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"The World is My Parish" — John Wesley

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

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## Tenth Meeting of Annual Conference at Searcy

ON October 23rd, at 10:00 a. m. the Methodist Church at Searcy will open its doors for the tenth time to a session of the Annual Conference.

The first time Searcy entertained an Annual Conference was in 1859, eighty-seven years ago, when The Arkansas Conference convened in Searcy. The war between the states was just ahead. Bishop Robert Paine presided over the Conference. Three years later, in 1862, the Annual Conference met again in Searcy. The Civil War was raging. In the absence of a Bishop, Rev. John M. Steele, secretary of the preceding Conference, was elected to preside over the Conference.

Four years later, in 1866, The Arkansas Conference met again in Searcy. The war had ended and it was possible again for a Bishop to reach the seat of the Conference. Bishop Enoch M. Marvin was present and presided over the Conference.

After entertaining three Annual Conferences within seven years, Searcy took a rest from Annual Conference entertainment for eight years. Then the White River Conference, formerly a part of The Arkansas Conference, met in Searcy four different times. These sessions of The White River Conference were held in Searcy in the following years, 1874, 1878, 1887 and in 1889.

The Annual Conference meeting in Searcy in 1916, however, was the North Arkansas Conference which had been formed in 1914 by the union of the Arkansas Conference and the White River Conference. Bishop Edwin D. Mouzon presided over the Conference of 1916.

The North Arkansas Conference met in Searcy again in 1927 while Bishop Hiram A. Boaz was Bishop of this area and he presided over the Conference session of 1927.

This year Searcy again entertains the North Arkansas Conference. In contrast to the war Conference meeting in Searcy in 1862, when it was not possible for a Bishop to be present, Bishop Paul E. Martin, our resident Bishop, can drive to the seat of the Conference in an hour. Let us pray that this may be the best of the ten Annual Conferences to meet in Searcy.

## Thrilling Reports From The Hendrix Campaign

THE reports that are coming in on the Hendrix College Campaign thrill the hearts of all who are interested in this challenging movement. The pre-conference district meetings that have been held have been characterized by an unmistakable enthusiasm seldom seen in a movement of this character.

Apparently the hour has struck for Hendrix College and our Methodist people throughout the state appear to be unanimous in their purpose to do something for our college that represents real sacrificial interest in its work.

Although the date for the actual solicitation of funds for the campaign was postponed until next February, many churches are not willing to wait. Some have already paid apportionments in full. One church has collected double its apportionment. If the spontaneous response which the campaign is receiving in some places is indicative of the spirit throughout the state, we may have high hopes for Hendrix College in the future.

## Guest Preacher At The North Arkansas Conference

ONE of the most helpful features of the Annual Conference, in recent years, has been the messages brought to the Conference by a guest preacher selected from among the leading Methodist ministers of America.

This year, at the North Arkansas Conference, at Searcy, Dr. Roy H. Short, Editor of the Upper Room since 1944, will be the guest preacher. Dr. Short has had a remarkable ministry as a pastor, Editor of The Messenger, district superintendent, and author before he was chosen as Editor of the Upper Room on the death of Dr. Grover C. Emmons



DR. ROY H. SHORT

who conceived the idea of the Upper Room and was its first Editor.

Arkansas is fortunate to have this visit by Dr. Short. His useful ministry in other fields assures us that his coming will be a blessing to all who hear him.

As Editor of the Upper Room, it is quite probable that Dr. Short has a more intimate, daily relationship with more Methodist people and Methodist homes in America than any other leader of our church. Last year there were about nine million copies of the Upper Room published, an average of about two hundred twenty-five thousand copies per quarter. With almost a quarter of a million copies of the Upper Room used daily, only a divine Wisdom could evaluate the good being accomplished by our guest preacher as its Editor.

Dr. Short will deliver his first message at 7:30 p. m. Wednesday, the opening day of the Conference. He will preach at the afternoon and evening hours on Thursday and Friday, Friday evening being the time for the ordination service. He will deliver his last message at 4:00 p. m. Saturday.

These preaching services, under the auspices of the Board of Evangelism, are planned for any who can attend. The general public is invited. The Conference will be looking forward to these special services with high hopes and it is our judgment that every expectation will be more than filled.

## Arkansas-Louisiana Area Exceeds Evangelistic Goal

UNDER the leadership of Bishop Paul E. Martin, the Arkansas-Louisiana Episcopal Area has exceeded the evangelistic goal fixed by the leadership of our church for the Year of Evangelism.

In our judgment this is one of the most heartening reports that could come to our church today. The Arkansas-Louisiana Area received special recognition throughout the nation for the wonderful response it gave to the financial campaign in the Crusade for Christ. Some said, however, that because these are inflationary times money is easy and the raising of twenty-six million dollars in the special offering for the Crusade for Christ might be expected. These same people, however, were not so optimistic about the high evangelistic goals.

Now comes the announcement that on an area goal of 18,494 we have received into the church on profession of faith 19,215. On an area goal of 18,157, we have received into the church by transfer 19,624. Thus on a total goal of 36,651, we have received into the Methodist Church in the Arkansas-Louisiana Area a total of 38,839 members.

The goal in Arkansas on profession of faith was 11,942. The total received on profession of faith in Arkansas in the Year of Evangelism in 12,467. On a goal of 10,188 by transfer, our two Conferences have had 10,748 additions. This means that there have been reported 23,215 additions to the Methodist Church in Arkansas in the Year of Evangelism. For this we should be deeply grateful and sincerely happy.

It will require some time to assemble and tabulate the reports from the nation on the results of the Year of Evangelism throughout our church. Let us hope that, in the final reports, we shall find that we have reached or exceeded the total goal for this great evangelistic movement.

## Service of Commemoration Wednesday, 11:00 a. m.

IN the schedule of the Planning Committees of both the Little Rock and North Arkansas Conferences the Service of Commemoration is to be held at 11:00 o'clock Wednesday morning, the opening day of the session of each Conference.

This time and date for the Commemoration Service was chosen on the suggestion of Bishop Paul E. Martin. Each year that Bishop Martin has presided over our Annual Conferences he has given special emphasis to this, the most sacred service of an Annual Conference.

There have been times, in the past, when the hour for the Commemoration Service has seemed to be fixed at a time that would least interfere with the general work of the Conference. Both of our Annual Conferences in Arkansas are indebted to Bishop Martin for his insistence that this service have a most favored time and place in our Conference session.

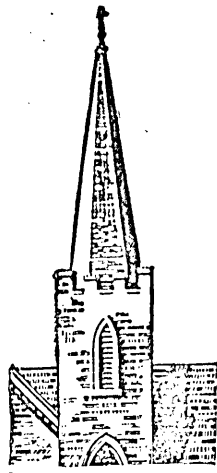
It is of value also to have a pre-conference announcement of the time and date of the service. This will enable those who especially want to attend this service to know just when to be present.

In each of our Annual Conferences this year the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper will be administered immediately following the Service of Commemoration.

# Achievements and Goals In Religious Education

(An address delivered by Dr. John W. Shackford on the occasion of the laying of the cornerstone of the Educational Building at Lake Junaluska, August 12, 1946.)

(Continued from last week)



By the time of the General Conference of 1926 the atmosphere had, in large measure, been cleared and the Church was prepared to sustain, and did sustain, the educational program of the Sunday School Board. A few weeks later President Few, a long-time member of the Sunday School Board, said at a meeting of that body on these grounds, "The last General Conference was the most encouraging I ever attended. It faced squarely for the Church the question 'Shall the Church go backward or shall it go forward?' And it decided and gave the word to go forward."

Thus this leadership school at Lake Junaluska has had its part, along with other leadership schools and other institutions of the church, in helping to remove those hindrances that stood in the way of a frank and sincere approach to our teachers and young people in the effort to help them make their Christian adjustments to a new and changing world.

I wish in this connection to pay tribute to the teachers of our colleges and theological schools for the great service they rendered to the Church in helping the leadership training schools and Pastors' Schools achieve that freedom in teaching which is necessary for the cause of the truth and for the preservation of Christian faith in the present time.

These two things, then, have in a measure already been achieved! The recognition of a necessity for education in religion, including the positive commitment to a program of leadership training, and the recognition of the necessity for a reasonable freedom on the part of those who teach in these schools.

There are two other things with which religious education must be deeply concerned and to which I dare believe that this and other leadership schools may make a vital contribution.

III. The first of these is the *re-examination and revitalization of the faith we both teach and preach*. We must see clearly that education may be efficient in teaching an inadequate religion as well as in teaching an adequate religion. If the core of our faith be inadequate, then the more effectively we teach that faith, the more surely shall we help to create a church with an inadequate faith. To see this clearly is also to be alarmed at a highly efficient and secularized public school education.

The problem we confront is not one for religious education alone. The nature of the Gospel we teach and preach is a matter of concern for the whole church. The nature of our public education is a matter of proper concern for the whole nation. In an era of secular and decadent culture, is the church prepared to exercise a saving and transforming power. That question we can not avoid. The crash of our civilization is certain unless new and mighty forces of the spirit shall prevail. A nation that can capture the energies of the universe, but knows no way by which the heart of man can be made, is lost. A nation that can needlessly and without warning use its secret atomic power to wipe out whole cities may well have difficulty in convincing the world that it is to be utterly trusted with great power. Can we, in fact, be trusted with the great power that is in our hands? Surely not, if our chief hope is to command more power than any other nation. That way, we shall go to our own doom and drag the world after us.

It is time that the issue be drawn more clearly between the forces of this world that make for death and the forces of the spirit that make alive. And it is for the Church of God to

draw that issue. And the hour has struck, I believe, when it is possible for the Church to lift up that issue before the whole nation.

The Church is the bearer of a divine commission that can save this world, but it cannot save it so long as its faith burns low on the altar. It cannot save it by a gospel of careful conformity; a gospel of glittering generalities that avoids coming to grips with the evil spirit of this age and the practical manifestations of that spirit in the world about us.

The forces that brought ruin to Europe, once the citadel of Christianity, are rampant in America. They that put their trust in the sword, died by the sword in Europe, and America is in danger of following the same course.

The complacency with which this nation views the increasing debauchery of our youth, our young men and our young women; the trends towards current standards of personal morality that characterized Rome before the coming of Christianity; the refusal of great and powerful forces in this country to put human values above property values; the secularization of our public education and of our political life; the utter contempt for man as man as expressed in many racial attitudes, and the exploitation of race hatreds for political and economic ends—these are only some of the symptoms that mark the downward and decadent course of our culture. A large part of the nation has not learned anything from two world wars. It still trusts in superior wealth and superior force for security. Its major drive is still for things. It sees no warning of doom down the road it is traveling.

Against all this, a diluted and timorous Christianity cannot stand. A church dominated by these forces, or so deeply dyed with its spirit that it can no longer make normal distinctions, is an impotent church.

Hence the necessity that the Church shall address itself with an agonizing sense of urgency to the re-examination of its faith and to the recovery of a revitalizing and transforming gospel.

Can Christianity save America and the world from the gathering forces of evil that threaten mankind? The time is obviously short in which the creative forces of the spirit have to work. We are at a crucial hour of our history when man must be called upon to consider what shall be the future nature of our American culture. The church must either assume a creative leadership in this or become a negligible factor in a thoroughly secularized society.

Within the church the problem is not primarily greater efficiency in teaching religion. It is one of the religion we teach. It is not primarily one of getting more people converted and into the church. It is one of getting them converted to a Christ who is mighty enough to serve a church and a world. It is to get them enlisted with a church that dares press the battle against evil in all of its manifestations, and that insists upon bringing all of the emerging issues of our world under the judgment of Christ.

Those engaged in Christian education must participate in this re-examination of what we are preaching and teaching and in this search for a faith and a gospel that shall quicken the life of the whole church and challenge the nation in every area of its activity to build on those foundations that cannot be shaken when the storm of some great cataclysm shall break upon us.

We must ask whether in our program of Christian education and in our church school literature from childhood on, we are preparing the way, step by step, for the increasing dominance of Jesus Christ in the life and, through Him, for participation in that life that is hid with Christ in God. Are we presenting Jesus Christ too largely as a model and as an ethical teacher, or are we presenting Him as the way of life through whom our children and youth are to discover and come into personal relation with the eternal God?

The movement of leadership training has vast potentialities for helping in this spiritual reawakening. In this perilous and momentous

hour the leadership school at Lake Junaluska stands in a straight position. If there are voices that can speak with the breath of a new life, they ought to be heard here. If there is needed the example of the courage to speak the truth, it ought to be witnessed here. If there is need of a call to the church and public school teachers of America to come together for the consideration of the basic nature of the culture which shall be taught in our public school system, why should that not originate here? A spark that may be kindled here, can be made to flash across the church as a great light.

From Junaluska we must seek to sound out to the whole church that note of faith and courage which the church and nation need and wait to hear in this crucial hour.

IV. And finally, our Christianity must be brought unequivocally and directly to bear upon the social and moral issues of our time. We cannot hope to Christianize the new factors and emerging trends of our time unless we shall bring them with fearless persistence under the judgment of Christ.

There are powerful forces not only outside, but also within the church itself, that do not want the status quo of many areas of our American life brought under the searching light of the mind of Christ. They want a gospel that offers heaven without the necessity of changing motives and ways of living on earth. They do not mean to have a gospel, if they can help it, either in the pulpit or the Church School literature that calls in question the basic drives and methods of our politic-economic world.

The right for a spiritual world may sometime center upon the outer forms of our social life. This is so because these are the practical manifestations of an inner spirit. When you touch the things that men live for and bring their motives under the eyes of Christ then they who are wedded to their gods may be expected to resist a gospel that challenges their idols.

Christian education may not avoid these issues. On the contrary, it must seek to bring all the ways of our living under the searching light of divine truth. It must undertake to assist a generation—otherwise lost—to find the Christian way amid the pitfalls of a materialistic and sensate age.

It must insist at any cost upon the freedom to teach the gospel in relation to life. Let us remember Germany: The history of that nation would almost certainly have been very different if, from Luther on, the Church had dared to bring all the issues of state and public life under the searching judgment of the gospel of Christ. We must beware of any trends toward spiritual isolationism in the church. For the end of that trend is moral surrender on the part of the church, and decay of culture and of the nation.

The church that dares to follow Christ in this area and to point out its sins will find once more that many will go back and walk no more in its fellowship. But even so, the church will be freer to carry on its work.

In this impending struggle I see a vast responsibility resting upon the forces of religious education, and I see the opportunity to make the Junaluska Leadership School a sounding board for a Christ-centered, courageous gospel. A gospel that refuses to compromise with the secularism of culture, with corporate sins, or the sins of a system, any more than it will compromise with the sins of the individual heart. A gospel that does not plan in advance an easy road for those who teach and preach it, and that does not provide a too ready escape from the cross, but that, under God, is set for the redemption of men, of the church, of the nation, and of the world.

The Acme Beer Company is using billboard advertising in California which shows four chaplains who went down together on a transport. In the foreground is the sinking transport. The sign bears the words, "They died for God and their country." Across the bottom is "Acme Beer Company."

# THE DEVOTIONAL PAGE

REV. H. O. BOLIN, Editor

## A CALL TO METHODIST YOUNG PEOPLE

(At a recent conference in Albion, Michigan, this appeal was made by missionaries on furlough and missionaries detained from their fields because of war conditions.)

The world needs you! The ravages of war, moral and spiritual confusion, political and social conflicts have made human needs critical in every land from which we come. Shall a Christian way of life prevail in our world?

Christ needs you! Life can be lifted only through persons. Christ can speak to the youth of the world only through you. This is the year, this is the hour when choices are being made for or against righteousness.

The church needs you! Methodism is a world-wide fellowship of witnesses. There is a place for every kind of worker of all races. The church needs young people trained and ready to work now. No conference in any country has an adequate staff. The younger churches await you.

We joy in our tasks! Doctors, nurses, preachers, teachers, social workers: we like being missionaries. We call on you to share in this high privilege of being messengers of the Lord Jesus Christ.

(The Personnel Department of the Board of Missions and Church Extension of The Methodist Church, 150 Fifth Avenue, New York 11, N. Y., is now seeking some four hundred college-trained and professionally trained young Methodists for missionary service. Write your qualifications and ask for further information.) — In The Methodist Woman.

## KEEP THE PLACE CLEAN

Intemperance is not only an enslaving traffic and habit; it is essentially and inescapably an unclean indulgence. The mark of the beast is upon it. No one whose knowledge of life is at all broad, whose power to think and evaluate is sound, whose sense of smell is keen, and whose conscience is not warped doubts that drunkenness is "full of filthiness."

The deepest stain, however, is not that of physical defilement but of moral degradation. The instinct of good housekeeping, the sense of beauty, the love of good order, the values of cleanliness and refinement—all lift their voices against what intemperance does both to the outer and the inner life. Keep the place clean! The house and home! The human body and the human soul! Nothing more quickly and more completely defiles and degrades the soul of man than the curse of slavery to alcoholic indulgence. Let our daily prayer be, "Cleanse us, O God, of all that defiles life, of all the evil forces that despoil our towns and cities and our countryside." — Adult Bible Class.

The height of human wisdom is to bring our tempers down to our circumstances, and to take a calm within, under the weight of the greatest storm without.—Defoe.

## "TOO BUSY"

The Lord had a job for me, but I had so much to do.  
I said: "You get somebody else, or wait till I get through."  
I don't know how the Lord came out, but he seemed to get along,  
But I felt kind o' sneakin' like—knowed I'd done God wrong.

One day I needed the Lord, needed him right away—  
And he never answered me at all, but I could hear him say  
Down in my accusin' heart—"Nigger, I's got too much to do.  
You get somebody else or wait till I get through."

Now, when the Lord has a job for me, I never tries to shirk;  
I drop what I have on hand and does the good Lord's work;  
And my affairs can run along, or wait till I get through.  
Nobody else can do the work that God's marked out for you.

—Paul Laurence Dunbar

In "The World's Best Loved Poems"

## WHY A GREATER HENDRIX COLLEGE?

The writer makes no apology for placing this article on the Devotional Page. It is doubtful if he could find a more religious theme to write upon just now.

Recently the President of this great institution was heard to remark, "Hendrix is the Methodist Church of Arkansas at the college level." If this be true—and it is—then as Hendrix goes so will go the Methodist Church of our state. It has been said that the history of the world can be learned through the study of the biographies of the leaders of each generation. The leaders of Arkansas Methodism will continue to be trained at Hendrix, and their power of leadership will be no stronger than the opportunities given them there. A greater Hendrix will therefore mean a more effective Methodist Church in Arkansas. All who love Arkansas and who love Methodism should be one hundred per cent back of any movement that looks toward a greater Hendrix.

Then, we need a greater Hendrix College because of the value of higher education in general. The statistics of some twenty years ago (these figures are rather old but the chances are the proportions haven't greatly changed) showed that only one out of every seven hundred and fifty of the adult male population of our nation was a college graduate, yet from this small fraction have come thirty-two per cent of our congressmen, forty-six per cent of our senators, sixty-five per cent of the presidents, and seventy-three per cent of the judges of the Supreme Court. Add to this the facts that a college education increases one's earning capacity, multiplies his ability to serve others, and enhances his joy in living, and you have reason enough for wishing to see Hendrix increase her efforts along this line in our state.

Again, we need a better Hendrix because of the still greater value of the Christ-centered type of education given by Christian colleges. The great educator, Dr. Horace Mann, in addressing his last graduating class at Antioch College, said, "Remember, I beseech you, and treasure them up in your hearts, these my parting words. Be ashamed to die until you have won some victory for Christ." The Duke of

Wellington, the conqueror of Napoleon the Great, had this to say about Christian education, "Education without religion would surround us with clever devils." One function of education is to impart knowledge, and "knowledge is power," but we must never forget that it may be power to do evil as well as good. The aim of true education is to build right character. The best type of character, as we understand it, can only be built on Christ—His example and His teaching. True education deals with the matter of right relationships—one should be right with God and right with fellowman. He should love God supremely and neighbor as self. The Christian college takes cognizance of all these facts, and this is why Hendrix merits the unlimited support of Arkansas Methodism.

Yet again, we should be for a greater Hendrix because it is the older man who had made a great business success, with the question, "What can we do to contribute to our success?" His reply was, "Put all your eggs into one basket, and then watch the basket." That is what Arkansas Methodism is doing—only college we have in Arkansas. The leaders of Arkansas Methodism felt that it was best to have but one institution of higher learning and then make it the best possible. We realize the great wisdom of this move. Some young men who wished to succeed in business went to ing in the matter of higher learning. Through this power of concentration and the sacrificial help of all Methodists about over the state, we will have a college second to none in the South.

All Christians pray—they should pray daily. If the Methodists of Arkansas will make the welfare of Hendrix a matter of daily prayer, and will then do what God leads them to do, our million dollar campaign for Hendrix will be accomplished with flying colors. We are facing our year of Stewardship. Every member of the church should sacrifice until it hurts. A portion of the increase in our giving can go into the meeting of the needs of our great school. Suppose we pray earnestly about this matter, and then put feet and hands to our prayers. The blessings of God will rest upon us as individuals and a

## DEPART FROM EVIL

When a man accidentally seizes a wire charged with electricity his hands clutch it convulsively and he cannot let go. The first thing his rescuers must do is separate him from the wire, taking care not to come in contact with the deadly current by touching the wire, or even by touching the victim himself.

His benefactors do not stop to inquire how the accident occurred. They do not pause to debate the nature of electricity. Nor do they raise a question about how he is to be resuscitated. There is only one thing to be done, and that as quickly as possible: they are to seize something made of rubber, and with it pull the man away from the wire.

So it must be when a man is caught in the deadly current of sin. He should not try to exhaust the study of theology and learn all about the nature of sin. His first action should be to depart from the evil.—War Cry.

## PLEASURE VS. REVERENCE

The misuse of a day of rest and worship is a crowning American sin and the root of much, if not most, of our troubles in every department. Christians first of all must awake to the seriousness of our defection in the matter of keeping one day out of seven as holy unto the Lord.

We have so generally substituted pleasure for ourselves in place of reverence to the Lord that we are reaping a terrible harvest and will one day reap worse. We welcome anything that will bring back the American Sabbath, such as our fathers knew. "If thou turn away thy foot from the Sabbath, from doing thy pleasure on my holy day; and call the Sabbath a delight, the holy of the Lord, honorable: and thou shalt honor Him, not doing thine own ways, nor finding thine own pleasure, nor speaking thine own words; then shalt thou delight thyself in the Lord: and I will cause thee to ride upon the high places of the earth. . . for the mouth of the Lord hath spoken it."—Presbyterian.

## UNIVERSAL PEACE

The problem basically is theological and involves a spiritual recrudescence and improvement of human character that will synchronize with our almost matchless advance in science, art, literature, and all material and cultural developments of the last 2,000 years. It must be of the spirit if we are to save the flesh.—General Douglas MacArthur.

After 47 years of coaching football, I can say without hesitation that a football player. . . would be a fool to drink alcoholic liquor. Why put poison into your system? Give your body a fair break. Also give yourself and your future a fair break. Don't play around with dynamite.—Amos Alonzo Stagg.

Life used in accordance with God's purposes can be a gloriously successful and satisfying experience.—Ex.

church in meeting the challenge of this worthy cause.—H. O. B.



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## A WEEKLY MESSAGE

By FORNEY HUTCHINSON

### "HE KEPT THE FAITH"

While I lived in Washington I used to go occasionally to the Arlington Cemetery and spend a while with some of the great of our nation. For me this always included a visit to the grave of William Jennings Bryan.

He had reached the climax of his greatness in my early manhood. Once, when I was a student at Vanderbilt University and was making a visit home, my father said, "Do you get 'The Commoner' in your library at Wesley Hall?" I said, "No," and he promptly gave me the price of a subscription and said, "Every young preacher in the nation ought to read after Mr. Bryan." I believe he was right.

I met Mr. Bryan first in Hot Springs, Arkansas. He had been called there by the leaders of his party to make an address during a political campaign. A great crowd had assembled and the meeting was held in the open. When the speaker had been introduced, he said to the chairman of the meeting, "What shall I speak about?" The chairman replied, "Whatever you prefer." Without a moment's hesitation, Mr. Bryan said as he faced the audience, "When the subject is left to me, I always speak on 'The Prince of Peace.'" It was a marvelous tribute to our Savior and was delivered in a masterful way. Politicians heard the gospel message that day who had not been in a church house for no telling how long. It caught them with their "guards down." I revelled in it.

During World War No. I, Mr. Bryan was Woodrow Wilson's Secretary of State. Because of ill health and his attitude toward the war, he found it necessary to resign. His associates in the Cabinet gave him a great farewell luncheon. At the close, as they were passing out of the meeting, with much emotion they bade him goodbye. When Mr. Lansing's turn came, he said, "I'm sorry you find it necessary to leave us. I haven't always agreed with you in matters of state, and I'm not sure that you're doing the wisest thing now, under all the circumstances. But I am sure of one thing — you are the greatest Christian I have ever known." What a tribute!

A large, but modest granite slab marks his resting place in Arlington. Engraved upon it are simply his name, the dates of his birth and death, and below in large letters this simple, but significant sentence, "HE KEPT THE FAITH."

Whatever may be our political views, I believe we will all agree that he deserves to rest

## NEWS AND NOTES ABOUT FACTS AND FOLKS

REV. K. K. CARITHERS, pastor at Glenwood, writes that Miss Mattye Kilkenny, retired missionary, is now living at Glenwood and has placed her membership in the church there. Her friends may reach her at that address.

REV. B. E. ROBERTSON, pastor of the Dover-London Charge, writes: "We are closing another good year, our sixth year. We are building a \$3000.00 concrete block church at St. Paul which will add greatly to the work. We are also redecorating all the Church School rooms at Dover."

REV. CHARLES B. WYATT, pastor at Grady-Gould Charge, writes: "Grady has just experienced a very fine revival meeting. Rev. H. O. Bolin did the preaching and the pastor led the singing. Twelve were received into the church. The church was greatly helped. Rev. Harold Sadler gave us a week of fine preaching at Gould this summer. The members are still talking about the values received from it."

REV. J. A. WADE, pastor of Jackson Street Methodist Church, Magnolia, writes: "We have just closed a very successful revival meeting at Jackson Street Methodist Church in Magnolia. Rev. Harold McElvany of Ottawa, Illinois, was the evangelist. Forty-two adult members were added to the church roll and the church as a whole was greatly revived. Eighty-two members have been received at Jackson Street Church this year."

MISS LUELLA GRACE HAMILTON, of Bellview, New Mexico, has been selected as director of Religious Education of the First Methodist Church of Pine Bluff, it has been announced. Miss Hamilton will give special attention to youth activities and will direct the music for youth and children. She is a graduate of Oklahoma Women's College and studied at Scarritt College for Christian Workers. Dr. Wm. E. Brown is pastor at First Church, Pine Bluff.

THE sympathy of many friends goes out to the family of Mrs. F. S. Scott in her passing on October 6 at a hospital in Newport. Mrs. Scott was a long-time member of Winfield Methodist Church of Little Rock and was an active and loyal member. She was also an active member of the W. C. T. U. Mrs. Scott is survived by five sons and three daughters. Funeral services were held at Winfield Church on Monday, October 7, by Dr. C. M. Reves of Conway, Rev. Kenneth Spore and Dr. Aubrey G. Walton.

REV. JESSE LEE JOHNSON, our pastor at Berryville, his three-year old daughter, Virginia Sue, and his sister-in-law, Mrs. J. P. Johnson, were injured in an automobile accident near Hampton on October 10 enroute to Jersey for a one-day visit with Brother Johnson's parents before taking Mrs. Johnson and their two-week-old son, Jesse Lee, Jr., to their home in Berryville. Brother Johnson suffered a severe head laceration (twenty-two stitches being taken at the hospital in Warren) a broken rib and bruises. Virginia Sue and his sister-in-law are suffering from bruises and shock. He is now in the Warren Hospital and Mrs. Johnson, Virginia Sue and Jesse Lee, Jr., are with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Keensel, Little Rock. The accident occurred when a funeral home truck turned into a cemetery in front of Brother Johnson's car one mile north of Hampton on highway 167. Bus Sindles of Hampton was the most seriously injured of the four in the car.

A NEWS release from Scarritt College carries the following items of interest: "Miss Mary Mitchell, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Mason E. Mitchell of 526 Center Street, Conway, Arkansas, has returned to Scarritt College, Nashville, Tennessee, for a second year of specialized training according to the announcement of President

beneath that inscription. Surely, as he saw it, 'He Kept the Faith.'"

Hugh Stuntz. Miss Mitchell, who previously attended Hendrix College, is taking advanced work in preparation for foreign service under the Methodist Board of Missions. During the summer months she served an internship at the Scarritt College Rural Center in Crossville, Tennessee. Miss Ruth Sutherland, daughter of Rev. and Mrs. G. Sutherland of Bethesda, Arkansas, has returned to Scarritt College for a second year of specialized training according to the announcement of President Hugh C. Stuntz. Miss Sutherland, who has been active in Methodist Youth Work and served on a Youth Caravan in the North Arkansas Conference, is taking advanced preparation for social-religious service under the Methodist Church."

### BOARD OF CONFERENCE CLAIMANTS

The Board of Conference Claimants of the Little Rock Conference will meet in the room assigned us in First Church, Hot Springs, 2:30 p. m., Wednesday, October 30th. All members please be on hand and on time.—S. T. Baugh, Chairman.

### MEETING OF BOARD OF MISSIONS

The Board of Missions of the Little Rock Conference will meet in the room designated at the First Methodist Church, Hot Springs, Wednesday, October 30, at 2:30 p. m.—J. L. Dedman.

### MEETING OF CHURCH EXTENSION DIVISION OF BOARD OF MISSIONS AND CHURCH EXTENSION

I am calling a meeting of the Church Extension Division of the Board of Missions and Church Extension of the Little Rock Conference immediately following the meeting of the Division on Missions, Wednesday evening, October 30.—J. A. Wade, Secretary.

### LITTLE ROCK CONFERENCE APPOINTMENTS TO BE BROADCAST

Arrangements have been made with radio station KTHS to broadcast the appointments of the Little Rock Conference at an hour after Bishop Martin has officially announced them. The hour for the broadcast will be announced later.—W. B. Slack, Pastor host.

### MEETING OF BOARD OF TEMPERANCE, NORTH ARKANSAS CONFERENCE

The Board of Temperance of the North Arkansas Conference comprised of Rev. H. C. Couchman, J. G. Moore, Rev. Guy Ames, Mrs. John Meiser, Nels Barnett, Rev. C. E. Gray, Miss Eleanor Neill, Rev. L. F. LaFavers, Charles Stuck, Mrs. J. L. Bledsoe and Rev. T. C. Chambliss, will meet Wednesday afternoon October 23 at 2:00 o'clock in the room assigned at Searcy. We are urging shrdlu shrdlu'noa5es. We urge all members to be present as a very important matter will come before the Board.—T. C. Chambliss, Secretary.

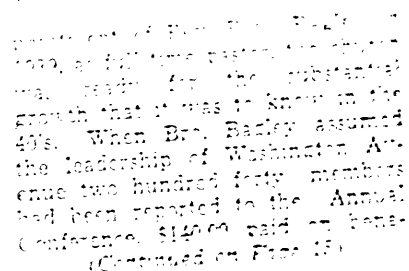
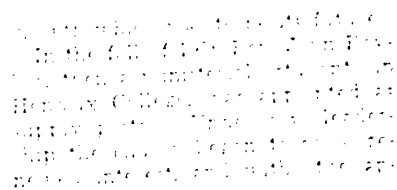
### RELIGION AND CHRISTIAN TEACHING PRIMARY IN HOPES FOR FUTURE

By C. W. Nimitz

Fleet Admiral, U. S. Navy

Religion has been a basic factor in American culture since our forefathers landed on our shores. From it have stemmed our highest ideals. Christian education has been a molding influence in character development in our youth all the way from kindergarten to college. Resulting values, to the individual and the nation, have been conspicuously evident in peace and in war. Unnumbered men and women have found faith and courage for daily living in the spirit and precepts of the Christian way of life and, even in the trials and sufferings of war, have been strengthened to make the sacrifices and endure the sorrows that have come to them.

Now, as we face the greater and more critical problems of peace, the place of religion and the understanding of its values as they are interpreted through Christian education seem to me to be primary in all our hopes and plans for the future.

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# THE CHILDREN'S PAGE

ANNIE WINBURNE, Editor



## IN STORYLAND

### TERRIFIED TERRY

By Francis F. Wright

It was October. There had been three heavy frosts. Terry knew that the nuts were falling. So, on a still, bright Saturday morning, he took a meal sack and a bite of lunch and set out to gather his winter supply. He walked along the winding path that led through the deep woods. Dead leaves rustled under his feet. A little squirrel now and then scampered across his path and whisked up a tree out of sight. A bob white called cheerfully to his mate. Terry was entirely happy. He came at last to the scaly bark hickory tree. He kicked through the leaves on the ground, under the tree, and found that there were plenty of nuts. He began picking them up. The hulls were loose. It was no trouble to shell them off. The sack began to get nice and heavy after a while, as Terry kept putting in nuts, a handful at a time. A bold squirrel came out on a high limb and began scolding. Terry laughed. "Don't you worry, mister!" he said. "I'll leave plenty for you!"

After a while a small clock inside told Terry it was noon. So he sat down and ate his sandwiches and his tea cakes, and presently the warm sun filtering through the bare branches made him very drowsy. He lay down and looked across the fields and wooded hills. A haze like soft blue smoke filled the air. It was Indian summer. Terry could see the shocks of corn in a field near by. They looked like rows and rows of small brown tents. How jolly it would be, he thought, if they were tents and brave Indian chiefs lived in them. Terry sighed. He wished he had lived sooner, when men killed deer and wild turkeys to eat and little boys could help fight Indians.

Terry lay and watched the corn-stalk tents slowly change into tepees made of skins. An Indian chief, tall and brown, with war paint on his face and a war bonnet of feathers on his head, came to the door of the first tent. He pointed to where Terry lay under the scaly bark tree. He gave a loud and warlike yell and leaped upon a buckskin pony. At once other Indian braves, all very tall and brown and brightly painted, came out of other tents. They leaped upon other ponies and, led by the big chief, came galloping toward Terry.

On they came, a yelling band, waving tomahawks wildly. Terry tried to get up and climb the tree. But he found he could not move a muscle. Big drops of sweat came out on him. The Indians were upon him now. They grabbed him and wanted to know what he meant by taking all their scaly bark nuts. Terry told them that they could have them back and welcome! But they said no. They must punish him, or other little boys would raid their nuts. The big chief lifted him upon his pony and away they went. They stopped at last and decided they would burn him at the stake. Terry's teeth chattered so that he couldn't even beg for mercy. He saw the stake ahead with brush, all piled



## A BUSY DAY

*I like my school so very much  
With all the things we do  
And there's nothing that's any nicer  
Than meeting old friends and new.*

*We have a happy, busy time,  
We work and then we play,  
We laugh and shout when school is out  
At the end of the well-spent day.*

—A. E. W.

## WHEN I AM THANKFUL

"I can't think what you can find to sing about," said a blackbird to a thrush, who was pouring out a joyous carol from the top of an old stump.

"Can't you?" said the thrush. "I can't help singing when I'm thankful."

"That's just it," said the blackbird. "I can sing as well as anyone when there's anything to be thankful for; but the ground is as hard as iron, there isn't a berry in the garden, and where I am to get my breakfast from I'm sure I don't know. Perhaps you have had yours?"

"Not yet," said the thrush.

"Well, I would wait for my song till I had found some if I were you," said the blackbird.

"I've never gone without it yet, and I've no doubt I shall find some presently; at all events, it is a fancy I have to begin the day with a song."—Selected.

around it, ready to burn him up.

At that minute something soft whisked across his face. Terry's eyes opened. It was the cross old squirrel. He'd been trying to get back some of his nuts! Terry gave a big, happy shout. It was just a dream, a very bad dream, the worst dream, in fact, Terry had ever had. Perhaps he had eaten too many paw-paws on the road that morning. The tents were there in the field as before he went to sleep, but they were made of cornstalks again. And instead of painted Indians Terry saw a flock of friendly blackbirds circling around them. At last he sighed, "I'm glad I live now-

## IN THE WORLD OF BOYS AND GIRLS

### THE BOY THAT LAUGHS

*I know a funny little boy—  
The funniest ever born;  
His face is like a beam of joy,  
Although his clothes are torn.*

*I saw him tumble on his nose,  
And waited for a groan—  
But how he laughed! Do you suppose  
He struck his funny bone?*

*There's sunshine in each word he  
speaks:*

*His laugh is something grand;  
Its ripples overrun his cheeks  
Like waves on snowy sand.*

*He laughs the moment he awakes,  
And till the day is done;  
The schoolroom for a joke he takes—  
The lessons are but fun.*

*No matter how the day may go,  
You cannot make him cry:  
He's worth a dozen boys I know,  
Who pout and mope and sigh.*

—Wide Awake.

## WHAT MARY GAVE

She gave an hour of patient care to her little baby sister, who was cutting teeth. She gave a string and a crooked pin and a great deal of advice to the three-year-old brother who wanted to play fishing. She gave Ellen, the maid, a precious hour to go and visit her sick baby at home, for Ellen was a widow, and left her child at its grandmother's while she worked to get bread for both. She could not have seen them very often, if Mary had not offered to tend the door while she went away.

But this was not all that Mary gave. She dressed herself so neatly and looked so bright and kind and obliging, that she gave her mother a thrill of pleasure whenever she caught sight of the young pleasant face. She wrote a letter to her father, who was absent on business. She gave patient attention to a long story by her grandmother, and when it was ended, made her grandmother happy by a good-night kiss.

Thus she had given valuable presents to six people in one day; and yet she had not a cent in the world. She was as good as gold, and she gave something of herself to all those who came into touch with her all the livelong day.—Apples of Gold.

you at the front?"

Quick with his reply, he said, "Because the milk is back here."

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The youngster had heard much about his little cousin, Peter, although he had never seen him. At long last he was told Peter was coming for a visit and he registered great excitement.

Nobody could understand it when he took one look at his little cousin and burst into tears of disappointment.

"I thought," he sobbed, "that Peter was a rabbit!" — Capper's Weekly.

## JUST FOR FUN

"Why do you want such a big sink?" asked the plumber.

"Well," explained the man who was building a new home, "when my wife leaves in the summer, she's generally gone for a month."

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Uncle Archie: "A wise person is always in doubt. Only idiots are sure of their case."

Little Joe: "Are you sure of that, Uncle?"

Uncle Archie: "Yes, absolutely."

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Explorer: "We were surrounded by savages. They uttered awful cries and beat the ground with their clubs."

Weary Listener: "Golfers, probably."

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C. Oscar Johnson of St. Louis told the story of a young woman who was being moved by a patriotic fervor. She went out to rattle up every available man for the Army. Going out into the country she found a man milking a cow.

"Young man," she said, "why ain't

a-days. I don't reckon a massacre's all it's cracked up to be!"

The sun was getting low. The cows at home would be waiting to be milked. Terry took a handful of nuts and threw them down for the old squirrel. "You did me a good turn, old fellow, when you waked me up," he said. Then he shouldered his bag of nuts and went down the winding path toward home.—In Exchange.

# Searcy, The Seat Of The Conference

**S**EARCY is the county seat of White County, established in the year 1835. She has always been noted for her culture and interest in education. A number of schools which made a liberal contri-

bution to the life of the state and nation have flourished in her midst. White County is one of the largest counties in the state, with a population almost entirely Anglo-Saxon. It is the center of the strawberry industry, and the farmers are progressive. In recent years she has turned more and more from the one-crop idea to diversified farming. The average size of the farms is relatively small, and the county is largely populated with those who live on the land and farm their own places. Cattle raising is one of the main programs, and some very fine herds are found in the county.

five thousand inhabitants with splendid churches, good schools, and comfortable homes. In the past few months many new dwellings have been erected.

The International Shoe Company lines from the smaller communities of the county afford a ready transportation to the city.

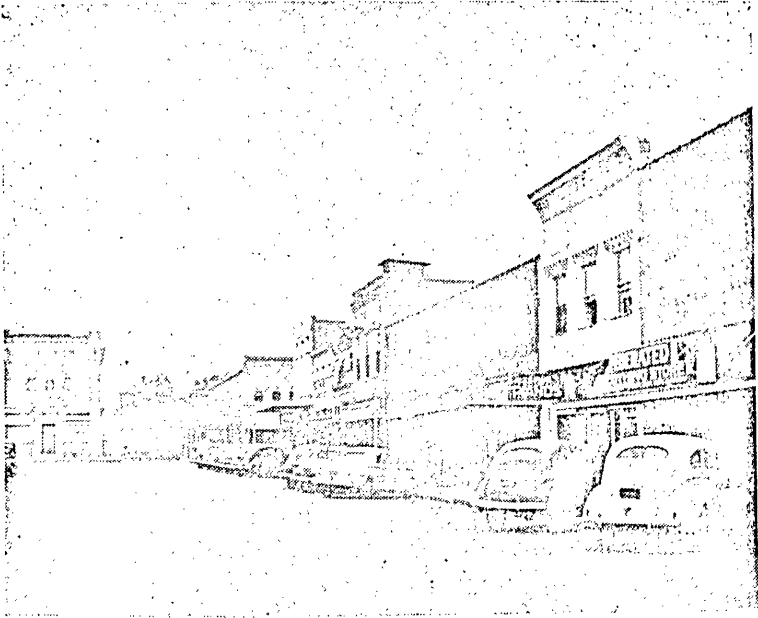
The town is served by the Missouri Pacific, Rock Island, and Missouri and Arkansas railway lines.

Searcy has an active Chamber of Commerce with a full-time secretary, a Kiwanis Club, Young Busi-

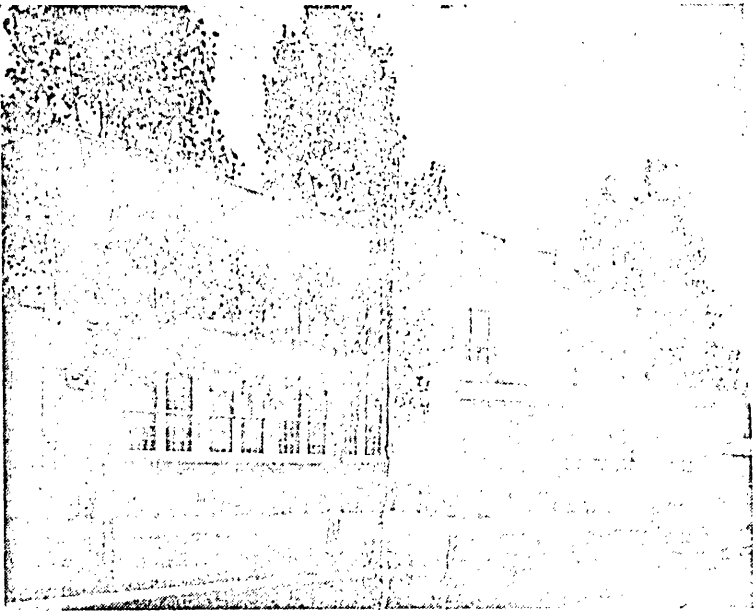
ness Men's Club, Business and Professional Women's Club, and numerous other civic and social organizations.

structed in 1940, is one of the most modern and best equipped school plants in Arkansas. The high school enrolls more than four hundred pupils and offers thirty-eight units of credit.

The elementary schools, including nine schools, enroll more than eight hundred students.



A street scene in Searcy with First Methodist Church in distance.



The Searcy High School

Searcy is a thriving city of some

of St. Louis is putting in a shoe factory which will manufacture children's shoes, and will give employment to about five hundred workers. The building was made possible by the raising of \$110,000.00 by the citizens of Searcy. The title to this property is in the name of the Searcy Chamber of Commerce.

The business men of Searcy are aggressive and forward looking, and the town is the center of a large trade territory. Searcy is situated on U. S. Highways 64 and 67, and state highways 16 and 36. Thirty-two buses of the Missouri Pacific lines pass through Searcy every twenty-four hours, while numerous

Searcy High School building, con-

When I started practicing psy-

chiatry nineteen years ago, not more than one out of ten alcoholics who came to me were women. Now the women are four in ten.—Dr. Robert V. Selinger, in *Woman's Home Companion* of September, 1946.

The high school has for many years been a member of the North Central Association, the top rating for high schools of the state, and all other Searcy schools have likewise held top ratings in their fields.

The Civilian Production Administration in Washington has authorized the manufacture of miniature whiskey bottles for use in Alabama. This ought to help the kids to get whiskey with much less trouble.—*The Clipseet*.

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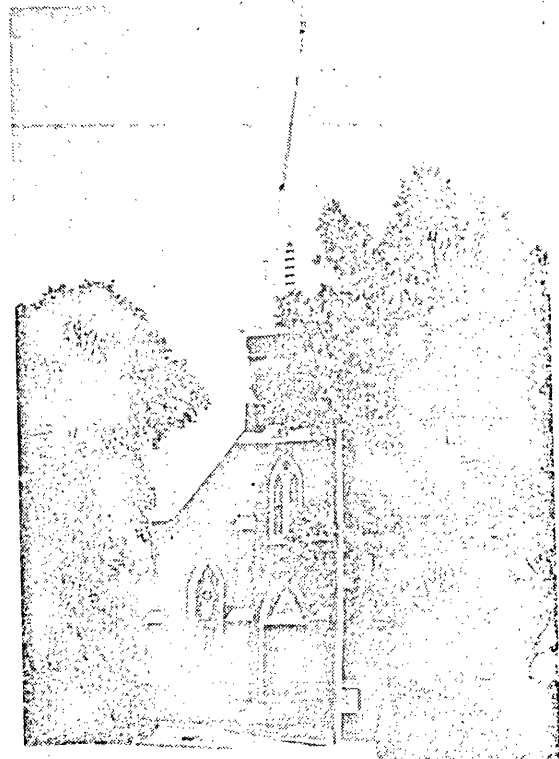
# Searcy Welcomes North Arkansas



BISHOP PAUL E. MARTIN  
Presiding Bishop

The earliest record of Methodism in the town of Searcy goes back to the year 1836 when the church was served in connection with the Little Rock Circuit. Rev. Henry Cornelius was the first pastor. In 1851, I. M. Moore deeded the lot on which the present church stands. The first conference, the Arkansas Conference, was held at Searcy in 1859 with Bishop Payne presiding. Searcy became a station that year. The conference met again in Searcy in 1862 and again in 1867. At this conference, Dr. J. H. Dye, whose daughter, Miss Amanda Dye, lives in Searcy, was received into the Annual Conference.

In 1874, after the Arkansas Conference had been divided, the White River Conference met in Searcy. In 1878 the White River Conference met in Searcy and again in 1887. At the conference in 1887, Bishop Galloway, who was presiding, made a great educational address and took a large collection for Central Collegiate Institute (now Hendrix College). In 1889 the conference again met at Searcy. Since that date the conference has been held several times at Searcy. In 1927 the North Arkansas Conference, met in Searcy and again this year, in 1946, Searcy welcomes the conference.



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The present pastor, Rev. C. Norman Guice, is closing his fourth year as pastor of First Church in Searcy. During his ministry more than two hundred people have been received into the membership of the church, and the church has made progress along all lines. The present membership, active and non-resident, is about seven hundred and sixty.

During the present year an active campaign for the erection of an Educational Building has been carried on and two-thirds of the amount to be expended has been raised in cash and

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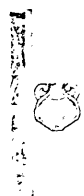
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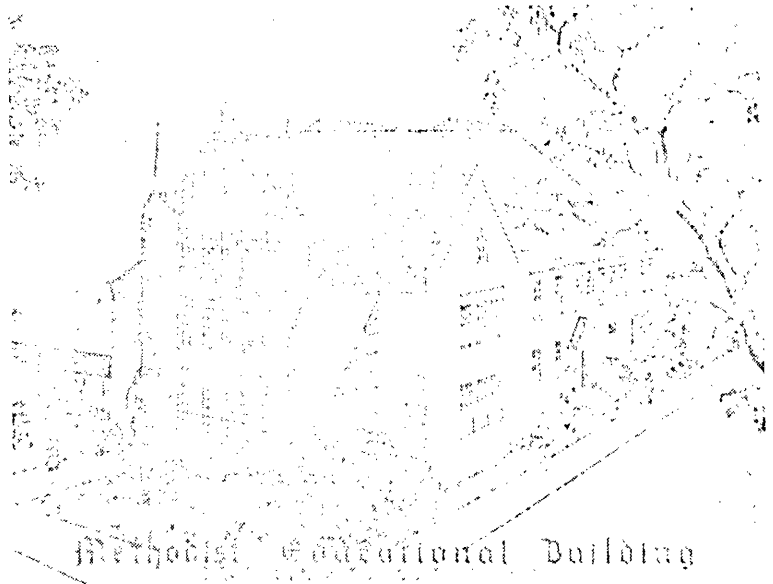


# North Arkansas Conference October 23-27

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President of the Wesleyan Guild, Miss Irene Chapman.

President of the Young People's Department, Jack Wiseman.

General Superintendent of the Sunday School, Mr. J. H. Wiseman.

The Sunday School has made wonderful progress this year. The enrollment has increased twenty per cent and the attendance forty-three per cent.

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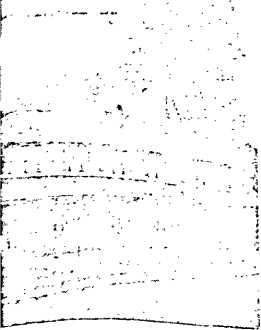
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# A High School For Every Child



A High school for every child in Arkansas is the goal of Initiated Act. No. 1 (the reorganization act) that will be voted upon in the November 5 General Election.

The Arkansas Education Association, sponsors of the proposal, stated that in the 1944-45 school year there were 176,000 children between the ages of 6-17 in Arkansas who resided in the more than 1,600 school districts too small to provide an accredited high school.

The AEA, in explaining the purpose of the act, states:

"The act has one basic purpose—to give every child access to a free accredited high school.

The act does not abolish existing elementary schools.

"Neither does it destroy community centers, but seeks to build them by improving the little school.

"When a parent pays a school tax it should entitle the children to free schooling from grade one through grade 12 without additional cost, but this isn't true in Arkansas and can never be true so long as we retain the present small school district organization."

Under provisions of the act children residing in present school districts with fewer than 250 children will be grouped in one rural school district in each county. This district, which will then be large enough to furnish a 12-grade program to every child, will be administered by a

five member board elected by the people. "In most cases," the association states, "the existing elementary school will remain, will be improved and will continue to serve

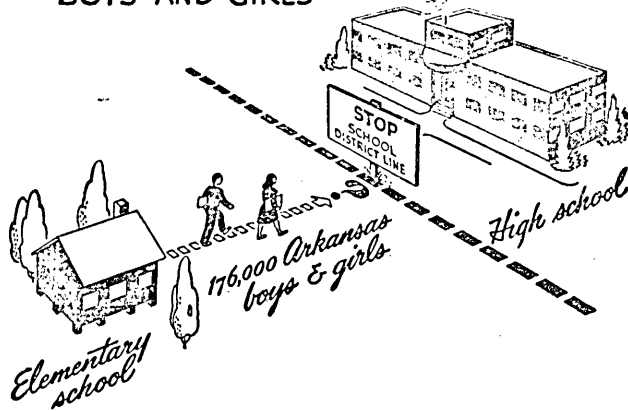
(the school reorganization act). This is the one basic purpose of the important proposal which is being sponsored in the November 5 General Election by the Arkansas Edu-

There simply isn't enough tax money in the state to develop a high school in each of these districts.

Besides if a high school could be offered in every school district, every study that has been made of the question indicates that the smaller the high school, the greater cost per child, and there must be a sufficient number of children to justify a curriculum in English, science, social science, mathematics, fine arts, the vocational fields and physical education.

The proposal of the Arkansas Education Association to reorganize attendance areas in the state from 2,179 to about 380 is a step toward grouping children in districts large enough to support and justify a high school. Such a step will go a long way toward assuring economical expenditures of the taxpayer's money and toward providing better teachers and better school facilities for all of our children.

## ARKANSAS' SMALL SCHOOL DISTRICT SYSTEM CLOSING THE DOOR OF OPPORTUNITY TO THOUSANDS OF BOYS AND GIRLS



the children as is the case now, and only where there are too few children to justify the employment of a teacher or the maintenance of a school will the school possibly be discontinued and the children provided with a satisfactory school facility. In any case discontinuance of a school is left to the decision of the Board elected by the people of the new district."

A high school for every child in Arkansas for the same tax dollar is the intent of Initiated Act. No. 1

Education Association.

There are approximately 175,000 children in the state who now live in districts so small they cannot support accredited high schools. More than 1,600 of the state's 2,179 school districts offer only elementary school opportunities for their children.

It is impossible for the State of Arkansas, with its limited funds for school purposes, to provide high school opportunities for all children in the present 2,179 school districts.

Prayer is a haven to a shipwrecked mariner, an anchor to them that are sinking in the waves, a staff to the limbs that totter, a mine of jewels to the poor, a security to the rich, a healer of disease, and a guardian of health. Prayer at once secures the continuance of our blessings and dissipates the clouds of our calamities.—Selected.

Continual cheerfulness is a sign of wisdom.—German Proverb.

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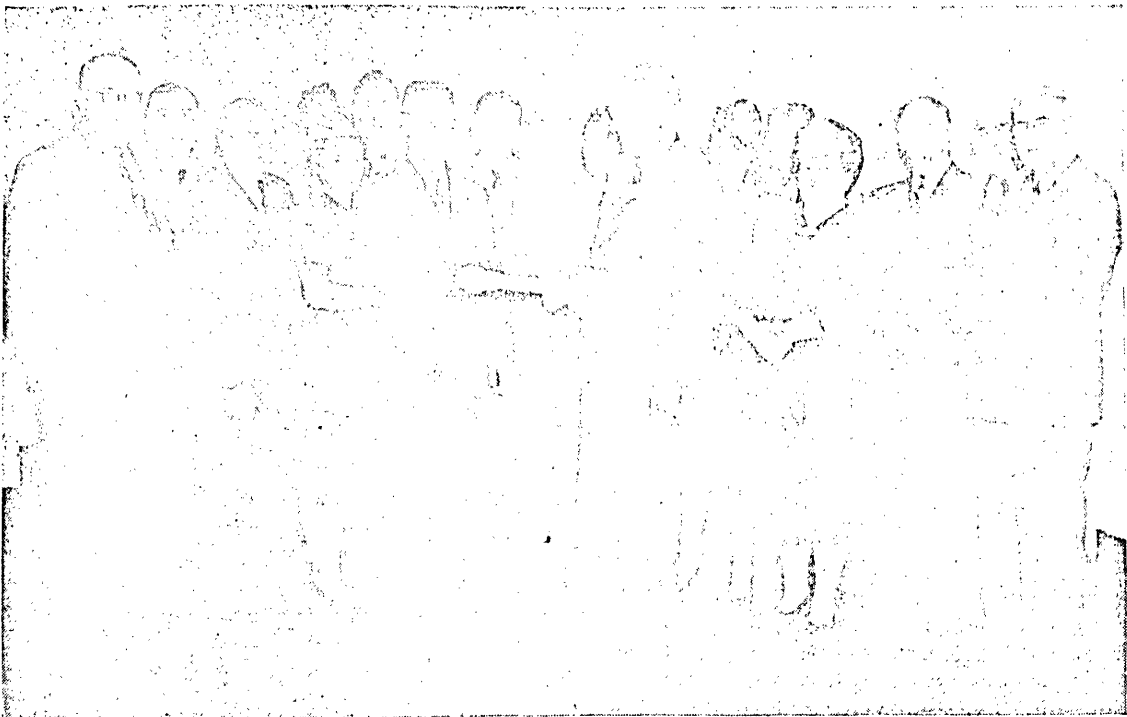
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Shown above is the scene at Jonesboro First Church September 30 when Lepanto Methodist Church became the first in Arkansas to deliver its full goal in the \$1,000,000 Campaign for Hendrix College. In the center Rev. Mr. Franks (left) hands the check to Dr. Matt L. Ellis, Hendrix President. Behind them left to right are: W. R. Payne of Marked Tree; Rev. Boyd W. Johnson, Rev. J. Albert Gatlin, Superintendent of the Jonesboro District; Mrs. Raymond Franks, Falon Fraley, Senator John S. Mosby, Dan Portis, Mrs. Dan Portis, Bryan Vick, Mrs. G. E. Deyerle, Fred Stuckey, Finis McWhirter, Dr. C. M. Reves, Director of Hendrix Campaign.

SALVATION ARMY GENERAL OUTLINES POSTWAR PROGRAM

NEW YORK.—(RNS)—The work of the Salvation Army is to act as a "bulldozer" in clearing the ground for state and church relief and rehabilitation agencies, General Albert Orsborn, recently-elected leader of the international organization, declared at a luncheon in his honor here. General Orsborn is on his first visit to the United States and plans to visit 14 key cities before

leaving for Canada and Central and South America. The Salvation Army leader said the organization's postwar program calls for an offensive to combat world poverty and starvation but also to meet the spiritual needs of suffering peoples. He asserted that the best way to attack the "unbelief, pure materialism and mechanistic theories of life which have left our age bankrupt of faith" is to "display Christianity through practice." "We are not going to contend for

a particular form of dogma, nor are we primarily concerned with propagating our own particular methods," General Orsborn said, "but it is our firm resolve to take up the sword and the shield of faith as a saving moral and spiritual dynamic in human life." He announced that the Salvation Army will conduct a spiritual offensive under the title, "A Fighting Faith—1947," and said its main emphasis will be on reviving religious interest and "rekindling smoulder-

MARIANNA WESLEYAN GUILD

Marianna Wesleyan Guild was hostess to the Helen District Wesleyan Service Guilds Sunday September 29. The group attended the regular church morning services and had a delicious lunch served by the hostess church at noon.

A most effective program and communion service was held in the afternoon. Those taking part on the program were:

Mrs. Garland Triplett, Helena; Mrs. W. C. Daniel, Jr., Wynne; Mrs. Opal Piper, Brickeys; Mrs. Carl Conner, West Helena; Mrs. Fred Kinder, Mrs. W. F. DeLoach, Mrs. Henry Smith, Miss Joyce Oxner, Miss Mary Rivers, Mrs. W. E. Greenhaw and Miss Helen Greenhaw of Marianna.

Mrs. James Burket of Marianna was re-elected District Secretary and Mrs. Garland Triplett of Helena was elected District Treasurer.

There were 60 members attending from 5 Guilds in the District. —Reporter.

True happiness is not attained through self-gratification, but through fidelity to a worthy purpose.—Virginia Methodist Advocate.

Without a Sabbath, now orship; without worship, no religion; without religion, no permanent freedom.—Montalembert.

Peace rules the day, where reason rules the mind.—Collins.

Study the Bible to be wise; believe it to be safe; practice it to be righteous.—Ex.

ing consciences."

Discussing Salvation Army relief programs in various countries, the General described America as the "lamplighter of the world" and said "I have heard you most warmly appreciated by the people of cruelly-devastated Norway and other countries."

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# CURRENT NEWS IN ARKANSAS METHODISM

## THE WORK AT WILTON

The Wilton Charge, which was formerly a part of the Richmond-Wilton Charge, is nearing the close of its first year. In this article I should like to tell something of the Wilton Church, where it is located, what we have done, what we are doing and what we hope to accomplish.

The Wilton Methodist Church and the Masonic bodies, known as Peytonville Lodge, 486 F. and A. M., and the Order of the Eastern Star, 456, in the early nineties, erected the building which now stands and is the original structure or framework. There have been numerous changes, such as concrete foundation, sheet iron roof and the church has recently acquired a double coat of paint. This building is ideally located one block east of highway 71, adjoining the Junior High School block of ground and is easily accessible to all parts of town with concrete walks. This church, though small in numbers, had the honor of entertaining the District Conference in 1942.

From the membership of this church have gone out into their chosen profession many personalities of whom we are justly proud.

The parsonage which has been purchased by the Wilton Charge this year, is located in the southern part of the town of Wilton, one block east of highway 71 and three blocks south of the church building. Some changes have been made in the interior of the building and it has been re-decorated throughout.

The lawn and grounds have been made attractive by Brother Mooty, our pastor and his wife, who is co-pastor.

Furniture is being bought to furnish our parsonage and we are meeting our payments for labor and other expenses with help from other churches on the charge.

We have a live, working Sunday School with J. L. Mesamore, who is serving his twenty-seventh year as Sunday School superintendent, a Youth Fellowship, whose leader is Miss Ada Mills, one of the first members of the Wilton Methodist Church and a W. S. C. S. of which Mrs. R. L. Gantt is president. Our enrollment and methods have outgrown our one-room structure and we hope to build a modern church on the lots adjoining the parsonage which will be known as the Jack Taylor Memorial, a loving tribute to this man of God who at one time served this church as pastor and erected his own monument with his godly life.

Three of the early members of the Wilton Church are active members. They are Mrs. Essie McDonald Nunnerly who moved to Wilton in 1901 from Center Point, Arkansas, whose Methodist Church is said to be the oldest congregation of Methodists in southwest Arkansas. Joel Mills, Sr., and Miss Ada Mills are two early members of this church who are active members. From Richmond, Arkansas, in 1901, came S. S. P. Mills with his wife Catherine Rebecca Mills (deceased) their son, Joel Mills, Sr., and family and Miss Ada Mills.

Other early members of the church have passed on, all of whom

## REPORT OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION OF THE NORTH ARKANSAS CONFERENCE

SCHEDULE FOR THE ANNUAL CONFERENCE, SEARCY, ARKANSAS  
OCTOBER 22-27, 1946

### WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 23

- 9:30 A. M. Annual Conference convenes for organization and as much preliminary business as can be completed.
- 10:40 A. M. Report of the District Superintendents.
- 11:00 A. M. Service of Communion, followed by the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper.
- 12:30 P. M. Adjournment for noon.
- 12:45 P. M. Board of Ministerial Training Luncheon.
- 2:00 P. M. Meetings of Boards, Commissions, and Committees.
- 5:30 P. M. Town and Country Commission Dinner.
- 7:30 P. M. Preaching Service (Guest: pastor of the Annual Conference, Dr. Roy H. Short, editor of the "Upper Room").

### THURSDAY, OCTOBER 24

- 8:30 A. M. Devotional Service (conducted in the Church auditorium each morning by Bishop Paul E. Martin).
- 9:00 A. M. Report of the Board of Hospitals and Homes.
- 9:30 A. M. Report of the Commission on World Service and Finance.
- 10:00 A. M. Report on Mount Sequoyah.
- 10:15 A. M. Report of the Committee on World Peace.
- 10:30 A. M. Recess.
- 10:40 A. M. Report of the Board of Education.
- 11:40 A. M. Recognition of retiring ministers.
- 12:00 Noon Report of the Board of Christian Literature.
- 12:30 P. M. Adjournment for noon.
- 12:45 P. M. University Luncheon.
- 2:30 P. M. Report of the Committee on Conference Relations and Ministerial Qualifications.
- 3:45 P. M. Report of the Committee on Accepted Supply Pastors.
- 4:00 P. M. Preaching Service.
- 5:30 P. M. Training Council Dinner.
- 7:30 P. M. Preaching Service.

### FRIDAY, OCTOBER 25

- 8:30 A. M. Devotional Service.
- 9:00 A. M. Report of the Commission on Town and Country Work.
- 9:30 A. M. Report of the Board of Missions and Church Extension.
- 9:50 A. M. Recess.
- 10:30 A. M. Report of the Board of Conference Claimants.
- 10:40 A. M. Hendrix College Emphasis.
- 11:00 A. M. "Crusade Hour."
- 11:30 A. M. Adjournment for noon.
- 12:45 P. M. Board of Lay Activities Luncheon.
- 2:30 P. M. Report of the Board of Lay Activities.
- 2:45 P. M. Report of the Board of Temperance.
- 3:00 P. M. Report of the Annual Conference Treasurer.
- 3:20 P. M. Report of the Arkansas Historical Commission.
- 3:35 P. M. Report of the Special Committee on the Chaplains' Fund.
- 4:00 P. M. Preaching Service.
- 5:30 P. M. Hendrix College Dinner.
- 7:30 P. M. Ordination Service.

### SATURDAY, OCTOBER 26

- 8:30 A. M. Devotional Service.
- 9:00 A. M. Report of the Conference Statistician.
- 9:15 A. M. Report of the Committee on the American Bible Society.
- 9:45 A. M. Report of the Planning Commission.
- 10:30 A. M. Recess.
- 10:40 A. M. Selection of the meeting place for the 1947 Annual Conference.
- 11:00 A. M. Report of the Board of Evangelism.
- 11:20 A. M. Miscellaneous Business.
- 12:30 P. M. Adjournment for noon.
- 4:00 P. M. Preaching Service.
- 5:30 P. M. Youth Workers' Dinner.
- 7:30 P. M. Youth Rally.

### SUNDAY, OCTOBER 27

- 10:30 A. M. Morning Worship Hour (Preaching by Bishop Paul E. Martin).
- 2:30 P. M. Reading of the Appointments.

have helped to build and support this church. Another daughter of the Mills family, who spent her last years in Wilton was Mrs. Amelia Mills Sykes, who, with her husband, Walter M. Sykes, continued their residence at Richmond and were ardent workers in our sister church at that place. We have information from one of Mrs. Amelia Sykes' pastors that it was she who donated \$1000.00 in cash, making it possible for the Richmond Church to help Miss Lucy Wade, our beloved missionary, enter training for the foreign fields. In this, as in other of her church activities, she was silent, never seeking glory for herself.

From the beginning our church has been blessed with a loyal membership whose names are recorded with the pastors who served our church. We are continuing their work. This first year of the Wilton Charge has been a wonderful year for our church. The Lord has blessed our every effort.—Mrs. R. L. Gantt.

The greatest thought that ever engaged the attention of my mind was that of my individual responsibility to God.—Daniel Webster.

Striking while the iron is hot is all right, but too many men strike while the head is hot.—Earl Riney.

## NEWS ITEMS FROM THE METHODIST HOSPITAL AT HOT SPRINGS

N. P. O'Neal of Hope has returned to his home after being a patient in our hospital for the past several weeks.

Rev. S. K. Burnett and his sister, Mrs. Amy Bradfield, are both patients in the Hospital now. Rev. Mr. Burnett is the pastor of the Fountain Lake Methodist Church.

Other Methodists from over the Conference, who are now in the Hospital or have been patients recently are Mrs. Violet Cazort of Mt. Ida, Mrs. R. N. Vickers of Smackover, Mrs. Jessie N. Jordan of Sheridan, Mrs. W. G. Allen of Glenwood, Mr. Otto Cathey of Evening Shade, Mrs. Viola Mosley of Bearden and Mrs. Will Steele of Arkadelphia.

On Wednesday October 2, 1946, Mrs. George W. Donaghey of Little Rock called at the Hospital and a picture honoring the memory of the former Gov. Donaghey was hung in the lobby. Mrs. Donaghey is one of the contributors to the Hospital.

Twenty-two babies were born in the hospital during the month of September and 105 other patients were admitted and cared for.—Harriet J. Poe, R. N. Superintendent.

## THE WORK AT HUNTER

The Hunter Church at Hunter, Arkansas, has done a most outstanding piece of work this year under the leadership of Rev. E. C. Hance, our wide-awake pastor, with the assistance of the membership of the church. Some worthwhile things which seemed impossible have been brought to pass, since last year we had no regular pastor.

At the beginning of the year the pastor's salary was raised. The askings on all claims were accepted and paid. The old parsonage was sold, ground and material were bought and a new modern parsonage was built and equipped with gas heating system, gas range, electric refrigerator, sink and built-in cabinets in the kitchen. There are three bedrooms, living room and dining room and all are furnished with all necessary furniture. The church auditorium and Church School rooms have been piped for butane gas and nice heaters installed and the floors hard-oiled and waxed and furnished with floor coverings in the aisles. The window have venetian blinds.

A Youth Fellowship was organized at the beginning of the year and each Sunday evening, just preceding the preaching service, the young people render a very interesting and helpful program.

A revival was held in June with Miss Childers doing the preaching and Miss Williams leading the song service. The meeting resulted in nineteen professions and additions to the church. The membership of the church was greatly benefitted and drawn closer to God. The W. S. C. S., under the splendid leadership of Mrs. Earl Mitchel, has done a splendid work, not only in the material things of the church and parsonage, but have assisted greatly in spiritual things as well.

On the evening of September 29, Rev. H. H. Griffin, our beloved district superintendent, held our fourth quarterly conference, after preaching a most inspiring and forceful message to a large and attentive audience. Brother Hance gave a splendid report of his year's work which made us feel grateful to God for crowning our efforts with success in the work of his church. It makes us feel that we can do all things through Christ who gives us strength. We are hoping to do greater things in the coming conference year.—Mrs. Sidney Stephens.

## RALLY DAY AT DYESS

The Dyess Church observed September 8th, as Rally Day with an all-day service. Sunday School was held at 10 a. m. with 110 present and the morning worship at 11:10. A basket dinner was spread at noon.

At 2:30 we drove to the river for a baptismal service. The evening preaching service was in the Whitton church with a large attendance. Altogether it was a great day of fellowship and service.—Reporter.

A good deed is never lost; he who shows courtesy, reaps, friendship; and he who plants kindness, gathers love.—Basil.



### A FINE YEAR AT FIRST CHURCH, PRESCOTT

First Methodist Church of Prescott is closing out one of the best years in the history of the Church. The pastor, C. Ray Hozendorf, will report a minimum of 112 additions to the church with 61 on profession of faith. The Church School has shown an increase of 24 per cent in attendance and 19 per cent in enrollment. The school has increased in enrollment by 53 per cent and in attendance by 45 per cent during the past two years. The spirit of the membership is one of devotion and loyalty to Christ and his church.

The parsonage has been completely remodeled this year, and now it is a modern, comfortable, beautifully appointed and attractive home. The work has been accomplished through the untiring efforts of the Parsonage committee with C. G. Gordon, Chairman, Marcus Justiss, W. R. Hambricht, Wat W. White, Jr., and J. D. Regan, and the Parsonage Finance Committee with J. W. Teeter, Chairman, John A. Eagle and F. E. Murrah, and the cooperation of the entire membership of the church.

The church sanctuary has been completely re-decorated and is in complete harmony with the attractive church building. The sanctuary is worshipful and restful and provides a beautiful welcome to all who worship with us. This work has been accomplished through the following committee: J. C. Woodul, chairman, Dr. O. G. Hirst, J. A. Cole and F. E. Murrah.—Reporter.

### REVIVAL AT ST. CHARLES

Rev. Hal Pinnell, pastor of the First Methodist Church of DeWitt, assisted Rev. John W. Rushing in a revival meeting at the St. Charles Methodist Church, September 29 to October 4. There was one addition on profession of faith. On Sunday morning, October 6, the pastor baptized three on profession of faith, followed by holy communion.—Reporter.

### HIGHLIGHTS OF THE WORK ON THE HUNTINGTON CHARGE

The pastor's report at Huntington for the fourth Quarterly Conference revealed some very interesting things. The pastor's salary advanced from \$900.00 to \$1500.00. All claims and specials are paid in full.

The Sunday School superintendent reports that for the entire year no Sunday ever fell below the same date a year ago. The Sunday School raised 30 per cent more money this year than last year.

Substantial improvements were made on the parsonage and on the church.

One new church was organized with forty-three members. Thirty-six members were added by vows and profession, sixty-three by other methods. Thirteen babies were baptized.

The real highlight was the reception of a fine class of members at Easter. Members were taken in all during the year. At a regular monthly service on September 8, nine adult members were received by vows, the youngest being 42 years old and the oldest a great grandmother 75 years old.

On the last day of the Year of Evangelism four members were received by vows and a general reception for new members was held at the night service. It was a great day.

World Communion Day was observed at the morning hour. All in all, we have had a great year.—A. W. O'Bryant, pastor.

The most fortunate men and women are those who have worthy work to do and who do it because they love it.—G. Batchelor.

To read the Bible is to know it is the Word of God; the key to your own heart, your own happiness, and your own duty.—Woodrow Wilson.

Nothing is hard to a willing mind.—Erasmus.

### MEETING OF COLUMBIA COUNTY SUB-DISTRICT

The Columbia County Sub-District met at the Magnolia First Methodist Church, Monday night, September 30. The meeting opened with a worship service in the sanctuary. Miss Eudora Akin, Dean of Women at A & M College gave a very interesting message. The president, Jeanette Summit, of Waldo, presided at the business meeting. Three churches were represented, Waldo, New Era, and First Church. The president of each group gave a report of what their group had done in the past month. New Era again received the banner for having the largest number present.

Vacancies in the Council were filled by electing Mrs. Wilmer A. Lewis as co-counselor, and Bobbie Ruth Couch as vice-president and chairman of the program. After the business meeting the group went to the recreational hall where games were enjoyed and delicious refreshments were served to eighty-one. The meeting closed by the group forming a friendship circle and singing "Taps".—Reporter.

### UNION COUNTY SUB-DISTRICT MEETING

The Union County Sub-district met October 7 at Parkers Chapel Methodist Church. There were 90 present at the meeting. Parkers Chapel was in charge of the program and Billie Jean Gritt led the prayer.

The following program was given: Prelude, Mrs. O. C. Birdwell; Call to worship, Billie Jean Britt; Hymn, "Love Divine"; Talk, Billie Jean Britt; Story, Forrest Windham; Poem, Winston Nesbit, Prayer, Jau-nita McGaugh.

The meeting was turned over to the president, Forrest Windham. The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved. The report from each church was given and Dumas Memorial Methodist

### ARMY CALLS FOR ADDITIONAL CHAPLAINS FOR IMMEDIATE SERVICE

The Methodist Commission on Chaplains has just received word from the Chief of Chaplains of the United States Army to the effect that there exists 200 vacancies for chaplains of all denominations and that through the anticipated discharge of chaplains who desire to return immediately to inactive status there will exist in the near future a number of additional vacancies. These are not Regular Army appointments but are for service until such time as the required number of Army chaplains has been secured or present conditions changed.

The Chief of Chaplains states as follows:

"At the present time, there are vacancies for 200 chaplains of all denominations. Through the discharge of chaplains who desire to return to an inactive status and will have completed their two years of service by June, 1947, 400 additional vacancies will exist.

"So far as is possible only those

I hope that I shall always possess firmness and virtue enough to maintain what I consider the most enviable of all titles, the character of an honest man.—George Washington.

Church won the banner. The projects for the following month were given. They are as follows: Worship and Evangelism—Get the unchurched into the church by means of special sermon or program. Community Service—Raise a sum of money to be set back in case of an emergency. World Friendship—Have a program on Mexico. Recreation—Have a Halloween party.

The next meeting will be held at Pleasant Grove Methodist Church on November 4. The meeting was adjourned and Parkers Chapel served refreshments to the group.—Forrest Windham, President.

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## News About Hendrix College

### 378 Methodists Enrolled

Of the 566 students enrolled in Hendrix, 378 are Methodists, Miss Flavia Tweed, registrar, announced following a tabulation of the denominations represented.

Having the second largest representation on the campus were Baptists with 77 listed as being Baptists or having Baptist preference. Listing no membership or preference were 15 students.

Other denominations and the number on the campus listing them are as follows: Presbyterian, 36; Christian, 20; Catholic, 16; Episcopalian, nine; Church of Christ, seven; Lutheran, five; and Reform Jew, Christadelphian, and Church of Christ Scientists, one each.

The registrar's survey also revealed that there are 64 counties represented by the student body. Also included are 9 states other than Arkansas and one foreign country.

Leading in the number of representatives is Pulaski County with 101 students enrolled. This includes over 80 students from Little Rock. Faulkner County is second in the number of students, having 88.

Other counties having large enrollments are Jefferson, 25, Union, 24; Arkansas, 22; Mississippi, 19; White, 14; Conway, 14; Bradley, 13; Sebastian, 12; Craighead, 11; and Grant, 10.

States represented other than Arkansas are Minnesota, Illinois, Oklahoma, New York, Tennessee, Texas, New Jersey, Missouri, and Mississippi. Each has one representative with the exceptions of New York, Texas, New Jersey, and Missouri, each of which has two.

The foreign nation represented is Brazil.

### Two Research Projects Begun

Two research projects have been begun by members of the faculty as part of the research program aimed at stimulation of teaching and sponsored by the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching.

Dr. M. J. McHenry, professor of chemistry and physics, is preparing a workbook for general chemistry classes that will enable students to test their own progress. This manual will be published upon completion.

Dr. Richard E. Yates, assistant professor of political science, is engaged in compiling a bibliography of all social science articles appearing in national magazines for the purpose of determining whether such articles have value in a general course in social science. His findings will also be published.

All members of the Hendrix faculty have been invited to submit ideas for research projects. Other projects are being considered and, if approved by a faculty committee, appropriations will be granted and research will begin at once.

Hendrix is one of 33 southern colleges chosen for the Carnegie aid and, under the terms of the agreement with the foundation, will receive \$4,000.00 a year for five years, all of which will be used for research. The college will add \$1,000 a year to this amount out of its funds.

### Band Appears In Chapel

The Hendrix band, one of the largest in Hendrix history, appeared in its first concert of the season during the regular assembly program October 8. Under the direction of Ashley R. Coffman, they featured a "musical excursion about the campus," picking up familiar sounds about the college grounds.

In addition to a program of martial music, the band played a group of popular melodies as accompaniment for songs by Tom Mills of Conway and for a baton twirling

exhibition by Bradford Govan of Marianna.

### Color Prints On Exhibit

An exhibit of serigraphs officially opened at the college October 7 to remain for three weeks.

Serigraphs are color prints, made from original paintings through a new stenciling process. More than 40 of the serigraphs, all of them the handiwork of members of the art department faculty of the University of Nebraska, are included in the exhibit.

A brief gallery talk by Frank Govan of the Hendrix art department, during which he explained the history and process of serigraphs, featured the first night's program at the exhibit.

### Elected Stewards

At the recent fourth quarterly conference of the Conway First Church, Fletcher Smith, Hendrix senior from Conway, Joe Carmical, Hendrix senior from Collins, and Paul Faris of the Hendrix faculty were elected stewards. Mr. Faris is also a superintendent in the Junior Department of the Church School.—Kenneth Parker.

### PROPOSES 'RUBBLE CHURCHES' FOR GERMANY

HEIDELBERG, Germany (By Wireless)—Construction of "rubble churches," to be made of reclaimed material from buildings destroyed during the war, is being proposed by Prof. Otto Bartning, internationally known church architect, as a practical means of supplying the great need in Germany for places of worship.

His plan for "rubble churches," which has been approved by the World Council of Churches, would utilize the brick and stone from destroyed buildings combined with wood supplied by foreign church organizations. Less wood would be used than the amount now needed for the temporary barrack churches supplied by the World

### THERE'S REVOLUTION AND YOUTH IN CHINA

"In spite of the current news of China in turmoil, there is rising a new China with great ambitions and high aspirations," says Miss Lucy Wang, president of Hwa Nan College, Foochow, China, now on a visit to the United States. "We are not blind to the fact that the government is facing great difficulties; but, at the same time, five revolutions are going on at once in Chinese life; they are the intellectual, the social, the political, the religious, and the economic revolutions.

"Our youth are the real hope of China. We have made blunders, but they are daring, courageous, and willing to sacrifice for China. They are the challenge to the Christian church in China today. Can they be given a right foundation for life? The welfare of the world depends on the answer!"

Council and at least three times as many church-goers would be accommodated.

The first "rubble church" already is being erected under Dr. Bartning's supervision in Pforzheim, near here. Construction is done by townspeople who donate their spare time during evenings.

Prof. Bartning, who is considered Germany's foremost church architect, said the Swiss Army barracks supplied by the World Council of Churches as temporary places of worship are a good stop-gap solution of the problem, but are too small in relation to the needs of the communities which they serve. He said that between 5,000 and 6,000 churches were destroyed or seriously damaged in that part of Germany under control of the western Allies, including Roman Catholic churches and Jewish synagogues.

Nothing is hard to a willing mind.—Erasmus.

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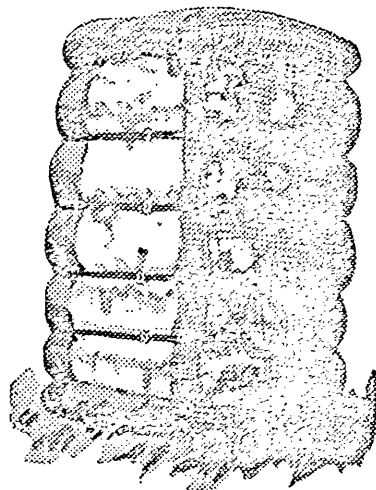
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## WASHINGTON AVENUE TO 1946

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volences, and a total amount of \$2,338.00 had been expended. During Bro. Bagley's three year pastorate there was an overall gain of ninety members, 50 per cent gain in benevolent giving, and the budget raised to \$6500.00. An educational plant was begun which added materially to the facilities.

Rev. E. J. Holifield succeeded Bro. Bagley in December, 1941, when he exchanged pastorates with Bro. Holifield who had just finished his school work at Southern Methodist University. During Bro. Holifield's four year pastorate the work prospered spiritually and materially. There was an overall gain of one hundred three members; the salary was raised from \$1,560.00 to \$2,200.00; benevolent giving increased from \$200.00 to \$500.00; the church budget raised from \$6,500.00 to \$11,691.00 and the work already begun on the educational building under Bro. Bagley's leadership was completed. This newly completed enlarged plant was dedicated June 11, 1944 by District Superintendent Ira A. Brumley, with former pastor Bro. Bagley preaching the dedicatory sermon. A parsonage was bought under Bro. Holifield's administration at a cost of \$4,500.00. The parsonage is situated just east of the church plant on a lot formerly owned by the church, later sold, and finally repurchased.

Rev. A. N. Storey, present pastor, was appointed last fall to this charge. Under his leadership the church has continued to move forward. To date this year there have been sixty additions to the church, benevolent giving has increased more than 50 per cent, the budget has been increased to \$12,500.00, and the salary for the coming year has been set at \$3,000.00. Improvements made the past year to church and parsonage property total more than \$10,000.00 and included redecoration of the sanctuary with a new

front entrance, and a new Hammond Organ installation made early this year. The organ, a gift of Mr. and Mrs. J. Frank Warden, is a memorial to A. F. Caple, father of Mrs. Warden. The organ was dedicated October 13th. by Bishop Martin assisted by Rev. Horace Lewis, District Superintendent Conway District, and the pastor. On Sunday evening, October 13th, the Hendrix Choisters presented a program of sacred music.

Some others who have made outstanding contribution to the life of this church in the years past include: D. F. Scott, Sunday School Superintendent for a number of years; Earl Knight, Sunday School Superintendent; Jake Miller, who built much of the first church plant; R. E. Head, a leading layman, and Miss Ester Robinson, the only living charter member of the church.

Among present church officials are the pastor; Chairman of the Official Board, W. B. Tarkington; President of the W. S. C. S., Mrs. Ed Skinner; Church School Superintendent, E. C. Brown and the Charge Lay Leader, J. Frank Warden.

Today, Washington Avenue, the only Methodist church east of Main Street in North Little Rock, faces its future prepared and equipped to meet its opportunities for service. Those who have watched this church across the years rejoice in its success. May its future be equally as fruitful in returns for the Kingdom. of company grade and under 45 years of age should be urged to apply to The Adjutant General, War Department, Washington, D. C., for recall. They should apply for either indefinite service, 18, or 24 months of duty. Only those who hold Reserve or National Guard commissions are eligible to apply."

Those who apply for recall should communicate with the Methodist Commission on Chaplains to secure the required renewal of ecclesiastical endorsement.

## RURAL TOWNS COMPLETE ON CHURCHES

LINCOLN, Neb.--(RNS)--Small towns in Nebraska are conducting an unofficial contest to see which has the largest number of churches per capita. It started when Taylor boasted that with less than 400 population it would soon open a third church, for the Assembly of God congregation. The community has a Congregational church built in the early 1890's and a Calvary Evangelical church.

Then McCool Junction, population 237, broke into print with a report of four churches: United Brethren with 100 members; Methodist with 85; Catholic, with 25 families; Lutheran with 254 members, including children.

Latest claimant to make the headlines is Westerville with a population of 132 and two churches: Methodist with an active membership of 68 and Assembly of God with a membership of 30. Both churches hold three services weekly.

## IT TAKES COURAGE

To refrain from gossip when others about you delight in it.  
To stand up for an absent person who is being abused.  
To live honestly within your means and not dishonestly on the means of others.  
To be a real man, a true woman, by holding fast to your ideals when it causes you to be looked upon as strange and peculiar.  
To be talked about and yet remain silent when a word would justify you in the eyes of others, but which you cannot speak without injury to another.  
To refuse to do a thing which is wrong, though others do it.  
To dress according to your income and to deny yourself what you cannot afford to buy.  
To live always according to your convictions.

—The Trumpeter.

## WORLD-WIDE COMMUNION SUNDAY A DAY OF VICTORY

World Wide Communion Sunday in 1946 will be a day long remembered because it has been one of the greatest days in the Church's Year of Evangelism. Christ really does give victory!

While figures are not yet available, it is expected that the number of persons who ate the Eucharist at the altar on October 6 and committed their lives to Christ, uniting with the Church will exceed even the total of last Easter. There is no doubt that more than 25,000 knelt at the altar around the world and partook of the sacrament of the Lord's Supper.

Conference Secretaries of Evangelism and District Superintendents have written to the Board of Evangelism about the wonderful work that was done in September, and is still being done. They reported that thousands would commit their lives to Christ and unite with the Church on World-Wide Communion Sunday.

Many Superintendents wrote that their districts would exceed their evangelism goals. On October 6, others stated that although their goals had been achieved, they were working hard to win additional persons for Christ.

As Methodist people move Evangelism into the Church's emphasis of September, let us take for our motto: "The Methodist Church is a great force for evangelism. In the words of Dr. Harry Denman, head of the Board of Evangelism, 'Let us all try to reach the last prospect for Christ and the Church.' — Board of Evangelism Bulletin."

The Christian can never be at ease until he has reached the end of the line of the human race. The enormity of the sin of doing nothing about the human race is the G. W. G. G.

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## The Sunday School Lesson

By DR. O. E. GODDARD



### PAUL'S WIDENING FIELD OF SERVICE

LESSON FOR OCTOBER 27, 1946

SCRIPTURE TEXT: Acts 13:1-4, 44-49; 14; 26:19-20;  
I Timothy 2:5-7.

GOLDEN TEXT: It was the good pleasure of God . . .  
to reveal his Son in me, that I might preach him among  
the Gentiles. Galatians 1:15-16.

I have often wished that Paul had written a letter to the Church in Antioch. Antioch was the center of Christian activities in the early church for more than two hundred years. It soon superseded the old mother church in Jerusalem. In the first part of the fourth century it was superseded by the church in Rome. It seems to me that there are more important lessons to be learned from this church than from the Church of Corinth, Ephesus, Philippi, Thessalonica. Antioch was by all odds the most successful of all the early churches. If we could find out what factors made the church the most successful of all the churches we could learn how to make our churches of today more successful.

#### Membership In the Antioch Church

The church at Antioch had Jews and Gentiles, freemen and slaves, rich people and poor people, high officials of state like Manaen, foster brother of Herod, Simcon, called Niger, or the black man, who was never jimmied because of the black pigment in his dermis—all met on an equal democratic, Christian fellowship. How I wish Paul had written a letter to them commending their equality of people regardless of ancestry, wealth, position, or color. Their aristocracies of wealth, race, education, ancestry, seemed to fade out in the light of Him who came to set all men free. Yes, we ought to use our telescopes and microscopes in search of data about the church in Antioch.

#### Officers And Leaders in The Antioch Church

The record says there were in the church in Antioch, prophets and teachers. The prophets were the men who told the church what the mind of God was concerning problems that arose on the ongoing of the church. The teachers taught the converts, Jews and heathens—what it meant to be a Christian and how to live the Christian life. Their work was more intensive and extensive than is the work of our teachers in the Church Schools today. It is not mentioned here but I am quite sure they had a board of elders. "And when they had ordained them elders in every church, and had prayed with fasting, they commended them to the Lord, on whom they believed." Acts 14:23. There were the administrators. But the prophets and teachers seemed to have the preeminence. So it should be in our churches today.

#### Antioch Sends Out The First Foreign Missionaries

While these devout leaders were praying and fasting they received the surprising order, "Separate me Barnabas and Saul for the work whereunto I have called them." No other church had sent out a missionary. The idea of foreign missions seems to have been recognized first

in Antioch. This is the basic reason for the fact that the church in Antioch was the most successful of all the early churches. By and large, it is historically true, that churches have prospered or stagnated accordingly as they become missionary or non-missionary. Why should God invest capital spiritual power in a church that did not use that capital as the Giver directed? Anti-missionary churches and churches apathetic to missions are dead or dying. So ought it to be!

#### Cyprus

Paul, Barnabas, John Mark, the first Christian missionaries, directed by the Holy Spirit, sailed for Cyprus. This was interesting to Barnabas for he once lived there, was a landowner, sold his land, put his money into the church treasury in Jerusalem. Doubtless he met some of his former friends, but it was not Barnabas, but the Holy Spirit that sent them to Cyprus. Salamis was their first preaching place. No report of the results of their work here is given. They traveled through the Island to the southernmost point where they stopped at Paphos. Here they found a Jew, a sorcerer, a false prophet, who was in close relationship with the chief Roman officer, the deputy, name Sergius Paulus.

This prudent man sent for Barnabas and Saul and desired to hear the word of God. But the sorcerer withstood them and tried to keep the deputy from listening to them. Then Paul pronounced an anathema upon the sorcerer. "And said, O full of all subtilty and all mischief, thou child of the devil, thou enemy of all righteousness, wilt thou not cease to pervert the right way of the Lord? And now, behold the hand of the Lord is upon thee, and thou shalt be blind, not seeing the sun for a season. And immediately there fell on him a mist and a darkness; and he went about seeking to lead him by the hand. Then the deputy, when he saw what was done, believed, being astonished at the doctrine of the Lord." Leaving Paphos, they turned east to the mainland, Pamphylia. I do not know what they did in Uerga, the port at which they landed. But soon they went into Antioch in Pisidia (not the Antioch in Syria from which they sailed) and went into a synagogue in Antioch, to a worship service. After the leader had read the law and the prophets, he invited Barnabas and Saul to preach. Saul stood up and preached an elaborate historical sermon, telling them of what God had done in bringing Jesus Christ into the world and of his death and resurrection. (Please read, NOW, Acts 13:16-41.)

When the Gentiles came out of the synagogue, they came to Barnabas and Saul in the synagogue, on the following Sabbath. Almost them. The Jews were jealous and the entire city came out to hear

### CHURCH LEADER ASKS SUBSTITUTE WORD FOR 'PROTESTANTISM'

NEW YORK—(RNS)—The need for a more expressive word for "Protestantism" was voiced here by Dr. F. Ernest Johnson, secretary of the department of research and education of the Federal Council of Churches, at a convocation of volunteer church school workers and Protestant public school teachers. The meeting was held under the auspices of the Protestant Council of the City of New York.

Stressing the importance of a more positive content in faith than the negative idea of "protesting," Dr. Johnson asserted that religious education requires more than techniques. "What it needs," he said, "is a definite personal commitment and clear theological point of view" on the part of every instructor.

indignant, and had them driven out of the city. Even the Jewish women joined the rabble as they were driven from the city. The city was astir and divided. The Jews and their followers were against these Christians, but the Greeks and other Gentiles were for them. The opposition was so great they left Pisidia Antioch and went to Lystra. "And there sat a certain man at Lystra impotent in his feet, being a cripple from his mother's womb, who never walked: The same heard Paul speak: who steadfast beholding him, and perceiving that he had faith to be healed, said with a loud voice, Stand upright on thy feet. And he leaped and walked. And when the people saw what Paul had done, they lifted up their voices, saying in the speech of Lycaonia, The Gods are come down to us in the likeness of men. And they called Barnabas, Jupiter; and Paul, Mercurius, because he was the chief speaker. Then the priest of Jupiter, which was before their city, brought oxen and garlands unto the gates, and would have done sacrifice with the people. Which when the apostles Barnabas and Paul, heard of, they rent their clothes, and ran in among the people, crying out, And saying, Sirs, why do ye these things? We also are men of like passions with you, and preach unto you that ye should turn from these vanities unto the living God, which made heaven and earth, and the sea, and all things that are therein. Who in time suffered all nations to walk in their own ways. Nevertheless he left not himself without witness, in that he did good, and gave us rain from heaven, and fruitful seasons, filling our hearts with food and gladness. And with these sayings scarce restrained they the people, that they had not done sacrifice unto them." (Acts 14:8-18).

This procedure astonished Barnabas and Paul. It was with great difficulty that they restrained the people and the heathen priests from worshipping them. This was a novel experience to these monotheists to be driven from one town, and then worshipped in another town. This is perhaps the reason that God did not permit Paul to start on these journeys until he was thoroughly seasoned, so that he could endure anything he might encounter in these missionary journeyings. After work in other places they turned their faces toward Antioch in Syria to make a report to the great church that had sent them out into these countries. Thus ended the first of Paul's great missionary tours.

### MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE METHODIST CHILDREN'S HOME

The Board of Trustees of the Methodist Children's Home, Incorporated (formerly the Arkansas Methodist Orphanage) met at the Home October 9, 1946. Dr. Connor Morehead, chairman, presided.

Dr. C. M. Reves led the group in a prayer of thanksgiving for the life and services of the late Rev. Sam B. Wiggins, for many years a member of the Board of Trustees of the Home, and a prayer was offered for the family of the deceased.

Reports were heard and future plans for the Home were discussed. In the adoption of the budget for the next fiscal year, approximately \$3,000 was added to the total amount expended for maintenance of the Home during the year just closed. This increase was allotted for food, clothing, and supplies. The amount of allowances to the children was substantially increase, and the allocation for recreation was also increased so that the children's activities might include more types of entertainment.

The financial report for the year showed a very fine gain over any previous year in the history of the institution.

The following officers were elected: President, Connor Morehead, Secretary, Paul V. Galloway, and Treasurer, J. S. M. Cannon. Mr. Cannon was re-elected as superintendent for another year.

The Committee on Buildings and Grounds was instructed to study the property at 20th and Filmore Streets, where the new Children's Home is to be built. The Committee was instructed to arrange to begin construction work on the new buildings as soon as they deemed the time to be appropriate. No construction work has been started on the buildings as yet because of the scarcity and high cost of materials, but much work has been done on the land, clearing it and preparing the site where the buildings are to be erected.

Because of the greatly increased cost of buildings, the Board will need all of the additional money that can be raised through the 1946 Christmas offering and other sources in order to meet the greatly expanding need for new buildings.—Paul V. Galloway, Secretary.

### METHODISTS TURN OVER CHURCH BUILDING RENT-FREE TO JEWISH GROUP

NEW YORK—(RNS)—The Fort Greene Jewish Center of Brooklyn has a new rent-free home thanks to the generosity of the Simpson Methodist church and the Brooklyn and Long Island Church Society of The Methodist Church.

Officials of the Society turned over the church building to the Jewish group for its use free of any rent for a period of three years.

The Fort Greene Jewish Center, with a membership of about 200 persons, formerly was housed a block away from the church in a three-story residence, which was inadequate for its activities.

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