conference at Fordyce, I was read out to the Bingen Charge, we proceeded to move at the very earliest date, and upon our arrival we found ourselves in the midst of a loyal bunch of church people. The good women of the church soon had the parsonage all in trim with new rugs on the floors, and some much-needed furniture, for which we were very thankful.

I found that I had inherited an old debt of long standing. I then set out to pay this debt, and also to paint the church. We secured the services of the best painters we could find in Nashville, and they soon had the paint on and ready for us to hold our meeting in the newly painted church, and on the night of September 7, in the presence of a large crowd, we paid the old debt and burned the note. Bro. J. W. Mann led us in a prayer of consecration, as he was holding our meeting at that time.

I have had six other meetings on my work, doing the preaching myself. We have had very good success, receiving 18 by profession and 15 by transfer, and I have held meetings for two other brethren with very good success.

We have on hand about \$60 to do some badly needed repairs on the parsonage. Thanks to all who helped to make the impossible possible.—A. J. Bearden, Pastor.



REV. FRED G. ROEBUCK

RICHARD PERDUE
President Little Rock Conference
Co-Editor

YOUTH'S PAGE

HAROLD EGGENSBERGER, Editor

ALVIN MURRAY
President North Arkansas Conference
Co-Editor

YOUTH FELLOWSHIP NEWS

The North Little Rock Methodist Youth Fellowship met with a Cowboy Banquet at Gardner Memorial Church, Monday, October 19. The room was decorated cowboy style and many of those attending were in cowboy costume. Miss Margaret Woodsmall was in charge of the program, featuring a cowboy theme.

Rev. E. J. Holifield gave the invocation. Following the banquet meal we were given an unusual treat in the singing of "The Lost Sheep" by Bro. Holifield. We were lead in singing several cowboy songs by Gene Goss, with Frankie Dell Warden at the piano. Thera Vance gave an exhibition of rope spinning.

The speaker for the evening was Rev. Harold Eggensberger, who had as his topic, "Rough and Ready." "The cowboy had a rough life, fraught with danger," he said, "but he was ready to make the most of it." He then compared the life of a Christian to that of a cowboy. "As Christians we will find life rough," he told us, "but with the help of Christ we will be ready to make the most of it." The difference between the cowboy and the Christian he said was to be found in the life each lived and the things for which each stood. Furthermore, he said, "the first cowboys in America knew no master while the first Christians knew the Master."

The evening closed with the benediction by Rev. O. L. Cole.—Don Goss, Reporter.

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Betty Jo Thompson reports that the Elberta Methodist Youth Fellowship met October 15 at Nashville. The Nashville young people presented an unusually interesting program with Jane Williams, leader, and the following others assisting: Charlie Mae Chapel, Barney Smith, Miss Ora Jean Ball, Juanita Hutchins and Jimmy Johnson. A review of the book, "The Man Nobody Knows," given by Mrs. Hale, was greatly appreciated.

The following young people gave reports of the work accomplished in each church: Virginia Daugherty of Bingen; Juanita Hutchins of the Nashville Intermediates; Jimmy Johnson of the Senior Young People and Mrs. Cagle of Mineral Springs.

The next meeting will be held December 17 at Bingen.

HERE'S AN IDEA FOR INVENTORS

The National Safety Council would like for someone to invent automobile brakes that would get tight when the driver does.

Silly, yes—but there is tragedy behind it.

A drunken driver contains as much hideous destruction as an enemy bomb. Don't drink if you drive.—N. S. C. Safety Radiogram.

The welfare of the men in the armed service of the United States, from the standpoint of alertness, efficiency, safety and moral welfare, should be the first consideration in the determination of general policies in this emergency.

WHAT CAN YOUNG PEOPLE DO ABOUT IT?

By LUCILE DESJARDINS
In "The Union Signal"

Are you one of those youth leaders who secretly dread the inevitable approach of the quarterly temperance lesson because you feel that everything possible has been said on the subject and still your group has not been moved to action?

(The first two lessons in the Group Graded Series for Seniors and Young People this month, November, deals with the special topic: "Our Lives and the Liquor Problem." Young people and teachers of youth groups should welcome Miss Desjardins practical suggestions in combating the vicious liquor problem. Here indeed is an opportunity to guide the young people of Methodism into some real and greatly needed social action for Christ.)

The writer of this article asked a group of young people (mostly young men) in a class at a summer conference to make some practical suggestions of ways in which their youth groups in their home churches might set to work to build group sentiment against the use of alcohol in the social life of their community.

The following were some of their suggestions:

1. Leave liquor alone yourself.

One of the boys gave as an illustration his own graduating class, in a small town, made up of twelve boys, not one of whom drank and only one of whom smoked.

2. Make people conscious that a problem exists.

3. Arouse public sentiment against the use of alcohol in the following ways:

a.) Plan and carry through a poster contest to see who can make the cleverest poster playing up the fallacies in some of the liquor advertisements or suggesting reasons why the production, sale, distribution, and use of liquor is not patriotic in wartimes.

b.) Plan a radio program (or a series of them.) Get as many as possible of the influential leaders of young people and of the community to express their own convictions on the liquor question. Interview men and women prominent in defense jobs and in the Army and report their statements as to the advisability of the use of intoxicating liquors when such people are about their work.

c.) Ask for space in the local newspaper. Have various young folk write articles which will make it clear how certain young people stand on this issue.

d.) Plan an "Information Please" program in which certain specific questions are asked about the effect of alcohol on the body and mind and morale of men and women, and have the answers given by young people.

e.) Set up a bulletin board in front of the church, or somewhere in the community, on which different members of the young people's class or society may display trenchant statements or news items concerning the liquor traffic.

f.) Write letters to representatives protesting against liquor being sold near Army camps.

g.) Start a campaign for popularizing some sort of soft-drink place, or dairy and ice-cream place where intoxicating liquors are not sold, which might draw young people away from the taverns where alcoholic liquors are sold.

(In a discussion of this last suggestion, one young man told of a dairy in his town run by two elderly men who did not have a great deal of sympathy with young people and who finally closed the place to the young folk because they considered these customers too noisy. This resulted in the entire crowd adopting for their gathering place a night club where intoxicating liquors were sold.)

h.) Plan and give a play which stresses the importance of temperance and sobriety in times of peril and crisis.

i.) List, and place where all can see it, the various defense jobs and jobs in Army, Navy, and Air Forces in which alcoholic beverages are detrimental in the war program.

These are but a few of the practical suggestions young people will be offering once they are convinced that we have in the liquor traffic as formidable an enemy as any on the war fronts and one, in combating which, real courage and strategy is needed. Let us guide the young people of our church into some real social action which will give them a thrilling sense of Kingdom achievement.

PRAYER FOR MEN IN SERVICE

Our gracious Heavenly Father, we commend to Thy loving care our sons who have gone forth to serve their country and the cause of freedom, on land and sea and in the air. Shield them from danger; keep them strong and steadfast; give them courage and chivalry; inspire them with devotion to the cause to which they are offering their lives, and help them to achieve a just and lasting peace for the whole world. Hold in Thy holy keeping all those dear unto them whom they have left behind. Cleanse them from the stain of sin and help them to live victoriously, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.—Federal Council Bulletin.

HELPING YOUTH FACE THE ALCOHOL PROBLEM

By Mrs. E. P. Steele
Little Rock

(Mrs. E. P. Steele is a member of First Methodist Church. For years she has been a loyal worker in the Church and a progressive member of the W. C. T. U.. She loves young people and takes keen interest in their problems.)

The future welfare of our nation, state and church depends on our youth. They are the ones to whom we must look for they hold the keys to the difficult situations of today. It is our duty as older people to be careful to set the right example for them. It has been truly said that where men go boys will follow (the same can be said of mothers and daughters). If the son sees his father go into a place where drinks are sold, the son is apt to think, if dad can take a drink so can I. When mothers smoke and serve cocktails to their friends, how can they expect daughters and sons not to do the same. We teach more by example than we do by lecture.

It matters not where we are there is always someone watching our actions to see if we practice what we preach. If we could only realize that if we have the right principles and practice them the world would look up to and respect us. Youth should be taught what alcohol is and what it does. It destroys the brain, makes the person unfit for school or business, and sooner or later causes the person to lose his self-respect.

A young girl a few nights ago said she never drank. When asked how to keep from it the answer was: "Never take the first drink." One writer has put the problem clearly before us when he said:

"The man takes a drink,
Then drink takes a drink,
Then drink takes the man."

There is a pamphlet by Bertha Rachel Palmer that should be studied by both young and old. It plainly tells what alcohol is and what it does. Any person at any gathering where drink is served is more respected if he refuses it no matter what others say. The very ones who jeer will deep down in their hearts look up to him.

May older people always set the right example for the youth of this and every land. It is well to ask God's guidance in helping us all to make this world a better place in which to live. Whenever we face the vicious problem of alcohol it is well to remember the words of wisdom found in Proverbs 20:1: "Wine is a mocker, strong drink is raging; and whosoever is deceived thereby is not wise."

The Bible teaches us to pray, "Lead us not into temptation." The Christian men and women of the nation feel very strongly that neither the Government of the United States nor the organized liquor traffic should be permitted to place temptation before the young men of the armed services—temptation which finds them unprotected by their normal environment, temptation which may conceivably lead to the establishment of habits deleterious to their social, economic and moral prospects in life.



THE CHILDREN'S PAGE

ANNIE WINBURNE, Editor



IN STORYLAND

BOBBY AND BETH

"Girls don't have to do anything!" declared Bobby. "Girls don't have to feed hens or fill the wood-box. I wish I was a girl."

"Girls don't have to do anything!" exclaimed Grandmother Stone, in surprise. "Well, well, well! You come with me a minute, Bobby, and we'll see if you are right."

Bobby followed grandmother into the sitting room. But when they got there both were surprised, for sitting in the big rocker was Beth, her eyes full of tears.

"I wish I was a boy," she said sorrowfully. "I'm tired dusting rooms. Boys don't have to dust or mend stockings or do anything."

"Well, I never did!" exclaimed grandmother. "Suppose you do Bobby's work today and he will do yours. I know that he will be delighted to exchange work with you."

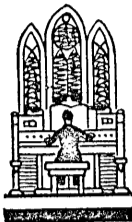
But grandmother was mistaken. "I'm going to feed the hens myself," Bobby said decidedly.

Beth wiped her eyes in a hurry. "Girls never fill wood-boxes," she murmured.

Then they both laughed and stopped grumbling.—Exchange.

THE ORGAN

*The mighty organ's notes ring out
In praise to Him above
A message clothed in sweetest strains
That tells of His great love.*



*Our hearts we lift in gratitude
When first we hear its voice
And with God's people everywhere
We worship and rejoice.—A. E. W.*

BOYS AND GIRLS OF OTHER LANDS

CINDERELLA IN EGYPT

Cinderella's real name, it seems, was Rhodope; and she was a beautiful Egyptian maiden, who lived during the reign of Psammeticus, one of the twelve kings of Egypt. One day Rhodope ventured to go in bathing in a clear stream near her home, and meanwhile left her shoes, which must have been unusually small, lying on the bank. An eagle, passing above, chanced to catch sight of the little sandals, and mistaking them for a toothsome tidbit, pounced down and carried off one in his beak. The bird then unwittingly played the part of fairy godmother; flying directly over Memphis, where King Psammeticus was judging the people, she let the shoe fall right into the King's lap. Its size, beauty and daintiness immediately attracted the eye, and the King, determined to know the wearer of so cunning a shoe, sent throughout all his Kingdom in search of the foot that would fit it.

As in the story of Cinderella, the messengers finally discovered Rhodope, fitted on the shoe, and carried her in triumph to Memphis, where she became the queen of the king.

JUST FOR FUN

"Spell 'ferment' and give its definition," requested the teacher.

"F-e-r-m-e-n-t—to work," nobly responded Keith.

"Now, use it in a sentence, so I may be sure you understand it."

"In nice weather, I would rather play tennis out-of-doors than ferment in the school house."—Presbyterian Advance.

Mother: "What's the idea of washing only one finger?"

Son: "Jimmy Smith wants me to come over to his house and feel his baby brother's new tooth."—Goblin.

"Do you know, Uncle," said little Jane, "that a baby that was fed on elephant's milk gained twenty pounds in a week?"

"Nonsense," said Uncle James. "Whose baby was it?"

"The elephant's," said the little girl.—Exchange.

"Have you seen a strayed fox-terrier dog about, my boy?"

"Little black-and-white one?"

"Yes."

"Wiv a stumpy tail an' sharp nose?"

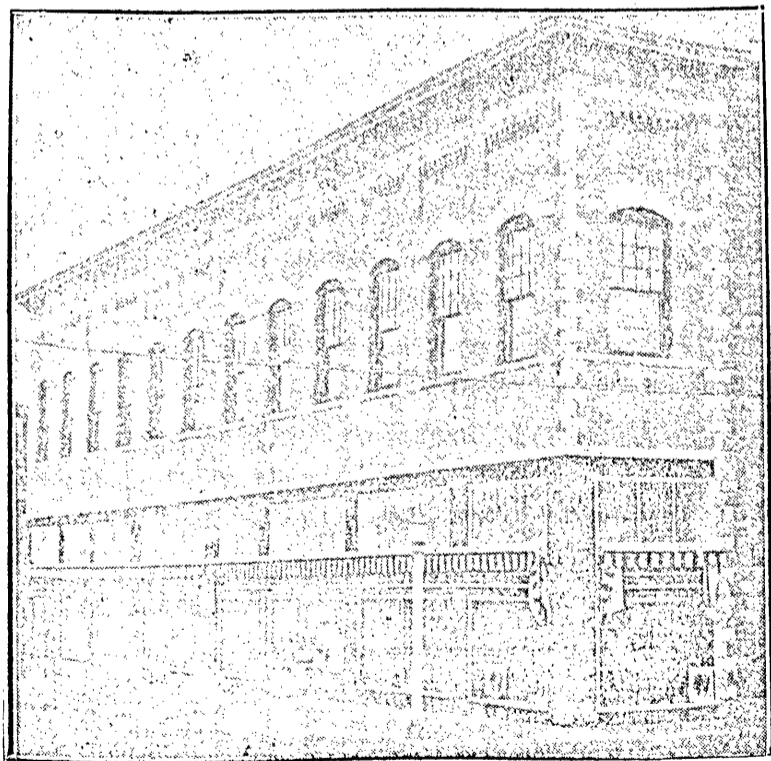
"Yes."

"Ears stuck up?"

"You describe him exactly."

"I ain't seen him, mister, but I know the sort yer mean."

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ACT NUMBER 1

This Act will enable the voters in any county or town in Arkansas to have an election on the liquor issue by getting 15 per cent of legal voters to petition for it, as they now can do on any other issue. This is not a PROHIBITION law—but an ACT providing for a FAIR Local Option Law.

Approved by Arkansas Supreme Court

AN AMAZING SITUATION ARKANSAS AND LIQUOR IN 1941

Startling facts on liquor REVENUE to this state, and what it cost, for the year 1941:

Table with 2 columns: Description and Amount. Includes 'COLLECTED BY THE STATE IN REVENUE FROM LIQUORS' and 'Total Net Revenue From Liquors'.

Table with 2 columns: Description and Amount. Includes 'The COST of liquors sold in Arkansas during 1941:' with sub-items for HARD LIQUORS, BEER, WINE, and TOTAL.

FURTHER LOSS CAUSED BY LIQUOR

Arkansas had 503 traffic deaths in 1941—150 more than in 1940. State Police Department reported that such accidents cost the state in 1940, \$8.00 per capita—about \$16,000,000. For 1941 the cost was about \$11.00 per capita—about \$22,000,000. Some estimates of PERCENTAGE of highway accidents caused by liquor go above fifty percent. Even TWENTY-FIVE percent in this case would be above \$5,000,000.

ASTOUNDING LOSS CAUSED BY LIQUOR

The "FBI" estimates CRIME costs America \$15,000,000,000 annually. MUCH of that is HIDDEN cost. Arkansas has about one-sixty-fifth of the nation's population. Proportionately her CRIME bill would be \$230,700,000 plus. Suppose we assume, (which is absurd), that Arkansas is just ONE-THIRD as bad as the average; even so, our crime bill would be \$76,900,000. Estimates of percentage of crime caused by LIQUOR run from forty to ninety percent. At the LOWEST estimate Arkansas' yearly crime bill caused by liquor, is

Table with 2 columns: Description and Amount. Includes 'Three items—the cost to the state for liquors, and for highway accidents caused by liquors, and crime caused by liquor, in 1941' and 'LESS AMOUNT COLLECTED BY ARKANSAS FROM LIQUOR REVENUE'.

ADD the cost of ALCOHOLIC INSANITY—which is rapidly increasing. ADD the cost of reduced, or completely LOST, EARNING POWER caused by liquor. And still other losses are caused by liquor. The argument of liquor for REVENUE is hopelessly unsound and an insult to all intelligence.

ABOVE all ECONOMIC loss is the MORAL and SPIRITUAL loss, which cannot be calculated. Prov. 20:1; Prov. 23:32; First Cor. 6:10.

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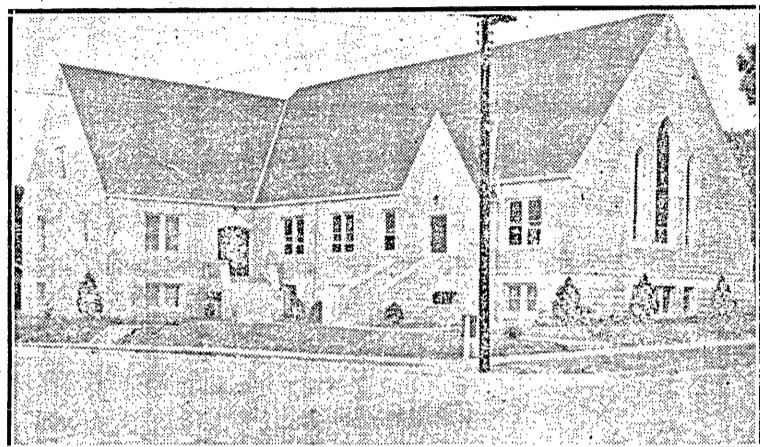
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CENTRAL AVENUE METHODIST CHURCH, BATESVILLE

History And Achievements Of Central Avenue Methodist Church

Central Avenue Methodist Church is a living monument to the spirit of its members and many friends in Batesville. The present building was erected under the leadership of Rev. J. A. Gatlin in 1937 and the present parsonage was purchased and repaired at the same time. All debts were paid in full under the ministry of Rev. E. W. Faulkner. The men who quarried the stone, many of those who helped with the building, and the contractor and all members of the building committee are now members of Central Avenue. No one had much to give, but all gave as they were able, and we have a church valued at \$25,000 and a parsonage valued at \$3,000.

This year we have received 31 members into the church, nine on profession of faith. All benevolences were paid by District Conference, and every obligation has been paid to date. The pastor has also carried the Church at Ffeiffer called Hopewell Church as an extension work this year since the pastor went to other work.

The Chairman of the Board of Stewards is Homer Fox. The Secretary of the Board and also Sunday School Superintendent is Harold Riggs. Treasurer of the Church is Cledice Jones who also teaches a class of young adults.

Arch Jones is Chairman of the Board of Trustees. The entire list is too long to give but with such a fine place to work and such people to work with any pastor can get things done.

We had the splendid assistance of Rev. Neill Hart in a Visitation Evangelism Campaign and the help of Rev. Robert J. Kennedy in a two weeks meeting following the Visitation Campaign.



GROVER C. JOHNSON, Supt. Batesville District



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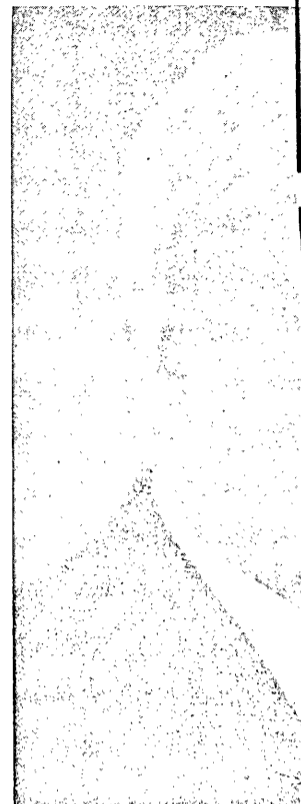
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In spite of the fact that nearly forty young men who took some part in the Church and Church School have gone into service in the last fifteen months, and that many other members are working elsewhere on Defense project, our attendance in Church School and on the Church Services has held up, so we have really made a gain because we had to find someone to take the places of those who had gone away.

Our present goal for the Church School Year ending in Sept., 1943, is an increase in Church School enrollment of 200, with proportionate increase in Church School and church attendance.

A new bulletin board has been erected on a concrete base at the southeast corner of the church this year, and cars traveling Highway 69 or turning on 106 can see and read the name of the Church and the notices.

Rev. James T. Randle is present pastor, having been appointed in 1941.



BISHOP CHAR
Presid

District Doings Grover C. Johnson District Supt.

This has been a year of all it has been a good year. lies, and the laymen have a credit for any achievements

Along with our joys we have had our sorrows. Horace M. Lewis has passed on. His labors well done.

We have dedicated three churches in the district are the church at Cotter and all as they come due.

The report will show how many have been received into the church.

All benevolences will be paid with the possible exception

We increased our acceptance of \$380.00 and will increase acceptance a total increase of \$1500.00 for next year.

The good laymen of the district and their pastors have rendered service in the territory around Batesville \$500.00 with which to employ for the coming year.

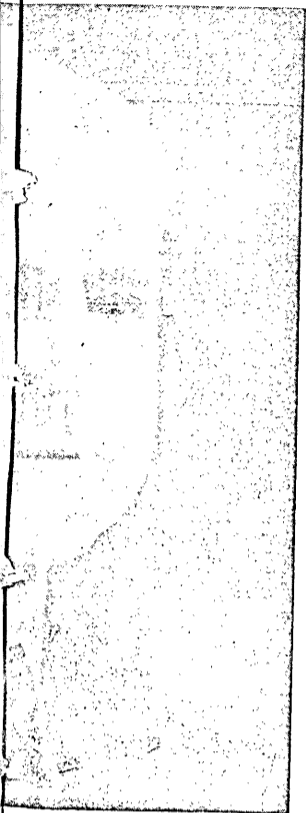
Two of our pastors, Rev. R. and Rev. Uriah Smith, have been standing work in evangelism and have added members to the church this year on profession of faith.

The Batesville District is the finest people to be found in the South, say, I feel my indebtedness



Arkansas Conference November 4-8

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C. SELECKMAN
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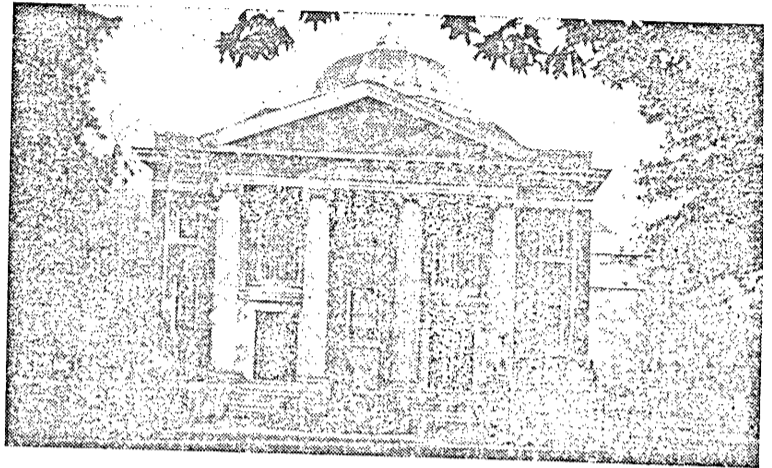
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At Right—The
Batesville
First Church

At Left—The
Host Pastor
Rev. Horace Lewis



THE FIRST CHURCH HAS HAD A GOOD YEAR

A good year marked by growth, progress and enthusiastic interest will be reported to the Bishop at the North Arkansas Conference by the host church—Batesville First Methodist.

The church, one steeped in early Arkansas Methodist history with a long record of worthwhile achievement, has enjoyed a period of unusual progress and unity under active, friendly and able Horace M. Lewis, since he became pastor last year.

First Methodist has a total active membership of 735 with 199 non-resident members. This includes the 59 taken into the church in the conference year. Twenty of these were on profession of faith. Forty-two were lost by death and otherwise. Thirteen of the additions on profession of faith came from the Church School.

The financial program of the church has been, or will be, met in full and the

church has voluntarily assumed an obligation of \$600 toward the support of a District Missionary next year. A total of \$13,000 has been raised for all purposes during the Church year.

A most helpful and promising new activity of the Church has been the establishment and maintenance of an active Fellowship of Evangelism, which has met monthly since Easter.

The pastor made 1,165 pastoral calls, in addition to performing his many other duties.

The fall season has brought new interest and better attendance to the Methodist Youth Fellowship activities. The young people who participate in these activities are quite active and have participated in many worthwhile events, such as the training school for young people at the First Methodist's sister church—Central Avenue Methodist—and the Caravan week at Cave City, in which a number of MYF members participated.

First Methodist's Church School, which has always been strong in attendance and achievement, had a good year too. Nels Barnett, Church School Superintendent, reports a total enrollment of 543, with an average attendance of 221. Improvement of teaching work and improved attendance of Young People at camps and assemblies are reported to be the features in which the School has made the best progress of the year. In finances, the Church School raised a total amount of \$1,364.

The Woman's Society of Christian Service of the Church ended the year with 112 WSCS members and 28 members of the Wesleyan Service Guild. These loyal women raised \$2,326.93, \$1,371 of which was for missions and \$944 represented the total offerings for Christian Social Relations and local church activities.



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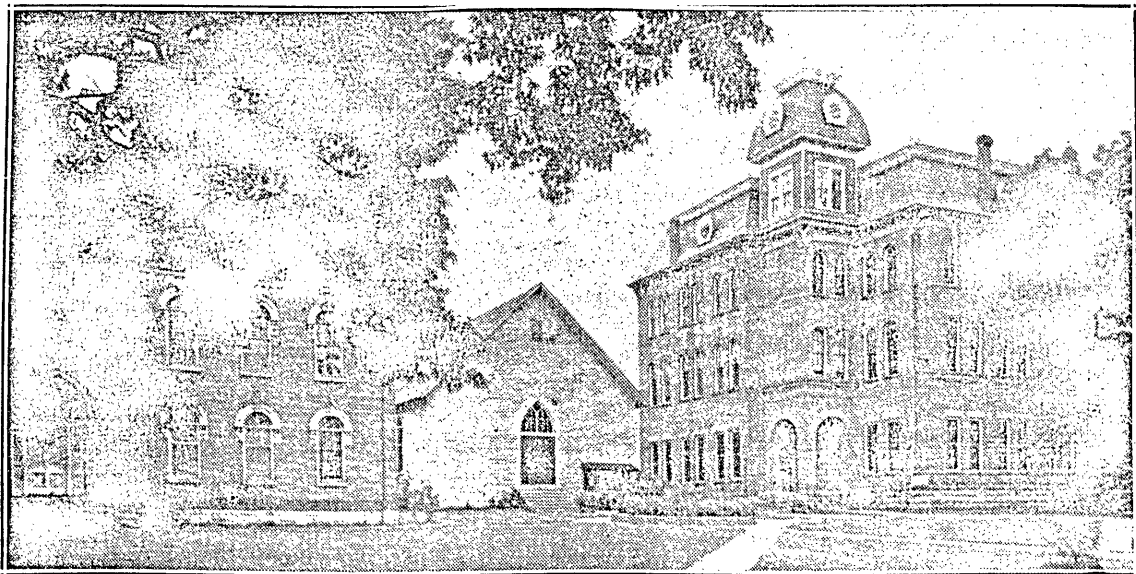
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COTTON PLANT W. S. C. S. HONORS MISS McCAIN

Miss Pearle McCain, who has recently returned from many years spent in missionary work in China, was honored with a reception and tea at the Methodist church in Cotton Plant, while visiting here in the home of her brother, W. H. and Mrs. McCain. Members of the Presbyterian and Baptist Missionary Societies were also guests.

Mrs. W. G. Jones in a few well-chosen words, introduced Miss McCain, who told in an intensely interesting way of her work in China, using pictures of her Chinese friends, schools and missions to illustrate her talk, also showing lovely Chinese posters. Miss McCain was dressed in lovely embroidered Chinese costume of tapestry cloth.

Mrs. W. A. Arthurs, president of the W. S. C. S., presented a gift from the Society to Miss McCain. Her mother, Mrs. R. C. McCain of Russellville, and Mrs. W. H. McCain, were also honor guests.

On Sunday evening Miss McCain was introduced by the pastor, Rev. E. E. Stevenson, and spoke to a large and appreciative audience at the Methodist church about her work in her beloved China.

TO OUR CONTRIBUTORS

It becomes necessary to carry over some of our reports due to the press of materials relating to our coming annual conferences. These reports will all be printed as soon as space permits.—S. M. W.

The sacrifice of God are a broken spirit: a broken and a contrite heart, O God, thou wilt not despise.
—Psalm 51:17.

QUARTERLY SUPPLIES REPORT

Was your society one of those societies that sent me a report blank with the unwanted phrase, "Nothing to report," written across it? How about looking through old and new copies of The Methodist Woman and The World Outlook for general information on supplies and particularly for information about the Home Institution that has been assigned your society. Also, read the articles that tell the needs of our foreign countries; the desperate need in China for medical supplies and how the schools that have been moved inland need equipment. It would be worth your while to catalogue a list of the articles you find in current magazines for future use.

The past quarter gifts were sent to China, Philippine Islands, Latin America and a number of societies left to the discretion of the Division the directing of the gift. The total amount, \$141.70, given to home institutions, \$29.00. The recipients were: Scarritt, Epworth School, Woman's Building and Deaconess Work. To Ministerial Aid, both cash and supplies, \$63.95. A grand total of \$234.66.

During this quarter you will have opportunity to send Christmas boxes. Be sure to send them early. Send to: Epworth School, Webster

Groves, Mo.; Valley Institute, Pharr Texas; MacDonell French School, Houma, La.; to our deaconesses or to some minister suggested by your District Superintendent. How about making the box a gift in addition to your regular gift?

Wesleyan Service Guild Handbook, pages 81-93, lists the institutions to which they send supplies; however, they may "assist with supply work, or pay cash towards supplies assumed by the W. S. C. S." (Quoted from Handbook). Any supplies sent should be reported through your local W. S. C. S. supply secretary.

MRS. PEARSON ATTENDS MEETING IN AUSTIN

Mrs. W. P. Pearson, North Arkansas Conference Secretary of Christian Social Relations and Local Church Activities, will be guest of the Commission on Interracial Cooperation at an Interracial Conference to be held in Austin, October 30. Others in attendance will be the five Conference C. S. R. and L. C. A. Secretaries of Texas: Mrs. W. B. Landrum, Jurisdiction Secretary of C. S. R. and L. C. A.; Mrs. J. W. Mills, First Vice-President of the Woman's Division of Christian Service, and Mrs. Jessie Daniel Ames, Director of Field Work for the Commission on Interracial Cooperation.

WALDO ANNIVERSARY

The Woman's Society for Christian Service held a very impressive Stewardship service Monday afternoon with a large attendance. Mrs. S. A. Reasons and Mrs. E. C. O'Daniel arranged the program. The church was impressive with baskets of white flowers used as a background for the draped altar. A single white lily marked the center where three tall white tapers were placed. Mrs. O'Daniel opened the program with a spiritual meditation using as her subject, "Personal Commitment." She reminded the women that this is the beginning of the second year of the Society under the new organization set-up. Mrs. George Kitchens, dressed in a flowing white robe, conducted the candle lighting service, the first candle representing "The Spirit of God," the second, "All That I Am" and the third, "All That I Have."

Soft violin music by Edward McNeil with Miss Ruby Cook accompanist. Mrs. J. D. Scurlock represented the "Voice" and led the group in responsive readings, suitable to the theme of Stewardship. Hymns of Prayer and Service were sung by the group. Mrs. J. E. O'Daniel and Mrs. Glen Boswell used as a vocal duet, "Spirit of God Descends Upon My Heart." Julia Ann O'Daniel collected the gift envelopes. The benediction was said by the pastor, Rev. J. A. Simpson.—Reporter.

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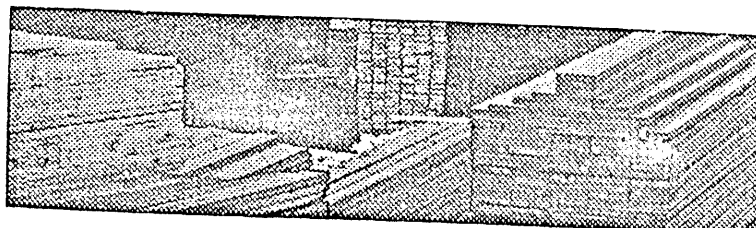
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LITTLE ROCK CONFERENCE NOTES

By Clem Baker

Executive Committee Board of Education Meets

The Executive Committee of the Conference Board of Education met at First Church, Little Rock, Tuesday, October 20, with Rev. E. C. Rule, presiding. At noon the Committee met in joint session with the district superintendents of the Conference. We had an interesting and helpful meeting. Most of our attention was given to getting ready for the annual meeting of the Board of Education which will meet at Hot Springs, November 11th. Notices of the exact hour and place of the meeting will be mailed to all members of the Board this week. The Board has had a good year. Plans for an enlarged program for our rural churches will be submitted to the Board.

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"Good-bye, God, Until Next Summer"

On a recent one-day trip we passed two country churches. Both were on graveled highways and in well-settled country communities. The first church had all the doors and windows open, leaves and limbs and trash littered up the church yard and the hogs were preparing to make their winter home under the house. When we went in we found that no stove had been put up, no wood had been gathered, the seats and floor were well covered with dust blowing in through the open door, the song books were scattered all over the house, many of them wide open, and the Sunday school literature was piled up in the corner. The impression one gets was that at the approach of cold weather this church said, "Good-bye, God, we will see you again next summer."

On approaching the second country church, I noticed that the church grounds were kept neat and clean, the foundation was boarded up, the window panes were all in place and the windows and doors were all closed. This particular church had a neat front porch and on the porch I noted a fine pile of good dry wood with kindling. On entering the church I found it neatly swept and dusted, the song books in place and the literature neatly placed in a small book case provided for this

THE SUPERINTENDENT'S CORNER

By CLEM BAKER

"CHURCH SCHOOL REPORT TO ANNUAL CONFERENCE"

As we approach our Annual Conferences all Church School Superintendents should be ready to give our pastors the answers to the nineteen questions which the pastor must answer about each one of his Church Schools at Conference. If each superintendent will get a copy of the 1941 Journal of the Little Rock Conference and turn to Statistical Table No. 2 for his district, he will find all these questions listed and also find the statistics given for each of these questions for his own school last year. It will be noted that these questions include the number enrolled in the Children's Division, the Youth Division, the Adult Division, the number of officers and teachers, the number enrolled in the Nursery (birth to three years old—Cradle Roll), the number enrolled in the Home Department and the total enrollment in all the above. It also asks for the number enrolled in Vacation Schools, in Week Day sessions, and in Young People's meetings. It will be noted also that to get the grand total enrollment for the year, one must add the enrollment of all pupils not already counted attending Vacation Schools, Week Day Sessions, Young People's meetings and Young Adult meetings to the total enrollment of all departments of the Sunday School. We are sure that our fine superintendents will be wanting to help their pastors get a correct report on all these questions for their Church School which the pastor will report to the coming Conference.

purpose. Two good stoves were already up and each had been recently polished. My impression here was that I had found a congregation keeping house for God and getting ready to meet him every Sabbath, even during the winter time. When I came home that night I sat wondering why every country church in Arkansas could not get ready to meet God all the winter. If the people of any community would gather together at the church for just one day, they could clean the church yard, put in the broken window panes, put up the stoves, gather wood and this one day's preparation would advertise to the community that this church would have Sunday school every Sunday. Suppose we try it.

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Gurdon Carries On In Absence Of Pastor

Since early in September our church at Gurdon has been without a pastor. Rev. R. L. Long, who had done such a splendid work there for the past two years, left to accept the chair of Bible and Religious Education in McMurry College in Abilene, Texas. Since no preacher

was available to take up the work before Conference, the congregation agreed with the district superintendent to carry on with supply preachers until Conference. A pulpit committee, headed by Brother Chase Stephens was charged with the responsibility of securing preachers from Sunday to Sunday. It was my privilege to be the preacher last Sunday morning. We had a fine congregation and found that this church has not missed a service and will come up to Conference with full reports on everything. While there I had dinner with Professor G. A. Brown, who has been superintendent of the public school system in Gurdon for 18 years. In the afternoon we had a delightful visit with Brother Berry, a retired member of our Conference who makes Gurdon his home. Brother Berry joined the Little Rock Conference in 1882 and is the only man living who belonged to the Conference at that time. He and Mrs. Berry have reared a wonderful family and though they have reached a ripe old age (Brother Berry is past 80, but I did not find out how old Mrs. Berry is) they are both well and

happy. It was a good day in Gurdon and we congratulate this splendid church upon the loyal way it is carried on.

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Vacation School On a Houseboat

In reporting the Vacation School held at Aberdeen within the bounds of the Roe Circuit, the pastor's wife adds the following interesting note: "This school was held under the 'shade of a tree' on the banks of White River as the community has no building. We met on a houseboat the day it rained. Mr. Rushing held preaching services at night. A Church School is being organized and a preaching service once a month is being arranged. I feel that much has been done and that perhaps we may have a Methodist Church at this place some day. There were two additions to the fellowship of the church and several rededications." There are several interesting things about this report. First, it is one of five Vacation Schools held on the Roe Circuit this year. Second, it was held in a community where there is no church building, no church organization and no Sunday school. Third, as a result of this Vacation School, a new Sunday school and possibly a new church will be organized. Fourth, 26 children were reached in this Vacation School who had not been in Sunday school this year. Reports indicate that more than 200 children who had never attended any one Sunday school were reached in Vacation Schools in the Little Rock Conference this summer. Our congratulations go to the Roe Circuit and their fine pastor and his energetic wife.

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Education Advance at First Church, Hot Springs

In an interesting note from Mr. Lyal Bruce, the general superintendent of our Church School at Hot Springs, he makes the following statement: "First Church, Hot Springs, is feeling the impact of the Educational Advance Movement. The Young People's Division has increased in attendance 38%; the Children's Division 21%, and the Adult Division by 14%, or a general increase of 26½% throughout the school. The Youth Fellowship has trebled in attendance with two large rooms filled with worshippers each Sunday evening. We are just beginning." We congratulate First Church for its fine leadership in this campaign.

RADIO BROADCASTS FOR LITTLE ROCK CONF.

By R. E. Simpson, Reporter

Following a meeting of preachers and District Superintendent here sometime ago I was authorized to contact KTHS about the use of the radio during our Annual Conference. I believe our members all over the state will be glad to know that we have secured the following time from KTHS:

Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, November 11, 12, 13, we will have ten minutes for Methodist Conference News, 3:05-3:15 p. m.

Sunday night, November 15, we will have thirty minutes, at eight

o'clock for reading the appointments. On this period we will also have time for some good old Methodist hymns.

Also, Conference Sunday, November 15, at eleven o'clock, Governor Adkins will occupy the pulpit at Grand Avenue and this service will be broadcast over KTHS, as Grand Avenue broadcasts its third and fourth Sunday morning services. We hope to have every Methodist congregation worship in their church by means of the radio, and full information about this service will be sent to every pastor, or church lay leader.

Prayer helps in time of need.

ARKANSAS METHODIST ORPHANAGE

This will be the last communication that I will have until after the Conferences meet as the Methodist is needed for the publication of things that happen at Conference. The North Arkansas Conference is held first and then the Little Rock. Both of them have had good years and my relation to the brotherhood in both Conferences has been helpful and pleasant. I do not know that I will be able to attend the North Arkansas but if I am not, I will ask Brother Sam Wiggins, our Board member, to represent us. I am very anxious to meet the brethren

but conditions arising make it doubtful as to my getting out of the bounds of this Conference for a while. I hope that both Conferences will be pleasant.

The Home for Children is in good condition and Mrs. Lane, our matron, who has been ill, is getting better.

With best wishes for all, I am, yours truly.—James Thomas, Supt.

We cannot command veracity at will; the power of seeing and reporting truly is a form of health that has to be delicately guarded. The penalty of untruth is untruth.—George Eliot.

BOARD OF MISSIONS AND CHURCH EXTENSION

The Board of Missions and Church Extension of the Little Rock Conference will meet at the First Methodist Church at Hot Springs on November 11 at 3 p. m.—J. D. Hammons, Chairman.

CLASS ANNIVERSARY BANQUET

The Sunshine Class of the First Methodist Church, Little Rock, held its 25th Anniversary Banquet in the Banquet Hall of the church, Tuesday, October 13. Tables were beautifully decorated with blue flowers in silver containers and blue tapers. Favors carried out the color scheme of blue and silver.

Mrs. L. C. Holman, a former teacher of the class, spoke on the subject, "Silver Threads" and traced briefly the history of the class from its beginning in 1917 with a charter membership of eight, under the direction of Mrs. W. A. Riley as teacher.

Miss Hazel King, member of the class and former president, spoke on "Silver Deeds," giving a resume of some of the outstanding projects undertaken by the Sunshine Class. Each year the class has provided Easter eggs and supervised an egg hunt for the children at our Methodist Home. They have helped a number of high school girls, by helping provide clothes and money for school expenses, and have done many other things in their effort to spread sunshine through their corner of the world. Their motto has always been "Cooperate and Assist." During the past year one of the projects has been to furnish a Day Room at Camp Robinson.

Mrs. Mildred Cleveland, accom-

panied by Mr. John Summers, sang several selections.

During the past year the class has been very capably led by Mrs. Bernice Redwine as president and by its teachers, Mrs. Hazel Isgrig, Mrs. Olive Myers and Mrs. Louise Dew. Miss Violet Evans will be the president for the coming Sunday School year.—Reporter.

YARBRO-PROMISED LAND CHARGE

We are closing out our first year on the Yarbrow-Promised Land Charge. At our Fourth Quarterly Conference, the first of October our finances were in fine shape. All claims, salaries and benevolences were paid in full. During the year we entertained the Jonesboro District Conference, also the District meeting of the Woman's Society of Christian Service. We have had good revival meetings, fifteen additions to the church. We have remodeled the parsonage at a cost of \$490.00, which will all be paid before Annual Conference. Our people are loyal and are cooperating in a fine way which accounts for this good report.

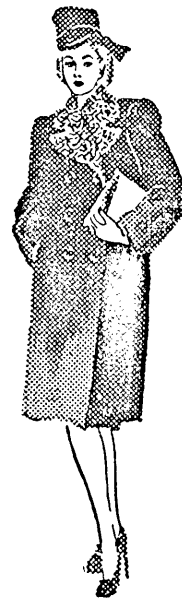
We have given twenty-five of our young men to the service of our country and just now I am told that our young aggressive and very efficient general superintendent of our Yarbrow Church School, Mr. Paul Abbott, has received his call. We will feel this loss keenly but the ranks will be closed and the work of the Kingdom will go on.—D. G. Hindman, Pastor.

The Wesleyan revival was not begun by the redemption of the unbelievers but by the enrichment of the personal experience of the redeemed.—Dr. Jowett.

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Total... \$7,401.45

Waldron Ct... 46.25
Charge in doubt... 22.75
Total... \$8,050.12
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Aubrey... \$ 100.00
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The Sunday School Lesson

By DR. W. P. WHALEY



Christian View On Marriage

LESSON FOR NOV. 1.

LESSON TEXT: Genesis 2:18-24; Matthew 19:3:6; John 2:1-5.

GOLDEN TEXT: "Let marriage be had in honor among all." Hebrews 13:4.

According to Genesis 2:18-24, marriage is a divine institution. God planned that man should have a wife, and that a woman should have a husband. It is not good for either to be alone. Both men and women are incomplete when single. The complete, normal and happy development for both is found in successful marriage. The two halves, the man and the woman, complement each other and the two become one.

Monogamy is God's plan—one wife, one husband. Nature backs up this law by keeping the sexes numerically equal. No evidence that any people ever sanctioned promiscuity in sex relations. Some groups have sanctioned polygamy. Among all peoples, as far back as historians can trace, the marriage of a man and a woman has conformed to the sanctions of the community, and has been celebrated by some sort of wedding ceremony. The earliest sanctions and ceremonies were religious; for religion and religious ceremonies are much older than the state and civil statutes.

No doubt, God meant marriage to be a religious matter. It is a serious and important matter. Young people should be guided into it by wise and religious counselors. Many modern pastors are studying the marriage question, reading books, and taking lecture courses, in order to give help to those planning marriage. Young people might save themselves much heartache by talking freely with their pastors. Taking marriage lightly, neglecting to talk with parents or pastor, not thinking of it as a religious business, and making it a clandestine frolic, bring a lot of sorrow to many young people.

The Roman Catholic church considers marriage a religious sacrament that conveys divine grace to the recipients. Taking this sacrament at the hands of the church, and receiving the blessings of the church, the young couple are supposed to be able to perform well the duties of married life. Protestant young people can make their marriage sacred, holy, and lasting by going to their church and getting the services and blessings of their pastor.

I. No Divine Provision For Divorce.

If there is happiness in the union of two lives, there is misery in the tearing apart. God provided for the happiness, but not for the misery. He could not plan the tearing apart of two hearts without pain. The divine law is for married people to CLEAVE together. It may take effort to hold together; but it takes effort to succeed at any business. Conditions got so bad among the Israelites that Moses declared a moratorium on the marriage law to accommodate the wicked who would not submit to the divine law. But Moses' law for granting divorce

was not divine, it was human. God had nothing to do with it. It was Moses' makeshift for a situation he did not know how to handle. Jesus told the Pharisees: "Moses, because of the hardness of your hearts, suffered you to put away your wives: but from the beginning it was not so. And I say unto you, whosoever shall put away his wife, except it be for fornication, and shall marry another, committeth adultery." So Jesus condemned even Moses' law of divorce, and urged that we get back to the original divine law: "What therefore God hath joined together, let no man put asunder." If young people would let God "join them together," and keep men from pulling them apart, they would be measuring up to Jesus' standard of marriage.

II. Jesus At a Wedding.

Jesus frequently talked about marriage. He told a story about a man who crashed into a wedding, and did not have on a wedding garment. Another of his stories was about ten girls that started to a wedding, and five of them foolishly neglected to take sufficient oil for their lamps, and did not get in. In the lesson for today, we have an account of Jesus and his mother attending a wedding at Cana, a neighboring village not far from Nazareth. It was here on this occasion He did his first miracle. What a beautiful setting for the first of Jesus' amazing deeds! How it warms our hearts to know that the Son of God began his ministry for the salvation of the world by going to a wedding and sharing in and blessing the marriage festivities! In after years, when Jesus had such a great name, it must have been a joy to this young couple to say to their friends: "This Jesus attended our wedding. The first miracle he did was changing water into wine at our wedding; and we drank some of that wine." Perhaps there was no more important place for Jesus to begin his mighty works than at the wedding of a young couple. Young people, invite him to yours. Let Jesus change the common-place into the sparkling wine of a Christian wedding.

III. Honor Marriage.

Our golden text says: "Let marriage be had in honor among all." The purpose of marriage is (1) COMPANIONSHIP. Each party to a marriage contract should honor the other. Each has made solemn pledges, each has made sacred vows, each has declared a holy love, each has forsaken all for the other, and each has changed the program of life for a different. A person who does all that for you should be honored by you. (2) HOME. The homes of the country were built by young married couples. Together these couples faved the problem of building, shouldered the cost, and achieved. The home is a man's cas-

tle. Homes make our civilization. "There's no place like home." It is the privilege and the duty of wedded couples to contribute to a country's civilization its most beautiful unit, a home. (3) CHILDREN. God attended the first marriage, and pronounced his blessings upon the couple: "And God blessed them, and God said unto them, Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth, and subdue it." The holy business of peopling the earth with immortal beings in the image of God is turned over to married couples. A husband is to be a father. A wife is to be a mother. These are the two highest offices in the world, and we win them by divine appointment. "Lo, children are an heritage of the Lord: and the fruit of the womb is his reward." Some young people are tempted to think of children as an inconvenience, and do not welcome them. They should think what it will be to come down to old age without children and grandchildren. "Children's children are the crown of old men; and the glory of children are their fathers." Young people should bring their children early, while they have youth and strength to do for the children. Children should have the joy of knowing their parents while the parents are young and most attractive. What is more beautiful than a young mother still wearing the bloom of girlhood

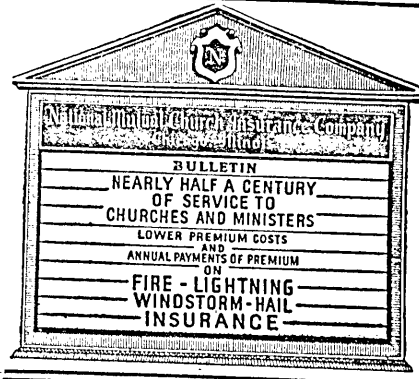
Young people should study the matter of marriage, and seek the advice of parents and pastors. There are well-prepared books that should be read. A list recently published: "Guide For a Man and Woman Looking Toward Marriage"; fifty cents (University of Chicago Book Store, 5800 Ellis Ave., Chicago). "Christianity and the Family"; \$2. (Macmillan, New York).

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Mr. William B. Embury, Jr., and Miss Elizabeth Burns, both of Little Rock, October 23, 1942.

Mr. Roy William Shepherd, and Miss Mary Grace DeJoy, both of Little Rock, October 24, 1942.

BOARD OF STEWARDS

The regular, but exceptional, monthly meeting of the Board of Stewards will be held Monday, 7:30 p. m., November 2nd for the purpose (among other things) of electing officers of the Board for next year. The new members of the Board for next year have been invited to be present, too.

WOMAN'S SOCIETY OF CHRISTIAN SERVICE

Will meet Monday morning at 10:30 for the Week of Prayer program. Mrs. A. S. Ross, Spiritual Life Chairman will be in charge of the program and the Devotional Chairman of each Circle will assist. Luncheon will be served at noon by Circle No. 3, Mrs. R. G. Paschal, Chairman.

Following the luncheon the business meeting will be held with Mrs. Ray Scott, President, presiding.

FLOWERS IN SANCTUARY

Mrs. Arthur Fewell, 1312 Broadway, furnished the beautiful flowers in the sanctuary last Sunday in memory of her mother, Mrs. F. M. Finley.

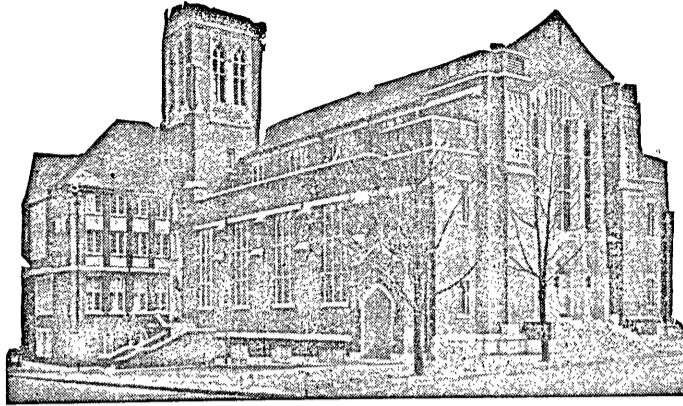
FOURTH QUARTERLY CONFERENCE

Wednesday evening, November 4, this week, the fourth and final quarterly conference will be held. Reports from all the departments of the church will be made. Stewards, Trustees, the Board of Education, the Board of Missions, the Committees of the church, etc., for the ensuing year will be elected. This is a grand occasion.

Dr. C. M. Reves, beloved District Superintendent, will preside. The ladies of the Woman's Society will serve dinner at 6:30, the quarterly conference to follow immediately. PLEASE MAKE YOUR DINNER RESERVATIONS BY NOON WEDNESDAY, November 4th.

NEW OFFICERS INSTALLED IN FIDELITY CLASS

Dr. Slack installed incoming officers of the Fidelity Class at their regular Thursday night meeting, October 22, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Dewey Price. The new officers are: President, Mary Kate Myers; Vice-President, Verdeena DeLongy; Secretary, Frances Pence; Treasurer, Nora Anderson; Worship, Harriett Fetters; Local Work, Eleanor Weber; Recreation, Marill McCullars; Evangelism, Mary Bradshaw; Reporter, Nina Graves.



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YOUTH FELLOWSHIP MEETINGS

6:00 P. M.—November 1

YOUNG PEOPLE: Meet in parlor for recreation in charge of Vee Majors. The worship service will be led by Virginia Westlake on "Toward a Durable Christian World Order."

SENIOR HIGH: Meet in Fellowship hall for recreation, followed by a worship service in the Friendship Class.

JUNIOR HIGH: Meet in the Buzbee Class room for fellowship. The program will be a leaderless meeting on superstitions about Halloween.

OFFICERS FOR YOUTH DIVISION

The following officers have been selected to be the leaders of the departments of the youth division for six months. Every one in each group will be placed on one of the committees or commissions:

Young People's Department

Counsellors, Mr and Mrs. Jack Goetz; President, Warren Crouse; Vice-President, Duane Brothers; Secretary, Goldie Woolard and George Watson; Treasurer, Dick Neal; Commission Chairmen: Recreation, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Major; World Friendship, Ruth Rhea and Tommy Foulter; Worship and Evangelism, Libby Ann Allen; Community Service, Bobbie Albright.

Senior High Department

Counsellors, Mr. and Mrs. Louis Stewart; President, Bill Slack; Vice-President, Alice Holliman; Treasurer, Kathleen Standard; Secretaries, Margaret Finger, Martin Caldwell; Commission Chairmen: Recreation, Barbara Dixon; Worship and Evangelism, Juanita Ingram; World Friendship, Virginia Bradshaw; Community Service, Mary Louis Stewart.

Junior High Department

Counsellor, Mrs. C. B. Nelson; President, Ashley Ross; Vice-President, Jean Johnson; Secretary, John D. Ross; Treasurer, Woodrow Smith; Welcome Committee, Felix Ward, Lila Clayton, Wallace Wilbourn; Recreation, Ashley Ross, Woodrow Smith.

Junior Department Officers

In this department of the Children's Division, officers are elected every six months to lead the department. The ones elected from the Sixth Grade for the new year are Bobbie Hale, president; Lynn Caruth, vice-president; Catherine Couch, secretary, and Jimmy Ervin, cabinet monitor.

YOUNG PEOPLE HEAR FROM SOLDIER LETTERS

A committee from the Young People's Department recently sent letters to a large group of Winfield's enlisted men. They have had several replies, one from which the following statements are quoted:

"I wouldn't miss that letter for anything. It has sports, church and personal news. Tell the young people they're doing a wonderful job. Letters are considered by the army as the very first factor in keeping up morale. Tell them that, and I know it will inspire them to keep up the good work."

OUR KNOWN SICK

Mr. Frank Thacker, 3300 W. 10th.

Next Sunday At Winfield

- 10:00 a. m. Church School, the teaching hour.
Mr. Gerland Patten has been appointed the Promotional Director, and Mr. C. B. Nelson the Statistical Director, for our effort at increasing attendance up to the goal of 20%.
- 10:55 a. m. Sermon, "Bought by the Blood of the Brave" by the Minister.
Text, "II Samuel 23:15-17."
"Be it far from me, O Lord, that I should do this: is this not the blood of the men who went in jeopardy of their lives?"
- 6:00 Youth Fellowship for Junior Highs, Seniors, and Young People; an hour and a half of recreation, fellowship, refreshments and devotions.

7:30 p. m.

Hear the Minister on the subject

"JUDAS REDEEMS A BAD REPUTATION"

Text, John 14:22

"Lord . . . thou wilt manifest thyself unto us."

This is the next to last of the series on "The men whom Jesus made." This is Judas, not Iscariot; next Sunday night I will close with Judas the Iscariot.

The Minister's Message

GREAT AND STRONG CHARACTERS will always make the adjustments of life. Weak ones fall under the pressure of changes. The demands of the war,—bonds, taxes, gas ration, tire shortage, etc.—are heavy upon us.

But Winfield Methodists are strong characters and great souls. You are already making the adjustments on certain shortages rapidly. Of course, you will stay with the Church of your love and fellowship and support her to the end.

Great joy comes out of great loyalties; unhappiness comes out of quitting.

Fill up your car for Winfield; be in your regular place every Sunday, at least once, the morning or the evening or both.

Pay your pledge in full for the year now.