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Go

to all the world — Mark 16:15

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Democracy Vs. Government Control

THERE is an age-old saying that "we cannot have our cake and eat it too." It can just as truthfully be said that "we cannot have democracy and governmental control at the same time."

Governmental control of industry and agriculture and business means governmental control of the people involved. Wherever the government controls people it largely controls their vote. That is the end of the free ballot. That in turn is the end of real democracy.

Under the stress and strain of war it has been necessary for the people to surrender to the government some personal rights in order to advance our war effort. It was perfectly proper for the government to assume the powers surrendered to it by its citizens. There is a general feeling now, however, that the government has not only assumed the powers granted to it for an emergency but that it has assumed powers which have not been delegated to it from any source.

A full understanding of the matter, which is impossible now, may reveal that the safety of our nation depended on quick action in many directions which could not wait for ordinary, legal processes. Such we may grant during a war emergency. Nevertheless, it now appears that one of the big jobs before the American people, once the war is won, is to bring about a return to democratic processes in our government. We may as well face the fact, also, that governments do not surrender power easily. That is but another way of saying that the government will not easily surrender its present powers of control over large groups of people.

It would be a confusing paradox, indeed, if the United States were to enter a World War with the fixed purpose to preserve the democratic way of life for the world at large and, in the process, itself cease to be democracy. This could easily happen and to a degree has already happened. It is our belief that the democratic way of life is so well grounded in the hearts of our people that we will make the adjustments necessary, after the war, to restore to ourselves the traditional freedom of which we boast.

"In Unity There Is Strength"

THE plan of "divide and conquer" was followed so successfully by the Axis powers as to threaten the subjugation of the world by these powers bent on conquest. Only after this threat became a disturbing night-mare did there come the unity of action on the part of the United Nations that now seems to guarantee ultimate victory.

Nothing has happened in recent months that has brought quite the assurance to the life of the world as the Moscow Conference. The agreements there seem to settle the fact of the unity of purpose of the United Nations so far as the war against the Axis is concerned. As matters now stand it would seem that only a disagreement among the United Nations could prevent the defeat of our enemies.

Four Annual Conferences In Five Weeks

PASTORS and connectional men who must make a report to the Annual Conference feel something of the pressure incident to the work of having everything in order for that report. There is little time for relaxing until everything has been "turned in" to proper authorities. After that there is a sense of relief and release.

For the District Superintendent, the job of closing out the work of a District and properly presenting the reports to the Annual Conference requires an expenditure of nervous and physical energy one cannot appreciate without the experience. However, his work does not end there. He must throughout the Conference help to carry the responsibility of the appointments for the new Conference year. When a District Superin-



BISHOP CHARLES C. SEELMAN

tendent has carried the responsibility of pre-conference and mid-conference work in one Annual Conference, he usually feels right well used up by the time the session ends.

With this in mind, we should realize something of the tension under which a Bishop must work who is under the necessity of presiding over four Annual Conferences in five weeks.

Such a responsibility, of course means pre-conference planning and preparation for four Annual Conferences instead of one. It means the responsibility for presiding over four Annual Conferences instead of attending one. It means, in our area also the responsibility of making the appointments of almost nine hundred Pastors and twenty-eight District Superintendents, besides the appointments of a large number of workers in other fields of service.

The pressure of such responsibilities over such a period must make a heavy drain on the physical and spiritual powers of our Presiding Officer. We should be deeply grateful to him for the uniform spirit of courtesy, patience and fairness with which he directs the work of our Conferences under such trying circumstances.

Legalized Liquor Dealers Aid Bootlegging

ACROSS America it has been said again and again that prohibition produces the bootlegger. A regulation recently issued by the state Revenue Department indicates that in Arkansas, some legalized liquor dealers aid and support bootleggers.

It would appear a little unusual to the uninitiated to find a liquor dealer paying for license to sell liquor and stocking his shelves with liquor and then refusing to open his doors to the public for business. However, the regulation issued by the Revenue Department is an effort to remedy just such a situation. Some of our "law-abiding" retail liquor dealers do not want to open their doors to the general public because they seemingly find a more ready sale and larger profits by selling their stock to bootleggers.

We have heard a lot of loose talk, most of it coming from the liquor forces, to the effect that we must have legalized sale of liquor in order to destroy the bootlegger. This undercover support of the bootlegger by the liquor forces, as revealed by the Revenue Department, is disgusting but not at all surprising. The liquor traffic has but one real objective monetary profit. It has been demonstrated again and again that liquor dealers will sell their wares in the manner to produce the largest profit, regardless of the will of the people or the laws of the land.

There is but one safe way to deal with the liquor dealer; it is not to force him to remain open but to force all of them to remain closed. Liquor has demonstrated beyond argument, that it will not be regulated. Hence it must be destroyed.

Debt-Paying Campaign

ONE of the most helpful by-products of our present inflationary situation, for the church, is the opportunity it presents to pay old debts. Many of these debts are a hold-over from the church building impulse which swept over the church during the "money period" which accompanied the last war and succeeded it.

We have been saved from overbuilding, during the present period of inflation, by governmental regulations. If material were available and regulations would permit, many congregations could now build church houses that they long have needed. That, however, is impossible now. Fortunately there is no regulation against paying old church debts. In the North Arkansas Conference, this year, the sum of \$113,094, was paid on church debts. It is quite possible that a similar or larger sum has been paid on church debts in the Little Rock Conference. The present period is made-to-order for the payment of church debts. It will be unfortunate if any church in Arkansas, with a debt, does not take advantage of the present situation. It will be unfortunate, also, if any congregation that needs a church, does not "lay by in store" now the funds with which to build when building is resumed.

"Judah's Children..."

MEDITATIONS OF AN AMATEUR PHOTOGRAPHER

By JAMES R. BERRY

THE bow and arrow were the first primitive weapons. They have been improved to such an extent that the modern archery clubs carry on their tradition even today for pleasure.

As far back as Gen. 48:22 we have mention made of the bow. It was a weapon of the warrior, Israel. On his deathbed he was blessing his sons and telling them that God would bring them again into the land of their fathers. "Moreover, I have given to thee one portion above thy brethren, which I took out of the hand of the Amorite with my sword and with my bow." The Spirit of the warrior thus spoke.

Again history tells us of the story of another, who, lamenting the death of Saul and Jonathan admonished the leaders and parents of the children of Judah to teach them the use of bow. (II Sam. 1:18). Teach their children the use of the bow!

I wonder if there isn't a lesson in such practices which ought to be applied today—only in the opposite direction. We have the children of ONE country trained from childhood to DIE for the state—but there is a higher ground on which to walk—teach a child to LIVE for God! But whatever the lesson to be taught, teach it early in life—to the next generation. Parents of modern boys and girls should find food for thought here.

I think possibly David, who composed the 44th Psalm for the chief musician of the temple choir, realized the facts above when he wrote the following words: "We have

heard with our ears, O God, our fathers have told us, what work thou didst in their days in the times of old. How thou didst drive out the heathen with thy

sword, neither did their own arm save them: but thy right hand, and thine arm, and the light of thy countenance, because thou hadst a favour unto them. Thou art

under that rise up against us. For I will not trust in my bow, neither shall my sword save me. But thou hast saved us from our enemies, and hadst put them to shame that hated us. In God we boast all the day long and praise thy name forever."

Yes, David, drew the conclusion that the bow did not accomplish the end toward which warriors fought. By God's outstretched hand, the work of his arm, and the light in his eyes and face could more be attained. Another conclusion which should be carefully weighed by those drawing up the next peace plans! Remember well David and his 44th Psalm!

Observation taught the writer of Proverbs that "a man that beareth false witness against his neighbor is a maul, a sword, and a sharp arrow. . . . If thine enemy be hungry, give him bread to eat; and if he be thirsty, give him water to drink: For thou shalt heap coals of fire upon his head, and the Lord shall reward thee." (Prov. 25: 18-22.) The shadow of the teachings of the Master! Such actions are hard sometimes to live by, but three times in one night Satan tempted our Master to no avail. Such is the strength and belief in His teachings that we should arm ourselves so that temptations which become stumbling blocks to our feet can also be overcome. If we cannot or do not overcome them, then we become as a "sharp arrow" in view of the fact we hear false witness against our Father—and the arrow penetrates the target—counting harmfully against us!



hand, and plantedst them: how thou didst afflict the people, and cast them out. For they got not the land in possession by their own

my King, O God: command deliverances for Jacob. Through thee will we push down our enemies: through thy name we tread them

PHILIPPINE MISSIONARIES REPORTED SAFE

Officers of the Board of Missions and Church Extension, who have for months been out of contact with Superintendent Ernest E. Tuck and other missionaries in Japan-held Philippines, are greatly encouraged by a message received from Manila, through the International Red Cross, saying: "Inform Ralph Diffendorfer, 150 Fifth Avenue, New York City, all well, inform families. Cable Ernest Tuck. Enquirer Philippine Resident."

The first sentence means that all the missionaries of the Board in the Philippines are safe. The second sentence, while not entirely clear, is considered to mean that Dr. Tuck is not an internee, but a "Philippine resident"—who makes this "enquiry" through the Red Cross. It is also presumed that if Dr. Tuck is not interned, other missionaries may also be considered and treated as "Philippine residents," presumably living in Manila and having at least a degree of liberty.

HENDRIX COLLEGE NEWS

Dr. H. W. Kamp, professor of Latin and Greek, left October 28th on his 8th annual tour of colleges under the arts program of the Association of American Colleges.

Dr. Kamp, on his two-week tour, will visit Mary Washington College, Fredricksburg, Virginia; Emory and

Henry College, Emory, Virginia; and Judson College, Marion, Alabama. After a formal talk on either "Liberal Arts in Wartime," or "The Arts of Greece and Rome," Dr. Kamp spends two days at each college conducting informal talks and conferences before small groups on the general theme of liberal arts.

The men of the army specialized training group finished classwork of their first twelve-week term October 29, and left Sunday for a seven-day furlough.

This class, which began work August 9, has had no interruption in classwork since then. Even though some of the men come from district states, most of them were able to go home, some spending half of their furlough traveling.

The second term begins Monday, November 8th.

LITTLE ROCK CONFERENCE APPOINTMENTS TO BE BROADCAST

Word comes from Rev. R. E. Simpson, Hot Springs, that KTHS, Hot Springs, will broadcast the Little Rock Conference appointments on Sunday, November 14th, at 2 p. m. and will give a re-broadcast that night at 10:05 immediately following the news period.

Brother Simpson says: "This is an annual courtesy of KTHS which they are counting this year and for which we are grateful."

SOUTH FT. SMITH

We have completed our third year on the South Ft. Smith Charge, the best of the three.

Twenty-four have been received into the church this year, eight on profession of faith and baptism. In the three years more than one hundred members have been added to our roll. Our finances are in full and over, notwithstanding the salary of pastor and district superintendent was substantially more than last year's, also all other claims and apportionments were larger and all have been overpaid. Next year the pastor's salary will be raised again as well as General and Conference Benevolences and other items in the budget.

Quite extensive repairs have been made on both church and parsonage, a new garage built, a \$100 bond for the church and a \$25 bond for the W. S. C. S. have been bought. The year closes with a balance in the treasury. We have enjoyed our work with these loyal people.—A. H. DuLaney, pastor.

No nation can hope to survive without honor, integrity and godliness. Our ultimate desire is to give life, liberty and happiness to every person of every nation. The only way we can expect God to give us victory is to be worthy of the victory when it comes.—J. D. Grey.

HOT SPRINGS FIRST CHURCH TO BROADCAST SERVICES

The Board of Stewards of the First Methodist Church, Hot Springs, has recently made arrangements with Radio Station KTHS to broadcast the morning services each Sunday over that station beginning November 28th. Rev. Homer T. Fort, pastor of First Church, is closing his third year in this strategic church, and the Board has unanimously requested his return for the fourth year.

A total of \$22,000 has been raised for all purposes this year including substantial amounts to the other churches of Hot Springs for the liquidation of their church debts. Thomas W. Stone, Vice-president of the Arkansas National Bank, is Chairman of the Board; Dr. J. M. Proctor is serving as Chairman of the Finance Committee; J. Fillmore Meadows is Secretary and J. O. Langley, Treasurer. Mrs. H. King Wade is the delegate to the Annual Conference at El Dorado.—Reporter.

Holy, humble, penitent, believing, earnest, persevering prayer is never lost; it always prevails to the accomplishment of the thing sought, or that with which the supplicant will be better satisfied in the end, according to the superior wisdom of his heavenly Father, in which he trusts.—Weeks.

THE DEVOTIONAL PAGE

H. O. BOLIN, Editor

IDEALS AND THE PEACE

Now that victory in the war seems nearer people are talking about organizing the peace without respect to high purposes outlined in the Atlantic Charter and the Four Freedoms. They are inclined to ignore them—where, indeed, they do not ridicule them—in favor of another try at the balance of power theory in the interests of what is euphemistically called "realism." To these people the idealism which demands a world organized on behalf of human justice is nonsense and utterly impracticable. They call it "starry-eyed" when they are trying to be polite—something less poetic when they are angry enough to be off guard. The ugly flaw in their argument is now what it always has been—their realism always produces bigger and better wars.

In view of these circumstances, and since Christians are always called upon to support wars; it is only reasonable to expect that the churches will insist that the peace-makers take Christian principles into account according to the legitimate theory that principles which express the aspirations and ideals of humanity are more likely to preserve peace than the so-called "realism" of the cynic. It is one thing to say, as is the wont of some, that Christianity has never been tried. It is something else again for Christians to be vigorous and vocal enough to make their demands heard so that their principles, for once, will be tried.

Never before have the nations been ready to acknowledge what we have always affirmed—that humanity is one, that if one member suffer, all the members suffer, that no nation lives to itself or dies to itself, but that all are caught up in the same common destiny, and that there is, consequently, no such thing as isolationism.

People may call this idealism if they want to. It is, nevertheless, in accordance with the facts of life in this world and all history bears witness to it. The events leading up to the war prove it as does the war itself. The fact that some isolationists, who think primarily in terms of power politics, are ready again to ignore the universal principle of man's oneness should not deter us from affirming it or from insisting that the peace to come shall rest upon recognition of it.—Christian Institute for American Democracy.

SELECT YOUR RUT

A story is told of a college professor who was touring in the wilds of Northern Canada up near the Arctic Circle.

He was amazed to find a signpost in that sparsely settled part of the world reading as follows:

"Be careful which rut you get into because you will have to stay in it for next fifty miles."

We need not worry about the outcome of our life if we choose the right rut to travel in. Journey with God and the "rut" will be a smooth one.—War Cry.

FROM "THE MERCHANT OF VENICE"

*"The quality of mercy is not strain'd.
It droppeth as the gentle rain from heaven
Upon the space beneath. It is twice blest:
It blesseth him that gives and him that takes.
'Tis mightiest in the mightiest; it becomes
The throned monarch better than his crown.
His sceptre shows the force of temporal power,
The attribute to awe and majesty,
Wherein doth sit the dread and fear of kings;
But mercy is above the scepter'd sway;
It is enthroned in the hearts of kings;
It is an attribute of God himself;
And earthly power doth then show likest God's
When mercy seasons justice."*

—William Shakespeare.

THE MERCIFUL OBTAIN MERCY

"Blessed are the merciful: for they shall obtain mercy."

In commenting upon this Beatitude Abingdon Commentary says:

"The merciful are the men and women who banish all feelings of revenge and ill-will out of their hearts and who seek to cultivate an attitude of love and sympathy toward all mankind, especially toward the disfranchised and dispossessed. To Aristotle the emotion of pity was a troublesome one, and the function of tragedy, he said, was to evoke pity so that an outlet might be found for the perilous stuff. To Jesus, on the contrary, it is divinely beneficial emotion which must be harnessed to practical redemptive actions. What a contrast there was between the attitude of Jesus and Buddha in the presence of misery and wretchedness! The latter sought to escape from them while the former enters the haunts of wretchedness and woe to grapple with them and alleviate the sufferings of those who are their victims."

Mercy is one of the great needs of the world today. Think of the whole nations—especially the smaller and more helpless ones—which have been overrun and their citizens butchered by the thousands for no reason on earth other than they stood between some power-mad man and his goal of conquest. Think of the Jews who have been butchered by the thousands like dumb animals with no consideration whatever for either sex or age. What is their crime? They are not perfect. They have done well for themselves. In many cases they have been greedy and grasping, but who has not? "Let him who is without sin cast the first stone." Materialism is the curse of this age, as it has been of practically every age of the world. "The world is too much with us; getting and spending we lay waste our powers." But very few, regardless of race or color, really put God and His Kingdom first in life. We are so busy laying up treasures on earth that we too often forget to lay up treasures of spiritual values in that great store house of righteous character—

the kingdom of heaven within us. While the Jews as a race have done well for themselves, they have in many, many cases proven a blessing both materially and spiritually to others. They have given to the different nations some of their greatest and most benevolent citizens. They gave to the world its greatest Character—Jesus Christ—and He in turn founded the greatest religion—Christianity. Still the fact remains that from many nations, races and hundreds of millions of individuals there ascends before the throne of God the cry for justice and mercy.

Pretty soon the tables will be turned, and those who have perpetrated cruelty throughout the world will be the suppliants for mercy. What will the United Nations do? Not being a prophet, nor even smart enough to see a long way around the corner, I cannot say. Neither do I belong to that group who think you can find an answer to all such great questions as this in Bible prophecy. I have no trouble whatever believing that what is in the Bible is true, but I am absolutely sure that all truth is not in the Bible. The Bible does far more, however, than merely giving specific answers on world-shaking questions. It lays down principles which will finally and irrevocably determine the destiny of the universe. Those principles are most obvious in the life and teachings of Christ. In the light of these principles I dare to assert that if the peace which concludes this war is in any way motivated by the spirit of hate, revenge, or getting even with any person or nation it will be permanent. I am not saying here that there should be a soft and indulgent peace. Some times the most merciful thing that can be done to the largest number of people and to rising generations is to exhibit a spirit of great firmness. What I am trying to say is, that if and when this spirit of firmness is exercised, it should be motivated by a feeling of love and good will toward all concerned, even including the fallen, former enemy. Hate has in it the elements of its own destruction, Love is immortal, Peace

IN THE NAME OF CHRIST

Our Father, hear me as I praise Thee. I know that wherever I go, Thou too art near. In the silence of my soul's adoration I now recount all the names of praise and awe which make me aware of Thy power and Thy tender care.

I do not bring Thee thanks because I feel duty bound to do so. I bring Thee earnest gratitude in zestful, natural joy. Because I trust Thee, I rejoice, and I worship when recounting that for which I can tell my appreciation.

Gracious Lord, grant that I may join the Apostles of old, in my own experience of Thy presence. As they were filled with enthusiasm and fervor for living greatly, so may I have a sense of meaning for my life. I wait expectantly and humbly to be shown one task, one word to say, one promise to make, one dream to hold—anything which will let me know that Pentecost for me is the time when Thou are working through me for those about me.

May the moments of comradeship with Thee continue in a constant awareness that I am surrounded by Thy Spirit. Our Father, plant hopes higher than I could have alone, give me the daring to dream dearer dreams than I would by myself, and make me tenderer to far calls of service and discipline than I would otherwise be, as I listen. In the name of Christ. Amen.—Tidings.

WE BESEECH THEE

Our Father:—by right of creation, by bountiful provision, by gracious adoption;

Who Art In Heaven:—the throne of Thy glory, the temple of Thine angels, the portion of Thy children;

Hallowed Be Thy Name:—by the thoughts of our hearts, by the words of our lips, by the works of our hands;

Thy Kingdom Come:—of the truth to correct us, of grace to refine us, of love to uplift us;

Thy Will Be Done on earth as it is heaven:—toward us without resistance, by us without compulsion, universally without exception;

Give Us This Day our daily bread:—of food for our bodies, of eternal life for our souls;

Forgive Us our trespasses:—against the commands of Thy laws and against the grace of Thy gospel;

As we Forgive those who trespass against us:—by despoiling our goods, by abusing our persons, by defaming our characters;

Lead Us not into temptation but deliver us from evil:—from overwhelming affliction, from error's seduction, from sinful affections.

For Thine Is The Kingdom, and the Power and the Glory:—We recognize Thy authority, we depend on Thy power, we seek Thy glory now and evermore. Amen.—From The Union Signal.

based upon love will last. The One Who was Himself Son of Man and Son of God and knew more about God and man and all types of relationships than any other, said, "Love your enemies." "Blessed are the merciful: for they shall obtain mercy."—H. O. B.

Individual Reports Of Pastors--North Arkansas Conference

LESLIE, Rev. L. E. Mann, pastor: Received into the church this year 7. All finances in full. Salary increased \$200.

MARMADUKE, Rev. H. H. Spence, pastor: Received 24 into the church, 16 on profession of faith and 8 otherwise.

ANTIOCH, Rev. M. L. Kaylor, pastor: Received in to the church 7. Finances all 100 percent. Paid for improvements on parsonage \$75.

HARTMAN, Rev. J. C. Cofer, pastor: Received into the church 12. Salaries and World Service 100 percent. Paid for improvements on church \$175 and on parsonage \$150.

PLUMMERVILLE, Rev. Jack Long, pastor: Received into the church 7 members. Salaries paid 100 percent and World Service 100 percent. Paid on debt retirement \$2,000.

CORNING, Rev. B. C. Few, pastor: Received into the church this year 30, 11 on profession of faith and 19 otherwise. Paid on improvements on church \$1,746. Salaries 112 percent and World Service 100 percent.

HUNTINGTON AVE., Rev. W. A. Downum, pastor: Received into the church 31, 12 on profession of faith and 19 otherwise. Salaries paid 100 percent and World Service 100 percent. Paid for improvements on church \$404.

EAST VAN BUREN-NEW HOPE, Rev. V. F. Harris, pastor: Received into the church 28, 16 on profession and 12 otherwise. Paid for improvements on church \$400, and improvements on parsonage \$1,000.

BIGGERS, Rev. S. N. Adams, pastor: Received into the church this year 7. Salaries paid 100 percent and World Service 100 percent. Paid for improvements on church \$2400. Built and paid for one new Church building at Reyno at the cost of \$2,000.

GARDNER MEMORIAL, Rev. G. C. Taylor, pastor: Received into the church 121, 56 on profession of faith and 65 otherwise. Salaries 100 percent and World Service 100 percent. Paid for improvements on church \$235, and on parsonage \$20.

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sumed on page four after the Conference issues.

IMBODEN-BLACK ROCK, Rev. R. B. Hower-
ton, pastor: Received into the church 56. Paid
on salaries 100 percent and on World Service
100 percent. Improvements on Church \$152 and
on parsonage \$25. Paid for all purposes \$2,111.

GRAND AVE., Ft. Smith, Rev. W. R. Dalton,
pastor: Additions for the year 62, on pro-
fession of faith 34 and otherwise 28. Paid on
church improvement \$100, and for improvement
on parsonage \$863, and for debt retirement \$200.

MONETTE, Rev. Geo. L. McGehey, pastor:
Received into the church 18, 10 on pro-
fession of faith and 8 otherwise. Salaries paid
100 percent and World Service 100 percent. Im-
provements on parsonage \$100.

CLARKSVILLE, Rev. Guy Ames, pastor: Re-
ceived into the church 38, 28 on profession
of faith and 10 otherwise. Salaries paid 100
percent and World Service 100 percent. Paid
on church improvements \$7,000.

WYNNE, Rev. Earl S. Walker, pastor: Re-
ceived into the church 41, 23 on profess-
ion of faith and 18 otherwise. Paid on church
improvements \$752 and on parsonage improve-
ments \$375.



SPIRES

By Julia Lott

No city can be strange if
there but rise
The gleam of steeples in its
azure skies;
No Road is foreign—gray,
or amber-brown,
Which leads me into any
distant town—

If spires lift up beyond to welcome me.
Where churches are, my friends will
surely be!

"A haven here, a place for peace and
rest!"

These gleaming steeples to my soul
attest.

"Come, worship here in sweet tran-
quillity!

Come, meditate!" The steeples say to
me.

No city can be strange if there are
spires

To mark the place of peace my soul
desires.—In Pacific Advocate.

LAMAR, Rev. Baxton Bryant, pastor: Re-
ceived into the church this year 25, 20 on
profession of faith and 5 otherwise. Salaries
paid 100 percent and World Service 100 per-
cent. Improvements on church \$40 and on
the parsonage \$53.

CHARLESTON, Rev. J. R. Chandler, pastor:
Additions this year 24, 12 on profession
and 12 otherwise. Salaries paid 100 percent,
World Service 100 percent, amount paid for
church improvement \$155, for debt retirement
\$330.

BATESVILLE FIRST CHURCH, Rev. H. M.
Lewis, pastor: Received into the church this
year 91, 25 on profession of faith and 66 other-
wise. Salaries paid 100 percent and World Ser-
vice 210 percent. Paid for improvements on
church \$175, and on the Parsonage \$50.

BOONEVILLE, Rev. I. L. Claud, pastor: Re-
ceived into the church 60, 27 on profession
of faith and 33 otherwise. Salaries 100 percent
and World Service 100 percent. Amount paid
for church improvements \$500, and on parson-
age \$25.

WELDON-TUPELO, Rev. W. T. Watson, pas-
tor: Received into the church 6. Salaries
paid 100 percent and World Service 100 per-
cent. Paid for improvements on Church \$200.
Plans are made to replace the church destroyed
by fire.

BLACK OAK, Rev. W. G. Bruner, pastor:
Received into the church 14. All salaries
paid in full. Paid on church improvements
\$873. Bought lot for parsonage at cost \$265.
The charge accepted a 24 percent increase on
Benevolences for this past year and raised the
pastor's salary 15 percent.

LAKE ST. BLYTHEVILLE, Rev. Bates Stur-
dy, pastor: Received into the church 59,
22 on profession and 37 otherwise. Salaries
paid 100 percent and World Service 100 per-
cent. Church improvements \$1,840. The whole
church has undergone a great revival of interest
and vision.

CENTERTON, Rev. J. E. Thomas, pastor: Re-
ceived into the church 23. Salaries paid
120 percent and World Service 108 percent.
Paid for church improvements \$100, and par-
sonage \$50. The church is sponsoring Scout
work, troop Number 80 organized by pastor,
with 24 boys.

GODDARD MEMORIAL, Rev. E. H. Hook,
pastor: Received into the church 130, 28
on profession and 102 otherwise. Salaries paid
100 percent and World Service 100 percent. Im-
provement on church \$600, and improvements
on parsonage \$400, and on debt retirement
\$9,600.

NEWPORT FIRST CHURCH, Rev. Jefferson
Sherman, pastor: Received in the church
this year 42. Received on profession of faith
14 and otherwise 28. Salaries 110 percent and
paid on World Service 110 percent. Improve-
ment on church parsonage \$50, and for church
debt retirement \$500.

FIRST CHURCH NORTH LITTLE ROCK, Rev.
Allen D. Stewart, pastor: Received into the
church this year 125, 47 on profession of faith
and 78 otherwise. Salaries paid 100 percent
and amount paid on World Service 108 percent.
Improvements on the church property \$450, and
amount paid on church debt retirement \$3650.

VAN BUREN FIRST CHURCH, Rev. J. T.
Byrd, pastor: Received into the church 51,
25 on profession of faith and 26 otherwise. Sal-
aries 100 percent and World Service 100 per-
cent. Improvement on church property \$100,
and on church debt retirement \$3,700. 31 sub-
scribers to the Arkansas Methodist.

**WASHINGTON AVE., NORTH LITTLE
ROCK**, Rev. E. J. Holifield, pastor: Re-
ceived this year into the church 70 members,
26 on profession of faith and 44 otherwise.
Finances all in full. Salaries 100 percent and
World Service 100 percent. Paid for improve-
ments on church \$1,800, and on parsonage \$300.
Finished building and cooperated in a mission
project in an underprivileged section of the city.

BEEBE, Rev. Harold Eggersperger, pastor:
Received into the church 75, 42 on pro-
fession of faith and 35 otherwise. Salaries 100
percent and World Service 100 percent. Amount
paid for improvements on church \$539, and on
parsonage \$300. W. S. C. S. interest group for
girls organized. Junior choir organized, 5 babies
baptized, Preacher's Mission held, Bible Con-
ference held, Vacation School with 69 children
enrolled.

(Continued next week)



For Workers With Children



VENTURES IN DRAMATICS

By Hilda Neibur
A BOOK REVIEW
By Mrs. J. A. Gray

One answer to the question, "What can be done to gain the interest of these active boys and girls?" so often asked by teachers of Juniors and Intermediates, is to be found in Hilda Neibur's book, *Ventures in Dramatics*. Every page is so glowing with life the reader is reluctant to lay the book aside until finished. It is a little more than two hundred pages in length, is the account of nineteen projects in religious education which found their expression in drama and are drawn from actual experiences of boys and girls. While the book does not presume to represent a systematic treatise on creative dramatics for ten and fifteen year olds, it does attempt in some chapter or other to dwell on each principle that seems to the author important in such group work.

It will be noted that in each chapter certain learning experiences have been emphasized. One sees how through the enterprises recorded the participants are given opportunity to solve all sorts of problems of interrelationship, of honesty of workmanship and thought, of differences in taste and judgment. In some instances the play given was of the simplest sort with as few as four pupils taking part; in others the pastor, the choir, or some special resource person was brought in to add significance needed to make the production a success. Most of the plays were composed by members of the group giving the play and grew out of their experiences in the Church School. Not only were the boys and girls helped to interpret their own lives in a more meaningful way but were led step by step to wider appreciations and to further activities with a definite service purpose stimulating them.

These enterprises had their inception in the share of responsibility carried by the Juniors and Intermediates for their joint worship service each Sunday morning before class time in the church auditorium. As can readily be seen there is value of both religious and social significance in such presentations. Inexperienced teachers might hesitate to adventure in the field of "creative drama" lest they impose their own interests and convictions upon their pupils, but after reading Miss Neibur's book any teacher with a spark of imagination and a willingness to put herself thoroughly into the service of his group will find resources enough at her disposal. Such a variety of experiences is portrayed that no teacher should feel at a loss in using the material in the book as a guide in her own situation. The part of the teacher in making use of this medium, creative dramatics, in the religious education of the group is emphasized throughout the book. Indeed, one of the strongest contributions the book has to make is in helping the teacher to see that effective leadership on her part is a prerequisite to an abiding and de-

"Drama today is becoming a vital force in the education of the average boy and girl just as it was once the vital force of the religion of the average man and woman."—Katharine Anne Ommanney.

HOME AND CHURCH WORKING TOGETHER

The importance of parenthood and family life, of the religious significance of home relations, and the primary opportunities of the home for developing faith in God need continuous emphasis. The family continues to be subjected to many unprecedented needs for adjustment. Home life is being broken by the absence of the father in military services or by one or both parents in defense industry. It is reported that one-fifth of the country is on the move, living in trailers or other crowded quarters in new communities. The employment of parents in industry results in irregularity of hours of eating and sleeping for a large number of pre-school children in these new as well as established communities.

The church has a significant and specific ministry to family life. The following have recognized values:

- (a) Provision for recognition of new births.
- (b) Since the church school has inherent in its program the solution to many of these problems, we recommend intensified effort in all areas of the church school program as related to children.
- (c) The observance of Family Night with its variety of emphasis.
- (d) Well planned programs of home visitation.
- (e) Increased emphasis upon vacation church schools.
- (f) The observance of holy communion, with families sharing this experience.

The above is taken from a report of the Committee on Children's Work of The Division of the Local Church of the Board of Education of The Methodist Church. We invite all to send in to us reports of successes you have had along any of the lines of any of the activities suggested, whether church-wide, by departments or class.

Turn to pages 17-19 of your "Children's Division Yearbook" and you will find other splendid suggestions for parents and teachers to work together for this common need. "The Christian Home," our Methodist monthly magazine for parents, is filled with most pertinent articles giving help on guiding religion in the home.—F. McR.

veloping interest in drama.

The introduction to the book is most important. As the author points out these boys and girls do not wish to be merely active, but want activity which has a purpose and an end. Also they wish to express themselves adequately to a listening group. Herein is food for thought, especially for those of us who somehow feel that production before an audience cannot help but result in insincerity of performance. The author makes clear that while technical finish is not the most important phase of dramatic performance in the

CHURCHES AND HOMES COOPERATE IN THE INTEREST OF CHILDREN

Six of the smaller churches in the North Arkansas Conference have centered their attention on this phase of educational work this Fall through the holding of Training Classes. With Mrs. W. Floyd Bates as the teacher, the course, Church and Home Cooperating in Children's Work, has been given at Manilla, Leachville, Lake City, Eureka Springs, Green Forest and Clinton. In all classes it was truly a cooperative enterprise with the pastor, the general superintendent, parents and other interested adults enrolled as members. The records show that parents DO include FATHERS.

In discussing religion in the home special attention was given to pictures and several were ordered for enrichment and to induce a atmosphere for worship. Reading led to another interesting discussion and lists of books were secured for the several age groups. At Lake City a church library was begun. Worship in the home brought out the use of "The Upper Room," "The Christian Home," and the use in the home of materials being studied in the current lesson materials for the different age groups.

Mrs. Bates further interested the class in children through the introduction and learning of songs and games for children.

This is one of the most important courses offered and the fact that the smaller churches are recognizing this and entering so wholeheartedly into the work of the class has demonstrated that parents, teachers, pastors and other adults are conscious of the need in these times of turmoil for building the Christian home.—F. McR.

"The greatest need today is Christ in the lives and affairs of men. The urgency of our times demands consecrated, informed and skilled workers essential in meeting this need. Jesus recognized that preparation was necessary when he called twelve men to prepare themselves for Christian service under his leadership. He taught that Christian character is achieved through growth, and no one ever completes his growth as a Christian.

"The challenge to be a better worker comes to every church worker today! The Methodist Church stands ready to help workers become more effective."—From the pamphlet, "Home Study Courses," gotten out by our General Board of Education.

Church School, it need not be a hindrance to the educational value of the activity. Altogether the book makes a splendid contribution to an age group somewhat neglected in the published literature of religious education.

C. S. T. P.

With the armed forces today, your government has recognized the need for trained men for special tasks. Schools, Colleges and Universities throughout the country have incorporated in their curricula special courses for giving specific instruction and experiences. The value of this program has been evidenced by the high number of trained officers and men who have made possible the progress at the battle front.

Your church has likewise been conscious of this need for specialized training and has provided the C. S. T. P.,—Church Specialized Training Program. Whatever your line of need or interest there is possible for you some help to make your work more efficient. Whatever your handicap as of availing yourself for these opportunities, your church has likewise brought this to your very door.

You are familiar with the Training Class program but along with the many fine points of this type help came the handicap of a class made available for your church or to be given at a time when you could participate. The Home Study Courses is another part of the C. S. T. P. that may be taken by any one in any locality, they may be taken by an individual or by a group in the local church working together under their own leadership. They have been developed by persons of experience in the given fields, and those who enroll have counsel and guidance as they engage in their studies. There are 34 such courses, the following in the Children's Division are available through this plan:

1. The Children we Teach (210a).
2. Planning for Children in the Small Church.
3. Planning for Children in the Local Church (211a).
4. Planning for Nursery Children, (221a).
5. Teaching Beginner Children, (231 a).
6. Teaching Primary Children, (241a).
7. Teaching Junior Children, (251a).
8. Understanding Children, (210-b).
9. Teaching Children, (211b).

If you are interested in getting up a class on this plan for the workers in your church, or as an individual, write for further information to Miss Jessie Mae Beck, Board of Education of The Methodist Church, 810 Broadway, Nashville, 2, Tenn.—F. McR.

Ten million persons have enrolled in twenty-five thousand Home Study Courses in every trade, vocation, professional and in the liberal arts and sciences through recognized schools, colleges and universities throughout the United States. Two hundred and fifty thousand persons are enrolled in Home Study Courses at the present time. Statistics reveal that Home Study is the only type of formal education available to 75 per cent of American adult population today.—National Home Study Council.



THE CHILDREN'S PAGE

ANNIE WINBURNE, Editor



IN STORYLAND

A WALK THROUGH THE WOODS

By Odessa Gammell

It was a beautiful day when Marjorie and Jack asked their mother to walk with them into the woods. Jack was seven years old, but Marjorie was only five.

The woods were not far from their home. The children had often walked to the edge of the woods alone. But Mother had cautioned them about going too far, for fear of getting lost.

Today they persuaded Mother to go with them. They wanted her to tell them of the birds that fly through the trees, and the little creeping things which they had seen on the ground. And too, they wanted to see how many different colors they could name. For at this time of the year, all the leaves are painted in the brightest colors. Some are red, some are yellow, and some are brown, some have many colors on one leaf. Surely you have found leaves with several colors on them, haven't you?

So Marjorie and Jack and Mother started to the woods. Soon they came to the tall trees covered with autumn leaves.

Just as they entered one of the little paths that you have seen winding in and out among the trees, what do you think they saw? A little brown chipmunk! It ran across the path, and into a hole in the ground. They are very shy little creatures and always run home when frightened.

Marjorie and Jack were so excited at their fleeting glimpse of the chipmunk that they wanted to see him again. They tried to coax him out of the hole, but the wise little fellow refused to show himself again.

As the three walked farther into the woods, many wonders seemed to come before their eyes.

Birds of various kinds flew before them, chirping and hopping from tree to tree. They seemed to be talking to each other and yet not two of them were making the same sound.

"Look, Mother," exclaimed Jack, "the bird with the long bill is telling the other birds that we are here."

"He must be glad to see us, because he is chirping louder than all the rest," replied Mother.

"Oh! look at the squirrel going up the tree," cried Marjorie. "What makes him go so fast?"

"Because he has long, sharp claws and they stick into the bark of the tree," answered Jack. He explained to his little sister that the squirrel's claws were like those of her kitty.

At that moment a little wild rabbit ran up the path before them. It stopped and turned around as if to say, "You can't catch me," and then ran into the underbrush.

"I'd like to have that bunny," Marjorie said as they walked on through the woods.

"You will have to get one that



OUR TRIPS

Mother and I think
It's lot of fun
To plan a trip
When school work is done.

Sometimes we visit
A friend close by,
And my, how the minutes
Just seem to fly.

Or perhaps we go to
Town and shop.
We walk and walk
'Til we almost drop.

We like these happy
Trips together
In the crisp cool days
Of Autumn's weather.
—A. E. W.

ELEPHANTS' CURIOUS TEETH

Whoever has looked inside an elephant's mouth has seen a strange sight. Elephants have no front teeth, and they never eat flesh or any food that requires tearing apart. Eight teeth are all they have, two above and two below on each side, huge yellow molars as wide as a man's hand. Over these hay and fodder are shifted by the queerest, ugliest tongue in the whole animal kingdom—a tongue that is literally hung at both ends, having no power of movement except in the middle where it shifts back and forth from side to side, arching up against the roof of the big mouth like a wrinkled pink serpent. Elephants, like human beings, have two sets of teeth. The milk teeth, which are smaller than the permanent molars, fall out when the animals are about fourteen years old. These baby teeth—which are nevertheless enormous—are occasionally picked up by circus men among the hay and preserved as curiosities.—Our Dumb Animals.

is tame. That one would not let you pick him up," answered Mother.

Jack and Marjorie were growing tired and asked Mother to turn and start toward home.

As they walked, a beautiful thought entered Jack's mind, and he said, "God has been good to us to make the world so bright. We have seen so many interesting things today."

Mother replied, "Yes, God has given us wonderful things." Then she promised the children another trip to the woods soon.—Story Time.

JUST FOR FUN

Wife (to absent-minded professor): "Your hat is one the wrong way, dear."
Professor: "How do you know which way I'm going?"
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Bob had handed in his composition with a long list of dots and dashes at the end.

English Prof.: What is the meaning of these marks?

Bob: They're punctuation marks. Put them in to suit yourself.
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A farmer was trying to sell a broken winded horse to the Army and was trotting him around for inspection. He stroked the animal's back and said to the Army buyer, "Hasn't he got a lovely coat?"

"Sure," agreed the Army buyer, who had noticed that the horse was touched in the wind, "his coat's all right, but I don't like his pants."
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A little girl attending an Episcopal church for the first time, was amazed to see all kneel suddenly. "What are they doing, mother?" she inquired. Her mother replied, "Hush, they are going to say their prayers." The little girl looked on in amazement, "What, with all their clothes on!"
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Small Boy: "I don't think that man next door knows much about music."

Mother: "Why, dear?"

Boy: "Well, he told me this morning to cut open my drum and see what was inside of it."—Boston Transcript.

WE SHARE EXPERIENCES

Dear Girls and Boys:

I know you are enjoying these Autumn days and I hope you are having an opportunity to walk through the woods and see all the beautiful colors as Marjorie and Jack did in our story, "A Walk Through the Woods" on this page.

Ola Mae writes about the good time she had at Hallowe'en. She also tells us about a Vacation School she attended this summer.—Children's Page Editor.

Doddridge, Arkansas
October 30, 1943

Dear Boys and Girls:

I am nine years old. I go to school at Bright Star. I am in the Fourth Grade.

We had a Hallowe'en party yesterday. I had a nice time. We played games.

I go to Sunday School every Sunday. I have a good teacher. She is Mrs. Avor Templeton.

I read the Arkansas Methodist every Friday. I like it.

This summer we had a Vacation School at our church. I think everyone had a nice time. Mrs. Cannon, Mrs. Ethel Thomas and Mrs. Bertha Bennett taught the school.

I go to Sunday School at Olive Branch.—Ola Mae Adcock.

JESUS AND THE CHILDREN

It makes us happy to think that Jesus, the greatest and perhaps the busiest teacher and leader the world has ever known, always had time and thought for little children. Here we read about the way he received them:

And people brought children to him to have him touch them, but the disciples reproved them for it. When Jesus saw it, he was indignant, and said to them,

"Let the children come to me; do not try to stop them, for the Kingdom of God belongs to such as they. I tell you, whoever does not accept the Kingdom of God like a child shall not enter it at all."

And he took the children in his arms and laid his hands on them and blessed them.—Marks 10:16.

Dear Heavenly Father, we thank thee for the way Jesus showed the meaning of thy love in the sweetness and gentleness with which he received little children. Help us to realize that even when we are grown to manhood and womanhood we should keep childlike hearts of love and trust and gladness. We thank thee that the beautiful way of life that we call the Kingdom of Heaven is not too hard for even children to understand and follow. And we pray thee that this day we may live as though Jesus were right here among us, watching us, and loving us, even as he watched and loved and blessed the boys and girls who played around him so many years ago. Amen.—Robbina W. Barstow in Getting Acquainted With God.

Report Of Committee On Objectives North Arkansas Conference

The Conference Committee on Objectives for the Conference year, 1943-1944 makes the following recommendations:

WAR WORK

1. That each Church in the Conference prepare and keep up to date a Service Roll of all men from the Church and Church School Membership who are in the armed service of our country.

2. That a secretary for this Service Men's Roll be continued in each local church.

3. That the local churches give each man entering the service a Bible, or New Testament.

4. That Church Bulletins and such devotional booklets as the "Upper Room" and "Service" be sent to the men regularly.

5. That definite plans be worked out in each Church for writing each man at least once a quarter.

6. That especially in larger churches informal groups of "Army Wives and Parents" be organized.

7. That pastors of all churches losing resident members to the war industries seek to keep in contact with these members in somewhat the same manner as with men in the armed forces, requesting them to become "affiliate members" of the church in the war plant area.

EDUCATION

1. That we continue the program of Christian Education along the lines of recent years: Training work; camps and assemblies; institutes; vacation schools; February Special for Hendrix College and Ministerial Training; literature cultivation; Bible Conferences; cooperation in Christian Education Advance; observance of Special Days, such as Orphanage Day, Race Relations Day, Easter, Church School Day, Methodist Student Day, and Promotion Day;

2. That two major emphases be made throughout the year: Increased effort to increase church school membership and attendance, and continuous effort to improve the teaching program in our church school;

3. That we cooperate with other boards and agencies in the Bishop's Crusade for a New World Order, and in the work of the Town and Country Commission.

FIRST CHURCH ARKADELPHIA

A church with the record of First Methodist Church, Arkadelphia, for this Conference year is due a "pat on the back," figuratively speaking. Following are the amounts raised for special purposes this year by the congregation:

Methodist Home	\$ 90.00
Hendrix College and Ministerial Education.....	150.00
Week of Dedication	230.00
Church School Day	100.00
Philander Smith College....	75.00
World Communion Offering for Fellowship of Suffering and Service	300.00

At the beginning of the year \$1,000 was accepted by the First Quarterly Conference for General and Conference Benevolences on an asking of \$1,290. At the Fourth Quarterly Conference, November 3,

FINANCE

1. That a Stewardship Committee be elected in every Church; and that this Committee and the Pastor develop and carry on systematically a program of Christian Stewardship. Valuable help may be obtained from the little book entitled, "An Adventure in Stewardship," by Doctor G. Ernest Thomas, which may be secured from the General Board of Lay Activities, 740 Rush Street, Chicago, Illinois

2. That every department in every Church School observe the Fourth Sunday with a vital helpful program and with a special offering for World Service and Conference Benevolence.

3. That our Churches continue to increase their acceptances and payments for World Service and Conference Benevolences until they are equal to the apportionments.

EVANGELISM

That the major campaign of this year be on Visitation Evangelism, including:

1. A simultaneous district-wide Visitation Campaign in each district;

2. A Visitation Campaign in each local church;

3. Every pastor, not hitherto trained in the technique of Visitation Evangelism, to get the training this year.

WOMEN'S WORK

1. A program of Missionary Education in all age groups leading to Christian action with special emphasis on challenging young people for life service, cooperating with the Youth Department and the Board of Education in the local church;

2. Intensive study of Christian literature furnished Woman's Society;

3. That women be willing to accept wider responsibility on church boards;

4. Increased giving through emphasis on Stewardship.

HOME MISSIONS AND CHURCH EXTENSION

1. Cooperation with the War Work emphasis as outlined above;

2. Cooperation with the other Boards and agencies of the Conference through the Commission on Town and Country Work in a constructive program of strengthening the total life of the rural church;

3. Mission study groups in every local church;

4. Every pastor and pastoral charge assuming responsibility for at least one extension Church School and preaching appointment;

5. Each District with a definite program for establishing a Methodist Church in new territory;

6. Appropriations directed toward encouraging the repairing of churches and parsonages and the opening up of new territory.

RURAL WORK

1. Full cooperation will be given to the promotion of the common interests of all the cooperating boards and commissions in the Conference, to the Woman's Society of Christian Service, and to Hendrix College which have to do with the work of the church in rural areas.

2. The Group Ministry plan of work will be promoted in as many places as possible.

3. Full cooperation will be given to a more extensive use of the lay membership of the church and local preachers.

4. The Commission will continue to cooperate with the community, state and federal agencies in the building of a more abundant life.

ORPHANAGE AND HOSPITAL

1. The Orphanage should be presented Christmas as a Special—and throughout the year to classes, departments, and various organizations of each church.

2. Our Methodist Hospital in Memphis asks that all churches present the claims of the Golden Cross during the second week in May.

THE BIBLE

Each pastor should emphasize throughout the year the very great importance of the Bible:

1. By encouraging daily, prayerful reading of the Scriptures;

2. By observing Universal Bible Sunday, December 12;

3. Preceding Palm Sunday by emphasizing the use of the Bible in Evangelism;

4. By providing individuals with the Bible, or portions of the Scriptures, through the local church.

LAY ACTIVITIES

We recommend that the district and charge Lay leaders encourage the practice of the Christian Stewardship of time, thought, talent and treasure.

CALENDAR OF THE NEW CONFERENCE YEAR

November 16-19: District Set-Up Meetings.

Tuesday, November 16:

Fayetteville District, morning and afternoon.

Fort Smith District, afternoon and night.

Wednesday, November 17:

Conway District, morning and afternoon.

Helena District, afternoon and night.

Thursday, November 18:

Paragould District, morning and afternoon.

Jonesboro District, afternoon and night.

Friday, November 19:

Batesville District, morning and afternoon.

Searcy District, afternoon and night.

December 19: Arkansas Methodist Orphanage Offering.

December 31: Watch Night Service.

January 9-16: Arkansas Methodist Campaign.

January 9-23: Bishops' Crusade.

February 6-20: February Special for Hendrix College and Ministerial Education.

February 13: Race Relations Day.

February 29-March 2: W. S. C. S. Annual Conference.

February 29-March 5: Week of Dedication.

March 26-April 9: Pre-Easter Evangelistic Period.

April 9: Easter.

April 30: Church School Rally Day.

May 7-14: Golden Cross Enrollment.

May 28-June 9: Vacation Church Schools.

June 4: Hendrix College Commencement.

June 5-9: Conference Youth Fellowship Assembly.

June 12-23: Arkansas Pastors' School.

July 20-August 3: Leadership School, Mt. Sequoyah.

the treasurer was instructed to send in to the treasurer the \$290.00 to make up our full askings.

Bishop Paul B. Kern preached for ten days preceding Easter, and we gave him a love offering of \$250.00.

All other items in our budget is paid, and about \$500.00 is now in the treasury to begin the new year on.

The above report has been made in spite of the fact that after receiving 66 new members into the church this year, we are reporting a net loss of 74 in membership, this due to the tremendous migration of our people from Arkadelphia into the Army and into defense centers. We have buried three of our most active stewards during the year; we have lost our third general superintendent of the

Church School since Conference. But the good people at Arkadelphia have stood loyally by their pastor and the program of the Church and the record achieved is worthy this commendation.—Forest E. Dudley, Pastor.

When temptations crowd in upon us, as at times they seem to do in unusual measure, or when the burdens of life seem more than usually heavy, we need to remember the promises of God and to rely more fully upon them. We do not struggle alone. There is One who walks by our side, who knows all about us, our weakness, our strength, our problems and our cares, and He will not suffer us to be tempted beyond our strength or allow our burdens to become greater than we can bear.—Christian Observer.

TO KNOW THE WILL OF GOD

There are three things to do to know the will of God. The first is to pray as sincerely and simply as you can for God's light and God's leadership. If you do this persistently and earnestly, tangled issues will assume order, and you will see things in their pure perspective.

The second is to examine the whole issue in the light of the supreme moral teaching of Jesus. When you do this it will become apparent that nothing you can have in the way of money, honors, comforts, or pleasures is so important as what you are.—Georgia Harkness, in Religious Living.

The darker the night, the brighter the stars will shine when the clouds of doubt are rolled away.—The Christian Advocate.

Condensed Minutes Of North Arkansas Conference

Minutes of the North Arkansas Annual Conference of The Methodist Church, held in Russellville, Arkansas from November 3 to November 7, 1943, Bishop Charles C. Seelman, presiding.

1. Organization. The following officers were elected: Secretary, James T. Upton, Conway, Ark.; Treasurer, Guy Murphy, Conway, Ark.; Statistician, Joe A. Goetz, N. Little Rock, Ark.

2. Have the boards, Commissions, and Committees been appointed? Yes. See Conference Journal.

3. (a) What Officers handling funds of the Conference have been bonded, and in what amounts? See Conference Journal for list. (b) Have their books been audited? Yes.

4. Are the records of the Secretary, Treasurer and Statistician kept according to the forms prescribed by the laws of the Church? Yes.

5. Is this Annual Conference incorporated? No.

6. What date is determined for White Cross and Golden Cross enrollment? May 7-14, 1944.

7. What is the schedule for Minimum Support for Pastors? \$1,000 traveling, \$800 Local.

8. What method is approved to provide for the salary of the District Superintendent? By 12½ percent apportionment on Pastor's salaries.

9. What are the reports of the District Superintendents as to the status of the work within their Districts? Read and filed.

10. Are all the Preachers blameless in their life and official administration? Yes.

11. What Preachers have died during the year? W.T. Martin, R. C. Morehead and H. K. Stewart.

12. Who are discontinued? No one.

13. Who are located? None.

14. Who have withdrawn or been expelled? None.

15. Who are transferred to other Conferences? Daniel Kapier, E. Okla., Bryon Cravens, W. Okla., J. L. Dedman and L. M. Starkey to Little Rock Conference, Earle Walker, E. Okla.

16. Who are supernumerary? Norris Greer.

17. Who are retired? J. R. Arch-

more, J. B. Andrews, James A. Anderson, G. M. Barton, R. E. L. Beardson, R. A. Bevis, E. N. Bickley, W. A. Bishop, George A. Burr, Y. J. Cathey, A. L. Cline, Eli Craig, G. G. Davidson, T. L. Dickerson, J. W. Dew, James B. Evans, Charles Franklin, J. J. Galloway, O. E. Goddard, A. E. Goode, F. R. Hamilton, C. E. Holifield, J. M. Hughey, H. H. Hunt, Hoy M. Lewis, L. E. Mann, E. Marler, Guy Murphy, E. W. Helson, J. R. Nelson, W. L. Oliver, W. A. Patty, E. M. Peters, J. D. Roberts, R. A. Robertson, J. L. Rowland, A. W. Russell, J. Abner Sage, E. K. Sewell, William Sherman, T. W. Shipley, Mrs. Ora Sidwell, F. M. Tolleson, D. N. Weaver, W. P. Whalley, Rex B. Wilkes and C. F. Wilson.

18. Who are granted Sabbatical Leave? J. W. York.

19. Who are Admitted on Trial? (a) In Studies of the First Year: David Paxton Conyers, Joel Aubrey Cooper, J. Harmon Holt, George Edward Stewart, John Kermit Vanzant, William Rodney Shaw, Elmo Andrew Thomasson.

20. Who are Readmitted? None.

21. Who are received from other Churches as Traveling Preachers? None.

22. Who are received by Transfer from Other Conferences? R. R. Whiddon, Tennessee Conference, T. E. McKnight, Little Rock Conference, Golder Lawrence, Little Rock Conference, J. O. Whitworth, Little Rock Conference, Cecil R. Culver, Little Rock Conference.

23. Who have completed their studies: (a) Of the First Year: Jessie Lee Johnston, James Ralph Hillis, Thomas C. Huff, Alfred A. Eason, James Ransford Chandler, Harold D. Womack, Bryon Cravens. (b) Of the Second Year: Floyd Galloway Villines, Jr., William Glenn Bruner. (c) Of the Third Year: LeRoy Henry, Virgil G. Hanks, Donaghey W. Duran, Orr Davis Peters, W. Earl DuBois, Harold O. Eggersperger, Ewing T. Wayland; (d) Of the Fourth Year: Joe William Watson, Marvin A. Cherry, W. Earl DuBois, Orr Davis Peters.

24. Who have been continued in their Studies: (a) Of the First Year: T. Poe Williams, J. Clarence Wilcox, Thurston Masters, Charles W. Lewis; (b) Of the Second Year?

Pharis Holifield; (c) Of the Third Year? None; (d) Of the Fourth Year? None.

25. Who are Admitted into Full Connection? William Glenn Bruner, Floyd Galloway Villines, Jr.

26. Who have been Elected and Ordained Deacons? (a) Traveling Preachers, Floyd Galloway Villines, Jr., William Glenn Bruner, Joel Aubrey Cooper, Charles Lewis (elected but not ordained); (b) Local Preachers, Clarence Howard Stewart.

27. Who have been Elected and Ordained Elders? (a) Traveling Preachers, Marvin Andrew Cherry, Joe William Watson, Harold Ordsway Eggersperger, Orr Davis Peters, W. Earl DuBois (elected but not ordained), Charles Lewis (elected, not ordained), William Glenn Bruner, (elected, not ordained).

28. What other Personal Notation should be made? None.

29. Who are the Accepted Supply Pastors? R. E. Lee, Bryon McSpadden, Uriah Smith, W. T. Watson, Luther Love, T. O. Love, Silar Dixon, J. M. Williams, W. G. Conner, C. U. Hughes, Homer E. Long, J. B. Breazele, S. B. Bryant, Paul Bumpers, Raymond Coleman, Clyde E. Crozier, Edwin Dodson, C. L. Fry, Linza Harrison, J. H. Lane, Jack Long, A. W. O'Bryant, Lloyd Peters, W. O. Scroggins, Howard Williams, Alvin Murry, Arthur Wall, W. L. Dillon, Olin R. Findley, Ivan R. Wilton, J. E. Thomas, James F. Weatherford, E. O. Houser, Wallace I. Torbert, C. H. Stewart, Harold Johnson, Walter Pennell, Flora Bell Jennings, Lee Ware, R. G. Yeager, Lee Cates, J. C. Gibbons, John Walker Coontz, E. D. Lewis, George Q. Fenn, James Smith, Woodrow Woods, J. C. Cofer, J. L. Buck, Mrs. Edna Cade Geick, L. R. Ruble, W. W. Warrington, M. B. Short, E. C. Hance, G. A. McKelvey, Linley Vowell, Arthur P. Cooley, Winfred Diggs, A. C. Brannon, L. F. Huggins, Wayne Horton, W. T. Lingo, L. L. Langston, Harold Spence, Elvis Wright, Robert Montgomery, J. H. Holt, Y. D. Whitehurst, C. L. Martin, J. M. Tal-kington, J. W. Sandage, M. L. Kaylor, W. F. Shell.

30. What Accepted Supply Pastors now in charge are taking: (a) The Conference Course of Study?

See Conference Journal for list. (b) The Local Preachers' Course of Study? See Conference Journal for list.

31. Are the Accepted Supply Pastors blameless in their life and official administration? Yes.

32. What Preachers, coming from other Churches, with recommendation from District or Quarterly Conferences, have had their Orders recognized as Local Deacons or Local Elders? None.

33. Who constitute the Conference Committee of Investigation? Cecil R. Culver, S. B. Wilford, Sect., E. W. Faulkner, J. M. Harrison, A. L. Riggs, Reserve H. M. Lewis, J. F. Glover.

34. Who is elected Conference Lay Leader? E. Wainwright Martin.

35. What is the report of the Conference Treasurer? Filed Conference Journal.

36. What is the report of the Statistician? Filed Conference Journal.

37. What are the Reports, Recommendations, and Plans of the Boards, Commissions, and Committees of the Conference? Filed, Conference Journal.

38. What are the objectives of this Conference for the coming year as stated by the Bishop in Charge, or a Committee appointed by him? Filed, Conference Journal.

39. What are the items and aggregate of General and Conference Benevolences apportioned to this Conference? World Service \$48,675.-14, Gen. Adm. Fund \$1,581.75, Juris. Conference Expense \$285.

40. What amount has been apportioned to the Pastoral Charges within the Conference to be raised for the support of Conference Claimants? Amount equal to 10 percent of pastor's salary.

41. What are the approved claims for the support of District Superintendents and Bishops for the ensuing year? D. S. an amount equal 12½ percent pastor's salary; Bishops, an amount equal 2¼ percent pastor's salary.

42. Where shall the next session of the Conference be held? Morrilton, Ark.

43. Where are the Preachers stationed this year? See List of Ap-pointments.

District Superintendents' Report North Arkansas Conference

As we come today to make our report to you of the work done in the eight districts of the North Arkansas Conference for the year 1942-1943, we wish to express our grateful thanks to Almighty God for the privilege we have had of working another year for our Lord and Master through the Church. We make our report of work that has been done under great stress. The statistics will show decreases along some lines, increases in others. We can give only a few of the items of work that have occupied our time during the year just closing.

The fine work done by our laymen, under the leadership of the Conference District and Charge Lay Leaders, has been very encouraging. Their work in the field of Stewardship, Visitation Evangelism

and the development of rural work has been gratifying.

There have been 2,799 accessions to the Church on profession of faith and 2,762 by certificate—a total of 5,661. Subscribers to the Christian Advocate total 550; the Arkansas Methodist 5,931. The number of Vacation Schools held 121 with an enrollment of 5,678. The total enrollment in the Church School is 58,041. There have been thirteen persons licensed to preach this year. The women have 256 Societies of Christian Service with a membership of 9,821. During the year 1,560 training credits have been issued, and \$3,011 raised for Church School Day purposes. The church raised \$11,403 for Week of Dedication and World Communion Day causes. For the upkeep and improvement of church-

es and parsonages \$86,091 was raised and there was paid on church debts \$113,094. There have been six new churches built, and one parsonage bought. The eight Districts accepted \$61,265 for Benevolences, an amount equal to 63 per cent of the askings. Paid for Benevolences \$62,698 or 102 per cent of the acceptances. The Conference raised \$9,514 for Hendrix College and Ministerial Training.

These various statistical items by Districts are as follows:

Accessions, Profession of Faith: Batesville, 309; Conway, 348; Fayetteville, 273; Ft. Smith, 491; Helena, 263; Jonesboro, 392; Paragould, 250; Searcy, 494.

Accessions, Certificates: Batesville, 215; Conway, 549; Fayetteville, 374; Ft. Smith, 551; Helena,

278; Jonesboro, 375; Paragould, 215; Searcy, 329.

Total Accessions: Batesville 524; Conway 897; Fayetteville 647; Ft. Smith 1,042; Helena 541; Jonesboro 767; Paragould 465; Searcy 823.

Subscribers to Christian Advocate: Batesville 39; Conway 45; Fayetteville 143; Ft. Smith 108; Helena 68; Jonesboro 46; Paragould 30; Searcy 71.

Subscribers, Arkansas Methodist: Batesville 815; Conway 906; Fayetteville 487; Ft. Smith 897; Helena 695; Jonesboro 702; Paragould 753; Searcy 678.

Number Vacation Schools: Batesville 16; Conway 15; Fayetteville 7; Ft. Smith 24; Helena 12; Jonesboro 10; Paragould 17; Searcy 16.

Enrollment in Vacation Schools: (Continued on page 12)

North Arkansas Conference Appointments

BATESVILLE DISTRICT

W. Henry Goodloe, Dist. Supt.
Ash Flat Ct., Homer E. Long.
Batesville Churches:
Central, James T. Randle.
First Church, Horace M. Lewis.
Bethesda-Cushman, Grover Sutherland.
Calico Rock-Norfolk, J. C. Wilcox.
Cave City-Powell's Chapel, C. L. Fry. (Supply).
Cave City Ct., Uriah Smith. (Supply).
Charlotte Ct., Bryon McSpadden. (Supply).
Cotter-Gassville, T. C. Chambliss.
Desha Ct., T. O. Love.
Elmo-Oil Trough, J. B. Stewart.
Evening Shade Ct., J. M. Williams. (Supply).
Melbourne Ct., R. E. Lee. (Supply).
Morefield-Sulphur Rock, Woodrow Woods. (Supply).
Mountain Home, J. J. Clark.
Mountain View, Thurston Masters.
Newark, J. M. Hughes.
Newport Churches:
First Church, Jefferson Sherman.
Umsted Memorial, J. W. Howard.
Pleasant Plains Ct., C. U. Hughes. (Supply).
Salem, Jesse L. Johnson.
Swift-Alicia, H. C. Minnis.
Tuckerman, H. H. Blevins.
Viola Ct., Luther Love. (Supply).
Weldon-Tupelo, W. T. Watson. (Supply).
Yellville Ct., To be Supplied.
Director of Evangelism, Jefferson Sherman.
District Missionary Sect., J. T. Randle.
Director of Arkansas Methodist, H. M. Lewis.

CONWAY DISTRICT

R. S. Hayden, District Supt.
North Little Rock Area:
First Church, Allen D. Stewart.
Gardner Memorial, Garland C. Taylor.
Washington Avenue, E. J. Holifield.
Levy, J. L. Pruitt.
Cato-Bethel, Clyde Crozier. (Supply).
Faulkner County Area:
Conway, First Church, Edward W. Harris. Edwin Dodson, Junior Preacher.
Conway Ct., Paul Bumpers. (Supply).
Greenbrier Ct., Linza Harrison. (Supply).
Centerville Ct., Arthur Wall. (Supply).
Naylor Ct., John Young. (Supply).
Vilonia Ct., A. E. Goode. (Supply).

CONWAY COUNTY AREA:

Morrilton Churches:
First Church, R. E. Connell.
Ct. No. 1, M. B. Short. (Supply).
Ct. No. 2, W. O. Scroggin Jr. (Supply).
Ct. No. 3.
Plumerville-Hill Creek, Jack Long. (Supply).
Oppelo, Alvin Murray. (Supply).

POPE COUNTY AREA:

Russellville, E. B. Williams.
Atkins, Raymond A. Dorman.
Pottsville Ct., C. H. Harvison.
Dover-London, B. E. Robertson.
Dardanelle, E. W. Faulkner.
Dardanelle Ct., J. R. Abernathy. (Supply).
Lamar-Knoxville, S. B. Bryant. (Supply).

YELL COUNTY AREA:

Canville, H. J. Couchman.
Plainview Ct., W. L. Russell.

Ola Ct., Don C. Holman.
Gravelly Ct., W. G. Conner. (Supply).
Belleville-Havana, B. A. McKnight.
Perry-Perryville, J. E. Linam.
Bigelow-Houston, J. B. Breazeale. (Supply).
Garland C. Taylor, District Director of Evangelism.
Allan D. Stewart, District Director of Arkansas Methodist Campaign.
E. J. Holifield, District Missionary Secretary.
Miss Dorothy Few, Rural Worker, Yell County.

FAYETTEVILLE DISTRICT

Sam B. Wiggins, District Supt.
Alpena Pass Ct., G. G. Davidson. (Supply).
Bentonville, Lloyd M. Conyers.
Berryville, Henry A. Stroup.
Centerton Ct., J. E. Thomas. (Supply).
Cincinnati Ct., Walter Pennell. (Supply).
Elm Springs-Harmon, Floyd Villines, Jr.
Eureka Springs, Ray D. Seals.
Farmington-Goshen, W. L. Dillon. (Supply).
Fayetteville Churches:
Central, Paul V. Galloway.
Bethel, E. D. Lewis. (Supply).
Gentry, Geo. Q. Fenn.
Gravette-Decatur, Porter Weaver.
Green Forest, Olin R. Findley. (Supply).
Huntsville, J. W. Coontz. (Supply).
Lincoln, W. W. Warrington. (Supply).
Monte Ne. Ct., To be supplied.
Pea Ridge Ct., J. F. Weatherford. (Supply).
Prairie Grove, Ewing T. Wayland.
Rogers, E. K. Means.
Siloam Springs, W. F. Cooley.
Springdale, V. E. Chalfant.
Springtown-Highfill, Ivan R. Wilson. (Supply).
Stickler Ct., To be supplied.
Sulphur Springs, J. C. Gibbons.
Viney Grove Ct., E. O. Houser. (Supply).
Winslow-Elkins, Edwin Keith. (Supply).
Director of Evangelism, Paul V. Galloway.
Secretary of Missions, W. F. Cooley.
Director Arkansas Methodist, V. E. Chalfant.

FT. SMITH DISTRICT

A. W. Martin, District Supt.
Alix Ct., To be Supplied.
Alma, O. D. Peters.
Altus Ct., W. W. Peterson.
Booneville, I. L. Claud.
Branch Ct., Clyde R. Nance.
Charleston Ct., James R. Chandler.
Clarksville, Guy C. Ames.
Fort Smith Churches:
First Church, Oscar E. Rice.
Goddard Memorial, Elmer H. Hook.
Grand Avenue, W. R. Dalton.
Massard, W. J. Le Roy.
Midland Heights, J. J. Decker.
Second Church, Archie N. Boyd.
South, A. H. Dulaney.
Greenwood, Martin A. Bierbaum.
Hackett, Clarence Weinand.
Hartford, Lester Weaver.
Hartman Ct., Frank Shell. (Supply).
Huntington-Pine St., Charles Wages.
Kibler-City Heights, Theron McKisson.
Lavaca Ct., To be Supplied.
Magazine Ct. L. R. Ruble. (Supply).
Mansfield, W. J. Faust.

Mulberry, F. G. Villines.
Ozark, J. M. Barnett.
Paris, J. T. Wilcox.
Prairie View-Scranton, Arthur P. Cooley. (Supply).
Van Buren, First Church, J. T. Byrd.
East Van Buren-New Hope, Verlie F. Harris.
Waldron, J. M. Harrison.
Waldron Ct., James Smith. (Supply).
J. T. Byrd, District Missionary Secretary.
J. J. Decker, District Director Arkansas Methodist Campaign.
E. H. Hook, District Director of Evangelism.
Miss Ethel McIntosh, Rural Worker, Scott County.

HELENA DISTRICT

Grover C. Johnson, District Supt.
Aubrey, M. A. Graves.
Brinkley, B. L. Wilford.
Clarendon, Irl Bridenthal.
Colt, J. C. Richey.
Crawfordsville, J. A. Reynolds.
Earle, Ethan Dodgen.
Elaine, Elmus C. Brown.
Forrest City, Golder Lawrence.
Harrisburg, W. A. Lindsey.
Helena, W. Vance Womack.
Holly Grove, J. W. Glover.
Hughes, H. F. McDonal.
Hulbert, M. N. Johnston.
Marianna, Sam G. Watson.
Marvel, J. W. Glass.
Parkin, A. W. Harris.
Vandale, Joel Cooper.
Weiner, H. W. Jett.
West Helena, O. L. Cole.
West Memphis, Kenneth Shamblin.
Wheatley, Ray L. McLester.
Widener-Round Pond, George E. Patchel.
Wynne, J. O. Whitworth.
Sam G. Watson, Director of Evangelism.
F. F. McDonal, District Missionary Secretary.
Kenneth Shamblin, District Director of Arkansas Methodist Campaign.

JONESBORO DISTRICT

J. Albert Gatlin, District Supt.
Black Oak, Glen Bruner.
Blytheville Churches:
First Church, S. B. Wilford.
Lake St., Bates Sturdy.
Bono Ct., Elvis Wright. (Supply).
Brookland Ct., Winfred Diggs. (Supply).
Dell, L. K. Wilson.
Gosnell-Half Moon, Lindley Vowell. (Supply).
Dyness-Whitten, Charles Lewis.
Joiner, J. W. Moore.
Jonesboro Churches:
First Church, Cecil R. Culver.
Huntington Ave., W. A. Downum.
Fisher St., George L. McGhee.
Jonesboro Ct., W. T. Lingo. (Supply).
Keiser-Garden Point, J. L. Shelby.
Lake City Ct., G. A. McKelvey. (Supply).
Leachville, E. H. Hall.
Lepanto, Raymond L. Franks.
Luxora, C. E. Patton.
Manilla, O. M. Campbell.
Marion, A. N. Storey.
Marked Tree, J. A. Womack.
Monette, M. A. Cherry.
Nettleton-Bay, A. L. Riggs.
Osceola, Earle Cravens.
16th Section Mission, F. M. Sweet.
Truman, J. W. Watson.
Turrell-Gilmore, A. C. Stark. (Supply).
Tyronza, L. F. LaFevers.

Wilson, E. G. Kaetzel.
Yarbro-Promised Land, D. G. Hindman; Mrs. D. G. Hindman, Associate Pastor.
Weona Ct., A. W. O'Bryant. (Supply).
District Director of Evangelism, A. N. Storey.
District Missionary Secretary, S. B. Wilford.
Director Arkansas Methodist, Cecil R. Culver.

PARAGOULD DISTRICT

H. Lynn Wade, District Supt.
Beech Grove-Camp Ground, E. C. Hance. (Supply).
Biggers Ct., L. W. Fair.
Corning, B. C. Few.
Gainesville Ct., J. W. Simmons.
Greenway, W. J. Williams.
Hardy-Mammoth Springs, Miss Fern Cook.
Hoxie, Carl C. Burton.
Imboden-Black Rock, C. L. Franks.
Knobel Ct., P. W. Emrah.
Leonard Ct., J. H. Holt.
Lorado Ct., S. N. Adams.
Marmaduke, Harold Spence.
Maynard Ct., F. L. Huggins. (Supply).
Morning Star Ct., Robert Montgomery.
Paragould Churches:
First Church, E. W. Potter.
East Side, R. E. Wilson.
Paragould Ct., R. B. Howerton.
Piggott, C. W. Good.
Pocahontas, H. E. Pearce.
Rector Churches:
First Church, J. H. Hoggard.
Fourth Street, Brady Cook.
Rector Ct., L. L. Langston. (Supply).
Smithville Ct., W. D. Yount.
Saint Francis Ct., C. A. Brannon. (Supply).
Strangers Home Ct., C. L. Martin. (Supply).
Walnut Ridge, R. E. L. Beadren Jr.
Walnut Ridge Ct., Y. D. Whitehurst. (Supply).
Brady Cook, District Director of Evangelism.
B. C. Few, District Director of Arkansas Methodist Campaign.
E. W. Potter, District Missionary Secretary.

SEARCY DISTRICT

H. H. Griffin, District Supt.
Antioch, M. L. Kaylor. (Supply).
Augusta, S. O. Patty.
Bald Knob-Bradford, H. D. Womack.
Bebee, Harold O. Eggensperger.
Cabot, J. F. Glover.
Clinton, Virgil Hanks.
Cotton Plant, E. E. Stevenson.
DeView-McClelland, J. W. Sandage. (Supply).
Griffithville, J. W. Harger.
Harrison, W. J. Spicer.
Heber Springs Churches:
First Church, W. W. Allbright.
Central, J. H. Smith.
Hunter, Elmo Thomasson.
Jacksonville, LeRoy Henry.
Jasper, Thomas C. Huff.
Judsonia, F. A. Lark.
Kensett, Alfred A. Eason.
Leslie, E. J. Reaves.
Marshall, C. E. Gray.
McCrary, J. Ralph Hillis.
McRae, J. M. Talkington. (Supply).
Pangburn, M. L. Edgington.
Quitman, C. J. Wade.
Rosebud, W. C. Smith.
Searcy, C. Norman Guice.
Valley Springs-Bellefonte, Thomas R. Whiddon.

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Dedication Of Waller's Chapel

SOME three hundred friends gathered at Waller's Chapel on the Fountain Hill Circuit, Sunday, October 31st, to participate in the dedication of the new church building there. At the eleven o'clock hour the Rev. Arthur Terry, district superintendent of the Monticello District, fed our souls with a stirring sermon. At the beginning of the morning service, Bro. Terry introduced Billy Tadlock, infant son of Rev. and Mrs. James Tadlock, who, with Bro. Terry's assistance, presented the new chapel with two wooden collection plates.

At the noon hour the ladies of Waller's Chapel spread lunch (?) on a fifty foot table, under the shade of the towering pines which provide a most fitting background for the beautiful chapel.

The people of Waller's Chapel deserve much credit for their effort in the building of this place of worship. It was erected on a pay-as-you-go plan with the congregation and friends sharing the expense. No funds were borrowed from the Board of Church Extension. A goodly portion of the material used in the construction

was donated in the form of logs which were traded to the Crossett Lumber Company for finished ma-



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Pastor Fountain Hill Circuit

terial. Thanks go to this company for their generous contribution and assistance. The new building is

thirty-two feet wide and fifty-four feet long.

Following dinner the people assembled for the Fourth Quarterly Conference. All reports were gratifying as everything for all six of the churches on the Fountain Hill Circuit, including the expense of recovering the parsonage roof, were reported paid in full. All churches on the circuit were well represented.

The formal dedication service of the chapel started at 3:00 p. m. Rev. J. D. Baker, of the Crossett Methodist Church, delivered an inspirational sermon on the Church of God. The actual dedicatory service, with aid of mimeographed copies of the ceremony, was participated in by all of the congregation presided over by Rev. Arthur Terry. Four charter members of the church were presented to those present. These four Mr. and Mrs. George D. Murphy, and Mr. and Mrs. Jim Stinson still take an active and leading part in all affairs of the church.

To all concerned the day was a great success and a beautiful service to the glory of God.

Rev. James A. Tadlock is pastor.

OAKLAWN CHURCH HOT SPRINGS

This year has in many respects been the outstanding one in the history of Oaklawn Church. Under the splendid ministry of our beloved pastor, Rev. George E. Reutz, the long-standing debt has been paid and the church dedicated. Brother Reutz is closing his fifth year as our pastor and a request has been made that he return for the sixth. All of our people love him and his splendid family greatly.

In addition to the dedication of the church quite a sum of money has been spent in redecorating the auditorium and other parts of the building. It is now one of the most worshipful churches in Hot Springs. Dr. Homer T. Fort, pastor of First Church, has recently given a pulpit Bible to the church which adds much to the appearance of the sanctuary.

On the evening of November 2nd, the membership, one hundred and fifty in number, gathered in the dining room of the church and gave an appreciation dinner for Brother and Mrs. Reutz and Dr. and Mrs. Fort. It was under the inspiration of the leadership of Dr. Fort that the church-debt campaign was begun. We at Oaklawn feel that their pastor is also very close to us and we know that he feels our interest in his heart.

I might add, as Chairman of the Board, that the salary of the pastor at Oaklawn has been raised from \$1500 to \$2,000. We are doing this in order to make our church assume its rightful place among the splendid churches of the Conference.—Doyle Shirley, Chairman of the Board, Oaklawn Methodist Church.

THE MISSIONARY WELCOMES THE SOLDIER

"It has been a joy to meet American as well as British, Australian and Indian soldiers from the ranks to general!" writes Dr. Orville L. Davis, principal of Leonard Theological College, from Jubbulpore, India. "Our American boys have seemed so wholesome, sympathetic, understanding, and cooperative! We have had reason to be proud of them. Their fellowship has been intriguing and fruitful. They prefer straight-forward, realistic Christian worship, friendship, fellowship and the good news of the Christian gospel. Because of their inspiration and expressed needs, our College teacher-student prayer-fellowship has enthusiastically adopted my daily Scripture reading program which in the cycle of a year leads the reader through the life and work of Jesus, the beginning of the Christian church and the life and work of Saint Paul. This has been printed to be distributed by the thousands.

"One of our students was appointed by the Government as chaplain to India troops. Mr. Coole (of the faculty) has served as chaplain for British troops. What a grand opportunity to help fighting men to face the abiding realities with Christian faith! I have not only profited spiritually but recovered my youth by teaching a British regiment how to play baseball!"

Veteran Missionary Pleads For Famine-Stricken China

By REV. HARRY R. CALDWELL

I RETURNED to Futsing two days ago after an extended trip away from home. During these seven weeks a very great change has come over this entire four-district coastal region. Winter crops have failed because of lack of rain through a period of months. Then the spring rains were necessary for the planting of peanuts, beans and spring vegetables, followed by the annual rice planting. But the rains did not come. There has not been two inches of rain in this region through a period of eight months. Famine not only threatens in a very large way—famine conditions now exist, and there is a greater degree of suffering and want on this field than has been known for a generation.

What the future holds in store for the church institutions and the church workers of course is unknown. Privation and starvation stalk around. It would seem the very foundations of the work built through a long period of years are threatened. To meet the actual degree of financial support for the ministry of the church seven years ago, the local constituency of the church would have to contribute seventy times as much as was contributed for this same purpose in 1937. Reckoning on the same basis of financial support the designated gifts from America would have to be thirteen times what they were six years ago. This thing was very carefully worked out eight weeks ago on the basis of commodity price index for January, 1937. Based upon those same figures conditions are doubly worse today, because the price of practically all food stuff has more than doubled within the past two

months.

Rice which is the index commodity in China cost less than \$500 per manload two months ago. The same load costs \$1,100 today, and, even at double that price, rice is not to be had in sufficient quantities to even begin to meet the imperative needs. The same increase in prices applies to all food stuffs, so all people are alike threatened with privation and suffering.

Even though the common tropic of conversation wherever one may go is "How are we going to live?" still there is a deep current of thought about spiritual things. Only yesterday I received an urgent request from one of our strong rural churches to come to them and hold a series of evangelistic services. Two weeks ago I preached the final service of a series held for the students of one of our largest educational institutions. After stressing five points covering why the "New China" after this war must be Christian, I made bold to challenge those who would dedicate their lives unconditionally to Christ and to building a Christian China to meet me at the altar. More than one hundred students responded to this challenge in a most serious way.

In order that the Methodist Church on this coast field may more fully measure up to the challenge of this day, we are, even amid famine conditions, appealing to those who call themselves Christian to again double, and still double again, any previous giving. This must be done if the work of the church is to survive. And even after this has been actually accomplished it will still be neces-

sary for giving on the part of our American friends to be greatly increased. In the name of this work to which I have given more than forty years of my life I most earnestly solicit both your financial support and your prayers.

HOPE

Failure will hurt but not hinder us. Disillusion will pain but not dishearten us. Sorrows will shake us but not break us. Hope will set the music ringing and quicken our lagging pace. We need hope for living far more than for dying. Dying is easy work compared with living. Dying is a moment's transition; living, a transaction of years. It is the length of the rope that puts the sag in it. Hope tightens the words and tunes up the heart-strings. Work well, then; suffer patiently, rejoicing in hope. God knows all, and yet is the God of Hope. And when we have hoped to the end here, He will give us something to look forward to, for all eternity. For "hope abideth."—Selected.

THE AIM OF MISSIONS

The supreme aim of missions is to make the Lord Jesus Christ known to all peoples in all lands as their divine Saviour, to persuade them to become His disciples, and to gather these disciples into Christian churches; to enlist them in the building of the kingdom of God; to co-operate with these churches; to promote world Christian fellowship and to bring to bear on all human life the spirit and principles of Jesus.—Discipline of The Methodist Church.

WOMAN'S SOCIETY OF CHRISTIAN SERVICE

MRS. SUE M. WAYLAND, Editor

WARREN TEA HONORS CONFERENCE OFFICERS

The third anniversary of the founding of the Woman's Society of Christian Service was observed at the Methodist Church Monday afternoon, with Mrs. D. L. Purkins as program leader.

Mrs. Watt Childs and Mrs. Fred Holt accompanied by Mrs. W. O. Pontius, sang.

Mrs. A. R. McKinney of Texarkana, president of the Little Rock Conference, guest speaker, spoke on the Opportunity and Responsibility of Christian Women in a World of Tragedy. Mrs. McKinney was introduced by Mrs. V. O. Buck, Conference Secretary of Literature and Publications. At the conclusion of the address the Charter roll was read and a birthday offering was made.

After the program, Mrs. Will T. Murray and Mrs. E. D. Galloway and Mrs. V. O. Buck presented the guests to Mrs. McKinney, Mrs. Watson Jopling and Mrs. A. J. Christie in an informal receiving line.

Circle Three, with Mrs. Earl Garrison as chairman, assisted by circle members and her committee, composed of Mrs. Louis Ederington, Mrs. John Scobey and Mrs. J. P. Lambert, were in charge of the social hour.

Tea was served from a beautifully appointed table laid with an Italian cut-work cloth and a silver service, and centered with pink roses. The tea table was presided over by Mrs. Earl Garrison and Mrs. B. H. Gill.

Guests for the afternoon included women from Wilmar and New Edinburg Methodist Churches and the local Baptist and Presbyterian Churches. There were 125 ladies present.—Reporter.

WALDO PRAYER PROGRAM

The Woman's Society of Christian Service held an all day session at the church Monday, October 25th, when the Week of Prayer program was given. The church was beautiful with flowers of white and red dahlias grown at the parsonage. Mrs. J. W. Rhea gave a program of soft music as the prelude. Mrs. Paul Mitchell had charge of the program and conducted the devotional.

Mrs. George Kitchens gave the poem "Father We Thank Thee," which was followed by a solo by Rev. J. A. Simpson. At the noon hour a pot luck luncheon was served in the basement. Mrs. C. L. O'Daniel was leader for the afternoon session which opened with a spiritual meditation. She presented: Mrs. E. C. Wiggins, Mrs. Allen Fincher, and Mrs. T. H. Jones who talked on various phases of the work of the church, explaining the week of prayer gift offerings.

The closing feature was the Communion service followed by love gifts for foreign and home work. Mrs. Otis Fincher is president of the Waldo Society, having served in the capacity for the past four years.—Reporter.

*And all things, whatsoever ye shall ask in prayer, believing,
ye shall receive. —Matt. 21:22*

WISHING

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

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

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

—Ella Wheeler Wilcox.

FINANCIAL REPORT NORTH ARKANSAS CONFERENCE

RECEIPTS

Undirected Pledge	\$ 4,631.97
W. S. G.	301.93
Lenten	20.25
Scarritt	37.50
Camden Rural Board	300.00
Little Rock City Missions	351.85
Bible Women	90.00
Scholarships	60.00
Honorary Memberships	340.00
Youth Fund	123.66
Children	42.18
"Cash" Supplies Brazil	322.90
China Relief	33.00
Refund for Sequoyah	10.00
Youth Fund sent to L. R.	1.25
Cultivation Fund	1.35
Week of Prayer	2.50
Pins	25.00
Total Receipts	\$ 6,695.34
Balance end Second Quarter	3,498.26
	\$10,193.60
Disbursements	7,099.62
Balance end Third Quarter	3,093.98
Amount of Ch. Social Relations and Local Church Activities	\$ 5,245.68

DISBURSEMENTS

Division	\$6,428.24
Officers and Sec.	241.48
Officers Sequoyah	160.68
Officers Okla. City	48.76
Evert's for Pins	100.00
Jurisdiction	62.70
W. S. G., Officer	3.25
Stationery	21.94
News Scope	22.75
Miscellaneous	9.82
	\$7,099.62

TO DIVISION

Pledge	\$4,197.47
W. S. G.	251.93
W. S. G. Projects	50.00
Lenten	20.25
Scarritt	37.50
Camden	300.00
Little Rock	351.85
Bible Women	90.00
Scholarships	60.00
Hon. Memberships	310.00
Maintenance Budget	
Brazil	225.00
Total on Pledge	\$5,894.00
Student	12.50
Youth Fund	118.66
Youth Project	5.00
Children	42.18
"Cash" Supplies	322.90
China Relief	33.00
Total	\$6,428.24

HONORARY MEMBERSHIPS

Hon. Baby Membership:
Mary Abbeygail Pierce, Strong; Charlotte Virginia Jones, Hamburg; Betty Carol Vaught, Texarkana, Fairview; Ann Gill Smith, Shar-mayne B. Kimball, Hot Springs, First; Connie Faye Speer and Dian-ra Wingfield, Emerson; Judith Kay Bonner and Virginia Ann Grayson, Stephens; Travis Walton McCoy and Robert Jackson McCoy, Benton; Martha Drue Nutt, Jane Jones Garner, Jane Bruce, Sue Ella Russell, Sandra Russell and Harriet Jane Buzbee, Fordyce; Mary Beth Dixon, Primrose; Mary Katherine Full-

er and Michael Scott Stacy, Lewisville.

Hon. Junior Membership:
Gwendolyn Sue Garrison, De-Queen.

Adult Life Memberships:

Mrs. L. J. Thompson and Mrs. J. R. Dickinson, Texarkana, Fairview; Mrs. Cornelia Rebecca McDonald and Mrs. Susan Amelia Watson, Smackover; Mrs. Adah Barrett, Sherrill; Mrs. W. C. Cruce, Monticello; Mrs. Moffett Carolan Gardner, Richmond; Mrs. Lucy Merrill Jones, Rison, by Pine Bulff District.—Mrs. Allen Gannaway, Treasurer

RICHMOND W. S. C. S.

On Sunday evening, October 10th, the W. S. C. S. celebrated their third anniversary with an open meeting at the Methodist Church in Richmond.

Three candles on the altar rail, burning with bright, clear flames, symbolized the earnestness of this group of women, who in the past three years, with an active membership of 10 have accomplished much. More than \$740.00 has been raised, which was used for improvement of the church and parsonage.

Mrs. Willard Locke had charge of the program with Royce Wilson, pianist. A piano medley of old hymns rendered by Mrs. Wilson was the opening number on the program. Rev. C. H. Farmer of Ashdown was introduced and made an interesting and instructive talk on the work of the W. S. C. S. Rev. Paul Address, a missionary from Paraguay was the principal speaker of the evening and stressed the many problems that will have to be met and solved in the near future. Mrs. Lucy Wade Address, accompanied at the piano by Dr. Address, sang two numbers.

The high light of this service was the presenting, by Mrs. Address, of a life membership to Mrs. W. W. Gardner as a token of love and appreciation from her friends in Richmond. In her presentation speech, Mrs. Address mentioned the fact that Mrs. Gardner's mother was one of the charter members of this auxiliary which was organized in 1869 and has functioned under five different names.

A birthday fund of \$20.28 was presented to the W. S. C. S. A gift of love from Miss Billye Locke of Texarkana, was presented the W. S. C. S. by Mrs. W. W. Gardner. This was \$5.00.

This service was well attended by friends of this organization from Richmond and Ashdown.—Reporter.

A GOOD NAME

"A good name is rather to be chosen than great riches"—Proverbs 22:1.

Following the war between the States, General Robert E. Lee received many attractive financial offers, all of which he politely declined. In reply to a certain insurance company which offered him a salary of \$10,000 a year for the use of his name, he said, "My good name is about all that I have saved from the wreck of the war, and that is not for sale."

The qualities of character which evoked such a response are the foundation stones of civilization. Without character no nation, no matter how wealthy in material things, can survive. With the character which comes from a good name, honest convictions lived up to, wholesome attitudes, righteous conduct, any nation will go down in history as a blessing to man. But in its final analysis, the character of a nation is dependent upon the character of individuals that compose it.—Exchange.

Hunter Memorial Church Honors Pastor

By E. L. OLIVER

THE dinner meeting and Fourth Quarterly Conference at Hunter Memorial Church, 11th and McAlmont Streets, Little Rock, on November 4th was an occasion long to be remembered by all present.

The Woman's Society of Christian Service prepared and served an excellent dinner and the program honoring Dr. W. C. Watson that followed was in effect a regular "love feast" with Associate Justice Ed F. McFaddin as the principal speaker. Justice McFaddin stated that he was received into the church by Dr. Watson when 8 years old and for 41 years he had been closely associated with him and he could say sincerely that in his opinion no man in Arkansas in the last 50 years has a better record of worthy achievement or has exerted a greater influence for good. Justice McFaddin in his address eloquently reviewed Dr. Watson's ministry of over 50 years in Arkansas.

Dr. Watson was appointed to the pastorate of Hunter Memorial Church in January, 1943 succeeding the Reverend Alton J. Shirey who was called into the Army Air Corps as a chaplain. Since he assumed the pastorate in January, the Rev. Mr. Watson has added 126 new members to the congregation and in a 30-day campaign just ended he raised funds to retire a \$2,000 mortgage on the parsonage.

It was because of this remarkable achievement that church leaders assembled at the church for a testimonial dinner at which Dr. Watson happily burned the mortgage.

The parsonage was constructed during the pastorate of Rev. Alton J. Shirey who was called into active

service in the Army Air Corps shortly afterwards.

The Fourth Quarterly Conference

year. One of the unusual features of the conference was the presentation of five life-memberships in



DR. WATSON BURNS MORTGAGE

was conducted by Dr. C. M. Reves, who complimented Dr. Watson and the congregation on the splendid accomplishments during the past

the Woman's Society of Christian Service. These presentations were made by Mrs. W. C. Watson, wife of the pastor, to the president,

Mrs. H. L. Galusha and the four past presidents, Mrs. J. C. Monan, Mrs. Jenny B. Hart, Mrs. H. M. Gordon, Mrs. W. M. Johnson and to the chairman of the Business Women's Circle, Mrs. Claude R. Roy.

This year the report of the Woman's Society of Christian Service showed a marked increase in money contributed, \$91.00 being the total of the Week of Prayer offering and in addition to the three "Honor Babies" already made this year, Carol Lou Covington was presented at the meeting. She is the little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. K. Covington. All pledges were reported paid in full.

The Quarterly Conference unanimously voted to request the return of Dr. Watson as pastor next year.

The following officers of the church were elected:

Board of Stewards: P. S. Biddy, E. L. Oliver, A. M. Corley, James H. Johnson, Ralph V. Covington, J. H. D. Gunn, J. D. Patton, L. P. Whitlock, S. L. Galusha, F. L. Agee, Vick Townsend, Artho Poe, Mrs. Linnie Rollins, J. R. Coe, J. M. Lamb, B. B. Ifwerstrom, C. W. Waters, J. R. Ross, S. C. Harrison, Mrs. E. L. Oliver and Wesley High.

Board of Trustees: James H. Johnson, J. D. Patton, Mrs. Earl Oliver, P. S. Biddy and S. L. Galusha.

Board of Education: J. H. Johnson, J. D. Patton, J. H. D. Gunn, P. S. Biddy, E. L. Oliver, Mrs. H. L. Galusha, Mrs. Linnie Rollins, and Mrs. B. B. Ifwerstrom.

James H. Johnson was elected superintendent of the church school and Mrs. H. L. Galusha president of the Woman's Society of Christian Service.

NEWS ITEMS

The sympathy of friends goes out to Rev. George W. Robertson, pastor of Hawley Memorial Church, Pine Bluff, in the death of his wife on October 12. Funeral services were held by Rev. W. Neil Hart and Rev. T. T. McNeil. Burial was at Pine Bluff.

Rev. G. C. Johnson, district superintendent, reports that First Church Batesville paid more on World Service than on pastor's salary. Eleven charges in the district overpaid Acceptances and two overpaid Askings.

Born to Rev. and Mrs. Claude R. Roy on Sunday, November 7, a son, Claude Richmond Roy, Jr. Brother Roy is our pastor at Keo.

Rev. J. T. McBride of Walters, Oklahoma, a former member of the old Arkansas Conference, called Friday. He enjoys these occasional visits to his native state.

The accent of our native country dwells in the heart and mind, as well as on the tongue.—La Rochefoucauld.

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Batesville 884; Conway 860; Fayetteville 445; Ft. Smith 1256; Helena 700; Jonesboro 493; Paragould 400; Searcy 640.

Enrollment in Church Schools: Batesville 6900; Conway 7601; Fayetteville 6528; Ft. Smith 9994; Helena 6100; Jonesboro 6590; Paragould 6688; Searcy 7640.

Number Licensed to Preach: Conway 1; Ft. Smith 3; Paragould 6; Searcy 1.

Number W. S. C. S.: Batesville 30; Conway 29; Fayetteville 31; Ft. Smith 38; Helena 33; Jonesboro 32; Paragould 35; Searcy 28.

Members W. S. C. S.: Batesville 819; Conway 1234; Fayetteville 1155; Ft. Smith 1784; Helena 1360; Jonesboro 1399; Paragould 850; Searcy 1220.

Training Credits Issued: Batesville 122; Conway 228; Fayetteville 192; Ft. Smith 283; Helena 200; Jonesboro 225; Paragould 160; Searcy 146.

Paid on Church School Rally Day: Batesville \$309; Conway \$456; Fayetteville \$252; Ft. Smith \$557; Helena \$400; Jonesboro \$427; Paragould \$250; Searcy \$360.

Week of Dedication and World Communion Offering: Batesville \$1456; Conway \$1080; Fayetteville \$1859; Ft. Smith \$2186; Helena \$1400; Jonesboro \$1701; Paragould

\$700; Searcy \$1,260.

Raised for Property Improvement and Upkeep: Batesville \$4,449; Conway \$5,963; Fayetteville \$7,706; Ft. Smith \$18,515; Helena \$1,000; Jonesboro \$34,258; Paragould \$11,000; Searcy \$32,000.

Paid on Church Debts: Batesville \$1,950; Conway \$20,587; Ft. Smith \$26,003; Helena \$1,400; Jonesboro \$24,304; Paragould \$750; Searcy \$15,600.

New Churches Built: Conway 1; Ft. Smith 1; Paragould 2; Searcy 2.

Accepted for Benevolences: Batesville \$6,411; Conway \$8,147; Fayetteville \$5,534; Ft. Smith \$9,498; Helena \$9,600; Jonesboro \$9,667; Paragould \$5,849; Searcy \$6,659.

Percentage of Benevolences Askings Accepted: Batesville 70; Conway 64; Fayetteville 58; Ft. Smith 60; Helena 69; Jonesboro 70; Paragould 56; Searcy 58.

Paid on Benevolences: Batesville \$7,672; Conway \$8,147; Fayetteville \$5,559; Ft. Smith \$9,498; Helena \$9,600; Jonesboro \$9,667; Paragould \$5,879; Searcy \$6,676; Total \$62,698.

Percentage of Acceptances on Benevolences Paid: Batesville 119; Conway 100; Fayetteville 100; Ft. Smith 100; Helena 100; Jonesboro 100; Paragould 100; Searcy 100.

Paid on Hendrix College and Ministerial Training: Batesville \$871; Conway \$2,300; Fayetteville \$749; Ft. Smith \$1,206; Helena \$1,499;

Jonesboro \$1,366; Paragould \$812; Searcy \$810; Total \$9,514.

Philander Smith College: Batesville \$215; Conway \$341; Fayetteville \$249; Ft. Smith \$368; Helena \$300; Jonesboro \$301; Paragould \$212; Searcy \$205; Total \$2,191.

Average percentage accepted on Benevolences 63 percent.

Average percentage paid on Acceptances 102 percent.

Submitted by W. V. Womack, Secretary North Arkansas Conference Cabinet.

ADULT WORKERS WITH INTERMEDIATES

All adult workers with Intermediates and pastors of churches in Little Rock and North Little Rock are urged to be present at a meeting at Washington Avenue Church, N. Little Rock, on Monday, November 15th, at 7:30. A discussion of problems and needs will be led by Mrs. C. B. Nelson and Mrs. W. M. Woodsmall. Plans will be made for the meeting in December for Intermediates. If you have room in your car for additional passengers or if you need transportation, call Mrs. Nelson at 4-0798 or 2-1990.

While working and earning his living as a blacksmith, Elihu Burritt, the New England reformer, mastered some eighteen ancient and modern languages and twenty European dialects.—Self-Help.



Sixty-Two Years Of Methodism In Chidester



By W. E. RUSHING

THE town of Chidester was laid out in 1880 when the Iron Mountain Railroad (now Missouri Pacific) was built from Gurdon to Camden. The first Methodist Church built in 1881. This church was a boxed house, built of rough lumber. The lot on which it was built was given to the church by T. J. Smith, who was a member of the Baptist Church, and who owned the land on which the town of Chidester was built. The Baptist Church to which he belonged, was a neighborhood church before the railroad was built, and was about one mile from the town-site of Chidester. At the time this first Methodist Church was built, there were two country Methodist Churches in the surrounding country—Steele's Chapel, about four miles south, and Missouri Church about six miles north. The first pastor to serve the new church was Rev. J. W. Whaley, one of the sincere landmark Methodist preachers in this country.

In 1892 the congregation decided that they wanted a better church. About this time the Masonic Lodge No. 77, which was domiciled over the Missouri Church, located about six miles north of Chidester, wanted to move the lodge to Chidester. The church and lodge arranged to build together, the church to own the lower part, the lodge the top part. They built a very pretty two-story frame building, and painted it white. The lot on which the church was erected was given to the church A. S. Rushing, a member of the congregation. This lot was across the street north of the lot where the first church was erected.

This second church served the congregation for forty-five years. By this time the town and congregation had grown until it needed a larger church. After months of talking and planning, it was decided to build a new church. This was in 1937, Rev. Rufus F. Sorrels was pastor, and E. C. Rule was presiding elder. Both of these men rendered valuable service in the building of the new church. A building committee, composed of D. W. Stott, W. A. Lester, W. W. Taylor, W. G. Rushing, W. C. Stinnett, and Mrs. T. H. Benton was appointed. This committee agreed with a committee

from the Masonic Lodge that the church would give its interest in the house, and also give the lodge the lot on which the first church was built, the lodge to move the building across the street to their own lot. The Masons in town deeded their interests in the joint ownership lot to the church, thus giving the church a lot of its own. The church then purchased twenty-five feet more ground, which made their lot 100x150 feet, with some nice

with nineteen members and now has one hundred and ninety-two. The following preachers have served this church through the sixty-two years: 1881-82, J. W. Whaley; 1883, J. W. Berry; 1884, Jeff James; 1885, Rev. Turner; 1886, C. L. Adams; 1887-88, W. W. Mills; 1889, B. A. White; 1890, L. J. Pipkin; 1891, J. M. Cline; 1892-93, Edward Rushing; 1894, L. C. Woozencraft; 1895, J. W. F. Scott; 1896, supplied by J. W. Whaley; 1897, J. Z. Burleson; 1898-

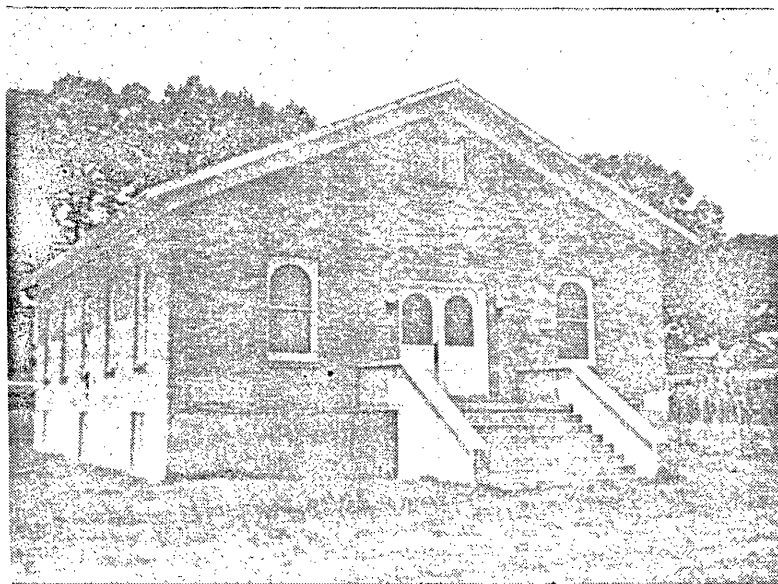
many years there has been a parsonage for the preachers to live in.

Rev. J. A. Newell is our present pastor. He is a hard worker, an excellent preacher, and an efficient spiritual leader. He is serving his third year here, and this has been the best year of his ministry in Chidester. Under his leadership the church has made wonderful progress, spiritually, as well as in other ways. Of the one hundred and ninety-two members on our roll, thirty-five have been received during the pastorate of the present pastor.

During the year just closing, every item of the Conference program has been carried out, and every financial obligation met on schedule. The Benevolences have been increased eighty percent the past three years, the congregation accepting and paying sixty percent above last year. This has been made possible through a systematic plan of finance, instituted the first year brother Newell came to us. Our church has some tithers and, during the month of October, sixteen of our members are tithing. The financial income for our church during this month is the largest by far that it has ever had, and tithing has been a real spiritual blessing to our people.

The church has been the recipient of some lovely gifts this year, which adds to its beauty and dignity: A lovely Altar Cross; Pulpit Bible; Life-size picture, "The Good Shepherd"; Pulpit Light; a Punch Bowl and plates for the kitchen, and a stately Bulletin Board on the lawn. All of these gifts were individual gifts except the Bulletin Board; it was purchased by the church and its friends.

Brother Newell has had the help of Mrs. Newell, who is known by many of her friends in Arkansas as Mrs. Katalee Whatley. She is a very capable, helpful leader among the women of the church, and has played an important part in the achievements of the past two years. May God bless Brother Newell and his good wife in the years to come, and make them a blessing to all whom they serve in the kingdom of our Lord.



CHIDESTER METHODIST CHURCH

oak shade trees at the back of the church. The church is on a beautiful corner lot, just one block from the parsonage. The building is a buff colored brick, consisting of a sanctuary with a seating capacity of three hundred people; a basement in which there is a kitchen, an assembly room, and class rooms. The church was built on a cash basis, and there is no debt on the property. It was built as a memorial church to the memory of four Rushing brothers, two of whom, John R. and Edward, were Methodist preachers, and spent their active ministry as members of the Little Rock Conference; W. N. and A. S. Rushing.

The church has been blessed with good pastoral leadership throughout the years, as well as good lay leadership. The church was organized

99, J. D. Dunn; 1900-01, O. H. Keagle; 1902, R. L. Reese; 1903-04, L. W. Evans; 1905-07, J. L. Johnson; 1908, C. F. Messer; 1909, J. C. Samplly; 1910, supplied by J. C. Samplly; 1911, J. B. Williams; 1912, supplied by Rev. S. Gay; 1913, Alva C. Rogers; 1914-15, L. C. Gtlin; 1916-18, F. R. Canfield; 1919, A. V. Savage; 1920, W. B. Arnold; 1921-22, S. L. Durham; 1923, G. C. Ames; 1924, C. B. Powell; 1925-26, F. R. Canfield; 1927, J. K. Harrell; 1928-32, H. R. Nabors; 1933, F. C. Cannon; 1934, A. E. Jacobs; 1936-37, R. F. Sorrells; 1938-39, George L. Cagle; 1940-43, J. A. Newell.

The church has always maintained a Sunday School, Missionary Society, an Epworth League (now Methodist Youth Fellowship), and mid-week prayer meeting. For

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District Director of Evangelism, C. N. Guice.
Director Arkansas Methodist, W. J. Spicer.
District Missionary Secretary, S. O. Patty.

TRANSFERRED IN

Thomas R. Whidden, an elder, Tenn. Conference.
Thomas E. McKnight, an elder, Little Rock Conference.
Golder Lawrence, an elder, Little Rock Conference.
J. O. Whitworth, an elder, Little Rock Conference.
Cecil R. Culver, an elder, Little Rock Conference.

TRANSFERRED OUT

Daniel Kaiper, an elder, to East Oklahoma Conference.
Byron Cravens, in class second year, W. Oklahoma Conference.

J. L. Dedman, an elder, Little Rock Conference.
Earl Walker, an elder, East Oklahoma Conference.
L. M. Starkey, an elder, Little Rock Conference.

SABATICAL LEAVE

J. W. York.

SPECIAL APPOINTMENTS

E. T. Wayland, Editor of Arkansas Methodist.
Glenn F. Sanford, Secretary of Town and Country Work.
Ira A. Brumley, Executive Secretary of North Arkansas Conference Board of Education.
A. W. Wasson, Associate Secretary, Department of Foreign Missions, General Board of Missions and Ch. Extension.
J. W. Workman, Associate Secretary General Board of Lay Activities.
James S. Seneker, Professor, South-

ern Methodist University.
Harry King, Professor, Arkansas College.
Nat R. Griswold, Japanese Resettlement Project.
J. Q. Schisler, Secretary of Department of Local Church General Board of Education.
Sam M. Yancey, Superintendent, Western Methodist Assembly.
E. B. Williams, Conference Missionary Secretary.
J. T. Randle, Conference Golden Cross Director.
James S. Upton, Conference Director of Youth Work.
Glenn F. Sanford, Conference Director of Adult Work.
Thomas E. McKnight, Chaplain, attached First Church quarterly Conference, Conway.
Donaghey Duran, Chaplain, attached to First Church quarterly conference, Jonesboro.

John G. Gieck, Chaplain, attached to First Church, quarterly conference, Ft. Smith.

Alfred Knox, Chaplain, attached to First Church, quarterly conference, Searcy.

Lyman T. Barger, Chaplain, attached to First Church, quarterly conference, Helena.

James S. Upton, Head of The Department of Religion, Hendrix College.

LEFT WITHOUT APPOINTMENT TO ATTEND SCHOOL

Southern Methodist University, George E. Stewart, Kermit Vanzant, Earl DuBois, T. Poe Williams.

Westminster Seminary, W. H. Harrison.

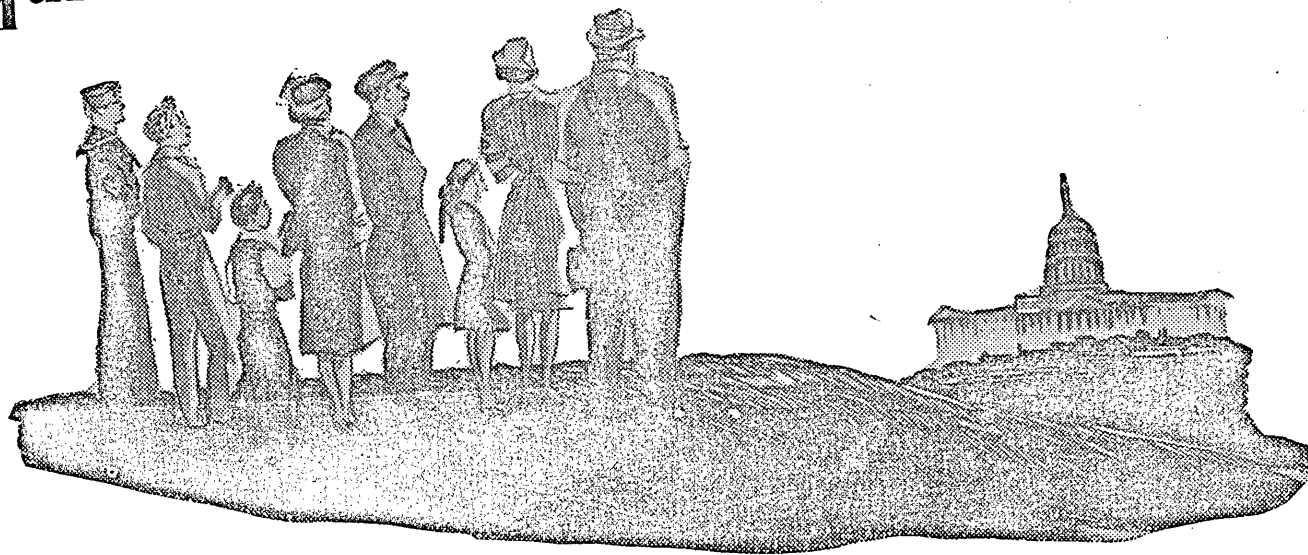
University of Chicago, Rodney Shaw.

Asbury College, Pharis Holifield.
Duke University, David Conyers.

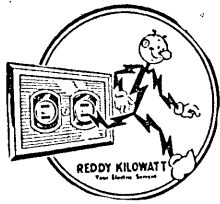
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The Sunday School Lesson

By DR. W. P. WHALEY



The Sanctity of the Home

LESSON FOR NOVEMBER 14, 1943

SCRIPTURE TEXT: Exodus 20:14; Matthew 5:27 to 30; Mark 10:2 to 12.

GOLDEN TEXT: "Blessed are the pure in heart: for they shall see God."—Matt. 5:8.

I. THE HOME OF THE FAMILY

In Old Testament times God dealt with people by families. The fifth chapter of Genesis lists the names of families from Adam to the flood. Chapter ten gives names of the families from Noah to the tower of Babel. Chapter eleven lists the families from Shem to Abraham. Succeeding chapters deal with families from Abraham to the migration into Egypt. Exodus is the account of the deliverance by families and tribes from Egypt. Israel marched and camped forty years organized by families and tribes. They were placed in Canaan by families and tribes. The family was the unit of their national life: the census was taken by families, they were taxed by families, they were drafted for the army by families. The family was the unit of the church. The genealogy of the Jews was kept through forty-two generations, to the coming of Christ. Abraham's family was to bless "all families of the earth." Divine disfavor rested upon men by families: Cain, Ham, Ishmael, Esau, Achan. Achan's family and property were destroyed because of the sin of Achan. That seems severe, but that is what is occurring all the time now. A wicked husband and father brings calamity and ruin upon the whole family." God setteth the individual in families" (Ps. 68:6). A good family blesses the individual; but a bad family curses the individual.

II. GOD MARRIED A COUPLE

God made woman and brought her to man. He introduced them, commanded them to "be one flesh," told them to be fruitful and multiply, and blessed them. "Marriage is an honorable estate, instituted of God in the time of man's innocence."

The purpose of marriage is the production of families. The purpose of families is to become units of nations and of churches. The purpose of a home is to shut the family in; bind the members together for acquaintance, love, and family solidarity; and to let the family look from within upon the world outside. Children should see the world through the windows of home, and under the instruction of parents. They should not be thrust out into an unknown world without teaching and training. They should not be entrusted to the public school until the parents have gotten in six years of diligent teaching and training that nothing in the world can upset. Again, the home is to shut some things out. There should be shutters to the doors, and blinds to the windows. These should be positively closed to some things: indecent literature, demoralizing picture

shows, damaging radio programs, and evil companions.

III. NOT ENOUGH CHIMNEYS

*"Each man's chimney is his golden milestone;
Is the central point from which
he measures every distance
Through the gateways of the
world around him.
In his farthest wanderings still
he sees it;
Hears the talking flame, the answering
night-wind, as he heard
When he sat with those who
were, but are not."*

Longfellow wrote those beautiful lines long ago, when every man thought he must have a chimney, and sit with his family in the evening around the home fire. In modern times we have become job-hunters, renters, boarders, transients. Married people are on the wing. They flutter from apartment to apartment. There is no fire on a hearth, and sparks going up a chimney. The sign on every apartment is, "NO CHILDREN ALLOWED." These hard words become engraved on the hearts of married couples. They are called "efficiency apartments," and they are the last word in physical convenience and comfort; but a husband and wife cannot obey God in them. Children cannot be born and families raised in them. They are good for everything but a home.

The husband and wife themselves cannot be their best where they cannot obey God. They cannot have much community spirit while living temporarily in a little apartment. Sojourning here and there, they are detached from their home church, and not bound up with others where they stop for a while. Good homes are conducive to patriotism. Men will fight for their homes; but they do not care to fight for an apartment. Apartment dwellers give up the thought of a home. They cannot make a home of an apartment. Often both the husband and the wife work. In the morning the husband goes his way and the wife goes hers. They are thrown with all sorts of people during the working hours, and do not see each other until they meet in the evening at the apartment. There is no grass to cut, no shrubbery to trim, no flowers to water, no chickens to feed, and no children romping in from school. They eat, then turn on the radio or go to the show. Edgar A. Guest said:

*"No children in the house to play—
It must be hard to live that way!
I wonder what people do
When night comes on and work
is through,*

*With no glad little folks to shout,
No eager feet to race about,
No youthful tongues to chatter on,
About the joy that's been and gone.*

*The house might be a castle fine,
But what a lonely place to dine!*

There are, perhaps, a million couples living that way. That accounts for the decline in the birth rate, the absence of so many from the church, the increase in divorces, the lack of public spirit, lagging patriotism, and the decay of public morals. As the human body sickens and dies because of the failure of some of its parts, so a nation declines because of the failure of some of its units. The home is a most important unit of national life.

IV. THE STORM NOW RAGING

Here is a SO story of a family I knew in Arkansas. When they were married, the husband and wife were very poor. He cut logs and built a one room cabin, and put up a dirt chimney. Every year he cleared a few more acres of his land. As the children arrived and grew, he added more rooms to his house. In the course of years, he had large fields, a rambling big house, and an unusually large family. One evening, when the father and sons had come in from the fields, and were scattered about the place feeding stock and getting in wood, the girls were at the cow-pen doing the milking, and the mother was finishing up the supper for her large family, suddenly the scattered family discovered a cyclone bearing swiftly down upon them. None of them knew anything for the next few minutes. When the storm had passed, barns, fences, and the old home, even the floors, were gone; but all members of that large family found themselves huddled unhurt in a hole under the family room from which the dirt had been taken to build the chimney. How they got there, none of them could tell. The last they remembered was being at their chores and discovering the cloud. But from infancy, mother's room had been the gathering place for all these children. Here they came when hurt or frightened. So, when the scattered members of the family were frightened by the roaring storm, they rushed instinctively and from force of lifetime habit to the old family room. The floor was swept from under them, and they were dropped into the hole from which the chimney was taken. They were so grateful for personal safety that they never complained about the loss of property.

When Westminster Abbey was blasted, Americans felt shocked, wounded, and unhappy; yet few who mourned asked themselves what they personally were doing to strengthen their own churches.—Gertrude S. Trowbridge.

Let no man despise thy youth, but be thou an example to them that believe, in word, manner of life, in love, in faith, in purity.—Paul to Timothy.

Grandeur of character lies in force of soul—that is, in the force of thought, moral principle and love; and this may be found in the humblest condition of life.—William Ellery Channing.

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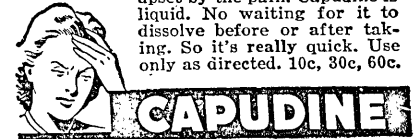
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This is the sentiment a person expressed recently in a letter of appreciation for the help the Church has been giving that person who is in Christian Strength "overcoming the world." With this realization for members of my congregation I have urged a planned program of Church attendance, with regularity and consistency.

TO WORSHIP GOD ON SUNDAY IS TO USE HIS STEPPING STONES.

Keep your imagination fixed on a string of stepping stones across a stream of rapids and whirlpools. Then, do this—knock out one of those stepping stones (Sundays) and see the double distance between stepping stones AND the extra dangers thereby in the whirling rapids of the currents of the week days. Then, still imagining, knock out

the stepping stone just next to the last one you knocked out, and you discover the gap widening and the stepping stones farther apart. Continue that picture until you have discarded all the stepping stones across the dangerous streams of weekday trials and fears and greeds and selfishness.

WITHOUT STEPPING STONES IT IS EASY TO FALL IN THE STREAM.

And that is just what happened to Thomas, who was absent from the group when the Disciples met to talk about Jesus. And that is what happened to Judas Iscariot, yes, gone to be with the connivers when he should have been with Jesus. They fell in the stream that was sweeping downward; they did not use the stepping stones of sincere worship often enough.

Now is the time to renew your vows to SUPPORT THE CHURCH BY YOUR PRESENCE AND YOUR PRAYERS AND YOUR SERVICE. Make November and December memorable months in your life by being present at every service. Attend Winfield Church next Sunday.

SUNDAYS ARE STEPPING STONES.

NEW MEMBERS

Edgar A. Few, 1856 Battery.
Mrs. A. A. Hunter, III, 305 Johnson.
Mr. J. Lind Perry, 1820 So. Johnson.
Mr. Richard V. Perry, 1820 So. Johnson.

ASHBY BIBLE CLASS

The regular monthly meeting of the Ashby Bible Class will be held Sunday afternoon, November 14th, at 2:30 p. m. at the home of Mrs. Katherine Lee, 1722 Park Avenue. Miss Ashby and Mrs. Miles Scull will be assistant hostesses. All members are urged to be present.

CIRCLE MEETINGS

No. 1. Mrs. E. V. Markham, Chairman, will meet with Mrs. George V. Lewis, 5240 Edgewood Road, for 1:30 dessert luncheon.

No. 2. Mrs. C. B. Wilson, Chairman, will meet with Mrs. Russell M. McKinney, 520 N. Palm, for 1:30 dessert luncheon.

No. 3. Mrs. H. M. Gaylor, Chairman, will meet at Blind Women's Home, 1002 S. Oak, for 2 o'clock dessert luncheon.

No. 4. Mrs. Frank Thacker, Chairman will meet with Mrs. W. P. Ivy, 1221 Park, for 1:30 dessert luncheon. Mrs. V. M. Gewin, Co-Hostess.

No. 5. Mrs. Rufus Hunt, Chairman will meet with Mrs. Emmett Hoffman, 1609 W. 22nd, for 1:30 dessert luncheon. Mrs. James J. Hooker, Co-Hostess.

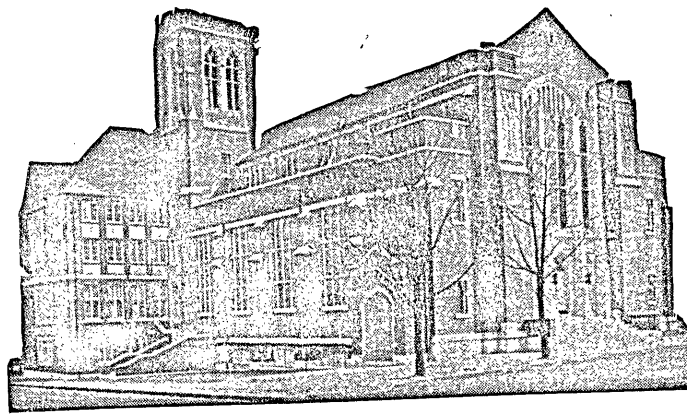
No. 6. Mrs. James Thomas, Chairman will meet with Mrs. R. D. Ginocchio, 1515 Louisiana. Mrs. Marcus Billingsley and Mrs. J. A. Jefferies, Co-Hostess, for 1:00 o'clock dessert luncheon.

No. 7. Mrs. J. W. Rucker, Chairman, will meet with Mrs. W. W. Nelson, 1301 Scott, for 1:30 dessert luncheon. Mrs. D. W. Gordin, co-hostess.

No. 8. Mrs. Taylor Prewitt Chester, for 1:30 dessert luncheon. Mrs. M. E. Bradford, Co-Hostess.

No. 9. Mrs. W. J. Pennington, Chairman, will meet with Mrs. J. W. Blake, 1118 Cumberland, for 1:30 meeting.

No. 11. Mrs. W. J. Corgile, Chairman, will meet with the Chairman, Mrs. W. J. Corgile, 1814 Battery, for 1:00 o'clock dessert luncheon.



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10:00 A. M. Church School.

10:55 A. M. "HARM HATCHES HARM."
Sermon by the Minister.

I will return Saturday night from Annual Conference and will preach at BOTH services next Sunday.

Members of the American Legion have been and are invited to be present at the morning service. The Church does have a most significant message for the new world order, and now is the time for all of us to be declaring the Eternal Truths of Christ.

6:00 P. M. Youth Fellowships, (see next column).

7:30—EVENING SERVICE—7:30

"YOUR HEROINE OF THE BIBLE—AND WHY."
Sermon by the Minister

November 14th: The Woman.

November 21st: The No. 1 Man of the Bible.

November 28th: The No. 1 Youth of the Bible.

Please choose yours and give me the name and tel me why this Bible hero is such to you.

YOUTH FELLOWSHIP, 6:00 P. M.

Young People's Department: Recreation in the Young People's parlar. Dorothy Parsons will lead the program on "Every Day Examination Day."

Senior High Department: Recreation in the Buzbee class room. Margaret Monk will lead the program on "Lifting the Load of Human Needs."

Junior High Department: Recreation in Fellowship Hall. Donald Jones will lead the program on "The Army Chaplain Working for God." This is the final program of the Unit "God's Workmen." Donald has secured this material and made the program from it. All persons interested in this subject are invited to be in the Junior High Department at 6:40.

The Junior High Department is planning a hike Friday, November 12th. Meet at the church at 10:00 a. m.; bring your lunch. We will go by bus part way. Then walk to a point of interest and beauty. Be on time, the bus won't wait.

PREACHING MISSION

Monday, November 15th, at the Second Presbyterian Church, the Ministerial Alliance will present a group of famous men and ministers who throughout the day and in the evening will be speaking on Post War plans as they relate themselves to the Church.

The Church made America Peace-conscious following the last war. We know that can be done. Now the Church is taking a longer and broader look. The Church is thinking in terms of making the WORLD peace-conscious. This can not be done by a few people doing all the thinking and planning and praying, tho there may be complete agreement among the few. It will be necessary to make the weight of all Christendom felt upon this world problem.

Peace mindedness must become a fact in agressor nations. The futility of war and the profits of peace must become well known to all Japanese, all Germans, all Italians. They must change their total philosophy of life from sordid war to glorious peace.

Join in the might of men marching with the Master.