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"The World is My Parish" — John Wesley

"Go ye in"

the world—" — Mark 16:15

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Ministerial Students Now Exempt

A RULING of the draft board of a comparatively recent date threatened to leave the protestant church largely without recruits for a trained ministry. By the ruling only ministerial students in theological seminaries were exempt from military service.

This ruling did not affect young ministers in the Catholic church who are preparing for the priesthood since they begin their seminary training at the same age and period that protestant ministerial students are working for their B. A. degree. Very few protestant ministerial students do any strictly seminary work until after receiving B. A. degree.

If this ruling had remained in force very long it would have seriously affected the supply of ministers in the protestant church. Our total future supply of trained leaders would have consisted of theological students already in seminaries for training, and others who could not pass induction tests. All the rest would have been drafted in college and hence would have not been able to reach the seminaries where they could continue their training.

Fortunately, when this situation was called to the attention of governmental authorities, they saw both the injustice and the danger to protestantism in the ruling and issued a new order by which ministerial students in both the Catholic and protestant churches are permitted to continue their studies.

The shortage of ministers at home and in the chaplaincy would soon have become acute indeed if the former ruling had not been changed. The church cannot supply the demands for ministers now either at home or in the army. We are now in the midst of a campaign to recruit additional men for the ministry because of this shortage. We may now continue this work with the assurance that candidates for the ministry will be permitted to stay in school until prepared to enter regular work either in the government service or in the churches at home.

In "A War Of Nerves"

IN the earlier periods of the war we frequently were told that Germany was carrying on a "war of nerves." By that we meant that the rest of the world was being kept at a high nervous tension, expecting Germany to strike again somewhere, but not knowing where to expect the blow to fall.

The "war of nerves" is still going strong but Germany is not now in the leading role. No one is bothered about where Germany will strike next, since Germany has lost its striking power. The question which now holds the whole world in its grip is "Where and when will the United Nations strike next?"

While Germany has caught the "war of nerves" on the rebound and is now suffering a nervous tension too painful for words, the citizenship of the United Nations is also feeling the strain of waiting for "D"-Day. Because secrecy of movement is extremely important, only a few know the when and where of the next military action. The rest of our people can only bear as best they are able the suspense of waiting. It is quite possible that this will be the last long period of waiting. It is quite likely that action will be fast and furious from the beginning of the invasion until the end comes.

"Musts" For Methodism

OTHER special interests have made it necessary to interrupt the series of articles on "Musts" For Methodism. There are, however, some things further that should be said on this subject while we are discussing it.

The Methodist Church now faces a matter of urgent, basic necessity, if we are to meet our present responsibilities as a great church or if we can hope to be a great church in the future. METHODISM MUST STRENGTHEN THE RURAL CHURCH AND REBUILD IT, WERE NECESSARY. Methodism will forfeit its place in God's program for world evangelism and will lose its present bigness of soul if it permits its work in rural areas to continue to suffer.

The masses made Methodism great. If we now neglect the masses for the classes, we are not only guilty of unpardonable ingratitude, we also stand self convicted of a blind, stupid strategy in ecclesiastical statesmanship that will ultimately destroy Methodism as a great church.

TO FEED THE CHURCH OF
GOD WHICH HE HATH PUR-
CHASED. ACT. 20:28.

Many agencies have combined to handicap our work in rural areas. There are no difficulties, however, that wise planning and capable, consecrated leadership cannot successfully overcome. In order to have such planning and leadership, it will be necessary for leaders of General Boards and other church-wide leaders to become more rural-conscious. While masses of our members live in rural towns and in the open country, much of our general planning is subconsciously earmarked for the larger centers. It seems to be quite difficult for church-wide leaders, with headquarters in our largest cities, to visualize the needs of the great masses of our people who live outside the city limits.

Nevertheless, Methodism's leaders, general and local "must" give more thought and larger emphasis to the matter of strengthening and rebuilding the church in the open country. America has no finer citizenship than is found there and it has no class of people more responsive to the Christian religion or more appreciative of a sincere interest in their problems than the constituency of Methodism in the open country.

As urban life in America has developed, in the present generation, an invaluable contribution to its church life has come from churches in rural areas. Too often our churches in growing centers have accepted this life-giving, spiritual blood plasma as a matter of fact, and seem to feel little or no responsibility for those rural churches that have given of their life's blood to make urban churches strong. Unless Methodism is strong in rural areas, it will not long be strong anywhere.

Churches To Be Open On "D"-Day

THERE seems to be a movement, nationwide in extent, to have all churches open, as soon as the announcement is made that the invasion of the continent from the west has begun, in order that people may turn to the churches for prayer.

For a nation that stamps on its coin the words "In God We Trust," there could be no more appropriate action, when that critical hour comes, than for its people to lift their hearts to God in prayer in God's house. That should be one nation-wide prayer meeting.

The length of the war will be determined by the success or failure of the invasion from the west. If this invasion is successful the war in Europe will be of comparatively short duration.

If it is unsuccessful the end of the war may be years away, with its attendant destruction of property, its staggering financial cost and its tragic loss in lives.

It will be quite appropriate for America to turn to its churches on that crucial day. We should go, however, not merely to pray for our boys in that awful hour, but with a consciousness of the fact that America needs some Power outside itself and above itself in order that it may properly meet the responsibility that face it now and the additional responsibilities that the future holds for it. We should go confessing our own personal sins and praying for a new senses of the presence of God in our own lives. We should go conscious also that another "decisive battle of the world" has begun and feeling that we have not only the right, but the moral obligation to pray that the cause of righteousness, justice and freedom may prevail over the forces of tyranny and oppression.

Ineligible For Legal Advertising

ACCORDING to a decision coming from the attorney general's office, the past week, the Arkansas Baptist and the Arkansas Methodist do not come within the technical definition fixed by law for papers eligible to carry legal notices as advertising.

The management of the Arkansas Methodist appreciates the readiness of Governor Adkins to give some of this type of advertising to our paper. It should be said, also, that this offer came unsolicited. The first knowledge that we had that the question had been raised came through the radio and press. For this voluntary proposal, on the part of the Governor, to use our church papers to give publicity to some legal notices, we want to thank the Governor.

This decision by the attorney general's office brings to our attention for the first time the fact that the Arkansas Baptist and the Arkansas Methodist—the official organs of the two largest churches in Arkansas, with a combined circulation of more than thirty thousand—have been placed under this legal taboo by some of our honored statesmen of other days.

There must surely have been a time when the legislative grist was running rather low, and when the capacity of our statesmen matched right well the supply of legislative grist, for a bill of this nature to have been thrown into the hopper; especially so when it is obviously so unfair and unjust to our church papers. Under

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Evangelism And A New World Order



(This sermon was delivered by Rev. John L. Tucker, pastor at Hamburg, on the Evangelism Hour over KTHS on April 29.)

Scripture: Rev. 3:20, Matt. 11:28-30, Luke 24:49, and Matt. 28:19-20.

"Behold, I stand at the door and knock; if any man will hear my voice and will open the door; I will come to him and sup with him and he with me. Come unto me, all ye that labor and are heavy laden and I will give you rest. Tarry in the city of Jerusalem, until you are given power from on high. Go teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, and I will be with you always."

All right thinking men are interested in the 'new world order.' Statesmen outline their policies and dedicate talent and influence for it. Civilization cannot long endure without goodwill and Christian cooperation among the nations. Christ gave his life on a Roman Cross more than nineteen centuries ago for the ideals of brotherhood for all mankind. The strongest and bravest men of earth are dying on the battlefields of the world to restore Christian democracy to all humanity. But the 'new world order' for which men pray, fight, and die can come only through men who will live for it. Those new men and the 'new world order' are possible only when the fires of CHRISTIAN EVANGELISM send forth individuals to light the altars of the world with it. Mr. Sangster of City Temple, London, says: "Neither soldiers nor statesmen can achieve the new world order alone. If the Christian church fails, all their blood, toil, and tears will be unavailing. Only new men working under God can make new societies and a new world."

History reveals that CHRISTIAN EVANGELISM is the stabilizing force of the centuries. Moral and spiritual influences alone bring peace, brotherhood, and plenty. In the thirteenth century, when heresy and worldliness would overrun the world, God used the preaching friars to call the church to its task. In the fifteenth century, when lust and luxury threatened the church and world, Savonarola's voice rolled like thunder, and people repented of sin and turned again to God and righteousness. In the sixteenth century the church again was decadent, and Luther stood like an oak on a mighty hill and called for a return to God and decency. In the eighteenth century spiritual and moral darkness fell on the world, and Holy fire glowed in the hearts of Whitfield and Wesley, and they became to the world of their day what lamps are amidst cold and stormy nights. Mr. Lecky, the English Historian, says: "The preaching of these mighty men saved England and the world from the bloodiest revolution of history."

So, in our day, the hope for men and nations is the spiritual power of the universe, which begins in the mind of God, was lived out in the life of the Saviour, and made the supreme sacrifice of Calvary. Earnest men, including statesmen, educators, scientists, and churchmen believe America now stands at the cross-roads of moral and spiritual decision. Honest men admit there has been a decline of true religious principles; a breakdown in the Christian home; a continual growth of moral and spiritual indifference. This is now the concern of statesmen, lawmakers, enforcement agencies, and the religious groups of the land.

But, in the midst of this dark picture, there are indications that should give us courage. Many signs give hope for men and nations. Again men are becoming tired of materialism, which threaten the destruction of civilization. In the face of the present world catastrophe men of all rank admit the necessity and desire of a reality in the Christian experience that will work for themselves and the social and economic order of the world. Captain Eddie Rickenbacker and crew, on the mighty Pacific, reading their Testament for encouragement, and taking food from the air, when a sea-gull perched on Eddie's shoulder, in answer to faith and prayer, is a true picture of the whole world tossing on the sea of life. They tell us there are "no atheists in Bataan."

There are also signs that the Christian church soon may come forth with a new passion

for the souls of men; for the preaching of the word of God; and for the spreading of the gospel on a large scale than ever in the history of the world. The church is the only agency charged with this responsibility. Delegates to the recent session of the General Conference spent all of the opening day, beginning in the early morning and closing late at night, in prayer and fasting. Emphasis is being placed again on Evangelism and a spiritual revival. The revival of the early church came after the power of Pentecost. Every great revival of history came after, and not until, mighty and prevailing prayer and fasting. America's prayer minute may be a step in the right direction, but it is wholly inadequate for the world of our day. Men must come again to wrestle with God until victory comes. John Knox, in agony of soul, cried: "Give me Scotland, or I die." Mighty preachers of the past and present were first mighty men of faith and prayer. To be sure, prayer is not enough. We must put hands



REV. JOHN L. TUCKER

and feet to our prayers. In faith and great sacrifice we must mobilize all our forces of brawn, brain, and money for spiritualizing the individual, the community and the world. The present global war requires a total mobilization of all we have to win the victory. The winning of the peace and the coming of the 'new world order' require no less.

The church believes in EDUCATIONAL EVANGELISM. Jonathan Edwards, Charles G. Finney, John Wesley, and the Apostle Paul were men of great intellect and training; they were also mighty evangelists. Our church schools should be the powerhouse in local communities for the winning of souls personally to Christ and the church. Our high schools and colleges throughout the nation must be Christ centered, before there can be a new society. Educated men without the personal power of Christ to transform them morally and spiritually are more dangerous, and may become more deadly, than the shot and shell of armies. Methodism was born at Aldersgate, London, England, at a quarter of nine, May 24th, 1738, but it had its beginnings at Oxford University and was continued in the life and work of her great founders, who united the two so long divided, "piety and education."

The church believes in VISITATION EVANGELISM. This is a tense moment while we wait the coming of the invasion of Europe by our armed forces. When that hour arrives men will be hurled into eternity by the tens of thousands. This seems the only solution for the winning of the war in this all out struggle. The Christian church must mobilize her forces for an all out invasion of the home, the nation, and the world, under the banner of the Prince of peace and the coming of the kingdom. Properly planned and put into execution, visitation evangelism will stir the church into a great spiritual experience and bring many from the home, the community, and the world into a personal knowledge of

Christ and His Church. Statistics show that sixty percent of the people of America are not now affiliated with any religious organization. Statistics also show that only twenty-five percent of the present church membership attend worship services and are engaged in any church activities.

The church believes in MASS EVANGELISM. Pastors must become mighty prophets in the pulpits of the land. The Master said: "By the preaching of the gospel are the kingdoms of the world to become the kingdom of God." Bishop Hughes says: "There must be a consuming ardor flowing from the pulpits of the land." "Jonathan Edwards made Yale College tremble. Finney carried a judgment seat with him. Moody shortened his days and lengthened his influence by an amazing earnestness." The preaching of Billy Sunday could not be resisted and turned men by the thousands to Christ and brought them into the churches; thus setting spiritual forces in motion that will outlast the stars.

A personal experience in Christ is the solution to all the ills of life for the individual, the nation, and the world. It is the only guarantee of the 'new world order.' Kagawa, whose life was touched by the power of Christ, was raised from the bed of a tubercular patient to become one of the greatest witnesses of the transforming power of Christianity of all history. With one lung gone he toured the world, sometimes speaking as many as six times daily. In Little Rock we heard him say: 'I'm going back shortly to my native land. How long with this lung and these eyes I can hold out I cannot say. But, until God calls a halt, I'll carry on for Him out there in my little kingdom of the slums.' One native missionary like Kagawa, working under the power of Christ among his native people can do more to win that nation to Christianity than an army of foreign missionaries. The redeeming power of Christ in the life of Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek and those who are associated with him is fast unifying and Christianizing China with more than five hundred million souls. That mighty nation will one day help to Christianize the whole world and bring in the new world order. Speaking a few months ago to his army under the caption "The Christian Soldier" he said: "Live and die like Jesus. This means faith, love, patience. This alone will insure Christian Democracy for the whole world."

O God, our help in ages past,
Our hope in years to come,
Our shelter from the stormy blast,
And our eternal home.

Before the hills in order stood,
Or earth received her frame,
From everlasting Thou art God,
To endless years the same.

O God, our help in ages past,
Our hope in years to come,
Be Thou our guide while life shall last,
And our eternal home.

Let us pray:—Eternal Christ: Thou art the great physician of the universe—bind up the wounds and heal the bodies of those whose health is gone. Thou art the Saviour of men—forgive the sin and restore to Christian citizenship those who break the laws of God and man. Thou art the Prince of peace—speed an end to hostilities and bring justice, goodwill, and brotherhood to the nations of all the earth. Amen.

Students in fifty Methodist colleges and universities gave \$62,725 to the World Student Service Fund from August, 1943, to April 30, 1944, according to figures which have been released by Harold Ehrensperger, Treasurer of the American Council of the World Student Christian Federation. Five hundred and twelve colleges and universities of all kinds in the United States contributed \$498,897 for this same period. In the total for all colleges, Methodist students in Wesley Foundations and in Methodist student organizations in schools of other denominations and in teachers' colleges also made substantial contributions.

THE DEVOTIONAL PAGE

H. O. BOLIN, Editor

THE HOLY CATHOLIC CHURCH

In the affirmation of faith which is used in many churches most every Lord's Day is the statement "The holy catholic Church." Each one reciting the affirmation says, "I believe in the holy catholic Church." It is a part of what we commonly call the Apostles' creed. And being a part of the creed it has value.

Some are confused about the term "catholic." They think of the Romish Church at once. There is a big difference. In declaring we believe in the holy catholic Church, we voice our acceptance of the Lord's people in all parts of the earth. They who love and serve the Lord are members of His body. This conception of the Church is seen in the picture of the Redeemed, John caught in his Patmos isle vision. He wrote, "After this I beheld, and, lo, a great multitude, which no man could number, of all nations, and kindreds, and people, and tongues, stood before the Lamb, clothed with white robes, and palms in their hands." This was the holy catholic Church John saw in his revelation from God.

Now what is the meaning of the term "catholic?" According to the dictionary it means, universal, general, embracing all. According to the Bible it means, "But in every nation he that feareth Him, and worketh righteousness, is accepted with Him." Notice the Catholicity of these words of Peter, we have just quoted, "In every nation." True, people who fear God and are righteous in their living in every nation are accepted by Christ. These are the holy Catholic Church. The Church in the world.

Jesus prayed for the holy catholic Church in His prayer of intercession as recorded in John 17. He prayed this petition, "Neither pray I for these alone, but for all them which shall believe on me through their word." He has in mind men, women, youth and children who would become Christians wherever the gospel was preached throughout the ages. All these of every "nation," "kindred," "people" and "tongue" are the holy catholic Church. They were included in this prayer for future believers. Our Lord is praying for the Church which would be in every age and in all parts of the earth. The thought of the Church in the world for which Jesus prayed may be expressed in the lives of this old hymn—(See poem above.)

Yes, this is the holy catholic Church for which Christ prayed. May our faith in this, "House not made with hands" be voiced earnestly in our affirmation of faith each Lord's day. "I believe in the holy catholic Church;" the Church our Lord died to redeem.—Bates Sturdy, Lake Street Methodist Church, Blytheville.

"The wealth to which we cling today will not be ours tomorrow, unless we make it ours by giving."

Opportunity comes sooner or later to all who plan think and work.—Church Management.

THE CHURCH

*O where are kings and empires now,
Of old that went and came?
But, Lord, Thy Church is praying yet,
A thousand years the same.*

*We mark her battlements
And her foundations strong;
We hear within the solemn voice
Of her unending song.*

*For not like kingdoms of the world
Thy holy Church, O God!
Tho' earth-quake shocks are threatening,
her,
And tempests are abroad.*

*Unshaken as eternal hills,
Immovable she stands,
A mountain that shall fill the earth,
A house not made with hands.*

—Number 384, Methodist Hymnal.

THE CHURCH IS OF GOD

When the general run of people first start out in the Christian way of life (unless they do so when very small children) they are impatient about the ritual of the church. Some complain on the ground that the ritualistic statements are not couched in the same words as found in the Bible. They fail to consider that though the thoughts are not expressed in exactly the same words in the Bible, they are found there, not merely once, but scores of times. In fact these thoughts constitute the very heart of Bible teaching. As people grow older, have more experience, become riper Bible students, grow in grace and in the knowledge of the Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, they see this point, and their trouble with ritual ends. Of course, those who have cases of arrested spiritual development and never reach Christian maturity will fume and fuss about ritual all their lives. You will hear them say that it tends toward formality. They fail to realize that some form is absolutely necessary. The channel of a river is a formal thing. It directs the water always along the same course. But without it a beautiful stream would be transformed into a thing of danger, or if scattered over a large enough area, a few ugly, filthy mudpuddles.

We especially like that portion of our ritual which is used when people are received into membership in our church:

"Dearly Beloved, the Church is of God, and will be preserved to the end of time, for the promotion of His worship and the due administration of His word and ordinance, the maintenance of Christian fellowship and discipline, the edification of believers, and the conversion of the world. All, of every age and station, stand in need of the means of grace which it alone supplies."

We have all heard these words over and over again; many of us have memorized them, but have we ever stopped to think about their full meaning? Read them again and ponder each statement. Did you ever see more truth expressed

in such small compass? Suppose we study briefly the first of these statements: "The Church is of God." When we speak of the Church here we are not thinking in terms of denominations. There are a lot of different religious groups, but not one of them, to the exclusion of all others, can rightly claim to be the Church. The redeemed, and only the truly redeemed, of all of these groups, or denominations, constitute the Church.

The Church is of God in its origin. It was planned in the council chamber of the Divine. Christ, the Head of the Church, stood as a Lamb slain from before the foundation of the earth. The foundation of the Church was laid before the foundation of the world. The plan was that it was to be built upon the prophets and the apostles, Jesus Christ Himself being the chief Corner-stone. This glorious Institution is of God in its origin.

The Church is of God in its power. It is as indestructible as God. It will never be defeated. The Church Militant here on earth will become the Church Triumphant in heaven. When you join the Church you have joined an organization of which you will be a member forever. People do not cease to be church members merely because they die. There is more of the Church in heaven today than there is on this earth. The 23rd Psalm closes with a very true statement. "Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life; and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord forever." Jesus said, "Upon this rock I will build my church and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it." The church is not a building, or any number of buildings. It is a living organism; the body of Christ. While here in the flesh He lived in a body. He worked through a body. The Holy Spirit came upon Him at His baptism and great deeds of power followed. Today, Christ still works through a body. The Church is His body. The Holy Spirit still baptizes and gives divine power to that body,

A PRAYER

By I. L. Morgan

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Almighty Father, whose hand is ever in the affairs of men and the destinies of nations, enable us in these unsettling days to hold fast the faith that thy hand has not been withdrawn, neither is thy power slackened. Help us to know that, through the prevailing influence of thy love, peace and good will shall ultimately prevail in our world, and men shall dwell here as brothers.

Help us to quit ourselves like children of God, and to be loyal to the highest and best we know. May the spirit and teaching of him whose disciples we are hold us steady through the storm that is shaking our world. May the measureless sorrow of humankind touch our hearts with compassion, even as Jesus was moved with compassion when he saw the leaderless and distraught people of his day. And, moved by this spirit of compassion, may we, too, work with thee in the building of a better world.

Through all that we must now do and endure in defense of those treasurers we have built up across the centuries, keep us free from the spirit of bitterness and hate, for we pray in the spirit of the Christ. Amen.—From The Christian Advocate.

DELIVERANCE

*I never knew a night so black
Light failed to follow on its track.
I never knew a storm so gray,
It failed to have its clearing day.
I never knew such bleak despair,
That there was not a rift, somewhere.
I never knew an hour so drear,
Love could not fill it full of cheer.*

—John Kendrick Bangs.

He fills the true Church of God. No wonder the gates of hell cannot prevail against the Church. Its defeat would mean nothing less than the defeat of God.

There is an old saying, "Truth though crushed to earth will rise again." Christ said, "I am the truth." The Church is His body. It may be crushed to earth in certain nations and during certain generations, but don't get excited. It will rise again. From the dust and ashes of a bygone faith there will rise a more glorious Church. Sometimes the fires of persecution are necessary to purify the Church. More than once the blood of the martyrs has proven to be the seed of the Church. Nations may rise and fall. They are not of divine origin and power. The Church is. It will live forever. The Church so fully and so adequately meets the needs of humanity that it will exist so long as there is a human either on earth or in heaven. "Dearly Beloved, the Church is of God." Don't forget this great truth. And remember to thank God daily that He inspired men in other ages to so express a great fact that our minds can grasp it and souls can feed upon it.—H. O. B.

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A WEEKLY MESSAGE

By FORNEY HUTCHINSON

OPPORTUNITY AND RESPONSIBILITY

Oklahoma City University has the following covenant which all graduates are supposed to sign: "I desire to return a glorious light for all the oil that has been poured into the lamp of my life." In very beautiful language this statement seems to me to set forth the proper relation that should exist between responsibility and opportunity. In discussing it, I should like first of all to describe, or at least suggest, the various kinds of oil that are poured into the lamp of one's life.

The contribution made by one's forebears to the physical life is of great importance. Strong bodies and good health are indispensable. If we are to build on the foundations laid by our ancestry, diseases transmitted through a polluted blood stream are very disastrous. Any sort of inherited physical weakness militates against individual success, which in turn hinders the progress of the race. We are greatly indebted, also, to those who have gone before us for the oil that has been poured into our intellectual lives. This has come through our parents in our homes or through our teachers in school. No matter what may be the source of this enlightenment, we are under great obligation to somebody for it. No pupil pays for his education, whatever may be the price of his tuition.

In spiritual life we are equally indebted to those who have contributed to our upbuilding. Teachers and preachers at whose feet we sat in Sunday School and Church brought us under everlasting obligation. The value of their contribution can hardly be estimated. These debts we can never directly pay.

I wish to speak, also, of the light that should shine out of our lives as a result of the good oil that has been poured in. We can at least pass on untarnished that which we have received. Physically, we should keep the blood stream pure. Intellectually, we should keep the mind clean and keen. And spiritually, we should be able to say with St. Paul, "I have kept the faith." We must not lower the standard. The torch we pass on must be flaming.

Furthermore, we should seek to enrich the light which we transmit. Herein lies the hope of the Universe. Otherwise the coming and going of generations would simply be a process of "milling around as we pass across the stage from the cradle to the grave." This can be done first of all through personality. Each of us should keep himself at his best.

NEWS AND NOTES ABOUT FACTS AND FOLKS

REV. H. H. GRIFFIN, district superintendent of the Searcy District announces that Rev. W. H. Harrison, who has been attending Westminster Seminary, Westminster, Maryland, has been appointed pastor at Jacksonville to take the place of Rev. LeRoy Henry who has entered the chaplaincy. Brother Harrison will take charge on June 1.

CHAPLAIN DONAGHEY DURAN writes: "We had great services Easter. I preached to several hundred men. To be sure, our service did not approximate the high form of the traditional Easter worship; but none the less, the real spirit of the risen Lord was exemplified by the countenance of each individual worshipper. We are busy over here but men find more time to attend worship than in the States." Chaplain Duran's address is Office of the Chaplain, Hq. 48th Fighter Bomber Group, A. P. O. 595, Care of Postmaster, New York, N. Y.

REV. H. M. LEWIS, pastor of First Methodist Church, Batesville, writes: "On May 16 Independence became the fourteenth county to prohibit the manufacture and sale of intoxicants. The majority for the Dry's was 205. We had tough opposition. Of the three newspapers in the county, including one daily, not one was for the Dry cause. Rev. Sam Yancey and C. C. Coulter, president and director of the Anti-Saloon League of Arkansas, rendered valuable service. We rejoice with all good people in the state over the results of the election."

A telegram received from the War Department last week by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. J. Webster, of North Little Rock, announced that Lieut. William A. Webster, aged twenty-two, stationed in England, was killed in action on May 5th. He was a navigator on a Liberator bomber. Lieut. Webster was a grandson of Rev. W. T. Wilkinson, who came to the United States from Lancashire, England. Bro. Wilkinson served charges in both the North Arkansas and Little Rock Conferences and was a member of the Little Rock Conference at the time of his death.

THERE are church leaders in the United States who assert that soldiers are coming home from the present war far more deeply religious than they left America's shores. But Dr. William Barrow Pugh, of Philadelphia, recently returned from a visit to the battlefronts of the world, is less optimistic. He says: "Chaplains testify that if a man enters the service with a religious background and religious training he will come out of the service more religious. The contrary is also true. If he has no religious training and no religious background on entering the service, he will come out of it with practically nothing of spiritual value. The church must appreciate this situation and realize that what it places in the hearts and minds of the men who enter the service is just as important as the weapons place in their hands."

SO many of our pastors have done such exceptionally fine work for the Arkansas Methodist that we have not felt like calling attention to individual achievements lest the list sound like a roll call of the two conferences. We do feel like, however, that it is in order to mention the record made by Rev. Fred W. Schwendimann, our pastor of the Altheimer-Wabbaseka Charge,

It is not our duty to give the oil of life away except through the light we furnish. Also, we can create new values through what we do.

The Savior says, "Let your light so shine that others may see your good works and glorify your Father which is in heaven." We should live strong, unselfish lives so that unborn generations may see that "God does with us as we with torches do, not light them for themselves."

In spite of conditions today, youth has received a great inheritance. They should pass it on, not only unimpaired, but greatly enriched.

Pine Bluff District. In the Circulation Campaign in January the quota for this charge was thirty-one. Bro. Schwendimann reported, at that time, thirty-six new subscribers and thirty-nine renewals; a total of seventy-five. This week we received eleven additional, new subscribers from this two point charge making a total to date of eighty-one subscribers on a quota of thirty-one. If the same proportion of subscribers, as compared to quotas, had carried throughout the two conferences, we would now have between fifty-five and sixty thousand subscribers to the Arkansas Methodist.

FIFTEEN hundred Protestant youth of the United States and Canada will attend the Christian Youth Conference of North America at Lakeside-on-Lake Erie, Ohio, June 27 to July 2, as delegates from the seventy-five agencies which comprise the United Christian Youth Movement, it has been announced by Rev. Isaac K. Beckes, director of the Movement. These representatives of 10,000,000 Protestant young people from 17 to 25 will "face the Christian task of bridging human rifts" under the conference theme of "Our Healing Ministry," Mr. Beckes said. Joining with youth and adult leaders from 42 Protestant denominations and state and city councils of religious education will be representatives of other agencies cooperating in the United Christian Youth Movement, including the Boy Scouts of America, the Y. M. C. A., the Y. W. C. A., the International Society of Christian Endeavor and the Student Volunteer Movement. The Movement is administered by the International Council of Religious Education.

BISHOP SELECMAN'S ITINERARY FOR MAY AND JUNE

May 21—Dedication of churches in El Dorado and Olustee, Okla.

May 23—Meeting of College of Bishop in Dallas, Texas, First Methodist Church.

May 28—Dedication of church, Wilburton, Oklahoma.

June 4—Conway, Arkansas, Commencement, Hendrix College, 11 a. m.

Dedication, Lodge's Corner Church, 5 p. m.

June 8—Represent Council of Bishop at Des Moines, Iowa, at unveiling of portrait of Bishop Ralph Magee.

June 11—Dedication at 11 a. m. of Crown Height Church, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. At 3:30 p. m. formal opening of new church at Midway City, Oklahoma.

CALENDAR OF CHURCH EVENTS

Pastors' School, Hendrix College, June 19-30.
June 12, South Central Jurisdictional Conference, Tulsa, Oklahoma.

District Conferences:

North Arkansas Conference:

Searcy, May 11, Heber Springs.
Paragould, May 15-16, Macedonia on Leonard Ct.
Helena, May 15-16, Brinkley.
Fayetteville, May 16, Centerton.
Ft. Smith, May 17, Greenwood.
Jonesboro, May 18, Huntington Ave., Jonesboro.
Conway, May 24, Danville.

Little Rock Conference:

Texarkana, May 16, Horatio.
Prescott, May 17, Washington.
Arkadelphia, May 18, Midway on Friendship Ct.
Little Rock, May 23, Scott Street Church.
Pine Bluff, May 24, Humphrey.
Monticello, May 25, at Warren.
Camden, May 26, Vantrease Memorial.

INELIGIBLE FOR LEGAL ADVERTISING

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the present management, the Arkansas Methodist has never solicited a line of advertising of this nature and had made no plans for doing so. Nevertheless, we resent the fact that for some unexplained—and we rather think unexplainable—reason we are debarred by law from doing so.

The worst misfit is the person who fails to fit his or her life into God's plan.—Christian Union Herald.

NORTH ARKANSAS CONFERENCE NOTES

By Ira A. Brumley

Arkansas Pastors' School

Rev. George S. Lachland, pastor of Indianola Methodist Church, Columbus, Ohio, is to offer the two courses listed for our pastors' school, for which we had not had an instructor: The Preparation and Preaching of Sermons and Church Management.

The course on Preparation and Preaching of Sermons should be taken by persons desiring credit on "The Work of Preaching" in the first year course. Persons desiring credit for the second year course on "The Local Church" may take the course on Church Management. Each of these is open to anyone desiring to take it.

The Pastors' School folder indicates that both of the courses for which persons may receive undergraduate credit in the third year course are listed for the second period. We are asking Rev. Robert Bearden, Jr., to offer his course the third period so as to make it possible for persons to secure both third year courses.

Since it is impossible for the management to secure sheets and pillow cases it will be necessary that each person provide his own. Towels can be provided.

Membership Increase

The reports coming to the Board of Education office indicate that a number of Church Schools already have a Church School membership increase over last year.

The Searcy District report indicates that the district has already enrolled more people in its Church School activities than were enrolled during the entire year last year.

A large number of churches are nearing the total enrollment for last year.

Now is the time for Church Schools to push their enrollment and attendance campaigns. There should be no let down in the Christian Education program in such times as these. "When the world is at its worst the church should be at its best."

Youth Work Growing

The reports given in the various conferences during the past two weeks have indicated a growing interest and enthusiasm in youth work. Local churches are organizing and reorganizing youth programs. Sub-district fellowships are being re-organized and re-vitalized.

The reports indicate that large numbers of young people: older youth as well as intermediates and seniors are to attend the various camp and assembly programs during this summer.

Enroll Early

Intermediates, seniors, and young people planning to attend camps and assemblies in the North Arkansas Conference should enroll at once. No pre-registration fee is being asked for this year except for Miramichie camps, but enrollment should be filled out and sent in at the earliest possible date for all camps and assemblies.

All intermediates and seniors are expected to have a doctor's health certificate. Just as soon as the registration for any intermediate or senior reaches the office of Board

LITTLE ROCK CONFERENCE NOTES

By Roy Fawcett

Bible Conferences

The Little Rock Conference Board of Education has secured the services of Drs. Goodloe and Hicks, of Southern Methodist University, for a series of Bible Conferences to be held during the summer and early fall. In so far as possible in the brief time allotted, the purpose of the conferences will be to give a clearer understanding of the Bible and its message, and to interpret its meaning in terms of present-day living. The plan is for a three-day conference, with a series of six addresses at each place.

The following will be the schedule for Dr. Goodloe:

Little Rock District—August 13-25.

First Church, Pine Bluff—Aug. 27-29.

Grand Avenue, Stuttgart—Aug. 30, Sept. 1.

First Church, Hot Springs—Sept. 3-5.

Arkadelphia—Sept. 6-8.

First Church, Texarkana—Sept. 10-12.

Stamps—Sept. 13-16.

Dr. Hicks' schedule is as follows:

Warren—July 2-4.

Hamburg—July 5-9.

Crossett—July 9-11.

Smackover—July 12-16.

Mena—July 30-Aug. 1.

DeQueen—Aug. 2-6.

SOME FACTS ABOUT OUR STUDENT LOAN FUND

Discussing the opportunity and responsibility The Methodist Church now faces in building up its Student Loan Fund in order that it may more adequately meet the increased demands of the postwar period, Dr. H. W. McPherson, Director of the Fund and Executive Secretary of the Division of Educational Institutions of the Board of Education, has reviewed the pertinent facts concerning the history and growth of the Loan Fund. His comments were substantially as follows:

For 71 years the Student Loan Fund of The Methodist Church has been helping worthy students to meet their college expenses.

The Fund which is administered by the Board of Education is one of the oldest, one of the largest, and one of the best administered Funds of its kind in America.

In its early history a sum was invested as endowment and the cost of administering the Fund was made a first claim against the endowment income. This income is fully adequate to care for the Fund's over-

of Education a blank for the health certificate will be sent. The certificate should be filled out by your doctor just before you go to camp or assembly. Each person should bring said health certificate on coming to camp or assembly.

The Board of Education, Hendrix Station, Conway, will furnish the needed number of enrollment cards upon request.

We are requesting that parents provide their youth with limited spending money. There is no need for young people of any age having more than a dollar or two for spending money in any four day program of our camps and assemblies this summer.

head; in fact it annually turns a remaining balance into the channels of loans to students.

Thus persons contributing to the Loan Fund today derive satisfaction from the knowledge that no part of their gifts will be used in meeting the costs of operation. Every penny given goes for loans to ambitious and worthy Methodist students.

At first the loans were made only to Ministerial students but when the resources of the Fund were great enough to permit a change of policy the loan service was extended to include lay students as well.

Since 1873, when the first loans were made, 65,000 Methodist young people have received loans aggregating more than \$10,000,000. The total assets in this revolving Fund today amount to nearly \$5,000,000 including over \$2,000,000 in outstanding loans not yet due.

"On June 11," said Dr. McPherson, "Methodist Churches all over America, in keeping with a Disciplinary provision (Par. 1091), will observe Methodist Student Day (formerly Children's Day) with appropriate programs and with free will offerings in support of the Student Loan Fund.

"Every Church in Methodism," declared Dr. McPherson, "should make the due observance of Methodist Student Day an important event on its calendar. Only thus can Methodism be prepared to provide Christian education for its sons and daughters in the years immediately ahead, years when it is easily foreseeable that as much as \$1,000,000 may be urgently needed annually for loans to students."

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Regeneration



By JAMES A. ANDERSON

The doctrine of regeneration is central in the Christian religion. Eliminate it and every other doctrine of the Gospel loses its significance; the very heart of Christianity would be gone. It is for this reason that Jesus was so emphatic on this point in his interview with Nicodemus. Being convinced by what he had seen and heard that Jesus was "a teacher sent from God," Nicodemus came to learn from him what was his program. Jesus put in in one word—the New birth, "Ye must be born again!" Without this, Christianity could have no program at all. The one grand revolution in human history is centered exactly on this fact.

Nicodemus was greatly puzzled. Jesus did not go into any explanation of the mystic experiences of the new birth beyond saying that this is the work of the Spirit of God. Yet, through the experiences of our own conversions we have come to know a number of facts, some of which we may here mention.

First of all, we may divide conversions into two classes: gradual and sudden. For whenever Christ becomes enthroned in any life conversion has taken place. There can be no doubt that this enthronement may take place so gradually that some may scarcely know the exact moment when they arrived. Actually there are many devout people who can not tell the hour of their conversion; they rest simply on the fact that they know they are in the fellowship with God. Surely a child may be so trained that he will never remember a time when he felt himself to be an alien from God. Our Methodist ritual for the baptism of infants assumes this fact, and

parents take vows accordingly. But however hazy may be the views of the child during early years, the time will come, if vows are faithfully kept, when he will know that he is in the kingdom of God.

A sudden conversion is much more distinctly marked. There is here a different background, not infrequently marked with wickedness. The change is a radical one. The penitent has a sense of guilt, a sense of inferiority, a sense of a divided personality—a wicked nature pulling one direction and conscience demanding another—and as a result of all this, he is very unhappy. All of this is suddenly changed, often like a flash of lightning. For guilt and unhappiness there is a great peace; for the divided there is a unified personality; for his inferiority there is an humble but real sense of superiority—something has come to him that will enable him to stand up. So much for the excellent psychological definition of conversion by William James. But this is not the whole of it; underneath all this lie other experiences. There is an instinctive desire to impart the experience to others. There is a quiet floodtide of love. There is a definite sense that some other than ourself has come into us, and a sense that this other is a personal presence, holding a communion with us. A sense of awe, that brings no fear. Withal, there is a sense of fascination, which entrances the soul, impelling the mind to turn ever again to the moment of salvation. No soul forgets, nor ever wishes to forget it. It is a resurrection of the dead, the continuous miracle of our holy religion.

A LETTER FROM CHAPLAIN BECK

I finished Chaplain School at Harvard University on April 29, and was assigned to the 116 Evacuation Hospital here at Camp Forrest, Tennessee. This is a newly activated unit in its sixth week of basic training. In a few weeks we shall be able to set up a 400 bed hospital in the field in just a few hours and be ready for operations. Our table of order calls for 37 officers (doctors and surgeons), 44 nurses, and 187 N. C. O.'s and enlisted men, with one chaplain. We will set up some 15 or 25 miles behind the front lines in the battle areas, and I look forward to many experiences with the unit.

My commanding officer is a fine Christian gentleman and a loyal Methodist. He gives me every opportunity to present my work and is very helpful in every way. The officers are very fine to work with and I am sure that they shall prove even finer as we work together during the days ahead. The enlisted men come to services and seem very happy that they have a chaplain. I feel proud to be in such a unit, and my work is easier.

My best regards to the brethren.—Robert O. Beck, Chaplain, U. S. A., 116 Evacuation Hospital (SEM), Camp Forrest, Tenn.

No man ever got lost on a straight road.—Arkansas Baptist.

WORKSHOP IN VISUAL EDUCATION

The first North American workshop in visual education for Christian education leaders and pastors will be held at Garrett Biblical Institute, Evanston, Ill., August 28 to September 2, under the sponsorship of the International Council of Religious Education, it has been announced by Dr. Mary Leigh Palmer, associate director of visual education for the Council.

"Emphasis will be placed in the five-day program on the values of visual activities in Christian education and methods for using the many various types of visual activities possible," Dr. Palmer said. "The workshop also will encourage national, regional and local church chairmen of visual education committees in their planning and developing of programs for visual education."

Functional work groups will be provided for workers with the age groups. Other work groups will be organized for editors, national denominational staff and committee members, pastors, directors of religious education, and professors. Seminars, projection groups, production groups, and worship services utilizing visual aids will be included in the program. Exhibits of equipment and materials will be arranged by commercial and other agencies.

In the four production groups

planned for the workshop, members will learn to write script and edit films, and will learn how to produce simple motion pictures, slides and non-projected visual aids such as dioramas, murals and worship centers.

Attendance at the workshop in visual education will be limited to 110. Total cost, including registration, tuition, laboratory fee, and room and board at Garrett, will be \$17.50. Advance registrations should be sent to Dr. Palmer at 203 North Wabash Avenue, Chicago 1, Ill.

All sunshine makes a desert.—Arab Saying.

SPRING DAYS

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Warmer days are at our door.

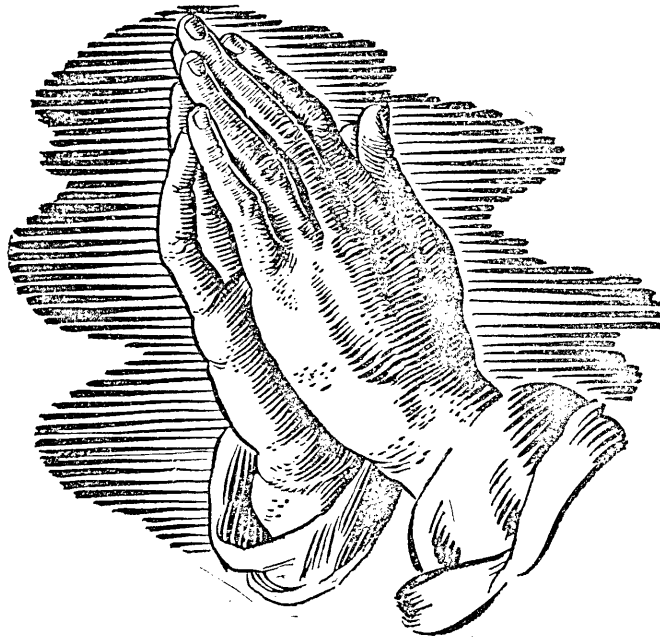
Sunshine, showers alternate,
Birds calls sound early and late.

Flowers peep through weed and grass
By the path we daily pass.

Springtime is the time to see
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—Annie E. Winburne in Wildfire.

Home is on the level with the women; the town is on a level with the homes.—Billy Sunday.



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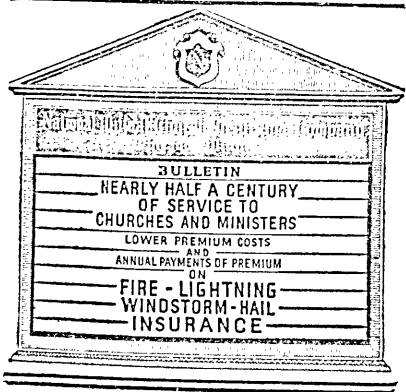
Mothers of the young people of the Methodist Church were honor guests at the special service held Sunday at the social fellowship hour at 6:30 o'clock.

A red and white color scheme was carried out in the decorations of flowers and in the napkins and the souvenir booklets which contained the supper program and special songs which were sung by the group in observance of Mother's Day. Pot luck supper was served, and in addition to the community singing, the following program was had:

Welcome to Our Mothers, Fred Eldridge, President; Response, Mrs. A. B. Nimocks; Song, "God Bless Our Mothers"; "Mother's Day," Geraldine Dice; Solo, Sonny Carlisle; Mothers of Men, Chambliss Gatling; Talk, "Mothers," Mrs. Archie Smith; Duet, Mrs. Albert W. Laser and Mrs. Mayola McDougal; Responsive Reading, Mrs. Golder Lawrence and Members and Guests; Mother Love, Martha Ann Davis; "Tim's Mother," James Devazier; Duet, Aldah Sue Harris and Linda Rauscher; Song, "America, the Beautiful," by all.

This group has a regular attendance of from 45 to 55 young people every Sunday night at 6:30 in the Recreation Rooms of the Church. Supper is served by a circle of the W.S.C.S., and on the 5th Sundays the Wesleyan Guild serves. Mrs. Golder Lawrence, wife of our local pastor, is the Counselor and is doing a wonderful piece of work with the young people of our church. Her group has grown from 9 to 55. She began by serving the supper herself, which responsibility has since been assumed by the circles of the W.S.C.S.

This practice might obtain good results in other churches where the attendance at Youth Fellowship meetings is lagging. Simple menus are served.—Virginia Hine.



ORGANIZATION OF YOUNG ADULT FELLOWSHIP

The West Helena Methodist Church has recently organized a Young Adult Fellowship under the leadership of Carl Conner. The services begin at 7:00 and last one hour. There are twenty-six members from whom the following officers were elected:

President, Dalen Gilbert; Vice-president, Marilyn Dempsey; Secretary and Treasurer, Mrs. Joel Howell.

The meetings thus far have been successful and the organization is confident that it will grow in number and strength.—Mrs. Joel Howell.

BROTHERHOOD

O God, who hast made man in Thine own likeness and who does love all whom Thou hast made, suffer us not, because of difference in race, color, or condition, to separate ourselves from others, and thereby from Thee; but teach us the unity of Thy family and the universality of Thy love. As Thy Son, our Savior, was born of an Hebrew mother and ministered first to His brethren of the House of Israel, but rejoiced in the faith of a Syro-Phoenician woman and of a Roman soldier, and suffered His cross to be carried by a man of Africa, teach us, also, while loving and serving our own, to enter into the communion of the whole human family. Forbid that, from pride of birth and hardness of heart, we should despise any for whom Christ died, or injure any in whom He lives. Amen.—Morney Williams In The Union Signal.

INDIAN WOMAN HEADS INDIA Y. W. C. A.

For the first time in the history of the Young Woman's Christian Association in India, an Indian woman has been named national general secretary, the highest executive office. She is Miss Sosa Matthew, and she succeeds in that office the much-beloved Miss Anne Guthrie. The ceremony of the "lighted lamp" in which the new secretary received the symbol of the office from her predecessor, was recently held in the chapel of Isabella Thoburn College, Lucknow, before a body of 140 delegates from Y.W.C.A.'s in India, China, Burma, Ceylon and Egypt. Among those present were Lady Rani Maharaj Singh, national president of the Y.W.C.A. of India, and Madam Tsai-Kwei, general secretary of the Y.W.C.A. of China.

UNION COUNTY SUB-DISTRICT MEETING

Union County Sub-District Methodist Youth Fellowship met May 1, at Dumas Memorial Church, six miles west of El Dorado. This, the May meeting, was the eighth monthly meeting held by the Union County Subdistrict.

After the program, which was presented by the World Friendship Commission, led by Mrs. Charles Geissen, the regular business session was held. Each of the four commissions of the fellowship of each group was assigned its project for the month of May as follows:

World Friendship Commission is to arrange for a pledge service to determine the amount of the pledges to be made in the Youth Assembly at Conway in July.

Worship and Evangelism Commission is to present a special program during National Family Week (May 7-14) on the Christian Home and invite the parents to be their guests.

Recreation Commission will give a party honoring the members of their church who will graduate from high school.

Community Service Commission will carry May-baskets to the sick and shut-ins of their locality.

Present at the meeting were approximately 190 young people representing churches of Union County. This group is active throughout the year in promoting fellowship among young Methodists of south Arkansas.

The June meeting will be held at the First Methodist Church in El Dorado, and the program will be in charge of the Commission on Community Service.

In addition to this meeting of the fellowships, a council meeting, at

which sponsors and commission chairmen are present, is held monthly in El Dorado.—Mrs. Douglas Sloan.

Bad books are the nicotine and alcohol of literature.—James E. Chessor.

True blessedness consisteth in a good life and a happy death.—Solon.

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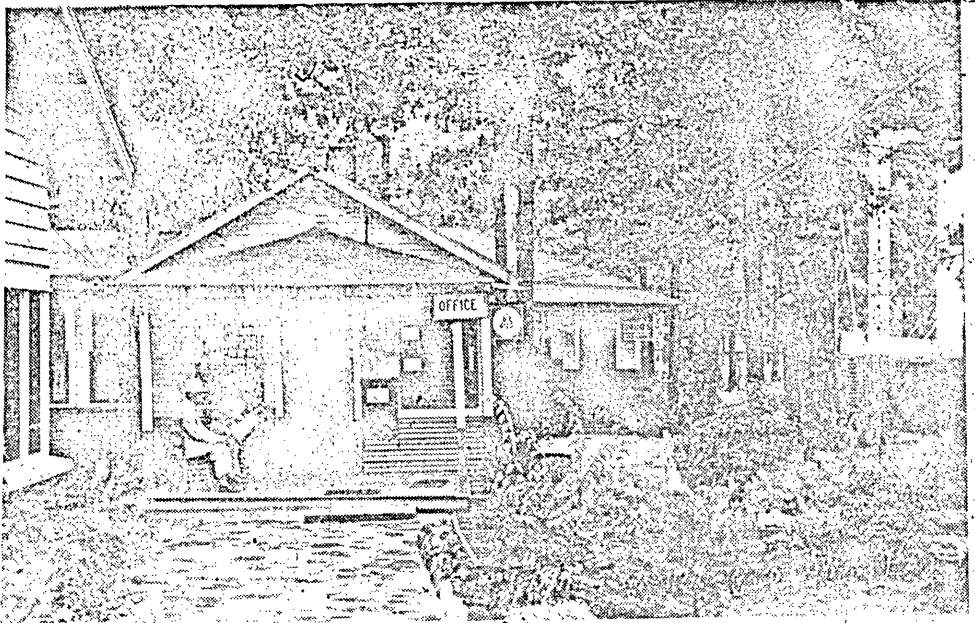
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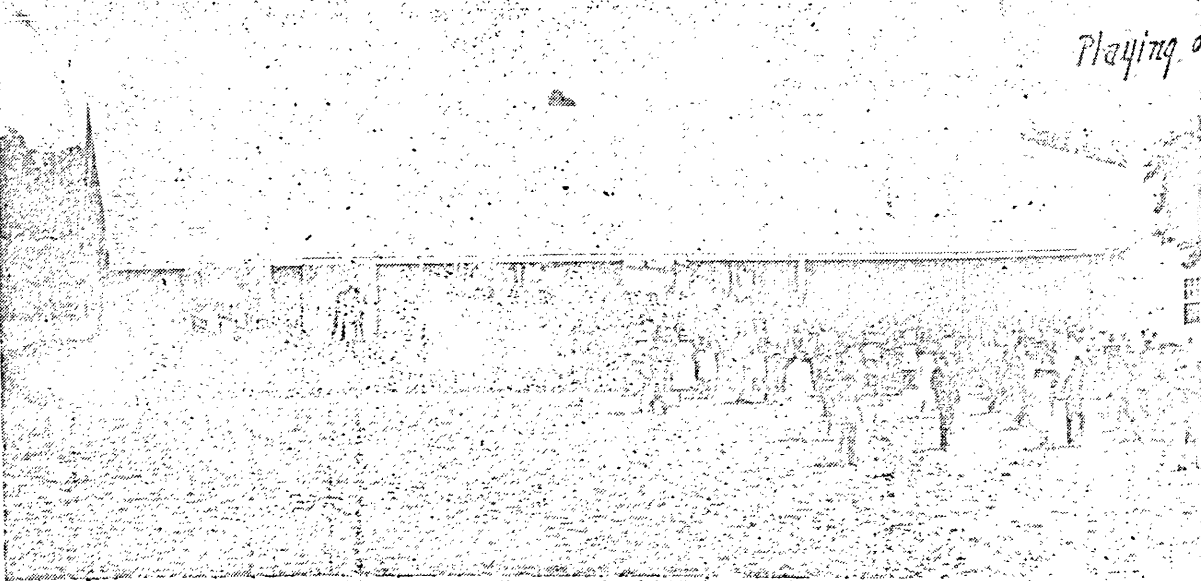
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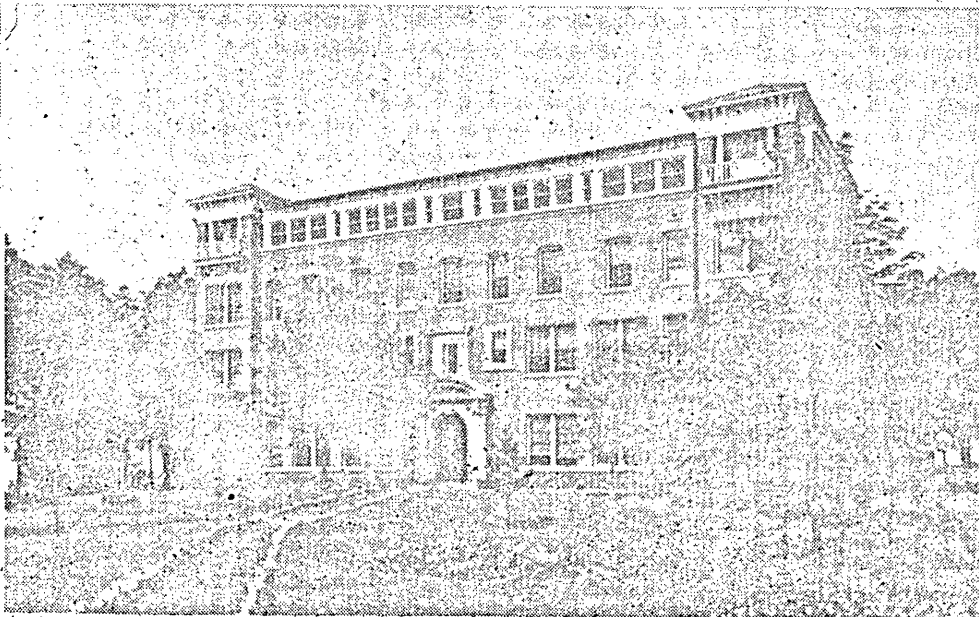
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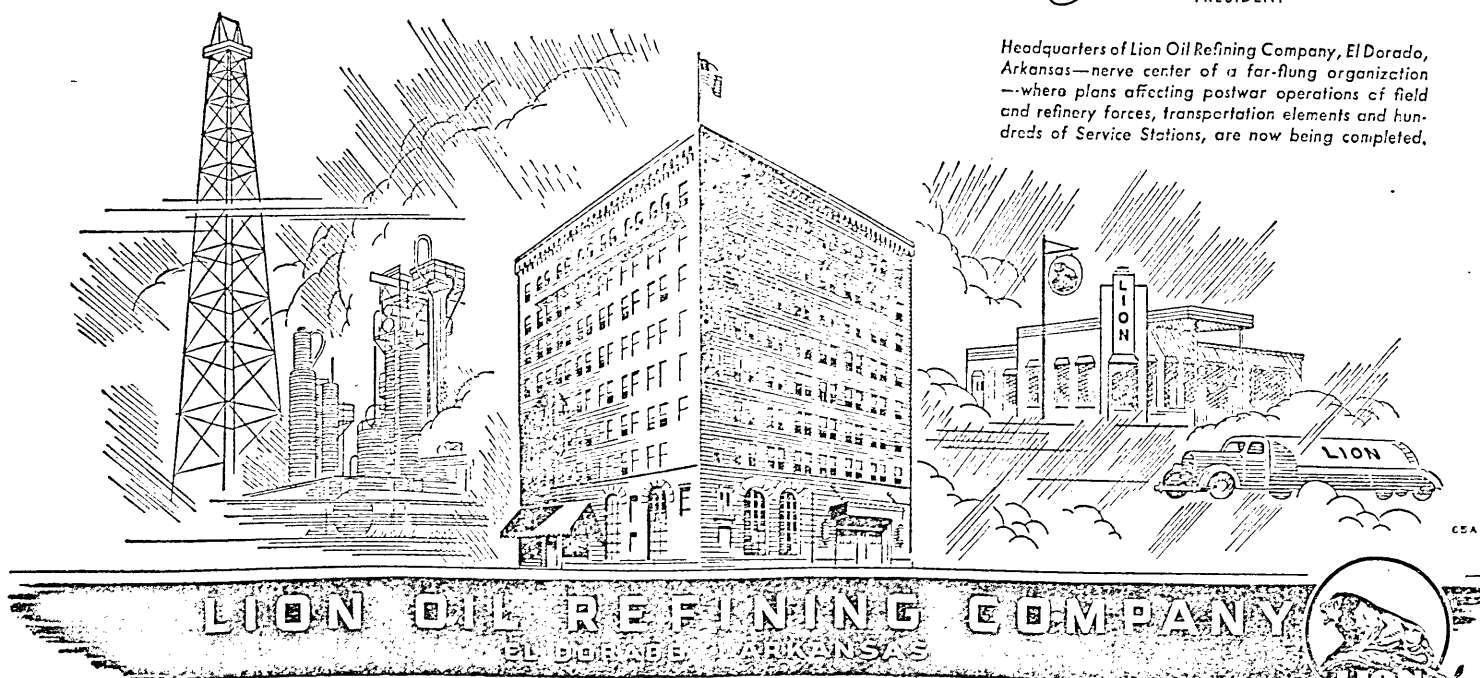
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PINE BLUFF DISTRICT MEETING

The Pine Bluff District W.S.C.S. met for an all day meeting at First Church, May 10th, at 10 a. m. Mrs. W. J. Moore opened the morning session with quiet music, after which Mrs. R. B. Hutson, Pine Bluff, gave a most inspirational devotional using as her subject, Be still and know that I am God.

Mrs. W. R. McAlexander, District President, presided over the meeting, and welcomed the guests. She also welcomed Mrs. J. P. Carpenter, Conference Treasurer, who was a visitor. Mrs. Carpenter gave a short, but helpful, outline of her work. Mrs. Walter Ryland, Conference Vice-President, gave a full and complete report on the Jurisdictional Conference held in Topeka, Kansas, in April. Miss Margaret Marshall, Little Rock City Mission Worker, spoke on "City Missions and Juvenile Delinquency." She also told of her work before coming to Little Rock, and expressed great pleasure in her new location. Mrs. D. T. Sheffield delighted the audience with a solo, accompanied by Mrs. W. J. Moore at the organ. The noon hour sermon was given by the Rev. Neill Hart, District Superintendent, who spoke on "Modern Woman and Religion," giving a most timely and impressive message.

At noon a delicious luncheon was served by the hostess society. Immediately following, group meetings were held by Mrs. Walter Ryland, Conference Vice-President, Mrs. T. S. Lovett, Conference Secretary, Missionary Education, Mrs. Neill Hart, Conference Secretary of Children's Work, and Mrs. E. A. Adams, District Secretary, each outlining their particular phase of the work.

In the business session which followed, Zone Leaders Mrs. Lev Goodrich, Pine Bluff, Mrs. Calvin Walker, Rison, newly elected Zone Leader, and Mrs. John Hefley, Stuttgart, acting for Mrs. Eric Jensen, were introduced, and plans were made for zone meetings to be held in June in Pine Bluff, Stuttgart, and Rison.

Mrs. Neill Hart, Chairman of the Nominating Committee, read the slate of officers which was accepted, and the following were re-elected to serve another year: District President, Mrs. W. R. McAlexander, Pine Bluff, Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. E. A. Adams, Pine Bluff, and Recording Secretary, Mrs. Eric Jensen, Stuttgart.

Mrs. E. A. Adams, District Secretary, had charge of the business meeting, with Mrs. John Hefley, Stuttgart, Recording Secretary Protem. Reports of the district were read by Mrs. Adams, who announced an increase in the mission pledge. Of 26 societies in the Pine Bluff District, 19 answered roll call with splendid reports and high hopes for the new year. It was voted to give a Life Membership to some lady in the district at the Fall Seminar. The district also pledged the five cents per member for the Cultivation Fund.

The goals for 1944 were read, and each society was asked to make every effort to attain them all.

IN MEMORIAM

This is a tribute to the memory of Mrs. George Hughes who has endeared herself to her associates in the Woman's Society of Christian Service and her accomplishments and the example of her life left a rich heritage for coming generations. She did so abound in good things that could be said of her, she was kind, gentle and true, she loved her children, church friends, music and flowers.

It is hard to pick out her outstanding virtues she had so many of them. Now let us resolve that her life has not been in vain; that the high principles which actuated her shall have an uplifting influence upon us that the good she did may endure forever.

*Let us not mourn her going;
Let us rejoice to know
That—earthly labors finished,
She was prepared to go.*

*Let us emulate her virtues
That men of us may say;
"The world is brighter, better
Because she passed this way."*

—Circle Three of the W. S. C. S., Benton. Ark.

LITTLE ROCK DISTRICT MEETING OF THE W. S. C. S.

The Little Rock District meeting was held at Winfield Church, Friday, May 12. Mrs. Roland Shelton, district secretary, gave the district report which included goals for the year and suggestions and helps from each conference officer.

Mrs. Ashley Ross, President, gave the devotional and presided over the business meeting. Mrs. Curtis Williams, Chairman of the Nominating Committee, gave the following report: President, Mrs. Ashley Ross; Recording Secretary, Mrs. H. H. Bacon; Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. Roland Shelton. These were unanimously elected. The financial report was read by Mrs. Shelton and each society was urged to get special memberships this year.

Mrs. H. King Wade of Hot Springs, Jurisdictional Conference Secretary, brought highlights of the South Central Jurisdictional Conference held at Topeka, Kansas, and Miss Margaret Marshall, Little Rock deaconess, brought her impressions of the meeting. Others on the program were Miss Lila Ashby who reported on the Texarkana Conference and Miss Fay McRae who spoke on Children's Work. 20 Societies answered roll call. Dr. C. M. Reves, District Superintendent, gave the closing prayer. —Reporter.

The following conference officers, Mrs. Ryland, Mrs. Lovett, and Mrs. Hart, made short talks on their special lines of work, and asked the wholehearted cooperation of each local society. Mrs. R. A. Owen, President of Grand Avenue W.S.C.S., Stuttgart, invited the District Conference to meet with them next year.

Mrs. Milburn Isom, Pine Bluff, closed the session with a most impressive worship service, her theme being "The Christian Home." The Rev. C. B. Wyatt, Grady, pronounced the benediction.—Reporter.

Whoever invites unnecessary danger just to show off his faith shows by such act that he does not know the difference between faith and folly.—Baptist Standard.

EUDORA W. S. C. S. INSTALLS OFFICERS

The following officers of the W.S.C.S. of the Methodist Church were installed the first of January at an evening service. President, Mrs. T. V. Harris; Vice President, Mrs. Edwin Haskew; Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. Fred Morris; Recording Secretary, Mrs. Sam Hill; Local Treasurer, Mrs. J. P. Deboe; Conference Treasurer, Mrs. Jack Smith; Secretary of Christian Social Relations and Local Church Activity, Mrs. William West; Secretary of Missionary Education and Service, Mrs. C. C. McDuffie; Secretary of Student Work and Literature and Publications, Mrs. Bert Cochran; Chairman of Spiritual Life Committee, Mrs. Leonard Meyers; and Secretary of Children's Work, Miss Nora Webb. Rev. I. A. Love conducted the devotional service, using as the subject, "Christ's Commission to the Disciples." After the devotional, the above named officers were called to the chancel where they were presented with a symbol of their respective offices. At the close of the Installation Service, Mrs. J. P. Deboe was called back to the chancel by the pastor, who presented her with a certificate of Life Membership to the Woman's Society of Christian Service of the Methodist Church. On the following Tuesday evening Mrs. T. V. Harris, new president, called the ladies together at the Church for their Pledge Service. At that time a very beautiful and uplifting service was rendered by Mrs. Harris, assisted by Mrs. Jack Smith, with Miss Nora Webb at the piano. Pledge cards for the coming year were signed by all present and placed on a specially arranged altar, lighted with beautiful white candles. The service was concluded by singing the hymn, "Take My Life and Let It Be." The group then retired to the home of Mrs. I. A. Love where a social hour was enjoyed by all. Refreshments were served by the hostesses, Mrs. Love and Mrs. J. C. Orndorff.

The happiness of your life depends upon the character of your thoughts. —Marcus Aurelius.

DEVOTIONAL THOUGHT FOR JUNE—"DEEPS OF APPRECIATION"

The Lord has placed so much beauty in the world. Why do we do ourselves the harm of playing with the common things of life? Why do we do ourselves the harm of filling our days with busy none essentials which tire our bodies and minds and dull our sense of appreciation, while all about us pass the beauty of God's world, the stimulation from beautiful pictures, the companionship of good books, the soothing measures of the music of the Great Masters.

*"God who touches earth with beauty
Make me lovely, too
With thy spirit recreate me,
Make my heart anew."*

Alice Freeman Palmer has her rules for happiness, "Memorize something lovely every day; look at something lovely everyday, and stand before it long enough to say, "Isn't it lovely, isn't it lovely!" Do something for someone everyday."

An English father was very desirous that his child should learn to love the beautiful. Every day he made his boy look for something beautiful, a work of art, a lovely face, a gem of literature. The child of that training became the great apostle of the beautiful—John Ruskin.

"Several women were visiting together one day. One asked, "What do you do with your head while you are doing the routine tasks of the day? One answered, "Oh I take time to mull over all my household problems; the payment of bills, the remaking of my wardrobe, etc." Another answered, "I keep a pad and pencil handy and jot down the item I need from the grocery, from down town, and the little tasks of sewing or mending I must do." A third answered, "While my hands are busy all day long, I have my mind recall all the beautiful poems I learned as a child, I sing the songs and hymns we used to sing. Then sometimes I prop a book against my kitchen cupboard or on my ironing board, and learn the verse of some choice poem or hymn or passage of scripture." Which of these three hath chosen the good part? The more one draws upon the beauty of the world and enjoys it, so much the more she increases her capacity to discover and enjoy beauty. I pray thee, O God that I may be beautiful within.—Mrs. D. G. Hindman.

ETERNAL SPRING IS IN MY HEART

Winter is on my head, but eternal spring is in my heart. The nearer I approach the end, the plainer I hear round me the immortal symphonies of the world to come. For half a century I have been writing my thoughts in prose and verse; but I feel I have not said one thousandth part of what is in me. When I have gone down to the grave I shall have ended my day's work; but another day will begin next morning. Life closes in the twilight, but opens with the dawn.—Victor Hugo.

Little Rock Conference Treasurer's Report

SECOND QUARTER 1943-44

CHARGE										B. F.	C. C.	Benev.	G.A.J. Exp. Fd.	W.S.	M.S.F. (P)	M.S.F. (C)
ARKADELPHIA DISTRICT																
Arkadelphia Station	\$ 81.00	\$468.00	\$690.00	\$ 28.00	\$ 21.00											
Arkadelphia Ct.			7.00		1.05											
Harts Chapel			25.00													
Hollywood			8.00													
Mt. Pisgah	2.00	4.50	15.00	1.00	1.50											
Mt. Zion			11.00													
Smyrna	\$ 2.00	\$ 4.50	\$ 66.00	\$ 1.00	\$ 2.55											
Total	68.00	330.00	1100.00	25.00												
Benton Station			18.00		6.00											
Benton Ct.					11.67											
Congo				1.00	2.90											
Martindale	1.00	1.00	15.00		2.00											
Pleasant Hill					22.57											
Smyrna	1.00	1.00	33.00	1.00												
Total	18.00	30.00	61.00													
Carthage-Tulip: Carthage	1.00	3.00														
Mt. Zion	4.00	9.00	30.00		2.58											
Tulip	2.00	5.00	8.42		2.53											
Willow	25.00	47.00	99.42		8.81											
Total		4.00			6.74											
Couchwood Ct.: Butterfield				1.00	8.00											
Magnet Cove	3.00	7.00			23.25											
Rockport	3.00	11.00														
Total	6.00	18.00	30.00	2.00	5.00											
Dalark Ct.: Bethlehem	5.00	8.00	14.00	4.00	9.00											
Dalark	9.00	5.00	15.00	4.00	9.00											
Manchester	20.00	31.00	59.00	10.00	14.00											
Total	8.85	27.49														
Friendship Ct.					25.00											
Bismarck			23.00		22.00											
Friendship					30.00											
Midway			15.00		10.00											
L'Eau Fraie			14.00		11.32											
Social Hill	8.85	27.49	52.00		98.32											
Total		6.46	16.50		2.00											
Holly Springs Ct.: Holly Spgs.			6.00		4.25											
Mt. Carmel	.50		15.75		6.25											
Mt. Olivet	.50	12.46	46.25													
Total				10.00	112.00											
Hot Springs Churches:																
First Church	20.32	193.00	1888.00													
Grand Avenue	23.40	15.00	200.00													
Oaklawn	45.00	180.00	175.00													
Pullman Hgts.		100.00	250.00													
Tigert Memorial	6.00	15.00	12.00													
Hot Springs Ct.: Bethlehem	2.00	8.00	25.00		13.00											
Gum Springs	1.00		31.00													
Mt. Pine			7.00													
Mt. Valley			39.00													
New Salem	3.00	8.00	77.00		13.00											
Total		6.93	3.71		10.60											
Leola Ct.: Leola	68.00	330.00	1000.00	25.00	90.00											
Malvern Station	23.40		20.00		10.00											
Keith Mem. Ct.: Keith Mem.			10.00													
Pearcy Ct.: Friendship			10.00													
Pearcy			10.00													
Piney Grove			30.00													
Total	5.00	17.00	60.00	2.00	7.26											
Princeton Ct.: Macedonia	2.00	7.30	4.00	2.00	1.98											
Princeton	2.00	6.00	23.00	1.00	1.00											
Providence	1.25	3.25	12.50	.45												
Waverly	.85	2.50	10.50	.45												
Zion	11.10	36.15	110.00	5.90	10.24											
Total			200.00													
SparkmanSardis: Sardis	12.50	49.50		8.00	240.00	5.00	5.50									
Sparkman	12.50	49.50	200.00	8.00	240.00	5.00	5.50									
Total		21.00		2.00	24.00											
Traskwood Ct.: Ebenezer		5.00			8.00											
Lonsdale		5.00			7.00											
Point View		12.00	15.00		9.00											
Traskwood		43.00	15.00	2.00	48.00											
Total	422.07	1909.03	6161.38	116.90	724.36	25.00	69.00									
Grand Total							\$9,427.74									
CAMDEN DISTRICT																
Barges Chapel	4.00	8.00	35.00	1.00	26.46											
Bearden	29.00	105.00	1.50		50.00											
Camden: First Church	112.50	650.00	800.00	40.00												
Fairview Ct.: Fairview	19.00	58.00	120.00		9.00											
Chidester Ct.: Missouri	2.00	7.00	16.00													
New Harmony	1.00	3.00	15.00													
Red Hill	2.00	7.00	15.00		6.00											
Rushing Memorial	20.00	63.00	120.00		40.00											
Silver Springs	5.00	14.00	25.00		20.00											
Whelen Springs	7.00	21.00	35.00		20.00											
Total	37.00	115.00	226.00		95.00											
Ebenezer Ct.: Bethel	3.00	6.00	10.00	1.00												
Ebenezer		2.00	15.75													
Friendship	2.00	1.00	5.00													
Marysville		11.92	10.34													
Total	5.00	20.92	41.09	1.00												
Centennial Memorial Ct.: Cen.					24.00											
Dumas	4.50	5.50			35.04											
Total	4.50	5.50			59.04											
First Church: El Dorado	113.00	660.00	3350.00	45.00												
Vantrease Memorial Ct.: Bethel	3.93	17.50	11.57	1.50												
Vantrease	17.50	79.60	104.00													

STUDENT LOAN FUND ALL HIS OWN

I once knew an old ranchman who had set up and was administering a student loan fund all his own. Although it was his pet philanthropy—perhaps his only sizeable one—he could seldom be induced to talk seriously about it. When a new acquaintance would try to commend him on his rather widely known program he would insist on joking and would speak disparagingly of it calling it his most besetting vice. In his subservience to it he was, he often said, violating all the laws of sound business procedure.

He often lamented volubly the help he had extended to a certain talented girl who had gone far in a professional career. "She could ride with the best of 'em," he would say, "and if I'd a left her alone she'd kept on makin' a full hand on the ranch." He would usually terminate the interview by growling with a good imitation of disgust, "That's where she ought to be today."

In reality, on those rare occasions when he could be led to talk in a serious vein about his "college kids" he would state simply and frankly that he was inexpressibly proud of them, especially the professional woman who had, through stern necessity, prefaced her career by a bit of rugged experience on the cattle range. In such a mood he would say with great earnestness that his deepest satisfactions came from the service he felt he was rendering through his loans to needy but worthy college students.

Obviously, we cannot all operate individual loan funds. Such a plan, moreover, would be as undesirable as it would be impossible. Within the limits of our ability to give, however, we can achieve the same results in terms of service and can merit and experience the same personal satisfactions.

A generous gift to the Methodist Student Day offering on the second Sunday in June will help students throughout America both now and down the long future, and will register around the world in the increased service these students will perform.

THE BIBLE IS THE BOOK

A noted orator asked Dickens for the most pathetic story in literature, and he said it was that of the Prodigal Son. Mr. Coleridge was asked for the richest passage in literature, and he said it was the first sixteen verses in the fifth chapter of Matthew. Another asked Daniel Webster for the greatest legal digest, and he replied that it was the Sermon on the Mount. No one has equaled Moses for law, nor David for poetry, nor Isaiah for visions, nor Jesus for ethics, nor Paul for holy zeal, nor Apollos for fiery oratory, nor Paul for logic, nor statement of sanctified love. What a ridiculous statement that to study the Bible "marks a step backward in education!" God's Word is the very greatest of all books, and its Author the very greatest of all teachers. We do well to stay close to its pages. It is The Book.—Christian Action.

Ordinary people think merely how they will spend their time; a man of intellect tries to use it.—Schopenhauer.

WHY NOT?

A party of tourists was enjoying a short ocean trip in a little electric launch off the Pacific coast, when a thoughtless joke turned the conversation into serious channels. An exchange quotes as follows:

"No, sir," said the boatman, against whom the jest had been directed: "I don't drink." There was a dignity on his bronzed, kindly face that held the attention of his little audience, and he added, earnestly, "Whisky and my business don't go together."

"I guess it wouldn't do for a boatman to get drunk," admitted the man who had started the subject.

"It wouldn't do for him to drink at all," returned the boatman, sticking to his point. "For this kind of work he needs all the brains he's got. In my opinion, he's unfit for it after his first glass."

"Same way in my profession," said a doctor from Denver. "Every physician should be a teetotler, and so should every surgeon. It's a kind of work where the least clouding of the faculties, the slightest unsteadiness of the hand, may cost a life."

"I'm not a professional man," said a keen-eyed New Yorker, with an unmistakable air of prosperity, "but we found that a fellow who succeeds in business nowadays needs all the brains nature gave him. More failures begin with the wine suppers than in any other way, in my humble opinion."

The spectacled gentleman in the bow of the boat listened with interest to these various bits of testimony: "I never take so much as a glass of wine," he remarked, "but I know much concerning the wrecks drink makes of men. I'm a specialist on insanity. Of about nine-tenths of my cases, insanity is due to the intemperate habits of the patient or one of his parents."

The silence that followed was broken by the voice of a little boy. "But, Papa, if drinking is good for all the bad things, and bad for all the good things, why don't people stop it?"

Nobody on board was wise enough to reply to that question; it is still waiting for an answer.—Australian Baptist.

YOUR "NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC" OVERSEAS?

Would you like to have your *National Geographic Magazine* sent to some Methodist missionary family when you have finished reading it?

There are four such Methodist missionary families who cannot now secure the magazine, since no new subscriptions can be accepted because of the paper shortage. One of these is the Rev. George Garden, Hyderabad, India, who would like to have the publication for the students of the Boys High School in Hyderabad. Other would-be subscribers are in other mission fields.

If you would be willing to have your magazine sent to the field when you have finished reading it, it will be forwarded by the Purchasing Department of the Board of Missions, if sent to Mr. Russell Hasemeyer at 150 Fifth Avenue, New York 11, N. Y. Write to Mr. Hasemeyer now if you are interested in this plan.

No man can be provident of his time that is not prudent in the choice of his company.—Jeremy Taylor.

MY PRAYER

Dear Lord, I thank Thee for my bread,
And for the roof that's overhead,
For the cot on which I lie
In peaceful rest. And grant that I
May Thy humble servant be

Grateful for Thy gifts to me.
May I never grow so tall
That a star will not enthrall,
Nor may I ever cease to thrill
At a rainbow, or a rill,
Be unimpressed when I behold
The evening sky bathed in gold.

Dear Lord, may I never be
Insensate of a lovely tree.
May my heart bound, and long,
At a thrush's melodic song.
Let me know my fellow man
Help him when and where I can.

O Thou who knowest every need,
And every wrong, and every deed,
Grant that I shall never be
Imposing; but with conscience free,
Let me live the kindly way,
And let me walk with Thee each day.—Mary Shelby Christian,
Searcy, Ark.

THE DIVINE PRESENCE

An old minister of a small church in a country town had one day in his audience a very distinguished statesman. The service went on about as usual, and the old minister preached with his accustomed earnestness and plainness of speech.

At the close of the service, several members of the congregation gathered about him, and said, "Brother, we had a distinguished visitor today, but you did not seem at all embarrassed."

Thereupon the old gentleman replied, "I have been preaching in the presence of the Almighty God for 40 years, and do you think, with Him as one of my constant hearers, any man can embarrass me by his presence?"—The Watchword.

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✧ Echoes From Wartime Hawaii ✧

By FRANCES L. TAYLOR, Superintendent
of the Susannah Wesley Home, Honolulu

I doubt if anyone of the mainland, except those who experienced it here can ever appreciate what our black-out really was in Honolulu. Can you imagine living for months when dark came at 6 and not later than 7:15 P. M. with every window in your house—if you wanted light inside—blackened out so completely that not a sliver or even glow of light dared show on the outside? If it did you might be politely warned by the police or your warden or even hauled off to court for a fine of \$25.00 or more when the streets were completely black with not a single light anywhere and where people and autos were not allowed after black-out except with special pass, given only to war workers or officials. It gave one a queer sensation to find himself on the streets the last fifteen minutes or half hour before curfew, for they were so deserted you had a guilty feeling you might be breaking some law.

After a time autos were allowed out a bit later and now they can be out till 10 o'clock. One worry is what to do in case of a flat or some other difficulty at night for parking on the streets is not permitted and garages are not open to get help. That leaves only one's own ability to change tires, unless he drives home on the flat or the rim—which is criminal in these days.

You can imagine how much life there is now at night. Occasionally one hears of a concert some place at 6:30 or a play by the Community Players but there is little diversion. People don't like to run the risk of not getting home. Two of our staff got stranded one night and had to call on friends near by to take them in. Buses get so crowded between 9 and 10 o'clock that they often pass up passengers patiently waiting at the street corners. We sometimes walk up to our neighborhood theatre for the 7 o'clock show and once in a "blue moon" go out for an early dinner. When we were allowed 'black-out bulbs' we felt we had practically won the war. Those threw a tiny spot, not larger than a quarter directly down. One could not read by them, but they did give enough illumination that we could see to get around without barking our shins. We still use those in bathrooms and corridors. In fact I think they are a real find for us and we shall continue using them after the need for extreme caution has passed.

Much of what happened at the beginning of the war gave one a feeling of unreality. I shall never forget on the morning of December 7 hearing the radio announcer call for doctors. He called the names of doctors I did not know, doctors of every field and of every nationality. I wondered why he called so many. "They must expect a lot of casualties," I thought, not aware that casualties were already with us. The medical profession, in fact the civilian defense group did a magnificent job that day. We all know plans had been worked out for every emergency—for some time but I'm afraid many thought it was "show" or wasted effort. Now we can appreciate what their preparedness meant. You have heard, no doubt, that a retired army surgeon, a Dr. Moorhead was here lecturing on a special machine for locating

overtook us. A doctor told me pieces of metal when this holocaust cently the theme of that lecture was, "Be You Prepared."

She also told me how the plan for getting the wounded into the hospitals quickly had been previously arranged and worked out that day. For such mass operation the elevators were too slow and too few so an outside pulley arrangement was attached to the roof. This carried a bed up and down. On the bed rode a Filipino orderly to balance the load and to keep the bed position so that the patient would not slip. This was much the system for loading boats in the old days. That must have been terrific strain on the boy, for if he slipped, he would have been dashed to his own death. We've heard that every move made, from the youngest recruit up was made most quietly and efficiently and with no outward evidence of panic at any time.

A great many schools, both public and private were taken over by the army, so that arrangements to open again after December 7 necessitated finding new buildings or doubling up. Some of our own girls in the Susannah Wesley Home were going to school when they opened in February—in the afternoon, some in the morning, some all day and some on Saturday as well. One private school which was taken over, had to find new quarters. Old buildings available in many places did not have air-raid shelters or fire escapes or sanitary conveniences. School finally convened in churches, private homes, university buildings and one old building on its own campus, after the adequacy of the shelters had been passed by the military authorities.

Finding buildings, however, did not tell the whole story, for the staff had undergone complete thorough first-aid courses with particular emphasis on gas casualties and the carrying of small children out of trenches. This necessitated the making of litters as none were available for school use anywhere. Each member of the staff and office force carried a first-aid kit. To assemble these was a chore in itself, for even the denim to make the bags was "frozen" and must be given priority, by army authorities. No seamstresses were available, so the health education chairman and a friend personally operated a power machine to make the needed 110 bags. These preparations paid though, for this school was allowed to open several weeks earlier than the others. The return to normal habits of living as soon as possible, of course, was most valuable in lessening the nervous tension of the first days of war.

JOY

God delights in joy; and his desire for his people is that they should be trustful and joyful—and this both for their own sakes and for his glory. God needs vigorous workers, and he can only have these by bestowing on them work. In joy the apostles went forth to work for God, and they found that a joy adequate to the greatness of the joy of the Lord was their strength.—H. Bonar.

You cannot kill truth with the sword or abolish it by law.—George Fox.

PLEADS FOR FAIR DEALING FOR JAPANESE AMERICANS

By the Rt. Rev. Henry St. George Tucker
Presiding Bishop, Protestant Episcopal Church

The 130,000 Japanese in Continental United States are residents of this country, and entitled to the rights and privileges guaranteed to those who claim this land as their home. Seventy thousand of them are American citizens, born under the American flag, educated in American schools, and loyal to the American cause.

Some ten thousand of these young Japanese Americans are serving joyfully in the armed forces of their country at home and abroad. Many by sheer merit, have been trained and commissioned as officers. There is Japanese American blood being shed along with other American blood on the European battle front. There are Japanese American lives being laid down beside our American lives in that same area. My personal knowledge of many of them, and the reports that I have received concerning others, convince me that the vast majority of them are thoroughly loyal to America.

The contribution of the Japanese Americans, both alien and citizen, to industry and agriculture, is limited only by their opportunity to work and to serve. Bigotry and ignorance and race prejudice in some quarters have made it difficult for them to give the full measure of service they are willing and able to render. The resettlement program of the War Relocation Authority should have the support and encouragement of every thinking American.

That there are disloyal Japanese, those whose sympathies are distinctly not with us in this great conflict, no one will attempt to deny. We have internment camps for such, and those camps are not unoccupied.

Any Japanese American not now interned, free to seek employment, or already employed, may safely

QUARTERLY CONFERENCES

Monticello District: Third Round

Crossett, May 23, a. m.
Palestine-Sumpter, June 4, a. m. at Sumpter.
Lake Village, June 11, a. m.
Eudora, June 11, p. m.
Arkansas City, June 18, a. m.
Dermott, June 18, p. m.
Fountain Hill, June 25, a. m. at Zion.
Hamburg, June 25, p. m.
Drew, July 2, a. m. at Fairie Chapel.
Monticello, July 2, p. m.
Hermitage, July 9, a. m. at Sardis.
Warren, July 9, p. m.
New Edinburg, July 16, a. m. at Good Hope.
Tillar-Winchester, July 23, a. m. at Newton.
Dumas, July 23, p. m.
Watson-Kelso, July 30, a. m. at Kelso.
McGehee, July 30, p. m.
Portland, August 6, a. m.
Parkdale, August 6, afternoon.
Wilmot, August 6, p. m.
Montrose-Snyder, August 13, a. m.
Wilmar, August 27, p. m. at Mt. Pleasant.—Arthur Terry, District Superintendent.

ORDER FOR CONSECRATION OF THE FAMILY

An order for the Consecration of the Family has been prepared by the Rev. James W. Sells, pastor of the Methodist Church in Crystal Springs, Mass., for use as a formal service of worship in church, as a dedication of a new home, or in the dedication of a family as it becomes a Christian family. The service includes responsive readings by minister and congregation and by members of a family. The Order of Service, priced at one cent each, may be secured by writing to Dr. A. J. Walton, Department of Town and Country Work, 150 Fifth Avenue, New York 11, N. Y. Cash should accompany the orders.

be regarded as an ally and a friend, and should be so regarded and received. Anything else than this, or less than this, is contrary alike to the spirit of American democracy and to the tenets of our Christian faith.

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

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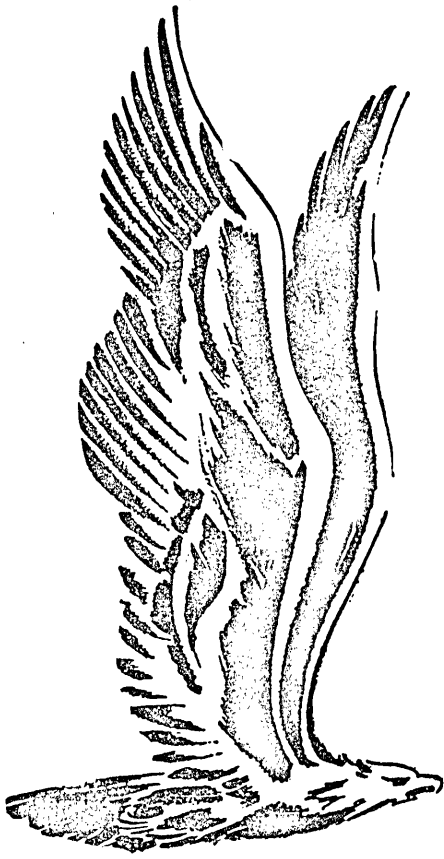
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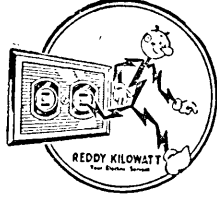
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“You merchants cannot join a campaign today to have the government take over the public utilities because you think it will give you lower rates and then come back to the government tomorrow and ask them to *stay out* of your business, because tomorrow, your customers will be demanding that the government take over your business to give them lower prices on the products you make or sell. You cannot urge government ownership of railroads in one breath and *free enterprise* in the next. You cannot join with the rabble-rousers who want the government to take over the life insurance companies today and ask them to let the manufacturing establishments alone tomorrow.

"You farmers cannot accept *subsidies today* for yourselves and then *complain* about the government running your business after you have accepted the subsidy.

“You manufacturers cannot beg for *protective tariffs* in one breath and *oppose subsidies to farmers in the next*. We must be either for or against free private enterprise. It is one of the great fundamental principles of government. It is not a subject on which there can be any compromise.”

The Sunday School Lesson

By DR. W. P. WHALEY

PAUL ENCOURAGES THE CORINTHIANS

LESSON FOR MAY 28, 1944



SCRIPTURE TEXT: All of chapters 4 and 5 in 2nd Corinthians.

GOLDEN TEXT: "Ye know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that, though He was rich, yet for your sakes He became poor, that ye through His poverty might become rich." 2nd Cor. 8:9.

I. Leading Up

Of the many churches Paul established among Gentiles, he regarded the church at Corinth and the church at Ephesus as the most important. The church at Corinth, that Greek city in the Roman empire, was the center of gospel influence that was to spread over Europe. The church at Ephesus, that great city of Asia Minor, was the center of gospel influence that was to cover Asia.

Like all churches, the church in Corinth had its problems, its discouragements, its weaklings, and even its rank of sinners. Churches of apostolic times were not "without blemish"; even under the ministry of such men as Peter, Paul, James, and John. We find that out by reading the letters these apostles wrote to the churches.

Paul founded the church in Corinth in A. D. 53. He made at least three visits to it, and wrote four letters to it, only two of which have been preserved. His first letter was written two or three years after he left Corinth, and his fourth (which has been saved as 2nd Corinthians) was written about fifteen years after the founding of the church there. Some of his letters seem to have been written from Ephesus, and others from Philippi.

The church at Corinth also kept up a correspondence with Paul. The church wrote him about its affairs, and asked his advice about its problems. The church and Paul swapped experiences, helped each other with their problems, and bore each others burdens. It was right that Paul should know the struggles, trials, and persecutions the church was enduring; and all churches in the apostolic age had them. It was good, too, for the church to know that the preacher had his share of these things. The church needed the sympathy, advice, and support of the preacher; and the preacher needed some of the same from the church. He wrote to the Romans wishing: "that I may be comforted together with you by the mutual faith both of you and me." To the Corinthians he said he wished to comfort them with the same comfort he had received from God. Again he said: "we were comforted in your comfort." How fine when preacher and congregation can understand each other, sympathize with each other, and sustain each other!

II. Some of Paul's Troubles (2 Cor. 6:4-10; 11:24-30; 12:7)

So, when Paul got a letter from the church detailing a lot of troubles and asking for his counsel and prayer, he yearned over those dear Christians as his children in the gospel. When he answered the letter, he assured the church of his interests, gave his advice, then told

them some of his own troubles and how he dealt with them.

Through his whole ministerial career, Paul was a persecuted man; and finally was beheaded at Rome. (Read 2nd Cor. 6:4 to 11). But that passage is mild compared to chapter 11:23 to 28. "In stripes above measure, in prisons more frequent, in deaths oft. Of the Jews five times received I forty stripes save one. Thrice was I beaten with rods, once was I stoned, thrice I suffered shipwreck, a night and a day I have been in the deep; in journeyings often, in perils of water, in perils of robbers, in perils by mine own countrymen, in perils by the heathen, in perils in the city, in perils in the wilderness, in perils in the sea, in perils among false brethren; in weariness and painfulness, in watchings often, in hunger and thirst, in fastings often, in cold and nakedness."

Paul endured all that for the privilege of preaching the gospel; and in Corinth and some other places he worked with his hands to pay his expenses. He had no salary. No mission board was backing him.

III. The Secret of Paul's Endurance (2nd Cor. 4:1-18)

(1) "We faint not." Paul never turned pale, threw up his hands and fell out.

(2) "That the power may be of God, and not of us." He recognized that he was only an earthen vessel, and could not do anything; but he believed divine power was sustaining him.

(3) "Not distressed." Even with troubles on every side.

(4) "Not in despair." Though often perplexed. Could not see through.

(5) "Not forsaken." Persecuted, and far from earthly friends. But not forsaken!

(6) "Not destroyed." Cast down. Stoned. Left for dead. Yet not destroyed.

(7) "The inward man is renewed day by day." All he was enduring might be wearing down his already frail body, but he got up every morning feeling like a new man inside.

(8) "A more exceeding and eternal weight of glory." He counted all his afflictions as a very cheap price for the eternal reward of which he was sure; so he gladly endured them.

(9) "We look not at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen." He was crucified to the world, and the world crucified to him. He was not after land, silver, gold, or bodily comfort. He was lured on by things invisible to physical eye but seen by the spiritual eye.

(10) "We have a building of God." Though the present body may be destroyed, he had the inward assurance of a new body.

(11) "We walk by faith, not

THE QUEST FOR PEACE

O brother man! fold to thy heart thy brother;
Where pity dwells, the peace of God is there;
To worship rightly is to love each other,
Each smile a hymn, each kindly deed a prayer.
Follow with reverent steps the great example
Of him whose holy work was "doing good;"
So shall the wide earth seem our Father's temple,
Each loving life a psalm of gratitude.
Then shall all shackles fall; the stormy clangor;
Of wild war music o'er the earth shall cease;
Love shall tread out the baleful fire of anger,
And in its ashes plant the tree of peace.

—John Greenleaf Whittier.

by sight." That is the secret of the Christian's endurance and progress. (12) "We must all appear before the judgement seat of Christ." That realization renews determination.

(13) "Knowing therefore the terror of the Lord, we persuade men." Paul was so impressed with the lost condition of men, and their eternal doom, that he was willing to endure anything if by any means he might win some. He had a passion for lost souls that would not let him rest.

(14) "If any man be in Christ Jesus, he is a new creature." Some thought Paul did not conduct himself as a normal man, that he was extreme. When was he a normal man? On the road to Damascus? or on these missionary tours?

(15) "We are ambassadors for Christ." The consciousness of his high office, the experience of his call to the ministry, his knowledge of God, and his companionship with Christ were such that he must carry out his divine commission, whatever the cost.

IV. How Did the Church at Corinth React to This?

Surely, after reading what their pastor was suffering, and what kept him on his feet and going, those Corinthians must have buckled down to their local church problems with new courage. Whatever the effect of these two great letters to the Corinthians on the Corinthian church itself, they have been a powerful part of the New Testament. For nineteen hundred years, preachers have opened these epistles on the pulpits of Christendom, and found wonderful preaching materials. These two epistles have been choice reading to millions of Christians, as they opened their Bibles in private devotions. Many of the greatest utterances of this greatest apostle are found in these epistles. Let us read the letters to the Corinthians frequently. Paul was the best interpreter of the gospel of Christ the world has ever had. If we would know what Christianity is, we must know how Paul preached it and wrote about it.

EACH NEW DAY

Each new day is an opportunity to start all over again . . . to cleanse our minds and hearts anew, and to clarify our vision. And let us not clutter up today with the leavings of other days.—Oliver Wendell Holmes.

SUMMER SCHOOLS FOR RURAL PASTORS

A number of in-training schools and courses will be sponsored during the summer and fall for rural ministers by the Committee on Town and Country of the Home Missions Council of North America and the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America. Schools range in length from several days to several summer school sessions for which graduate credit will be given. Purpose of the schools are: to help ministers become better acquainted with tested methods of town and country church work; to assist them in understanding problems and trends in modern country life; to develop fellowship among rural ministers; to increase contacts of ministers with agricultural leaders.

Courses, taught by experts with a variety of training and experiences, are offered in the following subjects: The Country Church and our Generation, Inter-Church Cooperation, Week-day Religious Education, Dramatics and Pageantry, Country Church Efficiency, Problems of Rural Youth, Introduction to Mental Hygiene, The Larger Parish Plan, Social Problems of the Modern Family, Religious Education and the Church School, Agriculture of the Old Testament, Women's Contribution to Leadership, Town-Country Church Readjustments, Leadership Training in Religious Education, Rural Sociology, Rural Values: An Appreciation of Rural Life, Agricultural Economics, Community Recreation, Principles of Social Case Work, Problems of the Public Speaker, The Minister's Message, The Sunday School in the Rural Church, and Adult Education in Rural Life.

Attendance costs at the schools are kept at a minimum, charges being made only for board, room, and registration. A limited number of scholarships are available for Methodist pastors and particulars may be secured by writing either to Dr. A. J. Walton, or Dr. A. H. Rapping, of the Department of Town and Country Work of the Board of Missions and Church Extension, 150 Fifth Avenue, New York 11, N. Y. Announcements including dates, places and leaders of the various courses may also be secured from this address. Several institutes are being held by the Committee on Sharecropper Work.

FAITH

"Man's destiny is a great one because the essence of it is tragic. All that he builds crumbles; all that he embodies turns to dust; all that he loves most, he must one day leave behind him. That which alone endures on earth is the spirit in which he understands and meets his fate. This he passes on to his children and his comrades: only a breath indeed, but the breath of life. Death comes to all; but death comes best to those who are ready to die so that Man may live. The words of Jesus are ultimate in their wisdom: 'He that loses his life shall find it.'"

"That applies to individual men; it applies to nations and peoples. No smaller faith will console us for temporary defeats, sustain us in the strength to push through to victory."—New Orleans Christian Advocate.