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"The World is My Parish" — John Wesley

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

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Gambling Permitted And Libraries Prohibited

CITIZENS of Arkansas who are interested in the moral, cultural and religious development of our state, have had a rather disillusioning experience in the election which has just passed.

When a majority of the citizens of the state votes to continue legalized gambling, and gives its approval, by vote, for the state to continue its shameful alliance with the gambling business, and, in the same election, refuses, by its vote, to allow counties desiring them to have public libraries, we must realize that our beloved state has a long distance to travel before it reaches the goal marked out for it by the better citizenship of the state.

Personally we do not believe that a majority of the citizens of Arkansas favors legalized gambling. Neither do we believe that a majority of our people disapproved public libraries. It is quite possible that the determining factor in the vote of many was the tax bugaboo. Despite the millions of dollars now lying in our state treasury, we were told that additional taxes would be necessary to make up the deficit when gambling profits were no more. Likely others were afraid of the additional tax necessary in the counties which might vote to have public libraries.

Whatever may have been the determining cause for this disappointing ballot, it is a sad commentary on the life of any state when, on the same ballot, it votes to permit legalized gambling and to prohibit public libraries to those who want them.

Sixteen Years In The White House

IF HIS physical condition will enable him to live through the tremendous grind of it all, President Roosevelt will spend sixteen consecutive years in the White House as our President; this is just twice the number of years any other leader of our nation has served in this capacity.

This is such a departure from our national customs as could hardly have been envisioned even a few short years ago. The fact that our nation has made this radical departure from a custom as old as our national history, without disturbing the balance of our national life, is evidence that Democracy is bigger and stronger than customs and is evidence that Democracy can function in an orderly manner in the midst of the greatest crisis our nation and the world has known.

The close popular vote throughout the nation is evidence that there are various notions and opinions regarding President Roosevelt. All American minds, however, would likely be unanimous in evaluating one quality of this unusual man—he is the most astute, shrewd, versatile politician in American history.

The next four years will be fateful years in the history of our nation and in the history of the world. President Roosevelt will need the support of every right-thinking American. Regardless of how individuals marked their ballots in the election just passed, all should join in the common purpose to win the war, to win the peace and to accept our full responsibility the building of a better world and a better America.

It Has Happened Again

WITH the reading of the appointments of ministers to their various charges at Hot Springs last Sunday afternoon, the Little Rock Conference came to a close. With the closing of this conference there passed into history the sessions of the two Annual Conferences in Arkansas for 1944.

The Little Rock Annual Conference, under the leadership of Bishop Paul E. Martin, was a great spiritual experience of good fellowship, of high inspiration and of deep consecration. No other Bishop of this area has, in so short a time, won such universal trust and confidence of the ministers and members of our church as has Bishop Martin. It was our privilege to attend the conference sessions in both the North Arkansas and Little Rock Conferences. It is our feeling that the spirit in both of these Conferences was never of a higher order. Ministers and laymen alike returned to their respective places of service feeling that the Holy Spirit was present in an unusual way.

There is nothing else quite like an Annual Conference. In Arkansas, for

Speak to the children of Israel that they go forward.—Exodus 14:15.

each of our conferences, it meant that about two hundred ministers came to conference looking to the constituted authorities to select their places of service for the coming year and having given their pledge that they would abide by their decision. Three times that many churches in each conference look to the Bishop and his cabinet to furnish them ministerial leadership. The churches too are morally and legally bound to accept the decision of those in authority. In no other institution of size is there such mutual trust and confidence. In no other organization is there such a holy abandon of self to the judgment of constituted authorities. In no other institution is there such a complete surrender of personal interests and ambitions for the good of the whole.

Turning from these Annual Conferences we enter one of the most fateful years of world history and possibly one of the most decisive years in church history. It is the general opinion that the war in Europe cannot last longer than the middle of 1945. When peace comes and plans are being made for the New World Order and the period of reconstruction is on us, the church will lead out with vigor, with vision and with undiminished faith in its world mission, or it will largely lose its place in the upsurging life of a newborn world. What the church does this year may determine its place in the current of the world's life "for the next thousand years."

Conferences Vote To Buy Episcopal Home

BY THE action of the recent Jurisdictional Conference in Tulsa, Little Rock was designated as the place of residence for the Bishop of the Arkansas-Louisiana Area. In accord with that action Bishop Paul E. Martin is making Little Rock his home and his headquarters for the area.

Since this area does not own an episcopal residence, it was necessary for Bishop Martin to rent a house for his home. At both of our Annual Conferences in Arkansas a resolution passed unanimously authorizing the purchase of a place, in Little Rock, for use as a permanent home for the Bishop of this area. Such a home would be the property of the Methodist Church just as a district parsonage or a church parsonage is the property of the church.

This is a very practical movement for more reasons than one. In the first place it would hardly be possible to rent permanently the type of house which our church would like to have as our Bishop's home. In the second place, if Little Rock is to be the home of the Bishop of this area, he should have a permanent address, which would not at all be certain so long as it is necessary for him to rent his place of residence. In the third place, the action of the Jurisdictional Conference, fixing Little Rock as the place of residence for the Bishop of this area, holds, legally, only for this quadrennium. The place of residence for the Bishop of this area could be changed at the next Jurisdictional Conference if that conference saw fit to do so.

While the same reasons might obtain, four years from now, that caused Little Rock to be chosen as headquarters for this area, we can, by the purchase of an episcopal home in Little Rock, create a strong, additional reason for naming Little Rock as headquarters for this area. Ministers and laymen in both of our Arkansas conferences wholeheartedly favored this movement.

"Current News In Arkansas Methodism"

AS EDITOR and business manager of the Arkansas Methodist, we have been quite conscious, throughout our official relationship with the publication, that the paper has not been carrying enough material about the activities of the Methodist Church and Methodist ministers in Arkansas. We have felt, for some time, that this is a decided weakness in the paper's makeup.

To remedy that deficiency, so far as we are able, we have set up a new page which we plan to run weekly—"Current News In Arkansas Methodism." We are "walking by faith" in planning for this page. If it is as helpful and newsy as such a page should be, it will be necessary for us to have a lot of help from our readers out in the field.

May we again urge pastors to make reports of the matters of interest in their charges. Such a page could be crowded with intensely interesting reports every week, if pastors were to report only a small percent of the interesting happenings in their charges. We believe such matters hold high value for the churches making the reports and for the church general

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Reports Of District Superintendents, Little Rock Conference

Bishop Paul E. Martin and Brethren of the Little Rock Conference:

We, the District Superintendents of the Little Rock Conference, present to you a report for the year now closing. In many respects it has been one of the best years in the history of our great Conference. Without exception the pastors have been faithful in their ministry, and so far as we can now estimate every pastoral charge in the Conference has paid in full all financial obligations set up in the budgets at the beginning of the year, and many congregations have voluntarily gone beyond their goals. A detailed statement of these items will appear in the Conference minutes. Because there is insufficient time and it would tax your patience we do not now present to you all details. We invite your careful study of the Conference minutes when they are published. Particular mention is made of the Little Rock and Pine Bluff Districts. Both accepted the full askings on Benevolences and have paid more than the acceptances. All seven districts have made marked advances in acceptances and payments on Benevolences. Pastors' salaries, and all related items, have been increased and are paid in full. One project of great interest to the entire Conference has been successfully consummated: that is the purchase of the Ozark Sanitorium in Hot Springs; all Districts have responded magnificently to this great undertaking.

The Board of Evangelism has given us great leadership. Revival meetings have been held in almost every church in the Conference. The district directors of Evangelism have been active and aggressive in their leadership. There have been 2223 additions on profession of faith and 2758 by certificate.

The other major boards of the Conference have given great leadership and loyal cooperation, resulting in advances in education, missions, and finances. The Board of Lay Activities, under the leadership of Dr. Matt L. Ellis, Conference Lay Leader, has given inspiration and support for the total program of the church. The district lay leaders have given loyal support.

The Woman's Society of Christian Service, under the leadership of Mrs. A. R. McKinney, Conference President, and the other Conference officers and district officers, has made marked progress.

Due to the fact that three of our fellow district superintendents, Dr. C. M. Reves, W. Neill Hart and J. L. Dedman, because of time limits must return to the pastorate, we feel that some detailed account should be given of their splendid records. The reports of all the District Superintendents reveal the best conditions that have prevailed for years. We give particular emphasis to these three whose council and cooperation have been so helpful. Brief detailed statements for each of the other districts is here given:

CAMDEN DISTRICT

The District has a membership of 16,388, 3,100 of whom are non-resident, which leaves an active membership of 13,288. We have received 478 members on profession of faith, and 317 by certificate,

making a total of 735 members received. We have a total enrollment of 7,356 in the Church School. We have 38 societies of the W. S. C. S. with a membership of 2000. The Camden District W. S. C. S. has a program of rural work with Miss Frances Preibe in the field. The county in which she works is Columbia, with headquarters in Magnolia. There are 17 Methodist Churches within the bounds of this county plus two that are in Magnolia. Every one of these in the rural area is well located and pro-

been presented to the churches of the Camden District have been generously paid.

It would take too much of our time to relate the achievements of each pastor and church. All have done well, and some have accomplished even more than was expected of them. Our laymen have been loyal, and in spite of the extra burdens and lingering anxieties and sorrows, they have been true.

It has been a joy to be associated with the Camden District for the

records of finances are as follows:

Benevolences, \$20,738 (110% of Askings—\$18,145 assessed); Day of Dedication, \$2,120; Paid on Church Debts in Quadrennium, \$110,183; 20% increase in salaries in 4 years; 33% increase in benevolences in 4 years. We paid on Sustentation—Pastors: \$700; Churches: \$595. We have raised \$114,700 in bonds for building purposes and received gifts of \$2500 to City Board of Missions. We have raised for all purposes, \$255,476.

One new church has been added with a membership of 32, 135 are enrolled in the Church School, with a building valued at \$7,500. There are six men from this district in the chaplaincy. Two have been recommended for admission on trial. All pastors have been faithful in their work, and to them is due credit for the achievements which have been recorded. (From the report of Dr. C. M. Reves)

NEW DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENTS



DR. E. CLIFTON RULE
Little Rock District



DR. CONNER MOREHEAD
Camden District



REV. FRED R. HARRISON
Pine Bluff District

vides a base of operation. It is possible to make this one of the greatest centers of rural Methodism within the state.

We have had increases in salaries and Benevolences within almost every charge, and all acceptances are in full. The last debt on church property within the district has been paid. Two new parsonages have been purchased and paid for. Many churches and parsonages have been repaired. The amount of \$28,600 has been raised for repair and payment of debts. We have raised around \$30,000 for the Methodist Hospital of Arkansas located in the city of Hot Springs. All other needs that have

second time. Just one year has been more or less like a visit home. It has given us an opportunity to renew old friendships and make new friends. We trust that our labors have been fruitful for the church. (From the report of the Rev. J. L. Dedman.)

LITTLE ROCK DISTRICT

We have received 473 on profession of faith; 875 by letter; a total of 1348. We have baptized 219 infants. Our present membership is 20,256. There are 28 W. S. C. S. organizations with a total of 2039 members. During the year they raised \$16,098. We have a Church School enrollment of 10,153. The

PINE BLUFF DISTRICT

We have had 91 infants baptized and 217 others baptized. We have had 297 additions on profession of faith and 429 additions by certificate—a total of 726 additions, and a total membership of 11,604. We have 51 Church Schools; 525 Officers and Teachers and our total enrollment of Church Schools is 6375. We have had 25 Vacation Church Schools with a total enrollment of 998. We have had 205 enrolled in Training Classes or Schools. We have 28 organizations of W. S. C. S. with a membership of 2278; \$6553 was raised for local work by W. S. C. S., and we have sent \$4632 to the Conference Treasurer. A grand total of \$11,185 was raised by the W. S. C. S. \$18,038 was raised for building and improvement; \$44,463 was paid on pastor's salary (All charges in full, some over); \$6,234 was paid to the District Superintendent; \$989 was paid to Episcopal Fund; \$5357 was paid to Conference Claimants. Our district apportionment for World Service was \$11,928. \$11,930 was accepted by charges (every charge accepting full asking); \$11,984 was paid on Acceptance (every charge paying in full or over). \$284 was paid on General and Jurisdictional Conference Fund over the district asking. \$1836 was special gift to World Service. Dedication Offering and World Communion Sunday (Not complete). \$20,450 was paid to benevolent causes (as compared with \$6,884 paid for the same causes six years ago—nearly 3 times as much). We paid \$559 on Church School Rally Day; \$503 to Methodist Youth Mission Pledge; \$2280 to Orphanage (\$1000 more than last year); \$1564 to Hendrix Ministerial Education Fund; \$862 to District Work. The District parsonage debt was cleared 4 years early. We paid \$842 to Sustentation Fund. We raised \$21,000 plus—Cash in hand—for Methodist Hospital pledges to bring the total between \$25,000 and \$30,000. We have 1098 subscriptions to the Arkansas Methodist. We raised over \$160,000 grand total for all purposes. There is no indebtedness on any church property in district. We have names on practically every church and many pulpit

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THE DEVOTIONAL PAGE

H. O. BOLIN, Editor

SELLING THEIR BIRTH-RIGHT

An Associated Press dispatch from Walsenburg, Colorado, tells the following story:

"A Walsenburg woman, busy at a postoffice table, brushed \$1,200 in Government bonds into a wastebasket.

"Returning home, she discovered the loss and called the police.

"She didn't worry long. Three small boys, who fished the bonds out of the wastebasket, tried to cash them for ice-cream cones at a drugstore."

What an analogy! These boys, you say, certainly were foolish to try to buy three ice-cream cones at a cost of more than a thousand dollars. But the boys were more interested in their appetites and in ice-cream cones than they were in Government bonds. Aren't there many grown-up children battering just as valuable things in life for returns as trivial and worthless as these little fellows? We see people, daily, spending large amounts of money for things which actually harm, rather than help their bodies and lives. Many moderns are selling their birthrights in heaven for messes of pottage.

"What shall a man give in exchange for his soul?" (Mark 8: 37).—Evangelical-Messenger.

LORD HELP ME

To keep first things first.

To be more critical of myself than of others.

To walk in the light I have rather than try to escape by measuring myself by others.

To be first of all just, and after this benevolent and merciful.

To keep a kindly spirit and love the sinner while I hate and condemn the sin.

To have an influence that is positively good.

To keep my heart by prayer, the reading of the Word, and faithful living.

To consider first not what will please me but what the near and far results of my act may be.

To care that others perish, and do what I can to save them—even by "personal evangelism."—Free Methodist.

FOUR D's CAUSE DELINQUENCY

Judge E. J. Milne, superintendent of the Whittier State School for Boys, in California, says, "If you want to see what causes delinquency among boys, come to our school on visitors' day. The four causes are death, divorce, drunkenness, and desertion. Other causes are, permitting children to be out at night, and having no parents at home to greet them when they return."—Religious Digest.

It is great to have friends when one is young, but indeed it is still more so when you are getting old. When we are young, friends are, like everything else, a matter of course. In the old days we know what it means to have them.—Edvard Grieg.

TRUST

*I know not what the future holds,
Of good or ill for me and mine;
I only know that God enfolds
Me in His loving arms divine.*

*So I shall walk the earth in trust
That He who notes the sparrow's fall
Will help me bear whate'er I must
And lend an ear whene'er I call.*

*It matters not if dreams dissolve
Like mist beneath the morning sun,
For swiftly as the world revolves
So swiftly will life's race be run.*

*It matters not if hopes depart,
Or life be pressed with toil and care;
If love divine shall fill my heart
And all be sanctified with prayer.*

*Then let me learn submission sweet
In every thought, in each desire,
And humbly lay at his dear feet
A heart aglow with heavenly fire.*

—Anonymous.

From "Poems With Power To Strengthen the Soul." Compiled by James Mudge.

FIRST THINGS FIRST

In the midst of the greatest sermon ever preached Jesus said, "Seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you." There is no better advice for our nation and our particular generation. We are not a nation of criminals; though our record along this line should make us blush. We are still fairly decent people. Crime still makes news in our country. One man commits a crime and his name and deed is spoken of far and wide; a million other men go about their daily affairs and their names never get in print. This is a compliment to us. Our trouble is not the fact that we are a nation of criminals; our affliction is materialism. I doubt if there has ever been another generation or another nation so deeply cursed as we are with this sin. We have been so richly blessed with the material things of life that we have come to look upon these things as the chief good in life. We are putting second things first. We measure a man's success by the size of his bank account. Even the success of ministers is measured largely by the size and wealth of the churches they serve and the amount of salary they draw. The church will never prosper spiritually until this point of emphasis is changed.

This passage comes out of some strong talk by the Master. He is contrasting the value of material things as set over against spiritual qualities. Better than any one else, Jesus, knew that a person's character is largely moulded by that which he sets up as the chief good in life. He knew that where the treasure is, there will be the heart also. He realized that material things are transitory and that spiritual qualities are eternal. Material

things are always subject to the moth and rust that corrupt and the thieves that break through to steal. He, therefore, admonished that we lay up our treasure in heaven. Then He went on to say "the kingdom of heaven is within you." Paul said, "The kingdom of God is not meat and drink; but righteousness, and peace, and joy in the Holy Ghost." It is right relationship between ourselves and people of all colors and races, and God. It is right-doing as between man and man and man and God. It is an all-inclusive love which makes room for goodwill in one's heart even for his rankest enemies:

*"He drew a circle and left me out;
Heathen; infidel; a thing to flout.
But love and I had the wit to win;
We drew a circle and took him in."*

The only hope of this world is that races and people everywhere will be able to draw a circle of love which will take all in. Failure to do this will prove the undoing of the human family, but somehow I feel we will catch this vision before the precipice is reached. By the grace and help of God, we will come to put first things first, integrity of character; honesty of heart; sincerity of purpose; opportunities and necessities for all before special privileges and luxuries for any; all of which shall be motivated by an undying love for God and mankind. "Seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you."—H. O. B.

Ten minutes spent in Christ's society every day; aye, two minutes, if it be face to face and heart to heart, will make the whole life different.—Henry Drummond.

HABIT OF RIGHT THINKING

To cultivate the habit of right thinking about life and its high possibilities—that is one of life's imperatives. The man whose greatest and most valued possessions are material, that man is poor, indeed. The man who has a soaring and at the same time disciplined spirit, who lives and works consciously with God day by day, who has insight and wisdom as he thinks about himself and his fellows in life, who has developed a heart overflowing with instructed love; that man belongs to the truly rich among mankind. He not only possesses wealth but he gives true wealth to the world.—Winfred Rhoades.

A PRAYER

Dear Father, so lead us that we shall neither stumble nor fall. Help us to know the way in which we should go. Be patient with us when we falter. We ask Thy forgiveness when we err, and pray that the end of our journey may be certain and joyous. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.—Front Rank.

WE CLING TO THEE

O God, we come to Thee and we cling to Thee; Thou art the only unfailing source of truth and justice and peace.

We are deeply penitent for our individual sins and for our share in the sin of the world, for any covetousness or greed, for any jealousy or envy, for any suspicion or fear, for any pride or prejudice, for any bigotry or hatred.

O God, when the foundations are being shaken, what can the righteous do but turn afresh to Thee? Thy holy hand is upon the helm of life. Help us to have such an assurance of Thy power, wisdom, and goodness, and such an unfailing experience of Thy presence in our lives and in our world that we shall not be moved.

In the hour of our country's peril may we be true and steadfast, doing our very best to preserve our priceless liberties, for which our fathers fought, trusting Thee! Crowd out of our hearts all self-righteous pride and all bitterness against our enemies.

Hold us fast in every time of trial, and console us in the hour of sorrow and loss. Enable us to bear true witness to our faith in our daily lives. May we adorn the doctrine we profess in faithful, consistent Christian living. Open to us, day by day, the unfailing resources of fresh spiritual power in Thy holy Word, in worship, in fellowship, and in believing prayer. May we continue to look and work and pray for the coming of Thy kingdom on earth, and lovingly seek to do Thy will here as it is done in heaven. For our Savior's sake we pray. Amen.—William H. Houlkes.

I fell into the habit of talking with God on every occasion. I talk myself asleep at night, and open the morning talking with Him.—Horace Bushnell.

Individual Reports Of Pastors---Little Rock Conference

NEW EDINBURG CIRCUIT: W. T. Bone, pastor. Received 33 members, 27 on profession of faith. Salaries and World Service 100 percent. Paid \$350.00 for improvements on church.

TILLAR-WINCHESTER: James E. Major, pastor. Received 29 members, 21 on profession of faith. Salaries and World Service 100 percent. Askings for World Service paid in full.

PRESCOTT: S. T. Baugh, pastor. Received 35 members, 13 on profession of faith. Salaries and World Service 100 percent. Increase in Sunday School enrollment.

WALDO: O. C. Birdwell, pastor. Received 17 members, 4 on profession of faith. Salaries and World Service 100 percent. No debt. Askings for World Service paid in full.

FORRESTER: Rev. A. E. Jacobs, pastor. Members received 12, 2 on profession of faith. Salaries and World Service paid 100 percent. Church enrollment has increased 114.

KEITH MEMORIAL, MALVERN: C. R. Roy, pastor. Received 10 members, 2 on profession of faith. Salaries 100 percent plus and World Service 100 percent. Paid for improvements on church \$50.00 and on parsonage \$650. Increase in Sunday School enrollment. Askings for World Service paid in full.

ARKADELPHIA CIRCUIT: Joe W. Hunter, pastor. Received 13 members on profession of faith. Salaries and World Service 100 percent. Paid on debt retirement \$100.00. Increase in Sunday School enrollment.

STUTTGART FIRST CHURCH: Rev. Otto Teague, pastor. Received in the church 54, 18 on profession of faith. Salaries and World

Service paid 100 percent. The Church School enrollment has increased.

COUCHWOOD: Rev. Albert Burroughs, pastor. Received this year 7, 3 on profession of faith. The Sunday School enrollment has increased 30 percent. A new church is being built at Morning Star.

TEXARKANA CIRCUIT: Rev. E. T. McAfee, pastor. Received in the church 11, 10 on profession of faith. Salaries and World Service 100 percent. Paid on church improvements \$200.00. and on parsonage \$100.00.

MURFREEBORO-DELIGHT: Rev. C. C. Vanzant, pastor. Members received 31, 22 on profession of faith. Salaries and World Service 100 percent. Paid on church improvements \$400.00.

DERMOTT: Rev. W. R. Boyd, pastor. Members received 19, 9 on profession of faith. Salaries paid 100 percent and World Service 50 percent. Paid on church improvements \$75.00. The Sunday School enrollment has increased.

FOUNTAIN HILL CIRCUIT: J. A. Tadlock, pastor. Received 10 members, 5 on profession of faith. Salaries and World Service 100 percent. Increased interest in young people's work at Extra and Zion.

DODDRIDGE: G. B. Pixley, pastor. Received 7 members, 6 on profession of faith. Salaries and World Service 100 percent. Paid for improvements on church \$35.00. Increase in Sunday School enrollment.

HATFIELD: S. W. Mooty, pastor. Received 29 members, 19 on profession of faith. Paid for improvements on church \$225.00 and on parsonage \$120.00. Increase in Sunday School enrollment.

PRINCETON: J. C. Van Horn, pastor. Received 8 members, 3 on profession of faith. Salaries and World Service 100 percent. Paid for improvements on church \$700.00. Askings for World Service paid in full. All special offerings taken with good response.

WASHINGTON: D. L. McCauley, pastor. Received 15 members on profession of faith. Salaries and World Service 100 percent. Paid for improvements on church \$120.00 and on parsonage \$90.00. Increase in Sunday School enrollment.

LEOLA: Clyde Swift, pastor. Received 27 members, 24 on profession of faith. Salaries 115 percent and World Service 100 percent. Paid for improvements on church \$200.00 and on parsonage \$6.45. Increase in Sunday School enrollment. All special offerings paid in full.

OKLAWN, HOT SPRINGS: B. F. Fitzhugh, pastor. Received 68 members, 25 on profession of faith. Salaries and World Service 100 percent. Paid for improvements on church \$1145.00 and on parsonage \$130.00. Askings for World Service paid in full.

PRESCOTT CIRCUIT: Wesley Reutz, pastor. Received 7 members, 2 on profession of faith. Paid for improvements on church \$50.00. Askings for World Service paid in full. Two Youth Fellowship and one W. S. C. S. organized. Two churches improved.

SPRINGHILL: Osborne White, pastor. Received 19 members, 14 on profession of faith. Salaries and World Service 100 percent. Paid for improvements on church \$172.00 and on parsonage \$12.00. Askings for World Service paid in full.

COLLEGE HILL, TEXARKANA: Clyde T. Parsons, pastor. Received 16 members, 12 on profession of faith. Salaries and World Service 100 percent. Paid for improvements on church \$198.00 and on parsonage \$12.00. Paid \$330.00 on Hospital Fund.

DALARK CIRCUIT: Forney Harvey, pastor. Received 8 members, 2 on profession of faith. Salaries and World Service 100 percent. Paid for church improvements \$1500.00. A 10 percent increase in Sunday School enrollment. Built one new church at a cost of \$1500.00.

TEXARKANA FIRST CHURCH: Rev. Aubrey Walton, pastor. Received in the church 92, 32 on profession of faith. Salaries and World Service 100 percent. Paid on Church improvements \$974.00. There has been an increase in Church School enrollment.

FORDYCE: Rev. B. F. Roebuck, pastor. Received in the church 33, 15 on profession of faith. Salaries and World Service paid 100 percent. Paid on church improvements \$800.00. The Church School enrollment has increased. \$1000.00 has been added to the parsonage fund.

MINERAL SPRINGS: Rev. W. C. Lewis, pastor. Members received 8, 3 on profession of faith. Salaries and World Service paid 100 percent. Paid on church improvements \$400.00. Paid on debt retirement \$100.00. There has been an increase in Sunday School enrollment.

LITTLE PRAIRIE: R. L. Diffie, pastor. Received 7 members, 5 on profession of faith. Salaries and World Service 100 percent. Paid for improvements on church \$75.00. Askings for World Service paid in full. Paid \$375.00 on Hospital Fund.

TAYLOR: Rev. E. H. Martin, pastor. Members received 60, 9 on profession of faith. Salaries and World Service paid 100 percent. Paid on church improvements \$400.00. Building a new church after Conference, and repairing the parsonage.

WATSON-KELSO: Rev. S. C. Dugger, pastor. Members received 43, 38 on profession of faith. Salaries and World Service paid 100 percent. Paid on church improvements \$100.00, and on parsonage \$25.00. The church has bought a new piano and new hymn books for \$445.00.

ANTOINE CIRCUIT: A. N. Youngblood, pastor. Received 10 members, 8 on profession of faith. Salaries and World Service 100 percent. Paid for improvements on church \$200.00 and on parsonage \$600.00. Increase in Sunday School enrollment. Askings for World Service paid in full plus. Paid on Hospital Fund \$90.00.

PARKER'S CHAPEL AND FREDONIA: T. D. Spruce, pastor. Received 29 members, 17 on profession of faith. Salaries and World Service 100 percent. Paid for improvements on church \$750.00 and on parsonage \$300.00. Increase in Sunday School enrollment. Askings for World Service paid in full.

CHIDESTER: Kirvin A. Hale, pastor. Received 45 members, 40 on profession of faith. Salaries and World Service 100 percent. Paid for improvements on church \$1300.00 and on parsonage \$1350.00. Increase in Sunday School enrollment. Askings for World Service paid in full.

ROE CIRCUIT: C. R. Andrews, pastor. Received 13 members, 4 on profession of faith. Salaries and World Service 100 percent. Paid for improvements on parsonage \$100.00. Askings for World Service paid in full. Had four Vacation Bible School, two where there had never been one before.

SPARKMAN-SARDIS: J. A. Newell, pastor. Received 15 members, 4 on profession of faith. Salaries and World Service 100 percent. Increase in Sunday School enrollment. Askings for World Service paid in full. New pulpit furniture, pulpit Bible, Butane in church, \$1100.00 building fund.

AMITY: Rev. E. T. Miller, pastor. Received 26 members this year, six on profession of faith. Salaries and World Service paid 100 percent.

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"CURRENT NEWS IN ARKANSAS METHODISM"

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throughout the state. The space for such matters is not limited to a page. The management of the Arkansas Methodist would be glad to have two or three pages of such material each week, if our pastors or their members will send us the material.

This request is not born of any shortage of material for publication. We get more general material than could be carried in a publication twice the size of the Arkansas Methodist. We do have a shortage of material about Methodism in Arkansas which we hope that our preachers will help to relieve. Help us to make "Current News In Arkansas Methodism" the interesting page it could be.

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REPORT OF DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENTS, LITTLE ROCK CONFERENCE

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Bibles were purchased. (From the report of Rev. W. Neill Hart)

MONTICELLO DISTRICT

Membership: Additions on profession of faith 233; Additions by certificate 348; Infants baptized 32. We raised for World Service \$8613.00 which was 88% of askings—a 33.7% increase. We raised for Ministerial Support: Pastors Salaries \$35356.00; District Superintendent \$5047; Episcopal Fund \$811.00; Conference Claimants \$3443.00. We raised for Specials: Orphanage \$1511.00; Hendrix and Ministerial Education \$1059.00; Week of Dedication \$776.00; World Wide Communion Sunday \$497.00; Church School Day Offering \$398.00—a total of \$58111.00. We have 990 subscribers to the Arkansas Methodist. In the work of Christian Education we had: Enrollment in Church Schools 4841; Training Schools and Classes 10; Enrolled in training schools and classes 246; Credits earned in training schools and classes 170; Youth attending Assembly 41; Churches represented at Assembly 21. The W. S. C. S. has 24 organizations with 731 members. The district has no indebtedness. We raised for Hospital Fund: Cash \$8129.00—Pledged \$1640.00—Total \$9769.00. (From the report of the Rev. Arthur Terry)

PRESCOTT DISTRICT

The Prescott District is made up of 21 charges, it has 78 preaching places, and owns 75 houses of worship. The active membership is 7614. The inactive or non-resident membership is 2103.

We have had good revivals throughout the district, with 211 additions on profession of faith, and 215 by certificate, a total of 426. We have baptized 62 children and 92 adults. We have 880 Arkansas Methodist subscribers and 42 Christian Advocate subscribers. Seven Daily Vacation Bible Schools were held, with fine results.

All finances of the District are in fine shape. All salaries, specials, and Conference items are paid in full, some overpaid.

Benevolences and World Service Acceptances are in full, plus, and show a 16% increase over last year. This year the District paid for World Service, \$5571.00. The items of Conference Claimants in the amount of \$2704.00 is a 25% increase over last year. Preachers salaries were almost 15% higher this year than last. On Dedication and World Communion Offerings we paid \$1243.00. \$930.00 was paid on indebtedness. We have two new parsonage homes, one at Nashville, built at a cost of \$6000.00 and paid for. Another at Blevins at cost of \$3000.00 is paid for. The District almost doubled its offering to our Orphanage this year, paying \$991.00.

All in all, this has been a good year. Pastors and people have been faithful, and God has honored our efforts. To Him, let our thanks be given. (From the report of the Rev. Van W. Harrell)

TEXARKANA DISTRICT

We had infants baptized, 68; Youth and Adults baptized, 104. We received from Preparatory Class and by profession of faith,

270. We received by certificate, 180, a total received of 450. We held 68 revivals. We had 3 Home visitation programs. We have 61 Church Schools with a total enrollment of 5469. We had 10 Vacation Bible Schools with a total enrollment for Vacation Schools of 457. Our training program enrolled 140.

We have 904 subscribers to the Arkansas Methodist; World Outlook, 159; Methodist Woman, 177; Upper Room, 890.

We have 30 W. S. C. S. organizations (including the Wesleyan Guilds) with a membership of 870. We sent to W. S. C. S. Treasurer \$3800.00 and raised for all other purposes, \$4100.00.

We have 74 preaching places; Churches, 64. The value of Church buildings is \$400,950.00. We paid for improvements on church buildings, \$5265.00. We have 21 parsonages valued at \$61,500.00. We paid for improvements on parsonages, \$2825.00.

All items of ministerial support was paid in full (plus). All acceptances for General and Conference (plus), (with a 16% increase over acceptances for last year).

We raised for Methodist Orphanage, \$1045; Dedication, \$814; Church School Day, \$458; Fellowship and Suffering and World Communion, \$864; Hendrix College Chapel, \$3350; Methodist Hospital Campaign, \$8800.

This has been a great year. All pastors have been most faithful. They with their families have been the "salt of the earth and the light of the world." All officials of the Church have been at their best to furnish excellent leadership for the Church. All District leaders have given unfailing cooperation to the total program of the Church. (From the report of the Rev. A. J. Christie)

ARKADELPHIA DISTRICT

The Arkadelphia District is composed of twenty-three charges, and has 74 preaching places. There are 8952 active members and 1359 non-resident members. During the year we have had good revivals with 261 professions of faith and 394 additions by certificate, a total of 655; 43 infants have been baptized and 87 adults.

There are 826 subscribers to the Arkansas Methodist and 74 subscribers to the Christian Advocate. We have had nine Daily Vacation Schools.

All finances are in full and overpaid. Special mention should be made of the following charges: Benton Station overpaid the askings on benevolences \$250.00; Pullman Heights, Hot Springs, overpaid all items; Arkadelphia Station, First Church Hot Springs, Benton, Sparkman-Sardis and Friendship Circuit accepted the full askings on benevolences. The total amount paid on benevolences is \$8591. In most cases the salaries are increased over last year. A total of \$130,870.00 has been raised for all purposes. All special offerings were made, the quotas being in full. First Church Arkadelphia has remodeled the educational building. Morning Star, near Hot Springs, has erected a new church. There is a new church organized at Fountain Lake. There is no indebtedness on Church Buildings.

All the pastors have been faithful and the people have been loyal

WPB STUDIES DIFFICULTIES IN MEETING DEMANDS FOR SACRED VESSELS

WASHINGTON, D. C. (RNS)—Difficulties in meeting demands for sacred vessels because of restrictions on the use of silver are being studied by the War Production Board. In addition, WPB is giving attention to shortages in chalices and other sacred vessels caused by the decline in imports.

At a meeting of the Church Goods Manufacturers Industry Advisory Committee, WPB reported that limited quantities of copper and brass are available to church goods manufacturers upon application to the WPB. Permission to use these metals may be granted when the church goods are essential for conducting religious services or for religious devotion.

WPB offered no hope of relaxing nickel restrictions in the immediate future. It was reported that certain types of plastics are available in limited quantities.

BISHOP LEE REPORTS 159 CHAPLAIN CASUALTIES

NEW YORK (RNS)—Reporting that there were 7,708 chaplains in the U. S. Army, Bishop Edwin F. Lee, director of the General Commission on Army and Navy Chaplains, revealed here that 159 of them have been war casualties. He spoke at a dinner given chaplains of the Greater New York area by the Congregational Christian Churches.

The Rev. Frederick L. Fagley, Chairman of the National Committee on Army and Navy Chaplains of the Congregational Christian Churches, pledged to the chaplains the faithful backing of the churches.

METHODIST'S APPOINT REPRESENTATIVE TO NEGRO PRESS

NEW YORK (RNS)—Creation of the part-time office of Representative to the Negro Press was announced here by the Commission on Public Information of the Methodist Church. The position will be filled by the Rev. Daniel Lyman Rideout, pastor of Camphor Memorial Methodist Church in Philadelphia.

The Methodist Church has 3,115 Negro congregations with a total membership of 330,600, and Mr. Rideout will serve both the Negro and general press with news of their activities.

and generous (From the report of the Rev. J. E. Cooper)

We began the year under the leadership of Bishop Charles C. Selecman, who for six years gave us great leadership. Bishop Paul E. Martin has begun his work among us in such an efficient and brotherly manner that he has already won our love and confidence. We look forward to a great year under his leadership.

J. E. Cooper,
Secretary to the Cabinet

I never made a sacrifice. We ought not to talk of our sacrifices when we remember the great sacrifice Christ made when He left His Father's throne to give Himself for us.—David Livingstone.

NORTH ARKANSAS CONFERENCE TREASURY NOTES

The new Conference Year starts in high gear.

Conference Honors for first to pay Benevolences for 1944-45 goes to Swifton-Alicia, Batesville District, H. C. Minnis, Pastor, November 3.

Runner-up, Keiser-Garden Point, Linley Vowell, new Pastor, IN FULL November 6. Jonesboro District Honors.

Next, Paragould Circuit, R. B. Howerton, Pastor, IN FULL November 7. Brother Howerton won Conference Honors last year with payment November 17.

Other Charges and Brethren have made payments, beginning at Conference. Benevolences paid to date, November 11, \$867.52. Total collections, 1944-45, \$1,631.35.

These Brethren are showing the way. Honor to them for the good work and zeal for the Church and its mission.

Guy Murphy, Treas.
North Arkansas Conference.

SOUTHERN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH EXPANSION PROGRAM LAUNCHES 166 MISSION PROJECTS

ATLANTA, Ga. (RNS) — The first year of the Home Missionary Emergency Fund conducted by the Presbyterian Church in the U. S. (Southern) saw 166 home mission projects established, according to Dr. S. B. Lapsley, campaign director.

Three years ago, the Church's General Assembly approved a plan to raise \$1,250,000 in five years at the rate of \$250,000 annually for church expansion and evangelistic enterprise. Records for the second year had not been summarized as the campaign for the third year began.

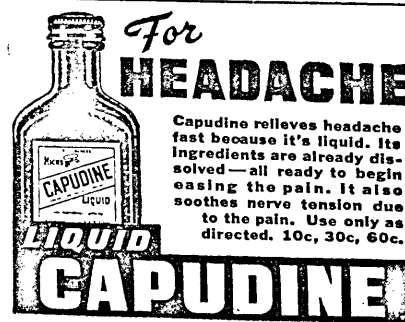
400 JUDGES TO GET COPIES OF KANSAS CITY 'RELEASED TIME' PLAN

KANSAS CITY, Kans. (RNS)—Copies of the "Kansas City Plan," a concise review of the organization of operation of the local weekday church school system, regarded as one of the most outstanding in the country, are being mailed to 400 judges by Judge Clark E. Tucker of the juvenile and probate court here.

Pointing out that there are 200,000 youths in houses of correction in the U. S., Judge Tucker declared that "many of them are there because they violated God's commandment, 'Thou shalt not steal.'"

He said that the weekday church school system had definitely contributed to the reduction and prevention of delinquency among youth of Kansas City.

Never give a man up until he has failed at something he likes.—Lewis E. Lawes.





THE CHILDREN'S PAGE

ANNIE WINBURNE, Editor



IN STORYLAND

A THANKSGIVING PRESENT

"Oh, what a fine red wagon you have!" said little Joe White, peering through the alley fence.

"Yes," replied Howard, "and when I get my pet goat here harnessed up, two or three of us can have a lovely ride."

"Wish I were lucky like you children, with your goat and fine wagon and all," said Joe, as he moved away from the fence and walked down the alley to his own little tumble-down house.

"Kind of too bad about Joe White," remarked Howard that night after mother had finished the bedtime story. "He hasn't got anything to play with—no wagon, no goat, or anything; and I don't suppose he'll have any Thanksgiving dinner." Thelma said, "Yes, and we have pumpkin pie, and candies, and nuts, and all sorts of good things."

"I wish Joe could have as good a dinner," answered Howard. "When I don't like anything at the table and feel like fussing about it, I always think how glad Joe would be to have it. He looks like he felt hungry all the time. I wish we could give him something on Thanksgiving Day to make him happy."

"I'll help you fix up a little Thanksgiving present for Joe and his mother," said Howard's mother, "but you must think out what you want to do. I think you'll enjoy your own dinner better if you know you are sharing it with somebody else who really needs it."

"I've got an idea already!" exclaimed Howard suddenly. "Joe wants a red wagon just dreadfully. He's always talking about mine. I have a box out in the barn and some wheels. I believe I can make him one. Wendell, of course, will want to help, and Thelma can paint it red with some of daddy's paint he had for the fireplace. She's the artist of the family."

"I'll do it all nice," agreed Thelma. "Then we can harness goatie up and take the wagon to Joe Thanksgiving Day."

"But we'll want to put something in the wagon," suggested mother, "What shall it be, something for Thanksgiving dinner?"

"I'll give 'em one of my bunnies," said little Wendell.

"I'll give them one of my pumpkins I raised," said Howard. "Yes, and some potatoes, squashes and onions out of my garden."

"And I'll give them my share of candy, nuts and fruits," added Thelma.

"That will be fine," said mother. "I'll add a mince pie, a new loaf of bread and some other things. I'm sure we'll enjoy our own good dinner better for sharing it with our needy neighbors."

Early Thanksgiving morning the children loaded the new wagon with good things, then harnessed the goat to it and made their way to Joe's house.

"Whew!" cried Joe, as the chil-



—Photo by James R. Berry.

WE THANK THEE, FATHER

*We Thank Thee, Father
For Thy loving care,
For Thy beautiful world
And the wonders we share.*

*For mothers and fathers
And homes where we
Love and share with
Our own family.*

*For friends and neighbors
At home and afar,
They are Thy children
Wherever they are.*

*For all of these gifts
To Thy children, we say
"Thank Thee, our Father
For care through each day."*

—A. E. W.

JUST FOR FUN

She: "Oh, James, how grand the sea is. How wonderful! I do so like to hear the roar of the ocean."

He: "So do I, Elizabeth; please keep quiet."—Watchman-Examiner.

Mother—"Norman, did you get that loaf of bread I sent you for?" Norman—"No, store was closed, mom."

Mother—"What! Closed at this hour of the day?"

Norman—"Sure. There was a sign on the door that said 'Home Baking.'"—S. S. Messenger.

dren came up the walk. "What a lovely new wagon! You're a lucky boy, Howard."

"We made it for you," said Thelma. "Yes, and we've brought you a Thanksgiving present. We've had the greatest fun getting it ready for you and your mother."

"The wagon and all that's inside is yours," said Howard smiling.

"Whew! It's a Thanksgiving Day present, is it?" asked Joe, surprised. "Oh, you're so kind." Then he called excitedly, "Mother, come and see the lovely present, and it's all for us!"—Exchange.

A LASTING THANKSGIVING

Lena B. Ellingwood

Tommie Teddie Thompkins was a jolly little lad—

However dark the day might be,
it couldn't make him sad.

A world of pleasant things he found
to keep him always glad.

November, though a dreary time
(so I have heard it said),

Kept Tommie smiling all the month—Thanksgiving was ahead!

Such happiness that day would bring—and such a jolly spread!

Good friends had Tommie, people
smiled whenever he came near.

It warmed one's heart to listen to
his whistling, loud and clear.

Vacation days, or school days, he
was always full of cheer.

In Tommie Teddie's happy heart
Thanksgiving always strayed!

November—or some other month—
no difference it made;

Good times he always managed,
when he worked or when he played!

Don't you suppose that we could
try, in Tommie Teddie's way,

A cause for thankfulness to find—
be cheerful, glad, and gay?

You've no idea what joy 'twould
bring with every passing day!

—In Zion's Herald.

WE SHARE EXPERIENCES

Paragould, Arkansas
November 8, 1944

Dear Boys and Girls:

I am a little girl ten years old. I am in the Fifth Grade at school.

For pets I have a rooster and a little kitty. We have been out to grandma's picking cotton.

I have two brothers and two sisters.

I would like to see my letter in print. — Your friend, Josephine Moore.

RED THE FOX

Down in South Brewer, Maine, two little children are followed about by a lovely little playfellow. At first people could hardly believe their eyes seeing a small red fox on the streets, acting just like any playful puppy.

Asking the children where they got the fox, the people listened to the true childish version of how Red came to be their pet.

"Daddy was coming home from a fishing trip way up to Harrington Lake, when he saw a little animal in the road. He got out of the car and went over to it, picked up a baby fox, and put it in the car, for it was sick or hurt; Daddy didn't know which.

"When he got home, Daddy made a bed for the fox in the cellar, and took care of him until he was strong, then one day he took 'Red' way up in the woods and left him, because Daddy wanted him to find some more little foxes to play with.

"We missed Red because he was just like a puppy, playing with us, and was never tied or never ran away. Mother let Red go anywhere in the house, and he even slept in the chairs. When he wanted to go out he went to the door and barked, and by and by we would hear him bark and scratch at the door, then we would let him in.

"After Red had been gone two days we heard an awful scratching and barking at the kitchen door. Daddy went to open it, and in came Red like a flash, around and around us he jumped and barked. We thought he would eat us up.

"Dogs chase Red sometimes, but they can't catch him. Red never bites; he only takes our hand in his mouth not even nips."

When asked who the fox liked best, the children both said, "Daddy. You know he saved Red's life; why wouldn't he love him best?"

Daddy says "Red adopted us, and wants to live here with our family." —Our Dumb Animals.

A taxi driver, whose fixed fee is twenty cents for the trip from the Mayflower Hotel in Washington to the Navy Building, received just that amount from a prosperous-looking customer.

"That's correct, isn't it?" asked the man as the cabby stared at the two dimes.

"It's correct," said the cabby, "but it ain't right."

Report Of Committee On Goals And Objectives L.R. Conference

Your committee is aware that the times through which we are passing are unusual, and that the Church faces a crucial period, made so by the stupendous tasks ahead, and the overwhelming opportunities for making her influence felt in a world of war and reconstruction. We must, therefore, plan a program adequate to the needs of the people whom we serve, and all for whom we are responsible throughout the world.

We therefore recommend the following:

I. Evangelism

1. That the conference Commission on Evangelism shall be active in the promotion and supervision of a challenging program which will reach every charge.

Evangelistic Goals:

- (1) A substantial increase in attendance at public worship services.
- (2) Daily devotions and family worship in every Methodist home.
- (3) A special season for intensive cultivation in Evangelism in each Church.
- (4) Each Church should have a definite goal to be reached by profession of faith.

II. Education

1. That we keep central in all of our work the appeal to the great motive power of Christian faith and love.
2. That we unite our efforts for a more effective rural program in unchurched or otherwise needy areas.
3. That we lend a new emphasis to the central place of the Bible as the text book of Christian life and work.
4. That we give full support to promoting the offering for Hendrix College and ministerial education, for the Arkansas Methodist Home and for Church School Day.
5. That a comprehensive training program be carried on in all churches where practical.
6. That the Pastors' School be attended by all pastors.
7. That we share fully in the Crusade for Christ, with particular emphasis on increased Church School enrollment and attendance.
8. That we give special attention to the cultivation and enlistment of proper young persons for full time Christian Service.

III. Missions and Church Extension

1. That schools of missions and study classes be promoted in each church, using the textbook "Christ After Chaos."
2. That the opportunity for using the fourth Sunday to promote missionary knowledge and lift World Service Giving, be kept ever before us.
3. That every pastor and pastoral charge assume responsibility for at least one Extension Church School and preaching appointment.
4. That each District have a definite program for establishing a Methodist Church in new territory, and lend financial assistance as needed.
5. Inasmuch as a larger portion of the twenty-five million dollars to be raised in the Crusade for Christ is to be used for missions, we dedicate ourselves to the goals

of both home and foreign objectives.

IV. Women's Work

1. That there be a Woman's Society of Christian Service in each Church.
2. That all women of the Methodist Church be in a W. S. C. S.
3. That there be a Wesleyan Guild for employed women in every society.
4. That every society pledge its full cooperation to the Crusade for Christ.

V. Lay Activities

1. That the Conference Board of Lay Activities promote the program of the General Board which includes: Christian stewardship, Christian fellowship, personal evangelism, lay speaking, adequate Christianizing of personal and community life.
2. That members of Boards of Stewards be trained through specific and practical methods to carry on the business and religious program of the Church. Classes under the leadership of the Pastor and Charge Lay Leader, as part of the regular monthly meetings of the Board, have proved effective.
3. That Laymen's Day as fixed by the General Conferences on the fourth Sunday in February be observed, using lay speakers in every church.
4. That laymen be organized in each church for fellowship and for effective work in all programs of the year.
5. That the Crusade for Christ engage all our powers throughout this quadrennium, so that the objectives of the five-pointed program will be realized.

VI. Methodist Youth Fellowship

1. That Commissions carry on an active program in their respective fields in each local church of the Conference.
2. That we set a goal of \$2000.00 for the Methodist Youth Fund, with a paid pledge from every church.
3. That the Youth Fellowship participate in the Crusade for Christ by:
 - (1) Continuing the Crusade for a New World Order to insure lasting peace.
 - (2) Helping to raise the \$25,000,000 for missionary reconstruction.
 - (3) Actively working in the church-wide evangelistic campaign.
 - (4) Enlisting in the church-wide program of stewardship cultivation.
4. That greater emphasis be given to the volunteer service of the Methodist Youth Fellowship, stressing commitment to fulltime Christian Service.
5. That the importance of student work be stressed:
 - (1) That pastors in local churches write letters to the student and to the pastor of the student church.
 - (2) That Student Recognition Day be observed in each local church.
 - (3) That the Secretary of Student Work in the W. S. C. E. keep in constant contact with students.
 - (4) That home church help the student realize his relation to the church in the college community.

VII. Methodist Publications

1. That, in view of the urgent

need for full publicity for the Crusade for Christ throughout the quadrennium, as well as other church interests, we give special emphasis to the Arkansas Methodist Circulation Campaign, December 31 through January 7, and that the goal be one subscription for every seven active members in a charge.

2. That we emphasize the circulation of the Christian Advocate and The World Outlook.
3. That the Upper Room and other devotional literature be regularly made available to our people.

VIII. Hospitals and Homes

1. That there be Golden Cross directors in each charge.
2. That we pledge ourselves in full cooperation to the purchase and operation of a Methodist Hospital in Arkansas.
3. That December be observed as Arkansas Methodist Home for Children month, with a generous Christmas offering.

IX. Finances

1. That it shall be the goal of each District to accept and pay in full askings on Benevolences and World Service.
2. That each local church be urged to increase the acceptances and make early payments on Benevolences and World Service.
3. That a thorough study be made of paragraphs 261 through 267 in the Methodist Discipline on finances.
4. That the Conference put forth every effort toward reaching the financial goal set in the Crusade for Christ.

X. Hendrix College

That the Little Rock Conference in cooperation with the North Arkansas Conference keep active the agitation for a much needed chapel on the Hendrix campus and move steadily toward the erection of a suitable building.

XI. Conference Council

1. That there be a conference council composed of representatives of each board and committee in the Conference, and that quarter meetings be held in order that there may be closed cooperation and coordination between the various interests of the Church.

XII. Episcopal Residence

1. That the Little Rock Conference in cooperation with the other conferences of the area make definite plans toward the purchase of an Episcopal Residence for the Arkansas-Louisiana area.

XIII. Crusade for Christ

1. That the Little Rock Conference in recognition of the spiritual and economic needs of the nations of the earth and that Christianity lives and expands only when world vision is constantly before its eyes—and that the church will soon face the opportunity of a thousand years:
 - (1) That we pledge ourselves, our time and our money to the fulfillment of all the goals and objectives of the Crusade for Christ.
 - (2) That we pledge our loyalty and full support to Bishop Paul E. Martin, as our leader, in this Christlike effort.

XIV. Calendar—Conference Year 1944-45

- November 20-29—District Set Up Meetings
- November 21—Crusade for Christ Statewide Rally
- December—Methodist Home for Children Offering
- December 31—Student Recognition Day
- December 31-January 7—Arkansas Methodist Week
- February 25—Layman's Day
- March 25—Palm Sunday
- April 1—Easter Sunday
- April 8—Church School Day
- May 27-June 3—Hendrix Ministerial Education
- May 28-June 9—Vacation Church School
- June 4-8—Senior Young People's Assembly
- June 11-22—Pastors' School
- June 17—Golden Cross Sunday
- July—Mt. Sequoyah Leadership Schools and Conferences
- September 9—Methodist Student and Wesley Foundation Day
- September 30—Church School Rally Day

Fred G. Roebuck
Secretary Planning Com.

AMERICANS HELP TO RESTORE ANCIENT ENGLISH CHAPEL

An American Fortress Bomber Squadron stationed in England has undertaken to raise from their officers and men the sum of £600 in order that a 14th Century Chapel may be restored in a village church together with a window in memory of their fallen comrades. The window consisting of two lights has Our Lord in one and an American Airman in his flying kit in the other, together with the insignias of each of the Bomber Squadrons and surmounted in a small light at the top the insignia of the Bomber Group. The prevailing colours are blue and gold—the colours of the American Air Force. The Altar hangings are blue and gold also, together with blue and gold candlesticks and Cross on an oak Altar. The Communion rails are also of oak and the carpet will depict the colours of the United States Air Force. It is hoped that this Memorial Chapel will be ready for dedication later in the autumn.—Bulletin Religious Division of the Ministry of Information, London.

METHODIST BISHOP PRE-DICTS PROTESTANT CONSOLIDATION

ST. LOUIS, Mo. (RNS)—Consolidation of six great Protestant denominations into three communions "within my lifetime" was predicted here by the Rt. Rev. Ivan Lee Holt, bishop of the Methodist Church's St. Louis area.

"I fully expect a union of the Baptist and Disciples of Christ churches, a union of the Congregational Christian and Evangelical Reformed, a union of the Methodist and Protestant Episcopal churches," he said.

Bishop Holt spoke at the 125th anniversary of Christ Church Cathedral, first Episcopal church to be established west of the Mississippi River.

Appointments, Little Rock Conference

ARKADELPHIA DISTRICT

J. E. Cooper, Dist. Supt. (5)
 Arkadelphia, Bob Pool (2).
 Arkadelphia Circuit, (Joseph W. Hunter) (2).
 Benton, J. M. Hamilton (4).
 Benton Circuit, (J. B. Stanfiell) (2).
 Carthage-Tulip, (J. R. Martin) (2).
 Couchwood Circuit, (Albert Burroughs) (4).
 Dalark Circuit, (Forney Harvey) (3).
 Friendship Circuit, (F. W. Reutz) (1).
 Holly Springs Circuit, (W. E. West) (4).
 Hot Springs Circuit, (Charles Baughman) (2).
 Hot Springs Churches:
 First Church, William B. Slack (1).
 Grand Avenue, J. D. Baker (2).
 Oaklawn, J. Edward Dunlap (1).
 Pullman Heights, Curtis Williams (1).
 Associate Pastor, (S. K. Burnett) (1).
 Tigert-Jones Mills, (David Hankins) (1).
 Leola Circuit, (Clyde Swift) (2).
 Malvern, J. L. Hoover (3).
 Keith Memorial, C. R. Ray (2).
 Percy Circuit, To be supplied.
 Princeton Circuit, (J. C. Van Horn) (2).
 Sparkman-Sardis, J. A. Newell (2).
 Traskwood Circuit, (J. W. Nethercutt) (1).

CAMDEN DISTRICT

Connor Morehead, Dist. Supt. (1)
 Bearden, (J. A. Henderson) (1).
 Fairview, L. E. Wilson (3).
 Camden, J. L. Dedman (1).
 Chidester, Kirvin Hale (2).
 El Dorado Churches:
 First Church, Alfred H. Freeman (4).
 Vantrease Memorial, Charles H. Giessen (2).
 Centennial, (P. D. Alston) (9).
 Emerson Circuit, Wallis M. Callo-way (1).
 Fordyce, George Meyer (1).
 Hampton Circuit, W. O. Tisdale (3).
 Harmony Grove, (H. R. Nabors) (2).
 Huttig, George W. Warren (2).
 Junction City Circuit, S. B. Mann (4).
 Kingsland, Robert S. Beasley (1).
 Louann Circuit, (W. I. Small) (4).
 Magnolia Churches:
 First Church, L. M. Starkey (2).
 Jackson Street, L. C. Gatlin (2).
 Marysville Circuit, O. L. Daniels (2).
 Norphlet, A. E. Jacobs (1).
 Parker's Chapel-Fredonia, T. D. Spruce (4).
 Smackover, W. R. Burks (2).
 Stephens, Herston R. Holland (2).
 Strong Circuit, C. C. Vanzant (1).
 Thornton Circuit, (L. R. Sparks) (2).
 Waldo, O. C. Birdwell (2).

LITTLE ROCK DISTRICT

E. C. Rule, Dist. Supt. (1)
 Austin Circuit, K. K. Carithers (1).
 Bauxite-Sardis, George E. Reutz (2).
 Bryant Circuit, (J. T. Thompson) (2).
 Carlisle, Marion W. Miller (3).
 Carlisle Circuit, C. H. Gilliam (2).
 Des Arc-New Bethel, Orrie L. Thompson (3).

DeVall's Bluff-Chenault, (William Elder) (2).
 Douglasville-Geyer Springs, B. F. Fitzhugh (1).
 England, Marion S. Monk (1).
 Hazen, W. R. Boyd (1).
 Hickory Plains Circuit, (Wendell Hoover) (2).
 Keo-Tomberlin-Humnoke (Howard Williams) (2).
 Little Rock Churches:
 Asbury, W. Neill Hart (1).
 Capitol View, H. O. Bolin (5).
 First Church, Aubrey Walton (1).
 Forest Park, (L. E. N. Hundley) (1).
 Henderson, Alfred Doss (3).
 Highland, O. E. Holmes (3).
 Hunter, (W. C. Watson) (3).
 Oak Forest, (A. H. Dulaney) (1).
 Pulaski Heights, E. D. Galloway (1).
 St. Marks, To be supplied.
 Scott Street, John McCormack (3).
 28th Street, C. H. Farmer (2).
 Winfield, Kenneth L. Spore (1).
 Lonoke, J. D. Montgomery (1).
 Mabelvale, (Alfred DeBlack) (2).
 Primrose, Clinton Atchley (3).
 Miss Margaret Marshall, Deaconess.

MONTICELLO DISTRICT

Arthur Terry, Dist. Supt. (4)
 Arkansas City, (J. H. Cummins) (2).
 Crossett, R. E. Simpson (2).
 Dermott, W. D. Golden (1).
 Drew Circuit, To be supplied.
 Dumas, R. F. Sorrells (4).
 Eudora, I. A. Love (2).
 Fountain Hill Circuit, (A. R. Wingfield) (1).
 Hamburg, John L. Tucker (3).
 Hermitage Circuit, (A. J. Bearden) (1).
 Lake Village, Louis W. Averitt (3).
 McGehee, R. A. Teeter (4).
 Monticello, C. E. Whitten (3).
 Montrose-Snyder, W. T. Bone (1).
 New Edinburg Circuit, To be supplied.
 Palestine-Sumpter, (C. B. Davis) (2).
 Portland-Parkdale, R. H. Cannon (3).
 Tillar-Winchester, James E. Major (3).
 Warren, Dan R. Robinson (1).
 Watson-Kelso, S. C. Dugger (3).
 Wilmar Circuit, (Roy W. Bevan) (2).
 Wilmot, Bob McCammon (2).

PINE BLUFF DISTRICT

Fred R. Harrison, Dist. Supt. (1).
 Almyra, (Welton Meeks) (2).
 Altheimer-Wabbaseka, Fred Schwendemann (3).
 Bayou Meto Circuit, (Herschel Richert) (4).
 DeWitt, Hal H. Pinnell (1).
 Gillett, H. D. Ginther (3).
 Good Faith, (Everett Vinson) (4).
 Grady-Gould, C. B. Wyatt (3).
 Humphrey-Sunshine, Robert W. Core (3).
 Little Prairie Circuit, (Rayford L. Diffie) (3).
 Pine Bluff Churches:
 Carr Memorial, Virgil D. Keeley (3).
 First Church, William E. Brown (1).
 Hawley Memorial, C. D. Cade (1).
 Lakeside, T. T. McNeal (3).
 Pine Bluff Circuit, (G. P. Fikes) (3).
 Plainview Community Church, (Marvin Kelley) (1).

Redfield, (W. B. Walthall) (1).
 Rison, George W. Robertson (1).
 Roe Circuit, C. R. Andrews (2).
 Rowell Circuit, J. R. Diffie (4).
 Sheridan-New Hope, J. A. Simpson (2).
 Sheridan Circuit, To be supplied.
 Sherrill-Tucker, A. W. Hamilton (1).
 St. Charles Circuit, John W. Rushing (2).
 Star City, Noel Cross (2).
 Stuttgart Churches:
 First Church, Otto W. Teague (3).
 Grand Avenue, John B. Hefley (3).
 Swan Lake, (Robert L. Riggan) (2).
 Whitehall, To be supplied.

PRESCOTT DISTRICT

Van W. Harrell, Dist. Supt. (3)
 Antoine Circuit, (A. N. Youngblood) (4).
 Amity Circuit, E. T. Miller (2).
 Bingen Circuit, To be supplied.
 Blevins Circuit, T. M. Armstrong (2).
 Center Point Circuit, (E. B. Adcock) (1).
 Dierks, Joe Robinson (2).
 Emmett Circuit, George L. Cagle (3).
 Forester, R. C. Walsh (1).
 Glenwood Circuit, L. O. Lee (2).
 Gurdon, S. T. Baugh (1).
 Hope, R. B. Moore (3).
 Langley-New Hope Circuit, (George Townsend) (5).
 Mineral Springs Circuit, W. C. Lewis (3).
 Mt. Ida Circuit, W. S. Cazort (5).
 Murfreesboro-Delight Circuit, El-dred Blakeley (1).
 Nashville, J. W. Mann (4).
 Okolona Circuit, A. C. Rogers (1).
 Prescott, C. Ray Hozendorf (1).
 Prescott Circuit, C. D. Meux (1).
 Springhill Circuit, (Osborne White) (3).
 Washington Circuit, (D. L. McCaul-ey) (3).

TEXARKANA DISTRICT

A. J. Christie, Dist. Supt. (4).
 Ashdown, J. Frank Walker (2).
 Buckner Circuit, (R. M. Crain) (3).
 Cherry Hill Circuit, George C. Bailey (2).
 DeQueen, Harold D. Sadler (4).
 Doddridge Circuit, G. B. Pixley (2).
 Foreman, Charles A. Simpson (1).
 Foreman Circuit, To be supplied.
 Fouke Circuit, (R. D. McSwain) (1).
 Hatfield Circuit, S. W. Mooty (3).
 Associate Pastor, Mrs. S. W. Mooty.
 Horatio Circuit, W. B. Savage (1).
 Lewisville-Bradley, M. E. Scott (5).
 Lockesburg Circuit, (L. Gray Wil-son) (2).
 Mena, B. F. Roebuck (1).
 Richmond Circuit, To be supplied.
 Sardis-Shiloh, W. W. Fincher (2).
 Stamps, J. A. Wade (5).
 Taylor Circuit, (E. H. Martin) (2).
 Texarkana Churches:
 College Hill, Clyde T. Parsons (2).
 Fairview, Fred L. Arnold (2).
 First Church, C. M. Reves (1).
 Texarkana Circuit, (E. T. McAfee) (4).
 Winthrop Circuit, (O. C. Robison) (6).

SPECIAL APPOINTMENTS

Chaplains U. S. Army:
 William L. Arnold, James R. Sewell, Alton J. Shirey, Richard Perry, Gerald C. Dean, A. C. Carraway, R. O. Beck, Doyle T. Rowe,

Roland E. Darrow and David Weems.
 Chaplains U. S. Navy:
 John William Hammons, Roland Marsh, J. Ralph Clayton, Mark F. Vaught, Earl W. Lewis and D. Mouzon Mann.

SPECIAL CONFERENCE APPOINTMENTS

Executive Secretary, Board of Education, Roy E. Fawcett.
 Conference Missionary Secretary, W. B. Slack.
 Conference Secretary of Evangelism, John McCormack.
 Conference Missionary, J. F. Taylor.
 Conference Director of Youth Work, C. Ray Hozendorf.
 Conference Director of Golden Cross, W. Neill Hart.
 Professor Emory University, R. C. Rhodes, Student Garrett Bible Institute, Joe B. Rowe.
 California Oriental Mission, Yong Hak Park.
 Student Yale University, Robert Kermit Roebuck.
 Deaconess Camden District, Miss Martha Stewart.
 Deaconess Camden District, Miss Frances Triebe.

TRANSFERRED IN

A. H. Dulaney, Elder, from North Arkansas Conference.
 Marion S. Monk, Elder, from Louisiana Conference.
 Dan R. Robinson, Elder, from North Texas Conference.
 W. E. Brown, Elder, from New Mexico Conference.

TRANSFERRED OUT

John W. Mayne, Elder, to the Louisiana Conference.
 Fred G. Roebuck, Elder, to the North Arkansas Conference.
 Homer T. Fort, Elder, to the Texas Conference.

CRUSADE COUNCIL

Arkadelphia District:
 J. L. Hoover
 W. B. Slack
 Camden District:
 J. L. Dedman
 Alfred H. Freeman
 Little Rock District:
 W. Neill Hart
 Aubrey G. Walton
 Monticello District:
 R. E. Simpson
 Coy E. Whitten
 Pine Bluff District:
 W. E. Brown
 J. B. Hefley
 Prescott District:
 R. B. Moore
 C. Ray Hozendorf
 Texarkana District:
 C. M. Reves
 Harold D. Sadler

DISTRICT INSTITUTES

District	Date	Place
Arkadelphia	Nov. 22	Arkadelphia
Camden	Nov. 29	El Dorado
Little Rock	Nov. 20	Little Rock
Monticello	Nov. 28	Monticello
Pine Bluff	Nov. 27	Lakeside Church
Prescott	Nov. 23	Prescott
Texarkana	Nov. 24	First Church

Rev. E. H. Lovell, Missionary to Central Congo, will represent the Board of Missions at these Institutes.

Condensed Minutes Of Little Rock Conference

The Minutes of the Little Rock Annual Conference of The Methodist Church, held in First Methodist Church, Hot Springs, from Nov. 8, 1944 to Nov. 12, 1944. Bishop Paul E. Martin, presiding.

Part I. Organization and General Business

1. The following officers were elected: Secretary, Fred R. Harrison; Treasurer, C. E. Hayes, Donaghey Bldg., Little Rock, Ark.; Statistician, Coy E. Whitten.

2. Is the Annual Conference incorporated? No.

3. (a) What officers handling funds of the conference have been bonded and in what amounts? Yes. (b) Have the books of said officers or persons been audited? Yes.

4. Have the boards, commissions, or committees been appointed or elected: (a) Board of Ministerial Training? Yes. (b) Committee on Conference Relations and Ministerial Qualifications? Yes. (c) Committee on Accepted Supply Pastors? Yes. (d) Committee of Investigation? Yes. (e) District Boards of Location and Building? Yes. (f) Board of Trustees of the Annual Conference? Yes. (g) Annual Conference Commission on World Service and Finance? Yes. (h) Town and Country Commission? Yes. (i) Annual Conference Deaconess Board? Yes. (j) Annual Conference Board of Missions and Church Extension? Yes. (k) Annual Conference Board of Education? Yes. (l) Annual Conference Board of Temperance? Yes. (m) Annual Conference Board of Lay Activities? Yes. (n) Annual Conference Board of Hospitals and Homes? Yes. (o) Annual Conference Board of Evangelism? Yes. (p) Distributing Committee? No. (q) Annual Conference Board of Conference Claimants? Yes. (r) Committee on Proportional Payment of Ministerial Support? No. (s) Other committees, commissions, or boards? Bible Board, Commission of Christian Literature, Commission on Sustentation, Arkansas Methodist Commission, Arkansas Anti-Saloon League, Committee on Memoirs, Committee on Public Worship, Committee on Resolutions, Committee on Courtesies, Board of Trustees Arkansas Methodist Orphanage, Little Rock Conference Historical Society.

5. Have the secretaries, treasurers, and statisticians kept their respective records upon and according to the forms prescribed by The Methodist Church? Yes.

6. What are the reports of the district superintendents as to the status of the work within their districts? See Journal.

8. What is the plan and what are the approved claims for the support of the district superintendents for the ensuing year? District Stewards vote the percentage for each District.

9. What amount has been apportioned to the pastoral charges within the conference to be raised for the support of conference claimants? See Conference Journal.

10. What are the apportionments transmitted by the General Commission on World Service and Finance to this conference? (a) For World Service? \$84,332.00. (b) For Episcopal Fund? 1 3/4% pastor's

salary for current year. (c) For General Administration Fund? \$1,-386.00.

11. What amount is apportioned to this conference for the Jurisdictional Administration Fund? \$3,060.

12. What are the reports, recommendations, and plans of the boards of conference: (a) What is the report of the Board of Conference Claimants, and what appropriations for conference claimants are reported and approved? See Journal. (b) What is the report of the Conference Board of Missions and Church Extension of disbursements of missionary aid within the conference? See Journal. (c) What is the report of the Commission on World Service and Finance? See Journal. (d) What are the other reports? See Journal.

13. What date is determined for Golden Cross enrollment? June 17.

14. (a) Who is elected conference lay leader? Dr. Matt L. Ellis. (b) What is his report? See Journal. (c) Who are elected district lay leaders? See Journal.

Part II. Pertaining to Ministerial Relations

15. Who constitute the Conference Committee of Investigation? Kenneth L. Spore, John L. Hoover, E. Clifton Rule, W. Neill Hart, T. M. Armstrong.

16. Are there formulated complaints against any ministerial member of the conference? No.

17. Who are the accepted supply pastors? Arkadelphia District: W. E. West, Joe Hunter, Albert Burroughs, Clyde Swift, J. C. VanHorn, Forney Harvey, J. R. Martin, David Hankins, Chas. Baughman, Marvin H. Kelly, J. B. Stanfiel, Henry T. Miller; Camden District: P. D. Alston, W. I. Small, Arnold Simpson, H. R. Nabors, A. E. Wingfield; Little Rock District: Wendell Hoover, William C. Johnson, Alfred DeBlack, William Elder, Howard Williams; Monticello District: Roy W. Bevan, James A. Tadlock; Pine Bluff District: Hershel Richert, Everett Vinson, Welton Meeks, Rayford L. Diffie, Robert L. Riggin, John W. Lindsay; Prescott District: R. D. McSwain, Osborne White, A. N. Youngblood, Wesley Reutz, C. V. Mashburn, D. L. McCauley, E. B. Adcock, Geo. Townsend, Bryan Stephens, Ralph Randle; Texarkana District: A. J. Bearden, O. C. Robinson, R. M. Crain, E. T. McAfee, E. H. Martin, Gray Wilson; Retired Accepted Supply Pastors: J. A. Ginnings, M. T. Rose, John N. Simpson.

18. What accepted supply pastors now under full-time appointment are taking the conference course of study? Accepted Supply pastors in courses of study. () number of unexcused years since beginning course of study. Admission on Trial: Chas. W. Baughman (1), Roy W. Bevan (3), Alfred DeBlack (1), William Elder (1), O. W. Hoover (1), David Hankins (1), Forney Harvey (3), W. C. Johnson (2), John W. Lindsay (1), Welton Meeks (1), Robert L. Riggin (2), Fred W. Reutz (4), Bryan Stephens (1), Clyde N. Swift (1), James A. Tadlock (1), J. C. VanHorn (3), Alvis Elmer Wingfield (1), Osborne White (2), Howard Williams. (a) In the first year?

Joseph W. Hunter (1), J. Edwin Keith (1), Henry T. Miller (5), Chas. V. Mashburn (5), Everett M. Vinson (3). (b) In the second year? A. H. Burroughs (4), R. M. Crane (2), Radford L. Diffie (3), D. L. McCauley (5), E. H. Martin (5), Arnold M. Simpson (4), W. E. West (3). (c) In the third year? J. R. Martin (5), E. T. McAfee (5), R. H. Richert (5), L. Gray Wilson (5). (d) In the fourth year? P. D. Alston (5), W. I. Small (5).

19. Who are received on trial: (a) In studies of the first year? Thomas Clyde Parsons, Wallis Morgan Caloway, Omer Luel Daniel, Kirvin A. Hale; Herston Ruby Holland, W. B. Savage, Charles Robert McCammon, Joseph Benjamin Roe, Robert Kermyt Roebuck. (b) In studies of the third year under the seminary rule? Robert Kermyt Roebuck, Charles Robert McCammon, Joe Benjamin Roe. (c) Exempt from course of study under the seminary rule? None.

20. Who remain on trial: (a) Continued in studies of the first year? Roland Marsh, Gerald Clyde Dean, J. Edwin Wade. (b) Advanced to studies of the second year? K. K. Carithers. (c) Continued in studies of the second year? None.

21. Who on trial are discontinued? None.

22. Who are admitted into full connection? Orrie L. Thompson, Joe H. Robinson, James Edward Dunlap, Will S. Cazort, Charles A. Simpson.

23. What full members are in studies: (a) Of the third year? Orrie L. Thompson, Chas. A. Simpson. (b) Of the fourth year? Joe H. Robinson, W. S. Cazort, W. D. Golden.

24. What full members have failed to complete the studies: (a) Of the third year? None. (b) Of the fourth year? None.

25. What full members have completed the studies of the fourth year? Eldred Blakeley.

26. Who have been elected deacons: (a) As local preachers? J. R. Martin, E. T. McAfee, L. Gray Wilson. (b) As members on trial in the course of study? Orrie L. Thompson. (c) Under the seminary rule? James Edward Major, Charles Robert McCammon. (d) Under the missionary rule? None.

27. Who have been ordained deacons? Edward T. McAfee, Orrie Luther Thompson, James Edward Major, Joseph Hubbard Robinson, Charles Robert McCammon, Leo Gray Wilson, James Revelly Martin.

28. Who have been elected elders: (a) As local preachers? None. (b) As local deacons who have been received on trial? None. (c) As conference members in the course of study? Eldred Blakeley. (d) Under the seminary rule? James Edward Dunlap. (e) Under the missionary rule? None.

29. Who have been ordained elders? George Eldred Blakeley, James Edward Dunlap.

30. Relative to accommodation transfers for ordination and reception: (a) Who are transferred in, and from what conferences, for purposes of ordination, only such ordination to be voted by this conference: (1) For ordination as deacons? None. (2) For ordination as elders? None. (b) Who have been trans-

ferred out, and to what conferences, after ordination: (1) Deacons? None. (2) Elders? None. (c) Who have been received on trial at the request of another conference? None. (d) Who have been transferred, having been received on trial, and to what conference? None. (e) Who have been ordained here, such ordination having been voted by another conference: (1) Deacons? None. (2) Elders? None.

31. Who are readmitted: (a) Deacons? None. (b) Elders? None.

32. What preachers, coming from other churches, have had their orders recognized: (a) As local deacons? None. (b) As local elders? None.

33. Who have been received from other churches as traveling preachers: (a) As ordained deacons? None. (b) As ordained elders? None. (c) As members on trial? None. (d) As members in full connection? None.

34. Who have been received by transfer? Dan R. Robinson, N. Texas, Nov. 10, 1944; Marion S. Monk, Louisiana, Nov. 10, 1944; Wm. E. Brown, New Mexico, Nov. 10, 1944; A. H. Dulaney, North Arkansas, Nov. 10, 1944.

35. Who have been transferred out? Fred G. Roebuck, North Arkansas, Nov. 10, 1944; John W. Mayne, Louisiana, Nov. 10, 1944; Homer T. Fort, Texas, Nov. 10, 1944.

36. Who have had their conference membership terminated: (a) By voluntary location? None. (b) By involuntary location? None. (c) By withdrawal? None. (d) By judicial procedure (expelled)? None.

37. What ministerial members have died during the year? Jesse W. Berry, B. Frank Scott, Jerome J. Colson, Walter W. Nelson, Walter W. Christie, J. Lewis Cannon, Charles Jerome Greene, J. Daniel Hammons.

38. Who are the supernumerary ministers, and for what number of years consecutively has each held this relation? A. N. Stonecipher, one year.

39. Who are granted sabbatical leave? None.

40. What ministers have been retired: (a) This year? H. B. Vaught, Supply preachers: J. A. Ginnings, M. T. Rose.

41. Who are left without appointment to attend school? Joseph B. Rowe, Garrett, Little Rock; Robert K. Roebuck, Yale, Little Rock.

42. What is the number of (a) accepted supply pastors? 46. transfers in? 4. transfers out? 3. deceased? 8. (b) Ministers (1) On trial (a) As pastors? 26. (b) Under special appointment? None. (c) Left without appointment to attend school? 2. (2) In full connection (a) As pastors and district superintendents? 117. (b) Under special appointment? 19. (c) Left without appointment to attend school? 2. (d) On sabbatical leave? 1. (3) Retired? 38. (4) Supernumerary? 1. (c) Total of all ministers? 206.

Part III. Concluding Business

44. What is the report of the conference treasurer? See Journal.

45. What is the report of the conference statistician? See Journal.

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INDIVIDUAL REPORTS OF PASTORS— LITTLE ROCK CONFERENCE

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percent. Paid on church improvements \$100.00, and on parsonage \$75.00. There has been an increase in Sunday School, and the Spiritual life is good.

HAMPTON: Rev. W. O. Tisdale, pastor. Received this year 11, 4 on profession of faith. Salaries and World Service 100 percent. Paid on church improvements \$200.00. The Church School enrollment has increased. The attendance at both Sunday School and Church is the largest in some time.

MENA: C. Ray Hozendorf, pastor. Received 34 members, 23 on profession of faith. Salaries 100 percent and World Service 111 percent. Paid for improvements on church \$450.00 and on parsonage \$315.00. Increase in Sunday School enrollment. Askings for World Service paid in full. \$3600.00 raised on organ fund.

HIGHLAND: O. E. Holmes, pastor. Received 65 members, 23 on profession of faith. Salaries and World Service 100 percent. Paid for improvements on church \$400.00. Increase in Sunday School enrollment. Askings for World Service paid in full. \$3000.00 set aside as building fund.

GILLET: Rev. H. D. Ginther, pastor. Members received 22, 6 on profession of faith. Salaries and World Service paid 100 percent. Paid on church improvements \$375.00, and on parsonage \$175.00. There has been an increase in Sunday School enrollment.

DOUGLASSVILLE-GEYER SPRINGS: Curtis Williams, pastor. Received 43 members, 14 on profession of faith. Salaries and World Service 10 percent. Paid for improvements on church \$400.00 and on parsonage \$210.00. Increase in Sunday School enrollment. Askings for World Service paid in full. Have \$1400.00 in building fund.

HENDERSON, LITTLE ROCK: Alfred Doss, pastor. Received 87 members, 40 on profession of faith. Salaries and World Service 100 percent. Paid for improvements on church \$800.00 and on parsonage \$150.00. Increase in Sunday School enrollment. Askings for World Service paid 110 percent. \$3000.00 in bonds for new church building.

PRIMROSE: C. M. Atchley, pastor. Received 15 members, 7 on profession of faith. Salaries 110 percent and World Service 100 percent. Paid for improvements on church \$900.00 and on parsonage \$150.00. Increase in Sunday School enrollment. Askings for World Service paid in full and 10 percent over. Have \$1700.00 in cash on new educational building.

ARKANSAS CITY: Rev. J. H. Cummins, pastor. Paid on salary 100 percent and on World Service 125 percent. Paid on improvements on parsonage \$50.00. Sunday School enrollment has increased 39 percent. Our church at present is being repaired and put in fine condition. We have a splendid people and have enjoyed being with them.

PULLMAN HEIGHTS: Rev. Hal H. Pinnell, pastor. Received this year 43, 32 on profession of faith. Salaries and World Service more than 100 percent. Paid on church improvements \$1400.00 and on parsonage \$150.00. The Church School enrollment has increased. There has been a new Methodist church organized at Fountain Lake community.

JUNCTION CITY: S. B. Mann, pastor. Received 35 members, 25 on profession of faith. Salaries and World Service 100 percent. Paid for improvements on church \$150.00 and on parsonage \$75.00. A 10 percent increase in enrollment in Sunday School. A good year with the people supporting the pastor and church in a fine way.

HORATIO: A. J. Bearden, pastor. Received 21 members, 20 on profession of faith. Paid for improvements on church \$631.00. No debts. Increase in Sunday School enrollment. Askings for World Service in full. Remodeled Horatio

and Walnut Springs churches at a cost of \$631.00 and have \$50.00 on hand to paint Walnut Springs on outside.

CARLISLE CIRCUIT: Cleve H. Gilliam, pastor. Received 23 members, 20 on profession of faith. Salaries and World Service 100 percent. Paid for improvements on parsonage \$350.00. Increase in Sunday School enrollment. Askings for World Service paid in full. Continuing improvement on parsonage and have planned some on churches.

SWAN LAKE: Robert L. Riggin, pastor. Received 7 members on profession of faith. Salaries 100 percent and World Service 110 percent. Paid for improvements on church and ground \$107.00. Increase in Sunday School enrollment. Askings for World Service paid in full plus. Name on church. All dates on the church calendar observed and offerings sent in.

BAYOU METO: R. H. Richert, pastor. Received 18 members, 14 on profession of faith. Salaries and World Service 100 percent. Paid for improvements on church \$50.00 and on parsonage \$35.00. Increase in Sunday School enrollment. Askings for World Service paid in full. One new church building erected at cost of \$4000.00. Raised over \$600.00 for Hospital Fund.

HICKORY PLAINS: O. W. Hoover, pastor. Received 21 members, 11 on profession of faith. Salaries and World Service 100 percent. Paid for improvements on parsonage \$90.00. No debts. Askings for World Service paid in full. Have started repairing and remodeling one church, have added three Sunday School rooms to another, repaired, and will buy pews this year.

FOREST PARK: Rev. W. D. Golden, pastor. Received this year 30, 11 on profession of faith. Salaries and World Service 100 percent. Paid on church improvements \$575.00, and on parsonage \$140.00. Paid on church debt retirement \$360.00. The Church School enrollment has increased. Finished redecorating church and educational building. Finances have doubled in the past three years.

MAGNOLIA, JACKSON STREET: Rev. L. C. Gatlin, pastor. Members received 31, 12 on profession of faith. Salaries paid 100 percent. World Service 40 percent. Paid on church improvements \$3900.00, and on parsonage \$210.00. Paid on debt retirement \$4322.00. There has been an increase of 20 percent in Sunday School enrollment. This is a growing church in a growing community.

MALVERN FIRST CHURCH: Rev. J. L. Hoover, pastor. Members received 39, 15 on profession of faith. Salaries and World Service paid 100 percent. Paid on church improvements \$900.00. Raised \$3000.00 on a new organ fund. Repainted all work of both the church and educational building. Malvern is blessed by an exceptional quality of leadership among its membership.

SCOTT STREET, LITTLE ROCK: John M. McCormack, pastor. Received 82 members, 25 on profession of faith. Built new church, all paid for, about \$9000.00. Paid for improvements on parsonage \$50.00. No debt. Increase in Sunday School enrollment. Askings for World Service paid in full and over. New pastor assigned Oak Forest. Two hundred enrolled in Sunday School. All bills paid and \$200.00 left over in Oak Forest fund.

FAIRVIEW, CAMDEN: L. E. Wilson, pastor. Received 34 members, 26 on profession of faith. Salaries 100 percent plus. World Service 100 percent. Paid for improvements on church \$1195.00 and on parsonage \$108.00. Increase in Sunday School enrollment. Askings for World Service paid in full. A need for a new building and plans ready and much of the money in hand when conditions make it possible to build.

CARLISLE: Rev. M. W. Miller, pastor. Received in the church 32, 16 on profession of faith. Salaries and World Service 100 per-

cent. Paid on church improvements \$87.50, and on parsonage \$375.00. The Church School enrollment has increased. We have collected about \$2000.00 in cash and Bonds for a new parsonage. We have bought an additional lot adjoining the present parsonage to insure ample room when the parsonage is built.

CENTENNIAL: P. D. Alston, pastor. Received 24 members, 12 on profession of faith. Salaries and World Service 100 percent. Paid for improvements on church \$1245.00. Increase in Sunday School enrollment 10 percent. Askings for World Service paid in full. Twenty-nine training credits, nine young people to League assemblies. One church being built which will be a modern \$4000.00 plant when finished, formerly a \$1000.00 one-room church.

CROSSETT: R. E. Simpson, pastor. Received 39 members, 20 on profession of faith. Enrolled 470 in Church Schools, W. S. C. S. and Wesleyan Service Guild with total of 112 members. All finances in full. The church and its friends raised \$20,877.00 for a new church to be built after the war and \$3,009.00 toward purchase of hospital. Church was presented with a fine tower amplification by Mrs. L. W. Moffatt and her son, Harold, in memory of Luther Moffatt, for many years an official of the church.

ALTHEIMER-WABBASEKA: Fred Schwendimann pastor. Received 19 members, 11 on profession of faith. Salaries and World Service 100 percent. Paid for improvements on church and parsonage \$1078.00. No debts. Increase in Sunday School enrollment. Askings for World Service, \$400.00, paid in full. Two pulpit Bibles, two church signs, Altheimer church completely re-decorated. New pews and pulpit furniture ordered at cost of \$1000.00. Money in hand. New fuel oil heater in parsonage. Two fine Vacation Bible Schools. Program of church emphasized and carried out 100 percent in full and on time. 65 new hymnals at Wabbaseka. 86 Arkansas Methodist on a quota of 31. Increase in Sunday School enrollment. Askings for World Service paid in full.

THE War Prisoners' Aid of the International Young Men's Christian Association, incorporated in Switzerland, and supported to a great extent from relief funds of American churches, is the one agency that has been able to provide material and supervision for the free-time activities of prisoners in Europe and in Asia. It has been able to help hundreds of thousands to employ usefully "that margin of time which will make or break these youth, just at the threshold of their vocations." Bibles and other religious books have been sent by various agencies through the War Prisoners' Aid to Protestant, Roman Catholic, Orthodox, and Jewish men. Neutral Danes, Swedes, Swiss and Latin Americans have been sent into prison camps as secretaries and chaplains.

THE treasurer of the Division of Foreign Missions recently received a gift of \$2,000.00 on the annuity plan from a father and mother who wanted to make an annual Christmas present to their two children and at the same time make a generous gift to foreign missions. As the result, two young married people will receive each December 15, during their lifetime and during the lifetime of the survivor, a Christmas gift from their father and mother. If the children survive the parents the gift will go on just the same, and ultimately there will be a generous gift to the cause of foreign missions. Dr. George F. Sutherland, treasurer, 150 Fifth Avenue, New York 11, New York, will be glad to correspond with any other parents who would like to consider such a combination of missionary and Christmas gift.

A preacher who found none of his members at prayer meeting seized the rope and violently rang the bell. A dozen members came madly rushing into the church, crying, "Who's dead, pastor?"

"The church," said the pastor, and he kept right on ringing the bell.—Ex.

WOMAN'S SOCIETY OF CHRISTIAN SERVICE

MRS. SUE M. WAYLAND, Editor

PARAGOULD DISTRICT
SEMINAR

W. S. C. S. of the Paragould held its fall seminar at Paragould, Arkansas, on September 29, under the leadership of Mrs. E. H. Hook, conference secretary of Missionary Education.

Morning worship was given by G. E. Curtis of Paragould. The theme was "The Stewardship of Love." Mrs. Estelle McIntosh gave an interesting presentation of "The American Indian."

The business session was conducted by Mrs. F. E. Wilbourne. A letter from Mrs. H. J. Bledsoe expressing her appreciation of our district was read by the secretary, Mrs. John Baumer. Mrs. Baumer was elected secretary of the district. Mrs. J. K. Kinsley was elected secretary of Spiritual

Afternoon worship was conducted by Mrs. T. C. Gallaghy assisted by Mrs. W. W. Henry, organist, and Mrs. O. W. McFall. The theme was "Love."

New study materials were distributed by Mrs. Hook and Mrs. Bledsoe. Mrs. Hook stressed the importance of a calendar of work for the year. "West of the Date Line," a study of the Southwest Pacific, suggested for the fourth quarter. The Bible study is "The Word of Grace." Mrs. Bledsoe gave a report of "Christians and a New Economy."

C. W. Good, corresponding secretary, urged that the Scarritt award fund be sent to Mrs. W. W. Henry, district treasurer. A letter of thanks was given to the society. Mrs. Hook closed the session with a prayer.—Secretary

HUNTINGTON AVENUE
JONESBORO

Circles of the Huntington Avenue Church met in a joint session at the church Tuesday, September 29, for a prayer retreat and celebration of the fourth anniversary of the Woman's Society of Christian Service.

The meeting was opened with music by Mrs. W. A. Downum and hymn, "More Love for the Lord."

DeWitt Haynes, Spiritual Director, was leader of the service on the theme of "The Christian's Response to Suffering." The speakers on the program were Mrs. Downum, Mrs. W. W. Richey, L. O. Beard, Mrs. R. E. Kirkland and a prayer by Mrs. Charley

McKinney. The literary program followed, with Mrs. C. T. Oldham, James Stringer, Willett, Richey, Haynes assisting.

L. O. Beard, president, conducted the business session, and a report was made to begin the study the second Tuesday in October.

Executive meeting was then held and reports made for closing the third quarter.

CHRISTMAS GIFTS FOR JAPANESE AMERICANS

The Methodist Church along with other denominations has accepted a quota of 3500 Christmas gifts to be sent to certain War Relocation Centers. Groups of children are being asked to share in this way. Gifts will be needed for the following groups at the Centers:

- 1600 households (things for the home).
- 380 pre-school children.
- 760 grade-school children.
- 660 high school boys and girls.
- 100 hospital patients.

In order to make sure that every child gets at least one gift and none go without, this procedure should be followed by those desiring to send gifts:

1. Write at once to Miss E. Mae Young, 810 Broadway, Nashville, Tenn. Specify how many gifts will be provided and what age group is preferred.
2. When the specific suggestions for appropriate gifts with instructions for wrapping and mailing and the address of the Center are received, get the gifts ready at once.
3. At the time the package is mailed, notify the address at the Center and Miss Young. Thus the list can be checked when provided and the Center can count on a given number of gifts.

APPROPRIATE GIFTS

This list of suitable and acceptable gifts suggest the kinds of things appropriate for each group:

Up to six years:

Construction toys, construction paper, gardening toys—shovels, rakes, etc., housekeeping toys—brooms, mops, etc., mechanical toys, poster-paper, simple jig-saw puzzles, tinker toys sets, easels, brush, paint, blocks, candy, crayolas, cuddly toys, cut-outs, dolls, pencils, picture books and modeling clay.

Six to twelve years:

Cut-out dolls, doll (dresses, furniture, etc.), hair ribbons, jig-saw puzzles, jumping ropes, paper—construction, poster, penmanship, candy, gum, hankies, jacks and ball, needlework, pictures, pencils, picture books, scrap books, books, bats and balls, carpenter tools, Chinese checkers, novelty pins and jewelry, water color, outdoor sports equipment, indoor sports equipment, purses, samplers, wheel-toys, mechanical toys, bandanas for girls, games, material for making stuffed animals, yarn, knitting needles, socks, and marbles.

Thirteen to eighteen years:

Autograph books, beanies, costume jewelry, hair bows, handkerchiefs, indoor sports equipment, outdoor sports equipment, skull caps, bandanas, desk calendars, dickies, ear-muffs, hero books, games, scribble-in-books, stationery, bandanas, belts, buttons, candy and gum, card games, sachet bags, scrap books, stamp albums, cologne, books, date books, diaries, etiquette books, nick-nacks, lipstick, and socks.

Hospital patients:

Talcum powder, stationery, pencils, crayons, writing tablets, cut-outs, soap, books, and magazines.

Households: (Things for the home).

Attractive pictures, table runners, pillow covers, vases, books, and magazines.

Children should be lead to select gifts which they or their family would enjoy for themselves. Then they may be sure the people at the Centers will enjoy their gifts.

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REPORT OF SUPPLIES, THIRD QUARTER
NORTH ARKANSAS CONFERENCE

	Val. of Sup.	Cash	Total
National Institutions	\$ 3.60	\$ 26.00	\$ 29.60
Conference Institutions	13.70	83.30	97.00
Foreign	1.00	91.00	92.00
Ministerial Supplies	0.00	5.50	5.50
Grand Totals	\$18.30	\$205.80	\$224.10

Dear Friends of W. S. of C. Service:

We have enjoyed another quarter in supplies and it has been very gratifying. Since we can not evaluate used clothing in the Supply Department, please report all your "Bundles for Europe" through Christian Social Relations. In this way we will know just how much we are doing as a Conference.

Our next assignment in Supplies is a very urgent need for cash to the following: China Relief, Africa, and Ministerial Aid. Please consider this appeal directly to you and let us do our best in carrying on the work of Christian Fellowship through Supplies.

Mrs. J. B. Randolph,
Conf. Sec. of Supplies

The meeting closed with a prayer by Mrs. Roy Wiles.

Beautiful flowers decorated the church for the occasion and the meeting closed with a Silver Tea,

with Mrs. Downum, Mrs. Beard and Mrs. O. Hofman as hostesses, a generous offering being made celebrating the fourth W. S. C. S. Anniversary.—Mrs. W. W. Richey.

TEXARKANA W. S. C. S.

W. S. C. S. of First Methodist Church met Monday in the church parlors. The executive session was called at 9:30 a. m., with the president, Miss Annie Claire Atkinson, presiding.

Program and fellowship meeting followed at 10:30 a. m., Mrs. Lynn Smith giving the devotional. The missionary topic, "The Call and the Answer" was in charge of Mrs. Norma Day.

Mrs. A. R. McKinney, chairman of the nominating committee, brought the following slate of officers: President, Miss Annie Claire Atkinson; vice president, Mrs. Ben Cook; recording secretary, Mrs. Hubert Shull; corresponding secretary, Mrs. Charles Wine; conference treasurer, Mrs. W. F. Meissner; assistant treasurer, Mrs. Herbert Wren; secretary of Christian social relations and local church activities, Mrs. Has Owens; secretary student work, Mrs. Leon Simons; secretary children's work, Mrs. Norma Day; secretary, young women's and girls' work, Mrs. A. B. Poland; secretary of literature and publications, Mrs. A. J. Christie; secretary of supplies, Mrs. Clyde Durham; secretary of missionary education, Mrs. Harvey Watson; Spiritual Life Group leader, Mrs. Ruth Nutall.

Mrs. Pratt Bacon paid a fitting tribute to Mrs. Joe Fuqua for special work faithfully done.

The guest speaker was Rev. A. J. Christie.

Circles three and four, Mrs. W. A. Bengé and Mrs. J. B. Magee, chairman, served lunch to 55 members and eight guests.

LOCKESBURG COMPLETES
STUDY

The W. S. C. S. completed a six hour study of "West of the Date Line," on October 30th, under the leadership of Mrs. Leonard Hampton.

Each read the text, and had an active part in presenting the study. Much interest was shown, and a greater appreciation felt for our Missionaries and our Armed Forces who are helping to bring all people closer together and to God.

An interesting feature was the talk, scrap book, and souvenirs displayed by Mrs. James Coulter, whose husband is in the South Pacific.

Two book reviews were given: "Who Walk Alone," by Mrs. Gray Wilson and "The Burma Surgeon" by Mrs. Manning.

The W. S. C. S. has enjoyed a profitable year under the leadership of Mrs. Stewart Norwood. New furniture has been added to the parsonage and a bath room equipped and installed.

We are beginning now to collect material for our next study on "The American Indian."—Mrs. Leonard Hampton.

He is the wisest and happiest man, who, by constant attention to thought, discovers the greatest breaks through every opposition that he may improve these opportunities.—Philip Doddridge.

CURRENT NEWS IN THE RELIGIOUS WORLD

CHAPLAINS TO VISIT FAMILIES OF AIR FORCE CASUALTIES

WASHINGTON, D. C. (RNS)—Families of Army Air Force personnel killed in the war will be visited and comforted by chaplains wherever possible, under a new policy approved by the War Department.

Announcement of the plan was made by Lieut. Gen Barney M. Giles, Chief of Air Staff, who told domestic commanders that "with war casualties reaching their peak, increasing demands will be made upon the time of all AAF chaplains."

Execution of the plan will be in the hands of Air Chaplain (Colonel) Charles I. Carpenter. While the plan cannot embrace every bereaved family, because of geographical factors, chaplains at all domestic AAF installations, when requested, will make this ministration a regular part of their work. Authority for the chaplain to perform this service lies local commanders.

"This is a delicate ministry, calling forth all the tact, sympathy, and understanding of the chaplain," Chaplain Carpenter declared. "The Army Air Forces has always felt keenly about the loss of personnel, and there is some solace in knowing that our chaplain strength is sufficient to undertake this important and comforting program."

PRESBYTERIANS AUTHORIZE FUND OF 20 MILLION FOR POST-WAR RECONSTRUCTION

PHILADELPHIA (RNS) — The General Council of the Presbyterian Church in the U. S. A. has authorized a fund of \$20,000,000 for post-war reconstruction and rehabilitation during the five years beginning in 1945, it was announced here by Dr. George Emerson Barnes, chairman of the Presbyterian War-Time Service Commission.

Special necessities not covered by the regular benevolence budget approved by the General Assembly will be provided for by the fund, which will be raised under the leadership of the Service Commission with the cooperation of the denomination's Boards and agencies.

The General Council approved the Commission's plans to continue its present wartime service work as long as necessary, and to initiate plans for its post-war "as soon as possible."

Executive director of the Commission is Dr. Harold A. Dalzell of New York.

WAR AGAINST ISOLATIONISM CALLED RELIGION'S TASK

EASTON, Pa. (RNS)—"Incessant war against the evil of isolationism" was advanced as one task of religion by Dr. Carl Hermann Voss, extension secretary of the Church Peace Union, at a three-day institute on world security and peace at Lafayette College here.

THANKSGIVING ON THE AIR



BISHOP G. BROMLEY OXNAM

A NATION-WIDE Thanksgiving service with an address by Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam of New York will be heard on stations of the Blue Network, Thursday, November 23 at 9:30 A. M. CWT. Artists of the network will provide both orchestral and vocal music. The message will touch upon postwar relief and reconstruction movements of the several denominations. The program is sponsored by the Federal Council of Churches.

Since the use by local stations of the network of sustaining programs, such as this, depends either upon previous commitments or the program director's appraisal of listener interest, his knowledge of the desires of the public can be influential.

If church people who read this will immediately inquire of the Blue Network station to which they listen whether this service is scheduled for Thanksgiving Day, a great increase in the number of stations on which it will be heard will follow. Pastors who find that it is to be carried can help by announcing it to their congregations.

RELIGIOUS PAINTING DISTRIBUTED TO SERVICE MEN

NEW YORK (RNS)—One million reprints of "The Universal Christ," have been distributed through USO clubs and chaplains to men and women in the armed forces, it was reported here by the YMCA Army and Navy Department.

The most widely distributed picture of Christ during the war years, it continues to be printed in large quantities to meet increasing demands for it by service men and women.

UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS PRESIDENT OUSTED IN CONTROVERSY INVOLVING TALKS BEFORE RELIGIOUS GROUPS

AUSTIN, Texas (RNS)—Dr. Homer P. Rainey has been ousted from the presidency of the University of Texas by the Board of Regents as the climax to a controversy in which Dr. Rainey was allegedly ordered "to stop making so many speeches, such as those before religious organizations."

His dismissal was announced by Leo Haynes, secretary of the board, who also revealed that three members, H. H. Weinert of Seguin, Dan J. Harrison of Houston, and Judge John H. Bickett, Jr., of Dallas, chairman, has resigned. Dr. T. S. Painter, university biologist, was named acting president.

When the long-standing friction between Dr. Rainey and the Regents flared into open controversy recently as a result of the "gag" order, the former called a special faculty meeting and listed 16 instances of "restrictive measures, actual or attempted," against his administration during the nearly six years he had been president.

Various religious organizations in Austin, and students at the University rallied to Dr. Rainey's support and adopted resolutions expressing confidence in his leadership of the school.

CALIFORNIA METHODISTS TO SEEK \$50,000 FOR MEXICAN MISSIONS

SAN DIEGO, Calif. (RNS)—California Methodists will seek \$50,000 to raise the standards of 48 Mexican missions supported in this state, Arizona, and Mexico, the money to be used to pay debts, improve mission properties, beautify parsonages, provide youth facilities, enlarge the social program, and promote good will between the U. S. and Mexico.

Last year congregations donated \$36,442 to support the missions, which have 13,096 members and serve a total Mexican population of more than 100,000 according to Bishop James C. Baker, who heads the fund-raising project.

SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTISTS TO RAISE 5 MILLION FOR POST-WAR REHABILITATION

CLEVELAND, Ohio, (RNS)—The General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, at its Autumn Council here, mapped plans to raise \$5,000,000 for post-war rehabilitation in war-ravaged counties, after the Rev. J. L. McElhany, world president of the denomination, outlined the urgent need to establish the fund.

An all-time high of \$25,000,000 in tithes and offerings was reported to the Council for 1943 from North America and some foreign fields. The amount was more than \$5,000,000 higher than total contributions for 1942, and represented a per capita contribution of \$101.04 for members in North America. A growth in church membership of 75 per cent during the past 12 years was also reported.

Serving God with our little, is the way to make it more; and we must never think that wasted with which God is honored, or men are blest.—John Hall.

CLERGYMEN PROTEST WMC'S EXCLUSION OF CHURCH AGENCIES FROM ESSENTIAL ACTIVITIES

WASHINGTON, D. C. (RNS)—A group of church leaders appeared before a sub-committee of the War Manpower Commission here to protest the WMC's exclusion of national and international church agencies from its List of Essential Activities.

The delegation was headed by Dr. Roswell P. Barnes, associate general secretary of the Federal Council of Churches, and included James E. Whitney, assistant treasurer of the National Council of the Protestant Episcopal Church; Dr. D. Allen Locke of the General Council of the Presbyterian Church in the U. S. A.; and Forrest Smith, representing the Baptist Foreign Missionary Society and the Treasurers' Conference of the Foreign Missions Conference.

"The ruling of the War Manpower Commission indicates a confused policy on the part of government agencies toward the Church," Dr. Barnes charged. Although the ruling classifies national and international church agencies as "non-essential," Dr. Barnes pointed out, the UNRRA had called upon the churches through their national agencies to collect 15 million pounds of clothing to send overseas. He also cited requests for cooperation from other government agencies.

MILWAUKEE ORDINANCE OUTLAWS ANONYMOUS PRINTED MATERIAL WITH RELIGIOUS BIAS

MILWAUKEE, Wisc. (RNS)—Milwaukee's Common Council has passed unanimously an ordinance outlawing the publication or distribution of unsigned posters, pamphlets, books, pictures, or other printed material exposing any religious or racial group to hatred, ridicule, contempt, or obloquy.

The measure requires publishers of such documents to print their names and addresses prominently. Any person, firm, or organization violating its provisions will be subject to fines ranging from \$10 to \$500, or 10 days to six months in jail.

Adoption of such an ordinance had been requested some time ago by City Police Chief Joseph T. Kluchesky, who said it was needed to stop "vicious propaganda" tending to stir up religious and racial hatred. He said similar ordinances were in effect in St. Paul, Cleveland, and other cities.

RELIGIOUS GROUPS HELP REDUCE JUVENILE DELINQUENCY

INDIANAPOLIS (RNS)—Juvenile delinquency in Indianapolis has decreased about 50 per cent over a period of 12 months, according to figures released by William H. Remy, chairman of the board of safety.

Mr. Remy attributes the decrease to the intensive effort made by civic and religious groups.

CURRENT NEWS IN ARKANSAS METHODISM

DEDICATION OF SOLGOHACHIA CHURCH

The Solgohachia Methodist Church was dedicated on Sunday, October 29, at 3:00 p. m. by Bishop Paul E. Martin. Other ministers participating were Rev. Ira A. Brumley, district superintendent, Rev. R. E. Connell, Rev. Roy Bagley, Rev. W. O. Scroggin, Jr., and Rev. John Bayliss. Paul Gordon, chairman of the Board of Stewards, presented the building for dedication.

The stone church, a former store building, was first used as a place of worship on December 29, 1940. The building was purchased shortly thereafter, and it has been remodeled into a worshipful sanctuary. Rev. W. O. Scroggin, Jr., was pastor of the church at the time the building was secured and until June, 1944, when he went to Southern Methodist University to continue his theological studies.

CHURCH OFFICIALS ELECTED AT SPRINGDALE

Officials of the Methodist Church at Springdale have been elected as follows: Stewards, A. V. Backus, B. B. Brogdon, P. W. Boone, Jeff D. Brown, Cecil Brown, R. E. Clink, W. H. Hoskins, Elmer Linebarger, M. B. Matthews, J. S. Moulton, J. H. Norman, L. V. Parker, Veaze Price, R. N. Shaw, J. L. Stafford, Roy Ritter, Kenneth Ritter, Clint Ritter, J. S. Watts, Tom Warren; Trustees, Jeff D. Brown, Lee Cochran, C. S. Greenway, L. O. Nickerson, V. Price, J. L. Stafford, J. S. Watts; District steward, R. N. Shaw; reserve district steward, A. V. Backus; Lay member of Annual Conference, C. E. Rankin reserve lay member, Mrs. Jeff Brown; superintendent of Church School, C. E. Rankin, re-elected; missions and church extension, Elmer Linebarger and Bob Black; charge lay leader, R. N. Shaw; members at large, Board of Education, Wilbur Ritter, Mrs. Clay Carter, Miss Ardelle Fraser, James H. Course, John Powell, Mrs. J. R. Dodson; communion stewards, Mrs. Etta Arnold, Mrs. H. E. Ware; financial secretary and treasurer, Mrs. J. R. Dodson.

WILLIAM WARREN PEARCE

Born, Saturday, November 4, to Rev. and Mrs. H. E. Pearce, of Pocahontas, a son, William Warren.

MASS MEETING AT NORPHLET

A mass meeting was held Sunday evening, October 29, in the high school auditorium at Norphlet at which time Rev. Alfred Freeman, pastor of the First Methodist Church, El Dorado, was the speaker. The meeting was sponsored by the Norphlet Townships Drys, and was held in the interest of a local option election.

Churches in Norphlet dispensed with their usual Sunday evening services in order that their members might attend the meeting. Opportunity was given at the meeting for the signing of petitions calling for an election.

HENDRIX COLLEGE NEWS

Professor In Rural Work Added

Dr. Alfred Clayton Ellis of Lexington, Mississippi, who will institute work in rural social economics at Hendrix, arrived in Conway October 30. He was accompanied by Mrs. Ellis.

The work of Dr. Ellis will be largely financed by the General Education Board of New York, which has financed many other Hendrix programs in economics, social and general education fields in recent years.

Dr. Ellis, who was reared on a farm has been highly recommended both in ability and personality by Professor William Gee, head of the school of rural social economics of the University of Virginia, where he has done all his graduate work and received his Ph. D. degree this month. He attended Millsaps College in Jackson, Mississippi, and earned his bachelor of science degree from Mississippi State College with honors in 1941. Last summer in company with Dr. Thomas S. Staples of Hendrix he made an extensive trip through rural areas of Arkansas.

Little Rock Girl To Be Campus Queen

Eloise Bailey of Little Rock will be queen of the annual campus day celebration to be held December 2, and sponsored by the Booster Club, of which Helen Bailey, Little Rock, is president. The campus day queen is selected each year from the senior women by vote of the student body.

Hendrix Alumni and Faculty Members On Convention Program

Numerous Hendrix alumni and faculty members will participate in the Arkansas Education Association's convention to be held in the Little Rock senior high school November 13 and 14. J. E. O'Daniel, Hendrix graduate of 1929, is president of the association.

Among Hendrix alumni who are officers of state departments and sections are Julius Gray of Eudora, president of the association of school administrators; J. F. Wahl of Helena, an officer of the school administrators and also of the athletic association; Ed Wheat of Lonoke, president of the county school supervisors; Dr. H. I. Lane of the Hendrix College faculty, president of the mathematics section; Lewis Hawley, vice-president of the secondary school principals; Miss Myrtle Charles of the Hendrix faculty, president of the modern language section, and Mrs. Robert Rhea of Eudora.

Appearing on the convention program will be Dr. H. W. Kamp, professor of Greek and Latin at Hendrix; Miss Marguerite Pearce of the Hendrix speech department, Virgil Coleman of Van Buren, L. C. Hawley of Forrest City and Marvin Bird of Earle.

Also appearing on the program will be ten Hendrix students who will present musical selections on the program of the voice section of the state music teacher's association. Solos will be sung by Mary Eliabzeth Bates of North Little Rock and Bonnie Elms of Stuttgart.

MINISTER OF MUSIC AT FIRST CHURCH, EL DORADO IN CONCERT

G. Douglas Sloan, minister of Music at First Church, El Dorado, gave a concert of organ music at the 5:00 o'clock vesper service on October 29. This is the first of a series to be given throughout the year. The program included religious, semi-classical and classical music taken from the great masters of the organ.

MINISTER OF MUSIC AT SCOTT STREET

Mrs. Guy Russell has been employed as minister of music at Scott Street Church, Little Rock. She is a graduate of the College of the Ozarks and has had special training in voice and choral work. She will direct the adult and children's choir.

SON OF PASTOR REPORTED MISSING IN ACTION

Lieutenant Leo Alston, son of Rev. P. D. Alston, pastor of Centennial Church, El Dorado, is reported by the War Department as missing over Germany, October 14. Lieutenant Alston is a member of Vantrease Methodist Church, El Dorado.

CLOVER BEND CHURCH HONORS PASTOR AND FAMILY

Forty-five members and friends of the Clover Bend Methodist Church of the Strangers Home Circuit gathered at the parsonage for a pot-luck dinner on the night of November 7. The evening was spent in singing hymns and playing games after which the church presented a set of china, a water set, a dripolator and a love offering to Rev. C. L. Martin and family.

Brother and Mrs. Martin and children, who will serve the Waldron Circuit the coming year will be greatly missed. Much good has been done for the church in the two years that they have been with us. They have made friends over the entire circuit.

The church welcomes Rev. Henry Trotter, who will be our pastor for the coming year, and Mrs. Trotter.—Reporter.

Choristers Sing For Methodist Conference

A selected group from the Hendrix College choristers sang at the opening services of the North Arkansas Conference in Morrilton Oct. 30. The program was a memorial and communion service. The Hendrix group sang all of the anthems and hymns and also furnished a choral setting for the communion service.

A. A. U. W. Staff Officer At Hendrix

Miss Lura Beam of Washington, D. C., representative of the American Association of University Women, was a recent visitor at Hendrix while touring American cities inspecting art projects of A. A. U. W. branches.—Russ.

MESSIAH PRESENTATION ON DECEMBER 10

The Messiah committee of the Arkansas Philharmonic Society made up of William Leigh, chairman, Dr. Eschweiler, Mrs. Edward Cornish, Miss Katherine Lincoln, Mrs. William F. Clements, Miss Frances Mallory, C. B. Crook, Dr. A. W. McCollough and the president, Dr. J. D. Jordan, announce the selection of John H. Summers as director of the state-wide Messiah chorus to be presented in Robinson Auditorium in Little Rock on Dec. 10 in an evening service of all denominations. The committee states: "We feel we are fortunate in securing this able director, whose religious zeal and dynamic musicianship will inspire a great rendition of Handel's glorious music."

Mr. Summers is well-equipped to conduct the complete Part 1 of the Messiah, having studied oratorio at Columbia University and having twice rendered it while for seven years organist and choirmaster of the First Methodist Church, Little Rock. He was graduated from Ouachita College and did post graduate work at Columbia University, New York. Among the celebrated teachers with whom he has studied are the late Hugh McAmis of New York, also Hugh Porter, Seth Bingham and the late Charles H. Duersam of Columbia. He served as substitute organist and director at St. Paul's Chapel, Columbia, during the summer of 1942. He was organist and choir-master for one year at St. Paul's Methodist Church, Houston, Texas. His choir has achieved an outstanding reputation of singing a wide repertoire of the church's greatest music.

Rehearsals are being held each Monday evening at 7:30 in the chapel of the First Methodist Church, 8th and Center Street. All singers are invited to come and sing with this splendid chorus. The Ouachita Choir, the Harding College Glee Club, Hendrix College Glee Club, the Medical School Chorus will add their voices to make this a wonderful musical and religious presentation.

This civic project started with a small chorus and grew to a chorus of three hundred under the direction of Mrs. I. J. Steed and Mrs. R. E. Overman, chairman. They will be unable to take part this year after thirteen years' splendid service. The late George Lescher was business manager.

DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT H. LYNN WADE HONORED

The last Quarterly Conference of the Corning Methodist Church was held on Monday night October 9. A buffet supper was served in the church parlors preceding the business session. The supper honored the retiring district superintendent, Rev. H. Lynn Wade and several new members.

The ablest men in all the walks of modern life are men of faith. Most of them have much more faith than they themselves realize.—Bruce Barton.

Individual Reports Of Pastors--North Arkansas Conference

(Continued from last week)

SULPHUR SPRINGS: J. C. Gibbons, pastor. Received 11 members on profession of faith. Everything paid 100 percent. Fine increase in church and Church School.

MCCRORY: Ralph Hillis, pastor. Received 28 members, 21 on profession of faith. World Service and Salaries 100 percent. Increase in Sunday School enrollment.

CHARLESTON: James R. Chandler, pastor. Received 15 members, 6 on profession of faith. Salaries and World Service 100 percent. Paid for improvements on church \$260.00. Amount paid on debt retirement \$1,014.00.

LUXORA: C. Everett Patton, pastor. Received 32 members. Salaries and World Service 100 percent. Paid for improvements on church \$100.00 and on parsonage \$300.00. Increase in Sunday School enrollment.

GOSNELL-HALF MOON: Linley E. Vowell, pastor. Received 26 members, 20 on profession of faith. Salaries and World Service 100 percent. Paid for improvements on church \$300.00 and on parsonage \$300.00.

SILOAM SPRINGS: W. F. Cooley, pastor. Received 72 members, 35 on profession of faith. Salaries and World Service 100 percent. Paid for improvements on church \$2,000. New parsonage bought at cost of \$4500.

ROSE BUD: W. C. Smith, pastor. Received 14 members. Salaries and World Service 100 percent. Paid for improvement on parsonage \$100.00. Increase in Sunday School enrollment 10 percent.

ST. FRANCIS: A. C. Brannon, pastor. Received 35 members. Salaries and World Service 100 percent. Paid for improvements on church \$166.00. Increase in Sunday School enrollment.

SPRINGTOWN: Ivan Wilson, pastor. Received 9 members on profession of faith. Salaries and World Service 100 percent. Paid for improvements on church \$100.00 and on parsonage \$16.00.

JUDSONIA: F. A. Lark, pastor. Received 12 members on profession of faith. Salaries and World Service 100 percent. Paid for improvements on parsonage \$742.00. No debts. Increase in Sunday School enrollment.

BRANCH: C. R. Nance, pastor. Received 14 members, 10 on profession of faith. Salaries 100 percent and World Service 145 percent. Paid for improvements on parsonage \$100.00. Slight increase in Sunday School enrollment. Askings for World Service in full.

OLA: Don C. Holman, pastor. Received 9 members, 4 on profession of faith. Paid for improvements on church \$527.00 and on parsonage \$20.00. Increase in Sunday School enrollment. Plans are progressing for a new church building at Centerville.

MONTE NE CIRCUIT: Harold L. Johnstor, pastor. Received 9 members, 4 on profession of faith. Salaries and World Service 100 percent. Paid for improvements on church \$300.00. Increase in Sunday School enrollment.

BEECH GROVE-CAMP GROUND: E. C. Hance, pastor. Received 22 members, 8 on profession of faith. Salaries and World Service 100 percent. Paid for improvements on church \$200.00. Increase in Sunday School enrollment.

CLINTON: Virgil Hanks, pastor. Received 124 members, 98 on profession of faith. Salaries and World Service 100 percent. Paid for improvements on church \$2000.00 and on parsonage \$410.00. Askings for World Service in full. Went from \$129.00 to \$375.00 on World Service.

WILSON: E. G. Kaetzell, pastor. Received 15 members, 8 on profession of faith. Salaries 100 percent, World Service 75 percent. Paid for improvements on church \$150.00 and on parsonage \$250.00. Sunday School enrollment increased 15 percent. Church attendance increased 100 percent.

GODDARD MEMORIAL FT. SMITH: E. H. Hook, pastor. Received 78 members, 28 on profession of faith. Salaries and World Service 100 percent. Paid for improvements on parsonage \$500.00. Paid on debt retirement \$7,000.00. Increase in Sunday School enrollment. Askings for World Service paid in full.

CORNING: B. C. Few, pastor. Received 17 members, 2 on profession of faith. Salaries and World Service 100 percent. Paid for improvements on church \$576.00, on parsonage \$131.00. No debts. Increase in Sunday School

enrollment. Askings for World Service overpaid (Askings \$575.00, paid \$650.00).

FIRST CHURCH NORTH LITTLE ROCK: Allen, D. Stewart, pastor. Received 92 members, 30 on profession of faith. Salaries and World Service 100 percent. Increase in Sunday School enrollment. Askings paid in full, plus \$500.00. Raised for building fund \$15,500.00.

FIRST CHURCH PARIS: James T. Willcox, pastor. Received 49 members. Salaries and World Service 100 percent. Increase in Sunday School enrollment. Askings for World Service paid in full. During four years a \$4,000.00 parsonage bought and paid for. Old parsonage remodeled for Sunday School purposes. Moveable letter bulletin installed.

FOURTH STREET RECTOR: Brady Cook, pastor. Received 23 members, 20 on profession of faith. Salaries and World Service 100 percent. Paid for improvements on church \$1,169.00 and on parsonage \$25.00. Increase in Sunday School enrollment. Askings for World Service paid in full. Church plans to finish a \$6000.00 building program in coming year.

SOUTH FORT SMITH: A. H. DuLaney, pastor. Salaries and World Service 100 percent. Paid for improvements on church \$250.00. Increase in Sunday School enrollment. Neon sign installed on church. Light fixtures and redecoration on inside church. Church lawn leveled. In the four years salary of pastor raised \$600.00. Quadrupled payment to World Service, built garage, painted parsonage, outside, roof on church and other improvements on church property.

CLARENDON: Irl Bridenthal, pastor. Received 21 members. Salaries and World Service 100 percent plus. Paid for improvements on church \$450.00 and on parsonage \$50.00. No debts. Sunday School enrollment and average attendance increased. Closing third year in which 125 were received into church, over one-half on profession of faith. Budget has increased approximately \$1000.00 during the three years. Pastor's salary increased \$700.00. This year's asking on Benevolences paid in full plus which represents about 35 percent increase. Building project under way for construction of combined W. S. C. S. and young people's building. A large part of funds already paid.



A WEEKLY MESSAGE

By FORNEY HUTCHINSON

DAN GREENE

One summer, when I was home from college, I helped the pastor in a meeting at Ozan, Arkansas. In the course of the meeting I became very much interested in a young man of about my own age who came to the altar every night, deeply concerned about the salvation of his soul. His name was Dan Greene, and he belonged to one of the most substantial families in that community. We came finally to the last night of the meeting and Dan, as usual, was at the altar. I went down and spoke to him personally. I said, "Dan, don't you believe the Lord is able to save you?" He said, "Yes." "Then, don't you believe He is willing to save you," and again he replied in the affirmative. "Then," I said, "Where is your trouble, what's in your way?" He looked up at me most pathetically and said, "I believe He is able to save me and I believe He is willing to do it, but I

IT HAPPENED IN ENGLAND

A preacher in Bournemouth, England, wrote recently:

"We have been a pleasure-loving people,

have my doubts about whether He is going to do it or not." His doubts came in at a very critical point.

To find peace with God, one must not only believe that He is able and willing to save, but he must believe that He does now actually forgive and save. All else leads up to that critical point. To believe that He does now forgive and save completes the transaction. Following that, peace and assurance quickly come.

I was enabled to make Dan see the point and he left the altar with a radiant face. I sincerely trust that he has never allowed that old doubt to enter his mind from then until now. "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and thou shalt be saved."

The provisions are all made; the feast spread. Our part is to accept.

"Let not conscience make you linger
Nor of fitness fondly dream.
All the fitness He requireth
Is to feel your need of Him."
Why not now?

dishonoring God's day, picnicking and bathing—now the seashores are barred; no picnic, no bathing.

"We have preferred motor travel to church-going—now there is a shortage of motor fuel.

"We have ignored the ringing of the church bells calling us to worship—now the bells cannot ring except to warn of invasion.

"We have left the churches half empty when they should have been filled with worshippers—now they are in ruin.

"We would not listen to the way of peace—now we are forced to listen to the way of war.

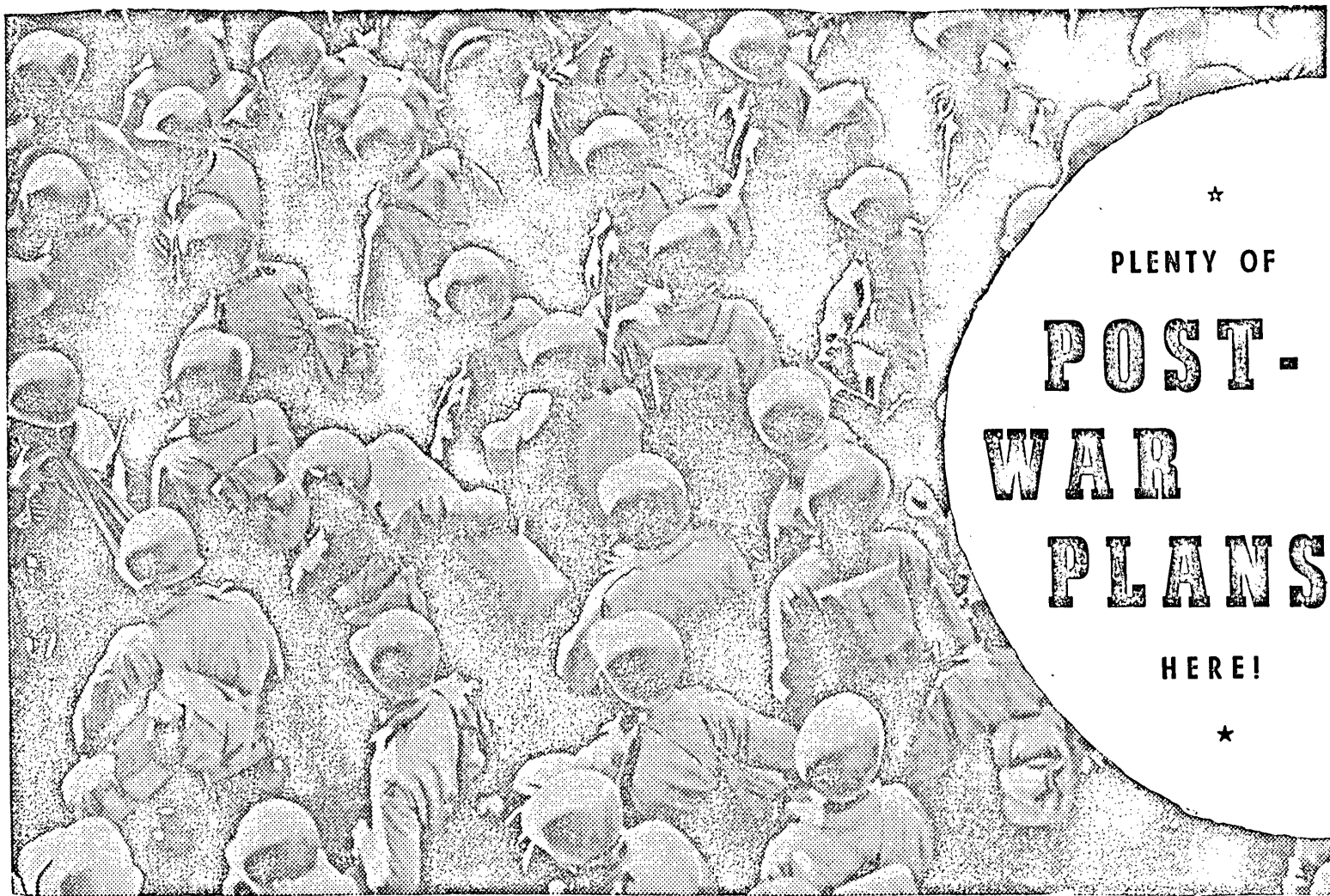
"The money we would not give to the Lord's work now is taken from us in taxes and higher prices.

"The food for which we forgot to return thanks now is unobtainable."

America is as guilty as England!—Chapel Chimes—Gospel Advocate.

Modern temperance teaching must concern itself, above all, with the harmful effects of small doses of alcohol. These effects are often not apparent—an additional reason why the teacher should point them out.—Dr. Ivan Bolin, Department of Public Instruction, Stockholm, Sweden.—The Voice.

Men and pens are useless when they lose their heads.—Ex.



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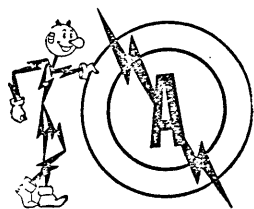
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The Sunday School Lesson

By DR. W. P. WHALEY



CHRISTIANITY AND DEMOCRACY

LESSON FOR NOVEMBER 19, 1944

SCRIPTURE TEXT: Micah 4:1-5; Mark 12:13-17; Romans 13:8-10; 1 Pet. 2:13-17.

GOLDEN TEXT: "Bear ye one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ." Gal. 6:2.

I. Ancient Longing For Good Government (Micah 4:1-5).

This passage from Micah is almost exactly like a passage in Isaiah, (Isa. 2:1-6). Both prophets lived at the same time, about seven hundred years before Christ. The seven chapters of Micah's writings give a very unattractive picture of both the church and the government perfectly happy till all are happy." leg shorter than the other. A ets had gotten into the church, and were siding with corrupt politicians. But in the dark night of the corrupt times, both Isaiah and Micah were longing for and looking for a brighter day for both the government and the church.

The governments of that age and of all past ages, both Jewish and Gentile, were corrupt and oppressive monarchies. Democratic government was unknown, and undreamed of; but great religious leaders were rebuking political corruption, and stirring up the church to expect and demand government more fitting a Christian society. The preachers of that age were in politics: some on one side, and some on the opposite side. Both Isaiah and Micah expected the cleansing of the state and the cure of war to be brought about by the church: "the law shall go forth of Zion, and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem." If matters were left to the control of a horde of mere politicians, there was no hope for good government or for peace. The church then was to be the salt of the earth and the light of the world—as it must be still.

II. Democracy

Daniel Webster said a Democracy is "The People's Government, made for the people, made by the people, and answering to the people." Lincoln called the government of the United States "Government of the people, by the people, and for the people." In a democracy, that is a democracy in fact, the people have high value; and their "right to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness" is secured. In the ancient monarchies the people had no value, except as they could pay taxes, serve in the army, slave on public works, and glorify the king. The state was everything, and the citizen was its servant. A democrat's estimate of a man approaches Christianity's estimate. As Christ came not to be ministered unto but to minister, so a democratic state does not exist for itself but for its citizens.

III. God and the State (Mark 12:13-17).

As the more God loves and blesses a man, the more man owes to

God; so the more democratic and helpful the government, the more a man is bound to loyalty and support. In a democratic government, a man is free, and works with the authorities to govern himself; so in the kingdom of God, a Christian enjoys the liberty of the children of God, and is a worker with God to secure for himself all good. As Christianity conceives Him, God is not a tyrant ruling an oppressive kingdom without regard for the people; but a great Father whose supreme concern is the welfare and happiness of His children. We owe a good government a great deal for what it does for us; so, enjoying citizenship in the divine kingdom, we owe God a great deal. Jesus commanded a great double duty when He said, Pay your government what you owe it, and pay God what you owe Him. Citizenship in the kingdom of God, is a high privilege. A democratic government is the most Christian government the world has ever had.

IV. Equality and Brotherhood Christ said "all ye are brethren." Our Declaration of Independence says "all men are created equal." So, Christianity and Democracy agree on the equality and brotherhood of men. Christianity says, "Bear ye one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ." Our Declaration of Independence says, "We mutually pledge to each other our lives, our fortunes, and our sacred honor." So both Christianity and Democracy seek to bind men into a unity against common enemies and evils; into a fellowship endeavor to obtain the best life, liberty, and happiness; and into a covenant of mutual aid all along the way of life. Theoretical-

IV. Equality and Brotherhood

against the same evils that Christianity opposes, and aims for the same goals set before Christians. Both government and the church fall below their high ideals. The class might discuss some of our failures to measure up to our high government and church ideals.

V. One Another (Rom. 13:8-10).

Herbert Spencer said, "No one can be perfectly free till all are free; no one can be perfectly moral till all are moral; no one can be perfectly happy till all are happy." Our great democratic government early began to learn this truth. Abraham Lincoln said, "I believe this government cannot endure permanently half slave and half free." A man gets along poorly with one leg shorter than the other. A nation cannot get along well half sober and half drunk, half righteous and half vicious, half intelligent and half ignorant. It would help the good leg if the short one could

measure up to it. It would help the sober man if the drunkard would sober up. It would help the educated man if the ignorant would go to school. It would help the good man if the wicked man would repent. Anything we can do to lift the other fellow UP will be a help to the one who lifts. Help to the other fellow is help to ourselves. A man hurts himself when he hurts another financially, morally, or socially. The other man's welfare is my welfare, the other man's health is my health, the other man's happiness is my happiness. I am tremendously concerned about the man who lives next to me: his family, his habits, his standard of life.

Democratic governments and the Christian Church are just beginning the operation to lengthen the short leg. It will be a long time before the inequalities, injustices, and disadvantages are removed from society; but this is a fine case for the skill of the statesman and the inspiration of the churchman. If they like a problem worthy of their thinking and their work, here it is.

VI. Loyalty To God, The King, The Brotherhood, and to all men (1 Pet. 2:13).

The great problems of the government and the Church cannot be solved by the few trained experts alone. The great stones for the pyramids and for the temple at Baalbeck were moved by masses of common laborers. In a democratic government and the church the masses have an opportunity and a call to think, vote, and work to build the state and the church. The entire citizenship of a democratic state must work together to make the government successful; and the church must, likewise, have the thought and prayer and work of the entire membership. "We are laborers together." Loyalty to God, the government, the brotherhood, and to all men, is a good motto for a democrat and a Christian.

"What constitutes a state?

Not high-raised battlement or labored mound,

Thick wall or moated gate;

Not cities proud with spires and turrets crowned;

Not bays and broad-armed ports, Where, laughing at the storm, rich navies ride;

Not starred and spangled courts, Where low-browed baseness wafts perfume to pride.

No: men—high-minded men, With powers as far above dull brutes as endued

In forest, brake, or den, As beasts excel cold rocks and brambles rude;

Men, who their duties know, But know their right, and, knowing, dare maintain."

With apologies to Sir William Jones, author of above, we ask:

What goes to make a church? Not high-sounding creed or age-honored name,

Sky-piercing gilded spires; Not windows with artistic colors glazed;

Not bishops in surplice and gown, Who, chanting through ritualistic forms,

Stand apart from common men, In untouchable sanctity and pride.

No: multitudes of folks, Christ-minded folks, Holy Spirit inspired

To live and pray and work In building the Kingdom of love divine;

Folks, who each other know, But know their Lord, and loving, follow Him.

CONDENSED MINUTES OF LITTLE ROCK CONFERENCE

(Continued from page 9)

46. What are the detailed objectives of this conference for the coming year? See report of Committee on Goals and Objectives.

47. Where shall the next session of the conference be held? Hot Springs.

50. Where are the preachers stationed for the ensuing year? (See list of appointments.)

Sunday is the golden clasp that binds together the volume of the week.—Longfellow.

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