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Fifty Per Cent Increase In Attendance In Churches

THE cumulative effect on the church of the Crusade for Christ has been felt in many ways. It is made easier to attain one of the worthy objectives of the Stewardship Year.

Number one, in the over-all objectives of the Stewardship Year, is "A fifty per cent increase in regular attendance in worship services." While this may not be first in importance, of the ten objectives outlined by the leaders of our Stewardship Campaign, it is properly named first because it is an important means to the attaining of the other nine goals.

In many churches there has been a fifty per cent increase in regular attendance at worship services. There are, however, thousands of Methodist churches that should major in an effort to increase regular attendance in worship services this year.

There are numerous churches that are right well filled at the morning worship service but have room to spare at the evening hour. The attendance in many of our churches is like that in the church of one of our friends. We asked him about the attendance in his Sunday services and he said, "My church is not quite full in the morning and not quite empty at night." There are not many of our churches, even though they have good attendance at the morning hour, that could not increase their over-all attendance at worship services by fifty per cent by bringing their evening attendance up to the standard of the morning service.

While some few of our churches are crowded, there is little question in America as a whole, but that we could increase our church attendance by fifty per cent without reaching the seating capacity of our present church buildings.

There are very few people who are as religious as they should be, who do not attend worship services regularly, if they can. A wilful neglect of public worship is one of the first evidences of backsliding.

The Stewardship Year is sponsored and promoted by The Board of Lay Activities; it is a lay-worker's movement. It is a wonderful time for the pastor to enlist the lay-workers in a campaign to fill his church at both the morning and evening worship services.

Public Sentiment Is Still Effective

THE legislature has adjourned and, thanks to repeated expressions of public sentiment, our laws governing liquor remain about the same. There were three measures, any one of which or all of which might have become laws but for the continued expression of their desires by the sober-minded citizenship of our state.

There was the proposal to put Arkansas in the wholesale liquor business. Another bill would have made it possible for towns of the first and second class to sell liquor in dry counties on a majority vote. The third measure would have required an election on the liquor question in every county every two years at the time of the general election.

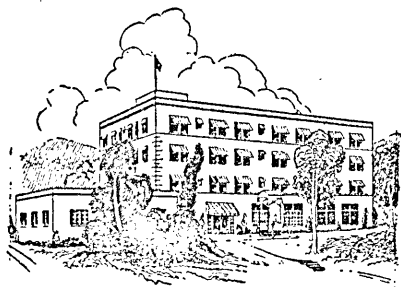
The purpose of each of these proposals was to block the progress of the prohibition movement as it moves on county by county. We can be thankful that all of these proposed laws were defeated.

Methodist Institutions Must Be Service-Centered

THE hospitals of The Methodist Church should be service-centered. There are hospitals which are privately owned and operated for profit. For a price they render a needed service to those who can pay the price.

Hospitals owned by The Methodist Church should be and are operated on a different basis. They are not operated for profit and, in general, they are not even self-supporting.

The Methodist Hospital in Hot Springs, owned and operated by the Little Rock Conference, and The Methodist Hospital in Memphis, which receives some support from the North Arkansas Conference, render a larger



The Methodist Hospital
at Hot Springs

service than their direct income would make possible.

In these hospitals patients who are able to pay for the services given do so. Others, with limited funds, pay only part of the cost of the service they receive. Some are received, as patients, who are without funds. The service they receive is at the expense of the hospital.

Because of the large number of patients served, who pay only part of or none of the cost of service, it is necessary for our hospitals to receive financial support from the church in order to continue operation.

Although our hospitals do serve many people who are able to pay, it is not necessary for The Methodist Church to build a hospital to care for that class of people. They would be able to get service somewhere if they have the means to pay for such service. Unfortunately there are comparatively few people who fall in that class. The masses of people do not have a financial reserve on which they can call in times of sickness. If the large number of people in this group receive the medical attention they need, when health fails, there must be hospitals that receive support from other sources than their patients.

The Methodist Church feels that it has a responsibility in this field. Its hospitals are built as service institutions and, as such, they deserve the support of all who believe that Methodism has a mission of healing. Without such support Methodist Hospitals could not long continue to minister to the masses.

The High Cost Of Peace

WORLD-WIDE attention is now being focused upon the meeting of the Big Four in Moscow who are endeavoring to write terms for the vanquished enemy. Each of the Big Four Powers, conscious of the inestimable cost which made possible the victory, will doubtless be endeavoring to write terms that will be in some measure to its own interest. It is altogether possible that one of the Big Four may make future security impossible by insisting to the breaking point on its own interests in the peace terms. Thus, the present stumbling block in the pathway to peace is not the defeated enemy but conflicting interests in the ranks of the victors.

A precept, universally accepted yet as widely overlooked, says the greater the value the greater the costs. Whether it be a material value or a spiritual entity that is sought, such a value has its price tag. Thus, mankind will have a great toll exacted of it if the dream of many generations, Universal Peace, is realized. To a great extent the question remains, "Do the peoples of the world want peace, and are they willing to pay the costs?" One cannot forget the incomprehensible costs of the recent world struggle. Generations hence will still be struggling under the burdens of this generation's wars. However, this cost is but a down payment on the purchase price of Universal Peace.

The Foreign Ministers will remember the costs to their respective nations of the present uncertain peace. But, are they representing people who desire and who are willing to make the additional payments which would make possible permanent global peace?

If the powers choose to submerge their own national interests in favor of future peace, the peoples of the world should respond sacrificially in the struggle for peace even as they did for military victory. True, much of the excitement and glamour which accompanies a military effort would not be present as the world's peoples unite for peace. But, neither would there be the destruction, desolation, waste, and suffering which accompanies military struggles. The greatest justification for the recent world conflict is that the present opportunity for global peace might be gained.

Christians should pray that the present Big Four Meeting will result in making the most of what has recently been sacrificed in the name of peace, and that this down payment on the purchase price of peace will not itself be lost.

Western Methodist Assembly Campaign Is On Now

IN the issue of last week we stated that "Just what the procedure will be in promoting the campaign is yet to be announced." A letter just received from Rev. Sam Yancey, Superintendent of the Assembly, states that there will be no quotas, no solicitors and no special pressure in this campaign, and that the campaign is on now.

For Arkansas the spread of last week states the plans and the need. Brother Yancey will depend on the voluntary response of the friends of Mt. Sequoyah to reach the goal set. All who are interested in the development of this splendid assembly in our midst are urged to send their contributions NOW to Rev. Sam M. Yancey, Mt. Sequoyah, Fayetteville, Arkansas.

This appeal is going out over the eight

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"It Is Most Grand To Die"



By W. P. WHALEY, D. D.

THE poet, John Masfield, said: "It is most grand to die." That is not the way most people feel about it. They call death the "king of terrors", our "last enemy". It is dreaded, feared, and avoided as long as possible. Though a most important certainty, we exclude the subject from our conversation, as though it were an unspeakable disaster.

Life and death are two great companion mysteries. They are so mysterious that many do not try to solve them. They take the attitude of helplessness, will not think about them, and drift through life and into death without energy to make any effort to direct life or prepare for death. Many others find that by thinking and effort they can make life a good thing, very worth living. Their success with the mystery of life encourages them to try to do something about the mystery of death. They think if they can make life a good thing they may make death a good thing, too.

Since mysterious death is the companion of mysterious life, we should not exclude the subject from our thinking. If we open our minds and hearts to the subject, we may get comforting and strengthening suggestions and truths about death. The greatest thinkers and the most spiritual souls have mined nuggets of rich thoughts and inspiring experiences as they explored the mysteries of death. It certainly is a worthy subject for thought and prayer, and we should not treat it with discourtesy by ignoring it.

Since life and death are companion mysteries, they cannot be enemies one of the other. God is the author of life, and it is God who appoints us to death. If life is a good, then its divine companion, death, must be a good. We know life is good, by our experiences in living. We may discover that death is good, when we shall have the experience of dying. Surely God is not the author of both good and evil. Mary Dodge believed, "as life is to the living, so death is to the dead".

*"Life is good, for God contrives it,
Deep on deep its wonder lies;
Death is good, for man survives it,
Lives again in better guise."*

St. Paul believed death is better than life. His life was rich with the graces of a Christian, but he felt that death would be a "gain". As he approached death, he experienced one of the highest ecstasies of his life. The time of his "departure" was at hand, and he was ready. That was the best bit of news he had to tell his good friend, Timothy.

Publius Syrus, 42 B. C., said: "The fear of death is more to be dreaded than death itself". The writer of Hebrews said that many "through fear of death, are all their life time subject to bondage". We need to be set free from that bondage. The death we are thinking about is the death of the body, not the soul. Jesus said: "Fear not them which kill the body, but are

not able to kill the soul: but rather fear him which is able to destroy both soul and body in hell."

In common with all animals, our animal nature shrinks from death; but we ourselves are spirits, and do not die; so we do not need to fear death. "Whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die. Believest thou this?"

The body is a divine temple. It is not only ours, but God's too. The soul is the responsible occupant of this temple of flesh, and must see to the health, life, and efficiency of the body. Negligence is a sin. Suicide is a crime of sacrilege. An intense interest in the life of the body is normal, and our duty.

However, knowing that the death of the body is inevitable, natural, universal, and divine-



DR. W. P. WHALEY

ly decreed, we should accept it as a good. It is a mystery to be accepted by faith. We should try to think of it as a part of God's plan for man's development, reconcile ourselves to it, and prepare ourselves for it. All God's program for human life, from the infant germ to seraphim, is abundant life. As far as we can see, we know that. We cannot see through death and into the beyond; but we may be sure the same God will continue his same program of development for man after man leaves this body as before. We cannot understand much that we see. Certainly we cannot understand what we cannot see. All human life is a path of faith.

We fear death because we fail to realize our immortality. We say we are immortal. We read it in our creed. But eternal life must be more than a creed. It must be an experience: "ye may know that ye have eternal life". Eternal life is a spiritual life—a living comprehension of spiritual things, a living faith, a living love

of God and our fellowmen, a spiritual assurance. Spiritual life must be so certain and triumphant that we are made free from a morbid fear of physical death.

Again, we fear death because we do not know the world into which it carries us. We walk by sight so much in this world that we do not know how to step out into the dim unknown. Yet, though we do not realize it, we walk mainly by faith in this world. In this world we do not know what a day may bring forth; we go to sleep at night not knowing that we shall have a tomorrow; the daily uncertainties are enough to frighten us if we paused in our faith walk long enough to think about them. We must take death and the future by faith just as we take sleep and tomorrow by faith.

Again, we shrink from death because it separates us from loved ones here. We forget that it re-unites us with other loved ones we so tearfully gave up long ago.

*"And with the morn those angel faces smile,
Which I have loved long since, and lost
awhile."*

If we live our allotted seventy years we know more people in the other world than we know in this. Our aging gradually separates us from people here. We retire from business or profession, and become rather secluded. A few people of our advanced age are our friends and companions. The great flood of busy humanity rushes on without us. Our only hope of catching step with the human race again is in passing through the gate into the other world where nearly all the race has already gone.

We fear death because we have not yet come to it. The psalmist believed he would have divine help and guidance in death: "Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me". There is "dying grace" that we do not have and do not need until we come to death. Dying grace is what Jesus was talking about when He told His disciples to not be "troubled" at the prospect of death. He said, "believe in God, believe also in me"; "I will come again and receive you to myself." That was assurance that God the Father and God the Son will provide the needed help and escort for His dying people. Divine providence, so constant and so ample throughout life, will be special for this our greatest adventure. How fortunate for us! There is nothing we can do for ourselves when we reach death's door. Our Christ who saved us to the Christian life in this world will save us to eternal life in His infinite world. In our Christian life we should have developed faith in God sufficient for triumphant dying. "The sting of death is sin." If that sting has been removed, there is nothing more to fear. Death will not be a tragedy, but a triumph; not a defeat but a victory.

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Family Week, 1947

"CHRISTIAN LIVING BEGINS AT HOME"



FROM May 4th to 11th Family Week will be observed in homes, churches and community gatherings. Family life will be featured in radio programs and in the press. There was never a time when we needed more emphasis on the rebuilding of American family life. We had one divorce to every three marriages in 1945 and the record promises to be still more serious in 1946 and 1947. Child neglect is a major factor in juvenile delinquency. Great numbers of families are crowded or practically homeless. Many marriages strained by wartime separation have not yet grown together firmly. We need nation-wide attention to the well being of families.

In spite of disturbing factors, millions of marriages are standing firm and are meeting their problems with splendid resourcefulness. Such homes are the hope of the world. Families

in which love, understanding, and creative comradeship are carried into daily life give strength and joy to their members and build up the spiritual strength of mankind.

The home is a training school to teach us how to use our differences constructively. Many people never learn this lesson, hence family breakdown, group and racial conflicts and war. The Christian home is one place in which the antagonisms, emotional loneliness and confusion of postwar living can be offset through experiences of security, love, joy and cooperativeness.

Much has been said about war marriages. Too many of them have already come to grief, but many others which started in the same period are, and can continue to be, as fine as any that ever existed. The church can help and is helping them. If the family keeps its religion, religion will keep the family. There is

a natural closeness between the home and the church and each is dependent upon the other.

Plans for this observance include things for families to do together. Special features are suggested for the church program. As the church builds families, families will build the church. Groups and councils of churches are brought into the plan and denominational offices are at the very heart of it.

Family Week belongs to all the people—Protestant, Roman Catholic, Jewish—all who wish to observe it. For the Evangelical and non-Roman churches, the observance is sponsored by the Intercouncil Committee on Christian Family Life, representing the Federal Council of Church of Christ in America, the International Council of Religious Education and the United Council of Church Women, and

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THE DEVOTIONAL PAGE

REV. H. O. BOLIN, Editor

PLAN TO CURE BOOZE HABIT WITHOUT DAMMING SOURCE

Strange things happen in Washington. Some are so extraordinary that, if they occurred in any other city, the officials responsible would be swept out of office. Unfortunately, Washingtonians are helpless because they are voteless.

Just now the city is agitated over a proposal to set up a clinic for the treatment of drunkards. It is suggested that liquor dealers be taxed to pay the bill.

This plan is being pushed by Congressman F. E. Hebert (Dem., La.) and is being studied by a House committee.

Nathan S. Kronheim, acknowledged boss of Washington booze interests, says "No" to the proposition. He maintains that those who are responsible for drunkenness should not be compelled to pay for the rehabilitation of drunkards.

The absurdity of creating alcoholics on one side of the street and attempting to cure them on the other side would be amusing if it were not so serious.

The liquor business in Washington is conducted as loosely as in any western mining camp in the old days. This is because city officials are on the most friendly terms with the liquor interests.

The other day members of the House committee did the unusual thing of going to police court to get first-hand information. They witnessed many heartrending sights. The presiding judge said he has been on the bench for 30 years and is frequently confronted by the same unfortunates who came before him when he began his judicial career.

So far as the city is concerned, nothing is being done to aid these victims of booze.—In Labor.

WHERE ARE WE HEADED?

In the press report of the National Education Association meeting at Buffalo in July, Ralph MacDonald, executive secretary of the Department of Higher Education, told the convention that the United States is in danger of losing world leadership through lack of support of teachers.

He said, "We spend 8,000,000,000 annually on liquor and less than \$3,000,000,000 on education, which fact speaks louder than words."—Forward.

CHURCHMEN OF THREE FAITHS IN GROUND-BREAKING CEREMONIES

ATLANTA, Ga.—(RNS)—Protestant, Roman Catholic, and Jewish representatives took part here in ground-breaking ceremonies for the new East Atlanta Christian church, which will be known as "The House of Prayer for All People".

The first spadeful of earth were turned by the Rev. Emmett McNabb, Mr. Hughes Spalding, a prominent Catholic layman, and Rabbi David Marx, pastor emeritus of The Temple.

Do little things now, so shall big things come to thee by and by asking to be done.—Persian Proverb.

PEACE

*Peace to some is a prayer and God,
Peace to many is greed and a gun;
Some look toward the finite sod
When all their work and play is done.*

*Peace to poets is loneliness,
Beggars find it in their alms;
Peace is vibrant happiness,
Like tender breezes through the palms.*

*Peace is simple, peace is pure,
Peace is freedom's soul and mate!
Sacrifice makes them endure
As one immovable potentate!*
—Malcolm Hyatt in Union Signal.

WHAT WE OWE TO THE LORD

We are familiar with the parable of the unjust steward. He was about to lose his stewardship. He called each of his lord's creditors to him and raised the question, "How much owest thou unto my Lord?" He reduced their debts so that they would care for him when he was put out of his job. Suppose we take his question and give it a little different turn. What do we owe to the Lord?

We owe the Lord our faith. We are told that those who come to him must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of all those who diligently seek him. While here in the flesh many people came to him seeking various types of help. One question was constantly upon his lips, "Do you believe that I can do this?" When the affirmative answer came he would reply, "Be it unto you according to your faith."

One of the greatest compliments one can pay to a good person is to believe in him. It is an insult to a truthful person to doubt his word. It is an injustice to accuse an honest man of thievery. There is a sense in which we owe it to all good people to believe in them. More than anyone else who ever lived, Jesus is worthy of our utmost confidence. Not only did he always speak the truth but he was the embodiment of the truth. Never did he even by implication attempt to deceive another. In every act of his life and motive of his heart, he was thoroughly honest. We may have occasion to doubt many others, but surely we can believe in him. We can believe him with greater assurance than we can our own mothers. Paul raises the question, "What if some did not believe? Shall their unbelief make the faith of God without effect? God forbid: yea, let God be true, but every man a liar."

Not only do we owe it to Christ to believe in him, but we owe it to ourselves and others to believe in him. Think of the great blessings that come through faith in him. Note the changed lives of those who really trust in him. Imagine, if you can, the changed condition of this world because of the fact that Jesus lived in it in the flesh and is still here in spirit assisting those who seriously attempt to follow him. Probably the three greatest problems of the human family are sin, sorrow and death. Faith in Christ brings victory over these problems.

But those who turn aside from him are left beaten, confused and stranded in the great battle of life. Christian parents are a help and inspiration to their children, but those who crowd him out prove a source of danger to their own flesh and blood. Yes, we owe it to Christ and to all others with whom we come in contact to have faith in him.

Then, we owe the Lord our obedience. He said, "You are my friends if you do what I command you." He did his Father's will even at the cost of his life. In the last prayer before his crucifixion he said, "I have finished the work which thou gavest me to do." His very last words on the cross were, "It is finished." He insisted that as the Father had sent him he was sending his followers. As Christian people we are under orders; the orders of the Captain of our salvation. We are soldiers of the cross. We cannot hope to "go sailing to the skies on flowery beds of ease." Jesus has called us into a fellowship with him—that of sacrificing, suffering and serving.

As with faith, so with obedience, we owe it to ourselves and others to obey Christ. Our greatest good and most intelligent self-interest comes through faith in him and obedience to him. He has not arbitrarily set down a lot of rules and regulations to coffin and confine our lives. All of his rules are given, not for his good, but for ours. We find true life in its abundance only through obedience to him and fellowship with him. His rules are very simple. He only asks that we love God with all the soul, mind and strength, and neighbor as self. When we truly thus love God and all others we can live as we please. We will not willingly and intentionally do anything to violate these relationships of love.

This brings us to the last point of our indebtedness to Christ. We owe it to him to love him. We owe him our love because he first loved us. He has always loved us whether we have always been his friends or not. His love includes both those who are for him and those who are against him. He loves his friends with a love that makes him glad. He loves his enemies as much as he does his friends, but it is with a love that makes him sad. It was that love he had for us in spite of the fact that we

GAMBLING PROFITS

In New York the City Commissioner of Investigation, endeavoring to ascertain what part of a bookmaker's \$22,000,000 deposits in ten years were due to activities within the city, so that taxes on them may be collected, has been balked by refusal of the bookmaker to testify. Now a Supreme court justice has ordered that the bookmaker must answer the Commissioner's questions. If he continues to refuse he will be in contempt of court.

An odd feature of this case is the stand taken by the bookmaker that, his activities in New York City being illegitimate, the proceeds are not taxable. The court says of this: "Certainly this result is repugnant to this court's conception of law, equity, and justice, notwithstanding this court's disdain and displeasure in making the City of New York a participant in such proceeds derived from an acknowledged unlawful and illegal source." The judge comments on the weakness of men or women that prompts them to wager their last dollar on horse races, and who have lost their homes and ruined their lives before they became aware of the truth that "a man may beat a race but he cannot beat the races".

More than \$22,000,000 deposited by one bookmaker in New York between 1933 and 1943 hardly more than hints at the magnitude of the betting game and the idiocy of the betting public. Legalized betting is no more moral, no less disastrous to the gamblers, than was the kind of betting it succeeded. It is still illegal in Connecticut, and it should be kept illegal.—Hartford, Connecticut, Times.

were against him that finally led us to him.

We owe it to ourselves and others to love him. The biggest thing any person can do is to love. Our lives are measured by our love. We are as big as our love and as little as our hate. The object of love determines whether or not it is a blessing or a curse. "The love of money is the root of all evil." The love of Christ is the root of all good. It is only as we love him that we strive to become more and more like him. The poet sang, "More like the Master I would ever be" but only the person who truly and sincerely loves Jesus will have and try to carry out that worthy ambition.

"How much owest thou to my Lord?" We owe him our faith, our obedience and our love. Meet these conditions and all is well. Our material world may go to pieces about us but our lives are built upon the Rock. The worst may come but the Best is always with us, and is bigger than any problem we can possibly face. Let us pay our debt to our greatest Creditor and life will move on like a song.—H. O. B.

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A WEEKLY MESSAGE

By FORNEY HUTCHINSON

CLIPPING MORE COUPONS (No. 2)

On my last visit to Hot Springs, as I was sitting in the lobby of my hotel, I saw a little waif of a woman hesitantly approach the room clerk at the desk. After she had spoken to him, he pointed me out to her, and she came across the lobby with a letter in her hand. As I rose to meet her, she introduced herself and handed me the letter which had two one-dollar bills enclosed. I decline to take the money, but she insisted that it was not hers, but mine, and that I must accept it. I then read the letter and saw there was nothing to do but to comply with her request.

Following is the letter, with names deleted:
"Dear Brother Hutchinson:

My mother joined the church by letter when you were pastor of Central Avenue Methodist Church. She asked that I please give you two dollars, which she owed to the church, if I ever were able. Have tried so often to see you at the Como Hotel, but was told you had just checked out.

My dear mother left me in 1926. She was an invalid in a wheel-chair for twelve years, but lived to be eighty-eight years old. I am the only one left. All of my people have gone on, but I'm thankful to the Lord for sparing me to be good to them.

Would have liked to have given you this long ago, if I had known your address. Please remember me in your prayers. Hoping you will understand, with love to you both."

By way of explanation, my visitor went on to say, "While you were my mother's pastor, you were very kind to visit her often and pray with her. She could not go to church, but you brought the ministry of the church to her, which was a great benediction to her."

I feel sorry for my brethren who do not love to visit their people. Surely they can never know what they have missed, not to speak of the losses their people suffer, because they are deprived of the pastoral touch and the pastor's prayer. I would as soon try to run my church without preaching, as to try to run it without visiting my people.

A friend should be one in whose understanding and virtue we can equally confide, and whose opinion we can value at once for its justness and its sincerity.—Robert Hall, Birmingham News-Age-Herald.

NEWS AND NOTES ABOUT FACTS AND FOLKS

REV. GEORGE T. STEPHENS, evangelist, was the guest preacher at the First Methodist Church, Searcy, on Sunday evening, March 2. Rev. C. Norman Guice is pastor.

REV. KENNETH L. SPORE, pastor of Winfield Church, Little Rock, was the guest preacher at the Carthage Methodist Church on Sunday evening, March 9. Rev. Robert S. Beasley is pastor.

THE new church at Wilson was opened on Sunday, March 16, at the 11:00 o'clock hour for the first service. The pastor, Rev. E. G. Gaetzell, preached the opening sermon. Services are being held each evening through March 23.

DR. W. A. SMART, professor of Biblical Theology at Emory University, will deliver the Cole Lectures at Vanderbilt University, April 13-18 on the general theme of "The Bible Still Speaks".

BISHOP JOHN A. SUBHAN, episcopal head of the Bombay (India) Area of the Methodist Church, arrived in San Francisco on March 1, and is now filling speaking engagements on the West Coast. He has a full schedule of meetings across the country for several months, during which time he will represent the Church in India to the American people.

REV. JOHN McCORMACK, pastor of the First Methodist Church, Magnolia, writes: "Our two churches here had a joint study of 'Stewardship'. The first meeting was in Jackson Street Church and the next in the First Methodist Church. Brother Wade and I taught the 'Fine Art of Using' by Sockman. We had 76 present the first night and 77 the second, a total of 153 in all. Both churches have the Hendrix Fund in full."

EMORY University, Georgia, has received a gift of \$100,000.00 from R. B. Gilbert, Florida philanthropist whose benefactions to Methodism now total more than a million dollars. Mr. Gilbert's latest gift of department store stock valued at \$100,000.00 was to be applied toward the erection of dormitories for ministerial students in Emory's Candler School of Theology, according to Dr. H. B. Trimble, dean of the school.

BISHOP PAUL E. MARTIN will be the speaker on Sunday morning, March 23, on the Methodist Hour radio program. His subject will be "Forgotten Dreams". This program which is sponsored by The Methodist Church in the Southeastern and South Central Jurisdictions, is broadcast over a network of 52 radio station and originates in the studios of Religious Radio Center, Atlanta, at 9:30 a.m., C. S. T. This program can be heard over WREC, Memphis.

CLOTHING, food and soap—in that order—made the bulk of the four and a half million pounds of relief materials which twenty-six American Protestant denominations sent overseas in 1946 through the shipping center of Church World Service, at New Windsor, Maryland. Of the total shipments, which went to every nation in Europe to which military authorities would permit shipments, as well as to China, Japan, and the Philippines, 3,105,000 pounds were in clothing of all kinds; 1,359,000 pounds of homemade soap, and 4,267 pounds of candles.

AN attractive new bulletin is being issued by the Department of General Church School Work, General Board of Education. The bulletin is in the form of a monthly letter to the 38,000 Methodist Church School superintendents and is for the purpose of giving information to and uniting all Methodist Church Schools in the Crusade for Christ. Superintendents are urged to write to the Department of General Church School Work concerning their problems and their successes in increasing enrollment

GIVE UP LUXURIES AND GIVE OTHERS LIFE

It is difficult to live without shoes. Hundreds of thousands in Poland, especially children, know this too well. Shoes are hard to find. When available they cost per pair \$20.00 for children, \$50.00 for men. This means going this winter in slippers, rags or bare feet. Will you not deny yourself during Lent and send us the cash to buy shoes?

Methodist Committee for
Overseas Relief
150 Fifth Avenue,
New York 11, N. Y.

and attendance, as well as other matters of interest. Already two issues, February and March, have been mailed and the April number is now being prepared.

THE formation of a New York Chapter of "Friends of Okinawa" is announced by the Rev. Garland E. Hopkins, of Washington, D. C., provisional national president of the organization, formerly a U. S. Army Chaplain on Okinawa, and now on the staff of the Board of Missions of the Methodist Church, at 150 Fifth Avenue, New York City. Elected to head the New York group is another former Army Chaplain, Frank L. Titus, of 281 Fourth Avenue, New York City, who participated in the initial landings on Okinawa. The purpose of the movement is to promote a wider interest and understanding of the economic and cultural needs of a people who were first to fall victims of Japanese expansion," says Mr. Hopkins. "Seventy-five years of exploitation, coupled with the devastation of the war years, entitle the people of Okinawa to consideration and care which have not been forthcoming." A special appeal to join is being directed to former G. I.'s who saw duty on Okinawa.

ARCHITECTURAL DISPLAY AT RURAL LIFE MEET

Church building will receive attention at the National Methodist Rural Life Conference to be held on the University of Nebraska Campus, Lincoln, July 29th and 30th. There will be a display of church architecture throughout the conference, the Rev. E. M. Conover, director of the Interdenominational Bureau of Architecture, has announced.

WESTERN METHODIST ASSEMBLY CAMPAIGN IS ON NOW

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states served by The Western Methodist Assembly. There will be no organized, high pressure campaign. This is a direct appeal for a worthy cause and our people in Arkansas should make a liberal response.

FAMILY WEEK, 1947

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by denominations and city, county and state councils of churches.

Special pamphlets and attractive leaflets are available. A folder entitled "Family Week," (2c per copy, \$1.00 per 100), gives practical suggestions for the program. This and other material can be ordered from denominational offices, or from the Federal Council of Churches, 297 Fourth Avenue, New York 10, N. Y., or the International Council of Religious Education, 203 N. Wabash Avenue, Chicago 1, Ill.

THE PULPIT OF ARKANSAS METHODISM



A Master Steward



By DR. JAMES W. WORKMAN, Pastor First Methodist Church,
North Little Rock

(This sermon is the eleventh in a series of twelve sermons on various themes of Stewardship. These sermons are prepared by ministers of the Little Rock and North Arkansas Conferences and are published in connection with the current emphasis in the Crusade for Christ. The picture illustrations used with the series have been supplied by the General Board of Lay Activities and the Crusade for Christ.)

TEXT: "For me to live is Christ; and to die is gain." (Philippians 1:21) "I have a stewardship entrusted to me." (I Corinthians 9:17)

A vivid insight into Paul's conversion, is recorded in his testimony in the Revised Standard Version of the New Testament.

Paul's Testimony Before King Agrippa

"I think myself fortunate that it is before you, King Agrippa, I am to make my defense today against all the accusations of the Jews, because you were especially familiar with all customs and controversies of the Jews: therefore I beg you to listen to me patiently.

"My manner of life from my youth, spent from the beginning among my own nation and at Jerusalem, is known by all the Jews. They have known for a long time, if they are willing to testify, that according to the strictest party of our religion I have lived as a Pharisee. And now I stand here on trial for hope in the promise made by God to our fathers, to which our twelve tribes hope to attain, as they earnestly worship night and day. And for this hope I am accused by Jews, O King! Why is it thought incredible by any of you that God raises the dead?

"I myself was convinced that I ought to do many things in opposing the name of Jesus of Nazareth. And I did so in Jerusalem; I not only shut up many of the saints in prison, by authority from the chief priests, but when they were put to death I cast my vote against them. And I punished them often in all the synagogues and tried to make them blaspheme: and in raging fury against them, I persecuted them even to foreign cities.

"Thus I journeyed to Damascus with the authority and commission of the chief priests. At midday, O king, I saw on the way a light from heaven, brighter than the sun, shining round me and those who journeyed with me. And when we had all fallen to the ground, I heard a voice saying to me in the Hebrew language, Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me? It hurts you to kick against the goads. And I said, Who are you Lord? And the Lord said, I am Jesus whom you are persecuting. But rise and stand upon your feet; for I have appeared to you for this purpose, to appoint you to serve and bear witness to the things in which you have seen me and to those in which I will appear to you, delivering you from the people and from the Gentiles—to whom I send you to open their eyes.

that they may turn from darkness to light and from the power of Satan to God, that they may receive forgiveness of sins and a place among those who are consecrated by faith in me.

"Wherefore, O King Agrippa, I was not disobedient to the heavenly vision, but declared first to those at Damascus, then at Jerusalem and throughout all the country of Judea, and also to the Gentiles, that they should repent and turn to God and

for I am persuaded that none of these things have escaped his notice, for this was not done in a corner. King Agrippa, do you believe the prophets? I know that you believe.

"And Agrippa said to Paul, In a short time you think to make me a Christian! And Paul said, Whether short or long, I would to God that not only you but also all who hear me this day might become such as I am—except for these chains."

This scripture points clearly to

house, a fanatic's door to door knocking, to see who was in that was Christian. He dragged off men and women and committed them to prison. He helped to scatter the Christians with the fury of his temple fanaticism.

Breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, he went to the high priest and asked him for letters to the synagogue at Damascus, so that if he found any belonging to the Way, men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem.

From Jewish Saul to Christian Paul

"Now as he journeyed he approached Damascus, and suddenly a light from heaven flashed about him. And he fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to him, Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me? And he said, Who are you Lord? And he said, I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting; but rise and enter the city, and you will be told what you are to do. The men who were traveling with him stood speechless, hearing the voice but seeing no one. Saul arose from the ground; and when his eyes were opened, he could see nothing; so they led him by the hand and brought him into Damascus. And for these days he was without sight, and neither ate nor drank.

"Now there was a disciple at Damascus named Ananias. The Lord said to him in a vision, Ananias, And he said, Here I am Lord, And the Lord said to him, Rise and go to the street called Straight, and inquire in the house of Judas for a man of Tarsus named Saul; for behold, he is praying, and he has seen a man named Ananias come in and lay his hands on him so that he might regain his sight. But Ananias answered, Lord, I have heard from many about this man, how much evil he has done to thy saints at Jerusalem; and here he has authority from the chief priests to bind all who call upon thy name. But the Lord said to him, Go, for he is a chosen instrument of mine to carry my name before the Gentiles and kings and the sons of Israel; for I will show him how much he must suffer for the sake of my name.

"So Ananias departed and entered the house. And laying his hand on him he said, Brother Saul, the Lord Jesus, who appeared to you on the road by which you came, has sent me that you may regain your sight and be filled with the Holy Spirit. And immediately something like scales fell from his eyes and he regained his sight. Then he rose and was baptized, and took food and was strengthened.

"For several days he was with the disciples at Damascus.

"And in the synagogues immediately he proclaimed Jesus, saying, He is the Son of God. And all who heard him were amazed, and said, Is not this the man who made havoc in Jerusalem of those who called on this name? And he has come here for this purpose, to bring them bound before the chief priests. But

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PAUL BEFORE AGRIPPA

perform deeds worthy of their repentance.

"For this reason the Jews seized me in the temple and tried to kill me. To this day I have had the help that comes from God, and so I stand here testifying both to small and great, saying nothing but what the prophets and Moses said would come to pass: that the Christ must suffer, and that, by being the first to rise from the dead, he would proclaim light both to the people and to the Gentiles."

"And as he thus made his defense, Festus said with a loud voice, Paul you are mad; your great learning is turning you mad. But Paul said, I am not mad, most excellent Festus, but I am speaking the sober truth. For the king knows about these things and to him I speak freely:

two great areas of Paul's stewardship. His testimony before King Agrippa showed him more clearly to be, first, a Jewish fanatic converted last to a Christian faithful steward.

The Fanatically Jewish Steward

There are various types of stewards—some pagan; some Christian. Saul at first was a steward of the Jewish faith. Finally, Paul was an outright Christian steward. Saul, the Jew, was a Pharisee. Saul laid waste the Church. He was a fanatic of the Jewish temple. The Jewish, fanatic Saul consented to the death of Stephen whose prayer pierced his soul—"Lord, do not hold this sin against them." The young man named Saul stood above the garments of the witnesses who stoned Stephen. Saul was consenting to his death. Saul entered house after



THE CHILDREN'S PAGE

ANNIE WINBURNE, Editor



IN STORYLAND

WHEN BETH DID A KIND DEED

By Perley Richardson Wade
"Mother," said Beth, coming home from Sunday School, "what do you think? Our class has formed a little club. We call it 'The Band of Kindness,' and we are supposed to do some kind deed every day to make someone happy. Perhaps you will help me—" She stopped, looked out of the window a minute, then ran to the door and opened it.

"Oh look!" she cried. "What a pretty cat! It's frightened or lost, and it is coming into our yard."

A big gray cat was creeping slowly up the path. It reached the porch steps and stopped.

Beth ran down the steps and picked him up in her arms. "Why, you lovely kitty," she said. "We won't hurt you. We love kitty cats."

The stray cat seemed to understand that she was a friend. He cuddled down in her arms and began to purr as she carried him to Mother.

Mother looked at him carefully. "He looks like a very valuable cat," she said. "He is an Angora. We will keep him with us until we can find the owner. Give him some of the fish left from lunch, and a dish of milk."

Beth carried the cat to the kitchen and watched while he ate the fish and drank the milk. "He was hungry," she said, as, having finished his dinner, the cat jumped onto a near-by chair, and curled up and went to sleep.

"Poor kitty," said Mother. "There is no telling how far he has come from home. When he wakes he will feel much better."

Gray Kitty made himself at home, and Beth had a fine time with him all the afternoon. She brushed him when he woke from his nap, and got all the mats and tangles out of his fur. "He is a very handsome and valuable cat," Daddy said when he came home. "If we do not find the owner we must advertise him."

But the owner found them. He rang the bell the next day and asked if they had seen a gray Angora cat. How glad he was to see him, and how happy the cat was when he saw his master.

"We were going home from our summer cottage," the owner said. "Mittens was in the closed car with us. We stopped to change a tire, and while the door was open something frightened him and he broke away from my wife and jumped out. He dashed off into the bushes at one side of the road, and although we hunted and hunted we could not find him, finally we had to go without him, but I came back today and have been stopping everywhere inquiring for him."

He took Mittens in his arms and thanked them for taking such good care of him. Then he went away.

"I am glad Mitten found his home," said Beth, "but I do want a



GOOD TIMES

*My dog and I have such good times,
He's friendly as can be.
I'm always kind to him and he
Is always good to me.*

*We think of lots of things to do,
We romp and skip and play,
And then it's time to do our chores,
We've had a happy day.*

—A. E. W.

IN THE WORLD OF BOYS AND GIRLS

HOW THE ELEPHANT USES HIS TRUNK

By E. A. Bacon

The elephant has the most useful nose of all animals. It is true simply because he can use it for so many things and in so many ways.

First: His nose, commonly known as his trunk, is a trumpet, for through it he communicates with the other elephants in the herd.

Second: It is a feeder, for he uses it to put his food into his mouth.

Third: It is a siphon and a sprayer, for he draws water up into it, then sprays it over himself, not only because all elephants love water, but also because it helps him to keep his thick hide in normal condition. The spray is also cooling.

Fourth: It is a lever, for he can use it to pry many heavy objects.

Fifth: It is a crane, for he uses it much like a derrick, to hoist heavy material, such as logs, which would require many men to lift.

Sixth: It is a pusher. Have you not seen pictures where a fond parent is pushing the baby elephant when a herd is on the march?

Seventh: It is a conveyor, as he uses it to carry hosts of different things, some of them quite long distances, and also to shunt things about on commands from his master.

Eighth: It also serves as a step-ladder. Riders use it as a means of reaching his broad head or back.

Ninth: It is a regular nose, too. He has to breathe, doesn't he?

Tenth: It also serves as a flail, for he makes good use of it during play and as a means of punishment.

Lastly, it is the elephant's signaling device, for he raises it above his head and waves it about in the air in a manner understood only by other elephants or by those who comprehend elephant language.—Our Dumb Animals.

THE CURIOUS CASE OF BETSY BURR

*The curious case of Betsy Burr
Is known throughout the city,
And other girls all speak of her
With mingled praise and pity.*

*You see, it seems to be the height
Of all her daily wishes
To lend a hand at morn and night
When mother washes dishes.*

*Before she starts away to school—
So well does mother trust her—
It is her fast, unfailing rule
To use the broom and duster.*

*And in her little room upstairs,
Her ribbons, shoes and laces,
And all the things that Betsy wears,
Are always in their places.*

*You must agree that Betsy Burr
Is not a common maiden;
Yet every day that comes to her
With happiness is laden.*

—Virginia Bowdoin
In the Youth's Companion.

JUST FOR FUN

"There is no such word as fale," wrote a pupil on the school black-board.

"Why don't you correct him?" asked a visitor of the teacher.

"His statement is absolutely correct."—Exchange.

Mose had passed through a harrowing experience. He had just seen a ghost.

"Ah jes' come out of de cowshed," he said, "an' ah had a pail o' milk in mah hand. Den ah hears a noise by de side of de road an' de ghost rushes out."

"Did you shake with fright, Mose?" asked one of his audience.

"Ah don't know what ah shook wid. Ah hain't sayin' for suttin' ah shook at all. But when ah got home ah foun' all de milk gone, an' two pounds of butter in de pail."

Mother: "Have you been putting water in the ink, John?"

John: "Yes, Mother, I have been writing to Daddy and I just wanted to whisper something to him."

Housewife: "How much is your hamburger steak?"

Butcher: "Forty cents a pound." Housewife: "But the price at the corner store is only thirty cents!"

Butcher: "Why don't you buy it there, then?"

Housewife: "They haven't any."

Butcher: "Oh, I see! Well, when I haven't any, I sell it for twenty cents a pound."

OUR BIBLE

By Mary Cureton Brumley
*We have a large Family Bible,
From which my father reads;*

*We laid a silken marker in it
Near two of Christ's kind deeds;*

*We placed a golden yellow ribbon
At the Sermon on The Mount;*

*I am GLAD I can USE OUR BIBLE
And Can FIND MY WAY ABOUT.*

Old Lady (at the zoo): "Is that a man-eating lion?"

Fed-up Keeper: "Yes, lady, but we're short of men this week, so all he gets is beef."

~ First South Central Jurisdictional Convocation ~

By W. F. COOLEY, Pastor, First Methodist Church, Harrison

WITH the avowed aim of studying and strengthening the jurisdictional concept in the Methodist Church, the South Central Jurisdiction held its first Convocation in Wichita, Kansas, March 4-7, 1947. Only one other Jurisdiction has announced any such plans for this sort of a meeting. Ours was actually the first meeting of its kind in the history of American Methodism. Included in its program were public gatherings of distinctive significance, business meetings of all the Jurisdictional Boards, and the Sixth Annual Meeting of the Woman's Society of Christian Service. No attempt will be made here to report on anything except the highlights of the sessions held in the auditorium of the First Methodist Church—meetings open to the public and of interest to everyone.

On Tuesday, March 4, delegates to the Convocation began registering at about 9:00. At 10:00 o'clock the first session of the Convocation was called to order, with Dr. Charles E. Schofield, chairman of the Jurisdictional Council, presiding. The first service of worship was conducted by Bishop Paul E. Martin. All of us from Arkansas and Louisiana had reason to be proud all over again that we were serving under the leadership of one of the greatest of Bishops. Bishop Martin's message was inspiring and helpful. Following the brief worship service, Dr. Schofield made a fine statement concerning the purpose of the Convocation—the planning that had gone into it and the concepts which were expected to come out of it.

The 11:00 o'clock hour featured three speakers. Their general subject was "Mobilizing Methodism's Resources for Advance." First on the program was Dr. Paul W. Quillian, pastor of First Methodist Church, Houston, Texas, formerly a member of the Little Rock Conference. Dr. Quillian discussed "Mobilizing Methodism's Resources for Advance Through the Urban Church." He was followed by our own Thomas C. Huff, pastor of the Newton county work in the North Arkansas Conference. Brother Huff discussed "Mobilizing Methodism's Resources for Advance Through the Rural Church." This significant hour and a half was concluded with an address by the president of the Woman's Society of Christian Service for all Methodism, Mrs. J. D. Bragg of St. Louis. Mrs. Bragg discussed "Mobilizing Methodism's Resources for Advance through the General Boards and Agencies of the Church."

Each of these three speeches was significant enough to deserve considerable attention here. Dr. Quillian, always good, was at his best at Wichita. His statements concerning means of mobilizing the resources of our church were quite to the point, and were set forth with wit and power. Mrs. Bragg has established a reputation as a clear thinker and a fine speaker everywhere she has been heard. All of us understood why after we had heard her very excellent address. Between these two came the "Little Country Preacher from Arkansas." All those who had not heard Tom Huff were sorry for him for having to speak between Dr. Quillian and Mrs. Bragg. Instead of stating my personal opinion (it may be a bit prejudiced) let me quote one of the Jurisdictional W. S. C. S. officers from another section. She said: "Before Brother Huff spoke I felt that they had not been fair to him, placing him on the same program with Dr. Quillian and Mrs. Bragg. After he had spoken, I wondered whether they had been fair to Dr. Quillian and Mrs. Bragg, putting them on the same program with Brother Huff." All of us from Arkansas were proud to hail from the same state as this fine young preacher.

Bishop William C. Martin (an "Arkansas-sawyer" and a graduate of Hendrix College) presided at the afternoon session on this first day of the Convocation. He directed a fine discussion based on the addresses and considerations of the morning. Quite a number of personal testimonies were heard concerning actual procedures in various situations. Shortly before the first meeting of the Jurisdictional Boards that afternoon, Dr. Alva Hutchinson, a member of one of the Conferences in our

Jurisdiction, and now in charge of the Department of City Work, General Board of Missions and Church Extension, spoke concerning the organization and functioning of District Missionary Societies. The afternoon session adjourned at 3:35 for the meeting of the Jurisdictional Boards and the Woman's Society of Christian Service.

Tuesday evening Bishop Charles C. Selecman presided in a service beginning at 7:30.

Fine music by the choir of the First Methodist Church and congregational singing got the evening off to a good start. The address of the evening was made by Dr. Ralph Diffendorfer, executive secretary, Division of Foreign Missions of the General Board of Missions and



DR. CHARLES E. SCHOFIELD,
Presiding Officer of Jurisdictional Convocation

Church Extension. Dr. Diffendorfer, recognized throughout the nation as one of the greatest of our missionary statesmen and authorities discussed "Christianity in World Affairs."

Wednesday morning the session opened with a worship service directed by Bishop A. Frank Smith, who presided throughout the morning. The first part of the morning activities dealt with the subject, "The Crusade Continues—Through the Church School." Dr. J. Q. Schisler, executive secretary, the General Board of Education, led this helpful and important discussion. Assisting him were Dr. Walter Towner, of the Department of Church School, the General Board of Education, and Dr. J. Manning Potts, associate director, the Crusade for Christ. This period of special emphasis on the Church School was brought to a climax in a stirring address by the Rev. Waights G. Henry, Jr., executive secretary of the Board of Education, the North Georgia Conference. This address was among the highlights of the Convocation.

The closing hour and a half of the Wednesday morning session was given over to a discussion of "The Jurisdictional Organization in an Expanding Program." Bishop William C. Martin was leader of this discussion. The Jurisdictional Board Chairman, and Mrs. George S. Sexton, Jr., president of the Jurisdictional Woman's Society of Christian Service, took part. In the absence of the Chairman of Jurisdictional Board of Lay Activities, Dr. Matt L. Ellis represented this great board. Of the seven persons participating in this discussion, three of them were Arkansans. The entire period Wednesday afternoon was given over to meetings of the Jurisdictional Boards, the Woman's Society of Christian Service, and the Findings Committee.

At the evening session Wednesday night Mrs. George S. Sexton, Jr., presided. The women of our Jurisdiction have every reason to be proud of the gracious ability of their president. This session began with scripture and prayer by Dr. Prem Nath Dass, former president, Isabella Thoburn College, India. Miss

Gertrude Freely, Missionary from Japan and the Philippines, a native of Shelbyville, Missouri, made the first address of the evening. She substituted for Dr. Lucy Wang, president of Hwa Nan College, China—and did a very fine job of it. The choir of First Methodist Church rendered lovely music, and the evening program was closed with an address by Dr. John W. Ferguson, pastor of Belmont Methodist Church, Nashville, Tennessee. Dr. Ferguson's subject was "The Advancing Church."

The last session of the Convocation was held Thursday morning in the auditorium of First Methodist Church. Bishop Ivan Lee Holt presided. After a very short worship service, Bishop Holt led the group in a closing business session. During this time plans for the National Rural Life Conference to be held this summer in Lincoln, Nebraska, were fully discussed. Considerable enthusiasm was manifest by a number of persons concerning this conference. At the closing part of the business session, the Findings Committee made its significant report. Bishop Paul E. Martin was chairman of this committee, with Dr. A. W. Martin as secretary. The secretary read the report and commented upon various phases of it. The address of the morning was given by Dr. Richard C. Raines, pastor of Hannepin Methodist Church, Minneapolis, Minnesota. The subject of Dr. Raines' stirring address was "Fields White Unto Harvest." Bishop Holt closed the final session with a short worship service.

The Woman's Society of Christian Service continued its meeting until Friday afternoon. Shortly after noon Thursday, however, most of the men were driving out of town. It is certain, however, that most of us left feeling that we had had a small part in a most significant gathering in our church.

The two Arkansas Conferences were represented by Bishop Paul E. Martin, and the following members of the Jurisdictional Boards of Education, Evangelism, Hospitals and Homes, Lay Activities, and Missions and Church Extension, and delegates to the Jurisdictional meeting of the Woman's Society of Christian Service:

North Arkansas Conference: Mrs. Johnnie McClure, Mrs. E. G. Kaetzell, Mrs. Effie Rogers, Miss Estelle McIntosh, Miss Mary Ferguson, Mrs. George Dismukes, Rev. and Mrs. Tom Huff, Rev. and Elmer Hook, Miss Nellie Dyer, Rev. Glenn Sanford, Rev. Ira A. Brumley, Rev. Jefferson Sherman, Dr. Matt Ellis, Dr. A. W. Martin and Rev. and Mrs. W. F. Cooley.

Little Rock Conference: Mrs. H. King Wade, Mrs. E. D. Galloway, Mrs. Tom McLean, Mrs. Walter Ryland, Mrs. C. A. Evans, Mrs. A. R. McKinney, Mrs. J. P. Carpenter, Mrs. R. H. Cole, Mr. and Mrs. T. W. McCoy, Dr. and Mrs. W. B. Slack, Dr. W. E. Brown, Rev. J. L. Dedman and J. S. M. Cannon.

All of us who attended this Convocation felt that special appreciation should be expressed to those who planned it so well and directed its course. The Jurisdictional Council, the executive group of the Jurisdiction, deserves much credit. Dr. Charles E. Schofield is chairman of this group, with Dr. Paul W. Quillian, vice-chairman, and Dr. A. W. Martin, secretary. There was never any doubt, however, that the efficient Executive Secretary of the South Central Jurisdiction was the one man who deserved most of the credit for a smooth and significant meeting. Dr. Paul D. Womeldorf, unpretentious and humble, is doing a fine job in a very difficult position. A hearty vote of thanks to him for a fine Convocation!

AROUSED TEXAS CHURCHMEN FIGHT PARI-MUTUEL BILL

AUSTIN, Texas—(RNS)—Aroused Texas church leaders have protested a pending bill to legalize pari-mutuel betting on horse races in the state.

In Dallas, Bishop Charles C. Selecman (Methodist) said every pastor and congregation in his district would oppose the measure. The Dallas Pastors' Association passed a resolution condemning the legislation.

Conversation Groups In Christian Stewardship

By LOUISE LONG, Minister of Education

DR. James W. Workman, pastor of the First Methodist Church of North Little Rock, reports that the conversation groups on Christian Stewardship, January 28-February 25, were a complete success. The plan was originally initiated by the W.S.C.S., but in the end all organizations in the church and Church School, co-operating with the committee in charge, were working at the task. Mrs. Sam Eason, Mrs. M. J. Barlow, Mrs. Dewey Whitfield and Mrs. James W. Workman comprised the over-all committee. The organization was simple, twenty-three persons volunteered the use of their homes for the first evening, many of them acting as leaders of the conversation groups. During the following weeks plans were made at the close of each meeting for the location and leadership of the next meeting. Interim arrangements were made through the church office. Mr. Byron Bogard, chairman of the Stewardship Committee of the Church, shared the responsibilities of the special committee in charge of the conversation groups. Each Sunday evening at 7:00 o'clock the leaders of the conversation groups for the following Tuesday met under the leadership of the pastor to study the subjects under discussion and receive resource material.

All church periodicals, including the literature of the Church School, W. S. C. S., leaflets from the Board of Lay Activities, the Arkansas Methodist and the leaflet material from the Board of Evangelism were all made available to group leaders, though the chief guide used by all leaders was Art of Using, by Ralph W. Sockman. Inspirational material was furnished through a study of Dr. Sockman's books, led at the Wednesday prayer service by various laymen, the Sunday sermons and the Saturday radio addresses by the minister.

As a special guide to the leader a series of questions was prepared which served to direct the conversations on Tuesday evenings. A few of the questions used were, "Why do Christians miss the gift



MISS LOUISE LONG

of health from God?" "What are the hindrances and aids to good health?" "What relation does good health have to the usefulness of the Christian church?" "What Bible characters stand out because of their spiritual powers?" "What mental traits defeat health of mind?" "What lessons of Jesus' prayer life can be followed by Christians?" "What are the values and dangers in making money?" "How do you find God's purpose for your daily and your life-long career?" "How can you find leisure time?" "What community problems require the Christian Steward's time for solving?" "Do Christians give enough time to family living?" And,

"What are the Church membership requirements of the Methodist Church, which if observed conscientiously will make each one a faithful steward?"

The chief values of the conversation groups not found in the usual meetings of the church consisted of the "homey" atmosphere to be found in a small group seated informally in the home of a member, the participation by more laymen than is possible in large meetings, and the practical ways in which expression could be given in action to the ideas brought forth in the group meetings. Among the activities referred to are the following:

New workers were discovered for church committees, the Church School and the work of the church office.

Financially the group meetings culminated in the Hendrix Campaign in which 250 persons made individual pledges in addition to the unidentified gifts from the Children's Division of the Church School.

On Sunday, February 23, approximately 200 members of the church participated in the city-wide census to discover religious preferences of the residents of North Little Rock.

Stewardship Covenant cards were signed on the last evening, giving each person present at that meeting an opportunity to pledge a portion of his time or substance for the work of the Kingdom. Seventy-three different homes were opened to conversation groups which were led by 77 leaders over the period of five weeks with a total attendance of 781.

Several of the people who attended the conversation groups were so impressed that they wished to continue throughout the year, not being persuaded that we cannot always come down into the more ordinary

ANGLICAN CHURCH HOLDS RECONSECRATION SERVICES FOR MARRIED COUPLES

SYDNEY (By Wireless)—(RNS)—Services of "reconsecration" for long-married couples have been a regular annual feature at the fashionable Anglican Church of St. Philip here for many years, according to the Rev. Ernest K. Cole, pastor in charge.

The function attracts about a thousand couples each year and consists of wedding hymns, a commemorative wedding service, and a sermon stressing the privileges and duties of married life, Mr. Cole declared.

He said arrangements are also made for Protestants of other denominations to hold similar services, intended to remind couples of their marital vows and to reconcile couples "unconsciously drifting apart".

HOME FOR MISSIONARIES PLANNED IN OZARKS

SILOAM SPRINGS, Ark.—(RNS)—Erection here, in the Ozark Mountains of Northwest Arkansas, of a home for the use of furloughed missionaries is a purpose of the recently-established Pilgrim Foundation.

The Foundation, set up by Dr. and Mrs. William Potter of Carthage, Miss., will be devoted exclusively to missions and missionaries.

Dr. Potter has resigned the pastorate of the First Baptist Church of Carthage effective May 14, and will move to Siloam Springs to push work of the foundation and to engage in evangelism and religious writing.

ways of worship and service which make up the greater part of the church year. But the conviction is shared by the total membership that these conversation groups were indeed a peak of experience for this church from the standpoint of both spiritual uplift and practical service.

METHODIST STUDENTS IN HERALD-TRIBUNE FORUM

Two of the twenty Latin American high school students who are in New York City attending the New York Herald-Tribune Forum, beginning on March 6, are students in schools supported by the Methodist Church in South America. The Forum is on inter-American and world affairs, to promote understanding and goodwill, and is for students of high schools.

One Methodist participant is Oscar Castaneda, representing Peru. He is a student in the Callao High School, Callao. "Oscar is travelling with the son of the president of Peru, and it all seems like a fairy tale," says Principal John Shappell, of Callao.

The other Methodist representative is Leonor Escudero, of Ramos Mejia, Argentina, a student in Colegio Ward, Buenos Aires.

CONFERENCES IN CHINA

The Methodist bishops in China announce the following dates for annual conferences there: the Yen-ping Conference, to be held at Nanning, beginning Nov. 5, with Bishop Kaung presiding; the Hinghwa Conference, at Putien, Nov. 5, Bishop Ward; the Foochow Conference, at Fódchow, Nov. 12, Bishop Chen.

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CRUSADE FOR CHRIST





Thirty-Five Years Together



By STANLEY T. BAUGH

"WHO are admitted on trial?" was asked by Bishop H. McCoy, presiding at the session of the Little Rock Conference, on November 17, 1911, meeting in Fordyce. The answer was: Robert Lewis Cabe, Lewis Thomas Rogers, Andrew Jackson Black, Julius Orlando Adcock, Albert G. Cason, Jefferson Cleveland Sampley, Jesse Peter Plummer, Marion Morrow Monk, James Beverly Evans, Charles Bruce Holmes, Arthur Braden Holland, William Clarence Lewis, Charles August Fuller, Sidney Baxter Mann, Stanley Thompson Baugh, Joseph Henry Ross, and Joseph Columbus Johnson. A total of seventeen.

The appointments of these men in 1911 show 4 in the Arkadelphia District; 4 in the Camden District; 2 in the Little Rock District; 3 in the Monticello District; None in the Pine Bluff District; 2 in the Prescott District; and 2 in the Texarkana District. We literally covered the Conference.

Joseph C. Johnson, Julius O. Adcock and Stanley T. Baugh were licensed to preach by the ad interim Committee of the Texarkana District, meeting in the DeQueen Methodist Church, October 30, 1910. The Committee was composed of the late Dr. Thomas H. Ware, presiding elder; the late Rev. M. K. Irvin, the late Rev. Z. D. Lindsay, and Rev. L. E. N. Hundley. Dr. Ware presided; Dr. Hundley was secretary.

Our first loss from the class was in the fall of 1912, when C. B. Holmes transferred to the New Mexico Conference, and M. M. Monk transferred to the West Oklahoma Conference.

At the session of the Conference meeting in Lakeside Church, Pine Bluff, November, 1913, eleven members of the Class were admitted into full connection and ordained Deacon by Bishop John C. Kilgo. They were: Lewis T. Rogers, Jesse P. Plummer, Sidney B. Mann, James B. Evans, Robert L. Cabe, Joseph C. Johnson, J. Henry Ross, W. Clarence Lewis, Charles A. Fuller, Albert G. Cason, and Stanley T. Baugh.

Our second loss from the Class was at this Conference when Julius O. Adcock was discontinued, and J. Henry Ross located because of impaired hearing. Henry Ross is a local preacher living at Fordyce with a spotless record.

At the Conference of 1914 A. B. Holland, J. C. Sampley, and A. J. Black were discontinued. These men have been lost sight of.

The Conference of 1915 was held in Monticello, at which time the following members of the Class were elected to Elder's Orders and ordained by Bishop H. C. Morrison: Robert L. Cabe, Joseph C. Johnson, W. Clarence Lewis, Lewis T. Rogers, and Stanley T. Baugh. Of a Class of seventeen members only five completed the course of studies on time, four years, and were ordained together.

The appointments for the next year show the members of this Class in every District save the Arkadelphia and Little Rock. James B. Evans transferred to the Florida Conference. Some years later he located, and now lives in Hot Springs.

The Conference Journal of 1916 shows that Jesse P. Plummer surrendered his credentials and had

withdrawn from the ministry and membership of the Methodist Church. Details of which I never learned. We draw a curtain of charity over this reference.

The first member of our Class to be called by death was Robert L. Cabe, who died August 13, 1918, in El Paso, Texas. At his request his body rests there. In his memoir Rev. J. A. Sage wrote: "Robert Lewis Cabe was a man of clean lips, pure heart and blameless life. No whiter soul had ever been admitted to our itinerant brotherhood." Mrs. R. L. Cabe lives at Benton. Our Board of Conference Claimants has tried to care for her and her children.

Ten years after we were admitted,



W. CLARENCE LEWIS, SIDNEY B. MANN, STANLEY T. BAUGH

the appointments of 1921 show the following: Lewis T. Rogers, Joseph C. Johnson, Sidney B. Mann, Charles A. Fuller, and Stanley T. Baugh, with A. B. Holland and J. O. Adcock as supplies. That year W. C. Lewis located at his own request.

In 1923 W. C. Lewis served a charge as a supply. He was readmitted in 1924, and has rendered valiant service ever since. At the Conference of 1923 Charles A. Fuller superannuated. After locating he served as a supply three years, moving to Pine Bluff the fall of 1926 where he lived until his death in 1931. Fuller was a Canadian by birth, later becoming a citizen of U. S. A.

The appointments of 1924 show five of the original class still serving: Lewis T. Rogers, Sidney B. Mann, W. Clarence Lewis, Joseph C. Johnson and Stanley T. Baugh.

Lewis T. Rogers was called from us by death on March 8, 1933. He was in his first year on the Roe Circuit. His funeral was conducted in Good Faith Church, near Pine Bluff, where he had served four years with marked success. The funeral was conducted by Dr. James Thomas, his Presiding Elder, assisted by a number of ministers. John 1:6 reads: "There was a man sent from God, whose name was John." Dr. Thomas paraphrased this too read: "There was a man sent from God, whose name was L. T." All of which is true. L. T. was a White Knight of the cross, and when he crossed over the river I am sure the trumpets sounded as John Bunyan wrote they sounded when Christian crossed over. L. T.'s body rests in a Dallas County cemetery some miles north of Fordyce. Mrs. L. T. Rogers lives in her home near Good Faith.

The next to be called by death was Joseph C. Johnson, on June 28,

1935. Joe was a typical mountaineer, with the courage of a lion, and the daring of a Daniel. His heart was warm for those he loved and he was as true to his friends as the needle to the pole. Joe defended the right, as he saw it, no matter what the cost. His body was laid to rest in El Dorado. After a few years Mrs. Johnson married again and lives in El Dorado.

Of the Class of 1911 there are three of us left to carry on. The picture with this article was made November 1, 1946, during the session of the Little Rock Conference in Hot Springs.

I can say of my brethren, without any hesitation, they have been true and faithful ministers of Christ,

and dispensers of the Word of Life. In sickness and much suffering their wives have been noble companions of worthy husbands. "Their children rise up to call them blessed." Also, their children are abundantly upholding the tradition of "the preacher's kid" by making good in a splendid way. All of them are doing well. D. Mouzon Mann, son of Rev. and Mrs. Sidney B. Mann, served faithfully as Chaplain in the U. S. Navy in World War II, and is now a member of the Little Rock Conference.

Our Class has not been noted for greatness as the world calls great. None of us have ever been talked of for bishop. We have never been elected delegates to the General Conference. Neither have any of us been Presiding Elder, or District Superintendent. We have missed lots of abuse. We have tried to be humble Methodist preachers, accepting the appointment given us and doing our best to fill it well.

Each of us has had his share of the delights of the ministry. We have married many couples and have rejoiced to see them build Christian homes. We have baptized hundreds of babies and we have seen them grow into "men and women good". We have seen the miracle of "twice-born men and women" and heard the shouts of new lives in Christ ring out from modest chapels and brush arbors to awaken the stillness of the night and startle sleeping birds on many hillsides. We have rejoiced with our people as they rejoiced, and we have also walked slowly with them behind caskets which contained the form of loved ones and mingled our tears with theirs as we said the last words over mortal remains and encouraged them to believe and trust in Him who said: "I am the resurrection and the life."

William Clarence Lewis and Sidney Baxter Mann are God's noblemen. Like Longfellow's Village Blacksmith:

*"His brow is wet with honest sweat,
He earns whate'er he can,
And looks the whole world in the face,
For he owes not any man."*

*Toiling—rejoicing—sorrowing,
Onward through life he goes;
Each morning sees some task begun,
Each evening sees it close;
Something attempted, something done,
Has earned a night's repose."*

I am happy to have been associated with these, my dear brethren of the Class of 1911, through the years, and when the request came to write this story I needed little urging to comply.

No words I have written, or can write, are adequate to fully describe the noble lives lived by these men, my brethren, and the wonderful service given by them to Christ and His Church. Only our Lord will be able to properly say, "Well done." No winds of fate will be strong enough to blow out the light which they have lighted along the pathway of weary men and women. Hundreds of youth and children they have guided upward and onward hold them enshrined in their hearts forever.

Our dear comrades in the celestial city: Cabe, Rogers, and Johnson, join us in praise to God, our Father, who made possible a life of service in the Master's name by calling us to be co-workers with Him.

Our wish is that we three may continue to serve another fifty years, then retire and live "under our own vine and fig tree" and enjoy a ripe old age.

BOSTON TO BE SITE OF WORLD CONGRESS OF RELIGION

NEW YORK—(RNS)—Boston has been selected as the site for the World Congress of Religion to be held next October under the auspices of the Church Peace Union, non-denominational organization of Clergymen and laymen, it was announced here.

The Congress will bring together leaders of all faiths "to form a world-wide alliance to support the United Nations in promoting peace."

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LITTLE ROCK CONFERENCE NOTES

By Roy E. Fawcett

Conference Training Program

The Little Rock School was the most largely attended and in many ways was one of the most satisfactory schools in recent years. It was a cooperative school, with churches on both sides of the river and in nearby communities participating. There were eleven courses offered, with approximately 600 enrolled and 400 credits.

Rev. Richard Perry of Carlisle has had a group of his own workers in a Study of Stewardship. He had a splendid enrollment, with a goodly number working for credit.

Rev. C. Ray Hozendorf has had a two-unit school at Prescott, with Stewardship taught by Rev. John Hefley, and "The Home and Church Cooperating in Children's Work" taught by Mrs. R. O. Sory of Hillsboro, Texas.

A two-unit school was held last week for Rev. T. M. Armstrong and his people at Sheridan. Rev. R. H. Cannon taught the course on Stewardship and Mrs. F. B. Outman, Children's Director for the St. Louis Conference, taught the course on "The Children We Teach".

National Family Week

One of the most important observances of the spring season is National Family Week, May 4-11. As in the past, the observance very appropriately embraces the week preceding Mother's Day, during which time special emphasis is placed upon the home as a character-building agency and as the foundation of the community and social life. We are so familiar with the purposes to be achieved that we need say nothing more as to the "why" of National Family Week.

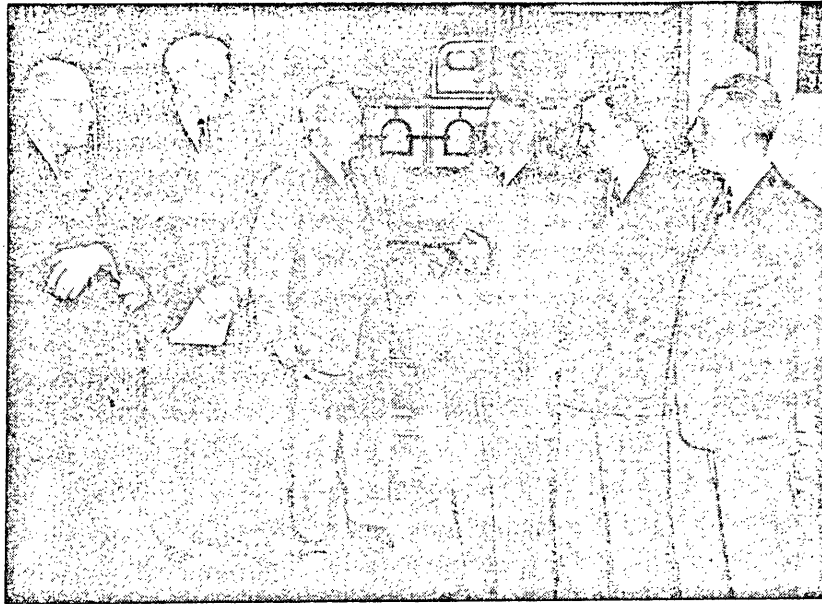
We would, however, call attention to the need for the early planning of the program. To that end our General Board has already made available certain material that gives guidance to those planning the week's activities. "Observe National Family Week" is a brief announcement of what to do in the local church. This card, going to all pastors, contains blanks for ordering materials from the Publishing House and from the Service Department of the Board of Education.

"The Family Supports the Church School" is a picture interpretation of ways the home and church can cooperate in the religious nurture of children. Pastors and Church School superintendents may secure, without charge, a sufficient number of these leaflets for their officers and teachers, by writing the Director Parent Education and Family Religion, Division of the Local Church, 810 Broadway, Nashville, Tennessee.

At the Cleveland Youth Conference

It has been announced by the Youth Department of the General Board that one of America's foremost writers of religious drama, Mrs. Dorothy Clarke Wilson, of Portland, Maine, has consented to write the dramatic presentation to be given on Wednesday evening, Dec. 31, 1947, during the great Methodist Youth Conference to be

PUBLISHING AGENTS PRESENT 225,000,000TH PERIODICAL



At a meeting of the General Board of Education held in Nashville on February 25, the Publishing Agents presented to the chairman of the Editorial Division the two hundred and twenty-five millionth Church School periodical prepared by the General Board of Education of The Methodist Church, through The Editorial Division, and published by The Methodist Publishing House, since inauguration of the New Church School Literature of United Methodism, October, 1941.

Participating in the presentation were (reading left to right) Walter L. Seaman, director of sales for The Methodist Publishing House; Dr. C. A. Bowen, editor of Church School publications; Publishing Agent Fred D. Stone; Bishop Wilbur E. Hammaker, chairman, Editorial Division; Publishing Agent Lovick Pierce; Sewall B. Jackson, manager, Department of Church School literature.

NORTH ARKANSAS CONFERENCE NOTES

By Ira A. Brumley

Fayetteville District School

The Fayetteville District Training School was held the past week with an enrollment of more than one hundred, with four courses offered:

Teaching Children, Mrs. Ira A. Brumley, Conway.

Youth and Worship, Paul Bumpers, Fayetteville.

Intermediate Work, Earl Emmerich, Shreveport, La.

Christian Education in the Local Church, Ira A. Brumley.

The school was held at Springdale

held in Cleveland, Ohio, Dec. 30, 1947 to Jan. 2, 1948. A writer of religious drama and one or two works of fiction, Mrs. Wilson has already achieved outstanding success in the field of religious dramatics. It is expected that this will be one of the main features of the entire Conference.

A Youth Caravan

We have requested a youth caravan and are hopeful of having another fine team of youth workers visit our Conference this coming summer. Those serving in this area will receive their training at Glen Rose, Texas, June 9-19, after which they will be given their assignment to fields of service for the six weeks following.

We will need to know soon the places to be reached with the caravan program. Churches interested in securing the team for a week are requested to contact us in the near future in order that we may get the schedule completed and the itinerary worked out.

with the following churches represented: Fayetteville, Wiggins Memorial; Fayetteville, Central Church; Rogers; Bentonville; Siloam Springs; Centerton; Gravette; Sulphur Springs; Pea Ridge; Madison County.

The Springdale Church provided the evening meal on the opening night and invited all persons attending the school to be their guests.

More training school applications reach the Conference Board office every week. This is proving to be the best training school year the North Arkansas Conference has ever had. More than sixteen hundred course cards will have been earned by the end of this week, in the first four and one half months of the Conference year. If your charge would like to have a training school please write Board of Education office, Hendrix Station, Conway, Ark.

The Little Rock and North Arkansas Conferences are to have a two day conference on camps and assemblies for youth, Conway, April 7-8, opening at one on the afternoon of April 7.

Each camping or assembly enterprise planned for this summer is to have two or more leaders in this meeting.

Vacation Church School Clinics

Through the cooperation of the district superintendents and other district leaders we are to have a number of vacation church school clinics. Some are already held. The Jonesboro District held four meetings during the week of March 10-14.

This week we are having clinics in the Paragould, Batesville, Ft.

Smith, Helena and Conway Districts.

Services rendered by the district and local church leadership have made these clinics possible. More and more we are developing the area leadership that can give guidance to such programs.

It is expected that many more churches will plan for vacation church schools than during any former year.

We are suggesting the following units to be used this year:

Kindergarten, The World About Us, Bickel.

Primary, Our Daily Bread, Baird. Junior, People Who Lived in Jesus' Day, Smith.

Intermediate, O, Come Let Us Worship, Stinson.

It is important that local churches plan their vacation church schools early in order to get the best results.

There is an attractive poster which can be had without cost by writing to the Conference Board of Education office.

Caravan Team for 1947

The North Arkansas Conference has requested one Caravan Team for 1947. Is your church interested in having this team for a week? The following are the requirements for securing a week of the services of this Team: Plan early for the week; send representatives to a central meeting place in the Conference for instruction on preparation; furnish entertainment for the Team members while in your church; pay \$25.00 toward the expense of the Team's travel and make some provision for their incidentals while in your church; and plan the details of the program before the Team arrives. Write Conference office soon, if your church wants the Team.

The Paragould Area is to have a one-unit training school the week of April 13-17. Dr. J. T. Carlyon of Perkins School of Religion, Southern Methodist University, is to be the Instructor. All of the churches within driving distance of Paragould will want to take advantage of this school.

Nursery Laboratory School at Newport

Miss Lloyd, Editor of Church School Materials for Children, The Methodist Church, has been secured for a Nursery Laboratory School to be held at Newport, April 14-18.

Miss Lloyd wrote the textbook to be used by those taking this course.

Persons interested in being in this school should write our office soon, as the number who can attend will be limited.

Arrangements are being made so that a church can send a Nursery Worker to the school. The only cost will be the entertainment of the worker and travel expenses. These will be the cost of a textbook, but no cost to attend the school. Local churches could make a worth while investment by paying the expenses of a good worker in this laboratory school.

Church School Day is to be on Sunday, April 30, in the North Arkansas Conference. A number of schools have already secured their copies of the program. Has your school ordered the program?

WOMAN'S SOCIETY OF CHRISTIAN SERVICE

MRS. SUE M. WAYLAND, Editor

PROGRAM OF ANNUAL MEETING LITTLE ROCK CONFERENCE

The W. S. C. S. Little Rock Conference will meet at Camden March 25-27.

Executive Committee meeting at 10:30 a.m., March 25.

Opening Session, 2:00 p.m. President's Message, Mrs. E. D. Galloway.

Reports: Vice President, Mrs. Walter Ryland; Treasurer, Mrs. J. P. Carpenter; Secretary of Promotion, Mrs. H. C. Johnson; Recording Secretary, Mrs. Fred R. Harrison.

Address: "United Nations Organization", Dr. Granville Davis.

Tuesday evening: Address by Dr. Dana Dawson.

Wednesday morning, March 26: Business. Election of Officers.

Reports of Secretaries: Missionary Education, Mrs. T. S. Lovett; Supplies, Mrs. R. C. McKay; Literature and Publications, Mrs. V. O. Buck; Status of Women, Mrs. C. E. Kit-chens.

Messages from Jurisdiction: Mrs. R. H. Cole; Board of Missions, Mrs. Wilty Ledbetter; Assembly of United Council of Church Women, Mrs. E. D. Galloway.

Reports: Wesleyan Service Guild, Mrs. George K. Cox; Spiritual Life, Mrs. Tom McLean.

Wednesday afternoon: Christian Social Relations Hour, Miss Lila Ashby and Mrs. Russell Henderson.

Reports of Secretaries: Children's Work, Mrs. Neill Hart; Youth Work, Mrs. Fred Longstreth; Student Work, Mrs. C. E. Moseley; Student Loan Fund, Mrs. J. S. Holt; Elizabeth Workman Fund, Mrs. C. E. Evans.

Wednesday evening: Young People's Service. Music by Youth Choir.

Missionary Personnel: Mrs. A. R. McKinney.

Address: Dr. W. E. Trice.

Thursday morning: Moments of Memory.

Arkansas Needs: Miss Margaret Marshall; Meeting Needs: Miss Theresa Hoover, Miss Ary Shough and Mrs. Joy M. Barbaree.

Pledge Service and Communion Service.

Worship Services at the beginning of each service will be conducted by the Special Conference Workers.

Mrs. Wilty Ledbetter of Shreveport, member of the Board of Missions and Christian Social Relations committee of Woman's Division, will conduct the Noon Devotions.

Rev. Arthur Terry, district superintendent, and Rev. J. L. Dedman, local pastor host, will assist in the services.

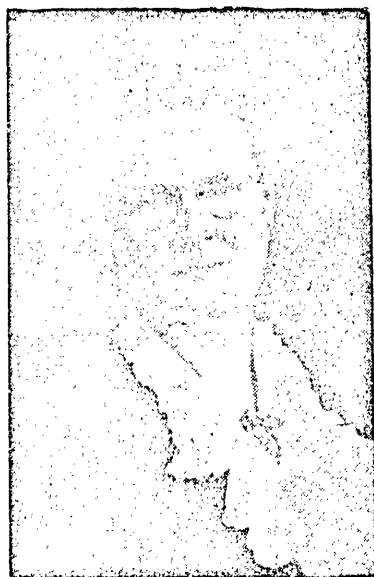
RISON WESLEYAN GUILD

Members of the Wesleyan Guild of the Rison Methodist Church completed the study "Christian Motive and Method in Stewardship" Tuesday evening. Mrs. Harold D. Sadler taught the course with 15 members receiving credit.—Mrs. Guy M. Sadler, Reporter.

Every man feels instinctively that all the beautiful sentiments in the world weigh less than a single lovely action.—Lowell.

After crosses and losses men grow humbler and wiser.—Franklin.

THE PRESIDING OFFICERS OF THE W. S. C. S. ANNUAL MEETINGS OF ARKANSAS



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Little Rock Conference

NORTH ARKANSAS CONFERENCE TO MEET

The annual meeting of the North Arkansas Conference of the W. S. C. S. will be held in First Church, Paragould, March 25-27.

The theme of the Conference is "The Vision Splendid." Mrs. J. E. Critz, Conference President, will preside at all the business sessions.

The special speakers for the Conference will be: Miss Nellie Dyer, now on appointment to Korea, Mrs. George Dismukes, Jurisdictional Secretary of Wesleyan Service Guilds; Miss Alberta Tarr, a missionary to Japan; Miss Bashti Ishii, of Jackson, Miss., who is field worker in the Education on Alcohol Narcotics of that state.

Tuesday evening the rural work of the Conference will be presented. This will be given by Rev. Glenn Sanford, Conference Secretary of Rural Work, Miss Estelle McIntosh and Miss Mary Ferguson, our rural workers in the Conference.

Wednesday evening there will be a special youth program under the leadership of Mrs. James S. Upton, Conference secretary of this work.

HOLLY SPRINGS W. S. C. S.

The Holly Springs Society met in the home of Mrs. Elsie Hankwitz February 5, with fourteen members and three visitors present. Mrs. F. L. Henry was leader of the program and she was assisted by Mrs. Marvin Ramsay and Mrs. W. I. Small. Mrs. W. E. Ramsay presided over the business meeting.

The society decided to meet at the Community House and quilt. The proceeds from the quilt will be used with money made from a box supper to apply on furnishings for the new parsonage which is being built. The proceeds from the box supper was \$66.55, and from the quilt \$57.00.—Reporter.

FORM THREE-FAITH GOOD WILL GROUP IN ITALY

ROME (By Wireless)—(RNS)—An organization to combat anti-Semitism and "all forms of religious and racial intolerance" has been formed by Roman Catholic, Protestant and Jewish leaders in Turin, it was learned here. The group will sponsor meetings, lectures, publications and radio programs to counteract "both obvious and hidden forms" of bigotry.

The executive committee of the new organization includes Dario Disegni, Chief Rabbi of Turin; Pastor Elio Synard, of the Waldensian Church; Manlio Broasio, Italian Ambassador to Moscow; and several Roman Catholic clergymen.

PARAGOULD DISTRICT MEETING

The Paragould District of Wesleyan Service Guild met at the Corning Methodist Church, Sunday afternoon, February 23, at 2:00 p. m., with 30 members present.

The meeting was presided over by the District Secretary, Mrs. Carl Crum, of Griffin Memorial Church, Paragould.

Reports were given of the work accomplished since October, 1946, by representatives of the following Guilds: Walnut Ridge, Hoxie, Griffin Memorial of Paragould, Paragould First Church, and Corning.

Mrs. Effie Rogers, Conference Secretary of Newport, gave an interesting talk on the business of the organization. She emphasized the four-fold program of the Guild as being (1) Missions; (2) Education; (3) Recreation; and (4) Christian Social Relations.

Special music was given by Mrs. W. W. Henry, organist, of Corning.

The group voted to hold the next meeting at Griffin Memorial Church in Paragould.

Delicious refreshments were served in the church parlor following the meeting.

I have seen liquor make a lot of good men bad, but I never saw it make a bad man any better.—Frank E. Gannett.

CORRECTION

The President, or her alternate, and the Secretary of Student Work shall be the delegates from the local societies to the Annual Meeting of the North Arkansas Conference Woman's Society of Christian Service in Paragould, 2:00 p.m., March 25th - noon Thursday, March 27th.—Mrs. J. E. Critz, President.

HOT SPRINGS ZONE MEETING

The Woman's Society of Christian Service enjoyed a day of worship and training January 30th at the Grand Avenue Church. There were seventy-five members attending the meeting.

Mrs. T. W. McCoy, president of the Arkadelphia Society, presided over the meeting. Mrs. R. E. Simpson gave an inspiring talk on "Small Enemies of Usefulness". Prayer was offered by Mrs. J. D. Montgomery. Mrs. F. M. Williams spoke on Stewardship, and Mrs. T. W. McCoy on "The Preeminence of Christ". Rev. S. T. Baugh closed the morning session with prayer.

The afternoon session began by singing a hymn. The different officers held sessions with their respective groups.

The meeting closed with a beautiful Candle Light Service, directed by Mrs. R. T. Higgins. The twelve goals for the year were presented by the presidents and vice presidents of the societies. The Candle Light Service closed with the singing of "The Lord's Prayer" by Mrs. W. B. Slack.

Benediction was pronounced by Dr. W. B. Slack.

NEW SOCIETY ORGANIZED

The ladies of Pleasant Valley Church, of which Rev. Lee Anderson is pastor, met on Friday afternoon, February 21st, in the home of Mrs. Jack Smith to organize a Woman's Society of Christian Service.

Miss Mildred Osment, district secretary of the Jonesboro District, led the program of Prayer and Worship.

Miss Osment gave the purpose and privileges of a W. S. C. S. and also gave the duties of the officers.

The following officers were elected to this new society: President, Mrs. Elvin Henderson; Vice President, Mrs. G. W. Nix; Secretary and Treasurer, Mrs. Jack Smith; Missionary Education, Mrs. Windall Ainesworth; C. S. R., Miss Mary Emma Jordan; Spiritual Life, Mrs. Lee Rice; Literature and Publications, Mrs. Lela Mae Wright; Membership chairman, Mrs. L. S. Jordan.

The members made a pledge of \$10.00 to the district for missions. The meetings are to be held each third Tuesday of the month.—Reporter.

Good actions ennoble us, and are the sons of our own deeds.—Cervantes.

Revenge never healed a wound.—Italian.

CURRENT NEWS IN ARKANSAS METHODISM

MEETING OF SUB-DISTRICT METHODIST YOUTH FELLOWSHIP

The monthly sub-district Methodist Youth Fellowship meeting was held at Monette, Monday night, March 10, with 119 present. The following places were represented: Monette, Manila, Black Oak, Leachville, Caraway, Macey and Lake City. The Monette group opened the meeting with a short devotional program as follows: Call to worship, James McKisson; Scripture, Orval McKisson; Song, group; Interpretation of the song, "Fairest Lord Jesus", Clyde Evans; Poem, Ruth McKisson; Prayer, Velma McKisson.

The president, Paul Dean Davis, conducted a business session. It was decided to send a card to one of the members, Bryan Gene Hall, who is in the hospital. Minutes of the last meeting were read by the secretary, Mary Kennet. An offering of \$12.79 was taken. Games were played and refreshments were served.

There have been two previous meetings of this kind at Black Oak and Manila. At Manila officers were elected as follows: President, Paul Dean Davis of Manila; Vice-president, Katherine Wheeler of Caraway; Secretary-Treasurer, Mary Kenet of Leachville; Reporter, Roselee Cunningham of Black Oak; Adult counselor, Rev. Martin Bierbaum of Manila. The four youth officers are going to be sent to Conway this summer to a rally.

The next meeting will be held at Macey on Monday night, April 4.—Roselee Cunningham, Reporter.

DALARK METHODIST YOUTH FELLOWSHIP

The Dalark Circuit Methodist Youth Fellowship met Monday night, March 3, at Manchester Church. The young people at Manchester had charge of the program which was on the subject "Growing in God's Kingdom".

Our guest speaker was Paul Pennington, a senior at Henderson State Teachers College. Professor O. E. McKnight of Henderson and Mr. and Mrs. Myers, students at Henderson, were also guests.

Immediately following the program a business meeting was held by Mary Frances Fite in the absence of the circuit president. There were about 115 people present, including adult sponsors. It was decided that the next meeting will be held at Manning, Monday night, April 7.

A recreation hour followed, in which each church gave a stunt. Refreshments were served.—Mary Frances Fite.

HATFIELD CHARGE

Since coming to the Hatfield Charge I placed in the homes forty-five new subscriptions to the Arkansas Methodist and ten renewals. I have received twelve members into the church and have organized three W. S. C. S.

Rev. Mark Vaught, pastor at Mena, has taught a course on Stewardship at Hatfield Church. There was a good spirit in the school. Many thanks to Brother Vaught for his good work.—R. M. Crain, Pastor.

MEMORIAL FOR DR. IRA W. ELLIS



That the memory of his services to humanity and God be perpetuated friends have planned this memorial. Rev. Theron McKisson is pastor.

In commemoration of the faithful and untiring services of the late Dr. Ira W. Ellis, friends under the leadership of Mrs. O. B. Howard of Monette, have started a memorial fund to place an organ in the Monette Methodist Church.

Although the many duties of a physician lay heavy upon his shoulders he found time to serve as Sunday School Superintendent in this church for 15 years and as church trustee for 25 years.

For 29 years he braved the weather and traveled country lanes or ditch dumps day and night to relieve suffering humanity.

His was a progressive nature, so he also found time to be active in civic and educational projects.

He served as vice president of the Mid-South Medical Society and of the Arkansas State Medical Society and at one time was Worthy Grand Patron of Arkansas Grand Chapter of the O. E. S.

KENSETT

The Kensett Charge, composed of three churches, has made some progress since the Annual Conference. The church buildings at Kensett and West Point have been re-roofed. Other repairs and improvements will be made on the church buildings during the year. The muddy street at West Point that has needed gravel for twenty years, has been graveled so we can drive cars near the church all the year around.

The Kensett Church has received recently a beautiful pulpit Bible, the gift of Mrs. Myrtle Case Weigart in memory of her two sons who gave their lives in World War II.

We reached our quota of one thousand dollars for Hendrix College. Three fourths of it was in cash. The Methodist homes of the Kensett Church have thirteen in college this year. Two of these graduated at mid-term, and three others will finish in June.

In February Miss Nellie Dyer inspired us with two great messages. Mrs. E. D. Lewis did us much good during February with a three day school.

We expect to have a home-coming in the spring.—Henry A. Stroup, Pastor.

WELDON-TUPELO CHARGE

On March 9 our district superintendent was with us at Weldon and brought the message at the morning hour and held our first Quarterly Conference. At this Conference the charge accepted the full askings on Benevolences and they were reported paid in full for the year. Tupelo and Auvergne churches have paid the Bishop's Fund and district work for the year.

We have reached our quota for Hendrix College campaign, 60 per cent in cash and 40 per cent in pledges.

We have installed Butane gas in our parsonage and expect to put it in our church at Weldon soon.

We move forward in our Stewardship program and we feel assured we will reach every goal.

Pray for us that God's kingdom will go forward.—Woodrow Woods, Pastor.

PERRY-CONWAY COUNTY YOUTH FELLOWSHIP MET MONDAY, MARCH 3

The Sub-district group of the Perry-Conway County Youth Fellowship of the Methodist Church met Monday night, March 3, at 7:30 in the First Methodist Church, Morrilton. One hundred forty-one members were present from Perry, Oppelo, Plummerville, Morrilton, and the Conway County Methodist Churches.

The young people attended the revival service at the First Methodist Church which is being conducted by Rev. Cecil Culver, after which they went to Pierce Hall for a business meeting and recreation hour.

Junior Cragar, president, presided over the business session. A nominating committee was named to select officers for the ensuing year. The following were selected to be voted on at the next meeting: President, Jo Lee Fleming; Vice President, Lena Muriel Moore; Secretary-Treasurer, Barbara Pettingill; Reporter, Nita Sue Davis.

During the social hour refreshments were served.

The next meeting will be held at the Plummerville Methodist Church, Monday night, April 7.—Reporter.

WHITE RIVER SUB-DISTRICT MEETS

The White River Sub-district Methodist Youth Fellowship held their monthly meeting at Yellville on February 24.

The program was led by T. L. Evans from Yellville. The worship center was an altar of stones with candles on either end and a small cross in the center. The entire program was in candlelight.

Following the program the group went to the annex of the church for refreshments and recreation.

There was a total of around seventy present. This is one of the largest groups we have ever had.

The January meeting was held at Mountain Home on the 27th. The program was a candlelight commun-

MEETING OF YOUNG PEOPLE OF VALLEY CHURCH

The Valley Church in the Monticello District celebrated the ninth anniversary of its young people's society, the Christian Endeavor, on February 2, as this was Christian Endeavor Day. The meeting was called to order by the leader in the absence of the president. The following program was given:

Piano prelude; Lesson topic, "Youth Shares the Christian Fellowship"; Scripture text, 1 John 1: 3-7; Call to worship, Psalm 117; Hymn, "Take Time to Be Holy"; Prayer; Song, "The Beautiful Garden of Prayer"; Report of all assignments; Quotable poetry, "Life is Sweet." The history of the organization was then given. In February, 1929, Rev. George C. Bailey, pastor at that time, organized the Christian Endeavor. In 1940-41 a group of young people from a nearby community joined us. We had a fine group of young people. The war took a number of our young men and the young women took their places in schools, defense plants and other work. This weakened us in members. We have a younger generation in training to strengthen the organization.

All the young men who went to war from here were members of organization, seven of them having served as president. We lost two noble young men.

At the close of our meeting refreshments were served. Our pastor, Rev. R. L. Riggins, delivered a fine message.—Reporter.

CONFERENCE BOARD OF CHURCH EXTENSION MEETS

The Division of Church Extension of the Board of Missions and Church Extension held its spring meeting in Little Rock, March 6th. Those present were, Rev. Doyle T. Rowe, president; Rev. J. A. Wade, secretary; Rev. Rowland Darrow, treasurer, and Rev. Edward Dunlap. Rev. W. B. Slack, J. S. M. Cannon, and Carl Hollis, other members of the Board, were absent on account of other business matters.

Four applications were brought before the Board and disposition made thereof.

The Board will not have another meeting until the sitting of the Annual Conference, at which time it will meet at 10:00 a.m. on the day before the opening of conference. The secretary was instructed to notify through The Arkansas Methodist all those contemplating bringing applications before the Board at its fall meeting to have these applications in the hands of the secretary, Rev. J. A. Wade, Magnolia, Arkansas, at least one day before the time set for the meeting of the Board.

The Board, however, stands ready always to come to the assistance of any church or parsonage in the case of a burn or storm.—J. A. Wade, secretary.

ion service led by Rev. Joel Cooper of Mountain Home and Rev. C. E. Patton of Cotter.—Ann Hawkins, Reporter.

"THE BETRAYAL" IS FIRST IN EASTER TRILOGY SERIES ON "THE GREATEST STORY EVER TOLD" MAR. 23

The greatest life ever lived moves toward the most awe-inspiring climax in the history of the world when the scheming, vengeful, Parisian plot the capture and death of the Nazarene in the initial chapter titled "The Betrayal" of a special Easter trilogy on "The Greatest Story Ever Told" program to be broadcast Sunday, March 23, at 5:30 p.m., CST, over the American Broadcasting Company network.

The Paschal season in Jerusalem, when multitudes from the hinterland have come to the temple for the annual observance, is the setting of the climax of the Man of Nazareth's mortal life. Beholding the crowds' adulation of the revered Visitor and fearing that He will explode their chicaneries in the temple, Annas and Caiaphas tempt the disciple Judas — with a paltry 30 pieces of silver.

That evening as the holy company sit down to sup, the impending treachery of the ill-fated Judas is revealed by the Master. And despite the wrath of the avenging disciples, He permits the traitor to escape and keep a rendezvous with the plotters to collect his infamous reward.

Meanwhile, Christ takes his company to the Garden of Gethsemane to meditate during the closing hours of His life on earth. But His disciples, weary, unable to watch with Him, sleep. When the soldiers arrive escorting the traitor, the disciples helplessly watch Judas deliver Christ into their hands.

REVIVED STUDENT RELIGIOUS INTEREST REPORTED

MADISON, Wis.—(RNS)—Revived interest in religion was reported by student and faculty leaders who sponsored the first postwar Religious Emphasis Week on the University of Wisconsin campus.

A traditional program in the years before the war, the project was resumed full-scale this year. General chairman was Prof. Gilbert Doane, director of the university library.

Major interests of students, as developed during the discussions, were the importance of a philosophy of life, marriage in the postwar world, and the question "should religious differences divide us?"

Seventeen non-resident discussion leaders participated in the week-long program, and 35 faculty and Madison religious counsellors assisted.

TIGERT MEMORIAL-FOUNTAIN LAKE

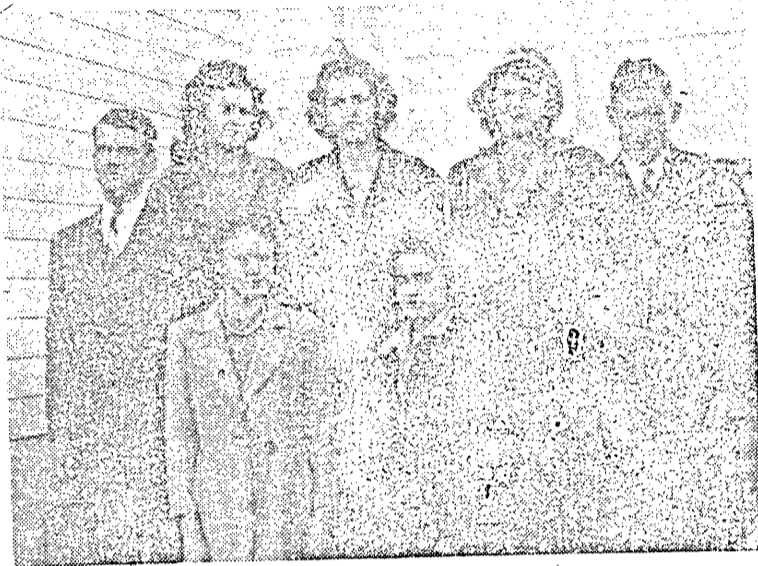
We were lifted up Sunday morning spiritually by the message brought to a fine congregation at Fountain Lake by Superintendent J. S. M. Cannon of the Methodist Children's Home. The two specials brought by three girls from the home was very inspiring to the congregation. They will be welcomed at any time it is convenient for them to come back.

Due to illness of the pastor, Rev. S. K. Burnett filled the pulpit for the pastor which was very much appreciated by him. The congregation enjoyed the message very much and appreciated Bro. Burnett's presence as he was formerly pastor.—Cleve H. Gilliam, Pastor.

M. Y. F. Sub-District Organized

THE Van Buren County Methodist Youth Fellowship Sub-district was organized at a meeting held in the Clinton Methodist Church Sunday after-

officers were elected: Martha Sue Walker, president; Bonnie Sue Smith, vice-president; Charlene Swafford, secretary; Mary Jane Smith, treasurer; Mary Emmons,



Above are pictured the newly elected officers of the Van Buren County Sub-District. They are first row, left to right: Doyle Ward of Pine Mountain, Charlene Swafford of Morganton, Bonnie Sue Smith of Culpepper, Raymond Neil of Morganton; second row, Mary Emmons of Scotland, Martha Sue Walker of Clinton, and Francis Ward of Shirley. Mary Jane Smith of Walnut Grove was not present when the picture was made.

noon, March 2. Seven churches from over the county were represented by 55 young people.

The program consisted of a worship service, led by the Clinton young people, and a business meeting, under the leadership of Miss Mary Ferguson, county deaconess. Pryor R. Cruce, Jr., president of the North Arkansas Conference M. Y. F., spoke on the purpose of the Sub-district.

During the meeting the following

GAMBLING IS A SIN

"Some years ago a woman who had been for a long time addicted to social gambling confessed Christ and came into the fellowship of the church. One of her first acts was to cancel her membership in the several gambling clubs to which she belonged. Another woman was passing through a sudden and desperate sorrow. Her deceased husband's minister called to see her. He attempted to tell her how the Christian faith and the Christian way would bring to her heart com-

fort and strength for the days ahead. She said, 'what you say is probably true, but I find my recreation in gambling and I cannot give it up.' One accepted Christ, the other rejected Him; but both recognized the essential truth—that walking in the company of Jesus Christ meant separating themselves from whatever was contrary to His spirit and teaching." — Costen J. Harrell in "The Religious Digest."

It was decided that the group would meet the fourth Sunday afternoon of each month. The next meeting will be held at Morganton, Sunday, March 23, at 2:30 p. m.—Reporter.

A good conscience is a soft pillow. —English Proverb.

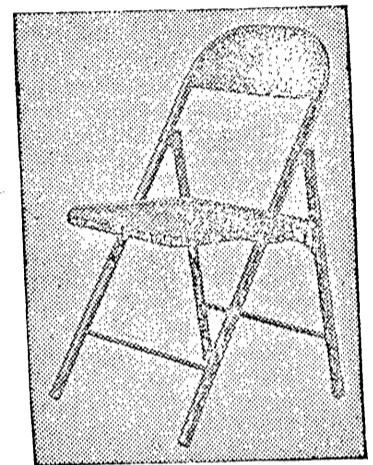
CONGRESS GETS BILL PROVIDING SOCIAL SECURITY COVERAGE FOR RELIGIOUS WORKERS

WASHINGTON, D. C.—(RNS)—A bill, H. R. 1992, to give employees of religious, charitable, scientific and other non-profit institutions the benefits of coverage under the social security act, the federal unemployment tax act, and the federal insurance contributions act, has been introduced in Congress by Rep. Herman P. Eberharter (D.-Pa.).

The measure was referred to the House Ways and Means Committee.

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CADDY—Joseph Dolin Caddy was born on November 26, 1911. He professed faith in Christ when about 15 years of age and joined Waverly Methodist Church and was a faithful member until the end.

We know his pain and suffering were great but along with this pain stood with him One who could give Dolin great faith; so in like manner he endured as a great soldier of the cross, and with this strength he was able to go all the way with a smile. The one who administered to his needs testifies that he was never heard to complain but remained faithful and kind all the way. On January 27, 1947, God called his son home.

Left to mourn his going are his mother, two brothers and four sisters. All were present but one sister who lives in Long Beach, California.

Funeral services were held on January 28 by his pastor, Rev. H. A. F. Ault, assisted by Rev. Robert Beasley in the Tulip Methodist Church.—A Friend.

GREENE—Mrs. Mamie E. Greene, widow of the late Dr. F. R. Greene, passed away at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Lewis Jacobs, at Rogers on Thursday, December 19.

Mrs. Greene was born in Tennessee on August 16, 1870. She was the daughter of William and Mary Allen Thornton. In addition to Mrs. Jacobs she is survived by another daughter, Mrs. E. R. Thompson of Duncan, Oklahoma, and a son, Rev. Edwin R. Greene, pastor of College Avenue Baptist Church, San Diego, California; one brother, William Thornton of Clearwater, Florida; a sister, Miss Evelyn Thornton of St. Petersburg, Fla.; nine grandchildren and one great grandchild.

Mrs. Greene was a member of the Congregational Church but united with the Methodist Church after her marriage, and had been a member of that church for more than half a century. Her home was the home of the preacher and she was especially fond of Rev. Allen D. Stewart and Rev. E. H. Hook, pastors at Springdale while she lived there.

Funeral services were held at Rogers on Friday with her son giving the message, and Rev. James T. Randle, pastor of Central Methodist Church and Rev. Rel Gray, pastor of First Baptist Church of Rogers, assisting. Interment was in Rogers Cemetery.

She loved the Lord and knew His way, and through the years lived the life. Her's was the victory.—J. T. Randle.

WILHELM—Amanda Izora Wilhelm, daughter of Osborn Wood and Amanda Lipe Wood, was born in Anna, Illinois, May 15, 1875. She passed away at her home in Stuttgart, Arkansas, on January 15, 1947. She was united in marriage May 29, 1900, to Lewis Calvin Wilhelm. To this union five children were born. Her husband, three daughters and one son are left to mourn her going. They are L. C. Wilhelm, Mrs. J. H. Buckley, Pine Bluff; Louis O. Wilhelm, Stuttgart; Miss Mae E. Wilhelm and Miss Doris F. Wilhelm of Stuttgart and Washington, D. C. A son, Thomas Harter Wilhelm, preceded her in death, April 7, 1920.

From early childhood Mrs. Wilhelm was a member of the Methodist Church and continued to be a loyal and prayerful member of that church until her death. She graduated from the schools of Vienna, Illinois, and attended the University of Illinois at Champaign. Before her marriage she taught school in the state of Illinois.

In 1907 she and her husband came to Arkansas, first settling at Searcy, then near Almyra, moving from there to Stuttgart in 1915. Here she continued her ardent church work and missionary society work and was a Sunday School teacher of a group of young women. She was a Royal Neighbor and for many years an outstanding supporter of all the principles and ideals of the W. C. T. U., of which she was declared poet laureate last year.

Mrs. Wilhelm had been in failing health the past few years, having undergone major surgery twice and had been enduring a heart ailment for the past several months. She exemplified a royal spirit through her last illness, fighting valiantly to carry on. Her faith was simple and beautiful.

She had a great love for nature, music, literature and flowers. Her home and loved ones and interests were always paramount in her thoughts even to her last hours. She was an affectionate, companionable wife, a devoted loving mother, and a charitable neighbor. She will be greatly missed in the home, her church and community. Friends of her family can recollect how she made her home the meeting place and center of social affairs and young people's activities during the years her children were growing up.

Survivors other than her immediate family are a sister, Mrs. Effie Wilhelm of Anna, Illinois; four grandchildren, several nieces and nephews and a host of friends.

Funeral services were from the Grand Avenue Methodist Church, Friday, January 17, and burial was in Lone Tree cemetery. Funeral services were in charge of Rev. H. Oliver Bolin.—H. O. Bolin, Pastor.

SNELL—Rev. James Ellis Snell was called to his Heavenly Home on March 7, 1947. Brother Snell was born in Lovelady, Texas, on October 13, 1878. On October 7, 1900, he was married to Miss Lona Myrtle Shouse at Valley Springs, Arkansas. Brother Snell was ordained an elder in the Arkansas Conference at Paris, Arkansas, November 25, 1906, by Bishop James Atkins. He joined the North Arkansas Conference in 1903, serving churches at Conway, Quitman, Calico Rock, Wheatley and Batesville. He joined the East Oklahoma Conference in 1930, being assigned to the Methodist Church at Quinton. He served at Wetunka, Beggs, Broken Bow and Bixby.

Brother Snell was dearly loved by his brethren and all who knew him. His smiling face and kind words will ever be remembered for they constantly spoke of the triumphant abiding faith and joy that was his in serving his Christ and his Church. During his 44 years in the ministry multitudes of men, women, boys and girls found Christ and the joy of constantly living under His ministry. He shall be keenly missed in the years ahead.

The funeral service was held in the First Methodist Church, Bixby, with Virgil Alexander, district superintendent, in charge, assisted by Rev. Tom Talley, Rev. M. F. Sullivan, Rev. Joe Strother, and Dr. L. S. Barton. His body was laid to rest in the Roselawn Cemetery of Fort Smith, Arkansas. The service there was continued by Rev. E. H. Hook, district superintendent, and Rev. Ira Sherman. We pray our Father's sustaining grace upon Sister Snell and the daughter, Mrs. Jeff Montgomery, of Fort Smith, Arkansas.—Virgil Alexander, district superintendent, Tulsa District.

REPORT ON YOUTH WORK

Nashville, Tenn.—Total of 1577 Methodist youth have volunteered for Christian service during 1946 through the Youth Department of the Methodist General Board of Education with headquarters here, it was reported recently by the Rev. Hoover Rupert, director of the department.

Mr. Rupert, who as head of the Youth Department is responsible for formulating the program and its resultant activities for Methodism's two million youth, said that of this number 1006 had dedicated themselves to full-time service and 571 chose to render short-time service beyond the local church. In addition, there were hundreds of other volunteers that were handled through Methodist annual conferences or through district superintendents.

The problem in securing workers for the church is not so much at the point of recruiting as it is at the point of following through with recruits and placement for service, Mr. Rupert pointed out. Plans are now under way for setting up a more effective volunteer service to supplement the one now in force.

Also reported was a total of 290 youth and 80 adult counselors working with Methodist Youth Caravans in 61 annual conferences during the

year. Caravans consist of three or four youth and a adult counselor who visit churches for a week, giving inspiration and assistance in any way the situation calls for. Last year the Caravans gave an aggregate of approximately three thousand weeks of service.

Methodist Youth Fund amounted to \$247,272, an increase of \$78,905 over 1945, Mr. Rupert stated. This fund constitutes the special contribution made by Methodist youth for work in the mission fields of the church. Two significant trends in regard to the fund are noted in the report—increase in the number of youth participating and increased interest on the part of the public. The latter is indicated by the large number of requests for materials and plans being developed in various annual conferences for Youth Fund promotion.

ARKANSAS CHURCHES TO GET FREE BUS LICENSES

LITTLE ROCK, Ark.—RNS—The Arkansas Senate has passed and sent to the Governor a House bill authorizing the state revenue commissioner to issue to churches free of charge motor vehicle license plates for use on motor buses used exclusively for carrying people to and from church services and other church functions.

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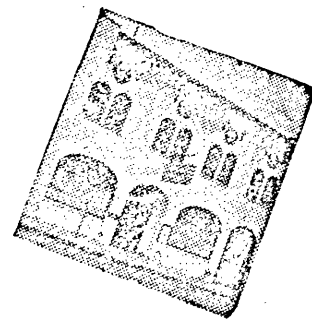
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DATE OF PUBLISHING SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSONS CHANGED

For some time we have been publishing the Sunday School lesson a week ahead of the Sunday it is used in the class.

Over quite a period of time we have been receiving requests to change that plan and publish the lesson in the week before the Sunday it is to be used. Some tell us that the paper is misplaced or lost at times before they are ready to use it in preparing their lesson.

In order to accede to these requests the Sunday School lesson which would have been published this week, under our present plan, will be published next week. With that adjustment, in the future the lessons will appear in the week immediately before the Sunday they are to be used.

A MASTER STEWARD

(Continued from Page 5)

Saul increased all the more in strength, and confounded the Jews who lived in Damascus by proving that Jesus was the Christ."

The Master Steward of the Church

From the Jewish fanaticism of the temple, Paul was converted to be the Master Steward in the Church. The points which he had kicked against, he now made the strength once had condemned him. He of his soul. The Christ who had condemned him was now his living redemption. The enemies whom he once persecuted were now his fellow-churchmen. They were brothers in Christ so that he could say finally, "Brethren, for me to live is Christ."

To Paul, the body was the Holy Temple of God revealed in Christ. "Glorify God in your body," Paul wrote to his Christian brothers at Corinth, "but by one spirit we were baptized into one body, Jews or Greeks, slaves or free. Now you are the body of Christ and God has appointed in the church first apostles, second prophets, third teachers, then workers of miracles, then healers, helpers, administrators, speakers; but earnestly desire the higher gifts—the greatest of these is love. Make love your aim." The once fanatic Saul was now the fraternalizing Paul of the Corinthian letters—"Make love your aim." He, who had once been possessed by the fanatical spirit of the exclusive God of the Jews, now was the corresponding apostle to the Gentiles on behalf of the universal Father of all mankind.

Steward of the Mind

This steward who was mastered by the mind of Christ wrote to his Philippian fellow-Christians: "Finally, brethren, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is gracious, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. What you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, do; and the God of peace will be with you."

Marks of the Master Steward

Now a son of the faith of Abraham, as well as a son of Abraham in the flesh, Paul, the Master Steward flings himself and his message to the limits of the Roman Empire. He made the Christian Church an artery of nourishment for new life throughout the Roman Empire of his day. He paid the price that followers of Christ pay when they follow him, who, lifted up, draws all men unto himself. He bore in his body the marks of the Lord Jesus. Here was his list of credentials: "You have observed my teaching, my conduct, my aim in life, my faith, my patience, my love, my

steadfastness, my persecution, my suffering. Indeed, all who desire to live a godly life in Christ Jesus will be persecuted; but the reward comes in love, encouragement in Christ, taking part in his spirit, affection, sympathy, a common mind, full accord, and complete joy."

The Master Steward of the spirit of Christ is freed from the law of the works of the flesh: "Immorality, impurity, licentiousness, idolatry, sorcery, enmity, strife, jealousy, anger, selfishness, dissention, party spirit, envy, drunkenness, carousing, and the like. I warn you, as I warned you before, that those who do such things shall not inherit the kingdom of God. But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control; against such there is no law. And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires."

"If we live by the Spirit, let us also walk by the Spirit. Let us have no self-conceit, no provoking one another, no envy of one another."

"Brethren, if a man is overtaken in any trespass, you who are spiritual should restore him in a spirit of gentleness. Look to yourself, lest you too be tempted. Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ. For if any one thinks he is something, when he is nothing, he deceives himself. But let each one test his own work, and then his reason to boast will be in himself alone and not in his neighbor. For each man will have to bear his own load."

Paul evidenced here that to be a Master Steward, mastered by the Spirit of Christ, is to be a bond slave of love, free from the works of the flesh and free to enjoy the liberty of the fruits of the Spirit.

He was the Master Steward of the Christian record—his conversion experience, his commission to preach to the Gentiles, his gospel of Christ, his wide travel and his flaming apostleship—all have been preserved in the travel diary of Dr. Luke, in the letters which Paul wrote and in his influence upon Peter and the other Christians whose lives saturate the synoptic gospels. It is not an extreme statement to say that had it not been for Paul most of the New Testament would be lacking among the Christian records.

The Master Steward's Legacy

An early Church letter mentions the steward for the last time in the New Testament. "As each has received a gift, employ it for one another as good stewards of God's varied grace. Do not be surprised at the fiery ordeal which comes upon you to prove you as though something strange were about to happen to you, but rejoice so you can share Christ's blessings that you may also rejoice and be glad

News About Hendrix College

Student Executive Speaks

The main function of student Christian associations throughout the world is to teach democracy and Christianity, Miss Jimmie Woodward of St. Louis, regional director of the World-Wide Student Christian Association, told the executive council of the Hendrix Christian Association in an address on the campus last week.

"God is the God of all life, and it is the duty of the student groups to see that his word is spread throughout all phases of the work-a-day world," Miss Woodward asserted. "In teaching democracy the associations are really assisting in the advancement of the kingdom. God's word is intended to apply to all areas of human life."

Mrs. Woodward, who is formerly of Little Rock, outlined the functions of the organization which she represents. She explained the part which Hendrix can play in the world group and congratulated the students on their efforts in the World Student Service Fund drive, in which Hendrix collected over \$300 on a quota of \$225.

Preliminary plans for sending delegates to the Arkansas conference of the World-Wide Student Christian Association were discussed by the group. Mrs. Woodward announced that Hendrix has been

when his glory is revealed. If you are reproved for the name of Christ you are blessed. If one suffers as a Christian, let him not be ashamed but under that name let him glorify God."

Paul leaves his legacy to Timothy, his son in the Gospel.

"I charge you in the presence of God and of Christ Jesus who is to judge the living and the dead, and by his appearing and his kingdom: preach the word, be urgent in season and out of season, convince, rebuke, and exhort, be unfailing in patience and in teaching. For the time is coming when people will not endure sound teaching, but having itching ears they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own likings, and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander into myths. As for you, always be steady, enduring suffering, do the work of an evangelist, fulfill your ministry."

Steward of Peace at Last

"For I am already on the point of being sacrificed; the time of my departure has come. I have fought a good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. Henceforth there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will award to me on that Day, and not only to me but also to all who have loved his appearing. . . . The Lord be with your spirit. Grace be with you. The Lord will rescue me from every evil and save me for his heavenly kingdom. To him be the glory for ever and ever. Amen."

The Jewish fanatic is mastered by the spirit of Christ to make him a steward of the mysteries of God. The stewardship committed to him is fulfilled. His last debt is paid. He "owes no one anything except to love." Death or life for him are clear gain in Christ.

allotted nine delegates, and that two Hendrix students have been placed on the committee to handle arrangements for the convention. The two are Pryor Cruce of Morrilton and Miss Janis Dillaha of Little Rock. The meeting will be held from May 9 to 11 at Camp Ouachita.

Student Pastor Talks

Rev. Jennie Jordan, a junior in Hendrix and a licensed minister of the Methodist Church, delivered the sermon at the weekly meeting of the Hendrix Christian Association last week. His subject was: "The Four Roads to the Kingdom of God."

Mr. Jordan is the son of Mrs. J. R. Jordan of Clinton. He is the pastor of four Methodist Churches near Clinton.

Leader for the program was the Rev. George Trobaugh of Salem. Barry Bailey of Sheridan gave the invocation and Virgil Bell pronounced the benediction. Miss Martha Stewart of Blytheville read the scripture and Miss Doris Darby of Ft. Smith played the organ for the program.

Art Club Names Group

A committee on decorations was selected at the weekly meeting of the art club last week. Victor Zanolich of North Little Rock was named chairman. Its members are Sam Martin of Little Rock, Lewis Fason of Hot Springs, George Bailey of Little Rock, Judy Merritt of Blytheville, Bob Thornton of Hot Springs, Dorothy Campbell of Mountain View, Gloria Dusek of Goodwin and Harry Quinn of Pine Bluff.

Members of both the speech and art departments are on the committee. Its purpose is to place decorating for all school events on a more organized basis and to give experience to commercial art students. This committee will be available to any department of the college that cares to utilize it.

Play Cast Announced

Rehearsals started last week for the one-act play which Hendrix will enter in the drama division of the Arkansas Speech Festival. It is scheduled to be held at Arkansas State Teachers College, Conway, on March 27 and 28.

"Les Romanesques", a French comedy by Edmond Rostand, will be entered by Hendrix. It is under the direction of Miss Barbara Murphy, head of the speech department. The setting will be designed by the Hendrix art department under Frank Govan, associate professor of art. The Hendrix Players will construct the set.

Try-outs for the play were conducted and Miss Murphy has selected the following to be in the cast: Mary Jo Hankins of Searcy, Wilbur Redwine of Little Rock, Bradford Govan of Marianna and George Thompson of Little Rock. The play will be presented for the Hendrix student body shortly before the festival.

Seniors Elect Sponsor

Dr. W. C. Buthman, professor of history, has been elected sponsor of the senior class, George Lindahl of Malvern, president of the class, has announced.

Dr. Buthman, a native of Kansas, joined the faculty in 1923 after receiving his bachelors degree from Northwestern University and his masters from Columbia. He also received his Ph. D. from Columbia.

Graduation will be held on June 1. This year's class is the largest in Hendrix history.