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"The World is My Parish" — John Wesley      "Go ye into all the world—" — 16:15

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## Our Laymen Speak

NEXT Sunday, February 20th, is Laymen's Day throughout the Methodist Church. The observance of Laymen's Day, this year, has special significance since it is so closely linked up with the Week of Dedication. This special day in our annual program is of tremendous value, in its own right, when properly emphasized. The voices of our consecrated laymen in the pulpits annually on Laymen's Day add to the power and prestige of the pulpit and give added strength and wider influence to the work of the ministry through the messages they bring.

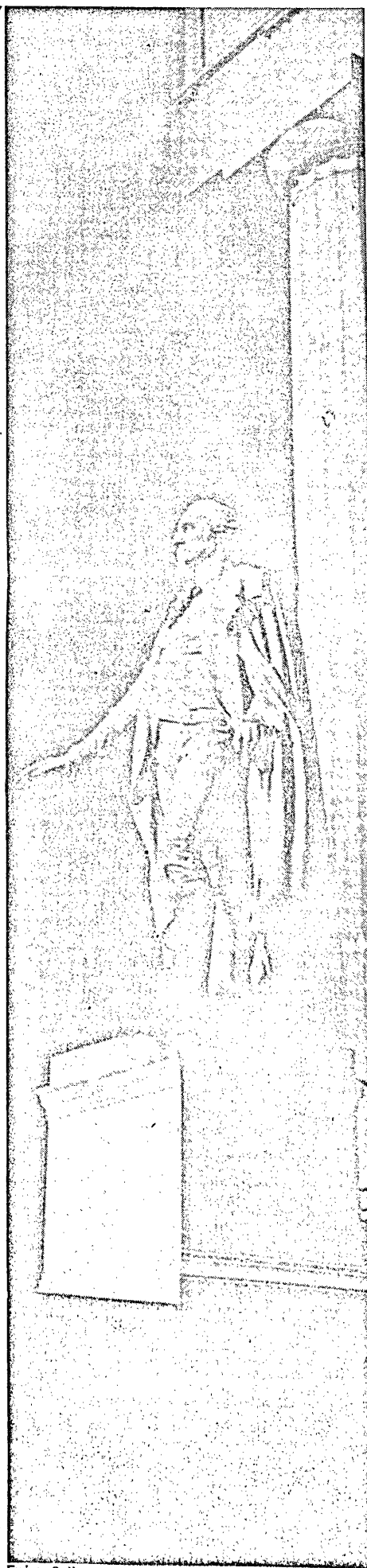
This year the blending of Laymen's Day with the program planned for the Week of Dedication gives our laymen added opportunities to be of valuable service to the church. There is a wealth of material to be had that will increase the usefulness of the laymen in this work. The leaflets with suggested three-minute talks for laymen for each Sunday of February are prepared by the Committee for the Week of Dedication and are very suggestive. There are several pamphlets, also, with suggested material for the principal address in services leading up to Dedication Week and for Dedication Sunday. The pamphlet prepared by the Board of Lay Activities, which contains an address by George L. Morelock, Executive Secretary of the General Board of Lay Activities, "The Church at Its Best," will be very useful to any layman preparing to speak on Laymen's Day.

The program of Methodism today is the most intensive and the most extensive that our church has known. It is too big for the pastor alone to give proper leadership to all of its various interests and activities. Our laymen understand that program better today than ever before and, where there is the will to do so, our laymen can be of inestimable value to the pastor in promoting the church's work. It is our feeling that the Week of Dedication will be of added interest and effectiveness just in proportion as our laymen accept and discharge the responsibilities assigned them in preparation for this important event in the program of our church.

## Preach Missions Now

THERE was a time when a sermon on missions appeared to some to be a rather impractical, unrealistic sort of discussion. To some it was almost as unearthly as a sermon on heaven and not nearly so interesting.

That has all changed today. People have become world conscious and they are interested, as never before, in the nations of earth to which our missionaries have been sent. America now has her boys and girls scattered all over the world and that has increased the interest of people in these distant lands. Many of our boys, on mission fields, have made contact with our missionaries there or they have seen the effect of missionary work in the lives of less fortunate races. That has created another open door for the missionary message. It is also beginning to dawn on the church people of America that they have been practicing a false economy in the small contributions we have been making for missions. If only a fraction of the amount that we are now forced to spend for war had been spent in the promoting of good will among races and nations of earth and in the preaching of the gospel of Christ to the unchristian world, it is altogether possible that the war of today might have been averted. The situation now is over-ripe for a new emphasis on the value and need for a world-wide program of evangelism.



Ewing Galloway

## Emancipator, Saviour, Father

AS we approach again February 22, we honor ourselves as well as him when we think again about George Washington who freed us from the tyranny of kings; united the divisive interests of the Thirteen Colonies and thereby saved them to a united national life, and with his paternal love and sound judgement fathered our infant nation until it could walk alone.

By common consent, in America, the Washington Monument is the tallest monument in our land. This is true because, as yet, there has not arisen a leader in our national life to whom America is willing to pay tribute as it does to George Washington.

This ranking statesman of America was a man of vision and foresight and through these powers helped to plan wisely the future of our country. Nevertheless, Washington was a realist and planned life for himself and his country in a manner that seemed to be best for his time and seemed to be the most promising for the future. Being human, however, it is but natural that his judgement of what was best for his day and his vision of what would be best for the future, could not but be colored by the life of the world in which he lived.

Living in a world where, by their means of transportation, we were months removed from the warring nations of the old world, it was but natural that he would warn America against "entangling alliances" with nations of such distant lands. Realist that he was, we may be sure that today, when those distances have been reduced by airplanes to hours instead of months, if he were living, he would be one of the first to see that we cannot live apart from these nations in the world of today.

Those who so enthusiastically quote his "no entangling alliance" recommendation today as though his judgements were infallible and of permanent value, should remember that George Washington, with others of his day, believed that one of the most effective remedies in case of dangerous illness was to bleed the patient. Some tell us that in his own last illness, through the voluntary letting of his own blood he became so weakened as that recovery was impossible. We may be sure that the judgement of George Washington on the question of bleeding of patients as well as on some other vital matters would be quite different if he were alive today.

## Date Line For Renewals Being Advanced

IN handling the large number of subscription lists that have reached our office in the past weeks, it has been the policy of the office to enter the names of new subscribers on our mailing list first so that they may begin receiving the paper as soon as possible after their names reach our office.

Following that policy, we have left the matter of advancing the date lines on renewals until all new subscribers are on the list. All new subscriptions received up to Saturday, February 5th are now supposed to be on the mailing list. If any new subscriber, whose name was sent in before that date, is not now receiving his paper, please let us know. After this issue we hope to have all renewals marked up. If your label

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# The "Talking Leaf" Grows In Africa



By DANA M. ALBAUGH

A LITTLE African lad timidly asked his teacher for "the book that makes trouble for the head." He was not the first to have such a thought about an arithmetic book. His comment calls attention to a revolutionary change that is taking place. Africa is learning to read and write. This is of profound significance. . .

another agent. What a powerful fetish! No wonder the printed page was later called the "magic leaf" or the "talking leaf."

Today thousands of African boys and girls are making the acquaintance of the "talking leaf." You may see them sitting on rough-hewn benches in a school building with mud walls and a roof of jungle

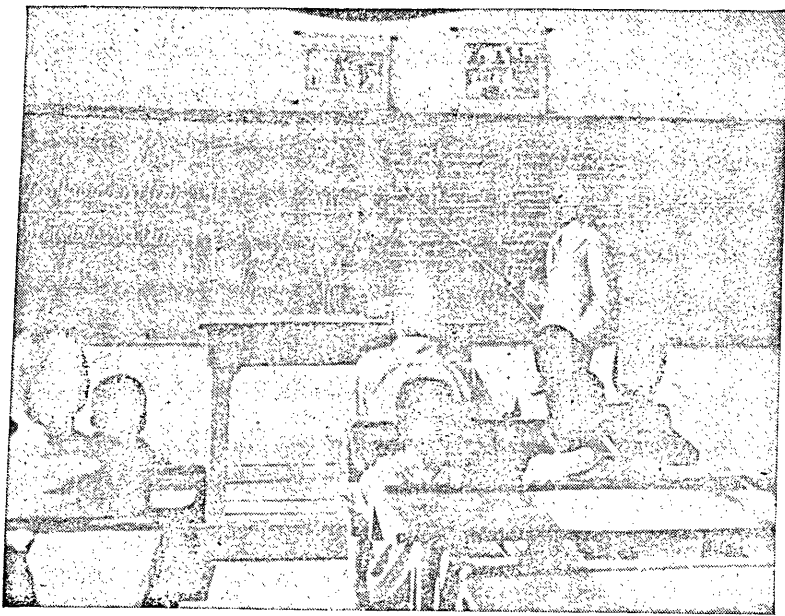
also become acquainted with the world's great personalities, the finest literature, and the Book of Books.

Knowledge of the "talking leaf" means that the mosquito is not just an obnoxious insect. It is a dangerous enemy. The African has seen a picture of the mosquito greatly enlarged. He read that when it travels from an infected to an uninfected person it carries the chills and fever of malaria. Formerly when he had these chills he thought some one must have put a "curse" upon him; or perhaps he had not paid the medicine man enough to get the right kind of a fetish. But the magic of print helps him to see danger in the steaming swamps. It also tells him of the white powder, quinine, which will relieve his misery.

No longer does he think, as perhaps his father did, that a wheelbarrow is something to be loaded, placed on a man's head and carried to its destination. Through the "talking leaf" he sees the wheel as one of the simplest but greatest of scientific achievements. With a knowledge of the "talking leaf" he operates the typewriter, transcribes telegrams, translates letters, writes public notices, makes health placards, and deciphers blueprints. The inventions of the world begin to belong to him and his people.

The Christian forces have been the leaders in giving the African the use of the "talking leaf." They have supported mission schools, and sent teachers into the corners of darkest illiteracy. They have reduced languages to writing, translated books and sponsored reading campaigns. They have given the Bible with all its wisdom, beauty and simplicity to great sections of African life. The mission boards are hard at work on this problem. Not only do they each have their individual programs. Jointly they are sponsoring the work of the World Literacy and Christian Literature Committee of the Foreign Missions Conference which is touching the need on a broad basis.

The powerful instrument of reading is now in the hands of the African people. It can be a weapon for good or for evil, depending upon how it is used. Certain selfish and ambitious forces seek to capture its effectiveness. Christians have an opportunity to spread the knowledge of love, charity, goodness and righteousness through the "talking leaf." When the African has come through the present period of transition what will the verdict be? Will it have been a "magic leaf" bringing results in the building of Christian character or only "the leaf that caused trouble for the head?"



Pictures help Africa to Read!

Under the old tribal system of African education, no textbooks were needed or used. Of the 800 spoken dialects only one or two had been reduced to writing. There was no literature, and the African had only the folklore handed down from father to son to give guidance to his daily life.

When the white men came Africans saw him read, write, use figures, and print. They were inclined to believe that he possessed a new kind of fetish, a powerful "medicine," perhaps concocted by some medicine man in the land of pale-faced people.

The early missionaries opened schools and began to teach boys and girls to read and write. It was some time before they discovered why there was such a keen desire to learn the secret of the printed page. Then they found that the Africans had been carrying their produce to the trading establishments on the coast. There they received a slip of paper on which the buying agent made a few marks. When they took this paper to the company store the goods of their selection were given to them by

grass. You may find them in the shade, laboriously reproducing syllables from the chart that hangs against the trunk of the mango tree. Or you may notice them out under the hot tropical sun with sticks for pencils and the sandy earth for a slate.

Young Africa is learning to read. What does it mean? It means that the faucets of history, geography, education, politics and religion are opening with a steady stream into the primitive backgrounds of African life. The African who has thought only in terms of his village or tribe now looks out on the life, the customs, the achievements, — yes, and the weaknesses of his fellowmen around the world. Through the printed page he receives propaganda, learns first hand of racial tension, and watches armies march over continents called Christian. He learns of strikes, labor conflicts, pressure groups, color lines, maximum working hours, time and a half for overtime. He now has a calendar and knows when Sunday and pay-day come around. He is besieged through the printed page to buy radios, bicycles, typewriters and sewing machines. But he can



Teacher and pupils in a Kalabi village in the Congo

## RED CROSS SUNDAY, FEB. 27

Red Cross Sunday will be observed in the nation's churches February 27, following similar observance of Red Cross Sabbath in synagogues and temples February 25-26. Answering a plea from Norman H. Davis, chairman of the Red Cross, religious leaders will set the spiritual tone of the 1944 Red Cross War Fund appeal "in line with those ideals of freedom, justice and mercy for which the churches have always stood."

Appreciative of the work of the Red Cross, ministers who have witnessed its humanitarian services to

our armed forces at home and overseas will invite the continued support of their congregations in volunteer services as well as in financial support.

Chairman Davis in his letter to the clergy said:

"We are deeply grateful for the loyalty with which the church people of America have always supported the American Red Cross. In wartime they know that wherever their boys go, the Red Cross is at their side. They know too that the Red Cross is the embodiment of human mercy.

"This year February 27 is being observed by our chapters as Red

Cross Sunday. We are hopeful that churches universally will wish to make plans for this occasion. Red Cross Sunday will afford you an opportunity to inspire your people to continue to support the Red Cross generously, both financially and with their volunteer services. Their example as citizens is essential to the achievement of our tremendous 1944 objective.

"When so many of their loved ones are called on to give 'the last full measure of devotion,' the leadership as well as the rank-and-file of the churches will wish to help the Red Cross accomplish its unprecedented task."

If a child is kind to animals, he will surely grow up to become a good citizen. To get along with animals requires thoughtfulness for their welfare and gentleness in their handling. These two attributes alone, when applied to human companionship, will insure a life of real success in adulthood.—Selected.

Self-confidence is the first requisite to great undertaking.—Samuel Johnson.

Save an old man and you save a unit; save a child and you save a multiplication table.—Gipsy Smith.

# THE DEVOTIONAL PAGE

H. O. BOLIN, Editor

## ON GUARD

The soldier tossed about in his blanket. The ground beneath the truck was hard and the thin blanket didn't give much protection, but that wasn't what worried him. This was enemy territory and he didn't know what dangers might be lurking about in the inky blackness over the camp. Then soft footsteps were heard approaching the camp. Instantly the soldier was on his feet, reaching for the tommygun beside him. A voice snapped in the darkness near by, "Halt! Who's there?" Came the instant reply "The Sergeant of the Guard!" The soldier breathed a sigh of relief, patted his gun, and laid down to rest. This time he went to sleep immediately. The safety of the vigilant guards was soothing.

Unknown to us there are scores of people whose very lives depend on our watchfulness. The influence we possess should be the determining factor in the lives we live—for the way we live will make or break other lives than our own.

Whether we like it or not, we are our brothers' keepers. Lurking evils can destroy innocent victims. Let us be on guard.—In The Union Signal, Chaplain Walter G. Peck.

## CATCHING UP

A distinguished explorer, spending a couple of years among savages on the Upper Amazon, once attempted a forced march through the jungle. The party made extraordinary speed for the first two days, but on the third morning, when it was time to start, the explorer found the natives sitting on their haunches, looking very solemn and making no preparation to leave.

"They can't move further," the chief explained to the explorer, "until their souls have caught up with their bodies."

That describes rather exactly the situation in which many of us now find ourselves. The war has pressed us into services that tax our strength to the utmost. How can we keep up the pace we are going unless we let our souls "catch up" with our bodies? And how can we find soul-rest unless we avail ourselves of the services of the Church? And how can we do that unless we recognize and meet our obligations to the Church?—Methodist Church Review.

## THE GREAT ARE HUMBLE

Great men are humble. They are great because they have been, and are, so teachable. They learn something from everyone they meet. Genius has been defined as "an infinite capacity for taking pains"; it may also be defined as an infinite capacity for taking hints. A high look and a proud heart drive us away from God, while humility and gentleness ally us firmly with Him.—War Cry.

## EVER NEAR

If I could hear Christ praying for me in the next room, I would not fear a million enemies. Yet the distance makes no difference. He is praying for me.—Robert Murray McCheyne.

## A SMALL BOY AND HIS FATHER'S PRAYER

*When Father prays, he doesn't use  
The words the preacher does;  
There's different things for different  
days  
But mostly it's for us.*

*When Father prays, the house is  
still—  
His voice is slow and deep.  
We shut our eyes, the clock ticks  
loud,  
So quiet we must keep.*

*He prays that we may be good boys,  
And later on, good men;  
And then we squirm and think we  
won't  
Have any quarrels again.*

*You'd never think to look at Dad  
He once had tempers, too.  
I guess, if Father needs to pray,  
We youngsters surely do.*

*Sometimes the prayer gets very long  
And hard to understand,  
And then, I wiggle up quite close  
And let him hold my hand.*

*I can't remember all of it—  
I'm little yet, you see;  
But this one thing I can't forget—  
My father prays for me.—Anon.*

## THE CHALLENGE OF CHRISTIANITY

Down through the years the wrong appeal has been over-emphasized in the matter of Christianity. People have been invited to come to Christ for what they could have rather than what they would be; what they could get rather than what they could give. Heaven has been offered as a future reward. Christ would have people build the kingdom of heaven on earth as a present reality. We are happy to know that there is a future heaven, but the greatest concern of Christians should be the condition of this world. The failure at this point has been a contributing factor to the adverse circumstances we face.

Christ never appealed to softness and self-interest. To a man who would follow Him, He said, "The foxes have holes and the birds of the air have nests; but the Son of Man hath not where to lay his head." To another whose father was old and who wanted to wait until he had passed on and been buried before taking up his serious duties as a kingdom builder, Jesus said, "Follow me; and let the dead bury their dead." Again He said, "If any man would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me." His strongest statement along this line is, "For whosoever shall save his life shall lose it: and whosoever will lose his life for my sake shall find it." The nearest He ever came to appealing to self-interest was when He said, "Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest." But it was rest in toil rather than from toil; for in the same breath He added, "Take my yoke upon you." They were called to work, not to become bench warmers like so many modern church members are.

Jesus called His four chief apostles with a challenge to service rather than an appeal to self-interest; "Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men." He sent them forth as "sheep among wolves." He informed them that people in general would not gladly receive their message, but that the time would come when they who killed them would think they were doing God service. Pretty encouraging, wasn't it? To say the least, they didn't come in with any false notions. No wonder they turned the world of that day upside down. They figured they were in the world, not to conform to it, but to change it. They were willing to give their all; their time, talents, possessions, and even life itself, that the Kingdom of God might come.

The Christians of that day went out to win people one by one. They knew the task was hard. They knew the world was unfriendly. They realized they would meet with opposition, persecution, and death, but nothing could stop them. They had a vision and were obedient to it. They out-thought, out-lived, out-served, out-loved, and out-died any other people of that generation. The world had to take notice of them. It always notes people who are in earnest.

Our greatest need today is to get in earnest about building the Kingdom of God. Little wonder Jesus would teach us to pray, "Thy kingdom come. They will be done in earth, as it is in heaven." The coming of the Kingdom simply means the practice, on the part of at least the majority of the people of this world, the way of life as taught and lived by Christ. What is that way of life? It is the way of living for others rather than for self—the

## A MIGHTY WEAPON

It will take strong action on our part to win this war. But our plans, our stratagems, our intelligence and wisdom would be bettered far were each Christian to use the weapons of prayer valorously. Paul, were he with us, would exhort us to pray. His words remain to inspire; these the words: "... the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strong holds."—Dayton (Ohio) Journal Herald.

way of loving, the way of forgiving, the way of sharing. Can that way of life be attained? Jesus thought so. The best thinkers in the world today are saying it must, or the human family is doomed. We all know that the world came to its present circumstances through greed, hatred, selfishness, corruption (especially political), and unholy ambitions on the part of power-mad men. These things are the poisons which are bidding fair to destroy the life of the world. Poisons often are fatal unless there is an antidote. Do we have an antidote? Is it in philosophy (other than Christian philosophy?) Is it in science? Knowledge along this line is only adding to destruction. Is it in education? Secular education has never solved religious and moral problems. Turn any way you will, except to Christ, and you are up against a blank wall. After prayer and study and much meditation, we all know there is but one way out, and that is the Christian way.

What can we do about it? We can be the very best Christians possible. Jesus promised that if He were lifted up He would draw all men unto Him. He didn't say all would come, but He said He would draw them. As Christians, in our lives, we must lift up Christ and not self. It will take a lot of praying and Bible study to be able to do this. Then, we can work daily in bringing others to Jesus. We can't save people, but we can help by bringing them to One who can. That old paradox has a wonderful truth: "Jesus alone can save the world, but He can't save the world alone." We have got to get people to the point where they will let Christ save them. Are we doing our part? When Moody was saved he vowed that he would try to lead some one to Christ every day. He kept it up through a lifetime. John the Baptist said, "Behold the Lamb of God who taketh away the sin of the world." Two of his disciples heard him and they followed Jesus. How simple, yet how important. Just a sentence, but it won two souls to Christ. You can speak that word. Our Bishops' Crusade in the interest of a better world order will be a farce unless the members of Methodism do something about it. They know that better than we do, and that is why they are laying emphasis on evangelism. That is where Wesley and his helpers laid it and saved England from a bloody revolution. God help us to recapture something of his zeal.—H. O. B.

The man who has begun to live more seriously within begins to live more simply without.—Phillips Brooks.



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## A WEEKLY MESSAGE

By FORNEY HUTCHINSON

### TWO CHURCH FRIENDS

During my four years as pastor of Central Avenue, now First Church, Hot Springs, there were two devoted members whose friendship had been created and sanctified by the church. I speak of Sister Hotchkiss and Sister Shippey. Usually, these saints, along with their husbands, occupied the same pew. They sat together in the meetings of the Missionary Society, and when you would see one of them on the streets, you would generally see the other, also. Their friendship was beautiful to behold. It was equal to that of Damon and Pythias, or David and Jonathan.

One time, Sister Shippey became desperately ill. Her husband, Dr. Shippey, and her many friends despaired of her life. Sister Hotchkiss hovered over her, day and night, and earnestly prayed for her restoration. I was there when the tide turned and her recovery became assured. She looked up at me with a smile on her lovely face, and then turning her eyes toward Sister Hotchkiss, who sat on the other side of the bed, quietly said, "Why did you pray me back to life and health? I was almost inside the gates." Sister Hotchkiss answered her question, "My dear friend, I could not bear to give you up," I said, "The Lord has need for you here."

Some years after I had gone from the church, I was in the city and met Sister Shippey and her husband on the street. In the meantime, he had completely lost his vision and she was leading him about. I stopped to speak to them and said to her, "I think you see now why God heard our prayers and restored you to health." With tear-dimmed eyes she softly said, "I see."

The warm friendship of these two saints continued to the end. Sister Hotchkiss said it was made possible by the church. Certainly such friendships are created and developed through fellowship in the church.

Long ago, these two saints found their way into the land of "unclouded day," where their friendship, enriched and sanctified here, will be eternal.

I covet for my friends on the outside the kind of friendship the church makes possible.

The churches continue to be the only source where a man can get courage, faith, and inspiration, and these things are things which business men are craving today. . . . What business men want is to receive courage to resist temptation, faith to cease worry, and inspiration to do hard things.—Roger Babson.

## NEWS AND NOTES ABOUT FACTS AND FOLKS

CONWAY Church, Rev. E. W. Harris, pastor, has completed its offering for the February Special. The amount is \$1340, which is its largest contribution to this important offering.

DR. W. B. SLACK, pastor of Winfield Church, and Rev. E. W. Harris, pastor of Conway Church, are preaching in the Evangelistic Mission for the South Central Jurisdiction in Oklahoma City from February 14-25. The Oklahoma City District is the sponsoring district.

REV. G. G. DAVIDSON passed through Little Rock Wednesday, February 9, on his way to visit his son at Centenary College, Shreveport, La., and called at the Methodist office. He reports everything paid in full for the first quarter on the Alpena Pass Circuit.

REV. T. C. CHAMBLISS, pastor at Cotter, writes: "We are having Bishop Charles C. Selecman on February 27 at 7:30 p. m. for the dedication services for our church. We invite all former pastors and district superintendents to attend this service. We have a substantial increase in salary and World Service for this year."

REV. W. L. DIGGS, pastor at Brookland, writes: "The Brookland Church wants approximately thirty pews, eight to twelve feet long. Would like pews in good condition, solid seats and backs, new or used. Would prefer good used pews." Anyone knowing where these may be secured, please communicate with Rev. W. L. Diggs, Brookland, Arkansas.

CHURCHES, schools and service organizations are preparing to cooperate with the U. S. Public Health Service in observing the week of April 2 to 9 as "National Negro Health Week." It is designed to promote better housing, health programs, and health facilities, especially in communities where there are large Negro populations living in conditions that are injurious to physical, mental and spiritual well-being.

JUDGE JONAH J. GOLDSTEIN, of New York, says: "For every dollar spent on children, one thousand dollars are saved on jails and correctional institutions. It is easier to build boys than to mend men. The place to stop crime is in the high-chair, not the electric chair. In the development of character there is no substitute for intensive religious education of the young. God-consciousness will prevent crime much more than will laws. Knowing God is more important than knowing courts."

CHAPLAIN ALFRED KNOX writes: "I am on a beautiful island in the Southwest Pacific and am finding that a chaplain's work grows more and more fascinating as he approaches the realities of the battle theatre. I am really a jeep-riding circuit preacher. Every Sunday I hold services at 8, 9, 10, 11 and 1 o'clock and keep on the run during the week with pastoral duties between outfits, but it's lot of fun and I'm very happy." Chaplain Knox's address is O-499052, 69th Service Squadron, APO 928 Unit 2, c/o Postmaster, San Francisco, Calif.

REV. H. LYNN WADE, district superintendent of the Paragould District, sends the following item of interest: "The work of the young people is coming to life again under the leadership of Rev. Harold Spence. The East Side Fellowship Union will meet at Piggott on Monday night, March 20. The West Side Union was organized at Pocahontas, February 7. It will meet next with the Corning church on Monday night, April 3. The next meeting of the Clay-Greene County Rally will be with the Five Oaks Church, April 30. The Lawrence-Randolph County Rally is to be organized and have a program April 30, the place of meeting to be selected."

BISHOP G. BROMLEY OXNAM of Boston, says: "The pronouncements of religious bodies have stressed the necessity of translating the ethical ideals of religion into the realities of economic justice and racial brotherhood. Catholic and Protestant churchmen of Britain unite to declare that: extreme inequality in wealth and possessions should be abolished; every child, regardless of race or class, should have equal opportunities of education; the family as a social unit must be safe-guarded; the sense of a divine vocation must

be restored to a man's daily work; the resources of the earth should be used as God's gifts to the whole human race, and used with due consideration for the needs of present and future generations."

REV. R. S. HAYDEN, district superintendent of the Conway District, writes: "Thursday, February 10, in President Umphrey Lee's reception room at Southern Methodist University, Bishop Charles C. Selecman ordained Jeff Roland Marsh of the Little Rock Conference deacon and elder and Wilmar Earl DuBois of the North Arkansas Conference as elder under the military rule. Brother Marsh will soon enter the Navy as chaplain. Revs. J. E. Cooper, Arthur Terry, E. C. Rule and R. S. Hayden assisted Bishop Selecman in the ordination service. The following men from the North Arkansas Conference attended Ministers' Week at S. M. U.: I. A. Brumatt, A. W. Martin, J. T. Byrd, Cecil Culver, Irl Bridenthal, W. F. Cooley, J. L. Pruitt, Allen D. Stewart and the writer."

DR. HAROLD N. BREWSTER, of Brockton, Mass., Methodist missionary and superintendent of the Wiley General Hospital, Kukiene Province, China, and some of his associate medical practitioners in Free China, are urging members of churches in the United States to write to their congressmen urging that high priority be to their medicines and hospital supplies for Christian and government hospitals in China. Most of the ether, sulfa drugs, aspirin, sodium bicarbonate, anesthetics, morphine, rubber gloves, thermometers, syringes, needles, etc. for these hospitals come through United China Relief funds, largely from the churches, and require priorities on planes and ships if they are to meet the growing needs of the institutions. He points out that seventy percent of the hospital beds available for civilian Chinese are in mission hospitals, and that they are often the only places where Chinese soldiers can receive adequate treatment for their wounds. The present shortage he says, is due largely to lack of priorities.

### REV. RANSOM S. HAYDEN IN FATAL ACCIDENT

AS final copy is being sent to the printer, word comes of the tragic death of Rev. Ransom S. Hayden, District Superintendent of the Conway District. Bro. Hayden's car was struck by a train at the crossing just east of Russellville Monday afternoon. He was serving his third year as District Superintendent of the Conway District where he was making a remarkable record as a leader both in district and conference work. The North Arkansas Conference and the Methodist Church in Arkansas has suffered a loss in his going that words cannot describe. The family may be assured of the sympathy and prayers of his numberless friends.

### EVANGELISM BROADCAST

The Commission on Evangelism of the Little Rock Conference announces the following speakers over Radio Station KTHS (1090 on your dial) each Saturday morning from 11:05 to 11:30 a. m.:

February 19th—Rev. Kenneth L. Spore.  
February 26th—Rev. Neill Hart.  
March 4th—Rev. R. B. Moore.  
March 11th—Rev. E. C. Rule.

Pastors are urged to announce to their congregations the necessity of listening to these programs. A great many responses indicate that the programs are growing in effectiveness and power.—Homer T. Fort, chairman.

### DATE LINE FOR RENEWALS BEING ADVANCED

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does not show the proper date line after this week, write our office.

If you have ever tried to handle fifteen thousand names in so short a time, and give each name the time it requires to enter it properly on our records, you will know that mistakes are possible. If mistakes have been made we want you to notify us and they will be gladly corrected.

# CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

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## CHRISTIAN EDUCATION IN THE LITTLE ROCK CONFERENCE

By Roy E. Fawcett

### As a New Secretary

In the beginning, permit me a personal word in which to express my appreciation of the courtesies extended me as the new secretary of the Board of Education. Never an easy task, it is especially difficult under present-day conditions. Naturally, in these unsettled times there are many disturbing factors that enter into the operation of our program but we are finding a spirit of understanding that is encouraging. Even though we are forced to make adjustments in almost every phase of our work, yet with the cooperation of our pastors and laymen, we can have an effective and fruitful program that will justify the investments of the Conference Board. We are looking forward to and are hopeful for a good year.

### The Training Program

Our training program began early in January with a Conference-wide series of institutes, primarily for the pastors and superintendents of the small churches. These institutes were under the direction of Miss Lucy Foreman whose services have been made available for us by the General Board for the months of January and February.

Following the institutes, a week was given to training work in the "Rice Belt" of the Pine Bluff District. Miss Foreman was at DeWitt and Stuttgart, Miss Fay McRae at St. Charles and Stillwell, on the Bayou Meto charge, and the executive secretary at Gillette and Almyra. The short course on teaching was given in all of these groups. Continuing the same type of training work, Miss Foreman has led groups of workers at Ashdown, Lockesburg and on the New Edinburg circuit. This week she has taught at Smackover and Norphlet and will close the series of schools next week at Emmett and El Dorado.

### The Little Rock Training School

The Little Rock Training School, scheduled for March 6-10, is to be held in cooperation with the Methodist Churches of North Little Rock and with the Christian churches of the two cities. Dr. C. M. Reves and Rev. S. F. Freeman are the deans; Rev. Allen D. Stewart is chairman of the Directing Committee; and Mr. Roland Shelton is chairman of the Board of Managers. The courses and instructors are as follows:

Teaching Children, Mrs. J.A. Gray.  
Guiding Juniors in Christian Growth, Miss Olive Smith.

Guiding Intermediates, Mrs. C. B. Nelson.

Teaching Youth, Rev. Travis White.

The Teachings of Jesus (for young people), Rev. Robt. Bearden.

The Acts of the Apostles, Rev. Ira Brumley.

Guidance in Christian Home-Making, Rev. Paul Kennedy.

Hymn Interpretation, Rev. C. N. Guice.

### The Pine Bluff School

The date for the Pine Bluff School is March 12-17. This is also a co-operative school with the Christian and Presbyterian churches of the city participating. Rev. E. Clifton Rule is the dean and Dr. Newton of the Presbyterian church is chairman of the Board of Managers. Courses with the following instructors have been arranged:

Guiding Intermediates, Mrs. C. B. Nelson.

Understanding Ourselves (for young people), Rev. James Upton.

Guidance in Christian Home-making, Rev. Paul Kennedy.

The Teaching of Jesus, Rev. R. D. Adams.

### Other Schools Being Planned

In company with Rev. J. E. Cooper of the Arkadelphia District, the executive secretary recently met with the pastors and other interested workers at Benton, Hot Springs, Malvern, Sparkman and Arkadelphia, in the interest of training programs at these district centers. The program for these schools is to be announced later.

### Bible Conferences

Dr. Robert W. Goodloe and Dr. John H. Hicks have each secured for a series of Bible conferences during the summer and early autumn. We are fortunate in securing the services of these outstanding Biblical students who will conduct two conferences a week during the time they will be with us. Pastors and other workers interested in securing one of these conferences are requested to get in touch with the Conference Office before the schedules have been filled up.

### At Ministers' Week

The Little Rock Conference was well-represented at Ministers' Week recently held at Southern Methodist University. Perhaps the largest audience ever assembled for the occasion heard Bishop Oxnam, and Dr. Luccock in their series of lectures, and the Bishop of the South Central Jurisdiction who appeared on the program. Those in attendance from this Conference were: C. M. Reves, Fred Roebuck, W. B. Slack and Mrs. Slack, H. O. Bolin, Fred Harrison, Roy Fawcett, J. E. Cooper, Homer T. Fort, Hal Pinnell, Van Harrell, R. B. Moore, George Cagle, T. M. Armstrong, A. J. Christie, Aubrey Walton, C. R. Hozendorf, Edward Dunlap, L. M. Starkey, Alfred Freeman, Arthur Terry, Rufus Sorrells, James Major, R. O. Beck, and Mrs. Beck, E. Clifton Rule, W. Neill Hart, J. B. Hefley, R. E. Simpson and Louis Averitt.

Fog in bottles is the latest experiment of the scientists who capture the fog atop high mountains in quest of the why and wherefores of rain. Other fog in bottles our society is distressingly familiar with. Just why it should have the protection of the law anywhere calls for research.—Ex.

Observe good faith and justice toward all nations; cultivate peace and harmony with all.—George Washington's Farewell Address.

## CHRISTIAN EDUCATION NOTES, N. ARKANSAS CONFERENCE

By Ira A. Brumley

### Ministers' Week, Southern Methodist University

The program for Ministers' Week at Southern Methodist University, Feb. 7-10, was another good program. The Fondren Lectures were given by Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam. He used as his subject, Labor in Tomorrow's World.

The Lectures on Preaching were given by Doctor Halford E. Luccock of Yale University.

Each of the Bishops of the South Central Jurisdiction delivered one address.

The attendance was perhaps the largest attendance since the beginning of Ministers' Week. The North Arkansas Conference had a total attendance of fifteen ministers: Allen D. Stewart and E. J. Holifield of North Little Rock, J. L. Pruitt of Levy, Cecil Culver of Jonesboro, S. B. Wilford of Blytheville, W. F. Cooley of Siloam Springs, Paul Galloway of Fayetteville, A. W. Martin of Fort Smith, J. T. Byrd of Van Buren, L. K. Wilson of Dell, J. W. Moore of Joiner, Irl Bridenthal of Clarendon, Sam Yancey of Fayetteville, R. S. Hayden and Ira A. Brumley of Conway.

### "Fellowship of Study"

The Fellowship of Study plan for workers in the Church School is proving very popular with many of our Church School workers.

The Conference Council of Children's Work is pushing enrollment of persons in the Fellowship of Study for workers with children.

One district director of Children's Work recently requested materials for fifty persons to be enrolled in this program.

A number of churches are enrolling all their workers with children.

### Youth Caravans

Some may be wondering about Caravan program for youth during the coming summer in Caravan Work. More Annual Conferences have requested Caravan Teams for 1944 than did so in 1943.

A number of young people have already requested places on Caravan Teams, but many more will be needed. The requirements are even higher than of a few years ago since more maturity is needed for this work in such times as these. A youth should have had two years of college work before asking for place on a Caravan Team.

The North Arkansas Conference expects to have one Caravan Team this summer.

Young people of the North Arkansas Conference who are interested in going on a Caravan Team should write at once. Time is needed to make adequate preparation.

The Caravan activities give youth a chance to have a share in beginning the work of building a better world. A better youth program means developed youth. Developed youth with a Christian viewpoint will help build a better world. Youth does not have to wait to be a Missionary in some far away country. There is opportunity now in this Caravan type of work.

## IN TOMORROW'S WORLD TODAY

Christian Education Today—Mexico  
As Reported by: World's Sunday School Association  
156 Fifth Avenue  
New York 10, N. Y.

Roman Torres is General Secretary of the Christian education work for Mexico. In a very recent letter he tells of young people's camps, daily vacation Bible school, and Sunday schools.

Young People's Camps—"Once a year we have our camps for young people in several places in the country. In our Tlanextepac (The Mount of the Dawn) camp last year one boy was an especial discipline problem, but when the activities of the camp were over he gave this testimony, 'I can't understand what has happened to me, but I feel that I am not the same person.' Some days later the boy's father came to me and said, 'I am very grateful to God and to you because my son is a new creature; I bless God for these camps for young people.'"

Daily Vacation Bible Schools—"In a little town sixteen miles from the railroad station, we held for the first time daily vacation Bible school for one week. There were eighteen children and three teachers, one teacher had special training. We had our classes under the protection of the branches of trees and all materials were adapted as the children were completely ignorant of the Bible. We had school between 1:00 and 2:00 o'clock, when the children were free from their domestic tasks."

Sunday Schools—"Several new institutes for the training of teachers have been organized. One is now held each year in every region. One of the laymen in Tampeco said at the close of the institute there, 'Now I hope that we shall soon have in Mexico more and better Sunday Schools.'"

If I should try to say anew the creed of the optimist, I should say something like this: "I believe in God, I believe in man, I believe in the power of the Spirit. I believe it is the sacred duty to encourage ourselves and others; to hold the tongue from unhappy word against God's world, because no man has any right to complain of a universe which God made good, and which thousands of men have striven to keep good. I believe we should so act that we may draw nearer and more near the age when no man shall live at his ease while another suffers.—Helen Keller.

I think sometimes the nation is beginning to find its soul again and it has the chance to do so if it will. We are standing for the decent things, for truth, kindness, freedom of worship, the treatment of men as the children of God. But these have little meaning if there is no moral order in the universe, if there is no God. We shall only achieve the strength, courage, patience, and vision we need as we recover our faith in him.—M. E. Aubrey.



# THE CHILDREN'S PAGE

ANNIE WINBURNE, Editor



## IN STORYLAND

### WHAT MAKES A MAN

Denny curled one of his legs underneath his small body and dropped his small rosy cheek into his hand.

"Course," he said, "there's the old box to fill. Always is an old wood-box to fill when Saturday comes. If Mom only thought so, she could fill it herself and let me do something that'll make a man. Ben Lee says it's doing stunts and going fish-in', and things like that, makes you a man."

Then suddenly Denny straightened his shoulders. "I'm going to do something toward being a man," he said. "I'd like to ask Dad the best thing to do, 'cause he'd know. I s'pose I might as well go fill that old box."

When he reached the kitchen he found his mother and Aunt Sue there. The very first words that his mother said were: "Denny, I wish you'd hurry with that wood and then Aunt Sue wants some peas. You'll have to get them for her, dear."

So, when the wood-box was full, Denny gathered the peas and started back to the house. Aunt Sue started to meet him and smiled as she said: "Mother's half sick, Denny, boy. Try to help as much as you can today."

Denny looked this way and that. Across the fields the boys were doing stunts. Beyond the hill Ben and the other boys were fishing. Then he swallowed twice, very hard. But, of course, if she was sick—then he marched up the path to the house.

After the peas were shelled, there was a stack of baking dishes to be wiped. He noticed how white his mother was, and he said: "I can wash those dishes as well as wipe 'em, if I am a boy. You go and lie down. I'll stay around and answer the door."

When he caught sight of the look that came into her eyes, it seemed at once as if he were at least two inches taller. The dishes done, he wandered into the garden and weeded a while. "Might as well," he said, "as long as I've got to stay round; then I won't have to do it tonight."

Before he knew it he was whistling. It seemed to him that he never felt so good. He had no idea it was five o'clock until he heard some one say, "Mother's been telling me our boy is the best thing ever." Looking up, he saw his father holding out his hand. "Denny," said he, and something in his voice made Denny wink very fast, "here's my hand to the lad who's on the straight, sure road to becoming a man."—Unknown.

## JUST FOR FUN

Bobbie—Grandpa, daddy says you once had hair like snow.

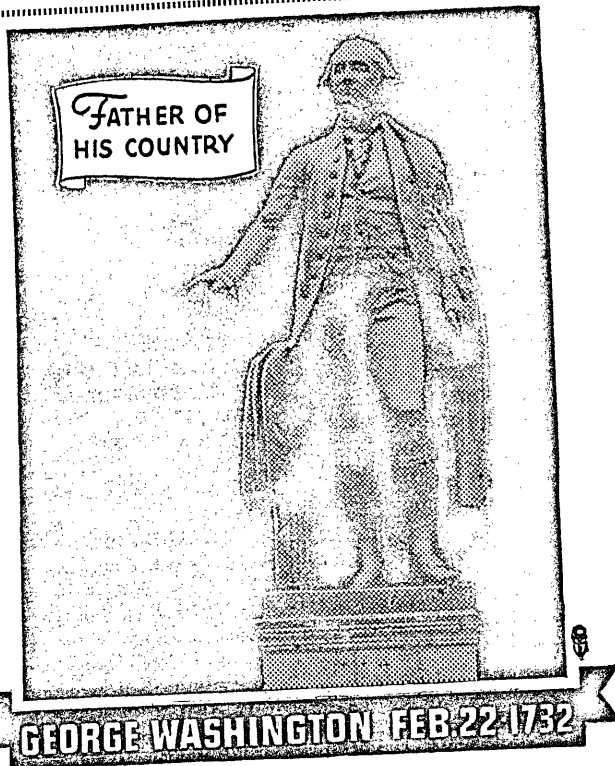
Grandpa—So I did, my boy.

Bobbie—Did the sun melt it?

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Johnnie was reading aloud to his class when he came to a word he did not know.

"Barque," prompted the teacher.



Planter, statesman, president,  
Man of poise and dignity,  
Chosen first to lead and shape  
A new country's destiny.

Always brave and noble, kind,  
Quick to praise and slow to blame,  
We, on this his natal day,  
Pay our homage to his name.

—A. E. W.

## THE MILKMAN'S HORSE

By Grace Noll Crowell

*I heard him coming along the street,  
Cloppety clop, cloppety clop,  
Loose and wiggly on his feet,  
Ready to start, ready to stop.  
The only sound on the morning air  
Is the cloppety-clopping sounding  
there.*

*At seven o'clock he wakes me up,  
I like the rattle the bottles make,  
I like the milk in my flowered cup,  
And suddenly I am wide awake.  
I smell our breakfast, and up I hop,  
Called from bed by a cloppety-  
clop.—Christian Index.*

Johnnie looked confused.

"Barque, Johnnie," the teacher repeated impatiently.

Johnnie looked nervously at his classmates, and then cried out. "Bow-wow!"—Ex.

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First Boy—"Where you going in such a rush?"

Second Boy (on a run)—"Fire alarm."

First Boy—"Where's the fire?"

Second Boy—"Boss said he'd fire me if I wasn't back in ten minutes."

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Little Axel: "Mama, why does the man hit the pretty lady with his stick? Is he mad at her?"

Mama: "Shush! He isn't hitting her. He is the music director, and keeps time with the stick."

Little Axel: "But why is she hollering then, mama?"

## WE SHARE EXPERIENCES

Dear Boys and Girls:

We are glad to hear from Deward who is a new reader of our page, and Jane who is only four years old. Isn't this an interesting letter from Lou Lee? Let's have more and more letters of this kind.—Children's Page Editor.

Beech Grove, Arkansas  
February 2, 1944.

Dear Boys and Girls:

I am a little girl four years old. I enjoy the stories very much. I go to the Beech Grove Methodist Church. My teacher is Miss Grace Taylor. I like her very much. Our preacher is Rev. E. C. Hance. I won a prize for going to church every Sunday.

I have two dogs for pets. My best girl friend is Phyllis Hammond. We have lots of fun playing together.—Your friend, Jane Williams.

Palestine, Arkansas  
February 8, 1944.

Dear Boys and Girls:

I am a little boy eleven years old. I am in the Sixth Grade. I go to Salem school. My teacher is Mr. Floyd Holiday. I like him very much. I like to play basket ball and soft ball. We played Wester school last Monday afternoon.

I go to Sunday School every Sunday and to church twice a month.

My mother is a new subscriber to the Arkansas Methodist and I enjoy the Children's Page very much. I hope to see my letter in print.—Deward Byrd.

Greenbrier, Arkansas  
Rt. 3, February 9, 1944.

Dear Boys and Girls:

I am a little girl nine years old. I am in the Third Grade. My teacher is Mrs. Clarice Wofford. Her husband was one of the survivors of the Lipscomb Bay (a ship that has been torpedoed.) All of us school children were happy when he came home for it made our teacher happy to see her husband. She is one of the best teachers in our district. She can play the piano and plays for us a lot. She also plays for church.

My mother belongs to the Baptist Church. My father is dead. We have a community church. The Baptist and Methodist work together. We use Methodist literature for Sunday School and Baptist literature for Young People's Training Course. Sunday School is held on Sunday mornings and Training Course on Sunday night. Brother Short from Damascus is the pastor for the Baptist Church and Brother Linza Harrison is the pastor for the Methodist Church. Both are good pastors and the people like them.

My Sunday School teacher is Floyce Lyons. We play games after Sunday School. When it is too cold to play outdoors we play indoor games like "Pass the Thimble" and "Crippled Boy's Hide and Go Seek." These are lots of fun. My teacher lets me read their Arkansas Methodist. I enjoy reading the letters.

I have a little sister two years old. I also have three brothers, all older than I am.

Oh yes! I almost forgot to tell you that I like to go to school and Sunday School.—Lou Lee Lyons.

## HOW RALPH GOT A BIBLE

After Ralph had learned to read he longed for a Bible. He had heard a great deal about that good book. His father read a passage aloud from it every day. His Sunday School teacher said it was the best of all books. But Ralph's parents were quite poor, and in those days Bibles cost much more money than they do today. So the little boy did not get the Bible.

One day two strange men came to Ralph's house. They were riding from one city to another, for there were no automobiles and no trolley cars in those days. They were weary and hungry, and the next town was a long way off. So they stopped to ask for dinner for themselves and their horses.

As the men were eating they noticed that Ralph looked quite sad. One of them asked what he wished and he said: "I want a Bible."

His mother said: "Never mind, Ralph. Don't fret, and next week I will take you to see George Washington."

One of the men was much pleased at hearing Ralph's answer and said: "I hope, dear boy, that you will always be fond of the Bible."

A day or two later the postman brought Ralph a handsome Bible. On the flyleaf there was written: "From George Washington."

A few days later Ralph learned that one of the strangers to whom he talked that day was the kind-hearted George Washington.—Selected.



# Duties Of The Chaplain In The Combat Areas

By CHAPLAIN THOMAS E. McKNIGHT

(Chaplain McKnight who is serving with the Cavalry in the Southwest Pacific Area is an Arkansas boy and a former member of the North Arkansas Conference. He is now a member of the North Texas Conference and is a son of Rev. B. A. McKnight of Belleville, Arkansas.)

**I**N many respects the duties of the chaplain in the combat area are the same as in garrison. These duties are described in full detail in the manual; this discussion will therefore be concerned primarily with the duties of the chaplain in the combat area; duties which require entirely different methods of approach and handling.

These activities may be generally classified as follows:

- I Conducting Religious Services.
- II Hospital Visitations.
- III Co-operation with other Officers and Agencies.
- IV Graves Registration.

## Conducting Religious Services

It is generally understood that whatever be the faith of the chaplain assigned to a unit, he is under obligation to serve the religious needs of all individuals in the unit. If his Church regulations in any way do not permit him to do so, he is none the less obligated. He can, by exchanging services with other chaplains, and by various other means, accomplish the desired end of serving all.

The second thought is that in actual combat, men will be scattered in small units over a large area. The chaplain must make every effort to insure that these small groups, who cannot come in to general services, are not neglected. He can, by keeping in touch with appropriate staff sections of his unit, secure the information as to the location of units and the times when services could most likely be conducted.

In visiting these outposts it is desirable that the chaplain take as much religious literature as possible with him; as well as general reading material. This is a great morale factor, especially important in relieving strain and shock from unsettled minds suffering from the horrors induced by combat. Most of the men will already have been provided with Testaments, Crucifixes and other religious supplies that can be carried with them.

The methods employed in accomplishing these tasks will vary with different types of assignments. One Air Force chaplain visited sixteen outposts over one week-end, holding brief services at each.

Special attention should be given to the holding of services for men going into combat. At this time, more than any other, men will need the faith and fortifying power that religion can bring. Especially is this true of Holy Communion and Mass.

## Hospital Visitations

First, there is the need for immediate and constant contact with the Aid Stations of each unit. Here is where the wounded will first be brought by the Medical Aid men. Injured men

in every condition will be found here; some slightly wounded, some suffering shock, and some facing imminent death; but all are in need of the chaplain's ministrations. The chaplain can here minister to both spiritual and physical needs. All chaplains should have a thorough course in first aid so that if the need arises, they would be able to assist in the work of caring for the injured. Many stories have come from the combat area of chaplains whose usefulness was increased because they were able and willing to be of help in meeting the physical as well as the spiritual needs of the men. For a



CHAPLAIN THOMAS E. McKNIGHT

man at the point of death, the presence of a chaplain is always desirable. In every case, an effort should be made to secure the services of a chaplain; if possible, a chaplain of the man's own faith. Let it be said here for emphasis, that before such moves are undertaken, the Medical Officer in charge should be consulted. This because of the possibility that the injured individual's condition may preclude the advisability of approaching him, perhaps doing more harm than good.

Second, it will be the duty of the chaplain to visit the hospitals in the surrounding area. The chaplain assigned to a hospital is unable to successfully meet the needs of all the patients. Here is a continuous opportunity of fulfilling the province of ministering to the sick. Valuable suggestions in this work may be found in the book "The Art of Ministering to the Sick" by Cabot and Dicks. Of value also is Rollo Mays' "The Art of Counseling."

The chaplain can be of assistance here in many ways. He can write letters for the men or assist them in doing so. He can see that the men are getting their mail, their pay, and good literature to read.

Here again, the chaplain must remember the watchword—Consult with the Medical Officer—they can give information concerning the individual's condition that will make the approach easier and wiser.

## Co-operation With Other Officers And Agencies

We are all aware that the conducting of religious services and the religious welfare of the men is a command function. It is therefore expected that the chaplain consult his Commanding Officer in regard to the times and places he may or should hold services and as to any assistance the chaplain may render in other matters.

In many instances the Commanding Officer will refer the chaplain to the Organization Commanders within the command. This will be true especially where the unit is broken up and scattered over quite a wide area.

Reference has been made to the matter of co-operation with the Medical Officers. This should be broadened to include co-operation with Organization Commanders. The chaplain will soon learn that if properly approached, they will be of much help to him and readily willing to co-operate.

The chaplain can both give to and receive from the Special Service Officer a great deal of assistance. They can work together in providing wholesome entertainment and good literature for the men. They are jointly responsible for their welfare and morale.

Finally, there are the agencies such as the Red Cross, Y. M. C. A., Salvation Army, and others that can be of valuable aid to the chaplain in his work. Their facilities for investigating and reporting on home problems are available to any individual who has need for them. The other organizations also will gladly render any assistance to the chaplain in providing for the welfare of the men.

## Graves Registration

The chaplain has two functions here. One is assisting with the work of graves registration as set forth in the Casualty Reporting Manual. In many instances, the chaplain will have to serve as the Graves Registration Officer. Therefore he should acquaint himself with not only the section in the manual on chaplain's duties, but with the entire manual.

The second matter is that of writing letters of condolence to the nearest of kin of deceased. There are also regulations governing the writing of these letters and their forwarding through proper channels.

There are two things that need our personal attention as chaplains; first is availability. It is an obligation of the chaplain to be available twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week, to any one needing his services. This availability consists not only in the keeping of known officer hours, but more, a willingness to go wherever need at any or all times.

Second, that we as chaplains must keep ourselves physically fit and spiritually alive in order that we may perform our duties acceptably. Remember, a sick, injured or dead chaplain is of no use. Stay alive and well.

We are serving not only the men of our Armed Forces but we are helping to lay the foundation for that which is to follow: the Winning of the Peace.

Ours is a glorious mission. Let us seek Divine guidance to the end that the task may be well done.

## DOVER-LONDON CHARGE

In the fall of 1940 we came to Dover to serve this good people. When we arrived we found a charge without a home of their own for the preacher but the good and untiring worker, Rev. E. T. Wayland, who was then district superintendent, had already made arrangements through the people for a good home which was rented for us to live in that year. So we did our best and had a real good year. The second year we gave up one of our best families who went to Texarkana and worked for the government. The pastor and his family

moved into their home for the second year.

This was a very successful year. Having met all obligations the first year we could not do anything but meet everything the second year. Along with this, our Church Schools were growing and we were having successful revivals. By this time the people saw the need of owning a home for their pastor so we started looking around, also praying and planning. We found a nice home, five-room building, nicely located at a fair price so they bought it and the pastor moved in just a few months before conference. We were happy to return for the fourth year

to do our best to pay this home out and it is now a reality.

We are serving a people who take pride in meeting their obligations monthly. They have not failed on anything as to meeting their askings.

We, like all other churches, are suffering over the loss of so many of our young men and now some of the older ones, but, the Lord helping, we hope to have a great year.

We have had some great revivals with such men as Alvin Murray, Jas. Talkington, E. B. Williams and other good men. We are praying for this to be the greatest of the years here.—B. E. Robertson, pastor.

A certain lady had met with a very serious accident, which necessitated a painful surgical operation and months of confinement to her bed. When the physician had finished his work and was about to take his leave the patient asked, "Doctor, how long shall I have to lie here helpless?" "Oh, only one day at a time," was the cheery answer; and the poor sufferer was not only comforted for the moment, but many times during the succeeding weary weeks did the thought, "only one day at a time," come back with its quieting influence.—Author Unknown.

# With The Churches

## MONTICELLO DISTRICT

The preachers of the Monticello District met on February 1st, at 2:30 p. m. at the First Methodist Church in Monticello. Every preacher in the district, except one, was present. The district superintendent, Rev. Arthur Terry, conducted a helpful devotional service. A permanent secretary was elected.

Reports revealed that the district was operating on its motto: "The Program of the Church—On Time." The Christmas Offering for the Orphanage was well above \$1,500. Subscriptions to the Arkansas Methodist were more than 50 above the quota for the district. Several charges reported their Ministerial Education-Hendrix College offerings were already taken and sent in. The preachers voted unanimously to send all remittances to Mr. J. S. M. Cannon, 723 Center Street, Little Rock, NOT LATER than Monday, February 14th.

Several thousand dollars were reported as available for the Chapel at Hendrix.

At least eight preachers attended Minister's Week at S. M. U. February 7-11: R. O. Beck, Mrs. Beck, Rufus Sorrels, J. E. Major, L. W. Averitt, John L. Tucker, Arthur Terry, and R. E. Simpson.

Plans were made for the Week of Dedication and observance of Layman's Day.

The Lenten season was set up as a special time for the Program of Evangelism, in which Personal Evangelism, Visitation Evangelism, and revival meetings were to be scheduled and carried out. Some would be a definite combination of other plans. However, forty additions were reported at this monthly meeting.

The meeting closed with the observance of the Lord's Supper.—R. E. Simpson, Secretary.

## ADULT ORGANIZATION OF DUMAS MEMORIAL CHURCH

Former members of the Epworth League, having reached the age of retirement from active participation, feeling the necessity for an organization that would enable them to continue in active work, to be held at the same hour, entered into an organization and designated it as Methodist Class Meeting with Moyland Goodwin elected Class leader.

The pastor, Rev. P. D. Alston, introduced Bro. W. D. Wingfield who key-noted the meeting and outlined the plan. He read from the Arkansas Methodist an article entitled "Work of an Evangelist" which is to be the inspiration of this group.

Mr. Fudge was appointed the first leader who will present the first program next Sunday evening, who in turn will appoint the leader for the next meeting. Prayer and personal testimony will evidently play an important part. We have often felt the need for such ever since having been retired from active participation in young peoples' affairs and would like to hear from any other church that has a like group or will organize one in the future. Any suggestions will be gratefully received.—I. O. Harold, reporter.

## KEISER CHARGE

We led the Jonesboro District in being first to pay all our Conference Claims in full for the year. We have had fine crowds at all our services and several have been converted and joined the church. We have some of the best people in the world on this charge. They have given us a pounding from Garden Point and on Christmas the Keiser church gave us a fine shower of valuable things. We enjoyed it all. Brother Gatlin, our district superintendent, is a fine helper and deserves much credit for the good record that has been made on this charge.

Salaries are paid up to date for pastor and district superintendent and all the claims including the Sustentation Fund, Bishop's Fund and Conference Claimants' Fund paid for the whole year. They raised our salary \$300 over last year. We are very happy with these good people.—James L. and Mrs. Shelby.

## METHODIST YOUTH FELLOWSHIP

The Methodist Youth Fellowship group of the Rushing Memorial Church at Chidester enjoyed a "get-together," "have fun" party Thursday evening under the general supervision of our pastor, Rev. K. A. Hale, assisted by our loyal president Aline Vandever.

The meeting was opened with prayer by Brother Hale and a song played and led by Alpha Stinnett in the absence of the pianist Mayme Jo Taylor.

The remainder of the evening was spent playing games, conducted by Alpha Stinnett and Edward Webb. They were enjoyed by all. A very interesting feature of the party was the partaking of an abundance of cookies and lemonade.—W. E. (Sonny) Wilson, Jr.

## SOUTH FORT SMITH

Everything is moving along very nicely in this my fourth year. The salary has been increased each year and the charge is now paying \$1400 and the Board of Stewards hopes to pay an additional \$100 before the close of the year. Pastor's and district superintendent's salaries are kept paid to date weekly and monthly. The balance of the budget is more than half paid for the year and our acceptance on Benevolences is 100 percent above last year.

The attendance at Church School and preaching services is larger than at any time during the past three years.

We have more than 150 percent of our quota for the Arkansas Methodist.—A. H. DuLaney, pastor.

## LOCKESBURG CHARGE

We are indeed grateful to the Board of Education for a three session informal course on "Teaching" conducted by Miss Lucy Foreman of Nashville, Tenn. Miss Foreman is a fine worker, instructive and very interesting. We feel that her work with us will be one of the most lasting in the history of the church. At the close refreshments were served by the Junior boys to a class of thirty-five.

Another point of interest in connection with our church is the new

## METHODIST YOUTH FELLOWSHIP GROUP MEET

Fifty young people and their sponsors, representing Extra, Fountain Hill, and Zion churches on the Fountain Hill Circuit met Sunday, January 30, at Fountain Hill to discuss their problems in young peoples' work. After a short devotional period led by the pastor, Rev. Jas. A. Tadlock, the speaker of the afternoon, Rev. Louis Averett, pastor of the First Methodist Church at Lake Village was introduced. Bro. Averett is also the director of Young Peoples' Work for the Monticello District.

After an inspirational talk as to the responsibility of the Church toward the young people, Bro. Averett made several suggestions as to helpful materials which may be used in the work of the Methodist Youth Fellowship and the meeting was opened for discussion of particular problems of the three Methodist Youth Fellowship groups represented. A good discussion proved most helpful.

The helpful and successful afternoon was closed with the gathering of all the young people and their sponsors at the parsonage where all enjoyed hot chocolate and wafers which were served by Mrs. Tadlock, assisted by several of the young people. Every one agreed the time spent had been both profitable and enjoyable.—Reporter.

## TAYLOR CIRCUIT

We had our first Quarterly Conference on Sunday, January 30. We had a great day. At the eleven o'clock service the sermon was delivered by our district superintendent, Rev. A. J. Christie, and all enjoyed his message. He is no stranger in this community, but his position as district superintendent here is new as this circuit was last year in the Camden District. After the sermon a great lunch was spread under the trees on our church lawn at New Hope. After lunch we went into the business session of the Conference.

All the churches except one or two raised the finances of the church remarkably well with the church at Taylor leading with an increase in salary of \$180 and the percentages in accordance. The circuit as a whole and most of the entire membership have in their thinking the word of the Lord recorded in Exodus 14-15: "And the Lord said unto Moses, wherefore criest thou unto me? Speak unto the children of Israel that they go forward." This is a great work and the pastor is very much in hopes that the results of winning the lost for Christ will far exceed the results of the business and finance of the church.

We have received sixteen into the church and are working toward one hundred seventy-five this year.

The roads have been most impassable and we have not had a chance to get completely around since the Arkansas Methodist campaign but we will not quit until we have reached our goal plus.

The salary for this work this year set preacher's salary at \$1700.—E. H. Martin, pastor.

roof. Under the direction of R. T. Williams a masterful piece of work has been done.

I wish to thank you for the many kind expressions of sympathy during our recent sorrow, the passing of a brother.—L. Gray Wilson, pastor.

## SUBSCRIPTIONS RECEIVED SINCE LAST REPORT

(Including District Totals To Date)

### ARKADELPHIA DISTRICT—TOTAL 775

Arkadelphia Ct., Joe Hunter	3
Benton Ct., J. B. Stanfield	3
Friendship Ct., K. K. Carithers	4
1st Ch. Hot Springs, H. T. Fort	4
Hot Springs Ct., C. W. Baughman	5
Keith Memorial, C. R. Roy	3
Leola Ct., Clyde Smith	2
Pearcy Ct., Doyle Wilcox	1
Traskwood, Robert Beasley	7

### CAMDEN DISTRICT—TOTAL 1208

Camden 1st Ch., Kenneth Spore	1
Ebenezer Ct., Emma L. Daniel	1
Emerson Ct., J. W. Nethercutt	5
Fordyce, B. F. Roebuck	1
Hampton Ct., W. O. Tisdale	10
Huttig, George Warren	1
Junction City, S. B. Mann	2
Kingsland Ct., J. A. Henderson	25
Louann Ct., W. I. Small	1
Magnolia 1st Ch., L. M. Starkey	1
Stephens, H. R. Holland	1

### LITTLE ROCK—TOTAL 3064

Carlisle Ct., C. H. Gilliam	3
Hickory Plains, Wendel L. Hoover	7
Asbury, Fred Roebuck	2
Capitol View, H. O. Bolin	20
Henderson, Alfred I. Doss	49
Highland, O. E. Holmes	7
Hunter Memorial, W. C. Watson	12
Lonoke, Earl Lewis	2
Primrose, C. M. Atchley	40

### MONTICELLO—TOTAL 987

Drew Ct., Braska Savage	1
Montrose-Snyder, M. O. Barnett	15
Watson-Kelso, S. C. Dugger	4

### PINE BLUFF—TOTAL 1018

DeWitt, H. B. Vaught	1
Carr Memorial, V. D. Keeley	2
Lake Side, T. T. McNeal	4
Roe Ct., C. R. Andrews	2
Star City, Fred Arnold	8
Stuttgart 1st Ch., Otto Teague	1

### PRESCOTT—TOTAL 838

Bingen Ct., C. V. Mashburn	16
Glenwood Ct., L. O. Lee	2
Mineral Springs, R. D. McSwain	1
Okalona Ct., Eldred Blakely	2
Prescott Ct., F. W. Reutz	6
Springhill Ct., Osborne White	2

### TEXARKANA—TOTAL 860

Lockesburg, L. Gray Wilson	2
Sardis-Shiloh, W. W. Fincher	7
Taylor Ct., E. H. Martin	5
Texarkana 1st Ch., A. G. Walton	1
Texarkana Ct., E. T. McAfee	3

### BATESVILLE—TOTAL 879

Melbourne Ct., R. E. Lee	1
Mountain Home, Thurston Masters	20
Viola Ct., Luther Love	5
Yellville, by Layman	5

### CONWAY—TOTAL 938

Conway 1st Ch., Edward Harris	82
Dover-London, B. E. Robertson	19
Morrilton 1st Ch., R. E. Connell	3
Gardner Memorial, G. C. Taylor	10
Plainview Ct., W. L. Russell	1
Russellville, E. B. Williams	1

### FAYETTEVILLE—TOTAL 647

Bentonville, Lloyd M. Conyers	15
Centerton Ct., J. E. Thomas	27
Farmington-Goshen, W. L. Dillon	3
Fayetteville 1st Ch., Paul Galloway	2
Gentry, George Q. Fenn	2
Green Forest, O. R. Findley	1
Monte Ne, Harold Johnston	2

### FT. SMITH—TOTAL 935

Booneville, I. L. Claud	1
Grand Avenue, W. R. Dalton	5
Midland Heights, J. J. Decker	6
Ozark, J. M. Barnett	4
Paris, J. T. Wilcox	32
Waldron, J. M. Harrison	1

### HELENA—TOTAL 873

Aubrey, M. A. Graves	5
Helena, W. V. Womack	2
Marianna, Sam G. Watson	1
Round Pond-Widner, G. E. Patchell	1
Vandale, Joel Cooper	2
Weiner, H. W. Jett	1

### JONESBORO—TOTAL 934

Black Oak, W. G. Brunner	3
Blytheville, Lake St., Bates Sturdy	2
Keiser-Garden Point, J. T. Lingo	4
Marked Tree, J. A. Womack	1
Weona Ct., A. W. O'Bryant	19

### PARAGOULD—TOTAL 835

Gainsville Ct., J. W. Simmons	20
Hardy-Mammoth Spg., Fern Cook	1
Imboden-Black Rock, C. L. Franks	2
Paragould Ct., R. B. Howerton	8
Rector 4th Street, Brady Cook	26
Rector Ct., L. L. Langston	8

### SEARCY—TOTAL 814

Beebe, Harold Eggenberger	13
McRae, J. M. Talkington	2
Searcy, C. Norman Guice	1
Valley Springs, Thomas R. Whiddon	20
Marshall, C. E. Gray	5



## ✻ Receives Distinguished Service Citation ✻

FOR his "outstanding contributions to the advancement of Christian education through personal leadership and influence," James L. Kraft, Chicago industrialist and acting president of the International Council of Religious Education, was awarded the first national Russell Colgate Distinguished Service Citation at a fellowship luncheon held in Chicago, February 8, during the 22nd annual meeting of the Council.

Awarded in memory of the late Russell Colgate, president of the International Council until his death in 1941, the citation was presented to Mr. Kraft in the form of a hand engraved certificate and a medal by Dr. Arlo Ayres Brown of Madison, N. J., chairman of the Council. Members of the Council and their friends attended the honorary luncheon and presentation.

"The selection of Mr. Kraft for this honor by an electoral college of 1,000 laymen and lay women is a distinct recognition of his personal leadership for many years in the field of Christian education," Dr. Roy G. Ross, general secretary, declared in announcing the award. "Religious educators throughout the United States and Canada know Mr. Kraft as an untiring worker in Christian education and a staunch lay friend of those agencies which attempt to reach children and youth with Christian teachings."

Protestant denominations and state, provincial and city councils of churches and religious education, which are constituent and related members of the International Council, nominated members to the electoral college for selecting the

winner of the national Russell Colgate citation. Voting was conducted by mail on the names of three nominations selected by the Administrative Committee of which Dr. Walter M. Howlett of New York City is chairman.



JAMES L. KRAFT

Mr. Kraft, who has been serving the International Council of Religious Education as acting president since last May when Lt. Comdr. Harold E. Stassen, president, went on active duty with the Navy, has been the Council's treasurer for many years. His other positions of leadership in religious education are many and include:

President, Board of Trustees, International

Training School for Sunday School Leaders, Lake Geneva, Wis.; treasurer, Religious Education Foundation, New York City; chairman, Board of Deacons, North Shore Baptist Church, Chicago; superintendent of North Shore Baptist Sunday School for 34 years; member, Board of Trustees, Northern Baptist Theological Seminary, Chicago, and co-founder of the Laymen's Crusade for Christian Education.

As founder and first president of the Kraft Cheese Company, and now chairman of the Board of Directors, Mr. Kraft has become well-known throughout the country as a business executive and industrialist. He always has found time from his business responsibilities for religious activities and his work with the National Committee on Boys and Girls (4-H) Club Work of which he now is vice-chairman of the Board of Directors.

"Christian Education on the Battle Front" was the subject of an address at the presentation luncheon by Dr. William Barrow Pugh, chairman of the General Commission of Army and Navy Chaplains and of the National Council of the Service Men's Christian League. Dr. Luther Wesley Smith of Philadelphia, Pa., chairman of the International Council's Board of Trustees, presided.

The Administrative Committee for the Russell Colgate Distinguished Service Citation is composed of Dr. Howlett; John K. Colgate, Massillon, Ohio; Dr. Brown; Dr. Richard Hoiland, Philadelphia; Dr. Harry T. Stock, Boston, Mass.; Henry R. Bowen, Newark, N. J.; Dr. Ross, and Rev. Philip C. Landers, Chicago.

### WHAT! NO MID-WEEK SERVICE?

It has been my custom to attend what used to be called prayer meeting when I was growing up but has lately been called the mid-week service. I like the mid-week service better. What I mean is a service where the pastor gives the people something to encourage them and help them over the hump of the week.

To my great surprise I have found several churches in towns of considerable size in Arkansas that have abandoned a mid-week service. In fact I have tried to attend such a service in several towns that I have been in on Wednesday night and found the churches dark. At two churches there were other meetings such as young people's parties and steward's meetings in progress when I went. At these two churches I was told that they discontinued such a service sometime ago.

To my way of thinking the mid-week service is of vital importance to any church. How can a church succeed without prayer? No person can live a truly Christian life without praying and no group of Christians can accomplish much without coming together at least once during the week to pray together. If ever we needed to pray together, it is now. At Searcy they blow a siren every day at eleven o'clock and people stop and say a prayer for our boys in the service.

I believe wholeheartedly in recreational programs for the young people and work and support them in every way possible. But is the church not to teach the young the importance of the spiritual side?

This country was founded by people who met together to pray. Our Methodist Church was started in this country by bands of people who met together in homes to pray. Our forefathers gave us what we like to call the land of the free because they were praying men. Can we as Methodists continue this heritage without a mid-week prayer service?

I for one need it. What do other Methodists in Arkansas think about it.—A Laymen.

"The Christlike God of the New Testament is a Father who cares and suffers and understands. The future is in his keeping. 'He knoweth the way that I take.' Those who go forward in this confidence will not be frustrated nor forsaken. After all, what concerns us is not the uncertainty or difficulty of the road but only that our path may join the highway that leads to God."—Challenge.

### THE SANCTUARY

"The Sanctuary," written for the masses of Christian people who utilize the pre-Easter season to replenish spiritual resources, has just been published by Abingdon-Cokesbury.

Like the first edition of "The Sanctuary," issued last year, and which recorded widespread popularity, the 1944 edition is arranged in the form of daily devotions comprising a Scripture reading for the day, a meditation for the day and a prayer hymn and/or a prayer for the day. An equally attractive feature lies in an inspiring daily "project," for the reader to put into action during the Lenten season.

Purposeful, progressively rich in things of the spirit, "The Sanctuary" is intended not to supplant but to supplement the "official" material issued by the denominational boards or agencies for use during the Lenten season. Indicative of the content of the booklet are the daily themes which, among others, include the following: "The Unseen Presence," "Unrelieved Drudgery," "The Good Physician," "Justified Self-Assertion," "The Father's House," and "The Seamless Robe."

Lucius H. Bugbee, compiler of "The Sanctuary," is the editorial secretary of the Board of Education of the Methodist Church. He is widely known for the numerous articles and pamphlets he has written upon the subject of Christian life and work.

"The Sanctuary" numbers 48 pages, pocket size with an attractively illustrated cover.

"The man who has reached the point of despair . . . needs the great simplicities of the Gospel if he is to be set on the right way. The hour draws near for what Silvester Horne called 'the sub-lime miracle of the God-intoxicated soul with vision of an eternal Will, and sense of an empire to which all continents, tongues, races belong.' That we must be to move this age."—Wm. E. Brooks.

Our joys are our wings; our sorrows are our spurs.—Selected.

Nothing is impossible to pains and patience.—Ray.

### HENDRIX COLLEGE NEWS

Dr. J. H. Reynolds left February 4 for a week's trip to New York City and Chicago. In New York he is attending meetings of the National War Fund, Inc., and of a commission on the arts of the Association of American Colleges. President Reynolds is Arkansas state chairman of the National War Fund, a central agency to raise funds for the USO and about twenty other war relief agencies of the allied nations. Under Dr. Reynolds' leadership Arkansas exceeded its quota in a war fund drive. He has also been appointed a member of the national board of directors.

Dr. Reynolds will return by the way of Chicago where he will attend a meeting of the National Board of Education of the Methodist Church, of which he is a member.

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Miss Marguerite Pearce of Searcy has been appointed field representative for Hendrix. Miss Pearce, a graduate of Galloway Woman's College in 1932 and Hendrix in 1939, has worked toward her Master of Arts degree in speech at Northwestern University. During her two years at Hendrix she was assistant in the Department of Speech.

Miss Pearce taught in Searcy High School from 1932 to 1937 and from 1939 to June, 1940. Since then she has been associated with her father, Culbert L. Pearce, in his law office in Searcy.

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William H. Bending, 2nd Lieutenant infantry, has been assigned to the staff of the Army specialized training unit at Hendrix. Transferred to Hendrix from the STAR unit at Camp Maxey, Texas, where he had been for eight months, Lieutenant Bending will be the unit's supply officer.

A native of Laurel, Mississippi, Lieutenant Bending was inducted into the army in November 1940 after several months service with the national guard. He was commissioned in October 1942 after completing officer's training at Ft. Benning, Georgia. Before going to Camp Maxey he had spent eight months with the 88th Division at Camp Gruber, Oklahoma.—E. Wainwright Martin, Jr.

Without consistency there is no moral strength.—Owen.

It is possible to build a crooked wall out of straight brick.—Christian Advocate.

# Dedication And Rural Emphases

By Dr. A. J. WALTON

"Three quarters of our members have moved away..."—"All our leadership has gone..."—"Most of our moneymakers have gone..."—"How are we to keep the Church alive until our people come back?"—"We are using ten laymen to hold our charges together for the duration."

Such situations as these are before the rural church constantly. The whole church must be involved in a constructive answer. Unless there is a mighty effort at solution which will lead the Church to a momentum and zeal that will sweep it beyond itself in being the living church for rural people, the rural church of tomorrow will be much worse off than ever before in our history.

This is not a discouraging situation. It is life, life in a crisis where religious faith is always at its best. Today is our challenge. What we make of it is our gift to God and will make or break us spiritually.

Dedication is timely. However, it would be treason to the Master's Cause if Dedication were only for the purpose of raising funds. Full Dedication will result in each of us making a contribution for we shall commit ourselves anew to the Master's redemptive task. Our gifts will be the overflow of a heart and life which is ablaze with newly sought faith and allegiance to our Master.

Dedication must be to something definite. If that something definite is the Cause of Christ then we must seek afresh to know His will for us in this day. What does He mean to you and me when He says: "Go ye therefore, teach, preach, heal," or when He asks, "Why call ye me Lord, Lord, and do not the things I say?" What is His challenge when He says, "Inasmuch as ye have done it to the least of these my brethren." If we discover what He wants done as a result of these probing statements we will achieve the glowing heart, for we will be keeping company with Him.

What can Dedication mean this year for the rural church? What are the emphases to which our Church must give attention to make the rural church vital?

An effective rural church depends upon the following: 1. Better trained pastors. 2. More laymen trained to do the work of the Church. 3. A longer tenure of pastors. 4. More stability and relatedness in the arrangement of charges. 5. A wider range program in rural communities. 6. Better supervision of rural churches and their work. 7. A wider reach of the local church so that everyone

has the benefits of its ministry. Be missionary in action and not in receiving aid. 8. A better planned and balanced finance system. 9. The practice of more brotherhood and fellowship within the Church, with other churches, and with agencies seeking a better way of life for rural people. 10. A greater denominational concern for the rural church. 11. The wise use of simple, well written books and church school material to meet the religious needs of the people. 12. More zeal and enthusiasm on the part of all who are related to the rural church task. 13. A vital church - guided adult educational program. 14. More cooperation of city and country churches in meeting human needs. 15. A vitalized desire for home ownership and practical ways of helping people to begin the process of securing a home. 16. A vigorous cultivation of neighborhood, and community fellowship. 17. More attention to the cultivation of Christian teaching, habits and concern in homes.

These are basic factors to which we must give attention. They are more pertinent because of the impact of population shift, dragout of youth from the rural community, need for less persons in agriculture and the increased costs of living. They are also complicated by the fact that the rural church is an "old timer's church" in personnel and methods. Year after year the same persons hold the same official places and rarely ever train new or young persons to take over the work. Along with this infrequent rotation of leaders is the indifference to the group planning of a workable program.

The rural church is also forced to use many laymen and accepted supplies to keep going during the war period. The zeal and loyalty of these workers are appreciated, but we must remember that they are not equipped to cope with the problems they face.

In what way then may Dedication help most? 1. It will supply an opportunity for rural people to take a larger share in the world redemption process. 2. It will provide some funds with which to meet some of the serious emergencies faced by the rural churches. 3. It will enable the church to provide some needed materials and supervision for the many laymen who have taken over the ministry to communities. 4. It will enable us as a church to focus our attention more definitely on the previously named factors governing rural church improvement.

## FEBRUARY 25 IS WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

February 25, 1944, the first Friday of Lent, marks the observance of the World Day of Prayer, under the sponsorship of the United Council of Church Women, through whose organization a fellowship of prayer will span six continents and the seven seas. According to Miss Margaret T. Applegarth, chairman of the national committee, the committee feels increasingly the need for disturbing every Christian in every community on earth, since God will work out His purpose for mankind through such very human folk as ourselves and we dare not fail Him."

The program whose theme is, "And the Lord Wondered That There Was No Intercessor," suggests the use of the Wise Men's gifts as symbols of intercession: myrrh, symbol of intercession for the sorrows of the world; frankincense, symbol of intercession for the refining spirit of all mankind with dress consumed, our world to be rebuilt with generosity and unselfishness.

Program materials should be ordered promptly and paid for in advance. Orders should be sent to the United Council of Church Women, 156 Fifth Avenue, New York 10, N. Y. The Call to Prayer is free; programs, "And the Lord Wondered That There Was No Intercessor,"

are two cents each or \$2.00 per hundred; the Handbook for Leaders is 10 cents; the poster, five cents.

The Handbook suggests the expansion of community-wide church observances into schools, factories, theaters, stores, nearby military camps, and urges that war-wives and war-mothers participate to represent "by-proxy" all parts of the earth. Foreign language groups, long concerned for the welfare of loved ones overseas, will welcome to join the fellowship of prayer. United States observances have increased from 2,000 in 1938 to 10,000 in 1943.

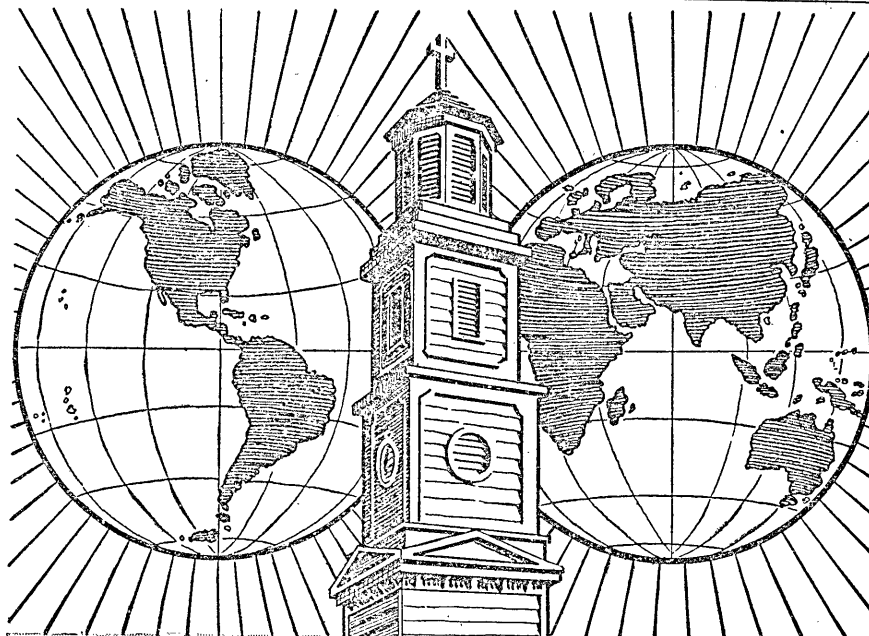
Four enterprises will benefit from the World Day of Prayer offering,

Christian literature, Union Christian Colleges in the Orient, migrant and sharecropper work, and religious education directors for government schools for the American Indians.

Each project, whether at home or abroad, seeks to strengthen Christian leadership among those whose earnest response to Christian teaching thus far makes imperative Christian ministry on their behalf.

The highest use of capital is not to make more money, but to make money do more for the betterment of life.—Baptist Standard.

Dost thou love life? Then do not squander time, for that is the stuff life is made of.—Franklin.



## THE CHURCH'S RESPONSE TO WARTIME EMERGENCIES

FEBRUARY 27 to MARCH 5, inclusive, has been set aside as the WEEK OF DEDICATION by order of the Council of Bishops and the Commission on World Service and Finance. This week should be kept sacred in every Methodist calendar.

On Sunday, March 5, every Methodist Church in America—more than 43,000 congregations—will be open for worship. On this day Methodist people everywhere will renew their covenant with God and give of their substance for the building of His kingdom in the hearts and lives of men.

The giving itself will be a dedication—a sharing with our Lord of that which He has entrusted to us. It will be a free-will, sacrificial offering. There will be no pressure—it will be a gift of love—a chance to share Christ's concern for our fellows in a war-stricken world.

The WEEK OF DEDICATION Offering is for emergency needs for which there is no provision in the regular World Service giving . . . emergencies thrust upon us by the agonizing need of little children, of migrant families, of starving men and women, of soldiers in need of the spiritual ministry of the Church.

((Chaplains go to our boys, hungry children are fed, churches in new industrial centers are built, educational institutions saved, missionaries brought home from internment camps. For this glorious work, every dollar comes through the Week of Dedication.))

WEEK OF DEDICATION  
February 27-March 5, 1944  
A DEDICATION OF SELF, SERVICE, SUBSTANCE

# WOMAN'S SOCIETY OF CHRISTIAN SERVICE

MRS. SUE M. WAYLAND, Editor

## GUEST SPEAKERS FOR CONFERENCE SESSION

The North Arkansas Conference is fortunate in securing two outstanding persons, both of whom are excellent speakers, for the session to be held at Jonesboro beginning February 29.

Mrs. J. D. Bragg of St. Louis is the president of the Woman's Division of Christian Service. She will address the conference in the afternoon of the opening day and again at the night session. She will bring practical help to the members from her experience as chief executive of this great body of women, and the inspiration that a warm-hearted, enthusiast always brings.

Miss Rosa May Butler, recently returned from China on the Gripsholm, will be our missionary guest speaker. Miss Butler was born in Mexico, went to Brazil as a child with her missionary parents, and returned to the United States with her mother after her father's death. She was trained at Scarritt College and went to China in 1935. She has a story to tell and the ability to tell it. She will speak at the noon hour service on Wednesday morning, March 1, and again at night.

Delegates to the Conference are urged to send their names to Mrs. Paul C. Howard, 621 E. Cherry, Jonesboro, Arkansas. There will be a registration fee of \$1.50 for each delegate, to care for expense of the Conference.—Mrs. R. E. Connell, Conference President.

## LEACHVILLE W. S. C. S.

The Woman's Society of the Methodist Church met Wednesday afternoon with Mrs. Buren Flannigan for the program meeting and installation of the officers for the new year. We were indeed fortunate in having with us in this meeting one of our Conference Officers, Mrs. Robert Bearden Jr. from Walnut Ridge, who is our Conference Recording Secretary and she was in charge of the installation services.

In giving the charge to each officer she presented each a symbol of her office. This was followed by the pledge service, in which each member signed a pledge card. At the close of the service the group joined in singing "Take My Life and Let It Be." The hostess served refreshments at the close of the meeting.—Reporter.

## KEITH MEMORIAL ELECTS OFFICERS

President—Mrs. O. A. Tanner; Vice President, Ambrose Sheppard Moline; Sec.-Treas., Miss Lillian Van Dusen; Cor. Sec., Mrs. Nellie Erwin; Secretaries: Missionary Education and Service, Mrs. C. R. Roy; Social Relations and Community Service, Mrs. R. E. Baker; Publications and Literature, Miss Lillian Van Dusen; Spiritual Life and Study Group Leader, Mrs. C. R. Roy.

### Start Study Class

Following the election of officers, the group then held the first session of the Bible Study Class, using as a text, Murphy Lee's "Life of Christ."

The officers will be installed in a special service planned by the pastor, Rev. C. R. Roy, in the first Sunday in February.

He that cannot forgive others breaks the bridge over which he must pass himself; for every man has need to be forgiven.—Lord Herbert.

The person who appreciates, rejoices in and is thrilled by the great and beautiful finds it difficult to become coarse and vulgar.—Selected.

*My voice shalt thou hear in the morning, O Lord; in the morning will I direct my prayer on thee, and will look up. Ps. 5:3.*

## THE ETERNAL STAR

*"Bethlehem's Star is a Service Star,  
Hung from Heaven's window sill . . .  
An only son has gone to war  
For peace on earth and man's good-will.*

*"Still shines on Service Flags today  
The Star o'er Bethlehem unfurled;  
God grant our stars may light the way  
To the peace of Christ and a better world."*

—From the Chapel Bulletin, Key Field.

## FINANCIAL STATEMENT, FOURTH QUARTER 1943, LITTLE ROCK CONFERENCE

### RECEIPTS:

Undirected Pledge	\$ 5597.18
Scarritt	70.00
W. S. G. Pledges	501.83
W. S. G. Projects	53.00
Camden Rural Board	150.00
Little Rock City Mission	330.10
Scholarships	110.00
Bible Women	127.50
Special Memberships	1275.00

Total Adult Pledge \$ 7659.78

Chinese Orphans (By an Individual)	50.00
Week of Prayer	2559.41
Youth Fund	117.53
Cash Supplies	191.73
Children	9.65
Cultivation Fund	24.50
Hon. Baby Pines	7.75
Adult Pin	1.00
Additional Youth Fund	3.20
Total Receipts	\$11,179.38

Bank Bal. end of 3rd quarter 3095.33  
(\$3093.98 plus one outstanding check \$1.35).

Grand Total \$14,274.71  
Total Disbursement 11,204.65  
Bank Bal. end of 4th quarter 3070.06  
Amount of Christian Social Relations and Local church Activities 8005.35

### DISBURSEMENTS:

Division	\$10,852.17
Officers and Sec.	148.98
Jurisdiction Cultivation Fund	62.70
Refund money sent for an adult pin	1.00
Renewal of Insurance on books	5.10
Auditing of Books	30.00
Mrs. Forrest expense to Mis. Institutes	16.85
Printing of 500 Receipt Cards	3.83
Refund Dist. Cult. fund, Mrs. Shelton	23.00
Refund Dist. Cult. fund, Mrs. Dodson	1.50
Refund Youth Fund, Mrs. R. A. Thomas	3.20
Cash Supplies, L. R. City Mission	54.94

### TO DIVISION:

Pledge	\$ 4865.87
Missionary Projects	1293.30
W. S. G.	501.83
W. S. G. Projects	53.00
Y. W. & Girls	100.00
Youth Project	5.00
Children	7.25
Cash Supplies, Chinese Relief	121.53
Cash Supplies, Brazil	7.50
McDonald School	7.75
Week of Prayer	2564.41
Special Memberships	1315.00
World Community Day Literature	9.65
Total	\$10,852.17

## HONORARY MEMBERSHIPS

### ADULT LIFE MEMBERSHIPS

Mrs. H. L. Galusha, Mrs. J. C. Monan, Sr., Mrs. Claud R. Roy, Mrs. W. M. Johnson, Mrs. Jennie B. Hart, Mrs. H. M. Gordon, Little Rock, Hunter Memorial.  
Mrs. A. T. McDonough, Crossett.  
Mrs. Harvey Watson, Texarkana, First Church.  
Mrs. C. L. Cabe, Mrs. B. S. Atkinson, Texarkana, First Church.  
Miss Mamie Briant, Hope.  
Mrs. Nanette A. Perkins, Warren.  
Mrs. C. A. Illing, Pine Bluff, First Church.  
Mrs. Lev Goodrich, Pine Bluff, Lakeside.  
Mrs. Peyton D. English, Mrs. Ida Bushner Rule, Mrs. E. Patterson Steels, Little Rock, First Church.  
Mrs. H. M. Machen, Portland.  
Mrs. W. L. Newton, Mrs. J. T. Dodson, Mrs. Fannie Stroop, Smackover.  
Mrs. L. W. Marshall, Mrs. Susie Smith, Mrs. J. W. Dennis, Mrs. K. S. Couch, Mrs. H. A. Longino, Mrs. Henry Stevens, Magnolia, First Church.  
Mrs. J. P. Deboe, Eudora.  
Mrs. Mae Downs, Pie Bluff, Carr Memorial.  
Miss Lalla Thornton, Camden First Church.  
Mrs. A. N. Fogle, Camden, Fairview.  
Mrs. Corrie Thompson Hammond, Stephens.  
Mrs. W. B. Roberts, Texarkana, College Hill.  
Mrs. Essie Stevens Hamilton, Benton.  
Mrs. Callie Kinard, El Dorado, Vantrease.  
Mrs. C. P. McHery, Mrs. Ethel Greenhaw, Mrs. T. M. Thompson, Mrs. T. F. Russell, Mrs. C. I. Russell, Mrs. J. K. Thompson, El Dorado, First Church.  
Mrs. S. C. Dean, Hamburg.  
Mrs. W. E. Anderson, Mena.  
Mrs. Dasie S. Dowdell, Malvern.

### Honorary Baby Memberships:

Parker's Chapel El Dorado: Bobby Dale Parks, Raymond Weldon Cammack, Reita Nelwyn Weatherford, Nancy Louise Cameron, Carlynn Lorraine De Pauw, Patricia Ann Ainsworth and Evelyn Sue Pope. The above were received 3rd quarter but names not sent in till 4th quarter on account of not having names.  
Emma Sue Mitchell, Rison.  
Mary Suane Robbins, Donna Marce Nelson, Little Rock, Asbury.  
Patricia Ann Jones, Crossett.  
Nancy Pugh Newcome, Portland.  
William Michael Craig, Texarkana, First Church.  
Alice Ann Fisher, Warren.  
Ina Gay Chitwood, Linda Gay Chitwood, Hot Springs, First Church.  
Linda Charline Rogeds, Grady.  
Laura Susan Ziess, Smackover.  
Paul Fredrick Longstreth, Little Rock, Scott Street.  
Harvey Augustus Nelson, Jr., Patricia Ann Halton, Emmett.  
Jo La Nell Ammon, Kingsland.  
Charles Monroe Noble, Norphlet.  
Kenneth Lee Kesterso, Pine Bluff, Lakeside.  
Mary Annette Smith, Bethel, Magnolia.  
Barbara Catherine Hornaday, Fordyce.  
Clarita Ross, Arkansas City.  
Patricia Ann Jones, Hamburg.  
Lu Alice Thomas, McGehee.  
Thomas Clyde Hollinshead, Stamps.  
Carrol Lou Covington, Little Rock, Hunter Memorial.  
Margaret Ann Pierce, Strong.  
HONORARY JUNIOR  
Victor Gray Atwood, Rison.  
HONORARY YOUTH  
Mary Eugene Austin.  
—Mrs. J. P. Carpenter, Treas.

## COTTON PLANT SOCIETY

The Woman's Society of Christian Service held its first meeting for the New Year January 18, at the home of Mrs. W. A. Arthurs with Mrs. S. M. Bush co-hostess. Twenty-one members were present. After a very interesting program with Mrs. W. G. Jones as leader, a business session was held presided over by the President, Mrs. Joe D. McGregor. Mrs. McGregor read the officers and committees for 1944 as follows:

Vice president, Mrs. Will Riner; recording secretary, Mrs. W. G. Jones; corresponding secretary, Mrs. J. F. Angelo; treasurer, Mrs. J. L. Keith; local treasurer, Mrs. E. F. Leighton; secretary of Missionary Education, Mrs. N. E. Houston; secretary of Christian Social Relations, and local church work, Mrs. W. A. Arthurs; secretary of Student Work, Mrs. Roger Wilkerson; Secretary of Young Women and Girls Work, Mrs. E. E. Stevenson; Secretary of Children's work, Mrs. R. McFarland; Secretary of Literature and Publication, Mrs. W. I. Booe; Secretary of Supplies, Mrs. Warren Fraser.

### Standing committees:

Year Book, Mrs. W. G. Jones, chairman; Parsonage, Mrs. S. M. Bush, chairman; Membership, Mrs. Rex Pearce, chairman; Finance, Mrs. F. B. Schoephoester, chairman; Fellowship, Mrs. Will Booe, chairman; Publicity, Mrs. Norman Houston, chairman; Spiritual Life, Mrs. Will Riner, chairman; Church Committee, Mrs. W. A. Arthurs, chairman; Flower, Mrs. E. E. Leighton, chairman; Visiting, Mrs. Martha Cramer, chairman; Literature, Mrs. W. G. Jones, chairman.

Mrs. W. A. Arthurs and Mrs. E. E. Stevenson were appointed to meet with committees from other churches to plan World Day of Prayer program. Mrs. W. Booe read a letter of thanks for Christmas box sent the orphanage. The pastor, Rev. E. E. Stevenson came in and presented the new Study Book, The Church After the War. The first study will be January 25. Refreshments were served by the hostesses. The meeting closed with prayer by Bro. Stevenson.—Mrs. N. E. Houston.

Out of my own experience I am able to witness that Jesus Christ is the true God. I know full well and have found what the name Jesus has done for me. It is indeed well spoken and the plain truth when we sing in the psalm: God layeth a burden upon us, but He helpeth us also. We have a God that helpeth and a Lord of lords that delivereth from death. Therefore by God's grace no troubles, no tribulations or other creature whatsoever shall separate me from Christ.—Martin Luther.

The vital need is to shake America wide awake so that we can deal with absolute priority for any permanent peace—the saving of the children of the conquered parts of the world.—Rufus Jones.

It is impossible mentally or spiritually to enslave a Bible-reading people.—Horace Greely.



# North Arkansas Conference Treasurer's Report

## FIRST QUARTER, 1943-44

As Treasurer of the Conference, I have received on General (World Service) and Conference Benevolences, and other Funds listed, since Conference to February 9, 1944, by Charges, as follows:  
(One star \* indicates Benevolences paid IN FULL, or over. Two stars \*\* Asking IN FULL, or over, according to my information.)

CHARGE	General and Conference Benevolences	Episcopal Fund	Conference Claimants Fund	General Administrative Fund	Jurisdictional Conference Expense
<b>BATESVILLE DISTRICT</b>					
Ash Flat Ct.	\$ 6.37	23.63	105.00	7.50	1.00
Batesville: Central Avenue	300.00	20.25	90.00	24.00	4.00
First Church	936.24				
Bethesda-Cushman	49.88	3.50	18.50		
Calico Rock-Norfolk	9.06				
Cave City Station	27.67				
Charlotte Ct.	73.88	8.50	37.50		
Cotter-Gassville	13.73				
Desha Ct.	15.00	2.00	12.00		
Elmo-Oil Trough	10.00	5.00	10.00		
Evening Shade Ct.	60.00	6.70	35.00	3.00	
Melbourne Ct.	68.09			7.00	1.00
Moorefield-Sulphur Rock	102.84	27.00			
Mountain Home	13.92	5.64	25.02	7.00	1.00
Mountain View	82.50		68.00	18.00	4.00
Newark	233.00	15.13	6.00	6.00	1.00
Newport: First	80.00		30.00	6.00	2.00
Unmanned Memorial	91.74	6.75	8.00	1.00	
Salem	250.00	34.00			
Swift-Alicia	290.72				
Tuckerman	14.00	6.15	15.85		
Viola Ct.	89.00			4.00	1.00
Weldon-Tupelo	50.00	10.00			
Yellville Ct.					
Totals	\$2867.64	\$174.25	\$446.87	\$ 90.50	\$ 16.00
<b>CONWAY DISTRICT</b>					
Atkins	\$ 175.00			2.00	
Belleville-Havana	22.00	4.00	14.00		
Bigelow-Houston	20.00		3.00	1.00	
Cato-Bethel	11.26		100.00	23.00	4.00
Conway: First	500.00	22.50			
Centerville Ct.	28.00		60.00	8.50	1.50
Danville	205.00	40.50	52.50	3.21	
Dardanelle	93.75	11.82			
Dover-London	20.00		5.00		
Gravelly Ct.	5.00	1.50	6.00		
Greenbrier Ct.	61.00	20.00	90.00	6.00	1.00
Levy	250.00		19.00	3.00	
Morrilton	450.00				
Morrilton Ct. No. 1	28.00	5.00	20.00		
Naylor Ct.	4.04			11.00	2.00
North Little Rock: First	900.00	47.25	210.00		
Gardner Memorial	335.09	20.24	90.00	8.00	2.00
Washington Avenue	125.00	45.00	50.00	6.00	
Ola Ct.	32.65	10.80	48.00		
Plainview Ct.	87.00	3.06	22.50		
Plumerville-Hill Creek	45.00		30.00	7.00	1.00
Pottsville	17.90	6.75	10.00		
Vilonia Ct.	25.00	2.25			
Totals	\$3440.69	\$240.67	\$811.00	\$ 94.71	\$ 14.50
<b>FAYETTEVILLE DISTRICT</b>					
Bentonville	\$ 81.00				
Berryville		7.00	33.00		
Centerton Ct.	95.86	3.81	12.68		
Cincinnati Ct.	5.00			4.00	
Elm Springs-Harmon	311.24	26.00	120.00		
Eureka Springs	40.00		15.00		
Farmington-Goshen	22.50	7.75	12.50	4.00	
Fayetteville Central	467.49	23.49	105.00		
Bethel	5.99			1.00	
Gentry			6.00		
Gravette-Decatur	187.76	8.10	71.62	6.00	
Green Forest	18.75	5.00	14.00	5.00	
Huntsville	4.00			3.00	
Lincoln	25.17	4.50	20.00	4.17	
Monte Ne Ct.	10.00		5.00	1.00	
Pea Ridge Ct.	25.97		10.00	2.00	
Prairie Grove	100.00				
Rogers	325.00			14.00	
Siloam Springs	450.00			14.00	
Springdale					
Springtown-Highfill	18.41	11.00	50.00	3.00	
Sulphur Springs	100.00	16.00	72.00	3.00	
Winslow-Elkins	20.07	2.75	12.50	3.00	
Totals	\$2314.21	\$115.40	\$553.30	\$ 73.17	\$ 27.98
<b>FORT SMITH DISTRICT</b>					
Alma	\$ 60.00	\$ 6.75	\$ 30.00		
Altus Ct.	4.00				
Booneville	167.50	11.81	52.50	11.00	2.00
Branch Ct.	103.50	7.00			
Charleston Ct.	95.00	16.00	32.48		
Clarksburg	250.00	18.54	82.50		
Ft. Smith: First	515.00	121.50	540.00	30.00	5.00
Goddard Memorial	261.09	67.50	75.00	18.00	3.00
Grand Avenue	65.00	7.88	35.00		
Midland Heights	100.09		220.00		
Second Church	50.00	27.00		7.00	1.00
South Ft. Smith	99.00	10.00	60.00	8.00	2.00
Greenwood					
Hackett Ct.	3.00			3.00	1.00
Hartford	50.00	27.00	50.00		
Hartman Ct.	50.00	4.50	20.00		
Huntington-Pine Street	16.00				
Kibler-City Heights	87.00	5.00	10.00		
Lavaca Ct.	27.00	4.00	10.00		
Magazine Ct.	27.00		19.00		
Mansfield	8.39	20.00	31.11	1.00	1.00
Mulberry	50.00				
Paris	143.76	47.25	52.50	12.00	
Van Buren: First	31.27	10.15	30.00	5.50	2.00
East Van Buren-New Hope	93.75	31.50	100.00		
Waldron Ct.	16.45	8.40	13.20	3.00	1.00
Totals	\$2374.62	\$451.78	\$1463.29	\$ 98.50	\$ 18.00
<b>HELENA DISTRICT</b>					
Aubrey	80.00	5.00	10.00	4.00	1.00
Brinkley	100.00			14.00	2.00
Clarendon	150.00	15.00	35.00	14.00	
Colt Ct.	12.00	8.00	15.00		
Crawfordsville	31.63		25.00	14.00	2.00
<b>JONESBORO DISTRICT</b>					
Black Oak	63.75	5.81	25.19	3.00	1.00
Blytheville: First	450.00	22.50	100.00	34.00	3.00
Lake Street	135.00	34.00	115.00	3.00	1.00
Bono Ct.	35.00		25.00		
Brookland Ct.	12.00		19.45	3.00	1.00
Dell Station	5.00	5.45	22.50	1.00	
Dyess-Whitton	25.00		4.00	4.00	1.00
Joiner	125.00	25.32	112.50		
Jonesboro: First	1361.05	5.00	15.00		
Fisher Street	25.00				
Jonesboro Ct.	16.00		150.00	2.00	1.00
Keiser-Garden Point	147.00	33.75	150.00	3.00	1.00
Lake City Ct.	35.00		150.00	3.00	1.00
Leachville	163.00	33.75	180.00	6.00	1.00
Lepanto	100.00	40.50	15.00		
Luxora	6.40	3.37	60.00		
Manila	183.34	13.66	52.50	16.00	2.00
Marion	233.75	11.81	300.00	13.00	2.00
Marked Tree	685.00	67.50			
Monette	21.01		38.00	3.00	1.00
Nettleton-Bay	121.00	9.00	15.00	3.00	1.00
Osceola	800.00		6.00	1.00	
Trumann			50.00		
Turrell-Gilmore	119.88	27.00	10.00		
Tyronza	75.00	10.80	12.00	1.00	1.00
Weona	30.00	10.14	45.00	.50	.25
Yarbro-Promised Land	54.77				
Totals	\$5027.95	\$369.36	\$1497.14	\$116.50	\$ 21.25
<b>PARAGOULD DISTRICT</b>					
Beech Grove-Camp Ground	26.23	4.00	8.00	7.50	2.50
Corning	162.50	27.00	120.00		
Grainville Ct.		.36	1.60		
Greenway Ct.	34.00				
Hardy-Mammoth Spring	13.85				
Hoxie	30.61		16.00		
Imboden-Black Rock	39.05	9.55	18.75	4.00	1.00
Leonard Ct.	100.00	4.25	13.05		
Lorado Ct.	35.00	2.90			
Marmaduke	9.20				
Paragould: First	412.50	20.25	82.50		
East Side	35.57	3.75	8.75		
Paragould Ct.	127.00	5.15	23.25	12.00	4.00
Piggott	105.00	40.50	45.00		
Pocahontas	2.53	47.00	210.00	15.00	3.00
Rector: First	120.00	15.76	70.00	2.00	
Fourth Street	53.20	4.50	20.00		
Rector Ct.	10.00		10.00		
St. Francis Ct.	29.65				
Strangers Home Ct.	30.00			14.00	5.00
Walnut Ridge	150.00	25.00	100.00		
Walnut Ridge Ct.	76.00	5.00			
Totals	\$1601.94	\$214.97	\$746.90	\$ 54.50	\$ 15.50
<b>SEARCY DISTRICT</b>					
Antioch Ct.	75.00	10.00	11.25	2.00	
Augusta	225.00	27.00	120.00		
Bald Knob-Bradford	59.75	6.75	80.00		
Beebe	165.00	20.25	90.00	11.00	2.00
Cabot	120.00	13.00	57.32		
Clinton	199.35	8.71	38.50	8.00	2.00
Cotton Plant	60.00				
Griffithville	80.00			16.00	5.00
Harrison					
Valley Springs Ext.	7.50	2.25	5.00	13.00	3.00
Heber Springs: First	** 505		45.00	5.00	1.00
Central	25.00	15.38	70.00		
Hunter	58.00				
Jacksonville	42.50	7.50	36.00		
Jasper-Newton County	10.32			7.00	2.00
Judsonia	48.00	12.50	60.00		
Kensett	125.00				
Leslie	75.00				
Marshall	20.00				
McCrary	110.00	9.00	37.50	9.00	1.75
Fakes Chapel Ext.	* 15.00	4.50	20.00	1.00	.25
McRae Ct.	185.00			4.00	
Pangburn Ct.	* 174.00	3.40	13.65	3.00	1.00
Quitman Ct.	197.27	15.50	34.00		
Rose Bud Ct.	* 78.00			23.00	3.00
Searcy: First	750.00	74.25	330.00		
Gum Springs Ext.	** 40.00				
Valley Springs-Bellefonte	15.01	3.32	14.67		
Totals	3464.70	\$233.31	\$1062.89	\$102.00	\$ 21.00
<b>RECAPITULATION</b>					
Benevolences					\$25,359.53
Episcopal Fund					2,035.49
Conference Claimants					7,473.39
General Administration					735.13
Jurisdictional Conference					151.73
Sustentation Fund					549.44
Golden Cross					85.00
Miscellaneous					433.25
Grand Total					\$36,822.96
Last year, first quarter					28,219.38
Increase					\$ 8,603.58
Benevolences Last Year					\$20,971.26
Increase					\$ 4,388.27

GUY MURPHY, Treasurer, North Arkansas Conference.

## CAMDEN DISTRICT

## Second Round

Parker's Chapel-Fredonia at Parker's Chapel, March 5, 11 a. m.  
 El Dorado First Church, March 5, p. m.  
 Bearden, March 12, 11 a. m.  
 Louann, March 12, p. m.  
 Kingsland, March 19, 11 a. m.  
 Fordyce, March 19, 7:30 p. m.  
 Thornton at Chambersville, March 26, 11 a. m.  
 Camden March 26, p. m.  
 Junction City at Pleasant Grove, April 16, 7:30.  
 Vantrease Memorial, April 16, 7:30.  
 Jackson Street, Magnolia, April 23, 11 a. m.  
 Stephens, April 23, 7:30 p. m.  
 Emerson at Atlanta, April 30, 11 a. m.  
 Magnolia First Church, April 30, 7:30 p. m.  
 Strong at Rhodes Chapel, May 7, 11 a. m.  
 Ebenezer at Bethel, May 7, 7:30 p. m.  
 Norphlet at Quinn, May 14, 11 a. m.  
 Hampton at Harrell, May 14, 7:30 p. m.  
 Columbia Ct., May 21, 11 a. m.  
 Waldo, May 21, 7:30 p. m.  
 Chidester, May 28, 11 a. m.  
 McNeill, May 28, 7:30 p. m.  
 Huttig, June 11, 11 a. m.  
 Smackover, June 11, 7:30 p. m.  
 Fairview, June 25, 11 a. m.  
 Centennial, June 25, 7:30 p. m.  
 The Camden District Conference will convene at Vantrease Memorial, May 26, 9:30 a. m.—J. L. Dedman, D. S.

## MONTICELLO DISTRICT

## Third Round

Palestine-Sumpter, Feb. 27, a. m.  
 McGehee, Mar. 5, a. m.  
 Watson-Kelso, Mar. 5, p. m., at Watson.  
 Parkdale, Mar. 12, a. m.  
 Crossett, Mar. 12, p. m.  
 Wilmar Ct., Mar. 19, a. m., at Mt. T.  
 Wilmot, Mar. 19, p. m.  
 Hamburg, Mar. 26, a. m.  
 Drew Ct., Mar. 26, p. m.  
 Snyder, Apr. 2, a. m.  
 Fountain Hill Ct., Apr. 2, p. m.  
 Tillar-Winchester, Apr. 9, a. m., at W.  
 Dumas, Apr. 9, p. m.  
 Dermott, Apr. 16, a. m.  
 Arkansas City, Apr. 16, p. m.  
 Portland, Apr. 19, p. m.  
 Hermitage Ct., Apr. 23, a. m., at J.  
 Monticello, Apr. 23, p. m.  
 Warren, May 7, a. m.  
 New Edinburg Ct., May 7, p. m.  
 Lake Village, May 14, a. m.  
 Eudora, May 14, p. m.—Arthur Terry, D. S.

## MINERAL SPRINGS-OZAN

Lots of cold weather, lots of rain and lots of war, but we are still here and carrying on. Our Church Schools and Youth Fellowships are doing a fine work and are increasing in attendance.

The people received us for another year and we are happy to be back. Ozan and St. Paul each gave us a splendid pounding of groceries and other things. We sent in fifty-six subscriptions to the Arkansas Methodist from this charge. Part of them were from Ozan, St. Paul and Sardis.

We are glad to say all indebtedness on the church at Mineral Springs has been paid and in addition we have completed the building of a concrete wall all around the basement of the church. We did some other improvements at a cost of about \$350.00 and it is all paid for. We are out of debt.

We are working the works of Him who sent us as best we can.—W. C. Lewis, pastor.

Ten men have failed from defects in morals where one has failed from defects of the intellect.—Horace Mann.

The strength of a country is the strength of its religious convictions.—Calvin Coolidge.

No talent, no self-denial, no brains, no character, are required to set up in the grumbling business.—Ex.

It is said there is one thing a person cannot get rid of by losing it—his temper.—Cumberland Presbyterian.

## THE LIVING EPITAPH

When I pass out and my time is spent  
 I hope for no lofty monument,  
 No splendid procession marching  
 slow,  
 Along the lost long road I go.  
 No pomp and glory I care for then,  
 When I depart from the world of  
 men.

But, I'd like to think when my race  
 is through,  
 That there will be in the world a  
 few

Who'll say, "Well, there is good one  
 gone,

I am sorry to see her passing on,  
 For she was a sort that's fair and  
 square,

The kind of one that's hard to spare.  
 She hadn't money, she hadn't fame,  
 But she kept the rules and played  
 the game.

Her eyes were true and her laugh  
 was clear,

She held her truth and honor dear.  
 And now that her work is at an end,  
 I know how much I shall miss my  
 friend."

If my life shall earn such words as  
 those

I shall smile in peace as my eye  
 lids close.

I shall rest in quiet and lie content  
 With the words of my friend for  
 my monument.—Berton Braley.

In memory of Mrs. Alice Barron,  
 Jan. 1, 1944, Mrs. Hallie Huston,  
 Jan. 8, 1944.—Griffin Memorial  
 Church, Paragould, Arkansas.

A suggestion made by President M. LaFayette Harris of Philander Smith College (Little Rock, Ark.) to various local Woman's Societies of Christian Service that they furnish linen for the college has brought in the current conference year a supply valued at \$657.41. Institutional control of linen has helped to maintain good health standards in the dormitories and the plan has made possible a large number of small gifts.—Campus News, Board of Education Bulletin.

KIDNEYS MUST  
Clean Out Acids

Excess acids, poisons and wastes in your blood are removed chiefly by your kidneys. Getting Up Nights, Burning Passages, Backaches, Swollen Ankles, Nervousness, Rheumatic Pains, Dizziness, Circles Under Eyes, and feeling worn out, often are caused by non-organic and non-systemic Kidney and Bladder troubles. Usually in such cases, the very first dose of Cystex goes right to work helping the Kidneys flush out excess acids and wastes. And this cleansing, purifying Kidney action, in just a day or so, may easily make you feel younger, stronger and better than in years. An iron clad guarantee insures an immediate refund of the full cost unless you are completely satisfied. You have everything to gain and nothing to lose under the money back guarantee so get Cystex from your druggist today for only 35c.

GOOD NEWS FOR  
ASTHMA SUFFERERS

If you suffer from choking, gasping, wheezing, recurring attacks of Bronchial Asthma, here is good news for you. A prescription called Mendaco perfected by a physician in his private practice contains ingredients which start circulating thru blood within a very short time after the first dose, thus reaching the congested Bronchial tubes where it usually quickly helps liquify, loosen and remove thick strangling mucus (phlegm), thereby promoting freer breathing and more restful sleep. Fortunately Mendaco has now been made available to sufferers from recurring spasms of Bronchial Asthma thru all drug stores and has proved so helpful to so many thousands it is offered under a guarantee of money back unless completely satisfied. You have everything to gain, so get Mendaco from your druggist today for only 60c. The guaranteed trial offer protects you.

## DEDICATION

During the Week of Dedication

WEDNESDAY EVENING, MARCH 1,

Has been set apart for the

DEDICATION OF CHURCH SCHOOL  
TEACHERS

ALL PASTORS Are Urged to Gather Their  
Church School Teachers in the Church on This  
Night for a Dedication of Themselves to a  
Two-Fold Service:

1. Reaching and enlisting the people for the Church School and the Church
2. Leading every pupil to make a decision for Christ and the Christian way of life

Suggestive material for this service has been mailed to the pastors

Take an offering in the Church School on Sunday, March 5,  
for war emergency services of the Methodist Church

"FOR THEIR SAKES I SANCTIFY MYSELF, THAT THEY ALSO  
MIGHT BE SANCTIFIED THROUGH THE TRUTH"

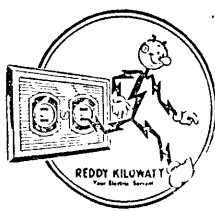
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# The Sunday School Lesson

By DR. W. P. WHALEY



## JESUS TEACHES TRUE GREATNESS

LESSON FOR FEBRUARY 20, 1944

SCRIPTURE TEXT: Mark 9:30-50 and Mark 10:1-45.

GOLDEN TEXT: "The Son of man also came not to be ministered unto, but to minister, and to give His life a ransom for many." Mark 10:45.

### I Leading Up

For some weeks Jesus had been away from the multitudes; and, with His disciples, was walking leisurely along less frequented roads in northern Palestine. He had so much to say to His disciples, and the last year of His ministry was closing. He led these chosen men over to old Tyre and Sidon on the Mediterranean coast, back to Caesarea Philippi, on upon Mt. Hermon, and back to Capernaum. In those weeks of rambling in the highlands of Palestine, few people saw them; and Jesus did little but get a little closer to His disciples. At Tyre He healed the daughter of a heathen woman; on Mt. Hermon He was transfigured; and at the foot of the mountain He healed the demoniac boy. After that they made their way to Capernaum for Jesus' farewell visit. When they got to Capernaum the church treasurer asked Peter if Jesus was accustomed to paying church dues; and Peter told him He was. Judas was rationing the funds of the group very meagerly; so Jesus told Peter to go down to the lake and catch a fish, take a coin from its mouth, and pay His church dues.

### II Greatness In The Kingdom Of Heaven (Mk. 9:33-37; Matt. 18:1; Lk. 9:46)

Jesus was about to leave Capernaum, which had been "His own city" for three years, and which had been the center of His great ministry. He would not return. He was going to Jerusalem, where He knew He would be crucified. For several weeks Jesus had given almost exclusive attention to the instruction of His twelve disciples; but, after they had gotten back to Capernaum, Jesus discovered that the disciples were arguing among themselves about "who is the greatest in the Kingdom of Heaven." So He talked to them about that. Peter, James and John had been to the fore a good many times lately; and the other nine disciples may have been wondering what those three had that the other nine did not have. Jesus had called Peter a "rock," and had approved his confession of faith. Jesus had taken Peter, James and John up on Mt. Hermon, and left the nine down in the valley. The nine had not been able to do anything until Jesus, Peter, James and John came back to them. They wondered about all this. Were Peter, James and John greater in the eyes of Jesus than than these other nine? They wanted to know what are the qualities of greatness in this new Kingdom of Heaven Jesus was establishing.

Jesus' answer to this important question, probably, was not very

reassuring to Peter, James and John. He called in a little child and set him in the midst of the group and said, "Whosoever shall humble him-

self as this little child, the same is greatest in the kingdom of heaven." Jesus himself is the measure of Christian greatness. "If any man have not the spirit of Christ, he is none of His" (Rom. 8:9). "Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus." (Phil. 2:5).

Pause, and ask, What makes a truly great church?

What sort of a person is the greatest Christian?

### III Great Appreciation Of A Child

Jesus, looking at the little fellow He had called into the circle to illustrate a great Christian, went on to express His appreciation of a child. If we parents, teachers, and citizens had Jesus' appreciation of children, that would make us great parents, great teachers, and great citizens; and we would not have child problems and juvenile delinquency. Ancient Romans and others used to expose unwelcome children to be devoured by beasts, or found and adopted by strangers. Many parents do not know that their children are valuable, and expose them to influences worse than wild beasts. "The child is father of the man," said Wordsworth. That is a truth all parents, teachers, and citizens should take to heart. An old Roman philosopher asked, "What constitutes a child? Want of instruction; for they are our equals so far as their degree of knowledge permits."

"Whosoever shall receive one of such little children in my name, receiveth me" (Mk. 9:37). "See that ye despise not one of these little ones; for I say unto you, that in heaven their angels do always behold the face of my Father which is in heaven" (Matt. 18:10). "Suffer little children and forbid them not, to come unto me: for of such is the kingdom of heaven." (Matt. 19:14).

### IV A Great Church Man (Mark 9:38-50)

John became jealous when he found a man preaching and doing wonderful works in the name of Jesus but was not going along with Jesus and the twelve, and he told him to stop it; then he went and told Jesus. Jesus' reply to John enjoins tolerance among Christian groups. Who was this man who was working in Jesus' name? Maybe a disciple of John the Baptist were turned to Jesus through John; and, after John was beheaded, it is likely that some of his disciples continued to work in the name of Christ. Or it may have been one of the seventy that Jesus sent on a special mission, who, after finishing his special mission, continued to work. Anyway, Jesus was glad to have anybody to carry on the good work in His name. We have hundreds of Christian denominations. It is a temptation

to think my church is the church, and take an intolerant attitude toward all others. Jesus prayed that His people might be one; but it has been impossible to put them all in one church, or bind them all to one creed.

However, a few weeks later in the upper room at Jerusalem, Jesus gave the LAW of His church: "A new commandment I give unto you, that ye love one another." St. Paul called love the bond of perfectness (Col. 3:14). Jesus certainly does not approve our unchurching one another.

Tolerance, appreciation, and co-operation among the many Christian bodies of the world are very important today. "In union there is strength." "If we do not hang together, we shall hang separately." A great church man is one who lives under Christ's law of love, and is tolerant toward all Christian bodies.

### V A Great Office In The Church (Mk. 10:35) (Matt. 20:20)

At Caesarea Philippi Jesus told the disciples He was establishing a new church. James and John, who were first cousins of Jesus, asked their mother, Salome, to speak to Jesus for the two uppermost places in the new church. They were poor men. The yhad been impressed by the culture, emoluments, dress, and high position of the chief officers of the Jewish church (Matt. 23). Surely Christ's new church would have high seats and easy places, too; and surely Christ would put His best friends in these good places. Being first cousins to Jesus, and having been specially trusted by Jesus on so many occasions, they felt they had a first claim to the high and important posts in the new church. They may have been a little uncertain about Peter. He had been very prominent, and was highly favored by Jesus. Jesus might give Peter one of the highest places. So, they asked their mother, the aunt of Jesus, to speak for them.

Jesus told them that the new church was not to be run like an earthly government: "But whosoever would become great among you, shall be your minister; and whosoever would be first among you, shall be servant of all. For the Son of man also came not to be ministered unto, but to minister, and to His life a ransom for many." The man who is in the place to do the most good has the highest place.

"Pygmies are pygmies still, tho perched on Alps;  
And pyramids are pyramids in vales."

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# WINFIELD MEMORIAL METHODIST CHURCH

## CIRCLE MEETINGS FEB. 21

No. 1.—Mrs. B. M. Whaley, chairman, meets with Mrs. E. V. Markham, 1914 Shadowlane, 1:30 dessert.

No. 2.—Mrs. C. B. Wilson, chairman, meets with Mrs. Dennis Williams, 215 N. Cedar, 1:30 dessert.

No. 3.—Mrs. Harry Gaylor, chairman, meets with Mrs. Ben Brickhouse, 453 Midland, for 1:00 o'clock dessert, Mrs. W. A. Bartlow, co-hostess.

No. 4.—Mrs. J. L. Perry, chairman meets with Mrs. Eugene B. Kelly, 1604 W. 3rd, 1:30 dessert, Mrs. Vance Baker, co-hostess.

No. 5.—Mrs. Rufus Hunt, chairman, meets with Mrs. Clifton Scott, 1915 Battery, 1:00 o'clock dessert. Mrs. Felix Ward and Mrs. Harrell Roberts, co-hostesses.

No. 6.—Mrs. A. I. Patton, chairman, meets with Mrs. E. W. Beeson, 1819 Gaines, 1:00 o'clock dessert.

No. 7.—Mrs. James Rucker, chairman, meets with Mrs. O. B. McCoy, 2311 State, 1:30 dessert.

No. 8.—Mrs. Taylor Prewitt, chairman, meets with Mrs. W. A. Weidemeyer, 2701 Arch, 1:00 o'clock dessert.

No. 9.—Mrs. W. J. Pennington, chairman, meets with Mrs. D. W. Glover, 2014 Scott for 1:30 meeting.

Young Matrons' Circle—Mrs. Wm. Storey, chairman, meets with Mrs. Eugene Mapes, 2405 W. Markham for 1:00 o'clock dessert.

## YOUTH FELLOWSHIPS 6:00 P. M. SUNDAY

Junior High—Recreation in Fellowship Hall. Program in department room, 6:40, continuing the unit on Christ and the Fine Arts, Aubrey Faye Monk, leader.

Senior High—Recreation and refreshments in department room. Mrs. Frank Biniores, hostess. A pageant on "World Friendliness" will be presented under the direction of the World Friendship Commission of which Doris Smith is chairman. Mrs. Clyde Arpold will be in charge of costumes. Parents invited.

Because of the increased attendance the Senior High Evening Fellowship program will be held in the department room beginning with Sunday night, Feb. 20.

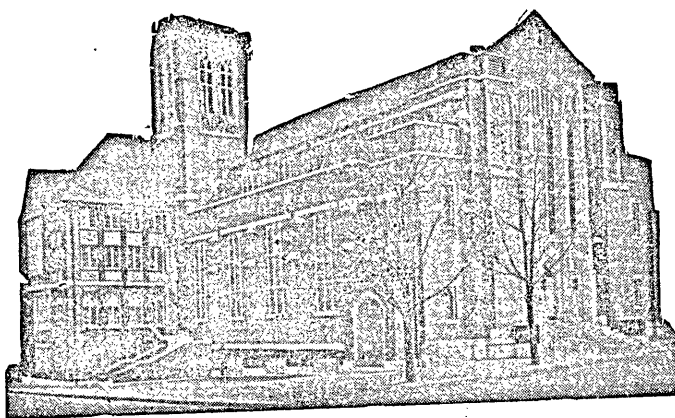
Young People—Recreation and refreshments in Young People's parlor. Program in charge of the World Friendship Commission, Helen Newman, leader. Program will be in the chapel.

## BOARD OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

All members of the Board are invited to meet Wednesday, February 23, at 7:00 p. m. at the home of Dr. and Mrs. Paul Day, 2525 Chester St., for the February meeting. No supper or devotional.

## JUNIOR HIGH PARTY

Members and friends of Junior High Department will enjoy a TACKY PARTY Friday night, February 25, in Fellowship hall. Watch for further announcement in next week's paper.



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## Next Sunday at Winfield

10:00 A. M. Church School.  
The Teaching Hour.

10:55 A. M. Great Laymen's Day Service.

MR. CLIFTON SCOTT will be in charge. Assisting him in the service will be Dean E. Q. Brothers, Mr. A. S. Ross, Mr. Jerry Bowen, Miss Lila Ashby, Mr. E. V. Markham, and Mr. D. W. Glover.

6:00 P. M. Youth Fellowships.

7:30—Evening Service—7:30

Sermon by

DR. C. M. REVES  
District Superintendent  
Former Pastor

Tell your friends, tell his friends.

Give him a great congregation.

SUNDAY NIGHT, FEBRUARY 20th

## THE MINISTER'S MESSAGE

The work of Lay members of the Methodist Church is being stressed throughout the Church this week, and this year, like it never has been before.

The importance of the contribution of the individual layman cannot be over emphasized. A Church becomes great, and remains great, occasionally by the masterful work of some vastly superior preacher. But that is the exception to the rule; the rule is that a Church becomes great, and remains great, by the loyal service, faithful work, and farsighted vision of its lay members. A Church becomes narrow by narrow laymen.

The preacher himself becomes strong influential by the backing he gets from men of strong character and determined Christian influence; or, the preacher becomes ineffective when he fails to get the loyal support and faithful cooperation of the lay members.

We need more laymen in Arkansas to get into the work the preacher does; it will create a much better appreciation of the preacher by the laymen; it will make the work of the entire church more effective for Christ.

## CHRISTIAN WORKERS TRAINING SCHOOL

The Methodist and Christian churches of Little Rock and North Little Rock are cooperating in a Christian Workers' Training School to be held at First Methodist church, Little Rock, beginning Monday night, March 6 and continuing through Friday night, March 10. Classes will begin at 7:00 o'clock each evening and continue till 9:10.

Eight good courses will be offered. Dean E. Q. Brothers, Assistant General Superintendent in charge of training, is official "booster," but he will be assisted by division and department workers in the church school. The Board of Education is "backing" him in an effort to have the largest attendance Winfield has ever had.

Make your plans to attend this school, for credit if at all possible.

Make your plans to teach in our Church School.

## NEW MEMBERS

Miss Johnnie V. Golden, W. 5th.  
Mrs. Joe Eberle, 2223 Gaines.

## SYMPATHY

To Mrs. E. A. Battle in the death of her mother, Mrs. M. A. Edmunson, 2308 Arch.

## WEDDING BELLS

Miss Nancy D. Wilson and Mr. J. T. McAllister, Jr., 1501 W. 22nd.  
Mrs. Hilda W. Cooke and Mr. John Marvin Wade, 1020 Louisiana.

## FRIENDLY COUPLES CLASS

The regular monthly supper and social business meeting of the Friendly Couples Class will be held in Fellowship Hall, Friday evening, February 18, at 7 o'clock.

## JURISDICTIONAL EVANGELISM

From Monday, February 14th, to Friday, February 25th, the Minister will be one of the preachers in the Preaching Mission on Methodist Beliefs, organized and directed by the Jurisdictional Conference of the eight South Central States, the meeting to be held in St. Luke's Church, Oklahoma City.

For three hours each morning all of us will hear lectures on Methodist beliefs as a basis for Evangelism, because it is very important, yea necessary, that our beliefs are fundamental. Then each evening some 25 of us will preach in churches in the Oklahoma City District; following the preaching hour some 100 other ministers and a larger number of laymen will do personal visitation evangelism.

The following beliefs will be discussed in the mornings and used as sermons for the evenings: The Word of God, God, Man and his sin, Jesus Christ, The Cross, The Holy Spirit, The Kingdom of God, Prayer, Human Destiny, and Christian Sanctity.