

Arkansas Methodist

Serving One Hundred and Sixty Thousand Methodists in Arkansas

"The World is My Parish"

John Wesley

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

VOL. LXV

LE ROCK, ARKANSAS, SEPTEMBER 5, 1946

NO. 35

"Victory Sunday" For The Year Of Evangelism

SUNDAY, October 6, is World Wide Communion Sunday. It will also be one of the great days in the history of The Methodist Church, since it will mark the close of the greatest and most successful evangelistic campaign in the history of the Christian church. This year World Wide Communion Sunday is being designated, in The Methodist Church, as "Victory Membership Sunday." September is to be given to an Evangelistic Visitation campaign to "Win the Last 200,000." The week of September 22-27 has been designated as "Victory Visitation Week."

It looked like a very ambitious program for The Methodist Church to fix as its goal, in the Year of Evangelism, one million additions to our church. Our leaders were very much encouraged, however, when it was reported that about 800,000 members have already been added to our church on profession of faith and by certificate of transfer.

If the plans suggested by those in charge of the Year of Evangelism are followed vigorously through the month of September, it is not at all unreasonable to expect that "The Last 200,000" members will be won during that time. This would mean an average of about nine members each for the 21,270 pastoral charges in our church in the United States. That will be a rather strenuous program but it is not impossible.

With faith, earnestness and confidence let us move on toward this climactic day recognizing that the task to which we have given ourselves is in perfect accord with the primary purpose and mission of the Church. We exceeded our financial goal for the Crusade for Christ by a substantial margin. It will be wonderful if we can exceed this spiritual goal by an even larger margin.

Bulgaria Asks For Grecian Territory

THE further we go in our efforts to solve post-war problems the more complex the situation becomes. A striking example of the muddled mess things have come to is found now in the attitude of Bulgaria, a former enemy country.

Bulgaria was a part of the Axis forces as they tried to conquer the world. As a satellite of Germany, Bulgaria played for high stakes and was a part of the most ruthless methods in warfare that the modern world has known.

Now, having come under the Russian "sphere of influence," and hence under Russian protection, Bulgaria, a former enemy, is demanding of the United Nations that they give her a part of Greece, which fought to utter exhaustion as a part of the force of the United Nations which finally blocked and defeated the Axis powers.

We would have something of the same situation if Italy or Germany were to demand a part of France in the general settlement. They would likely do so if they had the same backing and encouragement that Bulgaria has.

Greece has possibly suffered more as a nation, in proportion to her size, than any other nation engaged in the war against the German Axis. If the Western Powers allow Greece to be further penalized for the part she took in the war and at the same time reward an enemy nation, at the expense of Greece, it will be a betrayal of friendship that may plague them at a later date.

Methodist Institutions Must Be Service Centered

THE BENEVOLENT PROGRAM of The Methodist Church must be service centered. Nevertheless, it is not enough that our leaders make this program service centered, as they have. It is necessary also that we enable the rank and file of our Methodist membership to become so familiar with this program that THEY will know that it is service centered.

For some people and for some churches our benevolent program is often thought of as a necessary annual hurdle to be made or a goal to be reached largely that the church and the minister may have the satisfaction of reporting "every thing in full, bishop." Our common use of the terms "World Service" and "Conference Benevolences" is often used as a substitute for an explanation of the details of the program. When this is true, we conceal rather than reveal the wonderful program in which Methodism is engaged outside of the local church. We must have less giving TO World Service and more, informed giving FOR World Service with a sense of personal responsibility for helping to meet needs of which we know.

Our people know something of what their money is used for in the local church. They do not receive the larger joy from such giving because our larger joy does not come from doing something for an institution in which we are as personally interested as we are in our local church. Nevertheless, our largest joy, which comes from giving solely for the benefit of others, is often missed. It is so because many of our people simply feel that they are helping to raise a "fund" rather than that they are making a contribution to a worthy, worthwhile cause.

Because the financial appeal in the Crusade for Christ was for an unusual amount, we all felt that it was necessary to tell our people something in detail of the causes for which the money was being raised. Seeing the world's needs, the response was phenomenal and in about twelve months more than \$26,000,000 was raised for this cause.

In our benevolent program our people must understand that they are not just contributing to a "budget," or helping to make up a "deficit," or contributing as a matter of "church pride." No great benevolent program of earth is more helpfully, wisely and economically administered than is the benevolent program of The Methodist Church. Methodism could do no finer or more profitable thing of this nature, than to put on a campaign of education regarding the benevolent program of our church. This worldwide program is definitely service centered. It has but one object and that is to distribute a Methodist dollar in such a way as that it will minister in the most effective way at home and abroad. Every Methodist should know this.

Where National Government Double-Crosses The States

AN Associated Press report out of Washington, D. C., states that a report by the Government Treasury indicates that a government license to sell liquor was issued to two thousand, nine hundred and eighty individuals living in the dry states of Kansas, Oklahoma and Mississippi in the fiscal year ending on June 30th, 1946.

For this double crossing of the laws of these states, and the will of the majority of their citizenship, the national Government received the magnificent sum of \$85,977, which is about two thousandths of one per cent of its total annual income of \$41,500,000,000.

If we had a national prohibition law, no state could contradict that law by issuing a state license to sell liquor. The state law permitting such action would immediately be declared unconstitutional. It is our judgment that there is no possible justification for the National Government assuming the moral right to issue a license to sell liquor in territory where a state law prohibits it.

Section four of the fourth Article of the Constitution of the United States reads: "The United States shall guarantee to every state in the Union, a Representative Form of Government." By issuing a license to sell liquor in territory that is dry by State law, the National Government nullifies rather than guarantees State Government, at that point.

Section two of Article Twenty-one of our Constitution reads, "The transportation or importation into any state, territory or possession of the United States for delivery therein of intoxicating liquors, in violation of the laws thereof, is hereby prohibited."

In the face of such a constitutional provision, the National Government issues a license to sell liquor in dry territory, "in violation of the laws thereof." Such action cannot but encourage bootleggers to violate this section of our Constitution which prohibits transporting liquor into dry territory, or it encourages them to make their liquor in moonshine stills within dry territory. It is also an encouragement to bootleggers to violate state laws which prohibit the sale of liquor. Such an attitude by National Government is inexplicable by an process of reasoning with which we are familiar.

Some People Are Like That

SOME time ago the editor was seated before a large open fireplace in a rural home. Our host had just laid the wood for a big fire and the flames were slowly gathering force.

As we sat there alone watching the growing fire, we noticed an insect which had been driven from its hiding place as it ran aimlessly about trying to escape the heat. Seeing its plight, we thought to save it from the fate which threatened. As we got up, it was running directly toward the flames. We put out our hand and stopped it. Turning it ran in another direction, which also led into the flames. Again we tried to catch it and succeeded in stopping it but it turned in another direction unexpectedly and jumped directly into the fire.

Some people are like that and it will require all of the wisdom, patience and zeal we possess to save them from a worse fate than threatened the fleeting life of this insect.

If We Do What He Did

By THOMAS F. CHILCOTE, JR.

AN incredible victory is now within the grasp of weary men. The labors of the Year of Evangelism have sapped energy but have not stymied the enthusiasm of the pastors and laymen of Methodism who have given themselves with great sacrifice to the spiritual task of this year.

It is reliably estimated that 800,000 persons have committed themselves to Christ and the Kingdom as a result of the concerted effort of evangelism during the last several months.

What day could more fittingly mark the close of the Year of Evangelism than World Wide Communion Sunday, October 6th. On that day we will be reminded of the words of Isaiah as he described the spirit of the long-looked-for Messiah. We have read those familiar words again and again. They always humble us—"He was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed."

Those of us who gratefully acknowledge that we have received in our hearts and minds the spirit of the living Christ certainly must be possessors of the spirit of self-sacrifice which made him so great a Redeemer of men.

This year Methodists have demonstrated that they are willing to make themselves expendable for Christ and for others. We have received into the membership of the Church men, women, and young persons who have given themselves unreservedly to Christ. We have been using every Method that we know to make a positive approach and obtain a transforming response on the part of those we have contacted for Christ. Even yet the life around us indicates that we have not reached the multitudes. We have not gone to the last or to the least. Among the 200,000 we have yet to win, there will be some of the most courageous and remarkable Christians that we can possibly find. They have not yet met Jesus as a Saviour. They have not yet discovered the power of the Gospel to transform life. They have not yet met God the Father who loves them. For many of them now, God and Christ and the Gospel are trivial considerations. Caught up in the bedlam of materialism and secularism they need the gospel of the spiritual life. They will never receive it until there has been an evidence of sacrificial service on the part of all of us, even those who are the most weary now.

To bring the Year of Evangelism to the spiritual climax to which our prayers are directed,

we will need a spirit very much like that which Isaiah claimed for the Messiah. We will have to be wounded for the transgressions of those whom we seek to win. We will have to be bruised for their iniquities. The chastisement of their peace will have to be upon us. With our stripes they will be healed. Like Saint Paul, each of us will find it necessary to confess, "I bear in my body the marks of the Lord Jesus." The winning of the last 200,000 will come as a result of Christlike sacrifice, the



THOMAS F. CHILCOTE, JR.

like of which most of us have yet to experience.

We will be helping those churches which have not yet obtained one commitment for Christ during this year. We will do everything, God helping us, to let no church in Methodism fail to share in the great spiritual triumph which all of us hope for this year.

Conferences, districts, and episcopal Areas which have reached or almost reached their goal for the Year of Evangelism are going beyond the expectations the Crusade for Christ set for them. They are making a prayerful effort to reach the last, the least, and the lost in every community. They have caught the spirit of great evangelism—evangelism at its best. They have discovered afresh what the Gospel can do to a community that has been thoroughly explored in terms of its spiritual possibilities. They have seen what the Gospel of Christ can do for lives

that have been meaningless, sordid and unaware of God. They have discovered the thrill that comes when a person has been called upon to commit himself or herself to Christ. New life is pulsing in many a church because of concern for the unreached generated by the Year of Evangelism. Many persons who have been outside the Kingdom of the living God have been brought inside. They have found warmth in Christian Fellowship.

Many persons who, for years, have been outside the Church, looking upon it critically and talking about it disparagingly, have had their eyes opened and their hearts blessed as members of the Church have gone to the highways and hedges to bring in the ones who have been neglected for so long. Many a Methodist has asked God to forgive him for negligence during the years that have gone. Many of the young men and women who are among the delinquent of our generation are the product of our negligence. In trying to make amends for our failures of the past we can do nothing less than to commit ourselves to enlarged labors for the Kingdom for the future.

September, 1945, is a challenging month in Methodism. We want to have at our altars on World Wide Communion Sunday—October 6th—the 200,000 who will have been won during the next few weeks by intensive labor.

Every person who is not a Christian is a liability to the community. He is a threat to the spiritual vitality of the nation and of the world. He is a burden on the heart of God. Those of us who assume responsibility for the Kingdom in our distraught times certainly know that the responsibility is best discharged as we work and labor patiently and faithfully, even when we are weary and worn, to bring the lost to Christ.

In the winning the last 200,000 persons to crown the Year of Evangelism with a success, at least equivalent to that which we experienced in oversubscribing our financial expectations for relief and rehabilitation, we are not going to work with such haste with any person that we fail to lead him into a deep experience of the living Christ who can transform any and every life. In confidence, let us go forth during these brief remaining weeks before October 6 to win the last, the least, and the lost.

If we do what Jesus did—let the world wound, bruise, chastise, and torture us as we labor for God in behalf of the spiritually destitute—then we will find victory this year that will eclipse all we have done before!

The Christian Home

From Tidings

Importance of the Home

IT has often been said that the homes of a people are the pillars of their nation. President Coolidge declared with force and fact: "The destiny and the greatness of America lie around the hearthstone."

The importance of the home cannot easily be overstated. It is the great world-foundation of health or disease, of medicine or poison. It is God's best workshop or the devil's best forge. It is a supreme factor in the salvation or ruin of our race. It is a determining factor in the solution of many problems.

As is the home, so will be the church, the state, and the nation. By weakening the pillars of the home in the "interest" of the State, ancient Greece sealed its own doom. Because of corruption in the families, the boasted civilization of Rome could not endure. And today the threads of destiny of our own nation are being silently woven within the narrow confines of our family circles. Upon the walls of every institution which fails to include in its reckoning the

home, no matter how glowing its prospects may seem, no matter how sumptuous and hilarious its feasting may be, there is traced by secret hand the writing: "Thou hast been weighed in the balance and found wanting."

The Christian Home

In the home where the Gospel of Jesus Christ lives and reigns there will be a consciousness of the immeasurable privilege of true parenthood. A greater and holier work can scarcely be imagined than to build a home, to rear a family correctly, to root and ground one's own in truth, and to send them out as living epistles to glorify their God and serve their fellowmen. A neighbor once asked a mother "Do you do any literary work?" "Yes," she replied, "I am writing two books." "What are their titles?" "John and Mary," she answered. "My business is to write upon the hearts and minds of my children the lessons they will never forget."

Blessed Results

In any home where the Lord Jesus reigns supreme, children will love and honor their

parents, for they will remember that the Saviour Himself was subject to His earthly parents, and that even in the height of His great suffering He looked down from the cross and provided for the support and comfort of His mother. Christian young people will realize that the Saviour still tells them: "Honor thy father and mother," and gratitude for the countless benefactions received from their parents will prompt them to do their utmost to enable father and mother to spend their declining years in comfort and blessing and to receive unmistakable tokens of their children's love and affection.

A Sad Incident

When "home-ties become loosened," then, as Theodore Roosevelt once declared, "evil days are at hand." A sad incident happened on the Bridge of Sighs, which spanned the space connecting the old Tombs with the Criminal Court building in New York. A convicted criminal—a woman—was being led across by prison officers. Suddenly she halted and gasped. Before her,

(Continued on Page 4)

THE DEVOTIONAL PAGE

REV. H. O. BOLIN, Editor

LOVE THY NEIGHBOR

Christians in this country have a duty of the first magnitude to perform. It is to keep Christianity associated with the character and teaching of Jesus Christ.

This may seem like a strange thing to say—but, at the moment, it has to be said in face of the fact that wandering around over the country are some rabble-rousers and hate-preachers—many of whom claim to speak in the name of Christianity. They call themselves Christians and some of them even identify themselves as Christian ministers.

As against the hate-preachers, some of us will recall—and all of us ought to make our own—the words of the Episcopal Bishop of New York, the Rt. Rev. William T. Manning, who called anti-semitism “a shocking thing” and said that he was glad to speak his word against the manifestation of anti-Semitism anywhere, “and especially against any disposition to incite, encourage, or countenance any such spirit in this country”; also the words of Father Maurice S. Sheehy, of the Catholic University of America, who stated that “as a Catholic I salute the Jew as my spiritual ancestor, who preserved belief in one God, in hard, cruel times, who worshipped and still worships the true God.”

It doesn't require any great knowledge of Christianity, as a religion of charity and justice, to know that these Christian leaders speak the true language of the Christian religion. It is not expecting too much to believe that true Christians will listen to them and men like them. Every Christian can do something to defeat the purposes of the hate-preachers. We can—and we should—refuse to spread lies and rumors about people of different races and religions—knowing that false prophets try in every possible way to make us hate our neighbors—knowing, too, that the Gospel commands us to love one another as the only way to fulfill the Divine Law which states, among other things, “Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbor.”—Rev. William C. Kernan—in “The Union Signal.”

THE ONLY SALVATION

There is growing evidence that the allied peoples are being tempted by the very devils against which they have sent her down for the final fight. The conceded need for justice is in many quarters degenerating into a demand for vengeance on whole peoples, many of whom have risked more than we in standing steadfast for the right. A great military force is being increasingly looked upon as the only assurance of future peace, and a new world Alliance is envisaged to dominate the world by its might. Many are so impressed by the potency of material things we are creating that materialism seems to them the ultimate in value. There can be little doubt that we face a spiritual crisis. At this juncture only the spirit of Christ can save us and hold us to a true sense of values.—John Foster Dulles.

Adversity reminds men of religion.—Livy.

“LOVE THYSELF LAST”

*Love thyself last. Look near, behold thy duty
To those who walk beside thee down life's road;
Make glad their days by little acts of beauty,
And help them bear the burden of earth's load.*

*Love thyself last. Look far and find the stranger,
Who staggers 'neath his sins and his despair;
Go lend a hand, and lead him out of danger,
To heights where he may see the world is fair.*

*Love thyself last. The vastnesses above thee
Are filled with Spirit Forces, strong and pure.
And fervently, these faithful friends shall love thee:
Keep thou thy watch o'er others, and endure.*

*Love thyself last; and oh, such joy shall thrill thee,
As never yet to selfish soul was given.
Whate'er thy lot, a perfect peace will fill thee,
And earth shall seem the ante-room of Heaven.*

*Love thyself last, and thou shall grow in spirit
To see, to hear, to know, and understand
The message of the stars, lo, thou shall hear it,
And all God's joys shall be at thy command.*

—Ella Wheeler Wilcox

From “Poems of Inspiration” by Morris and Adams

THE GREATEST FORCE ON EARTH

Some years ago a high school debating team chose as their subject: “Resolved That People Will Go Further and Do More For Love Than For Money”. The writer doesn't remember which side received the favorable decision of the judges, but all are agreed that the affirmative side should have won. Love is the greatest force on earth. Little wonder we find the Bible saying, “God is love”. We are not implying here that God is merely a force as many claim. We do contend, however, that the greatest single force in the personality of God is love. That is his chief attribute. In the thirteenth chapter of First Corinthians Paul emphasizes the importance of love.

Love is greater than eloquence—“If I speak in the tongue of men and of angels, but have not love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal.” Eloquence is a wonderful gift. The person who can mount a platform and stir others to activity is a force either for good or evil in the community. There are many things we did not like about Hitler, but there is one thing we have to admit and that is he had the gift of eloquence. He stirred a nation to commit the most cruel acts recorded in history. With his eloquence Churchill kept England on her feet even after she was knocked cold with a blow that otherwise would have sent her down for the final count. Yes, eloquence is great but love is greater.

Love is greater than prophesy and knowledge—“If I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and knowledge. . . but have not love, I am nothing.” Prophesy is forthtelling as much as foretelling. They proclaimed the immediate will of God to the generation in which they lived. In this sense we still have prophets. It is a wonderful thing to be able to interpret God's Word and make known his will to one's fellows. But unless one is

moved by love in such proclamation his message falls flat. The same is true with knowledge. Some one has said, “Knowledge is power”, and that is certainly true. A man burns his midnight oil and comes to know and his knowledge, if rightly used, is of benefit to him and his fellows, but if it is not motivated by love, from a religious standpoint, it profits him nothing.

Then, love is greater than faith—“If I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but have not love, I am nothing.” The world moves on by faith. Farmers plant and gather crops by faith. Merchants sell goods by faith. If they did not believe that customers would come they would not open their stores. Men practice medicine by faith. If their fellows did not believe in them they would never get a call. Scientists made discoveries by faith. They believe a thing to be true and then go into the laboratories to prove or disprove their theory. There is no real conflict between faith and science for the scientists work by faith. We even eat our food by faith. We believe that it will properly digest and produce health rather than disease; life rather than death. We live by faith, and the Christian dies by faith. Faith is a wonderful quality; it is one of the abiding principles of life, but love is greater.

Love is greater than sacrifice—“If I give away all I have, and if I deliver my body to be burned, but have not love, I am nothing.” We are in an age when people, probably more than ever before, are called upon to make sacrifices. Millions of lives are saved from the terrible ordeal of starvation because individuals and nations are willing to sacrifice. Our own nation is doing a pretty good job along this line. No doubt, our bumper crop this year which is setting an all time record, has come through the blessings of God because he knew a por-

MISSIONS

It was a Jew who brought the gospel to Rome; a Roman who took it to Scandinavia; a Scandinavian who took it to Scotland; a Scotchman who evangelized Ireland; and an Irishman in turn made the missionary conquest of Scotland. No people have ever received the gospel except at the hands of an alien.—Southern Christian Advocate.

tion of it would be given to feed the starving.

Some tell us that the world is growing worse, and maybe along certain lines we are slipping a bit, but there is a greater spirit of sacrifice in the world now than ever before. There are more people in the world today, more money and things that money can buy, and a greater need. Maybe these account for a part of the increase in the matter of sacrifice, but no fair minded person who has really thought, the thing out will claim that these account for all of the increase. People have grown more tender-hearted and thoughtful of others.

The question arises, “Is this sacrifice we are making motivated by love?” Are we feeding the hungry, clothing the naked, and administering medical help to the sick because we love them? The crux of the whole matter lies here. Some years ago a missionary to Japan saw a rich Buddhist Japanese throwing great handfuls of money out to a group of poor people. They were scrambling and pushing to pick up the coins. The dispenser of this charity remarked to the missionary, “You Christians give because you love. We wealthy Buddhists give for our own sakes. We feel that too much money is a detriment to us. We have no care for these beggars; in fact we loathe them.” Such statement reminds us of a famous quotation, “The gift without the giver is bare”, and a still more famous, “If I give away all I have, and if I deliver my body to be burned, but have not love, I gain nothing.”

The writer then goes on to tell of many things that love in the heart of the individual produces and that love prevents. Space will not permit us to follow through. The chief question we should raise with ourselves is, “Are all the fine things we are doing as churches, as individuals, and as a nation motivated by love?” If so, great spiritual good will come from such sacrifices, otherwise, religiously speaking, they profit us nothing.—H. O. B.

A report from Hollywood says that “liquor drinking sections are being wiped out of scripts by all Johnston's offices. Writers are being urged to call for soft drinks rather than double-bourbons.”—The Clip-sheet.

Our forgiveness of others is not the condition of God's willingness to forgive us; it is the condition of our ability to receive the forgiveness of God.—Ernest Fremont Tittle.

When a church member rests, he rusts.—Exchange.

The Arkansas Methodist

PUBLISHED EVERY THURSDAY
Except the Weeks of July 4 and December 25

SUBSCRIPTION PRICE, \$1.25 PER ANNUM
Retired Ministers and Wives of Deceased Ministers
Complimentary

Office of Publication 1129 Donaghey Building
LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS

E. T. WAYLAND Editor and Business Manager
ANNIE WINBURNE Assistant Editor

ASSOCIATE { H. O. Bolin Mrs. Sue M. Wayland
EDITORS { O. E. Goddard Forney Hutchinson

OWNED, MANAGED AND PUBLISHED BY THE
METHODIST CHURCH OF ARKANSAS

COMMISSIONERS

Little Rock Conference—J. S. M. Cannon, O. D. Campbell,
J. L. Hoover, O. C. Landers, C. M. Reyes, Aubrey
Walton, Burney Wilson.

North Arkansas Conference—Martin Bierbaum, R. L.
McLester, H. M. Lewis, C. D. Metcalf, J. G. Moore,
A. D. Stewart, S. P. Brownlee, Jr.

Entered as second-class matter, January 31, 1908,
at the Post Office at Little Rock, Ark., under the Act
of Congress of March 3, 1879. Acceptance for mailing
at special rate of postage provided for in section 1103,
Act of October 3, 1917, authorized September 12, 1918.

A WEEKLY
MESSAGE

By FORNEY HUTCHINSON

A TRIO OF BROKEN ALTARS
The Altar In The Home, No. 2

In my childhood we had a neighbor by the name of Lane. He was a steward in the church and a leader in all of its activities. He and his wife had a large family of children. They were remarkable in that they got along so happily together. He said that the secret of their harmonious family life lay in the fact that they all came together about the family altar every evening before retiring. If during the day there had been any friction amongst the children, or between them and their parents, it all melted away when they came together as a group for family worship. He declared it was the finest way possible to promote discipline and harmony in the home. I can see how that would be true.

Now he and his wife are gone, the children are widely scattered, but they live in the memory of that family altar, and in the hope of a reunion in the "sweet bye and bye."

To-day the American home needs stabilizing. The divorce courts are crowded, juvenile delinquency is a serious problem. Statesmen, as well as churchmen, are deeply concerned for the modern home. The fires have gone out on the home altar, and to most of us family prayer is little more than a memory.

The home altar must be repaired. The parents are the God-ordained high priests of the household. Holy fires must burn again in the Christian home.

It will not be easy; other things have taken over; strange gods have been enthroned. But it can be done and it must be done. It will be worth all it costs. It will be a comfort to the parents and a holy memory to the children. By all means, and at any cost, let's repair the Family Altar in our home.

Keep alive in us the lure and the hope and the ceaseless promptings of faith for that day when we shall have achieved our universal human brotherhood in Thine eternal fatherhood and dissolved our discordant strivings in harmony and peace.—J. Adolph Halmhuber.

NEWS AND NOTES ABOUT FACTS AND FOLKS

DR. AUBREY G. WALTON, pastor of the First Methodist Church of Little Rock, and Mrs. Walton, have returned from a vacation trip in the North and East.

BISHOP PAUL E. MARTIN announces that Rev. Joe Roe, who has been attending Southern Methodist University, has been appointed pastor of the Tillar-Winchester Charge, effective September 1.

REV. OWEN BECK, who served as Army Chaplain in the European theatre during and following the war, addressed the Rotary Club of Bald Knob on Monday evening, August 19.

DR. E. C. RULE, district superintendent of the Little Rock District, and Mrs. Rule have returned from a vacation trip to New York, Washington and other points. They visited Niagara Falls and from there into Canada. They also spent several days at Lake Junaluska in North Carolina.

REV. EARLE CRAVENS, pastor of the First Methodist Church of Russellville, writes: "Rev. Cecil R. Culver, district superintendent of the Ft. Smith District, will deliver the messages in a series of evangelistic services to be held at the First Methodist Church of Russellville, beginning Sunday, September 1. Services are to be held at 9:30 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. daily."

REV. FRED SCHWENDIMANN, pastor at Eng-land, writes: "A Vacation Bible School was held in the England Methodist Church during the weeks of July 22—August 2. Three courses were offered for the Beginner, Primary and Junior age groups. There was a total enrollment of 81, with an average attendance of 54. Seventeen adults assisted in the school."

REV. FRED M. HOLLOWAY preached at the Methodist Church, Morrilton, on Sunday evening, August 25, while visiting for a few days with his sister, Miss Mattie Craig Holloway and friends. This is his first visit to his home state since returning from the Navy Chaplaincy. He is pastor of the First Presbyterian Church of Rutherford, New Jersey.

MRS. FRED M. THOMPSON of Danville writes as follows regarding the death of Rev. Robert Walls of Belleville: "Rev. Robert Walls of Belleville, Arkansas, pastor of the Methodist Church on Moss Creek, passed away on July 11, 1946. Brother Walls was a brave soldier of the cross, pressing onward as though his more than seventy years were no more than thirty or forty. He was loved by all who knew him and is greatly missed by his many friends."

THE sympathy of friends go out to the family of Edwin F. Johnston, who died at his home in Waco, Texas, on August 26. Mr. Johnston was the son of the late Dr. and Mrs. F. S. H. Johnston, well-known in Methodism. He is survived by two brothers, Dr. Warren Johnston, pastor of the First Methodist Church of Ft. Worth, Texas, and Howard C. Johnston of Little Rock. He is also survived by an aunt, Mrs. V. G. Craig of Conway. Funeral services were held in the First Methodist Church of Conway on Wednesday by Rev. James S. Upton and Dr. C. M. Reyes.

THE S. S. "Marine Lynx", formerly an army transport and now of the President Lines, is expected to sail from San Francisco late in August, carrying some 400 Protestant missionaries en route to service in China, Japan, Korea, Malaya, and the Philippines. They are practically all experienced missionaries, driven to America by events of the war, now returning to their places of service. The ship's ports of call are Shanghai, Hong Kong and Manila. Many of the missionaries are taking with them equipment for the reestablishment of schools, hospitals, churches, etc., damaged by the war. The Foreign Missions Conference of North America, with made the arrangements for the trip, says

it is the first of several such sailings which will eventually take some 8,000 Protestant missionaries, old and new, to the Orient.

TO LITTLE ROCK ANNUAL
CONFERENCE PASTORS AND
LAY LEADERS

The tentative schedule calls for the Conference to open at 10:00 a. m. October 30th., First Church, Hot Springs, for organization, etc. The entire afternoon of the first day is to be given for meetings of the Boards. Conference is to close on Sunday night.

The sentiment last year was that every pastor and lay delegate be permitted to make his own hotel reservation. This is to be granted. Here is a list of possibilities: Como, Townsend, Broadway, Moody, Sigler Apt., Marquette, Goddard, Chapel, Milwaukee, Romer (Hill Wheatley) Courts, Best Tourist Court, Burch Tourist Court, Wonderland Tourist, A. B. Courts, Eddy Hotel, Emma Merrit Hotel, Town House.

Pastors and lay delegates should write at once for reservations. However, if any desire that the local committee make reservation please write me at once. We are asking that local people invite those pastors and lay delegates whom they desire as guests.

Yours for a great Conference, W. B. Slack,
Pastor host.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S CLASS OF FT. SMITH
GIVES TO HENDRIX CAMPAIGN

The Young People's Class of the First Methodist Church, Ft. Smith, in making a gift of \$100.00 to Hendrix College, writes to Dr. Matt Ellis, president, as follows: "The enclosed check for one hundred dollars as a gift from the Young People's Class of the First Methodist Church, Fort Smith, Arkansas. The idea to have a part in the million dollar drive for Hendrix College originated in this class. Many of the class are college students, some of whom are enrolled in Hendrix. The Methodist Youth in this group are interested in the drive because they feel that Hendrix will play a large part in the preparation of our youth for service to the Church and the state. This is done also with the hope that other youth groups will accept this challenge and participate in the million dollar drive."

THE CHRISTIAN HOME

(Continued from Page 2)

also in charge of officers, stood her son, who had run away from home to begin a career of crime. "Why are you here?" was the question that came from both simultaneously, and there on the bridge which only the guilty cross, each confessed to the other. One had taken a life; the other was a highway robber. Had these poor beings lived in a Christian home they might have had a different story to tell one another, instead of a mutual confession of sins for which they must now suffer the penalty. Of one thing we may be sure: God was not in that home, no Bible was read there, prayer was unknown.

Family Devotion

The Gospel of Jesus Christ erects and maintains Christian homes. There is the source of all blessing. Let the light of God's Word shed its radiance of faith and godliness and love in your heart and home. Approach the Mercy-seat in fervent, diligent prayer. Invite the Lord Jesus to be your Guest; allow nothing in your home, neither music nor speech nor pictures nor habit nor any offense of any kind, to drive this heavenly Guest from your home. Let there be inscribed upon the walls of your home and graven upon the hearts of those who dwell within those walls: "Christ is the Head of this house, the unseen Guest at every meal, the silent Listener to every conversation."

Reprinted from a pamphlet published by the American Lutheran Publicity Bureau, 1819 Broadway, New York, N. Y.

FOR WORKERS WITH CHILDREN

MRS. W. F. BATES
Editor

BETTER TEACHING FOR MORE CHILDREN

MRS. NEILL HART
Editor

PLAN FOR RALLY MONTH- SEPTEMBER

Children's workers are urged to work with the Church School committee which will make plans for Rally Month. It is recommended that one of the children's workers be a member of this committee. Rally Month will include Christian Education Week which is the week of September 29—October 6, and it is recommended that Rally Sunday be held October 6th. The leaflet "Church School Rally Month" and the August and September Church School Magazines contain many fine suggestions for making Rally Month a month long to be remembered in our churches. The following are a few of the suggestions made, which children's workers will be especially interested in:

1. **Set your Goals.** Decide on the increase in enrollment and attendance that you are going to work for this month.

2. **Visit in the homes.** Make plans for the children's workers to visit all the children on their rolls, and as many as possible of the unreached children in the community.

3. **Secure the full cooperation of the parents, through:**

a. Letters explaining something of the work done in the Children's Division last year, and calling attention to the plans for the first quarter of the new year.

b. Visit in the homes.

c. Parent teacher meeting—see page 23 in the 1945-46 YEARBOOK for suggestions.

d. Sponsor a family-at-home night or a family church night.

VACATION CHURCH SCHOOL REPORTS, LITTLE ROCK CONFERENCE

Arkadelphia District

Church Enrollment
First Church, Arkadelphia85

Camden District

Emerson11
Christie's Chapel14
Atlanta14
Rushing Memorial, Chidester59

Little Rock District

St. Marks51

Pine Bluff District

Shiloh29

Prescott District

Emmet20

Monticello District

Green Hill Church26
Dermott70
Prairie Chapel18

Texarkana District

Harmony Grove48
Rondo27
Few Memorial53
Foreman53

One day is designated as "Thanksgiving Day." How it would revolutionize life if we appointed one day a year for "Grumbling Day" and all the other days were used for thanksgiving.—Maltbie D. Babcock.



"God hath made us to be one great family,
Himself the Father of us all,
The earth our home."

—From THE CHILDREN'S DIVISION
YEARBOOK 1945-46.

NEWS ITEMS

Salem Church—Little Rock District

Mrs. Homes Aston reports:

"We had a wonderful Vacation Church School. We certainly appreciated Miss Trip's assistance. We feel our school was worth a great deal to the children, to the teachers, and to the Sunday School at large. We are planning ahead toward a better school next year. One of the children expressed the wish that the school might last four weeks instead of two, and many of them wanted to bring lunch and stay all day. Fifty-four children attended."

(The above enthusiastic report helps to prove that a very successful Vacation Church School may be held in a one-room church.)

Bethlehem Church—Little Rock District

Mrs. Charlie Hayes reports:

"Six of the boys and girls I have had in my Sunday School class have committed their lives to Christ and joined the church."

Little Rock Council of Children's Workers—Little Rock District

The Methodist Council of Children's Workers, Little Rock, met August 23rd at First Methodist Church. There were 15 persons present with 8 churches represented. Reports were made on the past two months work, and plans made for Rally Month. Miss Fay McRae had charge of the program. Mrs. W. F. Bates showed the film strip, "Let the Children Come". Mrs. M. H. Spillyards is the new chairman of the Children's Workers Council and G. H. Rumph is the secretary. The next regular meeting of the council will be held November 15th at First Methodist Church.

Training Class in Bauxite

The children's workers in the

church at Bauxite participated in a training course on TEACHING CHILDREN IN THE SMALL CHURCH. Plans are under way for a new church building in Bauxite, and the members of the class discussed the equipment and arrangement of the children's rooms in the new building. Miss Blanche Rogers, superintendent of the Children's Division, provided a social period at the close of each session.

Pullman Heights Church, Hot Springs—Arkadelphia District

Mrs. Loyd Rhiddlehoover reports:

"A Vacation School was held at the Pullman Heights Church the week of July 8-12. Although it was the first school to be held in several years we felt the attendance was good and the interest very good. There was a total enrollment of 50. The combined Beginner-Primary group used the missionary study 'Children of the Congo'. The children constructed a miniature African Village. Mrs. Bob Smith, Mrs. Bob Allen and Mrs. Ralph Hunter had charge of this group. They were assisted by Misses Martha Black, Danah Dale, Joyce Hankins and Mrs. A. R. Bradley.

The Junior-Intermediate group was taught by Mrs. Loyd Rhiddlehoover, assisted by the Misses Nancy June Williams and Patsy Moore. They used the missionary study, "Making Friends in Africa." They also constructed an African Village and did map and notebook work. Special emphasis was placed on the worship service which opened each day's session. Rev. Curtis Williams assisted with the recreation each day.

Many of the children expressed their desire for another week of Vacation School, which made us feel that our efforts were more than justly rewarded."

EVALUATE THE YEAR'S WORK IN THE CHILDREN'S DIVISION OF YOUR CHURCH

1. Have regular meetings of the Children's Workers Council been held?

2. Do you have a Nursery Department with at least one nursery worker? How many babies are enrolled on your Home Nursery Roll.

3. Have you had a Vacation Church School this summer? Has it been reported?

4. Have you had an increase in enrollment in your Children's Division this year? What was the increase, and how did you work to secure the increase?

5. How many Juniors have committed their lives to Christ and joined the church this year? Did all of these children participate in a class on church membership?

6. How many additional sessions have been held with your Primary and Junior children? Did you use one, or more, of the special missionary studies in these additional sessions?

Further suggestions for summarizing the year's work will be found in the CHILDREN'S DIVISION YEARBOOK 1945-46, pages 46 and 47.—Mrs. W. F. Bates.

NEW MATERIAL FOR CHILDREN'S WORKERS

Missionary Education

MISSIONARY MATERIALS for USE with CHILDREN, 1946-47 (leaflet 161-B) A list of recommended materials for next year.

MISSIONARY EDUCATION OF CHILDREN IN THE METHODIST CHURCH (leaflet 160-B) This is the same leaflet in a different format.

The Primary manual, CHILDREN WHO LIVE IN INDIA, by Meta Lindsay, has just come from the press. It is recommended for use in additional sessions for Primary children.

The Junior manual for use in additional sessions is entitled METHODIST HELPERS IN INDIA by Ida Binger Bubbard.

Leadership Text

GUIDING CHILDREN IN WORSHIP by Vesta Towner. Price 60 cents. This is a new book chiefly for use by Primary and Junior workers. (Order from the Methodist Publishing House.) It is the text for the course, WHEN CHILDREN WORSHIP (218b)

Leaflets

HELPING YOUR CHILD TO KNOW THE BIBLE (323-BO) This is the fourth and last leaflet in the HELPING YOUR CHILD series. It is free to district and conference workers for mailings or for program discussions. When ordered by the local church the price is 10 cents per 100.

THE METHODIST PROGRAM FOR KINDERGARTEN CHILDREN (112-B). This is a revision of the leaflet entitled THE METHODIST PROGRAM FOR BEGINNER CHILDREN. (Free leaflet)—From Letter From Department of Ch. Ed. of Children Board of Education of the Methodist Church.



THE CHILDREN'S PAGE

ANNIE WINBURNE, Editor



IN STORYLAND

JERRY HAD A LITTLE LAMB

By Elizabeth Nixon

Pal, Bobby's dog, had two new puppies. But Jerry, Bobby's brother, wasn't paying any attention to the puppies. He was sitting on the windmill platform, holding his little lamb.

"Some day, Susy, you'll do something to make me proud," he said with a pat for Susy's woolly head.

You see, Bobby and Jerry lived on a farm. Bobby had Pal so Jerry thought he ought to have a pet all his own too. So that is why daddy had given him Susy.

At first Jerry had been so happy. He fed her on a bottle and soon she was following him all over on wobbly little legs that seemed too tall for her. And whenever Jerry went into the house Susy would stand at the door saying "Bla-a-a" as if she said, "Come back, Jerry. Come out and play with me."

But one day Bobby decided to teach his dog Pal some tricks. First he taught her to sit up. And Jerry tried to teach Susy to sit up. But the little lamb just wouldn't even try. Next Bobby taught Pal to speak, and Jerry tried to teach Susy to speak. Bobby thought that was funny.

"Teach your lamb to speak! That's all she does anyway—run around saying bla-a-a all the time."

Sometimes they did have fun. The boys would start to run and the dog and lamb would run with them. And in the mornings Pal and Susy would go down the lane with the boys on their way to school. At the mailbox Pal would stop and sit down, but Susy would always keep following until Jerry would have to send her back. "I wish you could go too, Susy, but you have to stay home." And then Susy would bleat until the boys were out of sight.

And when Bobby taught his dog to bring the cattle in Jerry tried to teach Susy to do it too, only the lamb would run round and round until Jerry had to look for her!

One day when Jerry was trying to teach Susy a trick his mother, who was shelling peas on the porch sat and watched them.

"Jerry, why do you keep trying to teach Susy tricks?" she called. "Well, Bobby teaches Pal — and Susy won't even try to learn. She can't even go after the cows!"

"But Pal is a dog and it is her work to go after the cows. That is a job for dogs, not for sheep."

"But Susy won't even try to learn any tricks." Jerry's eyes began to fill with tears. So mother told him that Susy was growing a heavy coat and when she was sheared her wool would make the thread with which to weave warm clothes.

"And that's what sheep can do that dogs can't," Jerry thought out loud.

So for awhile Jerry played with Susy and didn't worry about the tricks she wouldn't learn. But every now and then he would think: "If she would only do one thing better than Pal I would be so proud of her."



TIME FOR SCHOOL

*I'm happy about so many things
Like the sun, then rain so cool
Trees and brooks and friendly folks
And time to start to school.*

*I cannot read or write at all,
You say I'm in a fix?
But you will understand it
When you know I'm only six.*

—A. E. W.

THE WORLD IS FULL OF CHILDREN

*The world is full of children
Of many different ways,
Some are used to icebergs,
And some to torrid days;
Some have tassels, some have beads,
Some have fan or feather,
What a joyful time they'd have
If they got together!*

*The world is full of children
Of many different kinds,
And many different costumes,
And many different minds;
Some in silk and some in fur
And some in cloth or leather,
But if they had a half a chance
They'd like to play together.*

—Nancy Byrd Turner.

And now Pal had two little pups, and Jerry was sitting on the windmill platform with Susy, wishing once more that Pal wouldn't always be better than Susy.

"But I love you, Susy, and your wool has gone to make nice warm, clothes for some little boy. But, Oh Susy, won't you sometimes do one thing better than Pal?"

And Susy wagged her short little tail as much as to say, "I will. Some day I will."

Then came a special morning when daddy instead of mother came in and called to Jerry and Bobby to get up.

"Come on, lazy bones, I have some real news for you boys. What do you think? Susy had three lambs this morning! Just think, triplets!"

"Triplets?" said Bobby, "I never heard of that before. That's really something!"

"I should say so, son. It doesn't happen often," said daddy. "Hurry and get dressed, Jerry, for I am afraid that two of them will have to be raised on a bottle and you had better come down and help me fix a box."

And Jerry did help daddy fix the box. But first he made a trip down to the sheep barn to whisper to his pet:

"I knew you'd make me proud of you some day, Susy!" — Wesleyan Christian Advocate.

JUST FOR FUN

Suitor: "I have come to ask for the hand of your daughter."
Father: "Which one, Jane or Helen?"

Suitor: "Jane, sir."

Father: "Do you make enough to support two?"

Suitor: "No, sir. One will be enough."

Johnny: "Grandpa, can you help with this sum?"

Grandpa: "I could, my boy, but it wouldn't be right, would it?"

Johnny: "I don't suppose it would, but have a shot at it, Grandpa." — Watchman-Examiner.

"How do you like your new boss, Helen?"

"Oh, he ain't so bad, Marge, only he's kinda bigoted."

"Whadda y' mean, bigoted?"

"Well, he thinks words can only be spelled one way."

Visitor (noting hats and coats in front hall): "Is your mother entertaining?"

Little Boy: "Not very."

Teacher: "How many bones have you in your body?"

Pupil: "About a thousand."

Teacher: "That's a good many more than I have."

Pupil: "Well, I had sardines for lunch."

An elderly lady while riding a trolley car was anxious not to pass her destination. She poked the conductor with her umbrella.

"Is this the First National Bank?"

"No, ma'am," replied the conductor. "That's my stomach."

Silly: "What animal took the least baggage into the ark?"

Billy: "The rooster, he took only his comb."

The minister had just finished with the wedding ceremony when the groom, a plumber, moved over to him and said in a low whisper,

IN THE WORLD OF BOYS AND GIRLS

CROW-TALK

"A friend in need is a friend indeed." I imagine that is one thing which the crows are saying to each other and to the bird world in general when we catch only the "caw-caw" part of their conversation. Why shouldn't they feel that way? Of course we don't think of the crow as a bird with a great many friends, but "there is no living without friends," say the crows. If you will listen closely the next time you hear some crows gossiping you will probably hear them telling a story about a brave hawk which came to the aid of a crow family in the time of great trouble. The story as I caught it out from the clearing of crow throats and the hoarse notes of "crow-talk" is something like this:

One day early last summer a crow's nest full of young crows was located in a fir tree near Pin Creek, Washington. The birds were happy in this fir-tree home most of the time, but on a certain Sunday morning they were alarmed at seeing a large white-headed eagle which was growing more and more interested in them. The old crow became troubled about the safety of the youngsters and decided to drive the eagle away. It was not such an easy task, for the eagle had apparently decided that young crow was exactly the right Sunday dinner for a white-headed eagle. The two birds circled round and round, and every once in a while the crow would dive in and peck the eagle soundly.

All this time the young crows were becoming more and more excited and making more and more noise. It wasn't long until they attracted the attention of a large hawk. The hawk flew to the rescue and helped the crows as they fought to protect their young. Now the three birds flew round and round, but happily higher and higher and farther and farther away from the crow's nest. At last the old crow decided that the battle was over, so came back to the noisy family. The hawk continued to follow after the eagle and proved to be a quick and worthy fighter. It succeeded in landing several pecks on the head of the eagle and then made such a vicious grab at its white tail that the eagle turned and flew away toward the north. The hawk flew away to the south, the crow family settled down securely in its fir-tree home, and to this day the story about the brave hawk is being cawed abroad by the crows. —Ex.

"I'm sorry, parson, I haven't any money, but I can stop your gas meter from registering."

A little East Side New York boy was taken for a trip in the country by his aunt. Suddenly he called out, "Look, Aunt! A boid!"

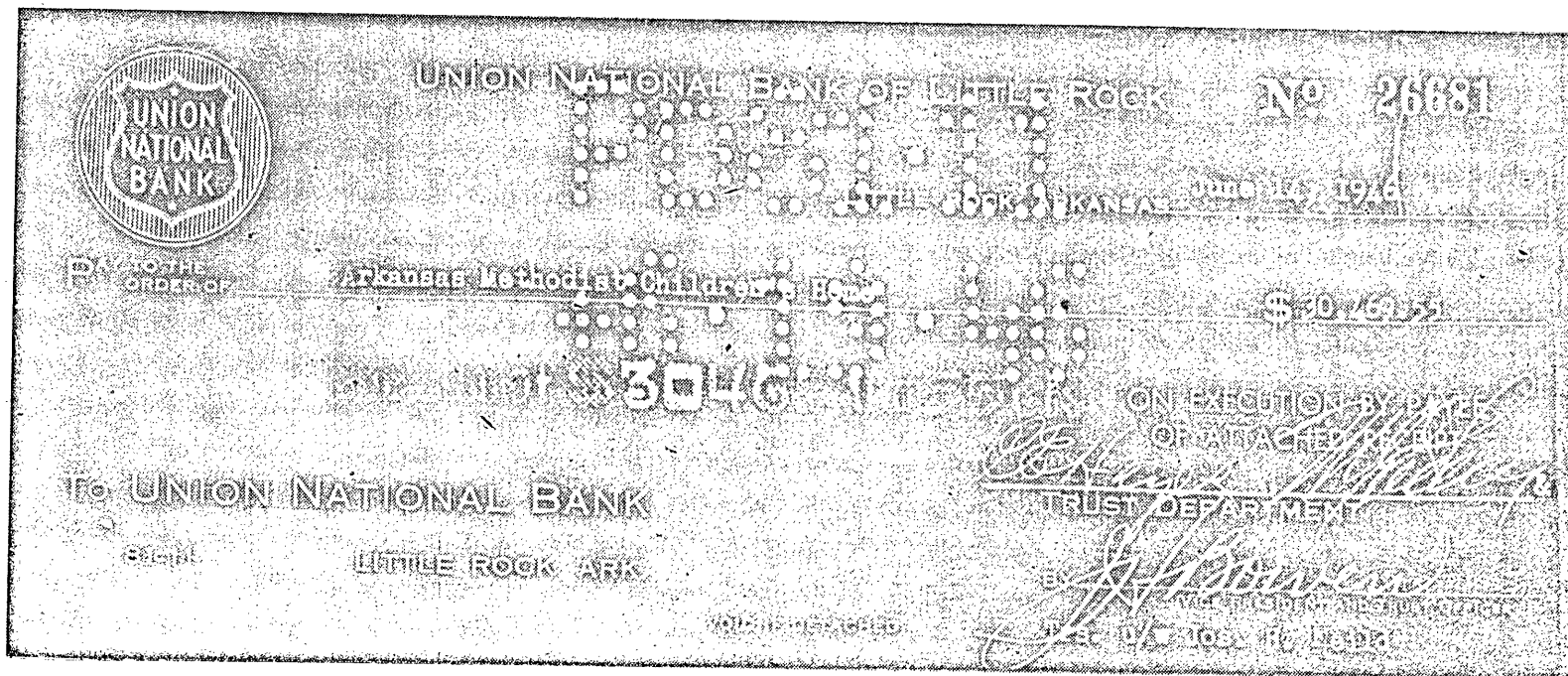
She said, "That's a bird dear, not a boid."

"Well," replied the youngster, "choips like a boid."

Memorial Gift To Methodist Children's Home

By J. S. M. CANNON

The Methodist Children's Home announces the receipt of the check shown below, being its share in the final distribution of the Estate of Joseph H. Feild, deceased, given as stated in the will "In loving memory of my father, William H. Feild."



Gifts like this will insure the stability and permanence of our institution. No more worthy contribution could be made to the social and spiritual life of our state. In this Memorial, the Feild name will live on. But of far greater significance, the worthy fruits of his bounty will be multiplied an hundredfold in the hearts and lives of little children down through the years. They will be saying, "Thank you, Mr. Feild, for giving us a break."

After the Revival . . What?

By H. C. OGLES, Pastor, Franklin, Kentucky

THEY don't last," is an oft-repeated criticism of revivals. We who are ardent advocates of revivals are compelled to admit that their results are often short lived.

Billy Sunday met the criticism that revivals do not last, by saying in his usual epigrammatical manner: "Neither does a bath or a shave last long, but each is a good thing!" That is one way of coping with the criticism, but it isn't exactly adequate, for while a degree of analogy may exist between a revival of religion and a bath or a shave, yet the analogy breaks down, because eternal and spiritual issues are involved in the matter of discovering and applying means of making the results of a revival remain.

The church of my childhood was an average country church. I have served a six-point circuit, and a distinctly rural district as a district superintendent. In this rural territory I assisted the pastors in several revivals, and held one camp meeting in a large tabernacle at a well-established camp-meeting site within the bounds of the district. I have been connected with a number of the simultaneous evangelistic campaigns of recent years. Out of a careful observation through these rather varied experiences, I have come to this conclusion: In almost every instance too little attention is given to preliminary preparation preceding the period of evangelistic services, and far too little planning to preserve and make abiding the results. In other words, the season of special services has been relied upon too largely. Too much has been expected of the revival itself without aid of advance or after-math planning and preparation. The revival meeting has been expected to accomplish too nearly everything for the church. In rural territory the pastor frequently has too many churches on his charge to allow him to do much either in the way of preparation or preservation, but definite planning of his work and diligent working of his plans can greatly aid the entire evangelistic effort.

Here are some blessings that come as results from every real revival:

1. Believers are built up in their Christian experiences.
2. Backsliders are warned of their wrong ways and are reclaimed.
3. Sinners are convicted and converted.
4. The combination of these conditions produce a favorable atmosphere in the realm of spiritual realities.

Now, the purpose of this article is to point out means and methods of causing these blessings to abide, plans to prevent their perishing with the season of services that has brought them about. I offer the following suggestions:

1. The pastor should so arrange his schedule as to be much among his people immediately following the season of special services. The followup work of a revival is entirely too important to justify the pastor's absents himself for vacation or services in some other locality as soon as the meeting closes. Much time is needed to prepare the candidates for membership, for that is a great experience. Their reception should not be crowded into a brief moment of a closing service. It

should be made a real occasion, after the pastor has had opportunity to prepare in private the candidates for the public taking of the vows. The candidates should be so familiar with the responses that they would require no prompting on the part of the minister.

2. The new members should be assimilated. That means more than merely becoming acquainted. They should be led to find places of definite service in the program of the church's life. A gentleman sought membership in a certain church where it was the plan to assign each new member to some sort of service. The pastor asked the prospect: "Would you like to serve on the men's visitation committee?"

"No, I couldn't spare time for that."

"What about serving on the committee of ushers?"

"No, I wouldn't like that."

"What about entering the class of training for teaching in the church school?"

"Oh no, I have no gifts for such work."

Other suggestions for service in the local church were made, but the prospective member found a ready excuse from every offer. Finally the minister said, "You should go on around the corner and join the church of The Heavenly Rest." It is the duty of a church to assimilate its new members in its activities, and this requires much patient toil.

3. The pastor can promote a mid-week service of such a type as will enlist children, youth, and active adults, both men and women, as well as the more mature and elderly people. This can be done by having special musical selections by various groups, especially among the children and youth. Some can be brought into participation by reading suitable Scriptures either from memory or from the Book. Some who have never uttered a prayer in public can be led to express themselves in prayer.

Careful planning can make the Prayer Meeting a thing of blessing and variety. This is a very large and important element in conserving the results of the revival. New converts are "babes in Christ" and must have careful attention. They cannot grow in grace and in the knowledge of the Savior without these means of grace and growth.

4. Sunday evening services can be magnified by making them definitely evangelistic. This helps to hold the grounds gained in the revival. The use of a youth choir on Sunday evenings varies the program and gives many more persons a place of service. The officials of the Church should be confronted with their responsibility to attend the Sunday evening services. When Dr. Pierce Harris became pastor of First Methodist Church, Atlanta, where Sunday evening services had not been held for years, he told the officials that they would have Sunday evening services, if he was to be their pastor, and that he would expect their presence. Now, if a person gets a seat on Sunday evening at First Methodist Church, Atlanta, he must get there early. Dr. Harris told me that the loose change offerings during the last Conference year amounted to more than twelve thousand dollars. At least one man

has been reclaimed from world living who made one gift of \$25,000 toward the erection of a modern and much-needed education building. This is a good example of what the Sunday night service can do in the transformation of the life of a church.

Officials who have become accustomed to marking the Sunday night service off their program should be faced with the fact that the community suffers and the good results of the revival are lost if the church is allowed to be dark, empty, and silent on Sunday evenings. And if keeping the church aglow with life and service on Sunday evening is necessary, surely it is not the duty of only a comparative few to do this, but of all the officials and the entire membership of the church. This will go far in conserving the results of the revival.

5. Another thing that I have found quite helpful is keeping the membership of the church well supplied with good literature. *The Christian Advocate*, *The Upper Room*, *The New Life Magazine*, and the Conference Organ in every home will do a great deal in the matter of conserving the results of a good revival and help pave the way for another revival. The church papers will aid both from the standpoint of keeping the people informed about the general program of the Church and what other churches are doing, and then *The Christian Advocate* is filled with articles and stories that are very rich in devotional and

STRONGER CHURCH ACTION URGED IN RURAL AREAS

GREENCASTLE, Ind. — (RNS) — Stronger church action in rural areas and better financial returns for ministers in such sections were urged in a report made public here by the DePauw University Rural Pastors' Conference.

Ministers in rural communities, the seminar decided, should become better acquainted with county agents, and schools, farm, health and welfare officials. The report added that collection plates fail to reflect the ability of rural people to give to the church, and suggested that denominations be urged to act on inadequate ministerial salaries.

More adequate training for the student entering the rural church was requested of seminaries. The rural church, in turn, was asked to take leadership responsibility in the economic, educational, social and welfare phases of rural life.

The Conference examined urban-rural relationships and found among several "sources of tension" between city and country a lack of rural representation in the denominational councils of the churches.

inspirational content. *The Upper Room* cannot be excelled as a guide for daily devotions either for the family circle or for the individual Christian. *The New Life Magazine*, still in its first year, is an aid for establishing and strengthening one in the Christian life.

QUALITY CLOTHES For Men and Young Men

Brands by Well Known Makers
Plus the Rube & Scott Label
That Is Your Guarantee



The new Fall and Winter Hats by JOHN B. STETSON are here — in the new blocks — all sizes and colors.

\$7.50 to \$12.50



Leather Jackets,
Sport Coats,
Sport Shirts,
Sweaters

By LaSalle,
Brentwood

And Other
Well Known
Makes

RUBE & SCOTT inc

417-419 MAIN ST.

Guns For Toys

By LAURA GRAY

LITTLE Molly Grier had tears in her eyes as she ran toward the house. "Look, Mother, Benny Denver shot this poor bird!" She laid a bunch of blood-drenched feathers on the table. "He did it with the gun that was given him for his birthday."

"Molly, I can't think that Benny received a gun for his birthday! He's only eleven."

"Well, Benny said it was a present for his birthday—and the poor bird was eating some crumbs we'd put out."

That evening, thinking that a woman who worked all day in an office might be glad of freshly-baked buns, Mrs. Grier took some and stepped across to the brown bungalow where the Denvers lived. Mrs. Denver was reading the paper by the windows. Benny was at the movies and Tom, his big brother, had not returned from the university.

Mrs. Grier went right to the point. "Mrs. Denver, I can't believe you gave Benny a gun—"

"Oh, but I did! He asked for one, and I saw no reason for refusing."

"I live next door. He has already shot a bird that we feed."

"Did he really? Well, that was the bird's hard luck—and my son's good aim," Benny's mother answered laughingly. "Mrs. Grier," she continued, "Benny's father was a soldier and a crack shot; his grandfather was a major, and I want my son to be a man, too!"

Mrs. Grier managed to remain calm. "Years ago our Fred, when he was thirteen, asked for a gun. We gave him a camera instead. Today Fred sells photos of wild life to magazines. Week-ends he hikes out into the wilds, and he is so interested in animals and so tender-hearted, he would find no pleasure in shooting any defenseless creature."

"Your son was your problem, Mrs. Grier; Benny is mine. We'll say no more about it, please." With that Mrs. Denver closed the subject.

A target was put up in the garden, and Benny entertained his friends while his mother was at the office. The Griers kept away from that side of their own garden, and no more crumbs were put out for birds.

Days later at suppertime, the Grier's back door burst open. There stood Benny ghastly white.

"Mrs. Grier, please come! Tom's hurt! He came in at the gate when I was playing lions and tigers. I meant to tell him to duck, but I fired first!"

Sick at heart, Mrs. Grier hastened to the brown bungalow. Tom, hunched in a chair, was holding a blood-stained handkerchief to his face.

"I got it in the eye," he mumbled, visibly trying to conceal the pain he felt. "Good thing Mother isn't home yet."

Doctors, hospital, and an expensive specialist failed to save the eye. Too late the gun was taken from the irresponsible child. A nineteen-year-old honor student, eldest son of a widowed mother, was made half blind for life.

Unfortunately, this true story is only one among hundreds of such incidents that happen yearly on this continent.

Why do parents give their youngsters guns? The possibility of such disasters occurring should be reason enough for refusing. But besides this, serious moral harm is often done to the boy who carries the gun. Callousness to suffering is apt to develop in the heart of anyone who kills wild animals for sport.

The patience and concentration required to take a good picture of wild life are unquestionably more helpful to character building than the nerve required to shoot a defenseless creature. A normal boy is naturally tenderhearted. Once he has watched a bird or any other creature care for its young, has seen the mother's desperate need to secure food for her family and her anxiety to provide for their protection, his interest and sympathy are thoroughly aroused. Naturally, a much finer character is usually built as a result of this experience than that which would develop from the use of a gun. Having learned to enter into the varied experiences of animals, the boy is unlikely ever to ignore the needs, or to remain unmindful of the joys and sorrows of his fellow men.—Issued by the National Kindergarten Association, 8 West 40th Street, New York City.

CHARGES RELIGIOUS RADIO IS DOMINATED BY "CRACKPOTS"

CHICAGO—(RNS)—Dr. Charles Ray Goff, pastor of Chicago's famous "skyscraper church," the Chicago Temple, has denounced current religious radio programs as "scandalous."

The Methodist leader, who him-

self broadcasts over the radio every Sunday night, declared religious radio broadcasts "are with a few blessed exceptions dominated by crackpots."

"Too much of our radio religious broadcasting is cheap, despicable," he said. "We have too many crackpot preachers with sensational sermons and the shouting-type of hymns."

Dr. Goff said the radio, through its religious programs, was giving to non-churchgoing segments of the public an erroneous concept of religion.

"The best proof of the divinity of the Church of Christ is its ability to survive despite the bad interpretations of it given through such channels," he declared.

"I have gone on the radio myself to see if I could not in my own small way help to overcome the bad picture of religion being presented by so many programs. The cost of broadcasting is quite high but we have to do it to offset the scandalous impression."

Dr. Goff said the churches of America, regardless of creed, should devote more attention to bringing "true Christianity" to religious radio programs.

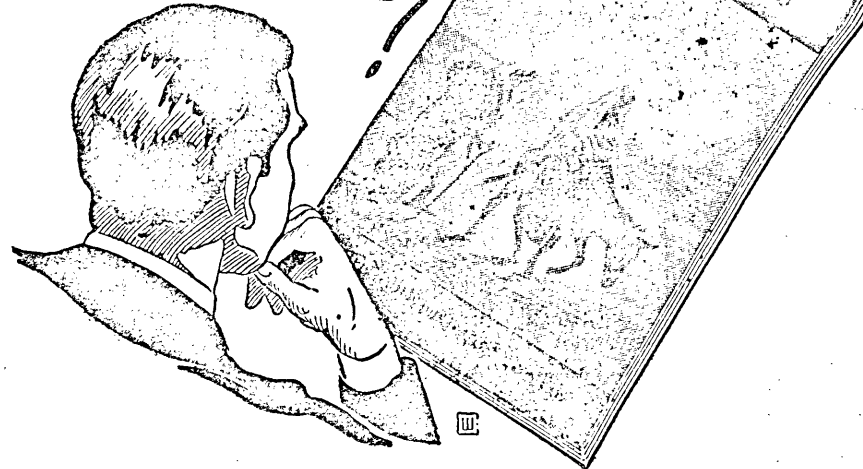
"This is a serious matter," he warned. "The churches must work diligently to bring to the radio something better than the current crop of crackpot programs."

member divorces his wife or takes another wife, or commits adultery or sorcery, he is suspended from the church. We do not expel anybody from the church, but only suspend them for a time. In some cases their trouble cannot be settled, and they have to stand as suspended all their lives. In order to help these people and take care of them we have still another group: the class for backsliders.

"To lead the different classes, we have 'class leaders' who give instruction and biblical knowledge. The other leaders are the stewards, or as we call them the 'shepherds'. They look after the church as a whole, examine each person in the different classes, and decide who are to be advanced, and who have to be suspended."

Despite this long process of securing membership—or perhaps because of it—the Methodist Church is growing faster in the Belgian Congo than perhaps anywhere else in the world.

BUT WHAT CAN The Upper Room DO FOR ME?



WHAT are the basic values of The Upper Room? Why has it grown to be the most widely read religious periodical in the world? What can I expect The Upper Room to do for me? How can The Upper Room make me a better Christian?

The Upper Room encourages regularity in one's devotions. With its brief page it is a constant reminder that we need to set apart at least a portion of each day for communion with God.

The Upper Room gives helpful guidance to one's devotions. Many good people have been discouraged in their devotional life because they have not known what passages of Scripture lend themselves best to contemplation and inspiration or how to frame their prayers. The Upper Room lifts up selected passages and offers suggested prayers.

The Upper Room brings to one the enrichment of the thoughts of other minds and hearts. Many Christians from all over the world contribute to it. Thus it opens up new avenues of thought and offers the benefit of the interplay of many minds.

Get a copy of the October-November-December issue now at your church, or if not available there, send us your individual subscription today. Ten or more copies to one address, 5 cents per copy, postpaid. Single yearly subscriptions in U. S. Canada and Latin America, 30 cents, postpaid; four years, \$1.00. Other countries, 40 cents; four years, \$1.35. Order from

THE UPPER ROOM

Medical Arts Building

Nashville 3, Tenn.

METHODISM GROWS IN THE CONGO

One moves slowly into membership in the Methodist Church in the Belgian Congo—it takes about four years of study, preparation, and scrutiny by the elders before a "non-Christian" finally becomes a full member of the church. If he falters along the way, it may take much longer—or he may never attain.

Missionary John Brastrup, of Kapanga, tells of the careful steps planned for the beginner:

"Each church has its different groups or classes. People advance from one group to another as fast as they are ready. The first is the hearers group. It is for these people who have not yet taken any stand for Christ, but who come to services and support the church."

"The next is the beginners class. People in this group have publicly confessed their faith and their wish to follow Christ."

"The third group is the preparatory members group. After having been beginners for a year, and having shown progress in the knowledge of the Christian religion, having faithfully attended services and contributed to the church, they are publicly taken into the preparatory class. At that time they come under the law and rules of the church and they promise they will live a life in abstinence from intoxicating liquor, will observe monogamy, and keep away from Witchcraft."

"The final group are in full membership in the church. At the time they enter the church, they are baptized. Baptism is a great and very important thing for them. We are becoming more and more careful whom we baptize and take into the church. We are getting too many backsliders. If a person who is a

"I Have Made A Record"

By NETTIE STROOP, Head Resident
Wesley House, Knoxville, Tenn.

"I have made a record in my family," a twelve-year-old boy said to the deaconess in charge of Wesley House activities in Knoxville, Tenn., recently. "I am the youngest of seven brothers. All the others went to the reformatory for boys by the time they were twelve years old. I am twelve and haven't had to go."

This boy enjoys crocheting, in fact begged to be taught stitches and was delighted when he learned that his work was to be placed on exhibit.

Wesley House intends to keep that boy so busy doing the right things that there will be no time left for him to get into trouble. We at Wesley House have a great opportunity to train children for Christian leadership.

The boys and girls of the various groups have done a great deal of craft work during the year. More than sixty articles, consisting of leather work, wood work, lustrous lace belts, crocheted purses, stencilled luncheon sets and woven articles were exhibited at the Holston Conference in Chattanooga in March.

The work carried on in Wesley Settlement House has expanded rapidly during the past year. The well baby clinic has brought many mothers with their children to be examined and treated. Nutrition classes held by the nurses have made the mothers in the community conscious of the need of having the health of their little ones cared for, and they have learned more about how to feed and care for them in the home. Hundreds of inoculations have been given children to ward off diphtheria and other contagious diseases. Milk, tomato juice, fruit juices and cod liver oil have been furnished mothers who could not afford these necessities for their children.

Many pale, weak children are growing into rosy checked youngsters as a result of the continued co-operation of the nurses and mothers in the clinic.

The mothers are taking more initiative in their club work. Some plan games and parties, some have taken part in discussing current events and other interesting items from the daily press. More and more we are urging them to plan their own programs and other activities.

ities. They seem to be gaining confidence in their ability to carry on their group work.

The library has been used extensively all year. Many boys and girls search for articles to help them in their school work. High school students find helps for their school themes and other special assignments. Hundreds of magazines are distributed each month. These go into homes where they are read by most of the families in the community.

Supply department continues to meet a great need in the community. Clothes of every size are always needed. Many cans of vegetables and fruits, also milk and juices have been contributed by the Woman's Society of Christian Service of Knoxville. Fine boxes of supplies have been sent in by the Holston Conference women all of which has helped greatly to replenish the supply closet.

Fifteen children have had kindergarten training during the past year. They love to come and can hardly wait for the door to be opened in the morning. Several children will enter public school in the fall much better prepared for school work since they have had two years in kindergarten.

The music club is very popular with the boys and girls. Many have advanced rapidly in their piano work. A study of the great composers has held their interest. Many fathers and mothers want to enter the class but there has not been room for them. Three of the pupils have played for church services and young people's meetings several times.

The church young people have been given a night once a week for recreation in the gym. Several girls who are students in the University of Tennessee have given volunteer services with this group and the Camp Fire Girls. They have had a fine influence in our work. The Blue Birds, composed of girls from seven to nine years of age, have had good leadership from one of the large churches in the city. Their craft work and recreation have been most interesting and helpful.

PENTECOSTAL FIRE

By G. N. Cannon

Oh, I feel a living fire in my soul,
May it all my heart inspire and control,
Let it burn out all the dross,
Crucify it on the cross,
While I feel this living fire in my soul.

Oh, I feel undying power in my soul,
I can feel it every hour round me roll,
It supports me day by day,
Takes my doubt and fear away,
While I feel undying power in my soul.

Oh, there's melody divine in my soul,
I can look on Jesus' face and be whole,
With my Savior's hand to guide
I can every storm out-ride,
With this purifying grace in my soul.

There's a fullness of God's love in my soul,
As I ever onward move toward my goal,
Some glad day I'll be at home,
Heavenly mansions there to roam,
With the fullness of God's love in my soul.

—Stephens, Ark.

IS GAMBLING A SIN? IF SO, WHY SO?

Gambling is contrary to the Golden Rule of Christ who said, "Do unto others as you would that others should do unto you." Gambling is contrary to the Ten Commandments, one of which says, "Thou shalt not steal." Steal is taking something from another without giving a proper equivalent therefor—unless it is a gift; but the loss in a bet is not a gift by the loser to the winner.

Gambling is a parasitic activity and a Christian cannot be a parasite. Here is a gambling test as outlined in an English booklet:

- (1) Does the action you are considering issue from a good or an evil state of mind? (2) Does it express a good or an evil principle? (3) Does it produce good or evil results?

From the economic standpoint we are justified in taking money from another only if we have earned it by labor, or if we give to him its equivalent, or if we accept it as a token of affection.

Business is acquisitive in motive but it produces as well, while gambling scatters abroad. Business, of course, involves some risk, but it is risk which is by every device possible reduced to the minimum. The gambler says that he is purchasing a thrill, but it is a false thrill involving reaction, and it is a thrill which, when realized, is counter-balanced by the disappointment of someone which, when realized, is offset by the disappointment of someone else.

Wherever gambling is tolerated good citizens find it a menace to prosperity and good order. A joint committee appointed by the Irish Free State government, which semi-officially conducts the Irish Lottery, reported: "The gambling craze has affected all classes down to persons in receipt of unemployment benefits and home assistance, and the total results are demoralizing, disorderly, uneconomic, thriftless."

The Dublin Mercantile Association stated to the Free State government: "We view with concern the amount of gambling in the Irish Free State which diverts both energy and money from Commerce and causes great disturbance to the public mind." The Cork Chamber of Commerce council declared: "We deplore the growth of the habit of betting which has been stimulated by increased facilities, and we urge the government to check the evil." The Irish "Times" declared that: "The betting shops in the back streets are crowded from morning till night; the influence is an increasing source of want, dishonesty and idleness."

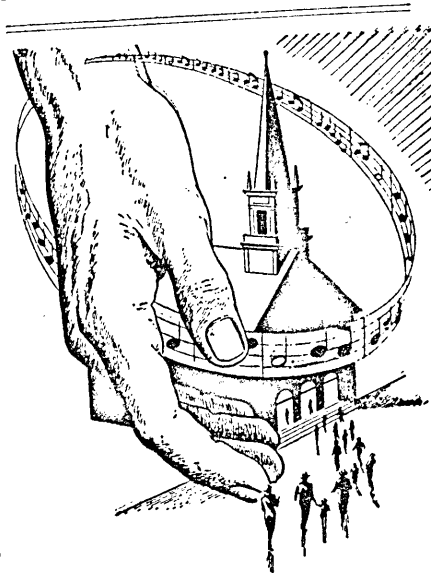
The American people may well congratulate themselves that they are not cursed by National or State lotteries, though some states do legalize some kinds of gambling which is a disgrace and leads to their moral and economic injury. —From the Civic Bulletin, Albany, N. Y.

Pains like the very fires of hell sweep over me. Yet God's mercy enfolds me. In the darkness I meet God face to face. In the darkness my soul is clothed in white raiment and, purified, ascends to the holy of holies, into the very presence of God. The darkness itself is a holy of holies of which no one can rob me. —Toyohiko Kagawa.

JONES URGES SINGLE PROTESTANT CHURCH

MASSANETTA SPRINGS, Va.—(RNS)—Organization of a Church of Christ in America—to which the Baptist, Methodist, Episcopal and other churches would belong—was advocated here by Dr. E. Stanley Jones in an address to the Massanetta Springs Bible Conference.

It is unthinkable, the Methodist missionary declared, that a divided church can retain its moral authority in a world now seeking unity. The churches of America have nothing to lose "except dividing walls" by uniting. That union, he said, is nearer "than we think."



"Go out into the highways and hedges, and compel them to come in, that my house may be filled."

—LUKE 14:23

CARILLONIC BELLS

Extending your message beyond the pew is a most effective means of bringing non-members within the beneficent influence of your church...

Let the glorious peals of Schulmerich Carillonic Bells become your church's beyond-the-pew voice, for these marvelous Bells can easily carry sonorous messages of welcome, faith and hope to the farthest reaches of your community.

An invaluable asset for your church, Schulmerich Carillonic Bells are famed for their superb brilliance, for their perfectly balanced tonalities. Uniquely compact, these Bells can be installed in your present church tower without elaborate structural changes. Flexible, they may be played either automatically or from a conveniently located keyboard.

For full information write for our new brochure "The Sweetest Music Ever Told!" Address Dept. A.M.2



Schulmerich
ELECTRONICS, INC.
CARILLONIC BELLS - TOWER MUSIC SYSTEMS - ACOUSTIC
CORRECTION UNITS - SOUND DISTRIBUTION SYSTEMS - CHURCH HEARING AIDS
SELLERSVILLE, PA.

WOMAN'S SOCIETY OF CHRISTIAN SERVICE

MRS. SUE M. WAYLAND, Editor

SOUTHEASTERN JURISDICTION W. S. C. S. PLEDGE SUPPORT TO GEORGIA GOVERNOR

Lake Junaluska, N. C., July 30.—Closing a south-wide School of Missions today at Lake Junaluska Assembly, the Woman's Society of Christian Service in the Southeastern Jurisdiction of the Methodist Church, passed a resolution deploring the recent mass lynching of four Negroes near Monroe, Georgia, and addressed a communication to Governor Ellis Arnall of Georgia pledging the full support of Methodist women in the South in any measures which may be inaugurated to bring members of the mob to justice, to establish understanding and goodwill between the races and for the protection of all of Georgia's citizens from the threat of mob violence.

The communication to the Governor which was signed by Mrs. W. H. Ratliff, of Sherard, Mississippi, president of the Southeastern Woman's Society of Christian Service, and Mrs. M. E. Tilly, of Atlanta, secretary of the department of Christian Social relations, follows:

"Our hearts are full of grief and shame over the great tragedy that occurred near Monroe, Georgia, when four Negroes were murdered in cold blood by an unmasked mob of white citizens of Georgia. We recognize that such crimes are perpetrated in the heat of passions aroused by race baiters and hate-mongers. We call upon you, as Governor of the State and a wise, courageous Christian leader, to call into immediate action all the state's resources for bringing the members of the mob to a fair trial immediately, so that at least some measure of justice may be secured and that hope and faith may be restored in the hearts of loyal citizens of the state, both Negro and white.

"Through you, the Governor of Georgia, whose leadership has brought new courage to the entire South, we call upon Christians of both races in Georgia to work with speed and confidence in every local community for the establishment and maintenance of the understanding and goodwill between the races and for the protection of all of Georgia's citizens from the threat of mob violence.

"We pledge the full support of Methodist women of this Southeastern Jurisdiction to this end, and urge every Methodist woman to rally all community forces for this purpose."

PARAGOULD DISTRICT SEMINAR, GRIFFIN MEMORIAL, SEPT. 17

The Annual Educational Seminar of the Paragould District will be held in Paragould, Griffin Memorial Church, Sept. 17, beginning at 10:00 a. m.

The four approved study courses for 1946-47 will be presented.

The Study and Action Committee, teachers of classes, the presidents, and the corresponding secretary from each local society should attend and any others interested in the program of Missionary Education.—Mrs. R. E. Wilson.

CHRIST BELONGS TO ALL

By Margaret S. Connelly



*Christ belongs to the whole earth
Even as He belongs to me—
Unto every nation He calleth
Longing to set them free!
He is seeking the soul of the sinner
The ruler and the slave,
He spans the mighty ocean
In His desire to save!*

*Christ belongs to the whole world
And He loves us, every one,
For He is of God's own kingdom
And is His beloved Son.*

—Selected

EDUCATIONAL SEMINARS NORTH ARKANSAS CONFERENCE

The North Arkansas Conference Study Committee announces the following dates and places for the District Seminars:

Fayetteville District at Bentonville, September 17.

Ft. Smith District at First Church, Ft. Smith, September 18.

Conway District at Danville, September 19.

Searcy District at Judsonia, September 20.

Helena District at Forrest City, September 24.

Batesville District at First Church, Batesville, September 25.

Jonesboro District at First Church, Jonesboro, September 26.

Paragould District at Pocahontas, September 27.

The following District Secretaries of Missionary Education and Service will have charge of the Seminars in their own districts:

Mrs. Roy Beck of Fayetteville District.

Mrs. W. T. Bacon of Ft. Smith District.

Mrs. Rife Hughey of Conway District.

Mrs. W. R. Griffin of Searcy District.

Mrs. D. G. Hindman of Helena District.

Mrs. Paul Jamison of Batesville District.

Mrs. Mildred Howerton of Jonesboro District.

Mrs. R. E. Wilson of Paragould District.

The committee expects the following from each local church to attend the Seminars: The Study and Action Committee viz. Sec. of Missionary Education and Service Sec. of Christian Social Relations and Local Church Activities, Sec. of Spiritual Life; teachers of classes, the president; the corresponding secretary, and any others interested in the program of missionary education.

Study material will be for sale and the committee urges the purchase of the same so as to avoid any delay in the fall study.

An outline or "Calendar of Work" for the entire year will be available for each society, including a bibliography of the new approved studies. The studies will be presented during the day's work.

Conference Committee,
Mrs. Elmer H. Hook,
Miss Ethel Millar,
Mrs. Cledice Jones.

ALCOHOLISM AND THE HEART

The writer has seen hundreds of drunks and of alcoholics die in "Drunk Wards" of a large city hospital. Many of these were strapped to the bed by the feet, the legs, the body across the chest, while a bed sheet rolled lengthwise was passed around the back of the patient's head, and the ends of its passed under the armpits of the person, were secured to the bar in the headboard of the bed.

A doctor in attendance said that "while a few die from suffocation, the most of them die when the heartbeat, made rapid by the effects of drink, utterly fails."

One other doctor said that "in delirium tremens of the alcoholic, the pulse is always rapid, the normal pulse 72 to 80. The pulse increases ten beats for every degree of fever. The fever will vary between 101 to 103 degrees, so the pulse will run from 100 to 140 beats."—Rev. John W. Keogh, Pres-

PRAYER ASKED FOR CHINA

Bishop W. Y. Chen and Dr. Wu Yi-fang, as executive officers of the National Christian Council of China, have asked Chinese Christians and their overseas friends to make daily prayer for peace between the rival factions in China's national life. In the "call" they say: "China today stands at a fateful hour in her history. Internal unity hangs in the balance. Will the issue be peace or war? At such a time men of all faiths are moved to prayer. All the more should men and women of the Christian faith pray to the God of love that selfish purposes may be given up and the will of God done in the national life; that with new spiritual strength and upon the basis of high moral principles we may all work together for the peace and unity of our country."

ident of the Catholic Total Abstinence Union of America.—In The Clip-sheet.

CONWAY DISTRICT SEMINAR, DANVILLE, SEPT. 19

THEME: The Day of Dawning Brotherhood Breaks on Our Eager Eyes.

10:00-10:15 — Devotional, Mrs. Raymond Dorman.

10:15-10:45—Discussion, Mrs. R. S. Hughey.

10:45-11:25—"India," Mrs. J. J. Clark, Mrs. Vernon Chalfant.

11:25-12:00—"The Christian and the Beverage Alcohol Problem," Mrs. E. T. Wayland.

12:00-12:30—Noon.

1:30-1:35—Brief Devotional—Mrs. Raymond Dorman.

1:35-2:00—Discussion, Mrs. A. A. Knox.

2:00-2:30 — "The Christian and Race," Mrs. O. E. Goddard, Miss Ethel Millar.

2:30-3:10—"Stewardship of Life," Mrs. Johnnie McClure.

3:10-3:30—Consecration Service, Mrs. Mason Mitchell.

Study and Action Committee, teachers of classes, the president, the corresponding secretary from each local society and any others interested in the program of Missionary Education and Service in the local church should attend this meeting.

INDIA "FAMILY WEEK" MEANS BATHS AND BROOMS!

Observation of "Family Week" in Daulatabad, India, included communitywide participation in a number of activities, according to Mrs. Sunanda Rathnam, of the Hyderabad Conference, who reported that the first day featured community games for which entire families gathered. A tug-of-war between fathers and sons was greatly enjoyed. The second day, known as "clean-up day," began with community worship, after which the people dispersed in groups to appointed places which they swept thoroughly and collected all refuse including "broken earthen pots, bones and trash."

All of the Christians performed some social service the third day. Members of the Women's Association, equipped with cocoa-nut oil and soap, took all the children in the community who needed baths to the community well and gave them what Mrs. Rathnam calls "a thorough bath." The children were also taught games and songs.

A party, in which the Christian Women's Association cooperated, was held on the fourth day, at which time pictures were distributed among homes kept clean during the week and to boys who assisted in the work. Climax of the week's observance was Mother's Sunday, for which special worship service was held. Children trained at the Mary A. Knotts School, sang special songs and a member of the adult literacy class read a passage from the New Testament. A message of encouragement to all who had contributed to the week's success was delivered by the pastor. A number of "caste people" attended the service.

CURRENT NEWS IN ARKANSAS METHODISM

"A VACATION FROM COLLEGE"

At the suggestion of my superintendent, Rev. Arthur Terry, I am giving a report on work at two rural churches which I have pastored during vacation from colleges. These churches have not had a pastor for some time. Some encouraging services were held at Greer's Chapel. At the New Era Methodist Church we had a family night at which money was raised to improve the church property. The church grounds have been improved, a well has been dug, and the outside of the church has been painted. Plans have been made to paint the inside of the church in September.

A Methodist Youth Fellowship was organized and shortly after this beginning we went to the Colombia County Sub-District meeting at Waldo. We made the thirty mile trip in a local school bus and won the banner for attendance. The aid of a deputations team from the sub-district M. Y. F. was secured and under their leadership we had meetings on worship, organization, and recreation. The last night together we met early at the church for work, recreation, and a picnic. That night the young people cleaned the altar, pulpit, and the pulpit chairs. A worship center was also erected. The last meeting of the Sub-district was held at New Era and in spite of bad weather conditions there were some eighty people in attendance.

During the last week in July, Rev. L. M. Starkey helped in a revival which created a good spirit in the community and during which there were six conversions and additions.

—L. M. Starkey, Jr.

TEXARKANA DISTRICT FOURTH ROUND

Charge	Church	Hour	Date
Mena, Mena		11:00 a. m.	Sept. 1
DeQueen, DeQueen		7:30 p. m.	Sept. 1
Texarkana Ct., Rondo		11:00 a. m.	Sept. 15
Ashdown, Ashdown		7:30 p. m.	Sept. 15
Doddridge Ct., Olive Branch		11:00 a. m.	Sept. 22
Fouk Ct., Holly Springs		2:30 p. m.	Sept. 22
College Hill, College Hill		7:30 p. m.	Sept. 22
Buckner Ct., Oak Grove		11:00 a. m.	Sept. 29
Sardis-Shiloh, Shiloh		2:30 p. m.	Sept. 29
Stamps, Stamps		7:30 p. m.	Sept. 29
Winthrop Ct., Winthrop		7:30 p. m.	Oct. 2
Taylor Ct., Taylor		11:00 a. m.	Oct. 6
Lewisville-Bradley, Lewisville		7:30 p. m.	Oct. 6
Mena, Mena		7:30 p. m.	Oct. 9
Hatfield, Hatfield		7:30 p. m.	Oct. 10
Texarkana, First Church		11:00 a. m.	Oct. 13
Fairview, Fairview		7:30 p. m.	Oct. 13
DeQueen, DeQueen		7:30 p. m.	Oct. 16
Horatio Ct., Horatio		7:30 p. m.	Oct. 17
Shady Grove, Shady Grove		11:00 a. m.	Oct. 20
Cherry Hill Ct., Highland		2:30 p. m.	Oct. 20
Lockesburg Ct., Lockesburg		7:30 p. m.	Oct. 20
Wilton Ct., Wilton		11:00 a. m.	Oct. 27
Richmond Ct., Wades Chapel		2:30 p. m.	Oct. 27
Foreman, Foreman		7:30 p. m.	Oct. 27

—A. J. Christie, District. Supt.

Some parents say: "We will not influence our children in making choices and decisions in matters of religion." Why not? The ads will! The press will! The radio will! The movies will! Their neighbors will! Their politicians will! We use our influence over flowers, vegetables, cattle, etc.; shall we ignore our children?—Baptist Standard.

YOUTH ACTIVITIES WEEK AT OSCEOLA

The Youth Fellowship of the Osceola Methodist Church held its Youth Activities Week beginning Sunday, August 18th running through Wednesday night, August 21st. Invitations were issued to other group members of the Mississippi County Fellowship. Blytheville First Church, Joiner and Victoria participated, bringing the total attendance to 135.

Plans were made by the Council to open the activities with a picnic supper at Grider Park followed by vespers, but due to the rain they were held in the Ladies' Parlor of the church. Supper was served buffet style, and Denver Wilson led the worship services. At the church services the young people furnished the choir, their usual custom, and Misses Clara Douglas and Mary Nell Dugger furnished the special music. The pastor, Rev. W. V. Womack, brought a timely and inspiring message to the young people. Recreation was led by Clara Douglas in the form of a Radio Party.

During the three day week-period supper was served at 6:45 P. M. in the Ladies' Parlor. The tables were beautifully decorated with summer flowers arranged by Mrs. O. W. Knight and Miss Eula McDougal, and the ladies of the Wesleyan Service Guild assisted in serving the meals.

Supper was followed by round table discussions led by W. R. Holifield, Bobby Foster and Bob Watson. Mary Nell Dugger and Jere Wiseman gave the Devotionals. On Monday evening, Rev. Roy Bagley, Pastor of First Church at Bayleville, and a group of his young people were special guests at the supper hours, and for the program. Rev. Bagley talked on "Evangelism" stressing the fact that each of us should feel that we had a "mission". On Tuesday evening Mrs. Carol Watson gave a book review "Fishing Jimmie", which followed the general theme of the Week. Mrs. Watson is always most gracious in helping the young people, and her book reviews are a "highlight" on any program.

Recreation on Monday evening was led by Steve Ralph, Jr. in the form of a Newspaper Party, on Wednesday evening by Martha Ann Moore, and Wednesday evening by Joyce Williams.

The activities were closed with a candlelight service held in the auditorium, prepared by Evelyn Jean Pigg, who had planned it around Darkness and Light, stressing the fact that all is Darkness until Christ comes into our lives bringing Light.

—Reporter.

HYMNALS FOR SALE

Rev. I. L. Claud, Booneville, states that his church has sixty-five good used hymnals which can be bought for fifty cents each. Books are in good condition. Write him at Booneville.

There are times, on the cross-roads of life, when tear-dimmed eyes can scarcely discern a sign; but upon peering closer, they shall perceive the sign of the cross pointing Heavenward.—Mary Sanders.

SUB-DISTRICT HOLDS MEETING

The Russellville Sub-district of the Methodist Youth Fellowship held its monthly meeting at Pottsville.

There were one hundred eighteen present and several visitors. Every charge in the sub-district was represented except Dardanelle.

A very interesting program was rendered by the hostess church. The theme was "Crusade for Christ" in which they stressed two very vital points. A talk was given on Stewardship by Maxine Maxwell and one on Evangelism by Catherine Eaff. An interesting poem, "Once to Every Man" was given by June Rackley.

In the absence of our president, Allen Hilliard, and our secretary, Sarah Jones, who were attending camp at Mt. Sequoyah, Noel Kyle and Jo Sweeden, both of Atkins, were in charge.

There was an offering of \$11.32.

The sub-district group will meet with the entire Conway District at Hendrix College on September 2.

Pottsville won the banner for greatest percentage of attendance.

Several games were enjoyed by all and refreshments were served by the ladies of the hostess church.

Atkins gave us an invitation to meet with them for our next sub-district meeting which will be on October 7.—James F. Weatherford.

HOLLY GROVE CHURCH HAS SUCCESSFUL REVIVAL

The Methodist Church of Holly Springs, Arkadelphia District, announces the most successful revival in the history of the church. To the membership roll there were added twenty-eight on profession of faith and two by certificate. A great spiritual need was filled through the great revival messages brought each evening by Rev. J. O. Sutton of Carthage.

Some of the results of this revival was the re-organization of the Woman's Society of Christian Service with the membership roll doubled over previous meetings. At the first meeting new officers were elected for the remainder of the year.

The officers are as follows: President, Mrs. Edgar Ramsey; vice-president, Mrs. Cleo Proctor; secretary-treasurer, Mrs. Cleo Riggs. The young people re-organized with a membership of twenty-three. The following were elected as officers for the remainder of the year: President, Mrs. Eula Riggs; vice-president, Mertis Patterson; secretary-treasurer, Bobby Charles Alexander; sponsor, Mrs. Horace Looney.—Coy Rogers, Pastor.

We must come to feel and see that our religion of Christ is a world movement, and our Church a world community, not one thing in America and another in Asia, a single enterprise, aiming to realize in human life everywhere Jesus' ideal of the Kingdom of God.—William Pierson Merrill.

Gentle words, quiet words, are after all the most powerful words.—Washington Gladden.

RODNEY SHAW WRITES FROM FT. LEWIS, WASHINGTON

This is my third assignment on the West Coast in the past ten months. Have been gradually moving north. After returning from overseas was stationed at Cp. Roberts, California (halfway between San Francisco and Los Angeles—and too far from either to see much of them). After three and one-half months there the camp closed and I was transferred to Presidio of San Francisco.

We enjoyed San Francisco very much. It was a very good opportunity to observe operations of the churches in a big city. San Francisco has about twenty Methodist churches. Almost one-fourth of the churches were in the minority groups (Methodist churches, that is). There were several Negro Methodist churches, and one each in the following groups—Korean, Japanese-American, Chinese, and Italian.

There are no really large Methodist congregations in San Francisco. But a number of the churches are very active. I had some particularly enjoyable experiences in what was formerly the Norwegian Methodist church but had now dropped the word "Norwegian". Had the privilege of serving as counselor to a very consecrated and active group of MYF'ers in this church during my last four months in the city.

Also enjoyed working with the San Francisco Council of Churches. They had a staff of about four full-time employees and ran a program of surprisingly wide scope. Was able to serve on the Council's Committee for Overseas Relief during my last two months there.

It was a very good experience for me, this being close to a number of churches, yet not being really on the inside as far as responsibility was concerned. Learned a lot of things to do—and also learned some things not to do!

Will be getting out of the Army in mid-December and returning to seminary. Don't know yet just which one I'll go to for the final work on my B. D., but am leaning toward Garrett.

Sincerely,
Rodney Shaw

HENDRIX COLLEGE NEWS

Fall Term to Open September 9

The largest group of students in the history of the college will begin arriving at Hendrix College September 9. College authorities are expecting approximately 500 students to enroll for the fall term.

Coach Ivan H. Grove, housing director for the college, pointed out that many prospective students were turned away as early as last spring because of the lack of housing space and teaching facilities at the college. He said that three factors limited the number of students who could be admitted to the school and enumerated them as being the lack of dormitory space, the limited dining space, and the shortage of teaching space and teachers.

"We have tried to accommodate (Continued on Page 14)

FCC COMMISSIONER BIDS RELIGIOUS GROUPS IN- CREASE USE OF RADIO

CHICAGO. — (RNS) — Federal Communications Commissioner Clifford J. Durr asserted here that radio is the best tool religious groups have for laying foundations of national and international justice.

Speaking at the Workshop for Religious Radio at the University of Chicago, Durr declared that "religion should speak over the radio on the major issues of the day." He said there is "a crying need to offend vested ways of thinking."

Discussing various means by which religious groups could utilize radio, Durr said they should "get into the field as broadcast licensees, assuming responsibility for programming." Theological seminaries are eligible for inclusion in channels set aside for educational stations, he pointed out, and other religious organizations can apply for stations in commercial bands.

"Ministers and people interested in religious programs should assist in the recruiting of good broadcast applicants," the FCC official added. "Radio needs the infusion of people who recognize its importance and function as a medium serving the public interest. Churches can stimulate such good men to apply for licenses."

Religious broadcasting organizations should recognize, he added, "the far greater importance of getting the right things on the air than of keeping the wrong things off."

BUTCHER IS ZEALOUS EVANGELIST

BUFFALO, N. Y. — (RNS) — A butcher by trade but a zealous evangelist in his spare time, Thomas B. Clay has the satisfaction of knowing that he has helped scores of men become more interested in church work. He has delivered more than 1,000 sermons and religious talks with the hope of interesting more men in religion.

"When I started lay preaching back in 1930 I decided the Church has a definite challenge for business and professional men of high caliber," Mr. Clay said. "Women by nature are more religiously inclined than men and that may explain why leadership in most churches is in the hands of women. Men can be interested in church work if a man's approach is used."

Nearly every Sunday this summer Mr. Clay has "filled in" for pastors who are away on vacations. He reads the scripture, gives the prayer and preaches on a subject of his own choosing.

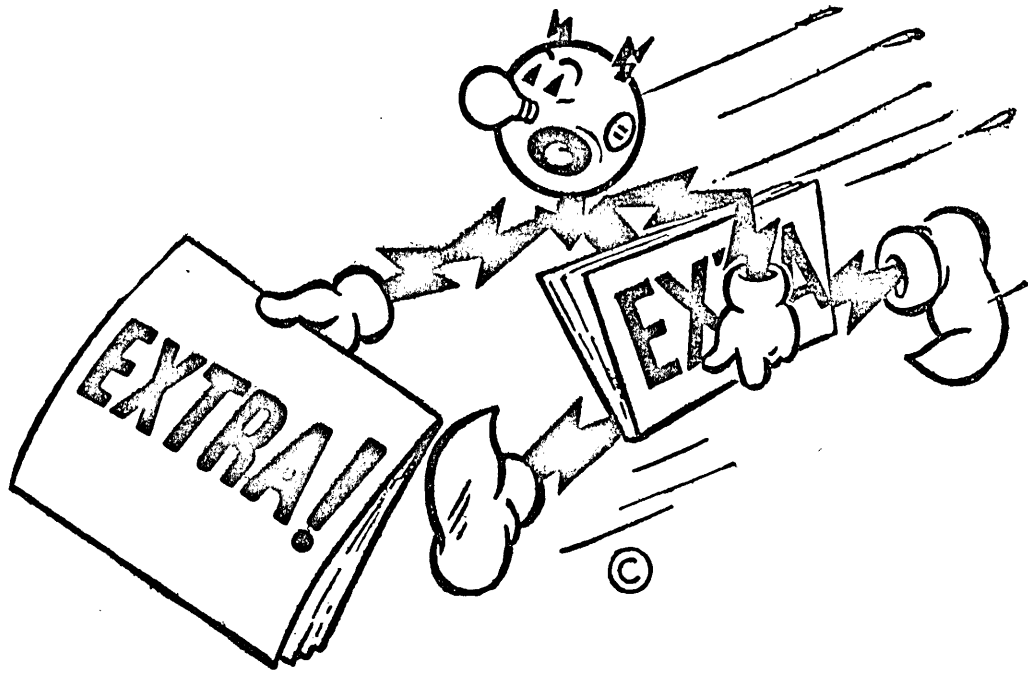
"I write my sermons at night and seldom use the same one more than two or three times," he said. "The subject I pick most often is lay participation in the church."

As lay leader of the Genesee Methodist Conference, Mr. Clay has helped train about 50 men for pulpit work similar to what he is doing. If a pastor is ill or unable to fill his pulpit, one of the laymen volunteers to substitute.

Real joy comes not from ease or riches, or from the praise of men, but from doing something worthwhile.—Dr. Wilfred Grenfell.

To live long it is necessary to live slowly.—Cicero.

READ ALL ABOUT IT!



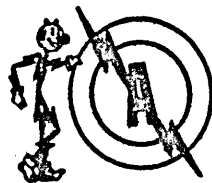
MATERIAL SHORTAGES HIT POWER COMPANY!

NEW LINES AND SERVICES HELD UP BY LACK OF MATERIALS!

We don't like to have to bring you news like this—but we feel you deserve to know just why we haven't been able to bring you the electric service we've been promising to so many areas.

Our problem is similar to the problem automobile manufacturers have—they want you to have new cars—but they can't get carburetors. Or if they can get carburetors, there's a shortage in bumpers.

We want to serve you with electricity—but electricity can't be sent into your home without poles and wires and transformers any more than a car can run without a carburetor! And we just can't beg, buy or borrow these materials! The day is coming—soon, we hope, when there WILL be enough materials to enable us to start work. Rest assured that we will do our best—as quick as we can do it!



ARKANSAS POWER & LIGHT COMPANY

HELPING BUILD ARKANSAS

CURRENT NEWS IN THE RELIGIOUS WORLD

BYRNES PLEDGES RELIGIOUS FREEDOM IN TREATIES

PARIS (By Wireless)—(RNS)—American support for guarantees of racial and religious freedom in the peace treaties being negotiated here was pledged by Secretary of State James F. Byrnes in a letter to Dr. Everett R. Clinchy, president of the National Conference of Christians and Jews.

Replying to a proposal by Dr. Clinchy that the peace treaties specify the freedoms as the law in each country, Secretary Byrnes said that "substantially" the language requested by the National Conference already has been incorporated in the treaty drafts.

The secretary of state pointed out that Article XIV of the Italian treaty binds Italy to see that all persons have, "without distinction as to race, sex, language or religion, the enjoyment of human rights and of fundamental freedoms," including freedom of worship, speech and press.

Similar clauses are contained in the draft treaties with Rumania, Bulgaria and Hungary.

CANADIAN BAPTISTS CONCERNED OVER LOSSES

TORONTO — (RNS). — Loss of "good Baptist blood" to other churches through interdenominational marriages, population moves, and the transfer of clergymen, is becoming "denominationally disastrous" to the Baptist Church in Canada, according to a report made to the Baptist Convention of Ontario and Quebec, meeting here.

The report, presented by Chancellor George P. Gilmour of McMaster University and chairman of the Church's commission on beliefs and polity disclosed that during the past 65 years the proportion of Baptists in the Canadian population has decreased from 6 per cent to 4 per cent.

"Statistical evidence that we are marrying ourselves out of existence does not make light reading," said the report. Referring to the Baptist custom of immersion, it pointed out that an interdenominational marriage in the majority of cases involves the loss of the Baptist partner since the non-Baptist spouse usually regards immersion as "an unnecessary repetition of a profession of faith already sincerely made elsewhere."

Discussing ministerial losses, the report declared that "our limited supply of important pulpits makes for discouragement among those who have been in the ministry for some time, and leads to frequent emigration."

The report suggested that though Baptists are not ready for organic union they should look toward a closer cooperation with other Protestant bodies.

"There is among us," it declared, "a hope that we can participate helpfully in the ecumenical movement that is now bringing together Protestant Christians across barriers raised by ritual, order and doctrinal emphasis."

DISCIPLES ASK PLAN BE DRAWN UP FOR UNION WITH BAPTISTS

COLUMBUS, Ohio —(RNS)—A proposal that a specific plan be drawn up for organic union between the Disciples of Christ and the Northern Baptist Convention, was approved here at the Disciples' International Convention.

It was requested that the union plan be prepared by a joint committee of Baptists and Disciples and be presented to the next International Convention for study and discussion.

Another resolution recommending that the Northern Baptist Convention be invited to participate in a joint meeting with the Disciples in 1948 to prepare for the gradual merger of the national agencies of the two churches was referred to the joint committee for further study.

A resolution urging the opening up of conversations with the Congregational - Christian Churches "with a view toward organic unity" was referred to the executive committee of the Convention.

The Disciples body approved, without a dissenting vote, the proposed interchurch agency to be known as the National Council of the Churches of Christ in the United States of America. Officers of the Convention were authorized to "take such steps in the achieving of this end as may be required."

ASKS GOVERNMENT LIBERALIZE REGULATIONS ON CHURCH BUILDING

NEW YORK—(RNS)—A plea to liberalize current regulations which forbid the construction of church buildings has been sent to Wilson W. Wyatt, national housing administrator, by E. M. Conover, director of the International Bureau of Architecture here.

Pointing out that in some instances permission to erect church buildings has been granted while other requests "just as urgently needed" have been turned down, Mr. Conover suggested the following four-point minimal standard for judging the merits of necessary church building and repair work:

1. Erection of minimum facilities for worship and religious education in communities that lack such facilities.
2. Replacement of property damaged or destroyed by calamity.
3. Increase of the \$1,000 limitation for replacing or repairing deteriorated and broken-down equipment.
4. Construction where church property has been sold on contracts executed before the war and where population and industrial changes require selling existing property and building in new locations.

Emphasizing the "hundreds of emergency cases" among church building projects, Mr. Conover noted the present "tremendous easement in the matter of granting permission to erect other than veterans' houses or emergency industrial projects."

Is it not queer how nineteen drops of rain can keep twenty people from church?—Ex.

METHODIST COMMITTEE STUDIES RELATION OF CHURCH, PUBLIC SCHOOL

LAKE JUNALUSKA, N. C.—(RNS)—A committee appointed at the last session of the Methodist General Board of Education to study the relation between church and public school met here to make a preliminary survey of the broad relationships which should be strengthened between the two agencies.

Dr. J. Q. Schisler, of Nashville, Tenn., executive secretary of the board's division of the local church, said relationships include much more than what usually is known as weekday religious education. There is a growing recognition on the part of the public school officials, he said, of the place of basically religious teaching as a part of the public school curriculum.

Members of the committee are Bishop W. Earl Ledden of Syracuse, N. Y., chairman; Bishop J. Ralph Magee of Chicago, Fred B. Noble of Jacksonville, Fla., J. H. Peer of Cedar Falls, Iowa, and Dr. Frank C. R. Tucker of St. Louis.

WANTS CHURCH OF ENGLAND TO CHANGE ITS NAME

TORONTO—(RNS)—A Canadian Anglican clergyman believes the time has come for the Church of England to change its name. His suggestion: "The Protestant Catholic Episcopal Church."

Sponsor of the new name is the Rev. H. R. Rokeby-Thomas, B. Sc., L. Th., F. R. S. A., F. R. G. S., rector in the Ontario village of Wyoming. He maintains that the Church of England name is too confusing, geographically speaking. There is, he says, a Church of England in England, in Wales, in Scotland, in Ireland, in Canada, in South America, and in the United States.

"It is time," explains rector Rokeby-Thomas, "that we had a universal name, without territorial designation, which would express in mighty witness to the whole world the unity of faith in the Anglican communion."

The Canadian rector is also in favor of a new edition to the Prayer Book which would contain under one cover the whole Anglican liturgy and would supplant the several national volumes now printed in the English language. Prayers peculiar to territorial divisions, such as native churches in Japan, China, and India, would be grouped under special sections.

MICHIGAN CHURCHES HOLD GOOD WILL CONFERENCES RUSSIAN CHURCH

COLOMA, Mich. —(RNS)— Berrien County Council of Churches in cooperation with the Michigan Council of Churches, has called its fourth annual Good Will Conference for September 6-8 at Camp Warren, six miles north of here on Lake Michigan.

Seventeen other agencies, educational, labor, farming, business and social, support this project which has for its purpose the bringing together of the major occupational groups in each area, "for the development of good will and mutual understanding at points of conflict."

The Conference forms a week-end camp where people of all creeds, faiths and races, can meet in mutual respect and friendliness and consider the issues which divide man from man.

Discussions are conducted on the round-table method, and leaders are provided through adult education departments of Michigan's colleges. Resource persons lend their background of experience and training. Fourteen other areas in Michigan have been conducting similar conferences since August 9. The last ones will be at Apple Blossom Lodge near Big Rapids on September 20-22, and at Port Huron September 20-22.

METHODIST SUPERINTENDENTS TO LAUNCH STEWARDSHIP DRIVE

GRAND RAPIDS, Mich.—(RNS)—The Stewardship Phase of The Methodist Church's four-year Crusade for Christ will be opened here during a meeting of the denomination's 750 district superintendents, September 9-11.

According to an announcement by the Church's Board of Lay Activities, the three-day meeting here will be followed by conferences in churches throughout the country during September to be followed by leadership education classes until December. Intensive promotion for the campaign will begin January 1 and continue through August 31, 1947.

Objectives of the stewardship program are: to increase church attendance by 50 per cent; add 500,000 active workers committed to take some form of training for their stewardship task; increase regular donations to the church, and enlist 5,000 recruits for the ministry and 5,000 for life service in other aspects of church work.



Giving Can Be Increased!

SECURITY MITE BOXES

Three styles, heavy cardboard, approximate size 1 1/4 x 2 1/4 x 3 inches. 100 boxes, \$2.50. Order by title.

My Offering
My Easter Offering
My Christmas Offering

INLAY DIME COLLECTORS

No. 405. Holds \$1.00 in dimes. \$1.35 a 100.
No. 406. \$2.00 in dimes. \$2.35 a 100.
No. 408. \$3.00 in dimes. \$3.15 a 100.
No. 410. \$5.00 in dimes. \$4.00 a 100.

Free catalog of Church and Sunday School requisites on request.

OPEN SLOT COLLECTORS

Two colors for competition—red and blue. 100 collectors may bring in \$16.00 in pennies; \$65.00 in nickels; \$160 in dimes. No. 1 for pennies or dimes. No. 2 for nickels. Order by number and color. \$2.25 a hundred, \$21.50 a thousand.

WM. H. DIETZ, Inc.

10 South Wabash Avenue

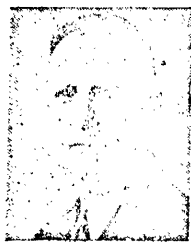
Dept. 83

Chicago, Illinois

On A Wide Circuit

By W. W. REID

THE LORD'S PRAYER



I AM intrigued by the words in Matthew's Gospel in introducing the Lord's Prayer: "After this manner therefore pray."

Did Jesus mean for us to use his words as our prayer? Or rather should we use the spirit and sweep of that prayer as the spirit and sweep of ours?

Don't we do violence to the Prayer when we recite it as fast as we can? There are deep meanings here and they must well from our hearts and minds, not just roll off our lips. Sometimes I find that, in repeating the Prayer, if I pause before or after each sentence, and let my mind explore something of its meaning, it helps me personally. Again, if I am tired and just "repeat" it, I am startled at the end to find I have not been giving my mind to it at all.

Think of the ramifications of "Thy Kingdom come." . . . What do we mean by God's kingdom? Will it come out of the skies, or must we work for it? Is it for me and mine; or for the Russian and the Japanese also?

Or think of the social meaning of "Thy will be done on earth," and "Give us this day our daily bread." . . . Can we be content to make these petitions 365 times a year, not definitely expecting the first, and rather personally certain of the second? Or do we think, too, of the needs of next-door neighbors and next-continent neighbors?

A good "exercise" for each of us might be to try to re-state the Lord's Prayer as we think Jesus might state it were he in the flesh today, retaining the spirit and scope of the original. It might help us clear some obscure phrases. Here

is my attempt at a statement in today's terms and needs:

"Our God and Father, Ruler of earth and of the worlds beyond our world: may men reverence thee and learn to love thee and do thy will. May thy spirit direct our thoughts and our actions, thus bringing in the day when all men shall obey thee, even as all the planets and as all the tiny seeds obey thy commands and fulfill thy purposes. May we have a share in bringing in that day of thy rule. Give us this day, from thy bounty, the things that we need for body, mind, and spirit; and teach us to share thy gifts with all men everywhere. Forgive us when we do wrong or go astray, as we try to forgive and to love those who harm or wrong us. We pray also that thou wilt give us strength and courage to overcome the many temptations that we will meet this day. Amen."

And my friend, Benjamin Caulfield, has put the Prayer into these words:

O God, to whom all nature bows,
Whom we "Our Father" name,
Within our souls a passion rouse
Thy righteous purpose to espouse,
Thy holiness proclaim.

In our own lives thy will be done
As in far stellar space,
Thy Kingdom's leavening work begun

Till nations, races shall be won,
Shall righteousness embrace.

O grant us strength to use thy wealth,
Sun, rain and soil employ,
That we may earn both bread and health,
May share with all the common-wealth
And want and greed destroy.

O guide us from temptation's way,
From evil set us free;
Forgive the debts we cannot pay,
As we forgive some wrong today
In gratitude to thee.

SUMMER DAYS

Now can't you see that rabbit cloud?
He's chasing Old Man Sun,
And very soon will catch him sure—
He's started on a run!"

I tried and tried
In vain, to see—
God gives such sight
To boys of three!

—Elizabeth Beck Davidson

While Millions Starve

From the Southern Methodist Laymen we read:

"Poisoning Americans While Allowing Millions to Starve"

Last year, with untold millions dying of malnutrition these great United States of America allowed according to reliable authorities the use of THREE HUNDRED AND FIFTEEN MILLION TONS OF GRAIN TO GO INTO THE MANUFACTURE OF INTOXICATING BEVERAGES. If this immense amount of grain had been directed to earth's starving millions, the number it would have saved from a miserable death would doubtless run into hundreds of thousands; instead it was used to multiply the number of Americans who will fill drunkard's graves."

This means that ten billion and five hundred million dollars went into intoxicating beverages! It also means seventy-five thousand dol-

lars per capita. This, in spite of the promises of the distillers and the whiskey crowd in their fight for abolishing prohibition. When did this crowd ever tell the truth on this question?

I do not know to what extent crime increased, but the groans of broken-hearted women and the cry of hungry children, naked and shelterless, have reverberated around the world. And worse still, is the crowds of women and girls streaming in and out of saloons. A young Georgian who has been located in New York City for several years says that the women and girls walk into the saloons and up to the bar and drink just like men. From a pulpit in Atlanta not a great while ago, a minister made the statement that President Truman had allowed 54,000,000,000 bushels of wheat to go to distillers this year.

Who does not know that this same

(Continued on Page 16)



FROM UNITED JEWELERS

In spite of their smart styling and dazzling beauty, the rings shown and sold at UNITED JEWELERS are unusually low in price! UNITED sells more diamonds. . .

therefore they can sell for LESS! Shop this conveniently located store tomorrow!

LIBERAL CREDIT TERMS IF DESIRED!



A charming 3-diamond engagement ring in a smartly tailored mounting.

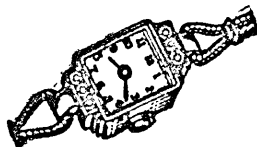
100.00



Matched diamond bridal set in popular mounting striking floral design.

150.00

Fine Watches for Women



17-Jewel Model with Solid Gold Case. Only. . .

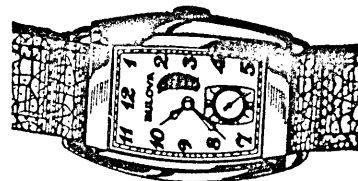
\$52.50

A Fine Selection of BULOVA WATCHES

For Women

\$29.75 up

Nationally Known Watches for Men



BULOVAS	\$37.50
BENRUS	\$39.75
ELGINS	\$50.00
WALTHAMS	\$60.00

United CREDIT Jewelers

106 W. Capitol, Little Rock

Randolph Bldg, El Dorado

The Sunday School Lesson

By DR. O. E. GODDARD



JESUS AND COVETOUSNESS

LESSON FOR SEPTEMBER 15, 1946

SCRIPTURE TEXT: Exodus 20:17; 1 Kings 21:1-16; Job 31:16-25 28; Proverbs 11:23-28; Luke 12:13-21; 18:18-23; John 6:26-27; 1 Timothy 6:6-8; Hebrews 13:5.

GOLDEN TEXT: He that trusteth in his riches shall fall; But the righteous shall flourish as the green leaf. Proverbs 11:28.

"Thou shalt not covet—anything that is thy neighbor's." This is in a sense the climax of the six commandments pertaining to human relations. All the other five seem on the surface to refer to outward conduct. This one applies to the thoughts, the inmost thoughts, of the soul. This commandment comes nearer the New Testament conception of commandments than the other commandments. It turns the research light in on the motives, the secret desires, the unexpressed yearnings. "As a man thinketh in his heart, so is he."

The Meaning of Covet

Covet means to have an inordinate desire for, or to long for, to have an intense desire for that which is another's. To long for the property, position, honors of another is to be covetous. Back in the region of desires all sorts of iniquities are born. Plans to steal, cheat, rob, defraud, originate in this realm.

Covetousness is Dangerous

The devil made the first pair believe that eating the forbidden fruit would be desirable; it would make them wise. They coveted wisdom. They ate the fruit and brought sin with all its devastating influence into the world. Their covetousness was a calamity to them and to all their posterity. Ahab coveted Naboth's vineyard. The tragic consequences to Ahab and his wicked queen are well known to all our readers. Every biblical character that coveted something and tried by means, foul or fair, to get it, got into trouble. Bible history virtually tells you that it does not pay to covet.

Secular History Confirms Biblical History

How many state and church treasurers have defaulted? Their name is legion. The genesis of their fall was an inordinate desire for money. They may have struggled with the temptation for days, weeks, months, or years. It would have been easy to have dismissed the temptation finally, at first. But they temporized, toyed with it, until the theft was committed. All the defaulters, embezzlers, and all other thieves would ever yield to such a temptation.

"Vice is a monster, of so great a mien
As to be hated needs only to be seen,
But seen too oft, familiar with her face,
We first endure, then pity, then embrace."

Covetousness Makes A Man A Fool

Jesus told the story of a certain rich man whose lands produced so abundantly that his barns were not adequate to hold his harvests. Then he pulled down the smaller barns

and built larger barns. Then he said, "Soul, thou hast much goods laid up for many years, take thine ease, eat, drink, and be merry." But God said, unto him, "Thou fool." That was a harsh word for Jesus to use as it is translated in our authorized version. The modern translation softens it to read, "Thou foolish one," but after all the foolish one had played the fool, and deserved to be so designated. Then Jesus added, "So is he that layeth up treasures for himself and is not rich toward God."

"There Is That Scattereth Yet Increaseth. There Is That Withholdeth More Than Is Meant, Yet Tendeth To Poverty"

The man who is not covetous spreads his influence by his money and prayers all over the earth, yet he is not impoverished. The covetous man withholds all, and Bradstreet may report him as solvent, but he is a bankrupt in the bank of heaven. Every dollar sent out, every prayer sent up, every good deed done, is a deposit in the bank of heaven. Thus, lay up treasures in heaven and in the course of years you will be rated as a multi-millionaire in the bank of heaven.

To Covet or Not to Covet, Which?

All people are tempted to covet. The very poor covet the necessities of life and imagine they would be happy if they had these necessities. But millions have such, but are not happy in their possessions. The prosperous long for the luxuries of life and imagine when they get where they can afford such things, they will be happy. But will they find happiness in such things? Are the happiest people those who live in palaces in the midst of luxury? No, happiness does not root in the abundance of the things a man possesseth. Take heed and beware of covetousness! To covet is to imperil your soul. Beware.

"Keep Thy Heart With All Diligence For Out Of It Are the Issues of Life"

A marginal reading is, "Keep thy heart above all thy keeping." In other words, keeping the heart must have the priority in all thy keeping. Keeping your treasures, your health, your reputation, is not so important as keeping the heart. Your heart determines whether you are good or bad, helpful or hurtful, truthful or a liar, honest or dishonest, saved or lost, servant of God or servant of the devil. All the issues of life are determined by the heart. All the good things you do and all the bad deeds you commit have their genesis in the heart. Some of us need a hundred spiritual policeman to keep covetousness out of our hearts. Better allow a burglar to enter your home than a covetous thought to find lodging there.

Some Suggestions

1. Be pure in thought.

HENDRIX COLLEGE NEWS

(Continued from Page 12)

every veteran and high school graduate who wanted to attend Hendrix as long as it could be accomplished with the limitations named. While trying to accommodate these students, we have also kept in mind the welfare of those students already registered."

When questioned concerning the ratio of men and women students at the college for the fall term, Coach Grove said that there would be about three men students for every two women students. There will be 287 veterans enrolled, according to figures available in his office.

New students will begin arriving on the campus after noon September 9. Guidance tests for the new students will get under way the morning of Tuesday, September 10. Old students will be registered September 11 and new students will register September 12. Classwork will begin Friday, September 13.

Coach Grove's office has been working since early spring on arranging housing for the large student body expected. Many Conway homes were opened to students and arrangements of that type were made until the absolute maximum which could be handled safely by the teaching facilities at the college was reached.

The college has now had to stop accepting any reservations.

Dean's List Announced

The names of 31 students appear on the dean's list for the summer term as announced by Dean Thomas S. Staples. Requirements for the dean's list are that the students have a grade average of B plus with no grades lower than B.

Those who met the requirements for the dean's list are as follows: Sam Robert Adkisson, Conway; Charles Thomas Allbright, Heber Springs; Carolyn May Baird Almand, Little Rock; Bernard Augustine Brunner, Saint Paul, Minn.; Paul Jefferies Clemmons, Pine Bluff; Charles Alexander Donaldson, Little Rock; Norman Eugene Duggan, Conway; John Lathrop Fletchers, Jr., Little Rock; Murphy W. Ford, Conway; Wade G. Garton, Little Rock; James Thurman Gragson, Conway; David Cowle Hamilton, Little Rock; Dan Osborn Harton III, Conway; E. A. Henry, Jr., Little Rock; Thomas Edward Hervey, Pine Bluff; Frank Wilford Holl, Conway; Thomas Donald Honeycutt, Hope; Sara Jane Hunt, Fort Smith; Paul H. Miller, Little Rock; Coats Allan Mitchell, Jr., Sheridan; James Roy Ott, Jr., Conway; Nancy Lane Purkins, Warren; Richard Franklin Rhodes, Fayetteville; Lon David Roth, Stuttgart; Walter Lane Scott, Conway; James Joseph Slatery, Little Rock; Harlan Dunn Spore, Little Rock; Harold M. Stephens, Blevins; Robert Glenn Swim, Stuttgart; Rommie Reid Toler, Pine Bluff; and Betty Ernestine Williams, Sheridan.

Dr. Reynolds Honored

Dr. J. H. Reynolds, president emeritus of the college, has received

2. Be pure in words.
3. Be pure in deeds.
4. Be as careful about your thoughts and desires as you would be were an instrument devised that would throw your every thought and desire upon a screen visible to everybody.

WHILE MILLIONS STARVE

(Continued from Page 15)

President Truman has ordered us to cut down on white flour? I have had white flour biscuits only occasionally here in Gainesville.

What a giant is whiskey. Here our distiller can take 54 billions of tons of wheat for whiskey, but you housewives must cut down on the use of white flour!

When my sainted father, Col. Luke G. Johnson, was giving a batch of Sherman's troops a good "licking" at Grahamville, S. C., my mother and we children got white biscuit only on Sunday morning breakfasts. That was that the Confederate soldier might be fed. But I am not willing in this year of 1946 peace to do without biscuit every day in the week in order that the whiskey guzzler may have all he wants. Congress suddenly worked up lately and passed some resolutions asking the President and another U. S. official to ask that less wheat be allowed distillers until this crisis is passed. So far so good. But what about the bars in the congressional halls?

According to Sen. Voorhes of California, our government is falling behind in our promise to Europe of 225,000,000 bushels of grain for the first 6 months of this year. We fall behind 35,000,000 bushels! He further says, "I understand that the distillers alone have been allocated about 30,000,000 bushels of scarce grain for liquors the first 6 months of the year and that brewers have been allocated 28,000,000 for use during the same period. Liquor and beer production are thus consuming a total of 58,000,000 bushels of grain, sufficient to make up our expected deficiency of our shipments to Europe. There is no question in my mind that the entire 58,000,000 should have been allocated to save human lives rather than to produce nonessential alcoholic beverages.

Thus the 58,000,000 bushels allocated to produce liquor and beer so far this year could have prevented starvation of 45,000,000 persons. This is a high price to pay for such utterly unnecessary production."

Again the senator said on April 18th, "Now bear in mind that America's promise has been that we would send 225,000,000 bushels of grain to the hungry people of the world in the first 6 months of 1946. It has been estimated that we may fall below that amount by 35,000,000 bushels. If we do it will mean terrible hunger, if not starvation to millions. Is it bread or liquor?"—Luke G. Johnson, D. D., Gainesville, Ga.

the Danish medal of liberation from King Christian X of Denmark for his service during the war.

As Arkansas chairman of the national war fund and a member of its central committee, Dr. Reynolds helped to lead a campaign for \$250,000,000 to help residents of oppressed European countries. A letter from Povl Bang-Jensen, Danish charge d'affaires in Washington, said:

"I hereby have the honor and pleasure to inform you that on May 5, 1946, the anniversary of the liberation of Denmark, his majesty the king has most graciously bestowed on you 'King Christian den Tiendes Frihedsmedaille' as an appreciation of your contribution to Denmark's cause during the years of Nazi occupation."—Kenneth Parker.