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"The World is My Parish" — John Wesley

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

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Thanks To Winfield And First Church

FOR a number of years the back page of the Arkansas Methodist has carried the Church Bulletin of Winfield Memorial Church in Little Rock. For more than three years the First Methodist Church in Little Rock has had its Church Bulletin going into the homes of its members on the back page of the Arkansas Methodist. By a special contract Winfield Memorial has been receiving more than a thousand Arkansas Methodists each week and First Church has been receiving over twelve hundred.

The increase of our regular subscribers over the state, linked with a government order reducing our use of paper to ninety percent of the amount used in 1942 has made it necessary to discontinue the special contracts with Winfield and First Church, effective the first of March.

We want here to express to these two great churches of Arkansas Methodism our sincere appreciation for the fine cooperative spirit they have shown the Arkansas Methodist throughout these years in which we have been working together. It has been a rare privilege to visit, weekly by proxy in the twenty-two hundred homes that make up the membership of these churches. We hope that the Arkansas Methodist will continue to go into a large number of these homes through the regular channel.

It will be necessary for the Arkansas Methodist to make other adjustments also in order to comply with these government restrictions. There is absolutely nothing we can do about it except to comply with the order. It may make it necessary to publish an eight page paper occasionally. The Arkansas Methodist is in the best condition financially in its history. Any restrictions we find it necessary to adopt come from without and are in no sense the result of any weakness of the paper. We feel sure that our readers will cooperate with us in any adjustments that may become necessary under war restrictions.

We Walk By Faith

MORE than once, as we go down the pathway of life, we come face to face with mysteries of life that are inexplicable by any processes of reasoning we now possess or through any knowledge of facts we now may have. There are times when the answer to the questions of our hearts is so completely hidden that we cannot even make a guess regarding the answer that will bring any degree of satisfaction. In such an hour our only recourse is to "walk by faith."

Along with his numberless friends we felt the weight of such a mystery pressing in upon us with the untimely death of Rev. Ransom S. Hayden. As we view it, with our limited powers, there seems to have been every reason imaginable why he should have continued to live; there does not appear, to our limited vision, any good purpose to be served by his going at this time.

Here, as we have done before and as we will likely be called upon to do again, "we walk by faith." We know that he loved God and that God loved him. There in full faith we can rest his soul. For ourselves, we should all, in our sadness and disappointment, rededicate ourselves to Christ and help to fill the vacancy in Kingdom building that his going has made.

The Week of Dedication

NEXT Sunday, February 27th is the opening day of the Week of Dedication throughout American Methodism. The week will close with Dedication Day on Sunday, March 5th.

Living as we must today with the many, bewildering, complex interests about us demanding our attention and often our support, it is quite necessary for us, as Christians, to have seasons of special emphasis on spiritual matters if we are to keep our spiritual powers alive and active.

With this in mind the leadership of our church has, again this year, called our people to observe the Week of Dedication. Wherever the program planned in preparation for this special week has



been carried out, it could not but be a blessing to the rank and file of our church membership, and it could not but have increased the powers of usefulness of our laymen who have had it in charge.

There is but one hope for our war-weary world in the trying days that are before us when the war ends—that hope is to be found in a revitalized, spirit-filled Christian Church. The church will find itself in a new world then just as truly as will business, education, government and every other agency which works with human life. In a world where everything else has been changed by the fires of this world-wide conflagration, we cannot expect the church to be able to move on effectively unless it makes the adjustments necessary to minister to such a world as we are to have.

Our men in the service by the hundreds of thousands are being brought face to face with life stripped of its artificialities; in combats in the air, on the land, on the seas, in boats under the seas and in boats adrift on the open seas they have come face to face with eternal realities in a manner they will never forget. For many of them God, Christ and religion have become practical, helpful living realities in life. Through a new dedication of life, through a more meaningful interpretation of religion, through a more realistic knowledge of God in our own souls we must be able to minister to them as well as to the rest of the world about us in the post-war world.

Better Lose Time Than Lives

IN the present war, the evidence is plain that the leaders of the Axis forces are little concerned for the lives of their soldiers except as they represent additional "man power" in the struggle. They are more concerned about the success of an undertaking than they are about the cost of the undertaking in lives. Squads, divisions and even armies of German soldiers have been assigned suicidal missions and ordered to fight to the end without thought of escape or surrender; such sacrifices at times were ordered for advantages that seemed trivial as compared to the cost in German lives. In a government built on the conception that the individual exists for the sake of the government and can be sacrificed at will where the country's interests seem to be served, we may expect this low evaluation of human life.

In a nation that "holds these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal; that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights"; in a nation "of the people, by the people and for the people" we may expect that a correspondingly high value will be placed on the lives of its citizens. A nation grounded and founded on such principles, in this day, could not give approval to the sacrificing of the lives of its citizens merely in a war of conquest for material gain. To swap the lives of our boys for larger power, greater prestige in world affairs and additional square miles of territory, would be to betray the very principles on which our nation was established. There is but one justification for the supreme sacrifice some of our boys are being called upon to make in this terrible war; it is that through the loss of one life many other lives are being saved. To sacrifice life for any other cause is to cheapen and betray life.

It is something of this conception of the great value of human life that has caused the leaders of American armies to move cautiously in the present war thereby holding to the minimum the loss of life. Some have been impatient and have criticised the delayed invasion from the west. Fortunately our leaders are unwilling to gamble with the lives of our boys. We have the financial means, the materials and the men with which to finally crush our enemies without unnecessary loss of life through haste. We will win this war, but we can now better lose time than the lives of our boys.

Not Afraid of "The Big Bad Wolf"

AND now Howard County votes dry by a majority of seven-to-one. Thus county by county Arkansas is sobering up. The large number of counties that have voted dry since the adoption of Act Number One, plus the number that are now planning elections and are almost sure to drive liquor out when they vote, have thrown a scare into the liquor forces that is worth the money. This is the off-the-record reason that the liquor crowd put up such a desperate fight to defeat Act Number One. They gave every reason except the real one for the fight they were making.

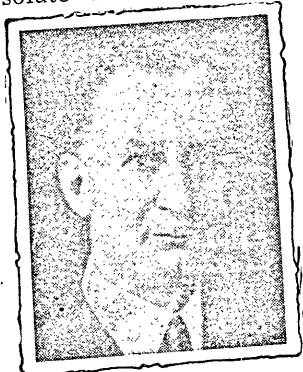
When the voting by counties began under Act Number One, the liquor crowd played their trump card. They had it announced officially that counties voting dry would not share in the

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The Week of Dedication 1944

By BISHOP PAUL B. KERN, Chairman of Committee for Week of Dedication

METHODISM moves again to her altars. Driven by the challenge of the spiritual task that confronts her the church is led by an irresistible impulse to seek for new divine power. The problems ahead of us are so stupendous, the powers of darkness so resolute and unyielding, that



Paul B. Kern

only the strength that comes to those that are utterly yielded to the will of God will suffice.

Men are apt today, to be ensnared by the crowded demands upon their time. Many of us are simply confused by the impetuous drift of everyday events. We have almost lost our sensitiveness to human suffering. Precious values inherent in Christian attitudes are endangered by the callousness and cruelty of much that goes on before our eyes. We need to be sensitive to God. We need our own hearts made ready for His indwelling. We need a touch of the divine fire upon our souls and the cleansing of His forgiving love in our natures. These are not spiritual realities that can be brought into being by any human effort. They are the gift of God to men and women who seek His face and give themselves utterly to obedience. Methodism knows these ways because for more than a century she has struggled to right wrong and bring about social justice and preach the everlasting gospel. The world before us cannot be patched up with some pretty little plan. It

needs to be redeemed, and only men who know God in their innermost beings can proclaim a gospel of redemption.

How inescapable, how inevitable it is that we should have again this year our Week of Dedication. We have been thinking in recent weeks about a New World Order. It can come only out of good hearts and obedient wills. The Church's contribution to this problem is spiritual, but it cannot make that contribution unless it is a spiritual church. February 27-March 5 ought to be the high week in the calendar of every Methodist. A program has been prepared that is one of the most appealing and compelling I have ever seen. Material and literature have been sent to all of our pastors and lay leaders. The faithful use of this source material will give to any local church one of the most stimulating programs that it has ever known.

Last year the church, in freewill offerings, laid down nearly a million dollars for causes outside of its World Service budget. These causes were urgent and they constituted an emergency that could not otherwise be met. This year the cause is greater and the call louder and more insistent. Unless Methodism raises upon her altars in connection with the Week of Dedication an amount equal to the amount raised last year, enterprises for war relief, for our chaplains, for our starving overseas members, for our work among migrant people and in industrial centers will have to go undone. There is no other answer except that of the generous gift of the church. Let me plead, therefore, that at the consummation of the Week of Dedication, on this last Sunday, March 5, there shall be such a generous outpouring of self and substance for the service of Christ as we have never seen before. Mankind is on a cross and God is suffering with His children. He has no one to depend upon save those of us who bear His name. Let us be true.

TWENTY-EIGHTH STREET CHURCH

The good people of Twenty-eighth Street Church have given us one of the most royal receptions ever to be experienced in our ministry.

Last Wednesday at the close of the mid-week worship service we were surprised with a shower. Among the many things which we received were a dozen sheets, and a lovely Irish linen table cloth. They have done a beautiful job of reconditioning the floors and walls of the parsonage. New light fixtures were given by Mrs. Perry and the W. S. C. S. gave us a new bedroom suite and a new living room suite.

We have received fourteen into the church since Conference, doubled our Methodist Home offering, reached our Arkansas Methodist allocation with a plus and all Conference askings will be paid by Easter Sunday.

We greatly appreciate a chance to serve the Kingdom of God with such loyal people as we find in Twenty-eighth Street Church.—C. H. Farmer, pastor.

CHURCH SCHOOL EFFORTS AT PIKE-ANTOINE CIRCUIT

Taking up the Church School work at Pike in 1938 where Mrs. Catherine Davis, now an inmate of the Confederate Home at Sweet Home, left off after having completed thirty years of service in the church at Pike, we found that she had kept the Church School going for four years without any pastoral aid. She had it in good organized condition.

The young people of Pike are disappearing. They use to have socials at the home of the pastor. Now since the war most of the young men have gone. Most of the young women have married. There are very few left.

There is a group of smaller children coming to take the place of these young folks who are gone.

The Sunday School teachers took the children for a stroll in the woods in the early fall. They played games then were served refreshments.

The day before Thanksgiving a pounding was given to a sick man and his family. Several women met in our home on Thanksgiving

CONWAY COUNTY PERRY LEAGUE UNION

The Conway County Perry League Union met Monday night, February 7, at Perryville. Mr. Bill Fleming led the singing. An interesting program on "What Is a Great Person," was conducted by

Day and quilted a quilt for the Methodist Orphanage.

The few that are here are trying to revive the community by keeping the Sunday School going for the smaller children. The older ones seem so unconcerned and very few come to church and Sunday School.—Othell Youngblood.

Mary Lou Poteete. Others appearing on the program were: Reece Bowen, Patsy Rickman, Joyce Rickman and Kathryn Harmon. Dorothy Cox played a violin solo, "Whispering Hope."

Guests were a special quartet from Adona. The program closed with the League benediction.

The business meeting was presided over by Thomas Moore. Plans were discussed for a convention at Oppello, March 10-11. Miss Evelyn Severson was in charge of the recreation. Refreshments were served at the closing. Eighty-six were present. The next meeting will be at Adona, the first Monday night in March.—Molsie Riddick, reporter.



**A WORLD AT ITS WORST CALLS
FOR A CHURCH AT ITS BEST**

In these critical days the Church must be true to its mission of redemption. It must pursue its main task of presenting the claims of Christ to everyone, everywhere. To meet this challenge, the Church must be at its best. Therefore, these days of preparation for the WEEK OF DEDICATION should see a return to the prayer closet, a new emphasis upon meditation, and a reconsecration of all we have and are to the service of God.

Every member of The Methodist Church can join in such a task—strong laymen, humble people, shut-ins, youth, little children, aged people, and ministers alike.

More than 43,000 Methodist congregations throughout the land will observe the WEEK OF DEDICATION this year—including small country churches nestling in the hills, as well as large city churches—with their spires towering above the noise and clatter of busy streets—all will make this an occasion for renewal of vows and a rededication to the Church's great task of redemption in a confused, bewildered, and sin-sick world.

((The offering taken on Sunday, March 5, the concluding day of the WEEK OF DEDICATION, will be used to enable the Methodist Church to meet wartime emergencies during 1944—emergencies for which no provision has been made in the regular World Service giving.))

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

THE DEVOTIONAL PAGE

H. O. BOLIN, Editor

THE SAMARITAN FORD

But a certain Samaritan . . . had compassion on him.—Luke 10:33.

The first snow of the winter had fallen and the streets were as slippery as ice could make them. At a busy intersection a heavy limousine was stalled. Its wheels were spinning, but it was standing still because it could get no traction.

Another big, powerful car came up behind the stalled limousine and, seeing its predicament, turned out and passed by. As it did so, the master of the car peered curiously out from his post of vantage in the rear seat.

And as the limousine continued helpless, behold, another big car with a liveried chauffeur arrived on the scene, and when the occupants saw the helpless limousine stalled in the middle of the street, that car turned out and passed by on the other side.

But there came that way an ancient Ford, noisy and road-worn. And when the driver of the little car saw the embarrassment of the driver of the big car, he slipped in behind, gave a lusty shove, and lo, the limousine was on its way again.

Which one of these three was neighbor unto the driver of the big car with the spinning wheels?

One of the curious things about human nature is that a very large measure of the kindness of the world is furnished by the lowly. It is sometimes amazing how soon the poor boy who has grown rich forgets the years when he was destitute.

But those who have been longest in the business of relieving the distress of their neighbors will testify that it is usually easier to touch the hearts of the humble than of the powerful. It is as if power had a way of hardening hearts. The man who is rich, and sits in a seat of the mighty, is under the necessity of watching his soul with the utmost care lest he grow callous.—Roy L. Smith, Editor The Christian Advocate.

MORAL FORCE

No better time could be found when men of faith ought to be often upon their knees. In the united prayers of devoted men and women lies a moral force which no thoughtful person will underestimate.—New York Sun.

Patriotism leads men to subordinate their personal wishes to the interests of the society in which they live. It extends the horizons of life, teaching men to dwell among the great men of the past, to derive their moral strength from the study of heroic lives, to look forward continually through the vistas of a distant future, to the welfare of an organization which will continue when they have passed away.—Lecky.

"The five things that keep us from enjoying peace are avarice, ambition, anger, envy and pride." These are carnal traits and holiness

GIVE HIM A LIFT

*If you find a man in need,
Give him a lift,
He may prove a friend indeed,
Give him a lift;
It may be true his form is bent,
Through the years of service spent,
And you may be as an angel sent,
To give him a lift.*

*He may be tired, foot sore and sad,
Give him a lift,
He may be sick and poorly clad,
Give him a lift,
In time to come he may help you,
Bearing your burden the journey through,
He may have failed in life, 'tis true,
But give him a lift.*

*He may be black or he may be brown,
Give him a lift,
Some one else might have pushed him
down,
Give him a lift,
So all along life's dusty way,
Stranded souls in sore dismay,
May need your help so don't delay,
To give him a lift.*

This poem was sent to our office by R. F. Misenhimer of Ft. Smith. I am happy to use it on the Devotional Page. There is a good sermon in it. Read it again.—H. O. B.

THE WORKER'S NEEDS

All church members should be workers. They should come into the fellowship not merely with the idea of what they can get, but rather what they can give. We have often heard it said that you get out of anything just what you put into it. If that be true, when one comes into the church with the idea of what he can get, he will get nothing; but if he comes in with the idea of what he can give, he will get everything. The sky is the limit when we come to deal with God. Paul said of Him, "He is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think." Again he said, "My God is able to supply all your need according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus." Religiously speaking, we get only that we may give. The way to have material things is to get and keep them, though that is bad advice. It is laying up treasures on earth. The way to get spiritual values is to get and share them. In one case the more you give away the less you have, in the other, the more you give the more you have.

The church needs workers. The poet was right who said, "If everybody works and nobody shirks; you can raise a church from the dead." But, on the other hand, there are some things each worker needs if he is to be earnest and efficient. What are they?

First, he needs a conscious, ever-growing fellowship with Christ. Sometimes the consciousness of this fellowship comes suddenly after a feeling of guilt or conviction for sins. Like John Wesley, the penitent feels his heart strangely warm.

vince him that there is not a personal God who hears and answers prayers. He speaks with the assurance of experience. But that experience is not enough. The fellowship must be cultivated. The experience is merely the beginning of it. Then there are others who come to a consciousness of this fellowship through a gradual process. One carried on so quietly by teaching, the example and the influence of others that the person in question cannot say "it happened here at this place or at this particular time." The big question is not, "How did it happen?" But rather, "Has it really happened?" Do you really know the Lord? I am not asking do you know about the Lord. I know a few things about George Washington, but I never knew him. It is every person's privilege, not only to know about Christ, but to know Him. One can know Him as he knows his brother, or sister, or wife, or child, or mother. Until church members thus come to know Him, they never work in helping to build His kingdom. They may attend the services of the church and pay to the budget, but they do not try to bring others under the influence of the church or to win them to Christ. They are about where the Pharisees were in their day. Christ said our righteousness must exceed theirs. This fellowship is maintained and cultivated by making the purposes of Christ our own. He taught His disciples to pray, "Thy kingdom come," and then to work. He said if they would go out on this great mission of building His Kingdom He would

PRAYER

Infinite Architect, direct our building! Make us wise beyond the fragment of time we spend on earth. And grant that we may regard nothing as a trifle if it concerns Thy will. Amen.—Amos R. Wells.

The joyous consciousness of His presence will be with and remain with all who have accepted Him as Lord and Master and who seek to bring others to Him and under the influence of the Sunday School and church.

Another need of the worker is that of vision. "None are so blind as those who having eyes refuse to see." "Men say there are yet four months and then cometh harvest, but I bid you to lift up your eyes and look, the fields are already white to the harvest. But the laborers are few." "Where there is no vision the people perish." All around us there are folk who are missing the upward way. A word from you might mean the turning point in their lives. Jesus expects you to say that word. Finally, you will come out to the end of the row so far as life here is concerned and stack your tools for eternity. Will you be willing to met Him empty handed? The injunction is, "Freely you have received, freely give." The first question God ever asked man was, "Where are you?" the second was, "Where is your brother?" Some day God is going to remark concerning you and me, "Here you are, but where are your brothers?" Many of our fellowmen are out there in sin. Have we tried to help them? Some one helped us. The greatest way to show our appreciation is to pass the help along. I was once in need—material need—a man rendered me a great service. In better days, I tried to repay him. He wouldn't accept it. He only said, "Pass it on to some one else in need." He thus made me a debtor to every human in need. Again, I was in need. This time it was spiritual. A man led me to Christ. I couldn't pay him; salvation can't be bought with money. He said, "Pass it on." Today, I am in debt to every sinner.

We are here again at that season of the year when most people are saved. Our most fruitful harvest will be from now until Easter. We must buy-up this time and treasure it as a period of earnest endeavor in Kingdom building. The hope of the world lies first, in Christ, and second, in the earnest effort of Christians to bring others to Him. May we constantly have a consciousness of His presence and a vision of the task which lies before us. These are some of the worker's needs.—H. O. B.

Thoughtful people cannot escape feeling that they were created for an everlasting purpose. They have wants and needs this present world cannot satisfy. They are familiar with thirsts for the unseen, infinite, and Eternal. They know aspirations, ambitions, and dreams that can

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A WEEKLY MESSAGE

By FORNEY HUTCHINSON

A BEAUTIFUL DEED

One summer, while on a vacation, I spent a Sunday in Los Angeles. I went to the morning service at the First Methodist Church, which was then, and I believe still is, reputed to have the largest membership of any church in Methodism. Dr. Roy L. Smith, now editor of our great Advocate, was then the popular pastor. He had a great congregation and a wonderfully inspiring service. When the congregation was dismissed, I met one of the stewards who told me the following story about a former pastor:

The Annual Conference, he said, was being held in that church. During the year one of the little known members of the Conference had committed some sort of a misdemeanor. He was put on trial, found guilty, and as a penalty, was ordered to kneel at the altar of the church in the presence of the Conference and be chastised by the presiding bishop for conduct unbecoming a minister. When the time arrived, the bishop stood and ordered the brother to come and kneel at the altar. It was a tense moment when the condemned man came all alone and knelt as he was instructed. The bishop was just about to begin his chastisement, when to everyone's amazement, the popular pastor of that great church arose, walked to the altar, knelt beside his erring brother and put his arms around him. While the audience waited in breathless amazement, the bishop proceeded. The humiliated man arose, shook hands with his sympathetic brother, and went forth to live a better life.

The Conference was so impressed that they elected that pastor as a delegate to the approaching General Conference, and at that Conference made him a bishop in the church.

When I attended my first General Conference at Oklahoma City, that bishop delivered the welcome address on behalf of our then sister Methodism, and later on during the Conference I remember that he delivered his famous lecture on the Chicago fire.

It was Bishop Robert McIntyre, than whom no bishop in the M. E. Church was more universally beloved. Before going into the ministry, he had been a brick-layer and learned the heart of the common man. We have room until this day for men like him in and out of the ministry.

To lost faith in the church is to doubt the wisdom of God's plan for the extension of the Kingdom.—Religious Telescope.

The chief place for Christian culture is in the home.—J. F. Miles.

NEWS AND NOTES ABOUT FACTS AND FOLKS

THE Methodist Commission on Chaplains, New York, announces the promotion of Chaplain Doyle Thomas Rowe of the Little Rock Conference from First Lieutenant to Captain.

DR. HOMER T. FORT, pastor of First Methodist Church, Hot Springs, writes: "Speaking before an estimated crowd of 1100 people Sunday night, February 20, Dr. John W. Cline brought a stirring message on his experiences during recent months in China and in the internment camp in Shanghai. The crowd was very appreciative and a large number remained after the address to hear answer to questions which the listeners might ask. Among those present were: Rev. J. E. Cooper, district superintendent of the Arkadelphia District and Rev. J. L. Hoover, of First Church, Malvern."

REV. H. A. F. AULT, member of the Little Rock Conference, who now lives in San Pedro, California, filled the pulpit when Arkansas night was celebrated at the Fred Ross First Methodist Church on February 6. After the services a friendship hour was held. About fifty places in Arkansas were represented. Kenneth Ault, son of Rev. and Mrs. H. A. F. Ault, and Miss Doris Mae Guenther of Cleveland, Ohio, are to be married in San Pedro on February 29, with the father of the groom performing the ceremony. Mr. Ault is serving in the U. S. Navy.

MISS MARY AGNES CRAIG McGEACHY, chief of the welfare division of the United Nations Relief and Rehabilitation Administration and the first woman to be appointed to a major responsibility in the international organization, will speak on a nationwide broadcast on the World Day of Prayer, February 25, over the Columbia Broadcasting System from 4:30 to 4:45 CWT. The broadcast has been planned by the United Council of Church Women under whose auspices the World Day of Prayer is observed annually in more than 10,000 communities in the United States and on the six continents of the world. Special music will be furnished by the Junior League Glee Club of New York, under the direction of Hugh Giles.

1944 LENTEN READING LIST

The following Lenten Book List was selected by Dr. George A. Buttrick, pastor of Madison Avenue Presbyterian Church, New York City. This is the tenth of the series of Lenten lists arranged for by the Religious Publishers Group, New York City.

The Apostle—Asch (Putman).

A novel based on the life of Paul; a worthy sequel to *The Nazarene*.

Daily Life in Bible Times—Bailey (Scribners).

Interesting (illustrated) book on the history and customs of the Hebrew people.

The Clue to Pascal—Cailliet (Westminster).

A French scholar writes on the French scientist, philosopher and saint whose insights are now seen to be prophetic.

God and the Day's Work—Calhoun (Revell).

A plea that weekday work will obscure Sunday worship unless Sunday worship rules weekday work.

Upon This Rock—Cammaerts (Harper).

The Belgian Poet and playwright tells poignantly of his re-discovery of faith when his R. A. F. son was killed.

The Beginning of Christianity—Craig (Abingdon-Cokesbury).

A capable and readable account of the origins of the Christian faith and comradeship.

They Told About Jesus—Cutler (Woman's Press).

A simple, well-informed, glowing account of the New Testament sources of story of Jesus.

A Portrait of Jesus—Eddy (Harpers).

A life of Jesus, competent in scholarship, ardent in appeal.

Return to Christianity—Ferre (Harpers).

The fundamentals of the faith courageously applied to modern man and his world.

The Survival of Western Culture—Flewelling (Harpers).

An antidote to our modern despair of history; a bugle-call in its Christian demand.

George Washington Carver—Holt (Doubleday Doran).

A worthy biography of a great American.

Choose Ye This Day—Homrighausen (Westminster).

When false faiths demand complete commitment, this book calls ringingly for a Christian decision.

Contemporary Thinking About Jesus—Kepler (Abingdon-Cokesbury).

An anthology of interpretations, all from modern Christian scholarship, of the gospels of Jesus. It calls for, and will reward, thoughtful reading.

The Unconquerable—Leber (Revell).

The story, based on a round-the-world aeroplane journey, of the intelligent and heroic witness of the modern missions.

Christian Behavior—Lewis (Macmillan).

A pungent inquiry into a Christian ethic in our times.

A Short Story of Jesus—Lowrie (Scribners).

A new life of Christ, written with warmth and challenge.

The University and the Modern World—Nash (Macmillan).

Not "Lenten," and not "easy" reading; but interesting and crucial—on an issue which cannot any longer be evaded; secular education and religion.

Four Freedoms and God—Poteat (Harper).

A plea that the four freedoms can be realized only when interpreted and made mighty in the realm of the spirit.

The Varieties of New Testament Religion—Scott (Scribners).

It traces the different expressions which New Testament writers have seen in "that one Face."

Five Minutes a Day—Speer (Westminster).

A diary of prayer—with quickening excerpts from poets and saints—both thoughtful and devout.

Rebuilding Our World—Sperry (Harpers).

A stimulating sermon as you could wish—and not "sermonic."

On Beginning from Within—Steere (Harpers).

A plea for a renewal of the soul in a modern and genuine saintliness.

DEATH OF BISHOP SAM R. HAY

Bishop Samuel Ross Hay, retired bishop died at his home in Houston, Texas, February 4, at the age of 78 years.

He was born October 15, 1865, in Decatur County, Tennessee. He attended Southwestern University of Texas, Centenary College of Louisiana, and Southern College at Lakeland, Florida, and was licensed to preach in 1886. He was elected a bishop in 1922, and rendered episcopal service in China, Arkansas and Louisiana, Texas, the Pacific Coast and in Alabama and Florida. Following his retirement in 1938, he made his home in Houston where he lived at the time of his election as bishop.

Surviving are his wife, two sons and one daughter.

His many friends in Arkansas are saddened by his going and warmest sympathy goes out to the family.

NOT AFRAID OF "THE BIG BAD WOLF"

(Continued from page one)

revenue for school purposes derived from the sale of liquor. County after county has demonstrated that it is not afraid of this "big bad wolf." The liquor crowd is learning and will be further impressed with the fact that the votes of the soberminded parents of Arkansas are not for sale for the few dirty pennies liquor promises for the support of schools.

FOR WORKERS WITH CHILDREN

FAY McRAE, Editor, 723 Center, Little Rock

LEARNING TO CARE FOR CHILDREN

By Dorothy E. Bradbury and Edna P. Timdon

A Review by Mrs. Russell M. McKinney

In accordance with community plans for the Victory Corps, high school students are helping in the war effort by taking care of the children of working mothers. This book is written by child specialists to give these boys and girls practical knowledge and understanding of small children. Information contained in this volume is valuable to parents also in handling numerous behavior problems such as developing confidence, group cooperation, how to deal with quarrels, lying, tantrums and jealousy.

One of the most interesting chapters deals with helping the child learn about and enjoy his world, making it seem less big and strange. Questions concerning war are uppermost in children's minds and it is difficult to answer them without arousing too much excitement or fear. Helping the child meet strangers and adjust himself to new situations can be made simple and easy. Children respond to friendliness and sympathy and easily acquire these desirable attitudes toward others. They develop through play and care should be taken in selecting play materials. Some standards for this are given by the authors of this book. Other means of helping children learn are provided in stories, music and trips.

It is important to help the child in his growth toward independence to help him achieve self-control or self-responsibility. This can be accomplished by allowing children to help plan family tasks and the part they are to have in them, also by encouraging them to plan their own leisure time activities. Children need to learn the right attitude toward failure and how to overcome an inferiority complex.

In the process of growing up, children are bound to have problems or difficulties. Quarreling and fighting result from feelings of jealousy, fear, anger, or injustice. If the cause for quarreling is clear the remedy is easier. The ideal is to prevent trouble but this of course is impossible, so methods of settling the difficulty are suggested by the authors of this book. For instance, they say no child is born either honest or dishonest but that he has to be taught the code of honesty regarding property and the rights of others. The motives for stealing, as for other acts of bad behavior, determine the cure. The same thing applies to undesirable habits such as thumb sucking and nail biting.

Chapter Four deals with guiding the child in routines. Suggestions are given for helping him acquire desirable habits in sleeping, eating and taking care of his body. Supervised play often avoid accidents. It is important to watch for common dangers in our homes such as small rugs, matches left where children can reach them, and ill-lighted stairways.

This book is especially enjoyable because of the actual cases presented in the discussion of various prob-

LOVE'S LANGUAGE

*Their little language the children
Have, on the knee as they sit
And only those who love them
Can find the key to it.—*

Francis Turner Palgrave.

A PACKET OF MATERIALS FOR THE NURSERY HOME VISITOR

We recently talked with a Nursery Home Visitor who was taking her work most seriously. In order to make available to the parents of the young children the fine helps our church has prepared for them she had a Packet of Materials form which she selected from time to time a piece to send, leave as she called or give on Sunday morning. The following were included in the Packet:

No. 1044 The Little Child and God: Melton 5 cts.

No. 24-B The Shrine of the Sleeping Child (free).

No. 512-B Your Home Here and Now (free).

No. 23-B Where There are Children (free).

The Christian Home, \$1.25 a year.

No. 514-B For Every Child Faith in God (free).

No. 803-B The Tender Pilgrims (free).

A Little Parable for Mothers.

My Church Book: Skinner, 20 cents.

Home Makers, a test for mothers and fathers, (free).

Some Good Books for Parents (free).

For help in her work this Nursery Home Visitor had her personal packet which contained besides those materials listed above the following:

Religious Nurture in Nursery Class and Home, Lloyd, price \$1.00.

My Books for Fall, Winter, Spring and Summer (for 3-year olds) 15 cents.

No. 101-B The Nursery Children and the Church (free).

No. 100-B The Baptism of Babies (free).

No. 102-B The Methodist Program for Nursery Children (free).

MR-4 Record book for Nursery Home Visitor, 5 cents.

Nursery Letter, issued quarterly, 2½ cents each.—F. McR.

Never forget the kindness which others do for you; never upbraid others with the courtesies you do for them.—Burkitt.

Carelessness does more harm than a want of knowledge.—Franklin.

lems and the methods used in dealing with them. It is challenging to any person who has the responsibility of caring for children. Common sense is, of course, a great help but there is much to be learned about the job. This book gives information that may teach you something of value about yourself and other people as well as about children.

THE CHURCH SERVES THE HOME

(The following letter was found in use in a church)

Dear Mr. and Mrs. _____:

We are very happy indeed that you have a new baby in your home. We also count it a privilege to enroll her as a member of _____

Methodist Church School. She will be a member of the Nursery Home group until she is about three years old. At that time we shall look forward to enrolling her as a regular attendant on Sunday in the Nursery Class.

Because of our earnest desire to be of some assistance to you in helping Sarah grow up as a Christian, we are sending you a year's subscription to the Christian Home. As you know, this is a magazine to help parents in building a Christian home and in guiding their children in Christian living. The Church and the Christian Home move forward together in building a better world in which to live.

Please feel free to call on us whenever we can be of service to you. Sincerely yours,

The Board of Education of _____ Church

By _____ Pastor

Church School Superintendent

Nursery Home Visitor

THE LITTLE ROCK TRAINING SCHOOL

Of special interest to all workers with children in the Little Rock area is the School for Christian Workers to be held at First Methodist Church, Little Rock, March 5-10. Mrs. J. A. Gray of Atlanta, Georgia, who is spending the winter with her husband, Chaplain Gray of Camp Robinson will teach the course on Teaching Children. As the name implies this is designed to help teachers analyze their own work and to seek ways of enrichment and improvement. Mrs. Gray has had wide experience in her special field and we are anticipating a fine class for her from Beginner and Primary Departments and for beginning teachers in the Junior Department.

All workers in the Junior Department will be delighted to know that our own Miss Olive Smith is to teach the course on the Plans of the Church for Juniors. This mere statement guarantees a large class for this group. Welcome home, Olive!

Nursery workers and parents will find the course by Dr. Paul Kennedy on the Christian Home just what they have been wanting to help them meet their responsibility of sharing the religious growth of children. Dr. Kennedy is the executive secretary for the Board of Education for the Arkansas area of the Christian Church and has made the subject of his course a major study with interesting activities.

It will be of great advantage to those who attend the school to get a text book at once and do some advance reading. The books may be had at the office of the Board of Education, First Church, 723 Center Street, Little Rock.—F. McR.

Of all the inanimate objects, of all men's creations, books are the nearest to us, for they contain our very thoughts, our ambitions, our indignations, our illusions, our fidelity to truth, and our persistent leaning toward error. But most of all they resemble us in their precious hold on life.—Joseph Conrad.

Greetings

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A PLEA FROM CHAPLAIN ROWE

Chaplain Doyle T. Rowe, whose address is 78th Station Hospital, A. P. O. 763, c/o Postmaster, New York, N. Y., sends us the following V-Mail letter dated February 5:

"Through the columns of the Methodist I should like to urge the pastors and people of our two Conferences to make greater use of the little folder called 'The Messenger.' It is dedicated to 'our men and women in the Armed Services.' I received one yesterday from Fritz Schwendemann, our pastor at Altheimer. I read it with the greatest of interest. It is very attractively printed. The contents are fresh, inspiring, and very, very appropriate. On the back of this little folder is a blank page for a personal message.

I make this plea for two reasons: 1. The men in the Armed Services, especially those overseas, need mail. It is pitiful to see a homesick boy at mail-call, waiting eagerly to hear his name, watching others receiving and opening their mail with radiant faces, turn away lonely and dejected with nothing. I know from personal observation that there is nothing quite so important as mail in building and maintaining morale. 2. The churches at home need to keep in close touch with the man in the service. He must be made to feel that the church has not forgotten him. 'The Messenger' is the most appropriate thing I have seen to accomplish these purposes. It can be used by any church worker, but is especially adapted to the use of pastors. It can be obtained, I am sure, with other literature from the publishing house.

I should like to say 'Hello' to all our good friends throughout the state. I am well—unusually well, and happy in my work. This is a great work, and I am glad I can be here to do it; however, I am looking forward with great anticipation to the time when I can be back among you again."

IN MEMORY OF REV. R. S. HAYDEN

Methodist Orphanage,
Little Rock, Arkansas.

Gentlemen:

Our church sends herewith its check for \$15.00 in memory of the life and work of the late Rev. R. S. Hayden of Conway.

He was not only one of our best preachers but one of our greatest men.

We are directing a copy of this letter to his family at Conway to whom you will please mail your official acknowledgment.

Very truly yours,
MORRILTON METHODIST
CHURCH

By: W. H. Fleming,
Sec'y of the Board.

J. G. Moore,
Chairman of the Board.

The voice of conscience—it is the tick-tock of the clock which one forgets in the noise of the day, but which becomes exasperating in the silence and darkness of the night.—Marsel Prevost.

One develops into a great personality not so much by centering attention on oneself as by forgetting self.—Fosdick.

ALMYRA CHURCH

Almyra Church has made fine progress in the last fifteen months. For the Conference Year ending November 1942, the Church paid pastor's salary only \$820. Last Conference year they paid \$1040, and gave the parsonage family \$216 as love offerings while there was sickness in the family; also paid a debt on the parsonage of \$754. At the opening of this Conference year, they set the pastor's salary at \$1450. During this time, the World's Service Offering has been increased from \$82 to \$150. One half of this was paid about January 1. The salary is up to date. This church paid \$63 to the Orphanage, which is four times as much as they had ever paid before.

The pastor, Joe H. Robinson, is a strong believer in preaching, but he believes in teaching as well. He spends much of his time that way. He is accredited to teach the short course on "Worship" and both of the courses on "The Life of Jesus."

This church has one of the most efficient W. S. C. S. in the Conference. The M. Y. F., though small in number, has some very capable workers and an efficient counselor, Mrs. Herold Vos. Last Sunday the M. Y. F. had its largest attendance in four months.

Rev. Roy Fawcett was in the Almyra church, January 26-28, teaching the course "What Is Teaching?" There he found one of the most representative groups he has ever taught. The roll shows the superintendent, assistant superintendent, every teacher, except one, who was physically unable to attend, every official of the M. Y. F., five officials of the W. S. C. S., the pastor and his wife, and others.

Aubrey Cooper, one of the church members, who was wounded in action in North Africa last fall, sent a Christmas gift of \$100 to the church budget. His mother teaches in the Church School and in the Almyra grade school.—T. T. McNeal, district reporter.

News coming out of Sicily since the Allied occupation of that island indicates that all through the regime of Mussolini the ancient Waldensian Church of Italy and Sicily retained its democratic and Protestant beliefs. The Synod, meeting annually in the Piedmontese Alps, continued to send messages of loyalty to the King and ignored the Duce. Of the eighty Waldensian pastors, it is reported, only three were Fascists. Eight hundred years ago, in southern France, a religious revival broke out, and some of the persecuted families fled to the Alps where this new church was born. Four hundred years later it aligned itself with the newer Protestant Reformation. It was after their massacre by the Prince of Piedmont that John Milton wrote his sonnet which contained these lines:

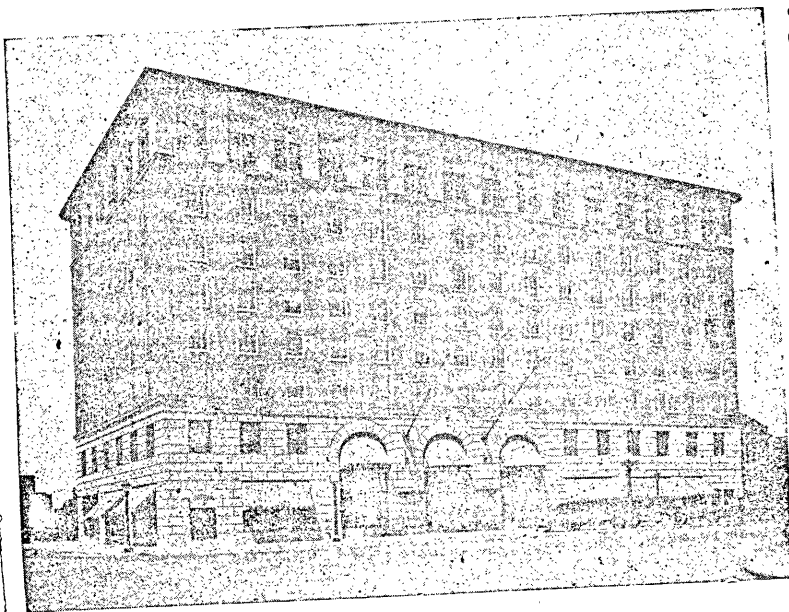
"Avenge, O Lord, thy slaughtered saints
Whose bones lie scattered on the
Alpine mountains cold,
Even those who kept thy truth
so pure of old
When all our fathers worshipped
sticks and stones."

The stingy soul is the soul that shrinks; the generous soul is the soul that enlarges.—Earle V. Pierce.

Nothing conquers but ideas, nothing governs but the spirit.—Leacock.

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HENDRIX COLLEGE NEWS

The Pre-Theologs at Hendrix have scheduled weekly programs for the rest of the year, Bill Scrogins, program chairman, announced. Composed of talks and discussions on the general theme of "Problems Facing the Church Today," the programs will feature members of the Hendrix faculty and Conway ministers.

Speakers and their subjects include: Dr. Howell, Financing the Church; Coach Grove, The Social Church; Mr. Metcalf, Music In The Church; Dr. Capel, Pulpit Speaking; Dr. Staples, The Rural Church Problem; Dr. Buthman, The Origin of Methodism; Mr. Martin, Organizing The Laymen; Dr. Driver, Missionary Work in South America; Dr. Campbell, The Classics of the Bible; Dr. Lane, Christ: The Major Premise; Rev. James Upton, The Church School; Dr. Kamp, Greek and Roman Religion and Christianity; Mr. Faris, Religious Poetry; Rev. E. W. Harris, Paganism—Our Competitor.

An exhibit of oil paintings and murals by Henry Y. Sugimoto, distinguished young Japanese-American painter now at the Jerome relocation center at Denson, Arkansas, will remain on view in the Hendrix College art gallery throughout February, Miss Floy J. Hanson, director of the gallery, announced.

Mr. and Mrs. Sugimoto are loyal, Christian Americans, Miss Hanson said, and are members of the Presbyterian Church. The exhibit has special interest because most of the pieces show life at the Jerome center. Characteristic of the paintings, Miss Hanson said, are a picture showing Christ comforting a troubled Japanese and two pictures showing parents at the center thinking of sons serving America with the armed forces.

The Hendrix Christian Association, interdenominational student organization, launched a campaign to send books to American students who are war prisoners overseas at

its regular weekly meeting February 9. Francis Christie, HCA president, urged sacrifice on the part of each Hendrix student in order that American war prisoners might be provided with books to keep their minds occupied during the long months in prisoner-of-war camps.

A capacity audience was present at John Glenn Metcalf's organ recital February 8. Mr. Metcalf, a member of the music faculty, included on his program several Bach preludes, "Fantaisie in A Major" by Franck, and "Will o' the Wisp" by Nevin. Encores included "Largo," "Drink to Me Only With Thine Eyes" and Londonderry Air.

Statements concerning the Rev. R. S. Hayden following his death:

E. Wainright Martin, treasurer of Hendrix College and a classmate at Hendrix of Bro. Hayden: "Bro. Hayden was a leader as a student both in the classroom and in campus activities. Throughout the years he has been a most loyal alumnus serving for the past two years as president of the alumni association. Hendrix College and the cause of Christian education in Arkansas have suffered a great loss."

Dr. T. S. Staples, dean of Hendrix and long a close friend of Bro. Hayden: "In the death of Rev. Stanford Hayden Hendrix College has sustained a great loss. As a member of the board of trustees and as president of the Alumni Association he was wise in counsel and tireless in his individual services. From his student days on the campus to the day of his passing he was ever thinking and planning to promote the interests of the college. No other man understood better the relations and the interdependence of the church and the college. His friendship and associations with members of the Hendrix faculty gave Bro. Hayden a unique place in the lives of the men and women who work on the campus."—E. Wainright Martin, Jr.

Returning to London, England, from a visit to Moscow, Russia, to promote friendship between Russian and British churches, the Archbishop of York, Dr. Cyril F. Garbett, reports that freedom of worship within the churches of Russia is now allowed. "Anti-religious propaganda has come to an end and there is a growing spirit of tolerance," he declares. "The place religion has played in the history of the nations is respected and is shown in the cinema and on the stage. . . . We attended two services in a cathedral, both on weekdays. The first occasion was the celebration of liturgy. This lasted over three hours. People were standing the

whole time and were packed together. I was told there were 10,000 present and that there were thousands in the square."

ARKANSAS METHODIST ORPHANAGE

Received since last report:	
Rev. C. D. Meux, Jones Mill	\$ 5.00
Grady	23.00
Bayou Meto	6.00
Dover Ct.	5.00
Prairie Grove	31.14
Alpena	7.00
Weiner	30.00
St. Johns, Manilla	5.00
Wright's Chapel, Greenway Ct.	3.00
Mrs. P. W. Cole	5.00
Mr. Charles Dante	5.00
Mr. and Mrs. Ed McClure	2.00
Harrisburg	8.00
E. D. Rodman, Calico Rock	10.50
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ANNUAL MEETING LITTLE ROCK CONFERENCE WOMAN'S SOCIETY OF C. S.

The Annual Meeting of the Woman's Society of Christian Service of the Little Rock Conference will be held in the First Methodist Church of Texarkana, February 29-March 2. First Church, Texarkana, is the Church home of the Conference President, Mrs. A. R. McKinney, who will preside at the meeting. Miss Annie Claire Atkinson is President of the Woman's Organization in the local church. Mrs. W. A. Bengé is the district President of Woman's Work and Mrs. T. H. Owens is District Corresponding Secretary of the Texarkana District.

Mrs. J. D. Bragg, President of the Woman's Division of the Board of Missions and Church Extension, with headquarters in New York, will be present and will address the Conference. She will deliver an address on Missions on Wednesday, March 1st.



MRS. A. R. McKINNEY
President of Little Rock Conference WSCS

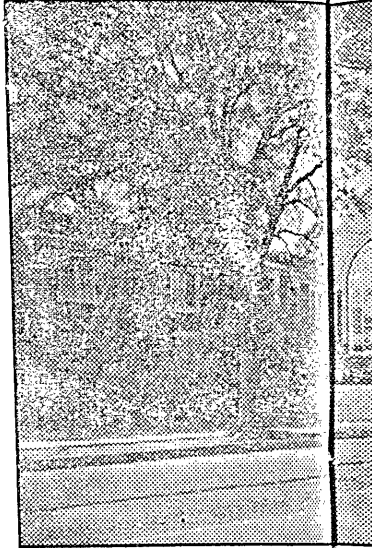
Mrs. H. Wade King, of Hot Springs, Secretary of Organization and Promotion of the South Central Jurisdiction, will also address the Conference. Mrs. King was, for seventeen years Corresponding Secretary of Woman's Work in the Little Rock Conference.

Dr. John W. Cline, who has served as a Missionary in China for forty-six years will address the Conference Tuesday evening. Dr. Cline has been interned in China since the outbreak of war with Japan and recently returned to the states on the Gripsholm.

The theme for the meeting is "Advance, Build a Christian World." The program for the meeting will be built around the eight goals set up for Woman's Work for 1944.

The Conference will open at 2:00 p. m., Tuesday in the auditorium of the church with Holy Communion. Rev. Aubrey Walton, pastor, will be in charge.

The President of the local church society, or her alternate and the President of Wesleyan Service Guild of the local church, or an alternate, are the delegates to these annual meetings. The hostess church and the Executive Board are urging that each local organization have a full delegation present in the Conference.



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At the Annual Conference met Bishop Hoss assigned the late Dr. arkana, Arkansas. There was ring tion met at the Miller County Cou organized the church and held q 19th that year, at which time thir elected: Stewards—R. H. T. Maes Thos. H. Simms, E. W. Frost, Hel Charles M. Robertson, Q. O. T James F. Giles, James L. Turna Thos. H. Simms, John M. Somerv.

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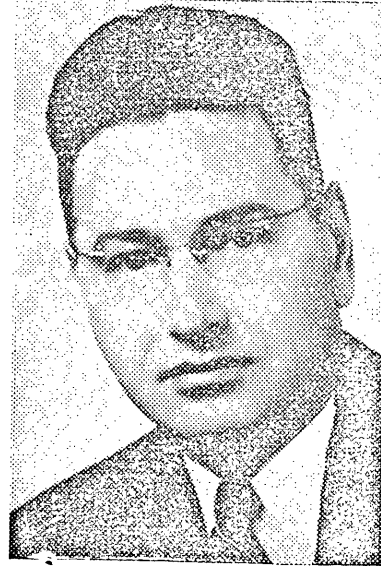
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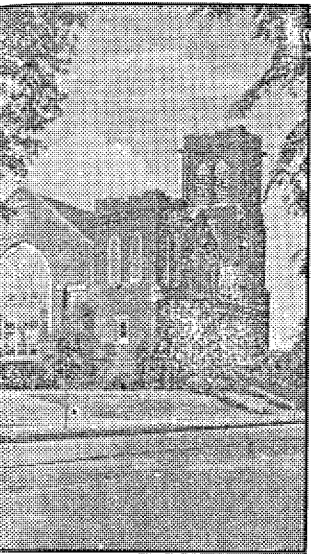
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Rev. Francis A. Buddin, Rev.
John C. Glenn, Dr. Harry S.
DeVore, Rev. Ira F. Key, and
the present pastor, Rev. Aubrey
G. Walton, who is so dearly
loved by his people, is serving
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REV. A. J. CHRISTIE
District Superintendent

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College Hill Methodist Church,
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George S. Sexton, and the first
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Grape Streets. The present and
attractive building was erected in
1921 during the pastorate of B. F.
Roebuck. This church has the rep-
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siding Elders" than any church in
the conference. Clyde Parson is the
present pastor of this lovely church,
having succeeded Ralph Clayton
who is now a chaplain in the serv-
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DR. MARY SHANNON
Secretary Foreign Work, South
Central Jurisdiction WSCS

GUEST SPEAKER

Dr. Mary Shannon of Topeka,
Kansas, will be a guest speaker
throughout the meeting. She was
formerly president of Isabella Tho-
burn College of India where she
spent many wonderful years of her
life. She is at present, Secretary
of Foreign Work of the South Cen-
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be the dinner speaker for the Wes-
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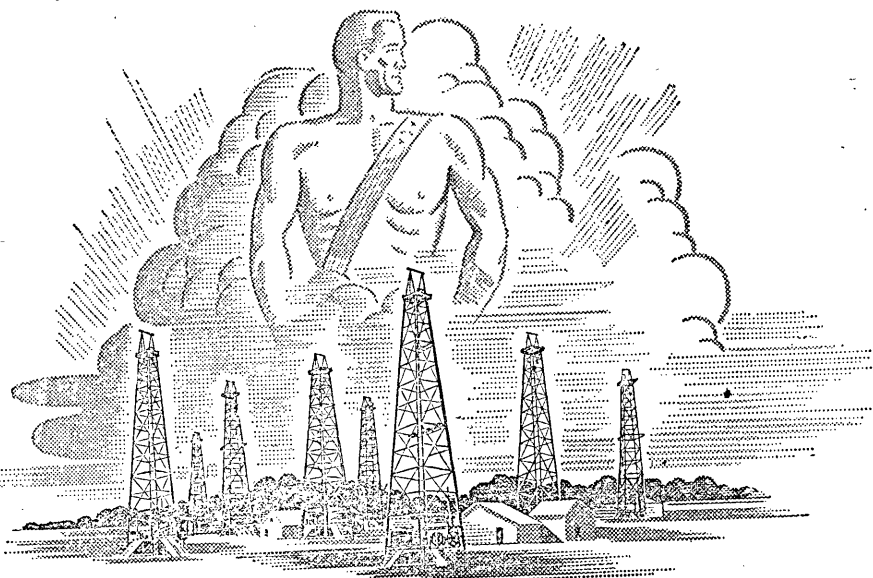
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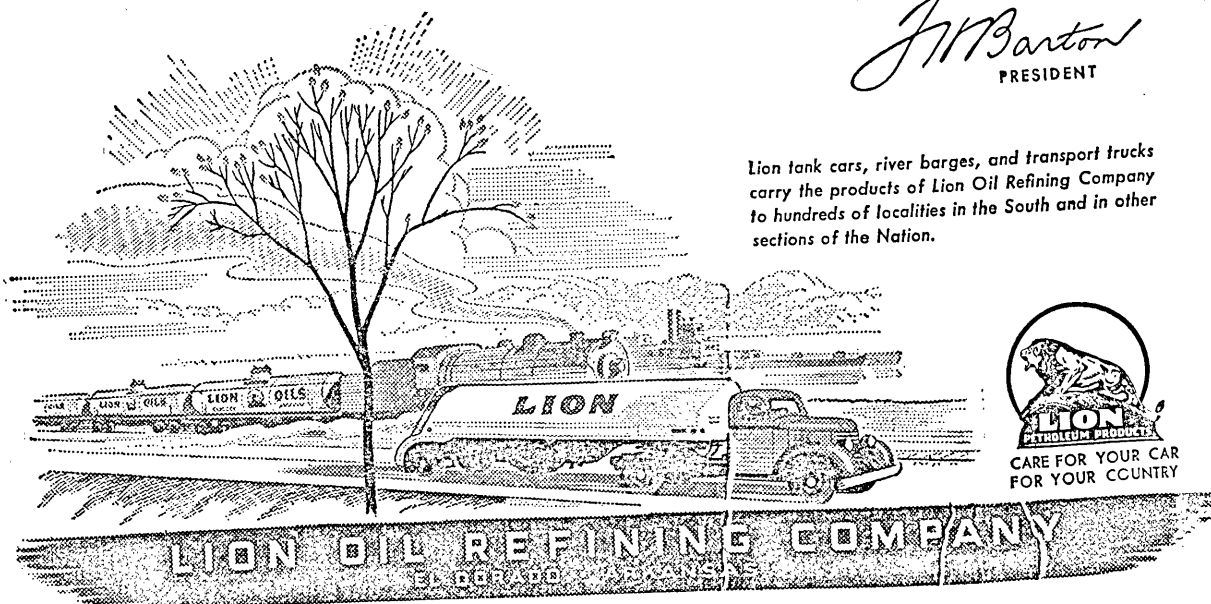
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MRS. SUE M. WAYLAND, Editor



MRS. R. E. CONNELL
President of North Arkansas Conference, who will preside at the coming Conference.

WYNNE W. S. C. S.

The W. S. C. S. held the installation service for the new officers for 1944 in the parlor of the church January 3, with an unusually large attendance.

Mrs. G. G. Dorris, president of 1943, opened the meeting with song "In the Garden of Prayer," followed with prayer by Mrs. J. O. Whitworth. Talk was made by Mrs. Dorris on "Cooperation" in which she urged the members to cooperate with their new president, Mrs. L. E. Kellogg, and to consecrate their abilities to the work of the society and church. Closing by giving an annual report of the years work for 1943. Money raised for all purposes, \$1,146.19.

Rev. J. O. Whitworth conducted the devotional reading, Genesis 12: 1-2 from this he made an inspiring helpful talk, which led the ladies to a greater desire to make their lives a greater blessing in the new year. He closed his talk with prayer, followed by the installation service which was one of the most impressive services the society has ever held. To each officer was handed a symbol of their office. In accepting their office they were asked by their pastor to pledge themselves to perform the duties of their office and live true disciples of Christ.

Mrs. C. B. Hall read the dedication poem, response by the officers. Mrs. Kellogg made a talk which led her members to a stronger determination for the year ahead and leaving with them this thought 2nd Timothy 2:15 study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.

Names of the circles were read by the president after which we were dismissed with prayer.—Mrs. Harry Scott.

No better time could be found when men of faith ought to be often upon their knees. In the united prayers of devoted men and women lies a moral force which no thoughtful person will underestimate.—New York Sun.



MRS. J. D. BRAGG
President Woman's Division Christian Service
Speaker for Two Arkansas Conferences

North Arkansas at Jonesboro—
Tuesday evening, February 29.

Little Rock Conference at Texarkana—
Wednesday evening, March 1.

HIGHLIGHTS LITTLE ROCK CONFERENCE ANNUAL MEETING

First Methodist Church, Texarkana, February 29-March 1, 2.

TUESDAY:

10:00 Executive Board meeting.
12:15 Executive Board luncheon.
2:00 Meeting opens with Holy Communion, Rev. Aubrey Walton in charge.

Address—Mrs. H. King Wade, Sec'y. Organization and Promotion South Central Jurisdiction.

7:45 Addresses: Dr. Mary Shannon, Topeka, Kansas; Dr. John Cline, China.

Informal Reception.

WEDNESDAY:

9:00 Worship—Mrs. C. A. Evans. Roll Call—Election of Officers.

President's message—Mrs. A. R. McKinney.

Noon message—Dr. Mary Shannon. Afternoon message—Miss Margaret Marshall.

6:00 Wesleyan Guild Dinner. Miss Fern Hueston, presiding.

Dr. Mary Shannon, speaker.

7:45 Addresses: Mrs. J. D. Bragg, president Woman's Division Christian Service; Rev. Aubrey Walton, pastor First Church, Texarkana.

THURSDAY:

9:00 Service of Remembrance, Mrs. Lynn Smith, leader.

Candlelight Pledge Service, District Corresponding Secretaries.

Commitment message, Dr. Mary Shannon.

Adjournment.

Mrs. Pratt Bacon, church organist, will be in charge of music throughout the Conference.

Miss Annie Claire Atkinson, president, is in charge of local arrangements.

Fairview and College Hill Churches will cooperate in the entertainment of the Conference. Rev. Mark Vaught is pastor of Fairview, and Rev. Clyde Parsons is pastor of College Hill. Mrs. C. I. Parsons is the president of Fairview, and Mrs. W. B. Westerfield is the president of College Hill.—Mrs. E. D. Galloway, Conference corresponding sec'y.

THE PORTLAND W. S. C. S.

January 10th, the Portland W. S. C. S. met to install their new officers. The program was as follows: Song "Take My Life and Let it Be" a Short talk by Mrs. A. J. Gregory. Installation of officers followed.

After a song "Blest Be The Tie That Binds" was sung the following officers were installed:

President, Mrs. Hilliard Machen; Vice President, Mrs. Jim Atkins; Recording Secretary, Mrs. Claudine Cooper; Secretary, C. S. R., Mrs. Geo. Pugh; Secretary Education, Mrs. J. H. Fish; Secretary Students' Work, Mrs. R. H. Canover; Secretary Literature and Publication, Mrs. Jack Richrad; Secretary Supplies, Mrs. Felix Pugh; Sec. Spiritual Life, Mrs. E. L. Wilson. Chairman of Publicity, Mrs. Felix Pugh.

After the installation program, Mrs. Gregory in a very impressive way presented Mrs. Machen with a Life Membership from the society. Mrs. Machen is starting her fifth year as president of our society. She is the youngest president we have ever had.—reporter.

FINANCIAL REPORT, 1943, NORTH ARKANSAS CONFERENCE

RECEIPTS:

Pledge	\$17,852.60
Scarritt Maintenance	593.00
Edith Martin	864.60
Bible Women	480.00
Scholarships	535.00
Girls' Home, Africa	60.00
Youth	293.88
Children	53.13
Birthday Offering	90.57
Thank Offering	14.56
Christmas Offering	63.59
Lenten Offering	162.27
Adult Life	825.00
Junior Life	66.00
Baby Life	480.42
Week of Prayer, W. S. C. S.	2,337.42
Wesleyan Service Guild	1,422.98
Supplies	1,521.41
Totals	\$27,710.43
Reports	\$27,710.43
Refunds	197.19
Balance 1942	2,685.80
Local Work W. S. C. S.	30,680.44
Wesleyan Service Guild	971.06
Grand Total for 1943	\$62,244.92

New Work in 1943:	
Bible Woman and Scholarships in India and West China by Fort Smith First Church WSCS	\$ 150.00
Grace Stone Scholarship at the National Training School, Kansas City Mo., by the Fort Smith District. Mill Nola Abercrombie, Hartman first student:	433.65
Paid on the Esther Case Scholarship, Scarritt College Nashville, Tenn., Scholarship when completed will be \$10,000.00	3,183.89
All District, Conference, and Division Pledges were in full and plus. The Week of Prayer, Youth, Children, and Supply offerings were over and above the pledges.	
—Mrs. W. T. Bacon, Treas.	

EXPENDITURES:

To Division:	
Pledge	\$10,445.86
Scarritt Maintenance	593.00
Bible Women	480.00
Scholarships	575.00
Youth	293.88
Children	53.13
Lenten Offering	162.27
Birthday Offering	90.57
Thank Offering	14.56
Christmas Offering	63.59
Board Members	25.00
Adult Life	825.00
Junior Life	60.00
Baby	480.00
Week of Prayer, W. S. C. S.	2,347.42
Week of Prayer, Wesleyan Guild	49.50
Girls' Home, Africa:	
North Arkansas Conference	50.00
Weldon	60.00
Perryville	10.00
Missionaries	3,000.00
Deaconesses	2,400.00
Wesleyan Service, Guild	1,334.55
Supplies, Cash	1,453.21
Total to Division	\$24,866.54
Conference	
Officers	\$ 477.96
Secretaries	270.32
Jurisdiction	263.54
Conference Guest	35.00
Minutes	306.68
Exchange	48.65
Bond	3.00
Audit	5.00
Deaconesses' Cars	300.98
Executive Meeting	116.91
World Community Day Literature	13.60
Rural Work	500.00
Pastors' School	25.00
Negro Leadership School	19.07
Mount Sequoyah	103.23
Virginia Echols	10.00
Balance 1943	\$ 2,598.64
	\$ 3,128.24

MONTICELLO ZONE MEETING

Zones three and four of the Monticello District Woman's Society of Christian Service met at Dermott Methodist Church Sunday, February 13, 1944 for an Officer's Training Day and for the purpose of reorganizing. Thirty-seven members were present. Mrs. Carl Wells of Wilmot, district president, presided. The meeting opened with the song "Take Time to Be Holy." Mrs. Archie Pruett of Tillar gave the devotional. Mrs. Edwin Hasken of Eudora, district secretary, conducted a discussion on officers' duties. "The Eight Goals for 1944" and the District pledge were dis-

cussed. Each zone is urged to send a delegate to the annual Conference at Texarkana February 29-March 1st and 2nd.

Mrs. Pruett spoke on the Spiritual Life Work.

The following officers were elected for this year. For zone three: leader, Mrs. Harvey Parnell, Halley; and for secretary, Mrs. W. C. Nisler, Dermott. For zone four: leader, Mrs. Peacock of Winchester; and for secretary, Mrs. Faye Joiner, McGehee.

The next meeting for zone three will be at Lake Village. Zone four will meet at Tillar.

The meeting adjourned with a prayer by Mrs. Parnell. Mrs. W. C. Nisler, zone secretary.

Little Rock Conference Treasurer's Report

FIRST QUARTER, 1943-44

ARKADELPHIA DISTRICT									CHARGE		B. F.	C. C.	Benev.	G.A.J. Exp. Fd.	W.S.	M.S.F. (P)	M.S.F. (C)
Arkadelphia Station	\$ 81.00	\$468.00	\$690.00	\$ 28.00					Dumas	11.04	54.00	66.20	15.00				
Arkadelphia Ct.: Hart's Chapel									Eudora	8.79	35.10						
Mt. Zion									Fountain Hill Ct.: Extra								
Total	\$ 17.00	85.00	275.00	15.00					Hermitage Ct.: Jersey								27.00
Benton Station									Lake Village	21.00							6.75
Benton Circuit: Martindale									McGehee	15.25	67.50	350.00	6.25				
Pleasant Hill									Monticello	4.25	15.00						
Smyrna									Montrose-Snyder: Montrose								2.10
Total	\$ 18.00								New Edinburg Ct.: Hebron								31.15
Carthage-Tulip: Carthage									New Edinburg								33.25
Willow	18.00								Total			29.00					
Total									Portland-Parkdale: Portland								
Couchwood Ct.: Butterfield									Tillar-Winchester: Newton's	1.25	4.20						
Magnet Cove									Chapel	.47	1.66						
Total	6.00	18.00	30.00	2.00					Selma	4.50	16.10	50.00		2.00			2.00
Dalark Ct.: Bethlehem									Tillar	1.00	3.60			2.00			2.00
Dalark	9.00	5.00	5.00	4.00			3.50		Winchester	7.22	25.53	50.00					33.00
Manchester	15.00	23.00	35.00	6.00			3.50		Total	75.00	165.00	550.00	25.00				
Total									Warren	2.00	9.00	33.00		29.00			
Friendship Ct.: Social Hill									Watson-Kelso: Kelso	7.00	15.00	13.00		29.00			
Holly Springs Ct.: Holly Springs									Watson	9.00	24.00	45.00		5.16			
Mt. Olivet									Total					10.06			
Total	20.32	133.00	571.00	10.00	56.00				Wilmar Ct.: Rock Springs					15.22			
Hot Springs: First Church	9.36	15.00							Wilmar								
Grand Avenue	22.00		175.00						Total								
Oaklawn Church		8.00							Wilmot-Miller's Chapel:	2.00	7.00	10.00		49.25	270.79		95.75
Hot Springs Ct.: Bethlehem									Miller's Chapel	240.47	791.81	1172.20					
Mt. Valley									Grand Total								
New Salem									PINE BLUFF DISTRICT								
Total		8.00	21.50		7.40				Almyra	2.25	634	75.00					
Leola Circuit: Leola					45.00				Bayou Meto Ct.: Bayou Meto	2.00	5.00	20.00	1.00				
Malvern Station		50.00	1000.00		4.00				Brewer	4.25	11.34	45.69	1.00				25.00
Keith Memorial Ct.: Keith M.	15.00				2.26				Total	56.00	125.00	400.00	20.00		50.00		5.52
Princeton Ct.: Macedonia			5.64		.37				Dewitt	12.00			3.00		8.00		
Princeton					1.00				Grady-Gould: Gould						13.42		5.52
Providence					3.63				Grady	12.00			3.00		24.02		
Total	6.25	24.75		4.00	52.00	5.00	2.75		Total								
Sparkman-Sardis Sparkman		16.00		2.00	12.00				Humphrey-Sunshine: Humphrey								
Traskwood Ct.: Ebenezer					5.00				Little Prairie Ct.: Bonners	3.00	10.00			3.00			
Point View					3.00				Chapel					3.00			
Traskwood		16.00		2.00	20.00				Camp Shed	3.00	10.00			190.00	7.00	7.00	
Total	\$203.93	\$825.55	\$2777.39	\$ 65.00	\$223.88	\$ 5.00	\$ 6.25		Total	30.00	75.00						
Grand Total									Pine Bluff: Carr Memorial	27.00	156.00	556.25	5.00	2.00			9.00
									First Church	20.00	81.00			360.83			
									Hawley Memorial					6.50			
									Lakeside								
									Pine Bluff Ct.: Redfield								
									Prairie Union-DeLuce:								
									Prairie Union	8.43	30.00	10.00	2.00	4.37			3.75
									Rison								
									Roe Ct.: Uim			50.00					
									Rowell Ct.								
									St. Charles Ct.: Pleasant			20.00					
									Grove								
									Sheridan-New Hope:	14.00	41.62	96.25	3.00	2.50			4.69
									Sheridan					2.00			
									Sheridan Ct.: Center	1.00	2.00			4.50			
									Wofford's Chapel	1.00	2.00						
									Total	15.75	56.00	87.50	3.75				7.00
									Star City Ct.: Star City	40.00	150.00		12.50	21.00			17.00
									Stuttgart-Grand Avenue								
									Sulphur Springs-Mt. Carmel:								
									Faith					13.00			
									Swan Lake Ct.: Bethany					23.82			
									Swan Lake					36.82			
									Total					5.00			
									White Hall	231.43	737.96	1340.69	50.25	722.46	7.00		78.90
									Grand Total								
									PRESCOTT DISTRICT								
									Amity Ct.: Amity	4.00	16.00	37.00	9.00	10.00			12.00
									Bingen Ct.: Bingen	2.50	5.55			3.00			
									Avery's Chapel					1.00			
									Biggs Chapel					4.00			
									Bingen					6.00			
									Doyle	2.50	5.55			14.00			
									Total					1.00			
									Center Point Ct.: Center Point					1.35			
									Wakefield					2.35			
									Total								
									Emmett-Waterloo Ct.:					6.00			
									Emmett	4.50	18.00						4.00
									Waterloo	1.50	5.66	7.75	1.00	6.00			4.00
									Total	6.00	23.66	7.75	1.00				
									Hope	20.25	108.00	330.00					
									Mineral Springs Ct.:								
									Mineral Springs	16.00	56.00	12.00	5.00	4.00			7.00
									St. Paul				2.00				1.50
									Total	16.00	56.00	12.00	7.00	4.00			8.50
									Mt. Ida Ct.: Mt. Ida	2.46	9.05						
									Norman	.25	.90						
									Total	2.71	9.95						
									Murfreesboro-Delight: Delight	14.00	51.00	30.00	6.45				6.45
									Murfreesboro	5.00	17.00	47.00	6.00				8.55
									Total	19.00	68.00	77.00	12.45				15.00
									Okolona Ct.: Bierne	.50	2.25						
									Center Grove	1.75	6.00	7.50					
									Okolona	3.00	16.00	15.00					
									Trinity	.60	2.65	23.00		2.58			
									Total	5.85	26.90	45.50		2.58			
									Prescott Station	15.25	74.25	100.00		2.04	2.00		
									Springhill Ct.: Springhill					3.90			
									Grand Total								

LITTLE ROCK CONFERENCE TREASURER'S REPORT

(Continued from page 12)

CHARGE	RECAPITULATION					
	B. F.	C. C.	Benev.	G.A.J. Exp. Fd.	W.S.	M.S.F. (P) M.S.F. (C)
Arkadelphia	203.93	825.55	2777.39	65.00	223.88	5.00 6.25
Camden	325.50	949.15	641.90	102.00	207.67	12.00 139.00
Little Rock	239.67	1271.35	2959.26	56.12	204.72	11.00 78.37
Monticello	240.47	791.81	1172.20	49.25	270.79	7.00 95.75
Pine Bluff	231.43	737.96	1340.69	50.25	722.46	2.00 78.90
Prescott	91.56	388.31	609.25	29.45	44.87	55.00 39.50
Texarkana	78.35	363.05	687.50	5.75	154.30	92.00 61.75
Grand Totals	1410.91	5327.19	10,188.19	357.82	1828.69	\$19,704.32 499.52
Grand Total of these items						296.28
Amount received for Specials						
Grand Total received to February 11, 1944						\$20,000.30
Received on Dedication Offering: Gurdon Church						\$ 8.60
Overseas Relief: Asbury Church, Little Rock						15.00
Chinese Relief: Gurdon						20.00
Race Relations: Keith Memorial, Malvern						6.00
World Comradeship Fund: Little Rock Conference						241.18
Miscellaneous: Little Rock Conference						5.50
Total						\$296.28

—C. E. HAYES, Treasurer, Little Rock Conference.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION NOTES

By Ira A. Brumley

Miss Elizabeth Brown of the Youth Department of the Board of Education will come to Conway for a State-Wide Conference on Camps and Assemblies for Youth, April 10-11.

The leadership of the Little Rock and North Arkansas Conferences has united in an effort to provide special training for leaders in the camp and assembly field of activities.

The meeting will begin at one o'clock on Monday, April 10, and close on the afternoon of April 11.

Each of the two Annual Conferences will select a number of persons who are to be responsible for camps and assemblies this summer, these persons being brought together to make plans for greater camps and assemblies.

Interested persons should get in touch with the Conference Director of Youth Work, or the Executive Secretary of the Board of Education. These persons will know the details of the plan at an early date.

The year 1944 promises to be a good year in the camping program of the younger youth groups. These two Conferences are going forward with extensive programs that each youth of the Methodist Churches may have the best possible opportunities for Christian training.

Many Training Schools Held

There is hardly a day that does not bring an application for a training school, a report of a school just

completed, or a request about how and when a school can be held.

Many of our leaders are realizing that we must help our workers secure better training, if we are going to do anything about building a better world.

A number of churches are offering the course on THE CHURCH AND ITS WORK. This course provides an opportunity for the leader to help the members of the class see the church in a much larger way and at the same time give some guidance as to the program of the church.

Mrs. W. F. Bates recently taught in four schools in the Batesville District: Mt. View; Calico Rock; Desha; and Umsted Memorial, Newport.

Dr. Robert W. Goodloe has completed the third one-unit school, having taught at Rector, Batesville and Morrilton. He also taught in a three-unit school at Harrison.

Mr. Boyd Johnson of Lepanto, district director of Adult Work in the Jonesboro District, has taught at Lepanto and Dyess.

Rev. Earle Cravens, Conference Board of Education Chairman, has taught at Blytheville and Tyronza. He is also planning to teach in other churches near his charge.

Rev. Martin A. Bierbaum is planning for three schools on his charge.

The Ft. Smith School with seven courses is being held this week.

The North Little Rock churches and Levy are to share in the advantages of the Little Rock School.

Miss Ferguson Receives Award

Word has come that Miss Nita Ferguson of the Marmaduke Church has

been awarded a First Certificate of Progress in training work. Miss Ferguson took a number of units by the Home Study plan.

Training Day

We have been trying out some Home Study plans in the field of training work. The plan that has been tried to the best advantage is that of placing a group of books in a local church or charge some weeks in advance of the Training Day. Then on the day appointed these persons, having read the book, come together for a discussion period to make the course more meaningful. Then each person writes his or her own paper. Most of them write

their papers before they leave the church. This plan has the advantage of giving each person some opportunity to share with the group as a whole.

The largest results we have had thus far came for a day at Macedonia on the Leonard Charge. The Rector Ct. and the Leonard Ct. united in this plan. The entire day was given to the program. Twenty-seven persons have turned in papers. Four churches were represented.

Six people have done the written work on this plan from an afternoon and evening at Quitman.

The Prairie View-Scranton Charge is to have such a program on Sunday, February 27.

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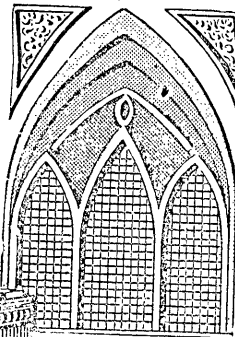
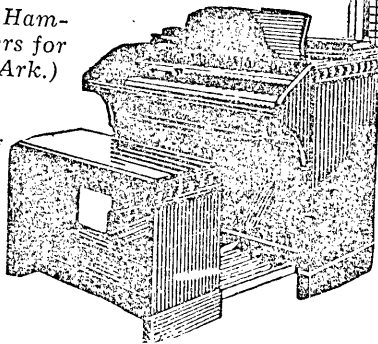
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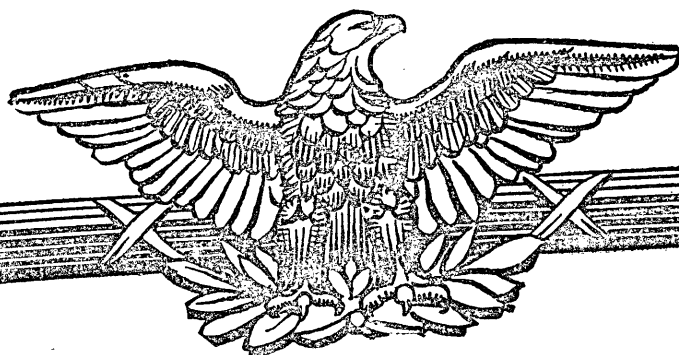
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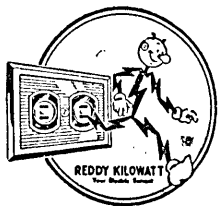
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By DR. W. P. WHALEY



JESUS PRESENTS HIMSELF AS THE MESSIAH

LESSON FOR FEBRUARY 27, 1944

LESSON TEXT: Mark Chapters 11 and 12.

GOLDEN TEXT: "Again the high priests asked Him, and said unto Him, Art thou the Christ, the Son of the Blessed? And Jesus said, I am." Mark 14:61, 62.

First, read all of chapters eleven and twelve in Mark.

Jesus and His disciples were still at Capernaum when He talked about True Greatness, which we studied in the previous chapter. Soon after that talk He left Capernaum, rounded the northern end of Lake Galilee, went by Bethsaida, and turned south through Perea to a Jordan crossing just north of the Dead Sea. The distance is about one hundred miles. The population along the east of the Jordan was mainly Syrians and Arabs, with only a few Jews. There were a number of small towns along the route Jesus followed, and He and His company probably moved leisurely and made many stops. Besides the twelve disciples, there were a number of women who went with Jesus from Galilee to Jerusalem on this last journey: Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Susanna, Mary the mother of Jesus, and Salome the mother of James and John, "and many others." A number of prominent women of means usually accompanied Jesus and His disciples, "and ministered unto Him of their substance." As it was time to go to the Passover feast at Jerusalem, probably a good many men and women joined Jesus' party.

I. Jericho

Mark does not tell of many incidents on this journey. The party came across the Jordan near where it flows into the Dead Sea. They went by Jericho, which is seven or eight miles west of the Jordan, and on the road to Jerusalem. It was quite an old city occupied by the Canaanites when the Jews invaded the land. It was the first place taken by them. It is in a sloping valley about seven hundred feet above the low depression of the Dead Sea and the Jordan River. The valley is about three miles wide and about nine miles long from north to south. The washings from the mountains and hills north and west of it keep this valley rich, and it is watered by a marvelous spring. The writer stopped there one July afternoon in 1928, drank from the great spring, ate grapes, oranges, and bananas that grew in the valley.

At Jericho Jesus and His growing party met many other people making their way to Jerusalem for the Passover. In Jericho Jesus opened the eyes of two blind men, one of whom was named Bartimaeus. (Mark 10:46). Luke (19:1-10) tells the interesting incident about Zaccharus. He was a prominent publican, and perhaps a rich man; but he was a small man, and could not see over the heads of the throng. However, determined to get a look at Jesus, he climbed into a fig tree that bent over the road. When Jesus came along He looked up at the little man in the tree, and said, "Come down, I am going to spend the night at your house."

Luke (19:11-28) says it was in Jericho that Jesus told the parable of the Nobleman who was going into a far country to receive a kingdom, and he gave sums of money to his ten servants to trade with while he was gone. When he returned, he found some had doubled their money, some had done nothing, and some were plotting against him.

After the night in Zacchaeus' home, Jesus resumed His journey toward Jerusalem, fifteen miles southwest of Jericho, and three or four thousand feet above Jericho. That long climb must have taken most of the day for these walkers. There is a fine paved highway now from Jerusalem to Jericho and the Dead Sea, and we made the trip by auto in much less than an hour. Jesus and His party would try to make it as far as Bethany by three p. m., in order to observe three hours' rest before the Sabbath which began at six p. m.

II. Bethany

John (12:1) says Jesus spent that night with His special friends in Bethany—Lazarus, Mary, and Martha. They made a feast for Jesus and His disciples. Mary poured the precious ointment upon the feet of Jesus as He reclined at the table; and Judas, who was getting more and more interested in the finances of the little company, made complaint at such waste. The following four evenings, Jesus returned from His preaching in the temple, and spent the night with these dear friends. Thursday evening He did not get back.

III. The Triumphal Entry Into Jerusalem

Early Sunday morning (the day after the Jewish Sabbath) Jesus and the disciples left Bethany and went by Bethphage on their way to Jerusalem. At Bethphage Jesus secured an ass upon which to ride into Jerusalem, and thus make an official and public declaration of His messiahship. For three years He had walked everywhere He went. So far as we know, this was His first ride; except an occasional boat ride on Lake Galilee. His former visits to Jerusalem had been on the quiet, and sometimes secret; but, on this day, He made all possible use of publicity.

Since His baptism by John the Baptist, Jesus had claimed to be the Messiah. He accepted John's testimony, and the witness of the Spirit, on that occasion; but He tried to keep the fact quiet until His miracles and His preaching should establish it. During His three years ministry He quietly won many to a belief in His divinity. Nicodemus, the woman at the well, Peter, and others confessed that He was the Messiah; and many groups all over Palestine were enthusiastic followers.

Jesus had done miracles that only

a divine being could do. No man ever preached like Jesus did. He used the plain language of the common people; and His teachings, when put in print, showed but little that was new. But there was unction in His speech, a quality of person and voice that excited fervent emotion, and threw His hearers into two camps, one to worship Him as divine and the other to destroy Him. Nobody could be indifferent. Jerusalem was so full of His enthusiastic followers that the authorities of the Jewish Church were afraid this new church movement would draw the world into it.

The triumphal entry in Jerusalem, as described by all the gospels (Matt. 21, Mark 11, Luke 19, and John 12) must have been a thrilling occasion: streets full of shouting people, using palm branches and their own clothes to make a royal road, and singing now in blessed realization a hymn the church had sung for ages in hope:

"Tell ye the daughter of Zion,
Behold thy King cometh unto thee,
Meek, and riding upon an ass,
And upon a colt, the foal of an ass." (Isa. 62:11; Zechariah 9:9).

Surrounded by an enthusiastic throng, Jesus went on into the city, and into the temple. The temple authorities were powerless to restrain the people, and asked Jesus to do so; but He would not. Looking round in the temple, He decided

what He would do the next day; then went back to Bethany for the night.

IV. Monday

Monday morning Jesus went back into the city; and, on the way, blighted the barren fig tree (Mark 11:12 and Matt. 21:18). That morning, He cleaned out the temple for the second time in His ministry (Matt. 21:12; Mark 11:15; Luke 21:37). The temple authorities were helpless against the multitude that overflowed the temple and the temple grounds. They could not even stop the children from singing and proclaiming the messiahship of Jesus. Jesus reminded them of the prophecy of the psalmist (8:2):

"Out of the mouths of babes and sucklings hast thou established strength,
Because of thine adversaries,
That thou mightest still the enemy
and the avenger."

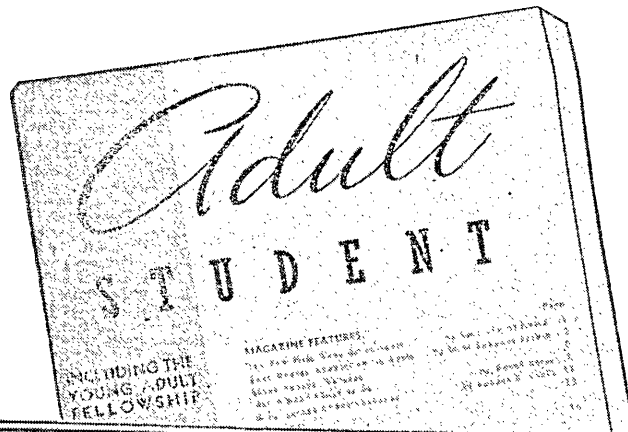
V. Tuesday

Spending Monday night in Bethany with His friends, He returned to the temple Tuesday to spend the day preaching (Mark 11:27 to Mark 12:44).

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FINAL ISSUE OF PAGE DEVOTED TO WINFIELD

This week's issue of the Arkansas Methodist is the last which will contain this page devoted to the interests of Winfield Church.

Because of limitations by war agencies on the use of newsprint and magazine paper, it has become necessary for the editor of Arkansas Methodist to reduce paper consumption ten percent on February 1.

To accomplish a part of this reduction in quota of paper, those in charge of the Arkansas Methodist have asked that Winfield surrender its use of the back page of the publication and discontinue, temporarily at least, the bulk sales agreement under which Winfield members have received the publication for the past 10 years.

Beginning next week only those members who submit individual subscriptions will receive the Arkansas Methodist. Dr. E. T. Wayland, the editor, has authorized the announcement to Winfield members that they may subscribe to the Methodist for the remaining eleven months of the publication's fiscal year, and that renewals thereafter will be taken in January for a full year at the regular rate. Winfield members may send their subscriptions direct to Dr. Wayland, Room 1436 Donaghey Building, or leave them with the church secretary.

Mr. C. C. Arnold, chairman of Winfield's Board of Stewards, has appointed a committee to decide if arrangements should be made to resume publication of a bulletin similar to Pulpit and Pew, which was sent into the homes of members of the church before the arrangement was made with the Arkansas Methodist to use the back page of the state-wide publication.

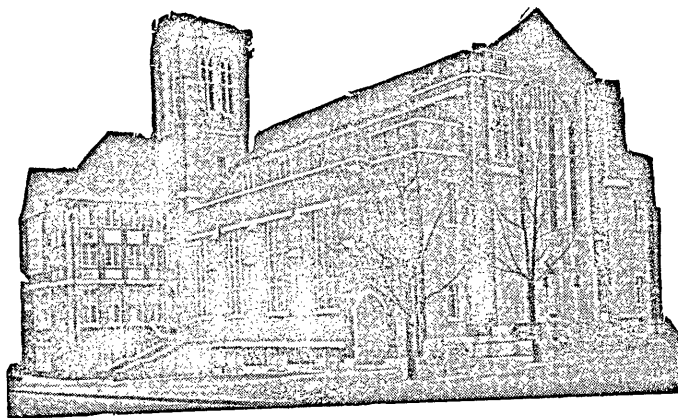
Your cooperation in getting information pertaining to the program and activities of your church to other members by phone, etc. will be greatly appreciated. We are being met by many serious and sudden demands for the readjustment of life. Your response must be rapid in order to be effective, and that we not lose too much momentum in the adjustment of doing without the use of this page.

END OF FIRST QUARTER FINANCES

Pledges for this fiscal year of the Church began with December first. At the close of this month, February 29th, next Tuesday, the first three months will have passed, thereby making one fourth of all church pledges and payments due. Please help the committee on Church finances, budget and Church debt, by mailing or bringing the full first quarters pledge or payment next Sunday.

A committee on finances could ask for very little more support and cooperation than the membership of Winfield has given this committee. Such support has made it a pleasure to all who have the responsibility of the finances of Winfield Church. All requirements have been met on or before the due date, including the Church debt, which is being reduced constantly.

Your first quarter's payment on budget or church debt this next Sunday will manifest the spirit which you have shown for a long time.



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Next Sunday at Winfield

10:00 A. M. Church School.

10:55 A. M. Sermon by the Minister—
"WHEN LIFE CORNERS A MAN."

6:00 P. M. Youth Fellowship.

7:30—Evening Service—7:30

"YOU CAN'T GET BY WITH IT"

Sermon by the Minister.

Read 1st Kings 19:17.

THE MINISTER'S MESSAGE

This is the final message as per this page. With the loss of this page other channels of communication must be made.

So, I take advantage of this last opportunity to thank all the many people who have expressed appreciation for the work of the page.

I remain grateful to my members who speak, phone and write words of encouragement.

I cherish the letters from persons over the State who have written and phoned, saying that the information on the page has been of great help in the plans and activities of local churches.

There are many times when to encourage is a virtue, and those who would strengthen the arm of the Lord for the preacher to lean upon are virtuous people. To break the spirit of a man who is doing God's work is a sin.

So, I say, Goodbye, Thank you, and God bless you.

TRAINING SCHOOL MARCH 6-10

You will want to sign up for one of the following courses in this training school:

1. Teaching Children (for persons beginning as teachers of children of any age).

2. Guiding Junior Children in Christian Growth (for Junior workers who have had background and experience).

3. Guiding Intermediates (for workers with seniors and young people).

5. Teachings of Jesus (for seniors and young people ONLY).

6. The Acts of the Apostles (helpful to all adults with special interest to teachers who will be using the uniform lessons for next quarter).

7. Guidance in Christian Home Making (for parents and workers with children and youth).

8. Hymn Interpretation (for those interested in hymn interpretation and the place of music in Christian education).

9. Evangelism (for those interested in the evangelistic work of the church).

NOTICE: A nursery, under competent supervision, will be provided for the children of parents who wish to be in the classes.

YOUTH FELLOWSHIPS 6:00 P. M. SUNDAY

Junior High—Recreation and program in department room. Aubrey Faye Monk will lead the program an "Poetry and Religion."

Senior High—Recreation in department room directed by Jack Wiseman; Mrs. J. A. Monk, hostess for refreshments. The highlight of the program will be a Crystal Gazer. You ask the questions and it will answer. There will be a musical background directed by Margaret Monk. Jimmy Iverstrom will be in charge of arrangements.

The Sunday night program in the Young People's department will be lead by Eleanor Jones of the Worship and Evangelism Commission. Refreshments.

SOLDIER'S EASTER LETTER

"Now is the time for all Winfield families who have men or women or both in the Armed Services to come to the aid of the office to give us up-to-date addresses of the men and women in your family who are in the uniform.

Changes have come in such addresses, and we have only you to keep us up-to-date. THE EASTER LETTER TO SERVICE MEN AND WOMEN IS BEING PREPARED. It must be sent quite sometime before Easter to those who are overseas. Phone 2-1990 today.

HONOR ROLL

The following have joined the armed forces since the last list was published:

Bill Slack, Jr., Duane Brothers, Robert Major and Martin R. Caldwell.

If you are in doubt about your service persons' name being on our Honor Roll, please phone the office immediately.