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"Set-Up Meetings" North Arkansas Conference

ONLY a little more than a week after the close of the North Arkansas Annual Conference the District Set-up Meetings to promote the work of the new conference year in that conference began.

These meetings for the eight districts of the conference were held in four days last week beginning on Tuesday and closing on Friday. The Fayetteville and Ft. Smith Districts held their meetings on Tuesday; Conway and Helena Districts met on Wednesday; Paragould and Jonesboro Districts met on Thursday and the Batesville and Searcy Districts met Friday.

The attendance in these meetings was good. The District Superintendents, with their District Staffs, had well planned programs which looked carefully to the promotion of the various interests of the church in the district and conference. Each Superintendent gave ample time for the presentation of interests represented by special workers inside and outside the districts.

These meetings, in the present form, are comparatively new. For only a few years have we been having these early district-wide meetings at which the total district program for the year is studied. These meetings are of such vital worth that it is surprising that our church has been so long without them. It is a little difficult to realize how, in the past, we could have overlooked the value of such a meeting. It is quite possible that again "necessity (is) has been the mother of invention." It is probable that the growing, complex program of our church has made necessary such a planning conference in order to carry through successfully that program. Whatever its origin, it is our conviction that no more important district meetings are held than the set-up meetings.

Begin On Time

SOME time ago as we sat waiting for a service to begin, after the time for the opening had already passed, we heard a man say, quoting from someone, "that he had wasted more time being on time for meetings than in any other way."

That is a right striking way to describe the experience of many people. When a service is announced to begin at a certain time there are usually a number of people who take the announcement seriously and are present at the time announced for the opening of the service. Quite often their punctuality is rewarded by having to wait on belated comers before the service begins. Thereby punctuality is penalized and tardiness is rewarded.

Unless there is a real reason for delay, a service should begin at the time announced. When a congregation learns that a minister really will begin a service at the time announced its members will usually be present on time if possible. It so happens also that some people who value their time very highly will habitually be late at a service if they know that the service usually begins late. They do this to avoid wasting the time often spent in waiting. Under different conditions these same people would be as punctual as the clock. Those who come late because they make no special attempt to be on time do not deserve the special courtesy shown them, at the cost of others, of waiting until they arrive. It is good administration and it is fair to all concerned to begin a service on time.

Translating Thanksgiving Into Thanksliving

A CROSS America, as we go to press on this last Thursday of November, we are observing Thanksgiving Day. This is the result, not merely of a presidential proclamation, since it carried in recent years on this date despite presidential proclamations, but because of a good old American custom. It prevails also in many hearts and homes because of a sincere desire to join in united praise and thanksgiving to God for the blessings He has poured out on our nation despite its unworthiness of many of the blessings.

We are sure that our readers are conscious that a spirit of true thankfulness is not a matter that can be determined by a date on a calendar. We cannot by presidential proclamation or by personal resolution turn on or off a spirit of thanksgiving much as one might turn water on or off at a water faucet. A genuine spirit of thanksgiving, on



Thanksgiving Day, is not the result of a temporary emotion or impulse suddenly stirred within us because of the season of the year; it is the result of an attitude of life over a period of time which culminates in a true, heartfelt feeling and usually an expression of gratitude on this day set apart for special emphasis on thankfulness.

It is true also that expressions of thanksgiving, on Thanksgiving Day, that do not result in thanksgiving in the days that follow, must carry on their face the mark of insincerity. True thankfulness cannot stop with a mere emotional stir within our own breasts and go no farther. We cannot be thankful without being thankful to somebody or to some Being for the good things which have come into our lives.

If there is a sincere appreciation in our hearts for some act of friendliness or service from one of our fellows, there will be the desire to express to that friend our appreciation and if possible to return, with added measure, the kindness or favor shown. If there is in our hearts on this Thanksgiving Day a real recognition of our indebtedness to God for His goodness to us, that sense of indebtedness will not pass with the setting of the sun on Thanksgiving Day. It will carry into the life of the individual in the days and months to come. A spirit of real, genuine thanksgiving will inevitably result in thanksgiving.

Supreme Court Justifies Editor's Faith

IN THE issue of August 26th, under the caption "Where There Is A Will," we carried an editorial on this page discussing the gambling situation in Arkansas. In that article we declared our faith in the possibility of enforcing our specific laws against gambling in the state providing our officers had the "will" to do so. We also expressed our amazement that law breakers felt that they could appeal to the law for protection in their lawlessness.

In the recent decision of the Supreme Court in reversing the lower court's decision, which seemed to favor the gambler, we find our faith in the equity and justice of our law fully justified.

We quote the following from the article of August 26th: "Despite the web of legal technicalities in which the issue (gambling) is now enmeshed—an amazing situation in which the criminal seems to be able to appeal to the law to protect him in his criminality—we still believe that our law-makers have not been so dumb as to create a legal situation in which our state officers cannot enforce the law of the state if they have the will to do so. . . It is our feeling that the laws of Arkansas, properly interpreted and properly administered, provide means by which our laws can be enforced and provide for the punishment of those who break the law."

We quote now from the decision of the Supreme Court which declared that our officials do have the right and power to enforce our laws and further declared that lawmakers have no right to come to the law for protection in their lawlessness: "The testimony showed beyond any doubt that appellee was operating a gambling house. So here we have a suitor who impliedly admits that he has been maintaining a public nuisance and has been committing a felony in doing so, coming into a court of equity and asking that he be protected in his continued maintenance of his nuisance and in his continued commission of this felony. A court of chancery is a court of conscience and can never be called into activity for the protection of an enterprise that is not only wrong in itself, but was made a felony by statute."

We restate our faith that "where there is a will there is a way" to enforce our laws. Judging by the decision of the Supreme Court the appeal of these gamblers to the law for protection was based more on brazen audacity than on legal rights.

Finances Up-Spiritual Life Down

AT THE recent Annual Conference the financial reports were possibly the most encouraging in the history of our state. Ordinarily such an increase in financial contributions would mean a corresponding increase in spiritual development.

Unfortunately our statistical reports seemed to indicate just the opposite. While there was an increase in practically every item in financial reports, in the North Arkansas Conference at least, there was a decrease in practically all totals for the year where people were involved.

This has been explained, in part, by the fact

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Bull's Eye!



MEDITATIONS OF AN
AMATEUR PHOTOGRAPHER

By JAMES R. BERRY

THE arrow, aimed from the bow at the target, hit its mark! It penetrated enough to bury deep within the target.

True, not all the arrows in our picture found a bull's eye, but they entered the target within spaces which count.

A definition of a target is anything aimed at. Whether you miss or not doesn't matter—the target is the object you aimed at. It remains the same unless the structure of that object is so filled with the penetrating arrows as to deteriorate it. Only a length of time and penetration of many arrows could effect that fact.

Any arrow aimed at the target must follow a path selected by the hand of the archer in person. And here we apply our illustration to the lives of men.

Looking at the target we find different layers—different distances from the heart—the bull's eye. What an archer really aims at is the center. Disturbances of winddrift, poor aim, or marksmanship determine how close the arrow penetrates the target bull's eye.

If we let the very center of the target represent the Christ-like life, we find that the majority of our lives have been poor. Few come to the direct center. Others get close, but let us ask ourselves the question of why and what are the disturbances which hinder us from hitting the highest mark any man could hope for—a bull's eye—a Christ-like life!

One of our answers would be indifference or neglect. Somehow, most archers in life today do not care whether they hit the center

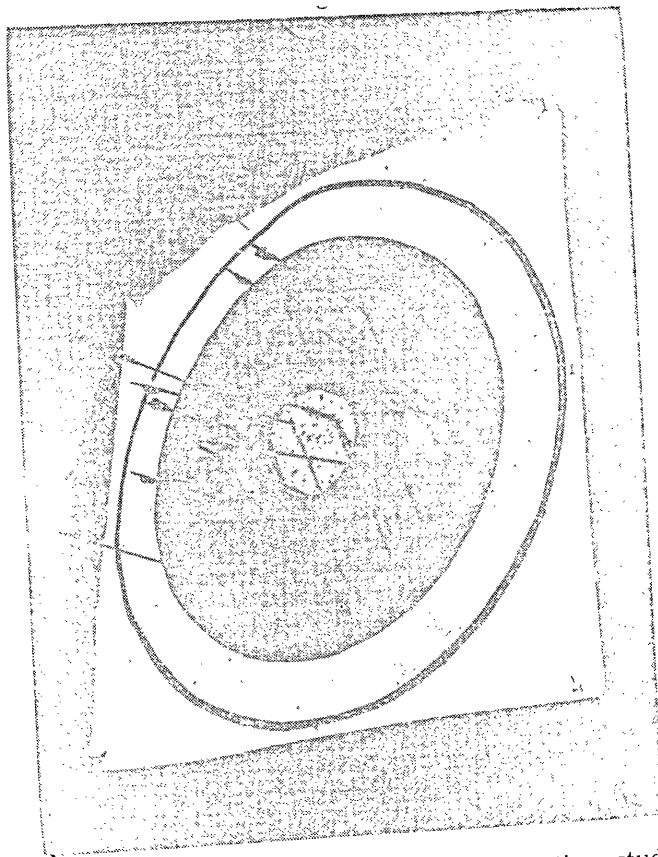
sheet it really doesn't matter whether they hit the bull's eye and a larger score or not. That is indifference. Neglect is similar. But it

Most archers in life are only aiming at the pleasure and take no time for making these corrections. Indifference and neglect to God's Word is one of the great disturbances which hinder life's marksmanship when aiming toward the Christ-like life.

Another hindrance is becoming a talebearer and a deceiver. The writer of Proverbs makes statement as follows: "He that parleyeth by and meddeth with strife belongeth not to him, is like . . . a mad man who casteth firebrands, arrows, and death; so is the man that deceiveth his neighbor, and saith, Am not I in sport?" Talk is cheap. Most gossip is worth nothing to either the teller or the hearer. And a man who tries to deceive his neighbor is only deceiving himself because he does not deceive God. These conditions also prevent an archer in life from hitting the bull's eye. (Prov. 26:17-19).

Lastly we name another hindrance: Lack of Trust. (Ps. 91:2-5). If a man loses confidence and trust in his ability to hit the bull's eye, it is a truth he hardly ever will make perfect contact.

Now is the time to become a William Tell or Robin Hood. In order to hit the center of the target—the Christ-like life—the disturbance of indifference and neglect to God's Word, the becoming of a talebearer and a deceiver, and the lack of Trust, must be compensated for before the bull's eye can be reached through the archer's aim.



of the target or not—Just so they keep up with the scoreboard of the Joneses. As long as their points keep a little ahead on the score-

takes concentration, study, thought, and planning, if one sincerely plans on hitting the center. All disturbances must be compensated for!

TO THE CLERICAL AND LAY MEMBERS OF THE NORTH ARKANSAS CONFERENCE

I have asked your editor for a small amount of space in this issue in which to thank you for the wonderful time I had at Russellville, Arkansas, while attending the Annual Conference.

All of you were so gracious to me. I appreciate your prayers and your cooperation. Brother Williams, our pastor-host, the choir, the organist and the soloists of our Russellville Church did everything they could do to help with the services. Brothers Guice and Glover did good work in leading our singing. Our presiding chairmen and those who led in prayer at each of the services made a great contribution to the spiritual life of the Conference.

Dr. Goddard and each member of the Conference Commission on Extension did an unusual amount of preparatory work for the services held at the Church and those which were held in the city.

We had an unusual and a good service at the cattle sale and on the street by the court house. Many lives were blessed. Best of all we had two prayer meetings. Friday and Saturday evenings we met at seven o'clock for prayer and praise. Those who attended were blessed by the testimonies and prayers.

Some of us agreed to pray for one entire hour each week for a year's revival in the North Arkansas Conference. We hope many of you will join with us.—Harry Denman.

\$5,000 RELIEF GIFT SENT TO CHINA

The Methodist Committee for Overseas Relief, using funds contributed by thousands of churches throughout the country, recently cabled \$5,000 for relief purposes in the famine-stricken Bengal area of India. The money will be used by Methodist missionaries already in India to give relief especially to the Christian communities in this section.

"This is but a token of our sympathy with the famine sufferers and our desire to do something to relieve them," says Bishop Herbert Welch, chairman of the Committee. "I trust we will be able to do more for India in the near future."

One of Brazil's highest decorations—the Order of the Southern Cross—has been conferred by the government upon Dr. Hugh Clarence Tucker, "grand old man of Methodism in the United States to that country. Born in Beechville, Tenn., eighty-six years ago, Dr. Tucker first went to Brazil in 1886 under the former Board of Missions of the Methodist Church, South. A few years later he became the agent in Brazil for the American Bible Society. In 53 years he has distributed more than 5,000,000 Bibles. His services include: assisting Dr. Oswald Cruz in fighting yellow fever in Brazil in 1902; presidency of the trustees of Granberry College, Brazil; founding of the Institute for the Poor in 1905; one of the founders of the Brazil Conference of the Methodist Church.

CONWAY COUNTY PERRY LEAGUE UNION

The Conway County Perry League Union met Monday night, November 1st, at Oppelo. The program was opened by group singing. Sherry Sadler gave the Scripture Reading and a vocal solo. Thomas Moore, president, led the group in an interesting discussion on problems that the war has caused, and racial problems. After the recreation period, refreshments were served. Sixty-nine were present. The next meeting will be at Morrilton the first Monday night in December.—Mollie Riddick, Reporter.

BISHOP CHEN EN ROUTE TO UNITED STATES

Cable advices from Chungking to the Board of Missions and Church Extension give the information that Bishop W. Y. Chen, episcopal head of West China, is now en route to the United States. Between the time of his arrival and the General Conference, he will probably be engaged in speaking on behalf of China in this country.

Just before leaving China, Bishop Chen attended a meeting of the National Christian Council of China, in the formation of which he had a leading part; baptized Captain Chiang Wei-kuo, second son of Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek; and preached the sermon (which was broadcast internationally) at the "Double Tenth Service" in Chungking—the Chinese independence holiday.

TEACHER'S GUIDE FOR SIX PILLARS OF PEACE

By Frances Cole McLester

A teacher's guide for the Six Pillars of Peace has been prepared by the Division of the Local Church of the Board of Education. In the first section of the guide directions are given for popular and informal discussion of each of the Six Pillars. Teachers in adult and youth classes, young adult leaders and others who want help in guiding groups in a study of the Six Pillars of Peace will want to get this manual.

In the second section are practical suggestions for those who plan for the study and promote it in the total work of the church. Pastors, Church School superintendents, youth and adult division superintendents and others who will be scheduling and promoting study groups on the Six Pillars will want to have this manual.

The guide will be available December 1, 1943, cost 5 cents. Order by number 2157-H from The Methodist Publishing House at 17 Broadway, Nashville, Tenn.

Prayer is never an isolated thing. Whenever anybody prays for you it means that he bears you on his heart. When a mother prays for her boy that is a prodigal, that is a father that she loves him. When a sister prays for a brother who is careless, that means that he is very dear to her. Prayers are mockeries that do not lead to action. True prayers issue in endeavor.—G. H. Morrison.

THE DEVOTIONAL PAGE

H. O. BOLIN, Editor

THE SIXTH OF ISAIAH

A Paraphrase

By C. A. McPheters

Pastor, North Church, Indianapolis, Ind.

In the year that Pearl Harbor was attacked, and our nation was plunged again into a world conflict, I saw the Lord—a God of justice and power, a God of love and forgiveness. The spirit filled the room as I knelt.

Above him stood a cross. On that cross a man was being crucified. I am crucified by selfish, prejudiced, greedy and hating people.

A choir of angels sang in full chorus, but softly: "Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts, heaven and earth are full of thy glory." The choir sang with the sound of their voices, and the place was made a sanctuary by his presence.

Then I cried, "Woe is me!" for I am undone. I am a man of small stature, and I am not without blame for what is happening in our world. I have been content with peace and justice. I have not wept over my sin. I have not even wept over the suffering and unheeding of the world and men. I am a man who has not sought thy name, nor have I sought thy face in such a way.

I dwell in the midst of a people who have been smug and content. They have insulated themselves from the pain of other people. They have felt that they are protected by external security. They have delighted in their own power and have been unwilling to share even the smallest amount of great profit. They have spent millions for material comforts and pleasures.

I am undone for the work of the Church, and for missionary work. In the face of growing international orders, they have neglected the Church to withdraw their money, teachers, doctors and nurses, even though they have asked them to be ambassadors of peace.

I am undone, for mine eyes have seen the Lord of Hosts.

I saw the Lord as the Lord of Hosts. He took a live coal in his hand, which he had taken with the spirit of the Lord. He touched me with it, and I was touched. Let this have touched you. For the Lord is gentle, your sin is forgiven.

Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?"

Humbled by my forgiveness, I answered, "Here am I, Lord, send me."

Then he said, "Go and tell this people: 'Repent, for the kingdom of God is just at hand. Love your enemies, bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you, and pray for them that despitefully use and persecute you. Peace-makers are the children of God.' Make them know that they are their brother's keeper, and every one is their brother. Commission them:

PAUL AT MELITA

*Secure in his prophetic strength,
The water perit o'er,
The many-gifted man at length
Stepped on the promised shore.*

*He trod the shore, but not to rest,
Nor wait till angels came,
Lo! humblest pains the saint affect,
The firebrands and the flame.*

*But when he felt the viper's smart,
The instant aid was given,
Christians, hence learn to do thy part,
And leave the rest to Heaven.*

John Henry Newman.

THE WORLD NEEDS PEACE-MAKERS

"Blessed are the peacemakers: for they shall be called the children of God." (Mat. 5:9).

Today, the world is full of war-makers and as a result of their activity famine stalks the earth and disease is on every hand. We may well thank God that these conditions have not yet come to our country, but nevertheless, they are widespread in other sections of the world. Add to the casualty list those who have and will lose their lives in battle and the number of deaths go far up into the millions. Just now the most destructive force on earth is that of war. Surely, with this terrible example before them, so-called civilized nations will make a serious effort to find a way of settling their difficulties without committing peace suicide.

If war has brought us to this cruel plight—and it has—then, the greatest need of the world today is peacemakers, people who have first

"Go ye into all the world with the teaching and the spirit of your Christian gospel."

"Lord," I asked, "how long?"

And he answered, "This message is eternal truth, the same yesterday, today and forever. Bombs shall destroy your cities. Much of your civilization shall be laid waste. Your standards of living shall be greatly changed. There shall be devastation and death everywhere. Suffering and sorrow shall be in every household. But in the midst of it all, reassure my people with this word, 'Be not afraid. My kingdom is from everlasting unto everlasting and the forces of hell cannot prevail. Lo! I am with you always.' Preach the gospel of redeeming love and forgiveness. When the conflict shall cease, you who have been faithful and have loved your enemies, you shall be heard. There may be only a tenth of you left, yet shall you be the 'holy seed,' and you shall bring into life, and begin a new world of righteousness and peace."—From The Christian Advocate.

made peace in their own hearts. The greatest battle ground in the universe is not some strip of territory out yonder in the hottest part of this global war, but rather the heart, the innerlife of unregenerated, unredeemed humanity. The life which is not Christ-centered is in a constant state of turmoil. It is a known fact that until a personality is unified about some great, external ideal it is divided. Man is dual in his nature. The Bible tells us that "A double-minded man is unstable in all his ways," but that is the state of every reasonable person out of Christ. "With one hand man fumbleth with the faith and much of this life while with the other he reacheth after the stars." Paul was thinking of these two sides of human nature when he said, "I am crucified with Christ; nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me." The evil side of one's nature must be put to death; must be crucified, while the good side must experience a new birth and be filled with the Spirit of Christ. When that is done peace comes to the soul. The individual has become a peacemaker. He has made peace between the divergent elements of his own personality and peace with God. Until this is done no person is fit to make any other kind of peace. Christ was thinking of this when He said, "Peace I leave with you; my peace give unto you; not as the world giveth, give I unto you." This is a peace which the world cannot give, and thank God, it is one which the world cannot take away. In the matter of peace-making that which takes place in the heart of the individual must come first in order, for the original source of all conflict, even to the extent of world-wide wars is unregenerated human nature. That is why the only hope of permanent peace is in Christ alone.

We need peacemakers in family life. There is a divorce evil which is forever growing and which is

wicked enough in its consequences to blash Satan himself that hangs like a pall of darkness over our American homes. The evil comes about largely through the fact that many people leave Christ entirely out of their marriage relationships. In the second chapter of John we read, "And the third day there was a marriage in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. And both Jesus was called, and his disciples to the marriage. Christ was called to the marriage, that is He was an invited guest. If He were present at all marriages, our divorces would be few indeed."

Many marriages are made peace-makers. There was a time when marriages were made peace-makers with funds which often broke out in murders. The law may be more strictly enforced now, but it tends to lessen murders, but the funds remain in the pockets of a few, in the hands of a few groups and factors. A person is not a peacemaker who merely claims to be. He must have a definite means possible to bring about peace between quarrelsome groups, or individuals.

Then, we need peacemakers in the church. It does seem that of all places on earth we would have peace in the church, but such is not always the case. There is no manner person under any circumstances than one who is always causing friction in the church. He is no part of a Christian and if he consistently refuses to either get out of the church or repent of his sins and really accept Christ as his Saviour, the church will be better off when he dies. None should say, "I am not in this quarrel and have therefore done my duty." It is the Christian duty of all to try to iron out such troubles in the church.

Last, and certainly not least, we need national and international peacemakers. I have no doubt as to what will be the outcome of this war. I feel sure that the United Nations will win it. But I tremble when I think about the peace. We hear a great deal of talk about a permanent peace. They are telling us that the boys who are dying in this war will not die in vain. But that sounds strangely like some talk we heard back in 1916. Will the peacemakers do any better this time? The Lord only knows. I wish I did. This is a matter of great importance. I do know one thing, however, and that is such a peace can only be made by Christian statesmen. A group of whiskey drinking, gambling, Sabbath desecrating, church neglecting, corrupt politicians can never do it. Maybe the world is run today by Christian statesmen. At least I am not setting myself up as judge. I am merely stating a fact. It is my honest conviction that all conflict, even that which sometimes takes on the magnitude of a world war, has its origin in unregenerated human nature and until a man is a peacemaker in his own soul he is not fit to be a peacemaker anywhere else. "Blessed are the peacemakers: for they shall be called the children of God."—H. O. B.

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A WEEKLY MESSAGE

By FORNEY HUTCHINSON

MY FIRST ANNUAL CONFERENCE

In June, 1899, I finished my course and took my A. B. degree at Hendrix College. Immediately upon my graduation, Dr. James Thomas, then the presiding elder of the Little Rock District, appointed me to the Des Arc and De Vall's Bluff charge, a vacancy that had occurred because of the transfer of Dr. Ewing Cameron to Midland, Texas. I found my work most delightful and finished the Conference year with very satisfactory reports along all lines.

The Conference met, as I remember it, on November 22nd at Fordyce; Bishop Charles B. Galloway presided and J. D. Clary was the secretary. I, with Rev. J. B. Williams, was a guest in the home of Mr. and Mrs. T. B. Morton. They had a lovely family of young people, all of whom became my dear friends. I took my examination for admission on trial with six other young preachers. One of us failed to pass; the rest of us were admitted, and most of us have now answered the roll call "up yonder."

I felt very proud of being allowed to enter the Methodist itinerancy. I thought then, and I think now, that no greater distinction could have come to me. When the time came to receive our appointments, I stood with my brethren of the Conference, waiting to receive my marching orders for my first year as a member of that august body. That was always a thrilling and inspiring moment to me. I felt as I did, when as a boy I used to go to the Sunday School Christmas trees. I knew I was going to get something, but I had no idea what it would be. A feeling of uncertainty, and at the same time of great expectancy, filled and thrilled me.

So, for forty-two years I received my appointments at Conference. For many years I didn't know, and didn't care to know, where I was going. I knew I was going to get all I deserved and could take care of, and even more. That year I was returned to Des Arc and De Vall's Bluff, two delightful towns on the banks of the beautiful White River. It was a great experience.

While I write this, the Little Rock Conference is in session at El Dorado. I am praying for my brethren as they receive their marching orders for another year. I wish I could be present. God bless the Little Rock Conference!

NEWS AND NOTES ABOUT FACTS AND FOLKS

MRS. RUFUS F. SORRELL, wife of our pastor at Dumas, who has been a patient in the Baptist Hospital at Memphis for the past several weeks has been moved to her home in Dumas where she is recuperating nicely.

REV. EARL S. WALKER, who was pastor at Wynne last year and was transferred to the East Oklahoma Conference at the recent Conference, writes from his new appointment at Grand Avenue Church, McAlester, Okla.: "We are delighted with Grand Avenue Church. The people have given us a wonderful reception."

IN an article under the caption of "Time Marches On" in the issue of November 4th, we were in error in listing Dr. J. J. Stowe, formerly presiding elder of Camden District as "deceased." Word from both Dr. Stowe and his son Rev. J. J. Stowe informs us that he is very much alive. While retired by the law of the church, he is still quite active in the service and thoroughly enjoying life.

REV. W. O. TISDALE, pastor of Hampton-Harrell Charge, S. G. Duncan, Sunday School superintendent at Harrell and Victor L. Nutt, a member of the Board of Stewards at Hampton called at the Methodist office on Wednesday of last week. Mr. Nutt had charge of the Arkansas Methodist Campaign for the charge last year and increased the number of subscriptions from thirty-two to sixty-four.

PRESIDENT WALTER T. BROWN, of Victoria University, Toronto, said recently: "We are beginning to realize that the United States and Canada need a great missionary movement in order to save their own national existence. Great nations, like great individuals, can never be developed on the basis of selfishness. We cannot take our places in the councils of the world unless we can rise above our insularity, our tendency to national isolation, and develop a world-consciousness."

CANDLER SCHOOL OF THEOLOGY, Emory University, Ga., will have a perpetual scholarship to honor Generalissimo and President Chiang Kai-shek. The North Georgia Board of Lay Activities recently voted its establishment. The plans are for the Generalissimo to select the student, and Bishop Arthur Moore to collaborate in arrangements. The South Georgia Board of Lay Activities has established a similar plan for a scholarship in honor of Madame Chiang at Wesleyan College, Macon, Ga.

THE Commission on Public Information of The Methodist Church will hold its annual meeting at Kansas City, Mo., Dec. 3, under the chairmanship of Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam. The Commission maintains headquarters at 150 Fifth Ave., New York City. Dr. Ralph Stooddy is director. Branch offices are at 810 Broadway, Nashville, Tenn., Maud M. Turpin, manager, and 740 Rush St., Chicago, Ill., George B. Ahn, Jr., manager. These offices direct a church-wide news and public relations service for the denomination, making Methodist news available to church and secular press, news syndicates and commentators.

A CORRESPONDENT of the International Missionary Council, reporting from New Caledonia, former French penal colony in the South Pacific, says: "For some time there has been no appeal for funds from this field. One reason is the generosity of the native Christians who not only support their own work but are trying to care for their missionaries as well; the other is the generous offerings of American soldiers who worship in the 'Protestant Temple' in Noumea, the capital. Incidentally summer visitors from Australia report a new appreciation of the natives of the Southwest Pacific. Their loyalty and courage contributed materially to the successful defense of Australia and New Zealand, and there is a sincere desire to do more for the Islanders after the war, including greater missionary efforts on their behalf."

REV. C. N. GUICE, pastor of our church at Searcy, asks that we announce that his church has one hundred and fifty of the new Methodist Hymnals with the ritual insert which the church will sell at one half price. The books have been used only a short time and are in good condition.

REV. C. L. FRY and Miss Mary Cardwell of Smithfield, Texas were married at the district parsonage at Batesville, November 17th. Rev. W. Henry Goodloe, the new district superintendent performed the ceremony. Rev. and Mrs. Fry will be at home at Cave City to which charge he was appointed at the recent annual conference.

CAPTAIN EDWARD M. SCOTT, son of Mr. and Mrs. Monroe Scott, lost his life in an airplane accident in Sicily on October 20th. Captain Scott was a member of the Mt. View Methodist Church, famed as the "Lark's Nest." He was active in the work of the church before entering the army and continued to be active in religious work in the army until the accident in Sicily.

A PRAYER for cooperation among nations so that a just and lasting peace may ensue has recently been written by Dr. Harry Emerson Fosdick, of Riverside Church, New York, and is being used in many churches of the country: "Eternal God, Father of all souls, grant unto us such a clear vision of the sin of war that we may earnestly seek that cooperation between nations which alone can make war impossible. As man by his inventions has made the world into one neighborhood, grant that he may by his cooperation make the world into one brotherhood. Help us to break down all racial prejudice, stay the greed of those who profit by war and the ambitions of those who seek an imperialistic conquest drenched in blood. Guide all statesmen to seek a just basis for international goodwill to dare bravely, think wisely, decide resolutely, and to achieve triumphantly."

A PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

I thank Thee for the blue of the sky, the sunshine and the sweetness of the air. I thank Thee for the dark days and the storms for they heighten my appreciation of the sunshine, the calm and the peace when they are mine.

I thank Thee for work that keeps me wholesomely occupied from morning until night. I thank Thee for comforts and joys; and I pray Thee to help me to make the most of them while they are mine.

I thank Thee for disappointments, for they make me thoughtful, and through them I am led to understand what are the real values and essentials of life. I thank Thee for sorrow, for from the depths of woe I have learned to cry unto Thee—a blessing which I might have missed had I always been happy. I thank Thee for pain, failure and want, for through them I am cleansed of self, my mind and heart are enlarged, my insight is deepened, and I am thus enabled to be a more discerning and sympathetic friend and neighbor. These every-day blessings and experiences—they are all mine.

I pray Thee to increase my power to suffer in silence that I may not add to the woes of others, and to help me to smile and carry a cheerful voice that I may add a few more rays of sunshine to the brightness of the day.—Blanche E. Herbert, In Exchange.

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that so many of our boys and girls are in the service and so many others have moved to centers where war industries are located. That explanation, however, is not very satisfactory so long as there are so many about us unreached by the church who have been unaffected by the war, activities. For everyone called away by war, there are generally a dozen people who could take their place if the church could reach them.

FOR WORKERS WITH CHILDREN

FAY McRAE, Editor, 723 Center, Little Rock

SHARING MATERIALS AND PLANS WITH PARENTS

"Religion in the home needs to be included in any religious education of children. A few interested parents might be invited to join the council of children's workers in a consideration of the following or other plans practical in your situation:

1. In what ways is The Christian Home being made known to the parents of our church?

2. How can we help parents know more about and enjoy some of the materials and plans for the children of the church?

3. Would it be helpful to invite two or three parents at a time to attend the regular Church School session of the class or department in which their children are enrolled?

4. Could one or more recent units for parents in The Christian Home be used as a regular lesson material for an adult class for one or more months? If not would it be helpful for an adult class for week-day meetings extending over a period of one month or six weeks?"

In considering point one and four we would call your attention to the Elective Unit for Parents in the November issue of The Christian Home,—Our Children Ask About God, by Mrs. Edith Kent Battle. An examination of this material will answer the objection often raised when a class for parents is proposed,—"we want to study the Bible when we go to Sunday School." Beginning with the first session she raises the question "What about Ourselves?" then follows other questions that would help one to discover and analyze his own conception of God. The use of the Bible in guiding the class in answering these questions is one of the most practical Bible Studies one could wish.

Another article in this same issue of The Christian Home will give you a splendid report of, What One Church Did To Further Home Religion. Can you not use this type of visual education? Does your church own or have access to a good screen and a koda-slide projector that will project 2x2 slides in color? If so you have a real opportunity to cultivate religion in the home.

How can you plan to have parents read the other timely articles in this November magazine so rich in helpful materials? Youth Asks What Is God Like, by Walter Towner; Growing Ideas of God, by Hubbard; and The God We Worship by Quimby.

"War-time creates new hazards for children, affecting the emotional, religious, and physical well-being of children now and will show up in the lives of individuals, of families, and of the nation twenty years from now."

Because "God has called some to be teachers," I will do my best to help children know and love the Christian way of life.

A CHILD'S THOUGHTS OF GOD

By Edith Kent Battle

*Upstairs in my room before I go to bed,
I stand by the window and look far out—
High, where the stars shine, too far for thinking,
Where the white moon sails over the cloud sea,
Down where the garden path's just a shadow.
It's very strange and wonderful that God does it all—
That he loves me in my room by the window,
And the squirrels sleeping in the hollow beech tree,
The stars and the moon and the shadow in the garden—
That he loves me and all his other children,
Far away, and far away, and just next door.
I whisper very softly, "Thank you, God!"
And I know He hears me.*

BOOKS AS SHIELDS

This is the title of a very timely and interesting article by Anne T. Eaton in the November issue of Child Guidance that no teacher of children should fail to read, then, having read should bind into a folder and pass on to parents.

The author calls attention to proposed remedies and distractions for giving stability to emotionally disturbed inner security, stating that, "the power to live with joy and content and satisfaction derives from an inner security."

Pictures and Stories,—one source for selected reading for children of primary age is Pictures and Stories, the four page paper gotten out by our Methodist Church. The very best writers and artists for children today contribute to this to make it one of the best papers that is published for this age. All teachers of Primary children need to become familiar with this piece of material and devise ways of helping children to enjoy the stories, poems and pictures.

The November issues have two stories appealing to children's interest in pets,—Teddy Wanted a Kitten and Dulcie and Her Donkey; Fuzzy and the Peanuts, a story and A Rhyme of Autumn Leaves, a poem by Nancy Byrd Turner centered around the child's interest in nature. Another poem by Nancy Byrd Turner and the story, The Lights That Had No Lights, might have been just the things you were wanting for a Thanksgiving service.

Primary children are ready to read for themselves or are eager to have stories and poems read to them. Shall we allow them to have their taste warped in these beginning days by letting them read the cheap comics and much low-grade materials that are coming from the press today or guide them into an appreciation of the very best?

WE ARE making a special request that all churches, departments and classes that have cooperated in the Thanksgiving project of sending gifts to The McDonell School at Houma, Louisiana, as sponsored by Mrs. Neill Hart, Little Rock Conference Secretary of Children's Work, send us a report of what was done and anything of interest that grew out of the enterprise. We will make this page an exchange by the teachers of these groups and The Children's Page for the boys and girls themselves to send in their reports.

GLEANINGS FROM THE MAIL-BAG AND PERSONAL REPORTS

Mrs. Jim Young, superintendent of Children's Division at Gurdon, writes that the entire division has agreed to cooperate in a Thanksgiving project of making booklets, collecting songs, pictures and other materials at Thanksgiving time. Several proposed groups of "other children" will be submitted to them for selecting to whom the things will be sent.

An interested parent volunteered to laundry the curtains ready for the Fall house-cleaning for one department.

A Beginner Department has the roll divided into "home grouping" with a sponsor for each group, whose responsibility is to keep in touch with the homes, looking after absentees, sending the story folder and reporting to the department superintendent and teachers any information of interest.

Word comes of an interested ex-teacher who assumes the responsibility of occasionally dropping into the Church School room where she formerly taught and giving the supply cabinet a thorough straightening and cleaning.

The scarcity of good children's pianists has been met by one church by using the present day shift-method, the assembly or worship periods are so arranged that this specially gifted person can accommodate three groups.

Has your church already started planning for the vacation school for next summer? This is none too soon to begin looking for teachers, collecting materials and interesting the boys and girls in a school.

More and more we are hearing of week-day sessions being held. The last report comes from Twenty-Eighth Street Church, Little Rock, under the leadership of Mrs. Myrtle Payne the boys and girls meet every Saturday afternoon. Last week they enjoyed making blueprints of leaves.

INDIFFERENCE

Paul got the defeat of his life, not at Lystra where he was stoned, for he built a church there; not at Thessalonica, where he was mobbed, for he planted a church there; not at Philippi, where he was beaten with rods and put into the stocks, for he built a church there; not at Corinth or at Ephesus, where he was persecuted, for he built churches there; not at Jerusalem, where he was torn by the mob, for he built a church there, but at Athens, where no violence was shown him, but where they were indifferent!—Presbyterian of the South.

to families who move away and to new families.

11. Strengthen the church's program for education in family life; plan Family Night at the church, Church Night at home.—Excerpt from a bulletin of the General Board of Education on, "The Church Serving Children in Defense Areas.



THE CHILDREN'S PAGE

ANNIE WINBURNE, Editor



IN STORYLAND

BETTY'S THANKSGIVING SURPRISE

Betty always loved to help, so when she went to Aunt Betty's for Thanksgiving, she planned happily how she would help get the dinner, just as she always had done at home.

But it was different at Aunt Betty's house. There were servants to do everything. It was all very lovely and very new to little Bettie, but she was such a helper girl that when Thanksgiving morning came, and she smelled some of the good things she could not help to cook, she began to be a little homesick.

Then suddenly she thought of a surprise she and mother had made for father last Thanksgiving day. Mother had written a verse, and, just before they sat down at the dinner table, Betty had stood behind her chair and repeated it. Why couldn't she do that this year? No one here knew her verse, and it would be a real surprise.

Betty said the verse over and over to herself so she would be sure to remember every word when the time came. And she was so happy in her plan that she forgot all about being homesick.

There were guests at dinner, and Betty felt a tiny bit shy. But as they walked out into the dining room she whispered to Aunt Betty, "Please, may I say something for a Thanksgiving surprise before we sit down?"

"Certainly, dear," answered Aunt Betty.

"Betty has something to say to us," she said with a smile, as they gathered round the table.

"I couldn't help get dinner," explained Betty, "and I wanted to do something, so I thought perhaps you'd like this little verse that was our Thanksgiving surprise for father last year."

Then she bowed her head and said softly:

*"For my Heavenly Father's care,
Around me always, everywhere,
I'm glad on this Thanksgiving day,
And so my loving thanks I say."*

For a minute every one was so quiet that poor Betty was afraid she had not done the right thing. But presently her uncle said, "That is to me the very best part of our Thanksgiving dinner, little girl, and I thank you."

"And so do we," said the guests. Aunt Betty did not say a word, but she stooped and kissed Betty, with a look in her eyes that said she was remembering the Heavenly Father whom she had almost forgotten on that Thanksgiving day.—The Continent.

If we do right, God will be with us, and if He is with us, we cannot fail.—Lincoln.

The misfortunes hardest to bear are those that never come.—Virginia Methodist Advocate.



ON THANKSGIVING DAY

*I'm thankful for my home
And for the family, dear.
I'm thankful for the many joys
That come throughout the year.*

*I'm thankful that I'm learning
To be strong and brave each day
And how to be a helper
Whether working or at play.*

*I want to thank Him for the gifts
Our Father sends, so I'm
Sending up a special prayer
At this Thanksgiving time.—A. E. W.*

ANIMAL'S AGES

The oldest animals is probably the Galapagos Island tortoise. While figures on the longevity of animals are not very accurate, it is estimated that these giant tortoises live to the age of 200 years.

The natural life of horses is from 18 to 25 years; for cows, from 14 to 15 years.

A cat reaches extreme old age at 15; a rat is very old at 7. Beavers sometimes attain 50, and squirrels live only 8 or 9.

Canary birds and sparrows, as well as chickens and doves, may live up to 20 years.

It is popularly believed that elephants reach miraculously old ages, from 100 to 200 years. This is a popular fallacy, for the elephant is old at 75 and rarely lives much longer than that. The huge hippopotamus lives about 20 years. Lions, leopards, jaguars, and hyenas live to be approximately 25.

It is extremely difficult to estimate the age of fish. Various authorities have reckoned the carp's age at 150 years, the pike's life duration at 100 years, while the salmon lives only about 4 years.

The age of insects is hard to determine. Many insects live only a few hours, though ants may live as long as several years.

Monkeys live to be approximately 17. However, apes confined to a cage age very rapidly.—Fact Digest.

A NEW BOOK

Tommy Visits an Aircraft Factory by Lewis E. Theiss. W. A. Wilde Company, Boston. Price \$1.50.

All boys who are interested in airplanes (and what boy is not?) will be delighted with this book. It is the story of a boy who rescues a test pilot whose plane has crashed close to his farm home. Grateful to Tommy the pilot takes him to the factory for which he tests planes. This delights Tommy as he has a keen interest in flying and his hobby is making plane models. They interview the engineer who designs these aircrafts and learn much about the principles of flight and plane construction. They tour the factory and see how the planes are built. Finally to the boy's great joy the pilot takes him up for a ride. Tommy is greatly thrilled by his experiences and learns about how aircrafts are made and why they are made that way. You will know a lot more about airplanes when you have finished reading this book.

JUST FOR FUN

There was a loud knock at the door, and the doctor, who had just settled down for a nap, got up in-

WE SHARE EXPERIENCES

Dear Girls and Boys:

Today is Thanksgiving Day. I hope you are having a happy time and that you have made someone else happy.

This week we have letters from John Preston and Thomas Bryant who both live at Doddridge. I will make a guess that they are brothers. Wouldn't that be your guess?

Patricia Ann tells us about her little sister.

This is our last page for November. Next month we will be looking forward to the happiest time of all the year, Christmas.—Children's Page Editor.

Doddridge, Ark.
November 13, 1943

Dear Boys and Girls:

I am a boy 11 years old, and in the Sixth Grade. I go to school at Bright Star.

I go to church at Olive Branch. My Sunday School teacher is Mr. Carl Stucky. I like him very much.

Rev. F. C. Cannon is the pastor of our church. I like him and his wife very much.—John Preston Brown.

Doddridge, Ark.
November 13, 1943

Dear Boys and Girls:

I like to go to Sunday School. My teacher is Mrs. Ethel Thomas.

I am eight years old and in the Third Grade. I go to Bright Star School. My teacher is Mrs. Ida Daniel.

Rev. F. C. Cannon is our pastor. I like him and his wife very much.—Thomas Bryant Brown.

Magnolia, Ark.
November 7, 1943

Dear Friends:

I am a little girl six years old. I go to Sunday School most every Sunday and like it very much.

My mamma takes the Arkansas Methodist and she read me the Children's Page and I sure enjoy it.

I have a little sister. She is so cute and sweet. She is seven months old.

Well, as this is my first letter I will say goodbye.—Patricia Ann Prichard.

dignantly.

"What is it?" he asked a little boy standing outside.

"I've been bitten by a dog," the lad answered.

"Well, don't you know that my office hours are from three to 7?" asked the doctor crossly.

"Yes," replied the boy, sadly. "But the dog didn't."

Joe: He went blind from drinking coffee.

Bill: Whoever heard of such a thing? How did it happen?

Joe: He left his spoon in the cup.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION NOTES

By Ira A. Brumley

Dr. Robert W. Goodloe on Staff

We are to have Dr. Robert W. Goodloe on North Arkansas Conference Staff of Christian Education for a period of ten weeks beginning January 2, 1944.

The detailed announcement of all the places he is to work is not yet complete. This will be announced at an early date. The district staffs of Christian education are working out these meetings for Doctor Goodloe.

The following is the general plan of the schedule of training schools and Bible conferences to be held by Doctor Goodloe:

A training school will be held in Paragould District, January 2-7, to be followed by a Bible conference at Marmaduke, January 8-10.

He then goes to Jonesboro District for two Bible conferences, Jan. 11-16.

He will conduct a Bible conference in Searcy District, January 17-19, and a training school, Jan. 30-Feb. 4.

A Bible conference will be held at Cave City, Jan. 20-22, and the Batesville Training School, Jan. 23-28.

He will then go to Ft. Smith

District for a Bible Conference, Feb. 6-8; and will be in Ft. Smith Training School, Feb. 21-25.

He will conduct a Bible conference and a training school in Fayetteville District, Feb. 9-18.

The period of Feb. 27 to March 3 he will give two Bible conferences in the Helena District.

He will complete the period with a training school and a Bible conference in the Conway District, March 5-12.

The North Arkansas Conference is also to have Dr. J. T. Carlyon and Dr. J. H. Hicks of the School of Religion of Southern Methodist University for one week each during the Winter Quarter.

Doctor Carlyon is to be on our Conference Staff for ten weeks or more during summer of 1944.

Plans for Undergraduates and Accepted Supplies

The Conference Board of Education is trying to do all that is possible to help train a ministry to meet the needs of our people. We have a large number of men who need an opportunity to take courses of study.

Doctor Goodloe is to be in a number of schools in which the course he offers will help these men in their work on the Conference Course

of Study.

Plans are being worked out in some of the communities to provide some entertainment for these men that they may be in these schools.

A large number of courses will be offered in the Arkansas Pastors' School. Every Undergraduate and Accepted Supply should begin plans now to attend the Pastors' School.

District Set-up Meetings

The program of Christian education has been presented in each of the eight district meetings held the past week, November 16-19.

The interest in Christian education has never seemed greater than at the present time. The response of ministers and laymen indicates a growing appreciation of the importance of the Church School as an agency of the church. We must have better and more teaching of the Christian way if we are to build a good world.

Each of the eight districts of the Conference, under the leadership of a district superintendent interested in Christian education, is having an aggressive program of education planned for this year.

Four districts have already held district staff meetings. Two others will have meetings next week. The other two will meet at an early date.

Each district has secured a complete staff of district workers.

Objectives and goals are being set in each district.

Local Church Planning Meeting

Many pastors have already reported that planning meetings have been held or to be held soon.

The Conference Office of Christian Education has sent to each pastor a work sheet as a suggestive guide in helping plan for a worker's planning meeting.

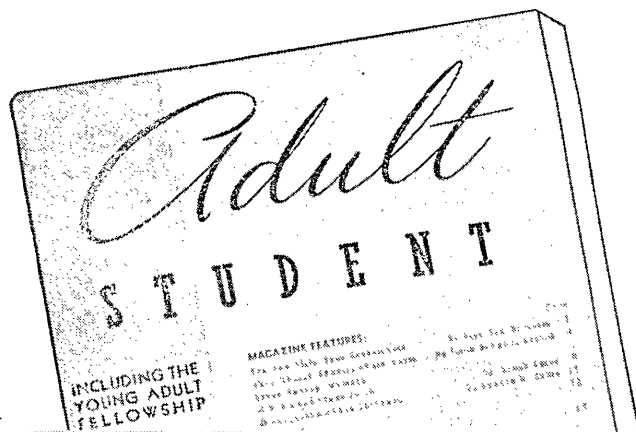
The church that plans well its work, plans early, and stays with the plans comes out at the end with some fine things accomplished even in the face of difficult days.

It is hoped that each charge will make plans and fill out the sheets which have been sent to the pastors. When these sheets have been checked please send one to Conference Office, Hendrix Station, Conway, Ark.

Whatever God gives should not be wasted, whether His providences, or His promises.—Selected.

To produce character education must call to her assistance religion.—President Hadley of Yale.

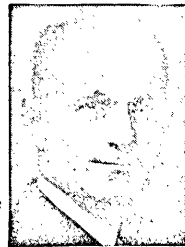
Your Choice of Lessons in the December Issue . . .



1. UNIFORM LESSONS

"The Ten Commandments and the Teachings of Jesus"

... last four of thirteen lessons which seek to help the student interpret the Ten Commandments in the light of Jesus' teachings. Edwin Lewis, professor of systematic theology, Drew University, writes the lesson expositions. Lesson applications by G. Ray Jordan; text studies by Lyndon B. Phifer.



Lewis

2. SPECIAL COURSE

"Good Will"

... four lessons to study the conditions under which good will may be promoted in the world, and especially to direct attention of adults to ways by which they may establish good will in life's relationships. Writer of the course is Henry Burton Trimble, dean, Candler School of Theology, Emory University.

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Plus . . .

Sharing Christmas Charles Pinckney Hogarth
The Young Adult Fellowship Forums for December.

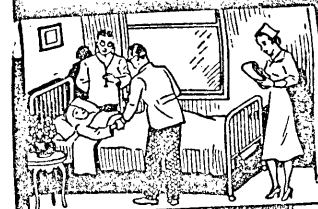
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30. What Accepted Supply Pastors now in

34. Who is elected Conference Lay Leader?

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Dr. Matt L. Ellis.

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

36. What is the report of the Statistician? See Journal.

37. What are the Report, Recommendations, and Plans of the Boards, Commissions, and Committees of the Conference? See reports in 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? Report printed in the Journal.

39. What are the items and aggregate of General and Conference Benevolences apportioned to this Conference? \$85,206.30, to be divided \$42,603.15 for Conference Benevolences

and \$42,603.15 for General Benevolences. See report of Commission on World Service and Finance published in the Journal.

40. What amount has been apportioned to the Pastoral Charges within the Conference to be raised for the support of Conference Claimants? Schedule of percentage printed in the Journal.

41. What are the approved claims for the support of District Superintendents and Bishops for the ensuing year? 2 1/4 percent of the Pastor's salary for Bishop's Fund. District Steward determine the salary of the District Superintendent.

42. Where shall the next session of the Conference be held? Hot Springs.

43. Where are the Preachers stationed this year? See List of Appointments.

FINDS CHRISTIAN OPPORTUNITIES IN PANAMA CITY

"Panama City, Panama, is not unlike many other cities during war-time in that we have many general demoralizing agencies in the community whose influences are being felt by parents and youth leaders," writes the Rev. Howard W. Yoder, Methodist missionary-educator. "We are doing what we can to help in the building of the lives of the young people, not only through our school and church program, but are striving to cooperate in every way with the government authorities and the parent-teacher association of our school.

"We feel that a Protestant church and school should teach these principles which are basic in our religion; the value of the individual, the sense of responsibility of each one, and the spirit of cooperation for the good of all.

"Opportunities in the school and churches in Panama are unlimited. The Pan-American School has the most promising future, with the many friends who are ready to cooperate in the building of a real missionary school and program with new building and equipment. The school already has the confidence of all Panama as evidenced by the fact that we were obliged to turn away over 500 pupils at the beginning of the year because we were not able to take them. We received 840 pupils, a banner enrollment, and in order to take care of this number, we have been obliged to run two shifts.

"The evangelistic program also offers very attractive opportunities. There is a great need for solid building in Christian principles in the lives of our church constituency. There is a need for evangelistic program on a large scale. Indeed the time is at hand when our church should have a strong evangelistic force ready to meet the opportunities.

"One of our pastors is doing a fine piece of work among the day laborers on the Canal Zone. They come from all the Central American countries. One young man who was converted in these meetings, returned to his country and his home and was given a reception by his family and friends. The reception was a drinking party. He informed them that if they were really glad to see him they would not only not drink at his reception, but that they would give up drinking all together. He, in his own humble way, was able to change the lives of those of his family and gather around him a small group of believers. . . Such are some of the opportunities in this land where people come and go."

MISS BROWN IS ARCHITECT-MISSIONARY

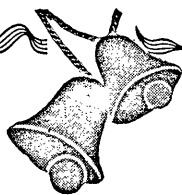
Miss Mary Sue Brown, Methodist missionary, of Porto Alegre, Brazil, has been invited by the Secretary of Education of the State of Rio Grande do Sul to serve on a committee to study and perfect plans for the construction of elementary school buildings throughout the State, including both city and rural schools. This is a signal honor to a missionary who has become known in Brazil as an architect and builder of mission school buildings. At present she is occupied in supervising the erection of the new buildings of Colegio Americano in Porto Alegre which were made possible by a gift from the estate of Mr. Henry Pfeiffer.

INDIAN WOMAN HEADS HIGH SCHOOL

Miss Virginia Solonki, the first Indian Christian woman in Gujarat to receive an A. B. degree, is making a great success in the principalship of Webb Memorial High School, Baroda, India, according to word received by the Woman's Division of Christian Service.

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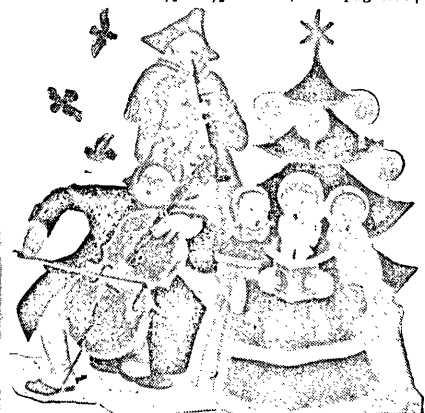


TELLTIME THE RABBIT—William Hall; illustrated by Charlotte Steiner. This delightful storybook about a bunny who told time with his ears teaches children to read the clock. On every other page is a big clock on which Telltime's ears indicate the hour of his various adventures. At the end is a clock with movable hands for children to play with. Book is octagonal in shape. . . \$1.00

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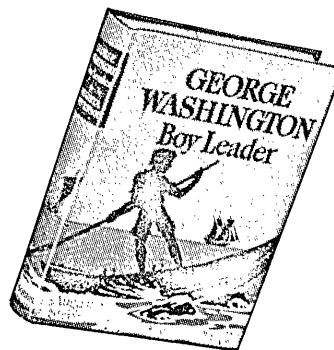
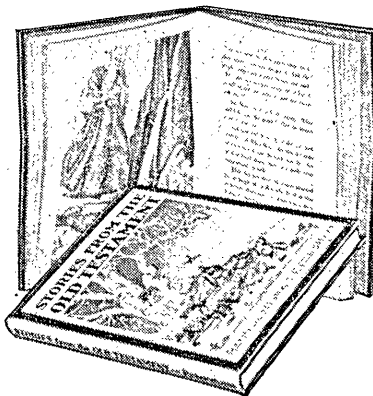
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IN THE LIVES OF MEN

By
Charles O. Ransford

"In nothing be anxious; but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God." (R. V.). A quiet and calm spirit when blessings are denied is an assurance of a faith that believes and waits. When blessings come there is greater thanksgiving. The Pilgrim Fathers were praying men. When harvests failed they learned to labor and to wait. Their thanksgiving came not so much out of blessings received, for they were few, but out of an abiding faith. They believed that God did not withhold in punishment. Their hardships were disciplinary. Faith at last triumphed. Only the Christian man can be really grateful and filled with thanksgiving and praise. We cannot always receive. These days of war are for many a time of severe self-denial. For some they seem even a chastisement. We shall have occasion for greater thanksgiving, if we can take with patience the self-denial. Many have waxed fat and yet have complained. Some have said, "I will pull down my barns and build greater; and there will I bestow all my fruits and my goods."

Others have said, "I am rich, and increased with goods, and have need of nothing." God despises the boastful rich. They are none of His. All such are "wretched, and miserable, and poor, and blind, and naked." Job in his humility, said, "Naked came I out of my mother's womb, and naked shall I return thither; the Lord gave, and the Lord hath taken away: blessed be the name of the Lord." Gratitude is a grace of God begotten by His Holy Spirit. O God, "give me a faithful heart, likeness to Thee."

To see and know the highest and best should inspire action and direct living. But alas, far too many never see the highest, and should they see, they do not always perceive its motivating forces that would make men strive to attain.

IT TAKES COURAGE

To refrain from gossip when others about you delight in it.

To stand up for an absent person who is being abused.

To live honestly within your means and not dishonestly on the means of others.

To be a real man, a true woman, by holding fast to your ideals when it causes you to be looked upon as strange and peculiar.

To be talked about and yet remain silent when a word would justify you in the eyes of others, but which you cannot speak without injury to another.

To refuse to do a thing which is wrong though others do it.

To live always according to your convictions.

To dress according to your income and to deny yourself what you cannot afford to buy.—The Trumpeter.

A PROGRAM OF STUDY FOR MEN AND WOMEN AND THEIR LEADERS

In times like these, what does it mean to be a Christian? How can we work for a Christian world? What sources of strength can we find in the Bible? How can we create homes and Christian bases of world order?

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Write to your conference executive secretary or the Department of Leadership Education, 810 Broadway, Nashville 2, Tennessee, for this guidance on how to select the course which will help you most as a Christian worker and leader.

WORLD SERVICE GIVING INCREASES

World Service giving of Methodists during the first five months of the fiscal year, ending October 31, increased by 9.06 percent over the same period of last year, despite a decrease for the month of October, it has been announced by Rev. Orrin W. Auman, treasurer of the General Commission on World Service and Finance.

Receipts in the World Service office for the June-October period totaled \$1,277,408, a gain of \$106,138 over 1942. October contributions were \$395,106, a decrease of \$137,190 from October of last year.

In making public the World Service figures as of October 31, Dr. Auman called attention to the fact that Methodism is in the sixth month of the fiscal year, and then issued the following statement:

"Under the pressure of competing appeals, The Methodist Church will need to give more than ordinary attention to the maintenance of the World Service income for the second half of the year if we are to reach the goal of a 25 percent gain for the two years by the end of next May. Methodism has the means to do this."

CHILDREN OF THE KING

A visitor was once watching a group of slaves, slouching and shuffling off to their work. One tall, broad-shouldered fellow strode on head erect and with the gait of a man.

"How's that?" the visitor asked. "Oh, he's the son of an African king," was the reply. "He never forgets that."

Alas! we forget amid the drudgeries of earth, that we are sons and daughters of the King of kings, and in training for thrones in his empire!—The Christian Herald.

They never sought in vain that caught the Lord's light.—Robert Burns.

GUSTAVE DORE AND HIS LOVE FOR JESUS

When Gustave Dore had about completed one of his famous faces of Jesus, as he was in the act of putting on the delicate finishing touches, a lady stepped quietly into his studio and stood for a moment admiring the wonderful production of his genius. Presently he became aware of her presence and with his usual great politeness he said:

"Pardon, Madam, I did not know you were here."

"Monsieur Dore," she said, "you must love Him very much to be able to draw Him so."

"Love Him! Madam," replied the

great artist, "I should think I do love Him! But if I loved Him more I could draw Him better."

And that is true of your service and mine. Go and stand with McKay in Africa. Follow Carey, going out singlehanded from his shoemaker's bench to win the world for God. See Livingstone dying alone upon his knees to heal the open sore of the world. And tell me what it was that led them on if it was not the passionate, undying love they had for Christ. If we loved Him more we would serve Him better.—William E. Biederwolf in The Presbyterian.



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WOMAN'S SOCIETY OF CHRISTIAN SERVICE

MRS. SUE M. WAYLAND, Editor

UNDERSTANDING AND GOODWILL

By Madame Chiang Kai-shek

China realizes that her building a "great wall" to isolate herself from the rest of the world in the nineteenth century was a mistake, and today those men who were responsible for erecting this barrier are pointed out to every Chinese school child as examples of mental myopics who saw only the expediency of temporary solutions. Their names will go down in infamy.

How may we then find a true basis of co-existence and cooperation to cement better understanding between nations and between peoples? Goodwill and desire for cooperation will do as a starting point, but left to themselves they will make little headway.

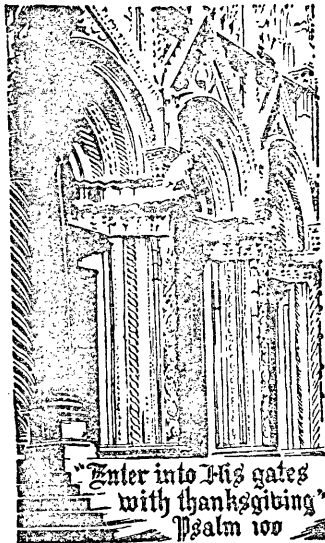
Your sense of the aesthetic in appreciating the artistry of Chinese craftsmanship, your praise of the fragility of eggshell porcelain, and our admiration of your intricate machinery and our approbation of your suspension bridges should not be construed to mean that complete understanding of the nature of our two people or their greatness is the logical deduction.

Perhaps I may pause here to give you an illustration of what I mean. To understand music in the true sense of appreciation, one must know the rudiments of theory and harmony, the sequence of concord, the atonality of discord, the characteristics differing major from minor melodies, and something about the life and motives of the composer when he set down the composition. All these tend to convey a true understanding of music, for much as cognoscence is all-desirable, yet intelligent appreciation, too, has its unerring merits. Were it otherwise, a symphony would merely be a mass of sounds devoid of cadence and beauty.

I may go a little further and tell you something of my own experience. As you probably know, I came to America when I was a child and returned to my native land after I had finished college ten years later. Upon my return home, the elan of youth made me eager to contribute my service in the interest of my country. To my surprise, my parents insisted that as I had been away so long I should spend my time studying Chinese history and literature. They pointed out that until I learned more of the history and culture of my own people, I could not understand the intricacies of China's problems, and that in whatever field I wished to direct my efforts and whatever contributions I hoped to make would be consistently nullified by lack of comprehension of the basic structure and needs of Chinese society. In subsequent years, and especially during these war years when I have worked so closely with every section of our people, I have realized to the full the wisdom and foresight of this counsel.

I have attempted to illustrate to you the importance of fostering better understanding between our two peoples through knowledge of each other's history and culture. Integ-

For the eyes of the Lord run to and fro throughout the whole earth, to show himself strong in the behalf of them whose heart is perfect toward Him.—II Chron. 16:9.



A PSALM OF PRAISE

Psalm 100

Make a joyful noise unto the Lord: all ye lands. Serve the Lord with gladness: come before his presence with singing.

Know ye that the Lord he is God: it is he that hath made us, and not we ourselves: we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.

Enter into his gates with thanksgiving, and into his courts with praise: be thankful unto him, and bless his name.

For the Lord is good: his mercy is everlasting and his truth endureth to all generations.

rity and imagination, however, must also play their part. Invariably the great spirits in human relationships have honesty and imagination—honesty in appraising themselves, first, as they see themselves, second, as they think others see them, and third, the imagination to place themselves in others' positions while appraising themselves. The first two, being subjective, cannot be all-sufficing; the third, an objective approach, is needed to complete the picture.

Your forbears clung to the faith that their experiment of abiding by the common will would work, and that their ideals of a government for the people, of the people, and by the people would finally prevail. Let us remember, however, that before America grew to be the present great democracy dissensions, secessions, and civil war cleaved the nation and almost rent asunder the national fabric beyond repair.

But today there are peoples and nations who are yet bent on tramping underfoot the inalienable rights and dignity of men. They have not the eyes to see that over the blue horizon, beyond the smoky ruins following in the wake of the bursting bombs, there is a vision of a new world—a world founded on practiced justice and equality for all mankind.

NO RATION CARDS

There are some things for which no coupons will ever be issued. Things which are not bought or sold. Things which are never hoarded through selfish indifference to the sufferings of others. Things which just simply multiply themselves if you once have them. Things which come back to you the more you give them away. Yet no one ever saw them, handled them, or tried to put a price upon them. What are they? Love, kindness, compassion, justice.

No, we never actually saw any of

MEXICO INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL REOPENED

In 1942 the Methodist industrial school in Mexico City, which has been closed for several years because of the revolution, was reopened. In January, 1943, permission was secured from the Minister of Education to add to this primary school the first year of secondary education.

Miss Ethel Thomas, who has long served in this institution and is now in charge of the dormitory, writes: "We have one hundred girls in the house at the moment with more to come shortly. Extra chairs and tables have been put into the dining room and study hall. I think I have fitted in every bed possible.—World Outlook.

CHINESE WOMAN EDUCATOR HERE

Second in interest only to the visit of Madame Chiang Kai-shek to America is the presence in this country of Miss Wu Yi-fang, president of Ginling College for Women. The college has long been located in Nanking, but is now "in exile" in Chengtu.

Dr. Wu has aroused much interest in academic and other circles in America. She is a past president of the National Christian Council of China, is a chairman of the National People's Political Council, and is recognized as the leading woman educator of China. Smith College recently conferred upon her the degree of Doctor of Laws.—From World Outlook.

these things, only the expression of them. Yet they are just as really facts as earth and air and sea, and all those things of which we are sure as that the sun and moon and stars are real. In this realm of life's supreme values no ration cards ever will be issued.—Our Dumb Animals.

ESTHER CASE SCHOLARSHIP FUND

The North Arkansas Conference Woman's Society of Christian Service voted to raise \$10,000 for Scarritt College and to honor our great Miss Esther Case by naming the Scholarship Fund, "The Esther Case Scarritt Scholarship Fund."

Her world-wide missionary interest and zeal are thus to be revered. She rightly deserves to be the great pattern for our missionary life service recruits.

A "Book of Recognition" is being made to be placed in Scarritt College. On the one hundred pages of the book will be placed the names of those honored—either living or dead—who are chosen by individuals or societies paying \$100.00. A photograph size 3½ inches wide, 4¼ inches long, and a short life-sketch is asked for each person placed in the book. Please as soon as possible send the picture and life-sketch to Mrs. O. E. Goddard, Conway, and the \$100.00 to Mrs. W. T. Bacon, Booneville, Treasurer.

The Committee is encouraged by the response up to date. Each one of our twenty-five Conference Officers is committed by Conference action to secure at least \$100.00. We are urging that each officer endeavor to interest at least four friends to pay for that many pages, this would complete the Fund! We believe this is possible. The need in our Conference is imperative. Seven young girls in college and high school have registered their desire to become life-time missionaries, at home or in foreign fields. Shall we fail them in making their training impossible by failing to make adequate scholarship funds?

Searcy District has sent to the Conference \$100.00 honoring our beloved Conference President, Mrs. R. E. Connell, and District Sect., Helena District, Mrs. Homer Williamson, has made a personal gift of \$100.00 to honor our past and highly esteemed President, Mrs. Henkel Pewitt. Many others have honored their own loved ones.—Joy Goddard, Chairman Missionary Personnel.

BETHLEHEM W. S. C. S.

The Woman's Society of Christian Service met Tuesday afternoon, November 2, at the home of Mrs. Dochia Cochran.

There were nine members present and Mrs. Malcolm Hayley a visitor.

Meeting was conducted by Mrs. Pearl Glover, our vice president.

Scripture: 107 Psalm, Mrs. Dochia Cochran.

Prayer, Mrs. Lillian Hays.

Roll call.

Responsive reading: Mrs. Lucille Cross and Mrs. Pearl Glover.

Reading: "The Debt We Owe," Mrs. Benton Leigh.

Reading: "A Good Housekeeper Writes," Mrs. Lucille Cross.

Reading: "The Best," Mrs. Ella Tedford.

Prayer: Mrs. Dochia Cochran.

—Reporter.

'Tis looking downward makes one dizzy.—Browning.

Individual Reports Of Pastors--Little Rock Conference

ROE CIRCUIT, Rev. J. W. Rushing, pastor: Received 20 members, 17 on profession of faith. Salaries and World Service 100 percent.

WILMOT, Rev. J. W. Thomas, pastor: Received 9 members, 5 on profession of faith. Salaries and World Service 100 percent.

GRADY-GOULD, Rev. Chas. B. Wyatt, pastor: Received 14 members. Salaries and World Service 100 percent.

HUTTIG, Rev. L. C. Gatlin, pastor: Received 21 members, 18 on profession of faith. Salaries 100 percent. World Service 150 percent. Paid for improvements on church \$80.

ARKANSAS CITY, Rev. L. R. Sparks, pastor: Received 6 members. Salaries 100 percent plus and World Service 100 percent. Paid for improvements on parsonage \$40.

CAMDEN CT., Rev. C. A. Myers, pastor: Received 2 members on profession of faith. Salaries 76 percent and World Service 100 percent.

LEITH MEMORIAL, Rev. Clyde Parsons, pastor: Received 6 members. Salaries 15 percent. World Service 100 percent plus. Paid for improvements on church \$480.

OLD AUSTIN CT., Rev. C. A. Simpson, pastor: Received 24 members, 21 on profession of faith. Salaries 101 percent and World Service 100 percent. Raised to build new churches \$1500.

GOOD FAITH, Rev. Everett Vinson, pastor: Received 20 members, 5 on profession of faith. Salaries and World Service 100 percent. Paid \$175 for improvements on church.

SWAN LAKE, Rev. C. H. Gilliam, pastor: Received 13 members, 11 on profession of faith. Salaries and World Service 100 percent. Bought \$100 War Bond.

STEPHENS-MT. PROSPECT, Rev. J. H. Cummins, pastor: Received 19 members, 6 on profession of faith. Salaries and World Service 100 percent.

WALDO, Jas. A. Simpson, pastor: Received 23 members, 13 on profession of faith. Salaries and World Service 100 percent. Paid for improvements on church \$600.

ASHDOWN, Rev. C. H. Farmer, pastor: Received 31 members, 13 on profession of faith. Salaries 100 percent. Paid for improvements on church \$300, on parsonage \$200.

ENGLAND, Rev. George G. Meyer, pastor: Received 29 members, 17 on profession of faith. Salaries and World Service 100 percent. Paid for improvements on church \$1702.

DREW CIRCUIT, Rev. Braska Savage, pastor: Received 21 members, 18 on profession of faith. Salaries 107 percent and World Service 109 percent.

NASHVILLE, Rev. J. W. Mann, pastor: Received 28 members, 10 on profession of faith. Salaries 100 percent. World Service 100 percent. Accepted. Paid for improvements on church \$46. No debt. A good year.

BAUXITE-SARDIS, Rev. J. Frank Walker, pastor: Received 41 members, 9 on profession of faith. Salaries and World Service 100 percent. Paid for improvements on church \$165 and on parsonage \$50.

HAWLEY MEMORIAL, Rev. G. W. Robertson, pastor: Received 37 members, 10 on profession of faith. Salaries and World Service 100 percent. Paid for improvements on church \$256 and for improvements on parsonage \$135.

TAYLOR, Rev. Kirvin A. Hale, pastor: Received 26 members, 19 on profession of faith. Salaries and World Service 100 percent. Paid for improvements on church \$265 and improvements on parsonage \$35.

GLENWOOD, Rev. E. H. Martin, pastor: Received 21 members, 12 on profession of faith. Salaries and World Service 100 percent. Have new parsonage, \$2100. No debt.

MAGNOLIA FIRST, Rev. Roy E. Fawcett, pastor: Received 82 members, 26 on profession of faith. Salaries and World Service 100 percent. Paid for improvements on parsonage \$123.

ROWELL, Rev. J. R. Diffie, pastor: Received 8 members, 6 on profession of faith. Salaries and World Service 100 percent. Paid for improvements on church \$125.

FORDYCE, Rev. B. F. Roebuck, pastor: Received 41 members, 16 on profession of faith. Salaries 110 percent. World Service 110 percent. Paid for improvements on church \$595. \$1100 raised for parsonage fund.

STRONG, Rev. O. C. Birdwell, pastor: Received 19 members, 16 on profession of faith. Salaries 100 percent. Paid for improvements on church \$1900 and improvements on parsonage \$90.

WATSON, Rev. S. C. Dugger, pastor: Received 37 members, 25 on profession of faith. Salaries and World Service 100 percent. Paid for improvements on parsonage \$40. Paid for debt retirement \$579.

ST. CHARLES, Rev. E. T. Miller, pastor: Received 16 members, 9 on profession of faith. Salaries and World Service 100 percent. No debt. All finances in full. All three churches have had a good year.

PORTLAND-PARKDALE, Rev. R. H. Cannon, pastor: Received 23 members, 6 on profession of faith. Salaries 100 percent plus and World Service 171 percent. Paid for improvements on church \$209.

STAR CITY, Rev. Fred L. Arnold, pastor: Received 45 members, 22 on profession of faith. Salaries 100 percent and World Service 100 percent on acceptances. Paid for improvements on church \$75.

DALARK CIRCUIT, Rev. Forney Harvey, pastor: Received 7 members, 3 on profession of faith. Salaries and World Service 100 percent. Paid for improvements on parsonage \$3000. A new parsonage has been built.

BLEVINS CIRCUIT, Rev. L. O. Lee, pastor: Received 48 members, 33 on profession of faith. Salaries and World Service 100 percent. One new church organized at Bethel near Blevins and new building there also.

GILLETT, Rev. H. D. Ginther, pastor: Received 26 members, 16 on profession of faith. Salaries and World Service 100 percent. Paid for improvements on church \$400 and improvements on parsonage \$100.

LONOKE, Rev. Earle Lewis, pastor: Received 29 members, 3 on profession of faith. Salaries and World Service 100 percent. Paid for improvements on church \$225. Paid for improvements on parsonage \$284. Paid on debt retirement \$1060.

WILMAR CIRCUIT, Rev. C. V. Mashburn, pastor: Received 12 members, 8 on profession of faith. Salaries 103 percent and World Service 100 percent. Paid for improvements on parsonage \$30. \$49 in treasury for improvement of churches.

SCOTT STREET, LITTLE ROCK, Rev. John M. McCormack, pastor: Received 90 members, 25 on profession of faith. Salaries and World Service 100 percent plus. Paid for improvements on church \$2249 and improvements on parsonage \$485. Paid for debt retirement \$5551. Started mission in Oak Forest. Bought lot, \$400, and have \$200 in building fund. Accepted all askings and over paid. Debt is paid in full. Pastor received love offering of \$240 when he started to conference.

ALMYRA, Rev. Joe H. Robinson, pastor: Received 5 members, 3 on profession of faith. Salaries and World Service 100 percent. Paid for improvements on church \$232 and improvements on parsonage \$45. Paid for debt retirement on parsonage \$752.

CHIDESTER, Rev. J. A. Newell, pastor: Received 21 members, 8 on profession of faith. Salaries and World Service 100 percent. Paid for improvements on church \$225. In outside bulletin board, altar cross, pulpit light and picture "The Good Shepherd".

OAKLAWN, HOT SPRINGS, Rev. Geo. Reutz, pastor: Received 22 members, 10 on profession of faith. Salaries 100 percent. World Service 110 percent. Paid for improvements on church \$295 and improvements on parsonage 100 percent. Paid for debt retirement \$3500.

HUNTER MEMORIAL, LITTLE ROCK, Rev. C. Watson, pastor: Received 118 members, 41 on profession of faith. Salaries 100 percent plus and World Service 100 percent. Paid for improvements on parsonage \$135. Paid for debt retirement \$2000.

CARLISLE, Rev. M. W. Miller, pastor: Received 21 members, 17 on profession of faith. Salaries and World Service 100 percent. In good repair. Paid for parsonage improvements \$500. No debts. \$1600 raised in bonds toward building parsonage after the war.

CAPITOL VIEW, LITTLE ROCK, Rev. G. Bolin, pastor: Received 66 members, 30 on profession of faith. Salaries and World Service 100 percent. Paid for improvements on church \$519 and improvements on parsonage \$250. Paid on debt retirement \$438. Bought 110 War Bonds at \$18.75 each to apply on building fund.

CAMDEN, Rev. K. L. Spore, pastor: Received 241 members, 126 on profession of faith. Salaries and World Service 100 percent. Paid for improvements on church \$500 and improvements on parsonage \$200. No debt. Two special morning services for the past six weeks attended.

DODDRIDGE, Rev. F. C. Cannon, pastor: Received 26 members, 22 on profession of faith. Salaries 100 percent and World Service 100 percent. Paid for improvements on church and improvements on parsonage \$50. New pews and chairs for Doddridge church painted inside of Olive Branch church.

FIRST CHURCH EL DORADO, Rev. A. Freeman, pastor: Received 253 members, 100 on profession of faith. Salaries and World Service 100 percent. Paid for improvements on parsonage \$5850. Paid for improvements on church \$2200. Entire church building renovated.

GRAND AVENUE, HOT SPRINGS, Rev. G. Simpson, pastor: Received 43 members, 10 on profession of faith. Salaries and World Service 100 percent. Paid for improvements on church \$1000. Paid for debt retirement \$1000. The best year since 1930. Total money above \$12,000. Salary increased \$400. Interest in unified Hot Springs Methodist church.

HENDERSON, LITTLE ROCK, Rev. H. Doss, pastor: Received 59 members, 30 on profession of faith. Salaries 105 percent and World Service 100 percent, total askings. Paid for improvements on church \$500. Paid for improvements on parsonage \$300. Total year \$5,500. \$1,000 in bonds on an educational fund.

PRESCOTT, Rev. S. T. Baugh, pastor: Received 43 members, 16 on profession of faith. Salaries and World Service 100 percent. Paid for improvements on church \$300 and improvements on parsonage \$200. Paid for debt retirement \$1000. All special day History of Prescott Methodism published and distributed.

HELENA DISTRICT

Leaders from the churches of the Helena District met at Forrest City Wednesday afternoon, November 17, to launch their program for the year with enthusiasm.

At the call of the District Superintendent, Rev. Grover C. Johnson, the pastors, district stewards, representatives of the Woman's Society of Christian Service, Church School, and other workers assembled at two o'clock to apportion the asking to the pastoral charges, organize for the year's task, and select leaders to work in the district program.

Bro. Johnson led in the devotional period in a helpful discussion of the need of forgiveness and the power of Christ to forgive as we go forward in the face of difficult times in building the Kingdom of God.

Representing conference interests in Christian Education, The Arkansas Methodist, the Town and Country Commission, the Commission on Evangelism, and Missions and Church Extension, Rev. I. A. Brumley, Rev. E. T. Wayland, Rev. Glenn Sanford, Rev. C. N. Guice, Rev. B. Williams, and Miss Lucy Clark addressed the group. Miss Clark made a challenging plea in behalf of the noble spirit in which Missionary work was begun and carried on in China.

The following were introduced as new members of the district fellowship present: Rev. Joel Cooper, Rev. W. Jett, Rev. and Mrs. M. N. Johnston, Dr. Golder Lawrence, Rev. Mrs. J. Kenneth Shamblin, Rev. Mrs. Sam G. Watson, Rev. and Mrs. J. O. Whitworth, and Rev. W. Lance Womack.

The district stewards, F. L. Wells reading the report, announced the election of J. A. Patterson as district lay leader, and E. Clay Bumgar and Marvin E. Bird as his associates.

The district superintendent announced the district staff as follows: J. Kenneth Shamblin, director of Adult Work; Rev. Joel Cooper, director of Youth Work; Miss Mary Pearce, director of Children's Work.

Mrs. Alfred Knox responded to questions concerning the work of chaplaincy. The group was impressed by urgency and value of service of our men and rejoiced in the encouraging word concerning the high type of religious service rendered to the boys by the chaplains—Ethan Dodgen.

QUARTERLY CONFERENCES

Monticello District: First Round

Lake Village, Nov. 28, a. m.
McGehee, Nov. 28, p. m.
Watson, Dec. 5, a. m.
Dumas, Dec. 5, p. m.
Drew Ct., Dec. 12, a. m., Green Hill.
Crossett, Dec. 12, p. m.
Montrose-Snyder, Dec. 19, a. m., Snyder.
Hamburg, Dec. 19, p. m.
Wilmar Ct., Jan. 2, a. m., Rock Springs.
Arkansas City, Jan. 2, p. m.
Portland-Parkdale, Jan. 9, a. m., Portland.
Eudora, Jan. 9, p. m.
Tillar-Winchester, Jan. 16, a. m., Tillar.
Monticello, Jan. 16, p. m.
New Edinburg Ct., Jan. 23, a. m., New E.
Warren, Jan. 23, p. m.
Wilmot, Feb. 6, a. m.
Fountain Hill Ct., Feb. 13, a. m., Pine Hill.
Dermott, Feb. 13, p. m.
Hermitage Ct., Feb. 20, a. m., Hermitage.

—Arthur Terry, D. S.

Prescott District: First Round

Forester, Nov. 28, 11 a. m.
Mt. Ida, Nov. 28, p. m.
Delight, Dec. 5, a. m.
Prescott, Dec. 5, p. m.
Amity, Dec. 12, a. m.
Springhill, Dec. 19, a. m.
Emmett, Dec. 19, p. m.
Anotine, Dec. 26, a. m.
Gurdon, Dec. 26, p. m.
Bingen, Jan. 2, a. m.
Mineral Springs, Jan. 2, p. m.
Dierks, Jan. 9, a. m.
Nashville, Jan. 9, p. m.
Columbus, Jan. 16, a. m.
Okolona, Jan. 16, p. m.
Centerpoint at Trinity, Jan. 23, a. m.
Hope, Jan. 23, p. m.
Glenwood, Jan. 30, a. m.
Prescott Ct. Moscow, Feb. 6, a. m.
Blevins, Feb. 6 p. m.

—Van W. Harrell, D. S.

Character must stand behind and back up everything—the sermon, the poem, the picture, the play. None of them is worth a straw without it.—J. C. Holland.

He is a poor citizen who regards the law as a curtailment of his rights.—Religious Telescope.

METHODIST ORPHANAGE REPORT

Since entering upon my duties as superintendent and treasurer of the Arkansas Methodist Orphanage, the following remittances have been received as listed below. As soon as printed forms have been received, receipts will be sent to each contributor:

Children's Division, Eureka Springs Sunday School	\$ 4.00
Rev. J. M. Workman	5.10
E. P. Blankinship	10.00
Mrs. B. C. Edwards, Treas.	
S. W. Class	5.00
Mr. and Mrs. O. G. Robinson	1.00
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Board and reimbursements	72.79
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Mrs. May Stuart	5.00
Ella Anderson	5.00
Forrest City Church	5.00
J. F. Fogleman, N. A. Conference Benevolences	1,373.72
C. E. Hayes, L. R. Conference Benevolences	425.36
Total	\$1,982.97

The address of the treasurer and superintendent will be 723 Center St., Little Rock, Ark.—J. S. M. Cannon, Supt. and Treas.

VAN BUREN FIRST CHURCH

We were given a very warm welcome back to Van Buren First Church as we began the seventh year of our ministry here. A reception for the pastor and his family was held in the dining room of the church on Thursday evening, November 18. At that time we were given an old fashioned "pounding." Many useful things were brought. The fellowship was helpful and inspiring.

As we move out into the new year, our people are determined to pray more and work more diligently for a greater number of additions

METHODIST CONFERENCE ON CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

A Conference on Christian Education for the Methodist Church will be held in Kansas City November 29-December 3. This is a national conference, formerly held in Nashville, but in order to have a more central place to meet and adequate space for the several associate commissions Kansas City has been chosen for this year's session.

Of special interest to children's workers will be the Commission of Children's Workers as they meet for reports of Research Committees, discussions and planning for conference and district programs.

"Children Today" is the theme for the meeting. Two outstanding leaders of today will act as special speakers and resource persons,—Miss Katherine Lenroot and Miss Vesta Towner. The entire staff of the Board of Education of the Methodist Church will be present and become a vital part of the sessions.

The Children's Commission is one of ten that will be meeting. The program includes several general sessions when common problems and interests will be discussed. The exhibit section promises to be of unusual interest, as well as the special groups on hymns and choric reading.

From the North Arkansas Conference Mrs. I. A. Brumley and Mrs. W. Floyd Bates will be going from the children's division and from the Little Rock Conference. Miss Fay McRae.—F. McR.

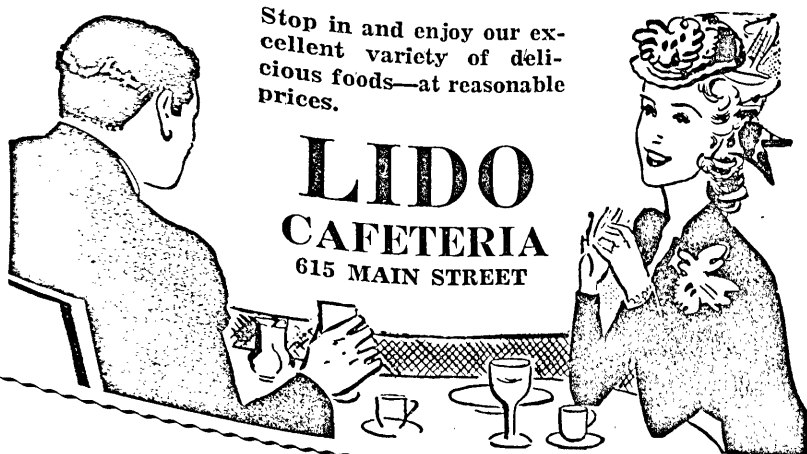
on profession of faith.

This church has had a noble history but today it looks forward to a more fruitful future. We are glad to be here.—J. T. Byrd, Pastor.

The yoke is an instrument for pulling a load—never intended to be a burden.—Religious Telescope.

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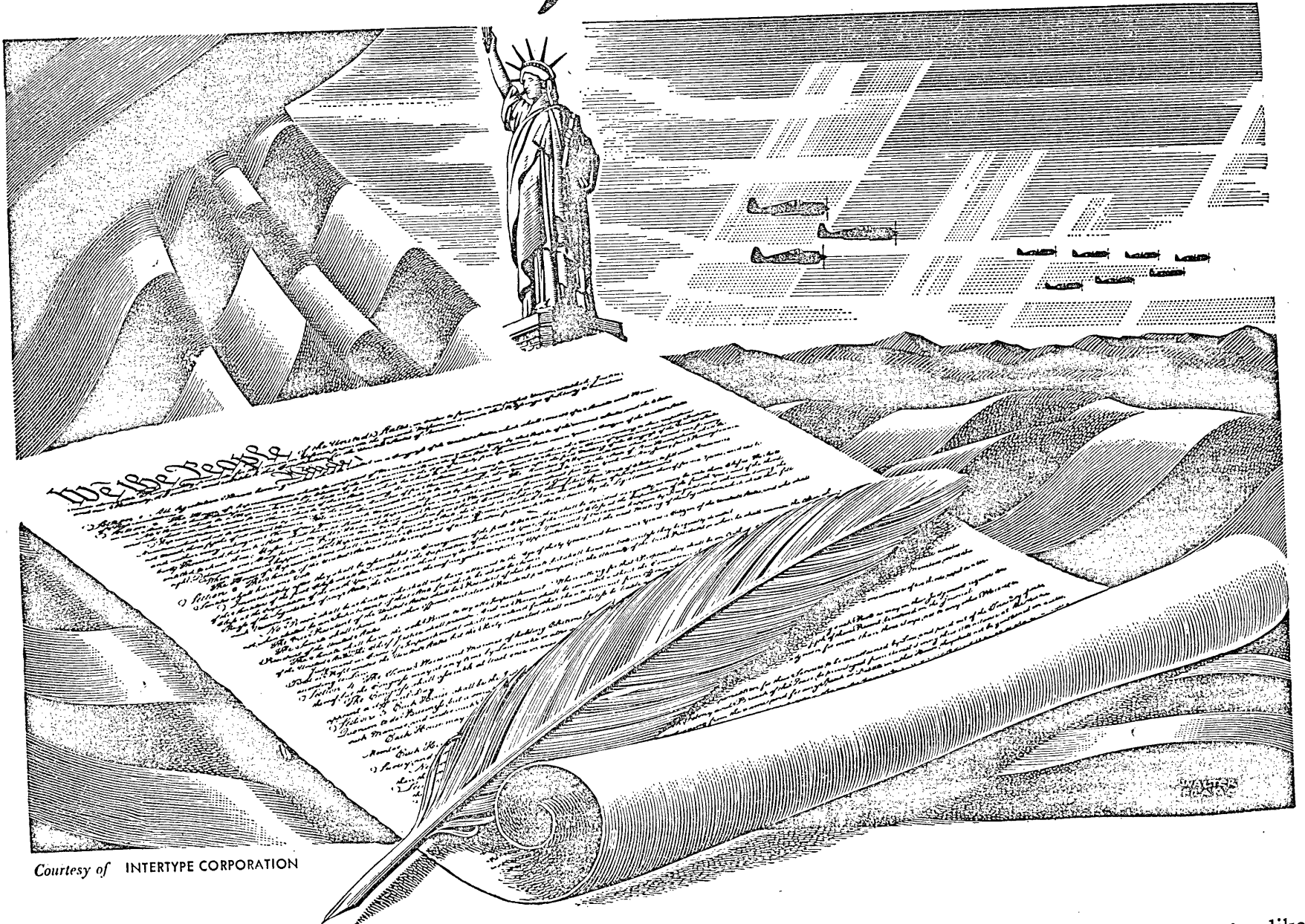
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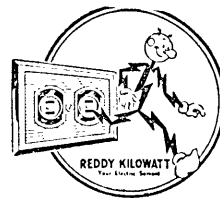
America is big and beautiful . . . a land for which to be thankful at any time, but especially a land to love at the present time in world history.

To the Axis nations America must seem a very strange land. A land where people are free to think and to govern themselves, and actually say what they please. For these many freedoms we can thank a document which begins with these words: "We, the People . . .", for from this paper stem all the rights we enjoy . . . from it come the greatness and strength that is America.

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LESSON FOR NOVEMBER 28, 1943

GOLDEN TEXT: "Wherefore, putting away falsehood, speak ye truth each one with his neighbor: for we are members one of another." (Eph. 4:25).

I. The Ninth Commandment

II. Jesus' Comments On The Oath

III. The Oath In Courts

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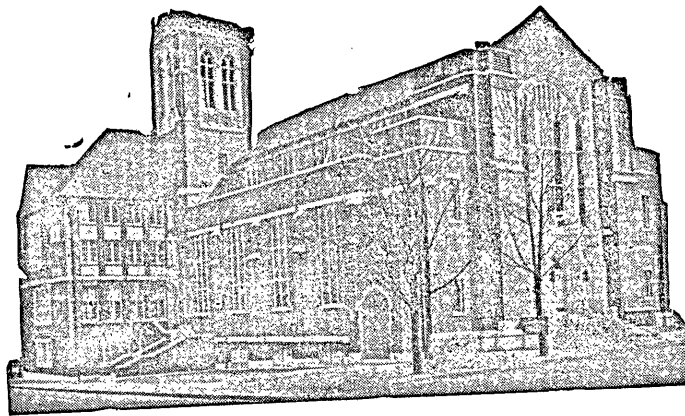
To Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Moore in the death of their son of four months.

"NOT OVER TEN MINUTES"

A Canadian Army Chaplain was being welcomed to the service by his superior. "He literally brought with him a barrel of sermons," the leader reports. "I explained his duties to the newcomer and added, 'The sermon must be not over 10 minutes and if you are wise you will make it seven.' The new Chaplain replied, 'I have none that short; all my sermons are 45 minutes.' " After two months in the service the two were again in conference.

"Do you remember," said the young man, "that I brought all my sermons with me? Well, after all, I found only 8 minutes of real value in any of them; the rest was padding." His superior says, "I feel sure that my friend will return to parish life a stronger and less wordy man."—Ex.

One secret of success in conversation is to be able to disagree without being disagreeable.—Riney.



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10:00 A. M. Church School.

10:55 A. M. "THE GREAT STONE FACE."

Sermon by the Minister.

7:30 P. M.

"MY (YOUR) ADULT HERO OF THE BIBLE."

Please write why he is that; it is the 'why' that makes the difference.

Sermon by the Minister

THE MINISTER'S MESSAGE

Next Sunday, November 28, closes the fiscal year of Winfield Church. While we are already in the new Conference year, I want to take advantage of the time to thank the membership for the grand support given the Staff in the closing year's work. It has been because of your magnificent cooperation that Winfield made one of the greatest, if not the greatest, report ever made.

It would be folly now to sit and hold our hands bragging of the accomplishments of the closing year, rather we turn to the wise part and challenge ourselves to greater effort, more efficiency and better results for the new year. Shortly there will be presented to the congregation a set of goals and objectives which will apply to us and which will be in keeping with the goals and objectives of the Annual Conference, a statement of which was found on Page 7 of last week's Arkansas Methodist.

Because of the significant place of leadership which has been recognized, that Winfield Church has, we must realize the heavy responsibility for that privilege. I therefore challenge you "To forget those things which lay behind and look forward to the high calling of God in Christ Jesus," for all the work He would have us do in the realm of evangelism, education, Missions and church extensions, Woman's work, Lay activities, Youth Fellowship, Christian literature, The Methodist Orphanage, Hendrix College, The New World Order, Benevolences, Church debt and the Stewardship of finances.

HAS YOUR PLEDGE BEEN PAID IN FULL

Next Sunday, November 28, is the last Sunday of this Conference year. If your pledge is not paid up-to-date be sure and pay same next Sunday. Everyone of you have received a statement relative to your pledge. If this statement is incorrect you should have called the office by this time, if not, it is your duty to pay this pledge in full just as your employer would pay you in full for work done. We still need about \$1,500.00, to reach our quota for this year. If everyone who has a balance will pay up in full and those who have prospered above expectations will pay an extra amount, this will help us in reaching our goal. Do not wait, because it is the last Sunday in the Conference year and all outstanding bills must be paid by December 1.

PHILANDER SMITH VESPERS

Next Sunday, 4:00 p. m., the annual all-spiritual Thanksgiving Vespers of Philander Smith College will be presented by the Department of Music at the Wesley Chapel Methodist Church, 11th and State Streets. The public is invited.

WITH THE YOUTH FELLOWSHIPS

Young People's Dept.: Recreation and program in Young People's parlor. Dick Neal will lead discussion on, "Fight Against Greed and Graft."

Senior High Dept.: Recreation in Buzbee Classroom, program in Bullington Classroom on, "The Six Pillars of Peace."—Eloise Nelson, leader.

Junior High Dept.: Recreation and program in department room. Peggy Day will lead the program on, "Keeping Thanksgiving Alive."

The Young People's Department will have a Chili Supper Sunday night after church in Fellowship Hall.

OFFICERS OF BOARD OF EDUCATION

The Board of Education said "Thank You" to Dr. A. S. Ross, Mr. Jerry Bowen and Miss Lillian Peaslee by electing them to succeed themselves as Chairman, Vice-Chairman, and Secretary respectively. Their sincere efforts have shown results during the year past, and the enthusiastic response of the new board leads us to believe that another year of progress is just ahead of us.

STEWARDS ELECTED

In the last meeting of the Board of Stewards the nominating committee presented the following names for the indicated offices in the board of stewards, and they were elected unanimously:

Chairman, C. C. Arnold.

First Vice-Chairman, James Verhoeff.

Second Vice-Chairman and Chairman of Committee on Finance, W. P. Ivy.

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