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"The World is My Parish" — John Wesley

"Go ye

into all the world" — Mark 16:15

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Ghosts Of Carthage Walk Again

ABOUT one hundred and fifty years before Christ was born in Bethlehem, Carthage, located in what is now Tunisia, was a rival of Rome and a constant threat to its continued power. Already there had been two great wars fought between Rome and Carthage to determine which was to rule the world. Neither of these wars had settled the issue. Both Rome and Carthage increased in power.

Cato, an eminent statesman and general of Rome, became so alarmed over the rising power of Carthage, with its threat to the life of Rome, that he was convinced that the only safety for Rome was in the destruction of Carthage. This conviction became such an obsession with him, we are told, that he closed every speech he made, regardless of the subject he was discussing, with the statement, "Carthage must be destroyed." The third of the Punic Wars followed. It ended in 146 B. C. with the utter destruction of Carthage. Not only was the power of Carthage destroyed but the city itself was absolutely destroyed. With the destruction of Carthage, Rome seemed to feel that it would never be in danger from that direction again.

Now, more than two thousand years since this threat to Rome from the coasts of Africa was thought to have been finally removed, again the life of Rome is threatened from this same African territory. The ghosts of Carthage walk again. This time there is no Cato in Rome to stir its people to super-human endeavor.

The magnitude of the Tunisian victory grows with additional reports of men and materials captured. The old Romans loved to boast, in their day of power, that "all roads lead to Rome." It appears quite likely that the road the United Nations in Tunisia will soon travel will "lead to Rome."

Fayetteville And Western Methodist Assembly

THE Western Methodist Assembly on Mt. Sequoyah, at Fayetteville, Arkansas, is an institution of which Methodism can be justly proud. It was just twenty years ago in June that the Assembly was formally opened. Beginning that year, with small equipment and limited finances, the Western Methodist Assembly has grown to be one of the great assembly grounds of the Methodist Church in America. Its summer programs are among the best church assembly programs of the nation.

With the tire conservation program in operation for some months before the Assembly opened last year, there was some uncertainty as to the effect it might have on the attendance. It developed that in every way the Assembly had the best year of its history. Its leaders expect this season to equal or exceed last year.

Our people in Arkansas, when planning their vacation this year, should remember Mt. Sequoyah. Long vacation trips are out for the duration. However, most of our people, who can go anywhere, can find transportation to Fayetteville. It is not a long trip by car. If that is not possible, the bus and train service to Fayetteville is unusually good in the summer months. The Western Methodist Assembly is a vital part of the general program of Methodism in this area of our church. It should be kept strong through the present crisis and should be an important factor in the work of reconstruction when the war is over.

What We May Know About Conversion

IN EARLIER articles, in this column, we have said that, (1) we may know that conversion is necessary, and (2) that conversion experiences widely differ. In this article may we say that WE CAN KNOW THAT WE HAVE BEEN CONVERTED, if we are truly Christian. By this statement we do not mean that every Christian can name the day, hour and place of his conversion. We simply mean that, by an inner sense, a real Christian can be just as truly conscious that he is a redeemed child of God as he can be conscious, through personal experience of the sense of cold, pain, joy or sorrow.

Jesus repeatedly likened those who are unregenerated spiritually to those who are blind physically. By the frequent use of this simple simile, Jesus indicates that the difference between unbelief and fellowship with God is as noticeable and as easily detected as the difference between blindness and good

THE SPIRIT ITSELF BEARETH WITNESS WITH OUR SPIRIT, THAT WE ARE THE CHILDREN OF GOD.—Rom. 8:16.

vision. If so, no individual should long be in doubt as to whether or not he is a Christian.

Some question the religious experience of anyone who cannot name the exact time of his conversion. Let us look at that attitude in the light of the striking simile used by Jesus in discussing this awakening experience. The man born blind, whom Jesus healed, knew that he could see and knew the exact time and place when he began to see. However, it is true that many about him could see just as well as he and were just as conscious of it who could name no time when they first became conscious of the power to see. The important fact in the life of each was not how or when sight began but the glorious fact that each could see, and KNEW that he could see.

Many of unquestioned veracity testify to "love at first sight." They know the day, hour and place when they first met the object of their affections and love hit them, in the words of a friend, "harder than thunder can bump a stump." For many others a long, happy companionship develops into a life-long love without either being conscious of the time when friendship changed into love. The important fact in each instance is not the time love began or how, but the fact that each had the inner consciousness of a love that led to the union of life with life and resulted in a joyous companionship to the journey's end. The blind beggar said, "One thing I know, that, whereas I was blind, now I see." Jesus teaches that we may be just as certain about spiritual vision.

Selfishness Overrides Professed Patriotism

ERNEST H. CHERRINGTON, Executive Secretary of the Board of Temperance, with headquarters in Washington, makes the following statement in the April issue of The Voice, the official publication of the Board of Temperance: "The whiskey interests have appealed to the federal government for the privilege of using distilling plants again to produce more distilled liquor since the supply in bond is dwindling."

When the government took over the distilling plants for the purpose of producing alcohol for war purposes, the propaganda put out by the liquor interests followed two general lines. In the first place the nation was assured that there would be no liquor shortage since there was in storage liquor supplies sufficient for the next three to five years. Along with this comforting(?) assurance came a sluice of subtle propaganda calculated to leave the general public feeling that the liquor interests, out of a spirit of super-patriotism had voluntarily turned their plants over to the government as a patriotic war measure. The distilling plants were taken over as a war measure, just as plants which manufactured automobiles, radios, typewriters, electric ice boxes, etc., were taken over as war measures. The decision to use the distilling plants for war purposes came, however, from the government and not the distillers.

According to the report quoted from The Voice we now learn that the ingrained selfishness of the liquor interests has overrun their professed patriotism and they ask the federal government to permit them to use the plants again for the manufacture of distilled liquors; this despite the fact that the government needs the plants in our war effort else the government would have already returned the plants to the owners. The liquor forces are strong for publicity but they have not given publicity to this request of the government for the privilege of making more liquor; neither have they given publicity to the fact that the government refused the request.

This report, that the liquor business has asked permission to make more liquor with plants which the government has already taken over for war purposes, indicates that the liquor business has no more regard for the lives of our boys on battle fields, when personal profit is involved, than they have for the lives of the thousands of victims of their traffic in the home land.

Trial Offer For New Subscribers

AFTER June 1st our office will accept new subscribers to the Arkansas Methodist, to expire in January, 1944, at sixty cents each. This offer is made primarily for the benefit of those who may want to know more about the Arkansas Methodist before becoming permanent subscribers. It is in no sense an emergency call from this office. We now have the largest paid-up subscription list in the history of the paper and financially the paper is in the best condition it has ever known.

There will be no "campaign" of any kind to promote this offer. The pastors of Arkansas, assisted by leaders of their charges, did a first class job of promoting the circulation of the Arkansas Methodist in the January Circulation (Continued on Page Four)



Dedication Of Dermott Church



By A. F. KINNEY

THE Dermott Methodist Church, built in 1925, was dedicated at special services Sunday, May 23. Rev. Frank Roebuck of Fordyce, pastor when the church was erected, preached the dedication sermon.

Others who took part on the program included Rev. Arthur Terry, district superintendent; Rev. J. L. Tucker of Hamburg, under whose pastorate payment of the church debt was completed, and Rev. W. R. Boyd, present pastor. The dedication services were planned by a special committee composed of R. D. Harrison, Mrs. Harvey Parnell, Mrs. J. C. Hoffman and Mrs. M. F. Kinney.

The church debt was paid last fall after a campaign conducted by Rev. Mr. Tucker and a special committee composed of Lee Collard, W. B. Perry, Ed Wagner, Mrs. J. C. Hoffman and Mrs. Harvey Parnell. On the successful completion of the campaign, a Victory Day service was held, with Governor Homer Adkins speaking from the pulpit.

The Dermott Methodist Church was founded about 1886 by John T. Crenshaw and his cousin, Mrs. Hattie Peddicord. J. Tom Crenshaw, brother of Mrs. Peddicord, Dermott's first mayor when the town was incorporated July 11, 1890, was the first superintendent of the Sunday School when it was organized in 1901.

The Methodists of Dermott first held services in a union church, which included also Presbyterians and Baptists. The Dermott Presbyterian Church had been organized in 1868, after having existed for more than 30 years, and the Baptist Church was organized about the same time as the Methodist. This union church, built on a lot donated by Charlie Duke, was located on Freeman Street across from the present City Hall. Mrs. Hattie Peddicord was superintendent of the union Sunday School and also was president of the very active Ladies' Aid Society.

The Presbyterians later purchased their present lot on Peddicord Street, and the Baptists decided to build on Main Street, between the Denson and Skipper homes, where Mrs. S. E. Orr's home now is, so the union church was dissolved. The Methodists, who fell heir to the

old church, made plans to construct a new building also, and the old building was torn down, the lumber being sold for \$40 to E. P. Remley, who used it in building cabins back of the J. T. Blanks home.

Thus the first church built by the Methodists in Dermott was constructed in 1901 on Freeman Street on the site of the old union church across from where the City Hall now is. Rev. F. C. Cannon, pastor at the time, but now of Doddridge, Arkansas, recalls this as follows:

"Before building the new church in 1901, I called the Building Com-

mittee together in the little old church. We had a short service. I invited attention to Nehemiah 4:6, for the people had a mind to work. We sold the old church for \$40. The missionary ladies soon decided not to have suppers to raise building funds. I went to the Gates Lumber Company at Wilmar and bought lumber on credit, with which to build. To the surprise of some when it came time to pay we had the money. The work went forward because we had such men as John T. Crenshaw, Captain Miller and others, backed by the good women, who had a mind to work.

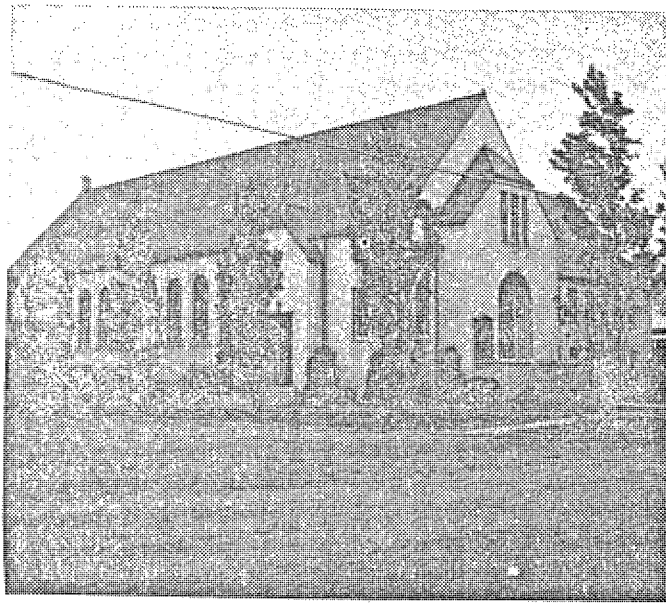
"So foundations were laid back there that helped to make your beautiful new church possible."

Incidentally, the Dermott church

then was in a circuit with Arkansas City, Watson and McGehee.

When that church building was nearing completion, it is said that John Crenshaw, founder, noticed that the door was rather narrow, and went and got the top of a coffin to see if the door was wide enough for a coffin to go through. According to the story, his was the first body to be carried in a coffin through the new church door.

Miss Mabel Winston and the late Harvey Parnell, later governor of Arkansas, made plans to be the first couple married in the new church,



DERMOTT CHURCH'S NEW BUILDING

but one of the telephone operators beat them to it by getting married the night before.

The church building was moved from Freeman Street to the corner of Main and Peddicord (named in honor of Mrs. Peddicord, one of the founders), the present site, about 1913, but it then faced Peddicord Street instead of Main. It was destroyed by fire about 1924.

A new church building, the present edifice, was planned while Rev. E. C. Rule was pastor and was erected under the pastorate of Rev. Frank Roebuck. This new building, dedicated last Sunday, was so well built and so beautiful that it won a national award for church architecture.

This building has 13 stained glass

windows, including memorials to John T. Crenshaw and Mrs. Hattie Peddicord, its founders; Susan Elizabeth Crenshaw, wife of Tom Crenshaw and president of the Missionary Society for 14 years; Ellen Denson, and Van Smith. Each year on the Sunday nearest John T. Crenshaw's birthday, May 26, a memorial service is held for the founders, with flowers from the garden of his daughter, Mrs. S. Burleigh.

The oldest living members of the church from the standpoint of membership, are three cousins: Mrs. Harvey Parnell, daughter of Mrs. Mattie Crenshaw Winsor; Mrs. Reubye Crenshaw Edwards, daughter of Tom Crenshaw and now superintendent of the Florence Crittenden Home in Little Rock, and Mrs. L. A. Pelton of Bennet, Ill. Mrs. J. C. Hoffman has been a bulwark of the church for many years.

Present church officers are: Board of Stewards, Lee Collard, Jr., chairman; Harold Harder, treasurer; H. A. Ward, E. E. Thompson, William Bulloch, Oliver Higgins, W. E. Lephew, T. M. Downey, Oscar Matlock, Cecil Dennington, R. D. Harrison, W. B. Perry, Ed Wagner, John Golden, George Jones and R. E. Gilliam; Trustees, W. B. Perry, K. D. McNeely, C. F. Skipper and C. R. Bates.

An outstanding feature of the Dermott Methodist Church services for a number of years has been the music by the choir each Sunday. This choir enjoys the enviable reputation of being one of the finest in the state. Mrs. M. F. Kinney is organist and director.

Apparently no official list of pastors who have served the Dermott Church exists, but such a list would include: F. C. Cannon, T. H. Thane, R. L. Broach, H. H. Watson, J. L. Cannon, J. W. Keithley, W. H. Woodfin, R. A. McClintock, J. A. Sage, Jr., R. N. Howard, T. C. Deone, M. T. Workman, O. C. Langston, S. K. Burnett, E. Clifton Rule, B. F. Roebuck, W. W. Nelson, Neill Hart, T. T. McNeal, J. Frank Simmons, W. R. Burks, J. L. Tucker and W. R. Boyd.

Members of the Methodist Church in Dermott have served God and worshipped Him as an organization since 1886, and last Sunday they rededicated themselves to His service as their beautiful structure was dedicated to Him.

CONWAY DISTRICT CONFERENCE

The Conway District Conference met at Levy on May 6, for its 77th session, with Rev. R. S. Hayden, district superintendent, presiding. The program was well planned and was carried out according to schedule.

Rev. Elmer J. Holifield was elected secretary. Rev. Ralph Hillis and Mrs. Joe Goetz were elected statistical secretaries.

Rev. Ira A. Brumley, Mrs. W. F. Bates, Mr. Joe Goetz, and Rev. Elmer J. Holifield led the conference in a discussion of the educational program of the church. Rev. Glenn R. Sanford gave an interesting report of the work of the Town and Country Commission. Dr. O. E. Goddard brought a fine report on "Techniques of Evangelism For To-

day." Rev. E. T. Wayland reported that the Arkansas Methodist is in the best financial condition it has been for several years. Mr. E. W. Martin and Mr. Joe Goetz spoke on the program of lay activities.

The conference renewed the license of the following local preachers and recommended them to the Annual Conference as accepted supply pastors: J. B. Breazeale, S. B. Bryant, Paul Bumpers, Raymond Coleman, Arthur Cooley, Clyde E. Crozier, Edwin Dodson, C. L. Fry, Lindsay Harrison, J. H. Lane, Jack Long, A. W. O'Bryant, Loyd Peters, W. O. Scroggins, Howard Williams, Alvin Murray and Arthur Wall.

Dr. John R. Abernathy, teacher in the College at Russellville, and at the same time serving as pastor of Dardanelle Circuit, was granted local preacher's license.

George Stewart, a student in the School of Theology of Southern Methodist University, was recommended to the Annual Conference for admission on trial.

Our district superintendent announced that Mr. Homer Pierce of Morrilton is financing a series of revival services in several unchurched communities in the District during June, July, August and September. Rev. A. W. O'Bryant is to do the preaching in these services.

Mr. Joe A. Goetz was elected district lay leader. Associates: Elam Turner, Perryville; Richard T. Steel, Conway; Van R. Moore, Morrilton.

Rev. Kenneth Shamblin, our pastor at Atkins, Arkansas, brought an inspiring and genuinely helpful message which fed our souls and

strengthened our faith for today.

Rev. J. L. Pruitt, pastor of the Levy church (now serving his seventh year), and his members had carefully prepared for the conference sessions. Their generous hospitality, fine entertainment, and the fact that we were meeting in their new church, recently completed without any indebtedness; the excellent reports, the splendid messages and the plan for the future given us by our efficient district superintendent, made us all feel we had a great conference. Part of the afternoon session was given to the pastors for their reports. A summary of the reports show that we are having a great year and at the close of the conference year the Conway District will have had one of the greatest years in its history:

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THE DEVOTIONAL PAGE

H. O. BOLIN, Editor

PEACE—OUR GREATEST NEED TODAY

The chief desire of all hearts of the world today, both saint and sinner, is for peace. Even the dictators, who more than any one else brought the world into its present turmoil, are putting out their peace feelers. Millions of prayers coming from all parts of the earth are ascending daily in the interest of peace. We must not let our desire for the moment run away with our better judgment. We should not want peace at any cost. Such an arrangement would mean another war before the passing of the next generation, which would be far more destructive than this. We should pray for a Christ-inspired peace.

Before we can have outward, lasting peace there must be inward peace; the peace of the soul that is staid on Christ. In the 27th verse of the 14th chapter of John, Jesus goes on to say, "Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid." It is evident that He is not here talking about the peace of the world; the peace between individuals and between nations. He says, "Not as the world giveth, give I unto you." It is a peace that the world cannot give, and thank God, since it can't give it, it can't take it away! It is an inward peace which in nowise depends upon outward conditions. I have seen people possess this peace when they were lying flat of their backs with some incurable disease and which finally took their lives. I have seen them have this peace when friends and loved ones were walking through the valley and shadow of death. I have seen them exhibit this peace in the midst of all kinds of failures and when material possessions—sometimes the accumulation of a life-time—were melting away. It is a peace that nothing in the universe, other than sin, can take away. It is a peace which comes from unbroken fellowship with God, and all of the outward troubles of this life should tend to draw us closer to God rather than drive us away from Him.

This peace takes life at its lowest ebb and transforms it into mountain-top experiences of glorious reality. It enables the soul to anchor itself in a God who is bigger than all of the troubles of life. It enabled Paul and Silas to sing in a jail-house at midnight. In past ages it has enabled thousands of Christians to sing praises to God on the way to the stake to be burned alive. It enabled Stephen, in the moment of death, to see Christ on the right hand of the Father, and to pray for those who were stoning him to death. This is a peace that can never be conquered. It is a result of a living, victorious contact with the risen Christ. It is a peace which has in it all the power of Christianity. Christianity can never be conquered for it took defeat at its lowest ebb and transformed it to highest victory. From the cross of shame to the glorious throne of the universe is quite a step but Jesus took it. This peace comes from fellowship with Him. It is eternal. It will tide us over the present turmoil.—H. O. B.

GOD'S PEACE

*Grant us thy peace, down from thy presence falling,
As on the thirsty earth cool night-dews sweet;
Grant us thy peace, to thy pure paths recalling,
From devious ways, our worn and wandering feet.*

*Grant us thy peace, through winning and through losing,
Through gloom and gladness of our pilgrim way;
Grant us thy peace, safe in thy love's enclosing,
Thou who all things in heaven and earth doth sway.*

*Give us thy peace, not as the world has given,
In momentary rays that fitful gleamed,
But calm, deep, sure, that peace of spirits shriven,
Of hearts surrendered and of souls redeemed.*

*Grant us thy peace, that like a deepening river
Swells ever onward to the sea of praise.
O thou of peace the only Lord and Giver,
Grant us thy peace, O Saviour, all our days.*

ELZA SCUDDER.

LONELY, BUT NOT DESOLATE

By HAROLD C. CASE

In a generation marked for sorrow and bound up with heartbreak, tragedy and possible triumph, the minister and his family must make their most distinctive contribution. If we believe in immortality, we are bound to reveal that belief when our hearts ache and our minds are numb with grief. Many of our funeral customs are pagan. They belie our words. They are cold and lifeless. They intensify the loneliness, bringing no warmth or comfort. We are charged with the responsibility of leading people to a Christian conception of death, and a radiant faith about heaven.

Will you permit me to be intimate and personal, to speak to you directly from my own broken heart about the utter assurance in our family of God's love and of His protecting care? One week last June I was in Tennessee for a ministers' summer school of theology. David, our eleven-year-old, and Bob, thirteen, prepared a program for their father as a welcome home.

They planned to begin with a recording of the hymn "Holy, Holy, Holy." They prepared an altar, with tiny reredos, candles, Communion rail, and their marionette. "Clippo," a clown, was to be principal worshiper. They wrote a prayer for Clippo. "O God," he was to say, "so many people are sad, and I am a clown. Please make me a better clown. Help me to be funnier. People need so to laugh."

After lunch that Friday, David put Clippo before the altar, turned a spotlight on him, and then went out for a ride on his bicycle to see the flowers in the city park. On his way home he was struck by a car—and instead of riding home to his mother he rode into heaven and to his eternal Father. We sat together, in the shadows—our family—four on earth—one in heaven—and asked ourselves if our faith was real. Did David live? Did we believe in personal immortality? Or had we merely used words in the past? In years long gone we had discussed our desires, if either of us should die. We wanted a memorial, not a funeral service. But—yes, we did mean it.

May I share our procedures with you? At an unannounced hour our family sat together in private—in a mortuary chapel—and talked to God about David. Both of the children said whatever they wanted to say. We, who were his parents, spoke quietly, thanking God for sharing David with us for eleven years, for his soul, his sensitive awareness of beauty, his glorious voice, worthy of angels. We prayed together, holding hands for strength and reassurance. Then we committed David's lovely soul to God's tender love. Next day, in the sanctuary of Elm Park church, we held a memorial service, celebrating the achievement of immortality for David Kirk Case. Harold Briggs, our organist, a great artist and regal soul, the director of the choir in which David sang on earth, played "The Prize Song" from "The Meister Singer," "The Scenes from Childhood," from "Traumerei," "The Nightingale and the Rose" and Schubert's "Ave Maria."

Our beloved friends, Christian and Jew, sat in silence meditating on poetry and prose about our faith. Charles Phillips masterfully phrased our thoughts in prayer, tender and confident. Paul Harris, Jr., intimate Quaker friend, stated our faith, in positive terms, brave and certain. The organist played again. As he played Handel's "Christ the Lord Is Risen Today, Hallelujah," we thought of our precious boy sidling up to Jesus, confident in the blessed company of heaven as in the filial relationship of earth.

Our children and their parents believe in immortality. We are all lonely, but not desolate, broken-hearted, but not despairing. Friends have helped us immeasurably. Now perhaps we can help them, as the dread official letters come saying, "Missing and presumed lost," or "Killed in action."

Above all other obligations we are bound to demonstrate a living faith in a loving God, who has not quit his children, and who will teach us how to build a good world. Our parsonage families are called to their places for such an hour as this.—Christian Advocate.

WHERE MARK TWAIN WAS WRONG

"To be good is noble. To teach others to be good is nobler—and much easier." So Mark Twain cynically remarked.

But is it easy to teach others "to be good"? If teaching simply means telling, then—yes. But that isn't what teaching means. Teaching has been defined as "to cause to know," and that means a lot more than just telling. Actions speak louder than words. Emerson said, "What you are speaks so loudly, I can't hear what you say." Teachers of religion cannot possibly cause their pupils to know unless their lives are consistent with their teaching.

So, when we try to make our lives square up with what we try to teach, we find that this business of teaching others to be good isn't quite so easy as it seems. We find we must be even more careful of how we live because while certain things may be lawful for us, they may not be expedient. Maybe, it's a good thing to be a teacher. It turns our eyes inward and makes us examine our own lives more closely.

No, the great American humorist was wrong. To speak the truth, he should have said: "To be good is noble. To teach others to be good is nobler—but much harder."—J. Britain Winter.

A PRAYER FOR THE TIMES

O merciful God of infinite patience and tenderness, hear Thy warring children as they pray to Thee from their torn and bleeding world. Thou didst give to us a Garden of Eden, and this is what we have made of it. We would not wonder if Thou didst post Thy angel with a flaming sword to eject us. Abel, too, has been slain and Cain flees before his own ghostly shadow. We are grateful that Thy mercy is greater than Thy vengeance.

We look at our hands and see them filled with Thy goodness, but few marks of service.

We see our feet with no dust of labor or travel in Thy work since Thou hast washed them in the basin of Thine own forgiveness.

We behold our faces with the scars of our own self-indulgence upon them.

O God, have mercy.

Help us to scour our souls clean.

Guide our hands in the way of helpfulness.

Show us how, even in the midst of war, we may redeem our paradise.

May our awakened hearts, our hungry spirits, our purified souls looking ever unto the great crucified Redeemer of men, learn how to save the world from the empire of evil and restore the sanctity and peace of the garden which Thou didst first make.

We passionately cry unto Thee for this, Thou Lover of Mankind. Amen.—John Benjamin Magee.

Thou canst not see Jesus Christ in glory till thou hast seen Him crucified. To me it is not simply an old song of an event that happened fifteen hundred years ago. It is a gift and a bestowing that endures forever.—Martin Luther.

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CALENDAR

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IN THE LIVES OF MEN

By
CHARLES O. RANSFORD

Happy the pastor and people whose successes rather than their embarrassments demand new plans.

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The person who complains about his work and finds fault with his employers and fellow workers only declares his own inferiority and inefficiency.

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There should be in every church a sufficient number of people to develop any new programs required. The material can be found by searching. The searching should interest all the people.

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The church in making new programs must practically adjust itself to the ways of the world's working. He who does not observe the times and the seasons will not be prepared to spread his sails when the winds blow.

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All really Christian giving is sacrificial. Jesus spoke of the widow with two mites, who gave all her living. He spoke of Mary with her alabaster box of precious ointment, kept for a high hour of devotion. Paul spoke of the poor saints in Macedonia, who gave out of "the abundance of their joy and deep poverty."

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Our national government very properly has a Memorial Day for our soldier dead. All our dead are dear to us, but dearer far are those who have given "the last full measure of devotion" in war. American armies are now on every continent and many islands of the seas. Some have in battle laid down their lives. Our living sons call to us from all lands. Our dead without requiems sleep in far away lands. Some are buried in unmarked graves. Others have been lost at sea. The earth has been consecrated by their blood. We cannot visit the graves of these sons in far away lands. We know not where to send our memorial flowers. Home loves, home ties, and all the sacred sentiments that bind our hearts in Christian love are very dear. Mindful of their virtues may we dedicate ourselves to new tasks. From all these bloody battle fields may there blossom red new purposes and holy ambitions to make a world peace, sure and steadfast and to guarantee that these valorous sons shall not have died in vain.

NEWS AND NOTES ABOUT FACTS AND FOLKS

MRS. H. H. MCGUYRE wishes her friends to know that her address will be Foreman, Arkansas, during the summer.

REV. M. A. GRAVES, pastor at Vannendale Cherry Valley, preached the commencement sermon for the Cherry Valley High School on Sunday, May 16.

REV. J. L. LEONARD, 2123 Valmar, Little Rock, announces that he will be glad to assist any of the brethren who may need him in evangelistic services.

REV. W. R. BURKS, pastor of Vantrease Memorial Church, El Dorado, preached the commencement sermon for the class of the Urbana High School on May 20.

DR. R. E. DIFFENDORFER, executive secretary of the Division of Foreign Missions of the Board of Missions and Church Extension of the Methodist Church, will deliver the commencement address at Scarritt College on June 3, in Nashville.

LIEUTENANT W. W. NELSON, Jr., of Brownwood, Texas, made a brief visit last week with his parents, Rev. and Mrs. W. W. Nelson, 1301 Scott St., Little Rock, on his way to Ft. Monroe, Va., where he was called for service in the Army.

REV. SAM B. WIGGINS, district superintendent of the Fayetteville District, called the office Monday by telephone on his way home from Crawfordsville where he preached the commencement sermon for the Crawfordsville High School on Sunday, May 23.

REV. RAYMOND L. FRANKS, pastor of East Side Methodist Church, Paragould, preached the commencement sermon for the Stanford High School, Sunday evening, April 18; Lakeside High School, Sunday afternoon, April 18; Bono High School Sunday evening, May 16, and the Paragould High School on Sunday evening, May 23.

REV. W. NEILL HART, district superintendent of the Pine Bluff District, writes: "Rev. Fred Schwindmann has been appointed to the Altheimer-Wabbaseka Charge. On Sunday, May 23, he preached the commencement sermon for the Wabbaseka High School in the morning and for the Altheimer High School in the evening."

REV. FRED L. ARNOLD, pastor at Star City, writes: "The Star City Church has done some very fine work for the first half of the year. All acceptances were paid in full Easter. Through Visitation Campaign and pre-Easter services, thirty have come into the church, ten on profession of faith and twenty by transfer. Pastor's salary is up to date. Sunday, May 16, was a high day for the charge. Governor Homer M. Adkins spoke at two points; at Glendale to the high school graduates at 11 o'clock and at Cornerville Methodist Church he spoke in the pastor's place at 2:30."

DR. GEORGIA HARKNESS, of Garrett Biblical Institute, Evanston, Ill., says: "The church is the only international organization still functioning in the world. In our worship, in our preaching, in our organizations, in our missionary work, the church must build the foundations of a new spiritual world community where there is a common interest and a spirit of friendly brotherliness. The church has the right and the great responsibility to lead the world in bringing about this world fellowship, undergirding it with a spiritual world community. Thus can peace become lasting reality in this world."

THE American Bible Society, which held its 127th annual meeting on May 13, reports that in these years it has published and distributed over a third of a billion copies of the Scriptures in over 200 languages and in more than fifty countries. The Society's presses were going constantly during 1942 turning out Testaments for the Army and Navy, similar to those being

supplied by the Bible Society for the lifeboats and rafts of the Merchant Marine, at the rate of 11,000 a day, with many requests from chaplains still unfilled. The Bible Society manufactured in this country alone last year more than 8,200,000 books, which is the largest number ever manufactured in the United States in the Society's long history, and also exceeds the distribution made by the Society all over the world last year.

A NATIONAL METHODIST RURAL CONFERENCE will be held in Columbus, Ohio, on September 8 and 9, immediately following the Protestant National Rural Church Conference there on September 6 to 8, it is announced by Dr. A. J. Walton, superintendent of the Department of Town and Country Work. Objectives of the Conference are: to formulate a statement of Methodist philosophy of rural church work; to develop a Methodist rural church program for the quadrennium, relating the reconstruction of a better world order to the rural church; to consider and develop legislative recommendations to be presented to the General Conference concerning rural work.

JOSEPH CLARK GREW, former American ambassador to Japan, said recently: "I am sure that there are those loyal Japanese churchmen who are doing their best to sustain and maintain their faith in God even now. I need not remind you that it was not the Christians of Japan who brought on this terrible war, but the military leaders who profess faith only in themselves and their military schemes. I hope and pray that most of the Christian churches of Japan are open even now, and the latest available reports from church leaders there indicate this is the case. . . . When the war is over and the military clique no longer is in power there, it is my conviction that a great opportunity will again be offered the churches."

IN THE POST-WAR WORLD, if the Four Freedoms are really to mean anything to men, society must see that there is enough food made available to all its members to give each at least minimum adequate nutrition. President Roosevelt told the United Nations Food Conference at its sessions in Virginia. "And they must see to it," he added "that no hindrances whether of international trade, or transportation, or of internal distribution be allowed to prevent any nation or group of citizens within a nation from obtaining the food necessary for health." This statement of the President has been widely acclaimed by church people, especially by medical missionaries who assert that whole nations of Asia have been undernourished for centuries.

BOOK REVIEW

Story Talks for Children, Karl Rest, The Wartburg Press, Copyright 1942, price \$1.00.

This is a book of 135 pages, containing 24 talks for children. Each message is based upon a passage of scripture and scripture material is used throughout as illustrative matter. These talks are really brief sermons which are adapted to the needs and understanding of children. They are given in a vivid, pictorial manner. The author never becomes abstract. Before publication, these story-sermons were tested out under varying conditions with many groups of children. Their value is, therefore, proven. They never fail to captivate the interest of children. They are excellent material for junior church work.—H. O. Bolin.

TRIAL OFFER FOR NEW SUBSCRIBERS

(Continued from Page One)

Campaign. We are not asking our pastors to assume any responsibility in emphasizing this proposal. Those who wish to do so may announce it from the pulpit. There will be no advantage to the subscriber, in this offer, except through June. After June new subscriptions may be sent in, to expire in January at the rate of ten cents per month.

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LITTLE ROCK CONFERENCE NEWS

By Clem Baker

Little Rock, Arkadelphia, Prescott And Texarkana District Conferences

The series of District Conferences for the Little Rock Conference was concluded last week with conferences for the Little Rock, Arkadelphia, Prescott and Texarkana Districts. What we said about the conferences held the previous week being the best we had ever had was equally true of those held last week.

The Little Rock District Conference was held at Lonoke with Dr. C. M. Reeves presiding and Rev. Earl Lewis, pastor host. Dr. Reeves had carefully planned the program to begin at 9:00 o'clock and close at 4:00. Every feature of the program was carried out on time and it was one of the best programs we have ever had. In addition to the special speakers in other District Conferences, Dr. Reeves provided for a sermon at 11:00 o'clock which was brought by Dr. Connor Morehead. The District is in the best condition that I have ever known it. Especially to be noted is the fact that this district has had two great evangelistic campaigns with splendid results and has accepted 100 per cent plus on World Service Askings with many churches already having paid their Acceptances in full. The W. S. C. S., led by the district director, Mrs. Roland Shelton, presented a well planned program on "The Seven Keys to Progress" at the first hour after the noon lunch. Three young preachers were licensed at this District Conference. They are: William Elder from our Forest Park Church; Pera Claud Kirkpatrick from First Church, Little Rock and William B. Slack, Jr., from Winfield. Carl Keightley and Jim Major are being recommended from this district for admission into the Conference. All preachers were present except Richard Perry who had been called to Washington, preparatory to entering the Army as a chaplain.

The Arkadelphia District Conference was held at Grand Avenue, Hot Springs, with Rev. J. E. Cooper, presiding and Rev. R. E. Simpson, pastor host. A well arranged program began at 9:30 and closed at 4:00 o'clock. The reports from the pastors revealed that this District has accepted 73% of the Askings on World Service and has already paid 77% of the Acceptances. Like other districts, the Arkadelphia District has paid 100% on all special offerings and is laying special emphasis on evangelism this year. A special feature of this Conference was the recognition given our Church at Benton which has already paid \$200.00 more than the Askings for this Church on World Service. Rev. J. M. Hamilton is the pastor. Hot Springs Methodism is rejoicing over the prospect of paying the debts on all its churches this year and having a great joint dedication service before Conference. Brother Cooper is happy in his work and with his usual vigor is pushing

every phase of the program of the Church. The Conference closed with a stirring message on Evangelism by Dr. Homer T. Fort, pastor of First Church, Hot Springs, and Conference Director of Evangelism.

The Prescott District Conference was held at Nashville with Rev. Van W. Harrell, presiding and Rev. J. W. Mann, pastor host. This was the first District Conference for our new district superintendent, Brother Harrell, but from all appearances it did not excite him one bit. Brother Harrell comes to this position of leadership in the Church out of a splendid background of parsonage life. The program was well planned, there was no hurry, and yet every feature was carried out. Two of our preachers, Brother Jacobs and Brother Cazort were kept away from the Conference by high waters. The reports indicated that this District is making advances on World Service. Osborn White was licensed to preach and Bryan Stephens and Ralph Randle were recommended for admission into the Conference. A number of the preachers and laymen spoke enthusiastically to resolution expressing the highest confidence in the leadership of Brother Harrell and commending the brotherly spirit characterizing his leadership. There is every indication that the Prescott District will have a good year.

The Texarkana District Conference was held at Fairview, Texarkana, with Rev. A. J. Christie, presiding and Rev. Mark Vaught, pastor host. The program for this Conference was especially interesting in that, after its organization a comprehensive report on the work of the district as a whole for the first six months of the Conference year was read and the entire program centered around discussion of this report and setting forth the goals and objectives for the remainder of the year. The report was prepared by a special committee of which Rev. Harold D. Sadler was chairman and Rev. Aubrey G. Walton, secretary. The report revealed that the Texarkana District is ahead of previous years along all financial lines and that careful attention is being given to every phase of our Conference program. A delightful feature of the Conference was the licensing to preach of James Edward Christie, the son of the district superintendent. This is Brother Christie's second year on the District and no superintendent among us seems to be more loved by his people, both preachers and laymen.

In all the Conferences held last week, Dr. Joseph Owen of First Church, Memphis, and Mr. D. V. Maloch of the State Agricultural Extension Department, were present and spoke to the delight of all who heard them. Throughout the entire two weeks the weather was perfect, the attendance was good and a spirit of optimism prevailed. Pastors' salaries are practically 100% throughout the Conference. In every case the women of the churches did a grand job of providing the noon-day meal in spite of food rationing. And now we are

NORTH ARKANSAS CONFERENCE NOTES

By Ira A. Brumley

The North Arkansas Conference Youth Assembly is to be held at Hendrix College, May 31-June 4.

The following courses are to be offered: Christian Bases of World Order, Robert Bearden, Jr.; Worship and Evangelism, Miss Lucille Adams; Recreation, Martha A. Bierbaum; World Friendship, Mrs. Robt. Bearden, Jr.

Worship services for morning and afternoon are being planned along with discussion groups and other activities, which will make the assembly a balanced program of activities.

The Conference Director of Youth Work, James S. Upton, will direct the assembly, with Alvin Murray serving as president.

The Conference Council of Youth Work will be organized and begin its work for the new year during the session of the assembly.

Since many churches are having to depend on younger leadership for the officers of their older youth group at the present time the following provision has been made in order that more churches may be represented in the assembly:

"Any church is free to send as many persons as said church may desire if such delegates have reached their seventeenth birthday, or have graduated from high school even though only sixteen and have not yet passed twenty-four.

"Any church that does not have a person of the regular age group, but has an officer (President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, or Chairman of one of the Commissions) who is only sixteen and not yet a high school graduate may send one such person to the Conference-Wide Assembly.

"Should a local church have as president of the older youth group a young person who is only sixteen, such a person may attend the Conference-wide Assembly even though the local church may have an older delegate.

All persons planning to attend the assembly should notify our office before coming in order to be certain of a place.

A few adult leaders of youth are being invited to attend the assembly.

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The attendance on the Conway Christian Adventure Assembly is going to be large this year. No intermediate should plan to attend without first making reservation. The space is limited and a large number of pre-registrations are already in. The space is likely to be taken for girls before you read this statement.

All intermediates are to bring health certificates signed by their doctor.

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Applications for places in Camp

set for the last half of the Conference year with every indication that the fine record for the first half will be kept.

Miramichiee, which is to be held in August, are already reaching our office. Since we are planning on having only forty in this camp it is important that persons wanting space make application early. This long term camp is open to any person in the territory of the Conference, if such person is over twelve years of age and under fifteen.

Church School Rally Day Offerings North Arkansas Conference

The Church School Rally Day offerings continue to come in daily. Most of the districts are nearing their quota. There is one district which can pass its quota by one offering which has been raised, but has not yet been sent to our office. The following offerings have been received since our last report:

Batesville District	
Newport, First Church	\$30.00
Conway District	
Russellville	\$40.00
Fayetteville District	
Berryville	\$ 6.00
Helena District	
Holly Grove	\$10.00
Elaine	10.00
Wesley	3.00
Paragould District	
Pleasant Hill	\$ 2.00
Searcy District	
Scotland	\$ 1.00

VILLAGE THAT LEARNED THE BIBLE BY HEART

Several years ago a colporteur left a Bible in a little village of eastern Poland. The recipient was converted through reading it, and as he passed it on to others, two hundred more became believers. After a lapse of some years, the colporteur returned to the village. The group gathered for worship and he suggested that verses of Scripture be recited. One man said: "Do you mean verses, or chapters?" At the colporteur's astonishment questioning the natives told him not only chapters, but whole books of the Bible had been memorized. Thirteen knew Matthew and Luke and half of Genesis. One had committed all the Psalms to memory. The two hundred villagers together knew practically the entire Bible. "We must," they exclaimed, "for this copy of the Bible may be lost or taken away and it is the only one we have."—The Missionary Worker.

TIME OUT IN A BUSY LIFE

There never was a busier life than that of Jesus. His whole mission was bounded by three short years. Yet in the morning he said to his friends: "Come apart and rest awhile."

Again when the evening came he went into the mountain apart, alone. He found a place of worship in a world of activity.

The work of life is not well done with a hot, feverish, overwhelmed, and burdened mind; it is well done with a mind calmed and fortified by moments of withdrawal. It is best done by one who, from time to time, stops in his eager life and permits God to speak to his soul.—Francis G. Peabody.

Bigger and Better Than Ever!

Inspirational Speakers!

A number of our Bishops will be present and many outstanding speakers will appear on the program.

A great treat is here in store for you. Will you come and share its joys with us this summer?



JUNE 7th TO AUGUST 18th

An Excellent Program!

While our 1943 season will run only a little more than two months we will have one of the strongest programs in the history of Mt. Sequoyah.

Make your plans now to attend what is planned to be the greatest of all Western Methodist Assemblies!

Many Improvements Have Been Made For Your Convenience!

One of the most beautiful buildings on the grounds, Parker Hall, has been completed. The Men's Lodge and the Woman's Lodge now have all the rooms in them sealed, and the small windows have been cut into large ones which make the buildings much more comfortable. All the out bath houses have been worked over and now have hot water in them. We now have one large new

bath house and new roofs on all of the cottages. Much improvement has been done on our cafeteria; it is much larger and we can accommodate around a hundred more people at a time. Some extra rooms have been built for sleeping quarters. We have bought a hundred new chairs and a hundred new mattresses for the cottages.

Please Leave the Dogs at Home and Bring the Children With You!

SPECIAL RECREATION FACILITIES

Time for recreation will be provided daily. Hikes and picnics are favorite activities.

PLAYGROUND SUPERVISION

Through a co-operative arrangement between the General Board of Christian Education and the management of the Assembly, a supervisor of the playground has been secured. Games, hikes, stories, and other activities will be planned daily for the children.

ACCOMMODATIONS

Mt. Sequoyah is the property of the Methodist Church and all inquiries regarding reservations for rooms and meals should be directed to Rev. Sam M. Yancey, Superintendent, Fayetteville, Ark.

The Assembly is located on Mt. Sequoyah, adjoining the city of Fayetteville, which is the postoffice and railroad station.

Cafeteria, Dormitory, Cottage Rooms

The cafeteria serves good meals at fair prices. Single beds, 35 cents per day; double beds, 50 cents per day; cots and extra blankets, 25 cents per day. Woman's Building, single beds, 75 cents and \$1.00; double beds, \$1.00 and \$1.25. The rates in Parker Hall will be similar to those in the Woman's Building. Hot and cold water in Parker Hall, the Woman's Building, as well as a number of the cottages on the Assembly grounds.

NOTE: Bed linen, one blanket, feather pillow, towels and maid service are provided. Soap and other toilet articles are not furnished, but can be purchased at the assembly drug store.

MODERN AUTO CAMP

Modern equipment, running water, hot and cold showers, lights and water free.

Cottages 12-14 feet, containing one double bed and room for two cots, \$1.00 per day. Cots for rent.

Camp kitchen free to all campers. No bed linens furnished. Tents put up in camp, 50 cents per night, \$2.50 per week.

EXTRA FEES

There is a small ground fee which goes to the Assembly to help defray current expenses. Some of the General Boards have found it necessary to charge a small fee for some of their conferences.

RAILROAD AND BUS LINES

When buying your ticket to Fayetteville, be sure and inquire about summer rates to the Ozarks.

All Bus Lines running through Fayetteville from Kansas City to Little Rock furnish splendid accommodations.

WILL YOU HELP YOUR ASSEMBLY?

You can do a fine lot of advertising for Mt. Sequoyah by putting this program in your church bulletin, town paper, or tack it up in some public place. Will you District Superintendents, Pastors and Educational Secretaries please announce this program at your meetings and in doing so render a fine service to YOUR ASSEMBLY?

Address Inquiries to REV. SAM M. YANCEY, Superintendent, Fayetteville, Ark.

Your Friends Will Be Here and Will Be Anxious to See You!

CAMDEN DISTRICT CONFERENCE CONVENES IN NEW CHURCH BUILDING

The Camden District Conference was held in the Dumas Memorial Methodist Church, located four miles west of El Dorado, on Highway No. 82, Tuesday, May 11. Rev. P. D. Alston is pastor of Dumas Memorial, which is the newest church structure of the District, having been completed recently. The Conference convened at 9 a. m. The devotional services were conducted by Rev. Leland Clegg, district superintendent. W. D. Wingfield, layman of the host church, gave the address of welcome. Rev. W. O. Tisdale, secretary, recorded the proceedings of the Conference; and Rev. Kirvin Hale acted as statistical secretary. Sixty members of the Conference were present, of whom twenty-eight were ministerial. The several Conference Committees were announced and the names of those who composed the same were read by the district superintendent.

Reports from pastors showed the totals for the District, since Annual Conference, to be:

Additions to the church membership, on profession of faith 384; by certificate 477; total 861. Training credits earned 384. Raised for General and Annual Conference Benevolences \$6,277.00; Hendrix College Ministerial Education \$2,684.00; Church School Rally Day \$621.00.

Other features of the morning session were: Addresses by Dr. Delton Maloch, of the Rural Extension Service of the University of Arkansas; Dr. Clem Baker of the Conference Board of Education; and a sermon by Dr. Joseph Owen, pastor First Methodist Church, Memphis, Tennessee.

Dinner was served at noon by the women of the church and community.

By request of the district superintendent Rev. J. A. Henderson, pastor at Kingsland, presided during most of the afternoon session. This request was made that Brother Henderson might have the honor of having presided over every district in the Little Rock Conference.

Short messages were spoken by Mrs. J. A. Newell, District Director of Children's Work; Rev. W. R. Burks, District Director of Youth's Work; Mrs. J. P. Carpenter, District Corresponding Secretary of W. S. C. S.; Mrs. Minnie Webb Forest, District Deaconess; W. E. Westfall, District Lay Leader; Dr. Clem Baker; and Rev. Alvis Wingfield.

The Committee on Local Preachers, Quarterly Conference Journals, and Resolutions gave their reports, which were accepted.

The report of the first committee showed that there are in the district fifteen local elders, deacons, and preachers, and that one local preacher, Brother A. J. Perdue, has passed to his reward since the last meeting of the District Conference.

The report of the Committee on Resolutions contained in part these words: "Third: That we as your committee feel that we speak for every church, and individual in the district, when we express our heartfelt appreciation for the untiring work and challenging leadership of our beloved district superintendent, Leland Clegg. It has been through his efforts that every church of the district is either clear of debt or adequately financed; under his wise council we have made history in the

field of Religious Education; through his leadership the rural churches have gained new visions, and many of them have been actually resurrected. We deeply regret that the church disciples makes it impossible for us to enjoy his leadership longer."

The next District Conference is to be held at Vantrease Memorial Church of El Dorado, Rev. W. R. Burks, pastor.

The Conference stood adjourned, following an inspiring message on Evangelism, by Dr. Joseph Owen; and a re-dedication "altar service," with Brother Clegg leading the special prayer.—W. O. Tisdale, Sec.

A LETTER HOME

In 1899, at Fordyce, Ark., I was admitted into the Little Rock Conference. I was a guest in the home of Mr. and Mrs. T. B. Morton, and Rev. J. B. Williams was my roommate. For nineteen years I made my report to the Little Rock Annual Conference, and then by episcopal authority I was moved to the West Oklahoma Conference and stationed at St. Luke's Church, Oklahoma City.

Now after forty-three years in the traveling connection in Arkansas and Oklahoma, with a brief pastorate in Washington, D. C., I am retired and living at 2118 North Broadway, Shawnee, Oklahoma. My wife and I, now, as at the beginning, constitute the family.

For many years we anticipated going back to Arkansas, our first love, to live out the remainder of our lives, when the time came to retire. But when that time came, our children were all grown and settled, two of them in Oklahoma City, and the other two in Tulsa. Shawnee is about equi-distant from the two places, and easily accessible by rail to our families and friends in Arkansas.

My retirement came, not because I had reached the age limit, but on account of my health. In 1935 I developed cataracts, and while they have been removed and I have good vision, the strain through which I passed was so great that I have not yet been able to regain my strength. We are very happily situated here in Shawnee, where we have many dear friends, and if I can maintain sufficient health and strength, we hope to be useful in at least some degree until the journey ends.

Through the Arkansas Methodist and other agencies, we have been able through the years of our wanderings to keep up with our friends in Arkansas. We assume that the church in Arkansas is still interested in us, and as I have the opportunity and the paper the space, I will communicate with our Arkansas friends through the medium of the Methodist. Dr. Wayland has graciously granted me this privilege.

Our love for our native State has never been cooled. Indeed, it is a case where "absence has made the heart grow fonder." Asking an interest in the prayers of our Arkansas friends, and assuring them of our unfailing love and solicitude, I dare, after all these years, to subscribe myself, A Friend and Brother of Arkansas Methodists.—Forney Hutchinson.

By every part of our nature we clasp things above us, one after another, not for the sake of remaining where we take hold, but that we may go higher.—H. W. Beecher.

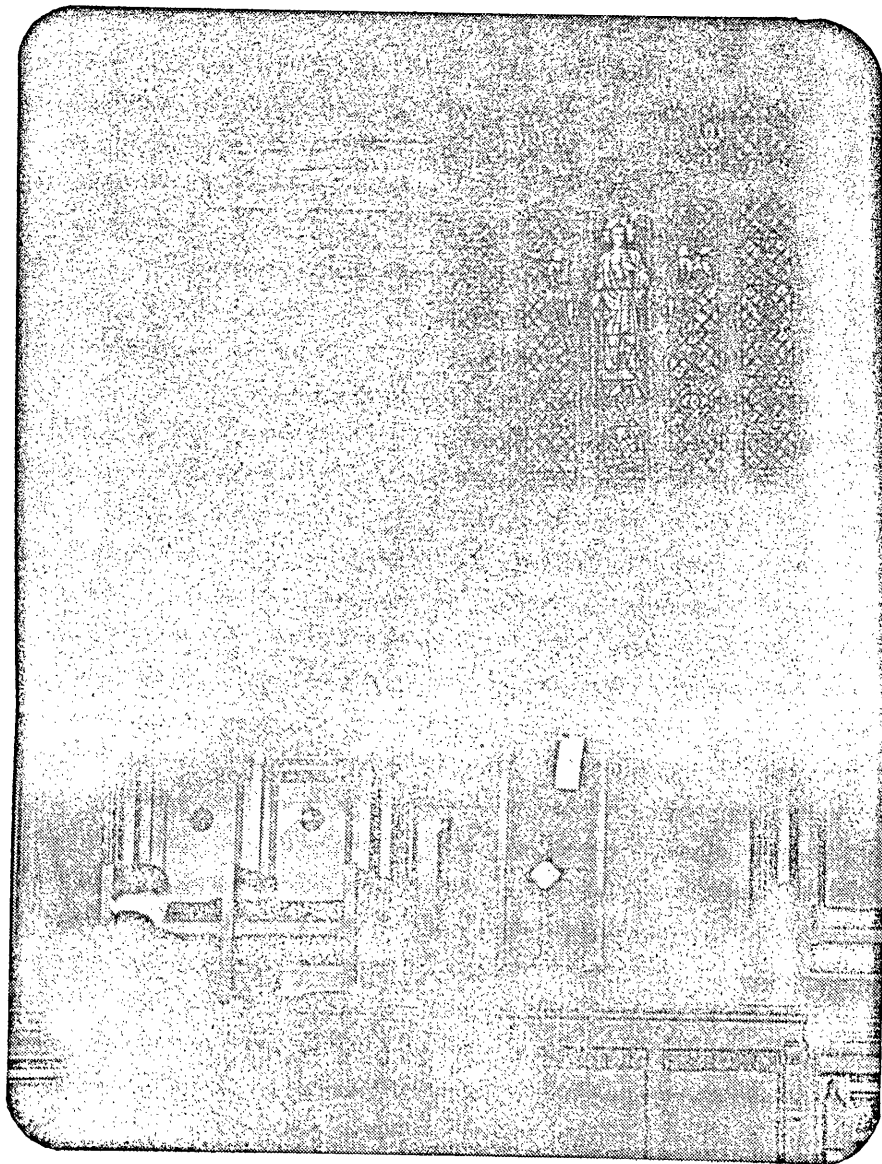
BISHOP CHEN ON RELIEF COMMITTEE

Seven leading Chinese Christians have been added to the American Advisory Committee which, in China has been in charge of the distribution of relief funds and supplies reaching that country through the Church Committee for China Relief and the denominations it represents. These new members are: Bishop W. Y. Chen of the Methodist Church; Bishop Paul Yu-pin of the Roman Catholic Church; S. C. Leung of the Y. M. C. A.; Miss Shih Pao-chen of the Y. W. C. A.; Mrs. K. C. Wu, wife of the vice-minister

of Foreign Affairs; K. M. Hsu of the Kinchong Banking Corporation; and Fei Chi-hao of the Central Trust Company.

Truth is the secret of eloquence and of virtue, the basis of moral authority; it is the highest summit of art and life.—Amiel.

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Little Rock Conference Treasurer's Report, Half Year, 1942-43

I am making a report of all funds received by me as Treasurer since my last report of February 10th. During the period beginning February 11th and ending May 11th, I have received a total of \$32,248.02, and a grand total of \$46,735.89, from the beginning of the Conference Year up through May 11th, listed as follows:

C. E. HAYES, Treasurer.

ARKADELPHIA DISTRICT						
CHARGE	B.F.	C.C.	BENEV.	G.A.&J.	W.S.	M.S.F. TOTAL
Arkadelphia St. n.			100.00			100.00
Arkadelphia Ct.						
Smyrna			7.00			7.00
Hollywood	1.00	1.50	12.50		2.50	17.50
Mt. Zion			1.00		17.87	18.87
Hart's Chapel					.80	.80
Total	1.00	1.50	20.50		21.17	44.17
Benton Station			600.00			600.00
Benton Ct.						
Martindale					4.40	4.40
Co-go					2.00	2.00
Smyrna					12.00	12.00
Pleasant Hill					8.14	8.14
Total					26.54	26.54
Carthage-Tulip						
Carthage			51.00			51.00
Willow					1.40	1.40
Tulip					4.00	4.00
Total			51.00		5.40	56.40
Couchwood Ct.						
Butterfield					4.58	4.58
Rockport			20.00			20.00
Maguet Cove			12.50		3.00	15.50
Total			32.50		7.58	40.08
Dalark Ct.						
Dalark	1.25	3.25	8.50	1.00	3.00	17.00
Manchester	7.00	18.00	32.00	4.00	3.00	64.00
Bethlehem			30.00			30.00
Total	8.25	21.25	70.50	5.00	6.00	111.00
Friendship Ct.	5.96	15.88				21.84
Midway			14.00		9.03	23.03
Social Hill			5.20		9.00	14.20
L'Eau Frais					10.55	10.55
Friendship					15.50	15.50
Christian Home			5.00			5.00
Bismarck					6.00	6.00
Total	5.96	15.88	24.20		50.08	96.12
Holly Springs Ct.			11.00			11.00
Holly Springs			8.00		5.00	13.00
Mt. Olivet					1.25	1.25
Mt. Carmel					2.00	2.00
Total			19.00		8.25	27.25
Hot Springs						
First Church		140.00	1,443.00		56.00	1,639.00
Grand Avenue			125.00			125.00
Oaklawn			67.00		13.00	80.00
Pullman Hgts.			150.00			150.00
Tigert Memorial	4.00	7.00	11.00			22.00
Hot Springs Ct.						
New Salem			15.50			15.50
Bethlehem			4.00			4.00
Gum Springs			3.50			3.50
Mt. Pine			20.23			20.23
Mt. Valley			7.50			7.50
Total			50.83			50.83
Leola Ct.						
Hunter's Chapel	1.50	2.25	5.00			8.75
Leola		18.00	41.06		8.17	67.23
Toler's Chapel	1.00	3.00	12.00			16.00
Total	2.50	23.25	58.06		8.17	91.98
Malvern Station	64.00	71.25	478.00		68.48	681.63
Keith Memorial			40.00		9.00	49.00
Pearcy Ct.						
Pearcy	7.00	15.00	1.00			23.00
Piney Grove	.50	1.50	13.50			15.50
Friendship	.50	1.50	5.00			7.00
Total	8.00	18.00	19.50			45.50
Princeton Ct.						
Princeton		1.25		1.00	4.48	6.73
Waverly	2.50		9.13	1.00	2.00	14.63
Providence	2.00	4.00	7.00	1.00	2.00	16.00
Macedonia			15.00		3.00	18.00
Zion	2.00					2.00
Total	6.50	5.25	31.13	3.00	11.48	57.36
Sparkman-Sardis						
Sardis			181.00			181.00
Sparkman			195.00	8.00	18.00	231.00
Total			376.00	8.00	18.00	412.00
Traskwood Ct.						
Traskwood					16.50	16.50
Ebenezer					12.00	12.00
Lonsdale					5.00	5.00
Pt. View					2.50	2.50
Hickory Grove			1.00			1.00
Total			1.00		36.00	37.00
Grand Total	100.21	303.38	3,768.22	16.00	345.10	4,542.91
Previously received	56.80	222.03	1,011.00	10.00	206.51	1,536.34
Total amount received	157.01	525.41	4,779.22	26.00	551.61	6,079.25

CAMDEN DISTRICT						
CHARGE	B.F.	C.C.	BENEV.	G.A.&J.	W.S.	M.S.F. TOTAL
Bearden	27.00	84.00	56.00		6.43	173.43
Camden Station			300.00		50.00	350.00
Camden Circuit						
Rock Hill					4.01	4.01
Chidester Circuit						
Chidester	4.75	14.75	28.00		3.50	51.00
Missouri	.50	1.75	3.25	.75	3.00	6.00
Whelen Springs	1.00	5.25	4.00	.50	6.00	17.25
New Harmony	.25	.50		.25	3.00	4.25
Silver Springs	1.00	2.50	19.50	.75	3.00	27.25
Total	7.50	24.75	54.75	2.25	27.00	123.50
Ebenezer Circuit						
Ebenezer	.75	1.25	20.00			22.00
Friendship			5.00			5.00
Total	.75	1.25	25.00			27.00

CHARGE	B.F.	C.C.	BENEV.	G.A.&J.	W.S.	M.S.F. TOTAL
El Dorado						
Centennial Memorial						
Centennial	3.00	5.00			13.00	21.00
Dumas Memorial		2.50			14.86	17.36
Total	3.00	7.50			27.86	38.36
First Church			1,200.00			1,200.00
Vantrease			112.00		8.71	120.71
Bethel			35.00			35.00
Wesley Chapel			35.00			35.00
Total			182.00		8.71	190.71
Emerson Circuit						
Emerson	5.00	6.00			13.61	24.61
Christie's Chapel		5.00			8.90	13.90
Ware's Chapel		5.00			2.00	7.00
Atlanta		5.00				5.00
Total	5.00	21.00			24.51	50.51
Fairview Charge						
Fairview		116.00				116.00
Fordyce Station		60.00	100.00		31.75	201.75
Hampton-Harrell	13.00	33.00				46.00
Harrell					18.75	18.75
Hampton			30.00		8.00	38.00
Faustine			2.26			2.26
Total	13.00	33.00	32.26		26.75	105.01
Hutting	20.00				13.52	33.52
Bolding	4.00	2.00			4.00	10.00
Total	24.00	2.00			17.52	43.52
Junction City Circuit						
Prairie Grove	1.00	2.00	5.00	1.00		9.00
Olive Branch		1.00	3.00			4.00
Beech Grove	1.00	2.00	5.00			8.00
Junction City	4.00	15.00		1.00		20.00
Total	6.00	20.00	13.00	2.00	4.00	45.00
Kingsland Circuit	19.00	27.00	25.00			71.00
Kingsland		24.00			7.50	31.50
Total	19.00	51.00	25.00		7.50	102.50
Louann Circuit	4.75	10.75				15.50
Louann	1.22	2.75	20.07		8.90	32.94
Silver Hill	.95	2.05	12.50			15.50
Liberty	.80	1.80	10.00			12.60
Harmony Grove	1.10	2.42	20.00			23.52
Lakeside	1.05	2.38	12.50			15.93
Total	9.87	22.10	75.07		8.90	115.94
First Church-Magnolia		270.00	300.00			570.00
Jackson St.-Magnolia						
Jackson Street	10.00	40.00	50.00			100.00
Village	9.00	5.00	35.00			53.00
Total	19.00	45.00	85.00			149.00
McNeil Circuit						
McNeil Church					.44	.44
Norphlet Circuit						
Norphlet					55.49	55.49
Quinn					2.00	2.00
Total					57.49	57.49
Parker's Chapel-Fredonia						
Parker's Chapel	6.30	14.00	40.00		7.50	70.60
Fredonia Church	8.00	20.00	78.00	4.00		110.00
Total	14.30	34.00	118.00	4.00	7.50	180.60
Smackover	13.50	54.00	60.00		15.00	142.50
Stephens Church					136.06	136.06
Strong Circuit						
Rhodes Chapel					20.40	20.40
Strong	16.00	41.66	56.75	6.00		120.41
Union	7.00	21.00	20.00	6.00	10.00	67.00
Total	23.00	62.66	76.75	12.00	30.40	214.81
Taylor Circuit	31.00	78.00	77.20			186.20
Thornton Circuit						
Thornton	3.00	8.00	26.00			37.00
Union Ct.-Quinn					1.60	1.60
Waldo Circuit						
Kilgore	3.00	8.00	23.00			34.00
Waldo	33.75	120.00	220.00		15.00	388.75
Total	36.75	128.00	243.00		15.00	422.75
Total	255.67	1,122.26	3,049.03	20.25	493.43	5,028.69
Previously reported	313.00	519.84	848.75	113.25	190.81	2,136.65
Grand Total	568.67	1,642.10	3,897.78	133.50	684.24	7,165.34

LITTLE ROCK DISTRICT							
Austin Ct.							
Concord	1.60	4.00		2.00		3.00	10.60
South Bend	.64	1.60		1.00	3.00	1.00	7.24
Mt. Zion	1.00	2.49		1.00		2.00	6.49
Old Austin	.48	1.20					1.68
Mt. Tabor	2.63	6.58	40.00	2.00		3.00	54.21
Smyrna	.42	1.05	8.00	1.00		1.00	11.47
Total	\$ 6.77	\$ 16.92	\$ 48.00	\$ 7.00	\$ 3.00	\$ 10.00	\$ 91.69
Bauxite-Sardis							
Sardis					7.00		7.00
Bryant Ct.							
Bryant	.67	1.67	4.92	3.00			10.26
New Hope	1.02	2.49	13.26				19.77
Salem	1.50	6.00	36.00		3.00		47.50
Mt. Carmel	1.02	3.00	11.52		4.00		23.54
Total	\$ 4.21	\$ 13.16	\$ 65.70	\$ 3.00	\$ 8.00		\$ 101.07
Carlisle Station	40.50	144.00	331.25		15.00		563.75
DeValls Bluff-St. Marks					48.00		
DeValls Bluff	4.00	7.20	25.00	1.50			37.70
St. Marks	2.00	4.00	11.50				17.50
Total	\$ 6.00	\$ 11.20	\$ 36.50	\$ 1.50			\$ 55.20
Douglassville-Geyer Springs							
Douglassville							
Geyer Springs					13.50		13.50
Total					5.00		5.00
England	12.38	49.50	245.00		\$ 18.50		\$ 18.50
Hazen	10.12	61.00	235.00			27.50	334.38
					(16.50-11.09)		
Hickory Plains Ct.							306.12
Bethlehem		2.50	32.00		2.00		36.50
Providence			19.75		3.00		22.75
Cross Roads			13.51				13.51
Johnson's Chapel			17.00		6.00		23.00
Total	\$	2.50	\$ 82.26	\$	11.00	\$	96.76

CHARGE	B.F.	C.C.	BENEV.	G.A.&J.	W.S.	M.S.F.	TOTAL
Keo. Tomberlin							
Keo	3.50	6.25	42.30	1.00	6.00	---	59.05
Humnoke	1.24	2.76	16.00	---	3.00	---	23.00
Tomberlin	---	---	---	---	2.00	---	2.00
Total	4.74	9.01	58.30	1.00	11.00	---	84.05
Little Rock							
Ashbury	---	---	2,250.00	---	---	22.50	2,272.50
Capitol View	---	140.00	---	28.00	---	27.00	195.00
First Church	67.50	360.00	1,623.32	27.50	75.00	30.00	2,183.32
Forest Park	8.44	26.25	180.00	---	20.00	---	234.69
Henderson	---	---	300.00	---	9.18	---	309.18
Highland	---	---	500.00	---	---	---	500.00
Hunter Memorial	4.42	13.91	150.00	---	34.96	1.89	205.18
Pulaski Heights	22.50	120.00	450.00	10.01	---	10.00	612.51
Scott Street	---	216.00	380.00	---	---	---	596.00
Winfield Memorial	56.25	300.00	1,000.00	48.00	---	50.00	1,454.25
Lonoke Charge							
Eagle	---	---	---	---	8.00	---	8.00
Mablevale	6.75	21.00	135.00	---	15.00	---	177.75
Primrose Chapel	10.00	20.00	70.00	---	12.00	15.00	127.00
C. M. Reves, Dist. Supt.	---	---	---	---	---	32.20	32.20
Grand Total	260.58	1,524.45	8,140.33	126.01	287.64	226.09	10,565.10
Previously reported	327.26	925.46	2,629.34	123.35	206.38	102.33	4,314.12
Total amount received	587.84	2,449.91	10,769.67	249.36	494.02	328.42	14,879.22
MONTICELLO DISTRICT							
Ark. City Church	5.00	16.00	5.00	---	26.40	---	52.40
Crossett	12.01	112.50	6.52	---	66.00	---	197.03
Dermott	22.50	70.00	---	---	---	---	92.50
Drew Ct.							
Valley	.52	1.16	5.00	---	7.57	---	14.25
Prairie Chapel	.66	1.46	---	---	8.53	---	10.65
Lacey	.48	1.08	---	---	6.11	---	7.67
Green Hill	1.13	2.02	---	---	6.43	---	9.58
Total	2.79	5.72	5.00	---	28.64	---	42.15
Dumas	13.50	54.00	53.49	3.00	9.00	6.00	138.99
Eudora	6.75	21.00	126.25	---	---	---	154.00
Ft. Hill Ct.							
Ft. Hill	---	---	6.25	---	.81	---	7.06
Zion	---	---	2.75	---	1.53	---	4.28
Extra	---	---	---	---	10.00	---	10.00
Waller's Chapel	---	---	10.00	---	---	---	10.00
Hickory Grove	---	---	12.50	---	---	---	12.50
Total	---	---	31.50	---	12.34	---	43.84
Hermitage Ct.							
Hermitage	3.98	8.92	---	---	49.00	---	49.00
Jersey	---	---	24.00	---	13.00	---	37.00
Sumpter	---	---	28.32	---	---	---	28.32
Ingalls	---	---	25.00	---	---	---	25.00
Total	3.98	8.92	77.32	---	62.00	---	152.22
Lake Village	---	---	150.00	---	13.36	---	163.36
McGehee	13.50	54.00	---	---	---	---	67.50
New Edinburg Ct.							
New Edinburg	---	---	---	---	4.55	---	4.55
Hebron	---	---	---	---	2.50	---	2.50
Good Hope	---	---	---	---	3.25	---	3.25
Total	---	---	---	---	10.30	---	10.30
Portland-Parkdale							
Parkdale	---	---	40.00	---	---	---	40.00
Tillar-Winchester							
Newton's Chapel	1.20	3.70	31.25	2.00	---	2.10	40.25
Tillar	4.48	13.95	112.50	3.00	3.00	2.00	138.93
Winchester	1.00	3.50	56.50	2.00	---	2.05	65.05
Selma	.75	2.25	16.25	1.00	---	1.30	21.55
Total	7.43	23.40	216.50	8.00	3.00	7.45	265.78
Warren	33.75	150.00	564.00	25.00	---	30.00	802.75
Watson-Kelso							
Watson	5.00	12.00	100.00	---	20.00	---	137.00
Kelso	1.25	3.00	43.00	---	---	---	47.25
Total	6.25	15.00	143.00	---	20.00	---	184.25
Wilmar Ct.							
Rock Springs	2.03	5.56	---	---	---	---	7.64
Wilmar	5.30	14.14	5.00	---	5.37	---	10.37
Andrew's Chapel	---	---	5.00	---	7.77	---	29.21
Total	7.38	19.70	12.00	---	13.14	---	52.22
Wilmot Ct.							
Wilmot	13.00	42.00	45.00	---	---	---	100.00
Miller's Chapel	2.00	7.00	10.00	---	---	---	20.00
Total	15.00	49.00	55.00	---	---	---	120.00
Arthur Terry-District Superintendent	---	---	---	---	---	22.50	22.50
Grand Total	149.84	599.24	1,485.58	36.00	264.18	66.95	2,601.79
Previously reported	75.08	220.03	433.43	32.33	304.60	15.75	1,081.22
Total amount received	224.92	819.27	1,919.01	68.33	568.78	82.70	3,683.01

(Continued Next Week)

LITTLE ROCK CONFERENCE METHODIST YOUTH FUND

I am giving below a report of payments made on the 1942-43 pledges for the Methodist Youth Fund, Little Rock Conference:

Camden District	
Dumas Memorial Srs.	\$ 5.25
Dumas Memorial Int.	.50
Bethel	5.00
Vantrease	16.00
Centennial Srs.	3.00
Centennial Ints.	.75
Smackover	5.00
First Church, El Dorado (Int.)	12.00
Fordyce	21.00
Norphet	1.00
Parker's Chapel	10.00
Stephens	5.00
Bearden	5.00
Junction City	10.00
Camden	5.00
Taylor	5.00
Thornton	5.00
Total	\$134.50

Little Rock District	
Winfield (Int.)	\$ 20.00
Winfield (Y. P.)	17.50
England (Int.)	10.00
Primrose (Jrs.)	2.00
Scott Street	6.00
Highland	15.00
First Church	25.00
Total	\$ 95.50

Monticello District	
Eudora	\$ 10.00
Monticello	14.08
Dermott	2.50
Warren (Srs.)	18.83
Warren (Int.)	2.71
Tillar	3.50
Portland	4.00
Dumas	10.00
Total	\$ 65.62

C. Watson, who preached the God-worled funeral sermon. To even slightly mention in general terms all those who were kind is a task too much. To thank each one is not possible—even to thank one adequately cannot be accomplished. But I am grateful for every gracious gift of word and deed.

Numbers 6:24-26—Mrs. H. H. McGuyre.

Pine Bluff District

Alzheimer	\$.75
Grand Avenue	37.49
Gillett	10.00
Humphrey	1.75
Sheridan	4.00
Carr Memorial	20.00
Wabbaseka	5.00
Good Faith	1.00
First Church, P. B. (Srs.)	15.00
St. Charles	5.00
Redfield	4.00
Lakeside	11.50
Rison	7.50
Almyra	3.00
Star City	10.00
Grady	6.00
Total	\$141.90

Prescott District

Nashville	\$ 6.00
Texarkana District	
Harmony	\$ 5.00
Stamps	21.00
Mena	15.00
Ashdown	11.40
Olive Branch	6.00
First Church, Texarkana	14.75
Bradley	.48
Hatfield	3.00
Lockesburg	5.00
Total	\$ 81.63

BY DISTRICTS

Arkadelphia District	000.00
Camden District	134.50
Little Rock District	95.50
Monticello District	65.62
Pine Bluff District	141.90
Prescott	6.00
Texarkana District	81.63
Grand Total	\$525.15

—Mrs. R. A. Thomas, Treas.

CHURCHES AND SALOONS

It is reported that there are 210,000 churches in the United States as against 430,000 places licensed to sell alcoholic liquors—in a land that still has the boldness to label itself "Christian."—King's Business.

A pledge of five cents a week is worth more to all concerned than a quarter dropped on the collection plate by impulse. The pledge represents faithful and dependable interest and loyalty.—Christian Advocate.

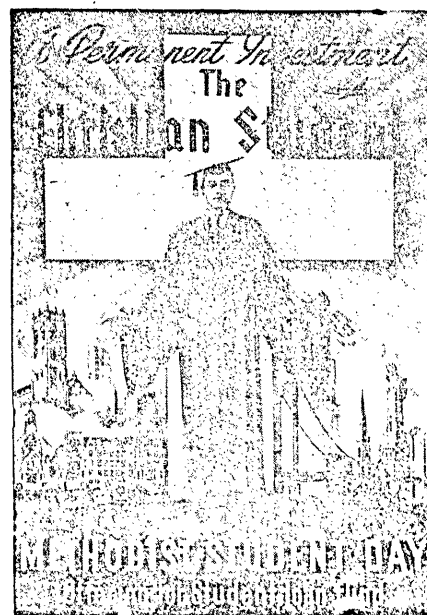
Working Today— For Tomorrow's World

Diligent effort and sincere purpose are important but alone they cannot establish the four freedoms. They must summon to their assistance Education.

The Student Loan Funds of The Methodist Church annually help 3,000 worthy students to carry through their educational plans.

In the post-war world the need for Christian leadership will be greatly increased and the demands upon the Student Loan Funds of the Church will be multiplied.

Observance of Methodist Student Day, formerly Children's Day, (Discipline, Paragraph 1091) on the second Sunday in June with an offering for the Loan Fund is, therefore, of unusual importance this year.



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THANK YOU, FRIENDS!

My husband, Rev. H. H. McGuyre sickened and went away. You came to me, as brothers and sisters in Christ. The love you expressed to him and for him was met by his over-weighted love for you. The attention you gave to me and the children at the time when the clouds of sorrow seemed so smothering and blinding is and always will be appreciated. If all the words of gratitude that ever have been spoken could be gathered together, I'd like to select the largest and most valued ones for you. However, I'm limited to the simple "thank you."

The names cannot be called of the friendly hundreds whose kind faces are lined up in my mind as I think back through the darkness of the few days that are past. Some

came who are yet outside God's Kingdom in spite of Mr. McGuyre's love and prayers for them (you loved him, love Him for Whom he lived); the neighbors were so real and good; the long-ago friends who appeared from the years past; the relatives of his and mine and the children; his and our good friend Harold Sadler for the beautiful tribute; the members of my Sunday School class; the individuals of the W. S. C. S.; the sturdy strengthening Stewards who stood by us; the members of Henderson Church, in whom he had so much confidence; the choir who supplemented his preaching services with singing, and who sang at the last service in his honor; the God-called men of the city's Ministerial Alliance; Dr. C. M. Reves, praying in the home and at the funeral service; Dr. W.

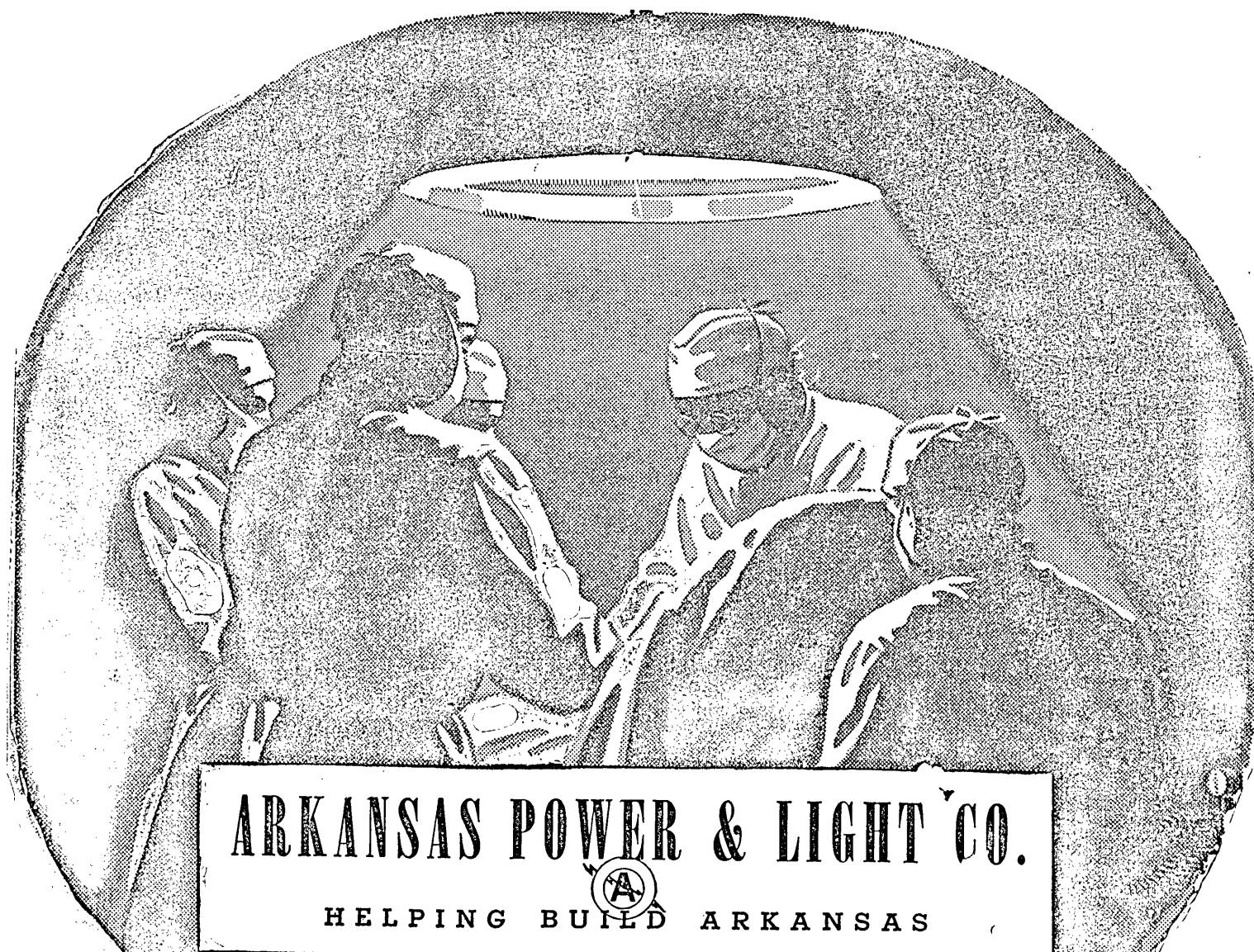
LIFE HANGS BY A WIRE!

In this age of electric miracles, perhaps no setting is more dramatic than the operating room of the modern hospital. Just picture the scene blue-white shadowless light blazes down on the tense little group a suction machine hums quietly skillful fingers poise an electric knife *a human life depends on the even flow of electric power.*

Electric equipment of many kinds is used every day by busy doctors and nurses for diagnosis and treatment, without their giving a thought to the constant supply of electricity that operates this equipment. But electric power *isn't* automatic. The hardworking men and women of America's electric companies are the folks who have made it *dependable.*

Here in Arkansas our company has established a wartime electric power record of which we well may be proud. The 1,200 men and women in the Arkansas Power & Light Company family have done and are doing a marvelous job. We planned *ahead* and were *ready* to meet tremendously increased demands for electric power . . . and it was this advance planning that helped Arkansas get the large war plants that have meant so much to our state's prosperity.

Our interconnected system has not only made electricity *plentiful* but also has made it *cheap* . . . so cheap that our residential customers now enjoy about *twice as much electricity for their money* as they got a dozen years ago.



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MRS. SUE M. WAYLAND, Editor

FORT SMITH DISTRICT MEETING

The district meeting of the Women's Society of Christian Service convened at the church in Paris, Arkansas, May 12, at 10 o'clock a. m.

The meeting was opened with soft music by Mrs. Frank Slaughter, followed by the devotional led by Rev. J. T. Wilcoxon, pastor of the Paris church.

Mrs. L. E. Oates was appointed to act as secretary for the meeting. Mrs. G. B. Spencer, district secretary, presided and gave a very cordial welcome to the visitors.

Due to high water, quite a number of societies were unable to attend. The following gave reports: Booneville, Branch, Fort Smith First Church, Fort Smith Goddard Memorial, Paris, and Waldron.

Mrs. Uel Wiggins sang a solo, entitled "Others." This was followed by the morning offering.

Miss Estelle McIntosh, deaconess, gave a very interesting report on Rural Work. At this time she presented Miss Evaleta Self, who is to enter The National Training School in Kansas City, Mo.

Rev. W. V. Womack, District Superintendent, expressed regret that several societies were unable to attend the meeting, due to weather conditions.

Mrs. Spencer assigned the different places in the church for zones One, Two and Three to meet, after which the meeting was adjourned for the noon hour. Lunch was served in the basement of the church.

The afternoon session was opened with music by Mrs. Slaughter, followed by the report of Mrs. F. M. Tolleson district chairman of the Spiritual Life Group.

Mrs. Chastain asked that the district zone meeting be held at Branch on July 6, 1943.

Mrs. J. B. Randolph, Conference secretary of supplies, and Mrs. W. T. Bacon, conference treasurer, spoke concerning the scholarship which the district is planning to give.

Mrs. F. M. Tolleson made motion and Mrs. J. B. Randolph seconded, that we call the scholarship the "Grace Stone Scholarship." Motion carried.

Motion was made, seconded and passed, that Mr. Fred Stone be notified of this action.

Mrs. Bacon read a letter from Virginia Echols, student at Scarritt.

Mrs. Mary E. Yeaman, Paris, was given a life membership in the W. S. C. S. by her daughter, Mrs. J. T. Wilcoxon, and Bro. Wilcoxon.

Max Brown Ostner, Jr., was given a Baby Life Membership by his grandfather and grandmother, Rev. and Mrs. J. T. Wilcoxon. Mrs. Uel Wiggins presented these gifts.

The afternoon devotional was led by Mrs. F. M. Tolleson. This was a beautiful thought on "The Inner Life."

Mrs. Bacon reviewed in a very interesting manner the minutes of the annual conference held in North Little Rock. Following this, Mrs. Rufus Smith, Jr., sang, "The Constant Lamp."

Mrs. E. E. Sexton talked on Christian Social Relations and Mrs. Ran-

"I pray not that thou shouldst take them out of the world, but that thou shouldst keep them from the evil.—John 17:15.

PRAYER FOR OUR PRESENT NEED

H. ADYE PRICHARD

Almighty Father, Who alone canst order the unruly wills and affections of sinful men, and in whose hands alone are the issues of life and death; as little children we come to Thee, to ask Thy help in this our hour of deepest need. Thine still is the Kingdom and the Power and the Glory. Thou still art the God of Righteousness and Truth and Love. Show Thyself we beseech Thee, to all the world as the Defender of those who look to Thee for strength and succor, and come quickly in Thy Majesty to still the forces of evil, and establish the Peace that passes all understanding in the hearts of men. We ask it in this time of mortal combat and despair, through Jesus Christ Our Lord. Amen.—Federal Council Bulletin.

CHRISTIAN LITERATURE ADVANCE

A Methodist woman, convinced that the countries of Latin America represent one of the greatest missionary fields in the world, and that evangelical Christian literature is one of the best means of evangelization, offers to contribute \$3,000 for the production of Christian literature in the Spanish language under the auspices of the Committee on Co-operation in Latin America, on condition that her gift is matched by other contributors. Her contribution will be released dollar for dollar as other gifts are received.

The committee has outlined a literature program on the recommendation of the All-Latin American Conference on Christian Literature held in the city of Mexico in 1941. The program calls for an expenditure of \$15,000 per year for ten years. The offer now made is the first large individual contribution received.

Interest in and need for Christian literature in Latin America is greater today than ever before. All Latin American countries are being flooded with propaganda of Nazism, Fascism and Communism. Now is the strategic time for Christian missionary advance in Latin America through the use of Christian literature.

Contributions in any amount to the literature fund may be sent to the Committee on Christian Literature, Wade Crawford Barclay, Chairman, 150 Fifth Ave., New York, N. Y.—World Outlook. Editor's Note: With the knowledge of the untold value of Christian literature this opportunity to help our Latin American neighbors should make an appeal to the hearts of all Methodist women.

dolph gave a resume of her work on Supplies.

The report of the courtesy committee was read by Mrs. Parker, followed by the reading of the minutes by Mrs. Oates. After singing, "Blest Be The Tie," the meeting was adjourned with prayer by Mrs. J. T. Wilcoxon.—Mrs. L. E. Oates.

A LETTER FROM VIRGINIA ECHOLS

Dear Mrs. Bacon: Thank you ever so much for the check which came yesterday. I wish it were possible for me to express my appreciation for all that you North Arkansas women have done in helping me prepare for mission work in China. I shall use this "spring check" to get my things for my New York trip in June, at which time I will be among the 31 people who will be commissioned by our Mission Board for home and foreign missionary service.

Scarritt is lovelier in the spring than at any other time. The campus is beautiful, and we are having delightful visitors. Especially have I been happy all year to meet the many "China missionaries" who come by Scarritt on their way to and from various places. One of the most delightful missionaries I have met is Miss Pearl McCain. She is enthusiastic, lovely, and a missionary of whom North Arkansas has a right to be proud!

Scarritt's new president will be announced at the graduation exercises on June 3. Dr. Cuninggim, our present president, is retiring, and he plans to stay in Nashville and write books—one on the history of Scarritt, relating things about Scarritt that only he knows. It should be very valuable.

I think you know of my plan to stay at Scarritt through the summer, getting my Master's Degree on Aug. 20. The language school in Berkeley begins Nov. 1. Probably I shall spend the months of September and October in Arkansas, and I am hoping that it will be possible for me to have many contacts with our W. S. C. S. women in Arkansas during that time.

I was glad to know that you are beginning the nucleus of another scholarship. As I have contacts with missionaries and nationals from all over the world, and as I hear them tell of the urgencies in their countries, I feel more and more keenly the responsibility and privilege of the U. S. churches to send workers to the mission fields, where every contribution is so desperately needed and appreciated. And I am more and more grateful for our conference women who so readily and generously do their part in meeting this challenge by using their influence and money in helping young people answer the call to mission service.

All the missionaries tell me that if possible I should have an accord to take to the field with me, that since I play one it would contribute a great deal to my evangelistic work. I do not have one, so I am wondering if any of the women in the conference work know of one that is not in use that could be given to this work, or if there might be a society or district that would be willing to contribute to it before I go to the mission field. I feel that it would be a definite contribution to the Lord's work, and I personally would be grateful if one could be secured.

With love and appreciation for all that you have done for me, and asking for your prayers, I am, lovingly, your "daughter".—Virginia Echols.

CAVE CITY W. S. C. S.

The Woman's Society of Christian Service held its regular meeting Wednesday afternoon, May 12th in the church auditorium with fourteen members present. The President, Mrs. T. A. Woodyard, presided over a short business meeting, at which it was agreed the society, assisted by the Baptist Woman's Auxiliary, would serve a banquet in the church basement Tuesday evening to the doctor's association convening here on that date, May 18, the proceeds shared alike by the two societies for church work. Mrs. Jas. M. Simpson then took charge of the lesson, "Child Labor Safeguards in War-time." She was assisted by Mesdames Bottsford, Reaves, Johnson, Gobble, Kirtley and Mitchum, also Misses Mary Frances McSpadden and Fayrine Gobble, who rendered special music.

The society has just finished the second study course, "Our Times," very ably taught by the pastor's wife, Mrs. Eric Reaves, and which was most profitable to those enrolled.

The Vacation Bible School recently ended supervised by Mrs. Reaves and assisted by a corps of splendid, faithful workers, was one of the very best ever held here, with large enrollment and perfect daily attendance.

We feel the Auxiliary is getting away to a fine start for a good year's work.—Mrs. C. E. Kirtley.

BETHLEHEM W. S. C. S.

Eighteen members and three visitors met Tuesday afternoon, May 4, for regular monthly meeting. Our meeting was saddened by the loss of one of our most faithful members, Mrs. Bessie Tedford, who died May 1st.

Mrs. Lillian Hays had charge of the devotional meeting.

Subject—Children.

Song—Work For The Night Is Coming.

Prayer—Mrs. Dochia Cochran.

Readings—Grace James and Lucille Cross.—Mrs. Reutz.

Lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world.—Matthew 28:20

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LET'S HAVE A FIESTA

"Bon dia . . . bon dia" greeted each guest as he entered the gayly bedecked Fiesta room at the First Methodist Church at Conway, on a Sunday evening from 5:30 to 8:00. Upon arrival the girls received a red rose for their hair, the boys a crepe paper serape. For first-comers games were provided such as pinning the tail on the burro and a wall map puzzle of South America. A huge bulletin board of world friendship materials held the main interest at one end of the room.

A master of ceremonies announced the events of the evening. All of the guests were divided into three groups by means of an old Spanish game. A youth blind-folded broke with a stick the "pinata"—a huge bag hanging from the ceiling from which fell tiny capsules containing numbers. Finding their numbers, the groups then went to various rooms for the special features of the fiesta. Group 1 going to the first booth saw colored movies entitled "Fiesta of the Hills," portraying the fiestas of Mexico and Quadamala. The film was rented through the Extension Department of Arkansas State Teachers College. In a second booth another group learned of Latin American music under the direction of Mrs. Benjamin Owen of Hendrix College, a native of Cuba. A third group visited an exhibit room, containing curios and fine articles from Latin America. The owners of these articles were present to explain their background and make interesting comments. All three groups rotated every twenty minutes until each one had been to every booth.

Recreation and refreshments were then featured in the Fiesta Room. The climax of the fiesta came with the closing worship service, built around the story of "Christ of the Andes." The impressive worship center was a shadow silhouette of this famous statue.

A surprise feature of the evening was the appearance of a young man from Peru, South America, who had been attending the University of Southern California. Passing through Conway and stopping over a day and night on the Hendrix campus, he found his way almost by accident to the fiesta. He was introduced to the whole group and immediately became the center of interest.

A total of 100 young people, 15 adults, and several WAAC's attended the fiesta. This Pan-American Fiesta was provided for the whole Youth Division of the church. It was promoted by the World Friendship Commission and a joint planning committee from each of the three departments of the Division, assisted by the local W.S.C.S. Secretary of Young Women and Girls. It was made possible by the cooperation of resource people, department counselors, and the young people themselves.—Reporter.

It is not so much being exempt from faults, as the having to overcome them; that is an advantage to us.—Alexander Pope.

"Remember now thy Creator in the days of thy youth."

THE PATH TO HAPPINESS

Man lives to move forward. To move forward is to live more. To live more is to be more and do more; and it is being and doing that constitutes the path to happiness. The more you are and the more you do, the richer your life, the greater your joy. But being and doing must always live together as one. To try to be much and not try to do much, is to find life a barren waste. To try to do much and not try to be much, is to find life a burden too heavy and wearisome to bear. The being of much gives the necessary inspiration and the necessary power to the doing of much. The doing of much gives the necessary expression to the being of much. And it is the bringing forth of being through the act of doing that produces happiness that is happiness. Being much gives capacity for doing much. Doing much gives expression to the richest and the best that is within us. And the more we increase the richness of that which is within us, the more we increase our happiness, provided we increase, in the same proportion, the expression of that greater richness. The first essential is provided for by the being of much; the second, by the doing of much; and the secret of both may be found by him who lives to move forward.—C. D. LARSON.

HOW THE GRUMBLER WAS CURED

A pastor of a little church in a small town became exceedingly discouraged, and brooded over his trials to such an extent that he became an inveterate grumbler. He found fault with his brethren because he imagined they did not treat him well. A brother minister was invited to assist him a few days in a special service. At the close of the Sunday morning service our unhappy brother invited the minister to his house to dinner. While they were waiting alone in the parlor he began his doleful story by saying:

"You have no idea of my troubles; and one of the greatest is that my brethren in the church treat me very badly."

The other propounded the following questions:

"Did they ever spit in your face?"

"No, they haven't come to that."

"Did they ever smite you?"

"No."

"Did they ever crown you with thorns?"

This last question he could not answer, but bowed his head thoughtfully. The other replied:

"Your master and mine was thus treated, and all His disciples fled and left Him in the hands of the wicked. Yet He opened not His mouth."

The effect of this conversation was wonderful. Both ministers bowed in prayer and earnestly sought to possess the mind which was in Christ Jesus.

During the ten days' meeting the discontented pastor became wonderfully changed. He labored and prayed with his friends, and many souls were brought to Christ.—Publisher Unknown.

WHAT THEY SAY

Philosophy says: "Think your way out."

Repeal says: "Drink your way out."

Industry says: "Work your way out."

Politics says: "Legislate your way out."

Militarism says: "Fight your way out."

MONTICELLO DISTRICT YOUTH RALLY

On the evening of May 4, the young people of McGehee Methodist Church were hosts to the youth of the Monticello District. The good times began with a pot-luck picnic supper. Following this period of fun and fellowship, the group met in the sanctuary for worship. After the singing of a hymn, and the opening prayer, led by Bro. E. D. Galloway, the devotional was brought by Bro. Louis W. Averitt. Then came a period in which the youth answered by the charges they represented. It was found that 14 charges were represented, with a total of 154 present. McGehee, Lake Village and Dumas led the District in having the greatest number present.

Our Christian Adventure Assembly at Monticello, as well as our Young People's Assembly at Conway, was presented. Those present at assemblies last year were asked to stand; those planning to go to assemblies this year were asked to stand. From the response given at that time, the Monticello District will cooperate in this phase of our program 100%. Bro. Terry, District Superintendent, brought a word of greeting and spoke on the importance of the assemblies; Bro. Teeter, host pastor, brought greetings from the youth of his church.

The rally closed upon a high spiritual plane. It was our privilege to have as our speaker, Brother Otto Teague, pastor First Methodist Church, Stuttgart, and District Director of youth work in the Pine Bluff District. His subject was, "This Is My Day," and in a dynamic and challenging manner, he impressed upon the minds of youth the opportunity and responsibility that is theirs as they live in 1943. The meeting closed with the young people's benediction.—Fred Schwendemann, District Director of Monticello District.

Communism says: "Strike your way out."

Fascism and Naziism say: "Bluff your way out."

The Bible says: "Pray your way out."—Selected.

POSITIVE PEACE

By Paul McConnell Bumpers

Prevalent in common thought, peace is negative. Peace is the lack or absence of war or hostilities. Peace is inactivity or inertia, it is a dull, a passive state of being. Peace is negative in that it is not a real and living force.

My contention is that peace is highly positive. Peace is not a passivity, a state of rest, a lull between wars. To the contrary peace is genuine, a genuine reality, as real and genuine as you or I. Appreciation of beauty and the beautiful brings to the individual peace and joy, for peaceful is he who appreciates beauty. The happiness and joy of a friendship brings one peace. Success in the achievement of a worthwhile task awards the individual with satisfaction and the sense of fulfillment. The search for truth or the discovery of truth thrills the mind, often beyond expression. Through the joy of seeking the good and right, through the happiness and joy of serving others we have a positive peace. The humble we will be able to do so again.

Perhaps, through one of the above, you have experienced the joy and happiness of such peace. You have experienced this peace which is as real and alive as the heart that beats within. To deny the positive nature of peace is to extract the core of life, to rob you of your highest possession, to take from you those experiences which make life rich and abundant.

International peace, too, must be of this positive nature. For through sympathy, understanding, genuine love, and a humble spirit can we establish the stable and progressive international order. The negative peace of fear and doubt will be the house on sand.

Thus we see that peace, the negative is of no value, only the positive peace founded on the bedrock of God can endure. The positive peace of understanding, humility and love is the real peace. The peace of God which passeth all understanding is peace the positive.

LOCKESBURG M. Y. F.

Following a contest of six weeks in the Youth Fellowship of the Lockesburg Methodist Church in which two sides, the Navy and the Marines, participated, the losing side, the Marines, entertained the Navy Thursday night, April 29, at the church. A short program was held in the Young People's meeting room, after which everybody went to the basement for recreation and refreshments. The Marines were very glad to have the honor of entertaining the Navy and we hope spirit is the happy-peaceful spirit.

Those attending were, the Navy: Terry and Tony Willoughby, Walter L. Little, Janice Harrison, Carolyn Coulter, Patsy Skinner, Harold Sharp, Anna Grace and Willie Ray Massey, Paul Langford, Clarence Harrison and Robert L. Smith.

Marines: Ailan and David Bandy, Francine Sharp, Joyce Smith, Betty Stafford, Viola Thornton, Rev. Elfred Blakely, Raymond Tolleat, Tom Smith Coulter, Mary S. Steel, Tommy Williams and Leonard L. Hampson.—Marcia Langford, Reporter.

With The Churches

EXPRESSION OF THANKS

As officers and members of the Henderson Methodist Church, Little Rock, we want to thank Dr. C. M. Revcs, our district superintendent, for the sympathetic help and supervision he gave our church on the loss of our beloved pastor, Rev. H. H. McGuyre, and for the provision he had made for our future leadership in securing Rev. Alfred I. Doss as our pastor.

We wish also to thank the ministers who so helpfully filled our pulpit during the vacancy, before the arrival of our new pastor. For all of these who helped us in our emergency we give thanks.—The Official Board and Church Membership of Henderson Methodist Church.

BERRYVILLE

A series of evangelistic services were held in the Berryville Church from April 11 to 25th. Rev. and Mrs. Harry Ferrell of Equality, Ill., led these services. Mrs. Ferrell, a local preacher in our church, did the preaching while Bro. Ferrell directed the music. They are good help in revival work. Mrs. Ferrell has had ten years of successful work as evangelist. She is a good preacher and has an excellent speaking voice backed by a Christian personality. She preaches and expects God to bring the results. Mrs. Ferrell has held twelve revivals in the Jonesboro District. Bro. Ferrell is a good director of music and has a strong voice. He is experienced in revival work. They make a good team. They are easy to pay. They leave the church better.

Our church has had a growth in Christian experience and we will have fifteen additions to the church. Large congregations attended the services. They are easy to work with. Mrs. Ferrell has been recalled as many as three times to the same church. They will hold four or five revivals in the Fayetteville District.—Henry A. Stroup, Pastor.

ARKANSAS METHODIST ORPHANAGE

Much has happened since my last communication. On account of failing health, I moved my office to my home, 1907 Broadway, and later resigned the office of superintendent of the Orphanage. At a meeting of the Board, Dr. Connor Morehead, pastor of First Methodist Church, was elected to take my place. Dr. Morehead felt that he could not accept the office, and until the Board elects a superintendent, I will, with the help of our efficient matron, Mrs. L. F. Lane, continue to carry on. All communications concerning Orphanage matters, please send to my office at my home, 1907 Broadway.

Everything is getting along well at our Home. All the children are well and happy, and busy with the closing of the public schools. Two of our girls graduated from High School this term, and two girls and one boy graduated from Junior High School. One of our girls made the National Junior Honor Society and won a scholarship badge. These things make us happy.

Asking a continuance of your

interest and prayers for our Home, I am, yours truly.—James Thomas, Superintendent.

ARKADELPHIA DISTRICT CONFERENCE

The 76th session of the Arkadelphia District Conference met May 19th at Grand Avenue Church, Hot Springs, with Rev. J. E. Cooper, district superintendent, in charge. R. E. Simpson was elected secretary.

Rev. and Mrs. L. Gray Wilson and Rev. and Mrs. Clyde Parsons were introduced as the "newly-comes" of the district.

Rev. Edwin Keith led in a brief devotional, speaking from the words: "Be ye doers of the word and not hearers only." T. W. McCoy of Benton led in prayer.

The district superintendent and the secretary prepared a compiled report of the District for the half-year, and this was distributed to the Conference attendants. This report reveals some interesting facts that seem to set new records for the District: 400 additions to the churches, with 153 of these on profession of faith. The Benevolences were almost doubled over the percentage last year, 77% being paid to date as against 40% last year. There were 135 training credits with the schools in Arkadelphia, Malvern and Hot Springs churches yet to be held. Church School Day offerings were "over the top." For the Week of Dedication, \$839.00, the Orphanage, \$31.00; Hendrix Ministerial Education, \$815.00.

The Grand Avenue Church has purchased \$2,500 in War Bonds which it is using to liquidate its debt, and the remaining indebtedness will be paid off this way by July 1st according to an announcement by the pastor. The Oaklawn Church has raised \$2,000 on its debt, and will have the remainder by July 1st, according to their pastor. The Pullman Heights Church has on a program to liquidate their debt by November 1st. When these churches are debt-free there will be no indebtedness in the District.

Visitors introduced were: Rev. Van Harrell, district superintendent

of the Prescott District; Rev. John W. Mayne, Gurdon; and Rev. George Cagle, Emmett-Waterloo.

Dr. Clem Baker, Dr. Matt Ellis and Rev. Forest E. Dudley spoke on the various activities of the Board of Education.

The inspiration address of the morning was delivered by Dr. Joseph Owens who spoke on Missions and Evangelism. His message was challenging and full of hope and confidence for the future.

The women of the Grand Avenue Church served dinner in the dining room of the church.

During the afternoon session Rev. Clyde Parsons led the devotional and spoke from the words of Paul: "For me to live is Christ."

Dr. Matt Ellis gave an oral report of the Committee on Lay Activities and the Conference elected B. Murry of Arkadelphia as District Lay Leader, T. W. McCoy of Benton and H. A. Brooks of Malvern as Associate Lay Leaders.

Rev. Edwin Keith and Rev. K. K. Carithers were recommended to the Annual Conference for Admission on Trial.

The Conference accepted the invitation of the Midway Church on the Friendship Circuit for its meeting next year.

The high light of the whole day was the meditation and altar service during the closing moments, led by Dr. Homer T. Fort. His message was on Prayer, and the altar was filled to overflowing as Rev. J. L. Hoover led the group in the closing prayer.

Throughout the day Mrs. Robert Broughton served as organist for all

the worship services.—R. E. Simpson, Secretary.

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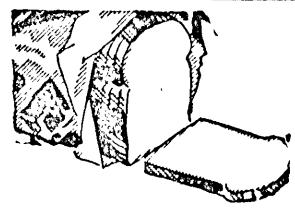
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BISHOP LEONARD'S LAST REPORT

(Following is the last report cabled to the General Commission on Army and Navy chaplains by Bishop Leonard. It was sent from London before the start of the ill-fated trip to visit service men in Iceland.)

"What can the folks at home do for the men overseas? Here are two things I have learned while in the United Kingdom that can be said in answer to that question: 1—Write the cheerful news; don't send your worries. 2—Do what you can to assure jobs and a future for the men returning home after the war.

You have heard that the happiest day at an Army post or a Naval base is the day the mail arrives. But I have found that there are times when it is the unhappiest day.

"Too many mothers, sisters and sweethearts sob out their fears and their loneliness in letters. This is still true even after many appeals have been made to show more bravery.

"Here in England many officers and Chaplains, and not a few enlisted men, have told of the depressing effect that word from home often has. One Red Cross worker said to me: 'I sometimes dread to see the mail come, because many of the letters discourage our men. Please tell the people in America to write cheerful letters, not doleful ones.'

"Concerning the second point, Chaplains tell me they are being asked constantly by enlisted men about what is going to happen when they return after the war. The men often worry about whether they will be able to obtain jobs. One Virginia lad said to me that he knew the men would give a better account of themselves if they could be assured that after their job overseas is done, they will find other work waiting for them at home.

"One magnificent thing to see is the attitude of the soldiers and sailors over there. I have talked now with scores who have returned recently from some combat zone. There is no whining, no complaining. They of course want the war to be over as soon as possible, and the injured are eager to return to battle to get on with the job.

"In one of the base hospitals I visited there were a number of British and American soldiers who had been wounded in Tunisia. I talked for some time with a lad from Illinois, who was recovering from wounds in the arm and leg. When I asked how he felt about being away from home and in a hospital, he replied, 'Well, I should like to see my folks, but you know we must finish up the job, and I hope to be in Tunisia when the allies take over.'

"The importance of music—familiar American music—to these men was illustrated on one of my jaunts to visit a number of units. The trip was rather long and wearisome. Presently, a soldier was heard to hum a part of a well-known opera. He was asked to sing, and promptly rendered parts of three operas. We learned that he was Master Sergeant Emil P. Jallouk of New York City, born in Palestine, a naturalized American citizen, a graduate of Emory University. Soon he had the entire car singing. They sang 'Old Man River,' and 'Silver Threads Among the Gold'; then 'Jingle Bells' and 'The Man on the Flying Trapeze.' After a moment's pause, our

sergeant led the group in singing 'Rock of Ages, Cleft For Me.' Verse after verse of that hymn was sung with an intensity of feeling I have seldom, if ever, heard equalled.

"To be associated with our Chaplains and our service men for days at a time is a rare privilege. Never have I been more proud of being an American."

One of the by-products of the international crisis is the sudden discovery, in the most unexpected quarters, that mankind's supreme need is a revival of religion.—Wm. Adams Brown.

A man must stand erect, not be kept erect by others.—Marcus Aurelius.

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Additions by certificate	368
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The conference will meet at Danville next year.—Elmer J. Holifield, Secretary.

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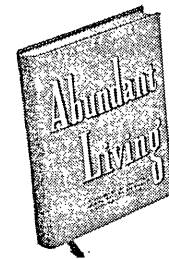
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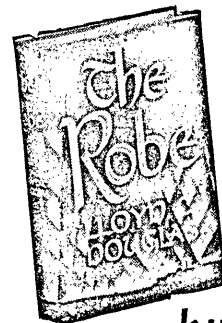
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The Sunday School Lesson

By DR. W. P. WHALEY



The Christian As A Citizen

LESSON FOR MAY 30, 1943

LESSON TEXT: I Peter 1:1; 2:11 to 25.

GOLDEN TEXT: "Honor all men. Love the brotherhood. Fear God. Honor the king." I Peter 2:17.

Peter was a very prominent figure in the beginning of Christianity. He was a native of Bethsaida, on the north coast of Lake Galilee; but moved to Capernaum, a few miles west, still on Lake Galilee. When we first met him, he was a fisherman, and had gone with his brother, Andrew, down to where John the Baptist was holding out-door meetings and baptizing. Both these brothers became disciples of John, and perhaps witnessed the baptism of Jesus. Down there they received the assurance of the great preacher that Jesus of Nazareth was the Messiah; and they visited Him.

Next, we see Peter and some others of his fisher friends accepting Jesus' invitation to go about with Him to learn and help. Months later, after Jesus had prayed over the matter all night, Peter with eleven others, were appointed apostles. Jesus discerned rock qualities in Peter when He first met him; but those qualities were fluid, and did not crystalize into rock until the resurrection of Jesus. Peter is a fine example of what Christ can make out of an ordinary man.

Peter was all Jew, and had as little respect for and dealings with gentiles as had other Jews. When he began to preach, he tried to get out of preaching to gentiles; and had to be driven by a strong and urging vision to go to the home of the Roman, Cornelius. Even this experience did not entirely cure his prejudice; and for a long time he made Jerusalem his headquarters, and preached mainly to Jewish communities. After Philip, the layman, had won a lot of converts up in Samaria, and organized a church there, Peter went with John up there to look the work over and see that everything was regular; but the Samaritans were half Jewish.

I. Peter Gets Out of Jerusalem.

Up to as late as A. D. 53, Peter, James and John were the leaders of the Christian cause in Jerusalem and Palestine; and Paul and Barnabas preached and organized churches among the gentiles. The marvelous success of the gospel among the gentiles attracted the attention of Peter and other Jewish Christians. Peter considered the church at Jerusalem the "mother church"; and he felt that he and the Jerusalem church should keep an eye on these "daughter churches" among the gentiles, to see that they were kept regular. Some Jewish Christians were very insistent that Jewish regulations be required of gentile Christians, such as circumcision, etc. In A. D. 53, Paul, Barnabas and Titus went to Jerusalem and thrashed out these questions with Peter, James and John; and won an agreement to excuse gentile converts from these Jewish regulations. Some years later, it is not known when, Peter made a tour of the gentile mission fields and inspected the churches established by Paul. His

wife accompanied him. Either on this inspection tour or later, Peter went to Rome; and resided there until his martyrdom about A. D. 64. His companion in these after years was Mark, who wrote his gospel on the basis of Peter's account of Jesus' life and ministry. While in Rome, Peter wrote the two epistles that bear his name.

II. Peter's Advice To Gentile Christians.

After visiting and studying these converts from heathenism to Christianity, Peter felt constrained to write them about a few things. He addressed his letter to the churches "scattered throughout Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia, Asia, and Bithynia." All these sections are in modern Turkey. The "seven churches of Asia," to which John addressed Revelations, were in Turkey. Paul and his companions covered all of Turkey, Greece, Macedonia, and went on into Italy; and won many thousands of converts, and organized many churches of gentile Christians.

With this introduction, you will find it interesting and profitable to read the five short chapters of First Peter. Peter urges these converts from heathenism to Christianity:

- (1) To not live like they did before conversion.
- (2) To lay aside malice, guile, hypocrisy, envy, evil speaking.
- (3) To appreciate the "sincere milk of the word" in order to growth.
- (4) To build their congregations into "spiritual" houses.
- (5) To "abstain from fleshly lusts, which war against the soul."
- (6) To keep their conversation clean among non-Christians.
- (7) To win others by good works.
- (8) To be submissive to the laws of the country.
- (9) To not use their Christian freedom as an excuse for disobedience.
- (10) "Honor all men. Love the brotherhood. Fear God. Honor the king."
- (11) That servants be subject to their masters.
- (12) To take their oppressions and buffetings patiently.
- (13) To take Christ as their example in such things.
- (14) That wives be subject to their husbands.
- (15) That husbands "dwell with" their wives according to knowledge.
- (16) That all the congregation be "of one mind", "brethren", "courtous."
- (17) That they turn from former evil companions.
- (18) To have "fervent charity" among themselves.
- (19) To "use hospitality, one to another, without grudging."
- (20) "Let none of you suffer as a murderer, or as a thief, or as an evildoer, or as a busybody in other men's matters."

(21) That the pastors "feed the flock"; not by "constraint", nor "for filthy lucre."

(22) That the young people respect the leadership of the older.

(23) That all the members be "subject to one another."

(24) "Humble yourselves under the mighty hand of God."

(25) To cast all care upon God.

(26) To be "sober" and "vigilant."

Peter was concerned that these gentile Christians be splendidly saved themselves; and that their churches be "true light" to these heathen and wicked communities. Christ had said that His followers were to be "the salt of the earth" and "the light of the world." There is nothing more serious than for a member of the church to lose his salt flavor and power, so that he is "good for nothing." "If therefore the light that is in thee be darkness, how great is that darkness!"

All this Christian advice Peter gave to gentile Christians in the first century of Christianity was wholesome and needed then. It is just as good, and timely, and needed now.

Sit down Sunday and read all of First Peter.

It is a great dishonor to religion to imagine that it is an enemy to mirth and cheerfulness and a severe exacter of pensive looks and solemn face.—Sir Walter Scott.

Draw the curtain of night upon injuries; shut them up in the tower of oblivion and let them be as though they never had been.—Francis Bacon.

The essentials of success are integrity of purpose and persistence in endeavor.—W. P. Frye.

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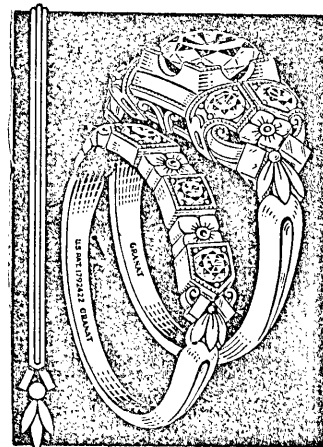
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WEDDING BELLS

Nells A. Van Marion to Miss Aubrey Waller, May 23rd.

SYMPATHY

To the Ricks, in the sudden passing of Miss Irene Ricks, Frederica Hotel.

To the Andersons, in the passing of Mr. John W. Anderson, a long time steward, 2324 Ringo.

To Miss Frances Rumrill, in the passing of her brother, Mr. George Rumrill.

To Mr. C. H. Wyman, 2510 Broadway, in the passing of his mother.

HONORS

Southwestern University, Georgetown, Texas, is the oldest educational institution in the State of Texas, this being its 103rd Commencement. For years and years it supplied Texas with preachers and Methodist Churches with leading laymen. It has been to Texas Methodism what Hendrix College has been and is to Arkansas and Arkansas Methodism. Too, these preachers and laymen have gone out into other states, and other countries.

In honoring the pastor of Winfield Church it is also honoring Winfield Church and the great contributions Winfield has made to Arkansas and to Methodism. Whenever and wherever Southwestern University mentions the name of the pastor it calls the name of Winfield Church. In going to receive this honor, the pastor takes pride in being minister of Winfield Church.

IS YOUR PLEDGE HALF PAID?

This week ends the first half of our Conference year, the budget year having begun December first. We must make a payment on our Church debt June first. Please pay up your pledge to date, one half for the budget year. If you have prospered, thank God by making an extra contribution, out of gratitude.

We are calling on several of our members now, those who did not make a pledge but are dependable. Can we depend on all of you to come to our aid in THE NEXT TEN DAYS? Every dollar we can pay now will reduce the indebtedness AND stop the interest forever.

1. If you get behind it is hard to catch up.

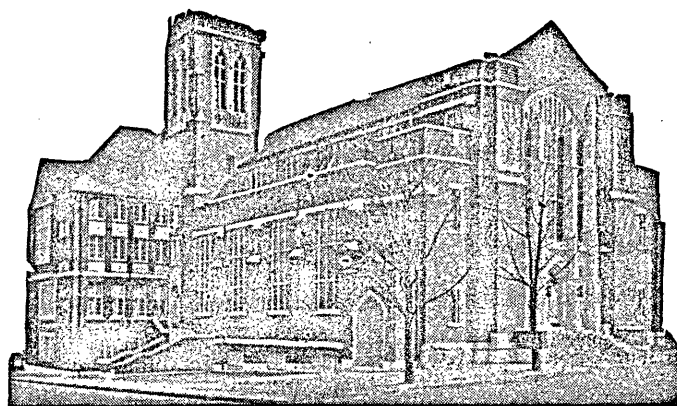
2. The summer months are here.

3. The obligations of the FIRST-HALF of the Conference year must be met.

So, you serve the Church significantly and enable the Church to serve in the same manner when you pay up in full for the first six months.

CONGRATULATIONS

To Mr. and Mrs. P. L. Asher, on the birth of a baby boy, Lawrence Ford Asher, May 24, 1943.



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CHURCH CALENDAR

Friday, May 28:
4:00—Brownie Scouts.
6:30—Senior High Swimming Party and Picnic.
7:30—Boy Scouts.
Wednesday, June 2:
12:00—Junior High Lunch and afternoon work shop.
Thursday, June 3:
7:30—Wesley and Chancel Choirs.

YOUTH FELLOWSHIPS

6:30 p. m.—May 30

Alice Holliman will lead the Senior High Group in a Pantomime which will conclude their study on "A Just and Durable Peace."

They will have recreation in Fellowship Hall.

Sarah Louise Steed will lead the Young People in a discussion of "Haste Makes Waste."

Mary Beth Raines will begin a series of programs in the Junior High Department on "What Shall I Do?" She will discuss "Finding Things That Are Fun." Recreation will be in the Outdoor Area.

NEW IN CHURCH SCHOOL

Enrolled in our Church School last Sunday were the following: Adult Division: Mrs. Myrtle Craig, Mrs. M. T. McCullough; Youth Division: Mildred Wilmoth, Bill Fendergrass, Jr.; Children's Division: Nancy, Kent, and Andrew McCullough, Sandra Kay Parker.

CHURCH SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

Here comes that monthly report of average attendance and percentages. The two classes that have led so far are the Buzbee and Men's classes. This is for the month of April.

Class	Average	Percent
Ashby	27	50
Buzbee	40	62
Bullington	14	56
Fidelity	17	53
Hinton	37	67
Marion Slack	9	47
Men's	41	59
Friendly Couples	31	61
Jenkins	30	46

The Hinton class leads in percentage attendance. The Men have the highest average. Congratulations you two.

JUNIOR HIGHS ASK FOR BOOKS

At their council meeting, plans were made for summer activities, which will include a Work Shop once a week on Wednesday. They are planning to have a Browsing table and want some good books for this age child, to put on the table. If you have some which you will loan to them for the summer, bring them to the office or call and we will pick them up.

This is a part of our plan to care for the leisure hours for this age group. We need your encouragement in this venture. See that your Junior High child and those of your friends, know about this activity and attend.

SENIORS TAKE NOTE

Meet at the church at 6:30 and bring your own picnic lunch, if you plan to attend the outing.

Next Sunday At Winfield

- 10:00 a. m. Church School.
- 10:55 a. m. Sermon by Dr. E. T. Wayland
Editor, The Arkansas Methodist.
- 6:30 p. m. Youth Fellowships.
- 8:00 p. m. Methodist Student Day.
Our own students will be featured.

We Plan To Film A Program Of Visual Education and Evangelism

"This is the story of a family; strangers in a strange town. Heretofore they have always had their own circle of friends and acquaintances, their own home, with its usual routine of activities and interests. This family, however, has never made the Church a part of their life, and for that reason, in these strange new surroundings, they have no familiar setting to which they may turn for companionship. Thus it is that we find them at loose ends, dissatisfied and lonely, and unable to find much pleasure in the routine of keeping the house, the office work, and sometimes a movie after the evening meal.

Meanwhile, their presence in the community has not gone entirely unnoticed. A neighbor has reported to his church that these people are newcomers, and apparently have no church connection. Then through the workings of the church organization, we see the family contacted by workers, who describe to the family some of the features of the church school and the church. A cordial invitation is extended for the following Sunday, together with the assurance that they will find a warm welcome in the friendly circle here.

The picture goes on to show the family, turning to the church and their ready acceptance into the group they choose to visit. They become members of the church school, begin to attend regularly, take part in the various social activities, until finally they become full members of the Church itself."—W. H. Moore.