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"This Is It"

WE are now in the midst of "Arkansas Methodist Week". The saying commonly heard about some other situations applies here, "This Is It". Annually the churches and ministers of our church, with the approval of our Annual Conferences, give this eight day period to The Arkansas Methodist Circulation Campaign. These eight days given to the circulation of our church paper make it possible for The Arkansas Methodist to give twelve full months to the promotion of the work of The Methodist Church in Arkansas.

We say "in Arkansas", because it is, and has been, the basic policy of our paper, under the present management, to devote itself primarily to the promotion of the work of our church within the state. In the first issue of The Arkansas Methodist, under the present management, we ran an article under the caption "Policies and Purposes Of The Arkansas Methodist". Number 3, in this "Policies-and-Purposes" article, read as follows:

"While standing for right principles, and cooperating with all other agencies working for good, let it be said that the primary purpose and function of The Arkansas Methodist, under the present management, will be to promote the work of The Methodist Church in Arkansas. This will be done in no narrow, selfish, bigoted manner. Yet, as the Official Organ of Arkansas Methodism, promoted and supported by the two Annual Conferences of our state and the loyal membership of our church, The Arkansas Methodist will stand as a voice, persistent and insistent wherever the welfare and interests of Arkansas Methodism are involved. In that sincere endeavor, we earnestly invite the council, advice, cooperation and constructive criticism of Arkansas Methodists everywhere."

In our six years as editor, we have found no reason for making any change in this paragraph of our "Policies and Purposes" for our paper. The Arkansas Methodist goes into thirty-nine states, the District of Columbia and five foreign countries. Nevertheless we believe our largest field for effective service is in Arkansas. We try to keep Arkansas Methodism informed regarding the total program of our church at home and abroad. Along with it, we specialize on the program of Methodism in Arkansas.

The prospects for the Circulation Campaign look especially good. We have had a number of charge reports. Every charge, thus far, that has made a general report, has sent in more subscribers than the charge had last year.

"Commitment Day"

AS the days pass now between this and February 15th, our people will be hearing more and more about "Commitment Day". On February 15th, in every Methodist Church in America, we are to be given the opportunity to sign a commitment card which will be a pledge to abstain from drinking alcoholic drinks of any character.

The terrible results of liquor drinking in America have forced soberminded people to an all-out fight against the liquor business. Methodism has been a leader in this fight against liquor from the beginning of our national life. We should not hesitate now.

Most of our adults have already made up their minds about the liquor business. However, we should join in signing the commitment cards. We should also use every influence to lead our children and youth en masse to sign commitment cards February 15th.

What Does Religion Make?

WE continue, in this article, the discussion of the question raised in this column last week, "Does Religion Promise Peace to Humanity?" We said last week that religion does make a definite promise to every individual of peace in his own heart because that experience of peace between himself and God can be had by any individual who desires it, regardless of human relationships about him.

When we consider the question of peace between man and man, we recognize that even God cannot create man as a free moral agent, with power to choose good or evil, and at the same time make a definite promise that he will be peaceable in his human relationships.

This uncertainty regarding peaceful relationships between people exists whether we are thinking of two individuals, two homes, two races or two nations. God, has, through the Bible, revealed to us in the sermon on the mount, a plan of life that, sincerely followed, would create a peaceful world almost overnight in all human relationships from individuals to empires. Whether or not we are to have this peaceful world in all human relationships, envisioned in God's plan, does not depend on some prophetic promise of Holy writ. It depends on our reaction and the reaction of the people about us to God's plan for a peaceful world.

In our more optimistic moments, we like to quote the words of the prophets Isaiah and Micah in which they talk of "beating swords into plowshares and spears into pruning hooks: nation shall not lift up a sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more." If, however, we rely upon these words as an unfailing, prophetic promise of world peace, we must of necessity forget the words of another prophet, Joel, when he says, "Proclaim ye this among the Gentiles; prepare war, wake up the mighty men . . . Beat your plowshares into swords, and your pruninghooks into spears: let the weak say, I am strong."

So long as there are "Gentiles" in the world ready and willing to beat their plowshares into swords and their pruninghooks into spears, the peace of the world must hang in the balance. World peace does not depend on a God-given promise of peace, but on a God-given plan for peace. God's plan, based on the Golden Rule, will work if man will let it work. It is up to the people of this generation to decide whether or not they want peace. If they do not desire it, God will not force it on them either by divine decree or divine promise. If they want it, a plan has been provided that will guarantee peace among all men in all human relationships. World peace is altogether possible. God wills it. Do we?

Hope Of The Church And The World

THE press, the radio and the forum are vocal in their portrayal of "Flaming Youth," "Juvenile Delinquency" and the general moral break-down of the youth of today. Yet a great, national gathering of ten thousand Christian Young People, such as met in Cleveland, Ohio, December 30 through January 2, receives only news service rating, while it is in session, and then is soon forgotten.

The hope of the church and the hope of the world in the days and years before us is inseparably linked with the youth of America of the character of those who attended this great National Youth Conference of The Methodist Church in Cleveland. One of the greatest blessings that God has conferred on the world he created is the fact that it is literally born again with each new generation of youth. In many instances, conservatism, which comes with age, has a tendency to preserve the status quo. Age often becomes alarmed when evidences of change begin to appear. It is the new, enthusiastic vision of youth that overcomes the tendency of human progress to become static and makes possible the daring achievements of a new generation.

Some of our young people are bad today, as some of them have been bad in every generation of youth. The fact remains, however that there are more well trained, consecrated, Christian young people today than in any other generation of the world's history. In their social, economic and political ideals, many of our young people are far in advance of the customs, practices and thinking of their day. With their cooperative pronouncements, they are increasingly becoming a leavening lump in our unsettled plans for building a better world.

Among the ten thousand young people in the National Youth Conference in Cleveland were about two hundred twenty-five from our two Annual Conferences of The Methodist Church in Arkansas. These young people are leaders in our Methodist Youth Fellowship organizations in every part of the state. They will return to their work, in these organizations, with clearer vision, deeper consecration and larger powers of leadership because of the experiences they had in this great conference of young people. The Methodist Church in Arkansas, as across the nation, will be much stronger tomorrow than it would have been without this great gathering of our Christian youth.

Reviewing The Origin Of Our Greatness

THE Freedom Train, which is making a tour of the larger centers of our nation, will be in Little Rock, Monday, January 19th. In this tour of the Freedom Train, America is taking a retrospective view of the various elements that have contributed to our national greatness.

If we keep our spiritual eyes open, as we view the exhibits of the Freedom Train, we will discover anew the vital part that faith in God and Christian character played in building the foundation on which our national greatness has developed.

The Psalmist tells us that "Righteousness exalteth a nation." America had a great start, in its early growth, because its founders took God into their calculations in planning our nation.

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Christian Education And Evangelism

By DR. PAUL QUILLIAN, Pastor, First Methodist Church, Houston, Texas

AFTER all the faults, failures and limitations of the Sunday School have been sorrowfully lamented, there is still another word to be said. Another fact about the Sunday School ought to go into the record. Here it is. The Sunday School is the most effective evangelizing agency of the Protestant Church today.

The volunteer teachers who compose the staff in most churches do not need the quality of their teaching improved. The curriculum material used in our Christian education program often may deserve criticism. Irregularity in attendance does make difficult the maintenance of satisfactory academic standards. But where are the new members coming from who are joining the Church today on confession of faith in Christ? Far more than half of them are coming from the Sunday School.

These new members of the Church may make their final decision to accept Christ as a result of the visit of two workers in a campaign of visitation evangelism. That is fine. Visitation evangelism has provided a needed technique for securing decisions. The tendency to postpone and procrastinate is met head on by the warm-hearted, friendly urgency of the visitors and action is secured. But the majority of the names on the prospect list of most churches today are names of non-Church members taken from the roll of Sunday School classes.

Many of the decisions for Christ are made after a warmhearted gospel sermon by the pastor in a regular Sunday worship service. Many others make their decision during a series of revival services. Mass evangelism and evangelistic preaching are powerful instruments of the Holy Spirit in this day as in days gone by. But our Christian Education program in the local church reaches out to interest and draw into participation in church activities and services many who later make a personal commitment of their lives to Christ as Saviour and Lord.

Some Case Histories

Here are certain typical experiences that have come under my own observation. Probably there is an experience similar to each one of these in the church you attend. The names of the persons mentioned in these illustrations are not their real names.

Joe Brooks is a member of the board of stewards of this church. He is one of the most consecrated and useful Christians in our congregation. His name was put on the cradle roll by his parents before he was a year old. Beginning in the nursery department, he attended Sunday School throughout his childhood and youth, and had an active part in all church youth activities. He joined the church while in the junior department, coming in with a class that was trained in the meaning of church membership by the pastor.

During the late World War, he was in the army, but immediately upon his return he resumed his place in our Sunday School and in all our church activities. He was married in the church by the pastor, to a lovely girl he met and worked with in our youth program. The name of the first born son is now on the nursery roll of the church that through the years has been the spiritual center of their own lives.

A Modern Prodigal

Along with Joe Brooks at a meeting of the

board of stewards you will see Fred Johns. Fred's story is no more unusual than was that of Joe Brooks, but it is worth telling because it is so similar to the story of many of our most useful Christian men today.

Fred Johns was reared by Christian parents who saw to it that he was in Sunday School every Sunday all during his childhood. When Fred was in High School, he dropped out of the Sunday School and soon was out of all touch



DR. PAUL QUILLIAN

with the Church. During his young manhood, and for many years after he married, he led a life utterly at variance with the spirit and principles of Christ.

He was making satisfactory success in the business world. He was not a bum, nor was he an alcoholic, although he drank a great deal. He simply was one of the countless thousands of God's children who live "in the far country". Then one day there came to him the realization that life had in it something far more beautiful, useful and satisfying than the kind of existence he knew and he turned to the Church seeking a better way.

He found Christ and a better way, and I know him now as a radiant, influential Christian. But what if, as a child, he had never had those years in Sunday School? Fortunately, there had been planted in his mind and heart in childhood Christian ideas and standards which never were forgotten. Christian education made a beginning which years later was brought to a glorious fulfillment in the surrendered life of Fred Johns.

At the altar rail in the famous Water Street Mission many thousands of "down-and-outers" have found Christ and been restored to a life of usefulness and religious fervour. I am told that the one who for many years has been the superintendent of this Mission says that no man ever has been saved at that altar who had not had some form of religious training in his childhood. "Down-and-out" or "up-and-out", the Holy Spirit has a "hand-hold" prepared for his use in

the life of the indifferent or wayward prodigal who received religious instruction in his childhood.

A Little Child Shall Lead Them

Now let us look at two of our most successful workers with young people, Mr. and Mrs. James Street. Their experience is similar to that of thousands of other young married couples across the nation. Until a few years ago religion had little or no personal significance for them. They were church members in that their names were on a church roll in another city, but the joy of a conscious fellowship with the living Christ had somehow escaped them. They were not antagonistic to the Church, they just ignored it. Sunday was a day for extra sleeping or for an outing.

Then something happened that changed their attitude. The change was not a sudden one, but one that grew naturally out of a more realistic view of life that was forced upon them when their baby was born. Their love for her awakened a sense of responsibility they had never before known. Around her they wanted moral safeguards. Within her inner life they wanted to see develop courage, unselfishness, self-control, self-respect and a sense of honor. Now for the first time in their lives, a sense of the need for God's help was awakened within them. Hesitantly at first, they turned toward the Church they had neglected. Then as they came to know what the Church was doing, they gave themselves wholeheartedly to the service of the Christ and his transforming personality. Christ has become for them Saviour, Lord and intimate friend.

Training After Enlistment

Enlistment in the United States Army marks the beginning, not the end of training. For months the new recruit is drilled and taught until he is thoroughly at home in his new environment and skilled in the techniques that characterize a good soldier.

So should it be with every new recruit in the army of the Lord. Enlistment or "conversion" as we call it in religious language, is just the beginning. After one has surrendered his life to Christ, he needs to be informed, taught and trained in the history, meaning and possible applications and implications of his religious faith and fervour.

Most of us come to Christ "heart-first" and not "head-first". But if we are to continue long as devoted and useful Christians our emotional fervour must be sustained by a deepened knowledge and guided by an improved understanding. This, too, is evangelism. It also is Christian education. Who can say where one ceases and the other begins? No one should ever try to say, but rather should think of evangelism and Christian education as inseparable. As soon try to explain whether the right or the left leg is the more important in walking.

No wonder then that in our congregation we are finding this year of emphasis on increased enrollment in the Church School is deepening the spirit of evangelism in our people. Members who have been active are being reclaimed. New members are being received every week. Best of all, our own hearts, pastor, church officials, teachers and Church School workers' hearts, are burning within as we walk with Him along the way.

Methodist Rural Fellowship In North Arkansas Conference

By REV. GLENN BRUNER

TODAY, as never before, the leaders of this great Church of ours are becoming more and more conscious of the needs of the rural churches. Not only have they become aware of their needs but they have set forth to do something about it. The rural churches have been too long neglected but the response they are giving to the efforts of our leaders to help is indeed gratifying. One of the outstanding achievements of the North Arkansas Conference during the past few years has been its growth in the rural communities. You do not have to

go far in any district in the North Arkansas Conference to find a new rural church which has either been reopened or a new congregation organized. It is a pleasant sight to travel through many rural communities and see the large number of Methodist Churches which have been built or remodeled within the past few years. This is not just a happen so; it is the results of this new attitude toward the rural churches which has come to life in the past few years.

In many cases it has been some wide-awake church in a nearby town or city which has seen

the need and set forth to do something about it. And in other cases it has been the district superintendent or other church leaders who have recognized the needs of the people and have furnished the leadership and means for their rebirth. It is a healthy indication when we see the eyes of American Methodism turn again to the source of its birth. For it is a well-known fact that it was in the rural churches in America that the Methodist Church found strength to grow and develop into the great Church which

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THE DEVOTIONAL PAGE

REV. H. O. BOLIN, Editor

WE HAVE EVIDENCE

One of the crying needs of our people is a systematic cultivation of worship in the home. Doubtless, everyone who receives **The Upper Room** does not use it regularly. But if a substantial percentage of them do, it is well worth its price. Too, it is one way of making a regular call in the home of every member and constituent.

There is no way of measuring the results or extent of its use. But there are those who are calloused against any sort of verbal appeal; yet when they find something for themselves, they will respond to it.

There is the case of an elderly man who had never found time to go to church or to have any systematic religious response. He died only a few weeks after we had initiated the Parish Cultivation Plan and I have evidence that he did read **The Upper Room** we sent to him.

Another testimony which inspires us to continue to mail this devotional booklet is that of a girl who states that "Grandfather has never had any use for religion, but he uses his **Upper Room** regularly." Then, again, I received a letter of thanks from a lady saying she read it to her sister who was blind.

These are not startling facts, but they are enough to give us faith in the use of the Parish Cultivation Plan and in its mission.—Samuel M. Beaty, Pastor, Sparta, Ohio.

F. B. I.

1. Churches should plan programs to attract youth and strengthen the moral fiber of youngsters through inspirational teachings.

2. Churches should cooperate with all agencies dealing with problem children.

3. Churches have the responsibility for seeing that religion has a dignified place in the programs of institutions dealing with juvenile delinquency.

4. Churches are responsible for helping in the development of organizations for bettering the community welfare as a whole.

5. Churches should develop counseling services and educational programs designed to help prepare people for marriage and family life.

"The teachings of God, if followed, will prevent criminality. The stabilizing force of religion is needed today more than ever before. A child who has been taught to respect the laws of God will have little difficulty respecting the laws of man."—From "Crime and Juvenile Delinquency," issued by the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

GOOD REASONS FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A FAMILY ALTAR

1. A family altar in your home will send you forth to your daily tasks with a cheerful heart, stronger for work, truer to duty, and more determined to glorify God.

2. A family altar in your home will bring you strength to meet discouragements, disappointments, and unexpected adversaries.

3. The family altar in your home will make you conscious throughout each day of the sustaining companionship of Christ.

4. A family altar in your home will sweeten your home life, resolve

ABUNDANT LIVING

*You smile and speak a kindly word
To those you meet each day;
This cheers and brightens many lives
As each goes on his way.*

*You reach and clasp a hand in yours,
Some poor discouraged soul,
You comfort him and give him hope,
And no one's ever told.*

*You give to those whose need is great,
You are a friend so true,
To high and low, to rich and poor,
And they, in turn, love you.*

*You've let your light of life so shine
That many, through you, see
The life our Master lived on earth—
One of humility.*

*Your smiles, your words, your service true,
And your unselfish giving
Inspire us to live like you—
Yours is Abundant Living!*

—Alma Davis Whitlock In
Southern Christian Advocate.

MISSIONARY SUNDAY

January 11 was our annual Missionary Sunday. It was a special time for the reconsideration of world conditions in the light of the commission—"Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature." We have come upon a time when missions must be stressed and the work pushed as never before. It is a well known fact that there is a race on between paganistic, materialistic Communism and Christian Democracy. The Church will have to be on its toes if we beat this "ism" to the draw. There is too much at stake to be careless and indifferent now. Some one has said that the prayer of the Church today is, "Now I lay me down to sleep." We are too hopeful, optimistic and have too much faith in the final success of Christianity to fully believe this. "A world at its worst needs a Church at its best", and the Church of our day will meet the challenge.

Many things have happened in recent years to discourage us. Missionary projects have been hard hit. On the continent of Europe, in China, Japan and the islands of the sea disaster has been wide-spread. Millions of dollars worth of mission property has been destroyed and years and years of Christian progress has received a terrible setback. Great nations like Germany and Italy, which were at least at one time nominally Christian, were led astray. A whole generation from infancy was taught a false way of

life. The over emphasis of material things as compared to spiritual values continues in large sections of the world.

Dr. Frank C. Laubach, a teacher of languages and dialects, after studying conditions at first hand had this to say. "In Africa, Asia, the East Indies and Latin America the illiterate three-fifths of the human race are slaves, penniless, hungry, sick, engulfed in hopeless debt, driven to grinding toil from dawn to darkness. Three-fifths of the human race are in deeper poverty, hunger, depravity, ignorance, fear and despair than any slum in the United States.

This war has plunged Europe into that condition, and now misery covers four-fifths of the world. In these wretched areas of hate and resentment, new Hitlers will find eager ears. We must heal this festering area of misery as swiftly as possible.

This is a dark picture indeed but it is far from hopeless. We cannot say with Browning that "God is in his heaven and all's right with the world." All is not right with the world but God is still on the throne. In the same breath in which the great commission was given Jesus said, "All power both in heaven and in earth is given into my hands." The promise is that he will reign until all enemies are put under his feet. "There is a power not ourselves that makes for righteousness." "God and one person are a majority."

Other generations have faced difficult times. The world once passed through what is commonly called "The Dark Ages." In the midst of the darkness there was a Light that could not be extinguished. That Light is shining today. The very seriousness of this hour will goad the Church into superhuman activity. God has never called his people to do an easy task. It was always something that was humanly impossible. But if we furnish the instru-

mentality in the way of physical strength, mental power, talents, training, material possessions, and through consecration permit the power of God to operate through us, victory will surely come. To deny that, one would admit that God can fail and be defeated in his purpose. Someone has well said, "God is, as always, at the very center of the universe's life. Religion is the way by which I find Him and bring my life to Him for His use in the shaping of eternity."

An engineering firm published this advertisement:

"Got any rivers you say are unpassable?"

"Got any mountains you can't tunnel through?"

We specialize on the wholly impossible,

Doing the work which no others can do."

That, my friends, should be the motto of the Church. "Doing the work which no others can do," and which we cannot do except by the grace and power of God.

A man was once passing through the wilds of Alaska. Cold and weary, he came upon a little settlement which contained a chapel and a mission school. He was surprised to note the culture, refinement and training of the missionary. The missionary had been there for some years, but the community was still rather backward. The traveler insisted that it was a shame for a person of his caliber to bury himself in such a place. He went on to say, "It's so hopeless here. You haven't made many converts in all these years and the results seem small."

The missionary replied, "Results are not my business. I leave results to God. My job is to do my best at the task he has set me. It may take fifty years; it may take five hundred years. Who knows? But the Church has plenty of time. Some day the results will come. Here I was sent, and here I shall remain until I die, or until I am given further orders." That conversation took place many years ago. As time went on the results did come. A flourishing mission station now stands in the midst of that rapidly growing community. It takes a lot of courage and faith and love to work on under circumstances and leave the results with God, but that is His plan. The life of each generation is greatly limited, but the Church has plenty of time. It is for us, in our time, to carry on as long as we can and then place the torch in other hands when our life here shall cease. "God burys his workmen but his work goes on."

There are two great needs in this work of our day—more money and more missionaries. To get the one we will have to give until it hurts. To get the other there will have to be a revival of religion in the home church. Great numbers of young people will never give their lives in foreign fields of service unless they are challenged to do so by a church that is afire with spiritual zeal. May the year ahead show great advancement along both these lines—H. O. B.

It takes less time to do a thing right than it does to explain why you did it wrong.—Longfellow.

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A WEEKLY MESSAGE

By FORNEY HUTCHINSON

SOME ADVENTURES IN SERVICE—No. 3

When we left Damascus, we went by train through the heat and dust of the desert to the Sea of Galilee. I had often heard of the "slow train through Arkansas", but any train I ever rode on in my native State was a "Lightning Express" as compared to the one by which we journeyed through the Syrian desert.

We came at last to the little town of Haran, where in the midst of intense heat and much dust, we made a long stop. As we sat there in great discomfort, I noticed a man leaning against the side of the station. He was clad in khaki and looked very much like an American to me. I decided I would find out who he was. If the train started while I was in the station, I could easily overtake it. I approached the stranger and introduced myself. He said, "My name is Hopkins." "You look like an American," I continued. "Well," he replied, "My home is in Okmulgee, Oklahoma." I told him my home was in Oklahoma City and we proceeded to have a camp-meeting in that dusty little railroad station.

I said, "What are you doing here?" He told me the following story: "I was an oil-well driller, living in Okmulgee. One day, by accident, there fell into my hands a French paper in which the French government was advertising for somebody who might be available to drill some water wells here in this desert. (As you know, the French government has a mandate for this country). I said to myself, 'Hopkins, if there's anything you know how to do, it is to drill a well.' I answered the ad, agreeing to come, and as a result I am here."

He went on to say, "Around about here I have drilled and opened up twelve Artesian wells." "Why aren't you drilling one now," I asked. "I was about ready to complete one near here," he said, "when the Arabs gathered about, threatening to destroy my machinery, kill me and close up the well. I came in here to get some French soldiers to go out and protect me until I finished the job. They will soon be here and we'll get back and open up my thirteenth well."

I said, "Are you glad you came?" With a glowing face he answered, "If you would be there with us when we turn the water into the troughs, and see the camels, donkeys, sheep, goats and Arabs all horning in, you wouldn't have to ask that question. 'It's great,' he said. 'I have never known anything like it. I expect to spend the balance of my life at it.'"

The train threatened to leave. I bade him goodbye, and as I looked back and waved at

NEWS AND NOTES ABOUT FACTS AND FOLKS

MRS. P. K. MERRILL has been elected church secretary of the Methodist Church at Russellville, Rev. W. F. Cooley, pastor. Mrs. Merrill is also president of the Woman's Society of Christian Service.

MRS. T. W. NUNN of Rt. 11, 1120½ N. Toledo, Tulsa 15, Oklahoma, writes that Brother Nunn has been sick for the last ten months, but is able to be up most of the time. Brother Nunn is a retired member of the Little Rock Conference.

REV. R. C. WALSH writes: "We got a late start at Amity but we are starting off well. The Church School and both morning and evening services are well attended. I wish my friends to know my address is Okolona, Arkansas. Many are sending mail to Amity."

REV. J. A. WADE, pastor of Oaklawn Church, Hot Springs, writes: "I am speaking over station KWFC from 9:15 a.m. to 9:30 a.m., January 19-23, and over station KTHS on the same dates from 3:45 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. The following are subjects for the talks: KWFC, 'Things of Power'; KTHS, 'The Spiritual Life.'"

REV. S. K. BURNETT of Hot Springs writes: "Relatives here have been notified of the death of Brother Atticus Douglass on December 31 at his home in Aberdeen, Washington. He was a son of the late Rev. J. M. G. Douglass of the Little Rock Conference. He was formerly a resident of Arkansas and an outstanding layman of the Methodist Church and was active in its program from his childhood till his death."

THE International Council of Religious Education is among 112 national agencies sponsoring the National Conference on Family Life to be held in Washington, D. C., next May 6, 7, and 8. Dr. Roy G. Ross, general secretary, has announced. The Conference will bring together representatives of government agencies, professional groups, health, labor, educational, social welfare, religious, and other groups that are interested in the well-being of the American family.

REV. JAMES E. CHRISTIE from Perkins School of Theology, S M U preached at 11 O'clock on Dec. 28th at Benton. John Hyatt from Russellville Tech sang the special music. From 5:30 to 7:00 p. m. open house was held in the church for all the college students as well as the high school seniors and our church. The evening choir was composed of students and a quartet, John Fred Walton, John Hyatt, Robert Scott and Bard Scott, rendered special music. It was a great day for students at Benton Methodist Church.

THE World Alliance for International Friendship Through the Churches is recommending to its large ministerial and lay membership that emphasis be given in all media of education to four facts often overlooked in consideration of "waging peace with food" to Europe and Asia: that present food prices in America are due to prosperity rather than to shipments overseas; that only the immediate sending to Europe of cereal grains, meats, and fats will keep millions alive this winter; that Americans are right now eating more meat per family than ever before in history; that eight tons of grain are being used to fatten animals for American tables to every ton shipped abroad. The Alliance favors governmental rationing and price ceilings.

A UNIQUE missionary cooperation across denominational lines in China is reported by Dr. Ralph E. Diffendorfer, secretary of the Board of Missions of the Methodist Church. He notes that missionaries of the Church of the Brethren and of the Mennonite Church, who have been compelled to remain away from the Communist-controlled areas of West China, have been assigned by their boards and by the Methodist

him, he was still patiently waiting to make possible an abundance of pure water for the men and animals of that desert land.

Board to work as missionaries in the West China Conference of the Methodist Church. Five missionary units of the Church of the Brethren, made up of nine men and women, have taken over the work of the Methodists in Tzechung and vicinity; while the Mennonites have taken over Protestant work in the city of Hockwan and vicinity.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

The Executive Committee of the Board of Missions and Church Extension, North Arkansas Conference, will meet at First Church, North Little Rock, on January 20 at 10.00 a.m. Anyone wishing to have an application before the Board of Church Extension section should mail application to Rev. A. N. Storey, 2403 Washington Ave., North Little Rock.

NOTICE TO PASTORS AND DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENTS OF THE NORTH ARKANSAS CONFERENCE

It is very difficult to keep from making mistakes in the Journal. There are two in this year's Journal that I would like to correct:

1. On Page 9 under "Percentages" the Conference Claimants fund should be "an amount equal to 14% of the Pastor's salary (not 12%)."
2. Pages 60-63 should be under the Report of Board of Conference Claimants on pages 44 and 45.—James S. Upton, Secretary.

HEAR SAM MORRIS

On Sunday afternoon, January 18, at 3:30 Central Standard Time, Rev. Sam Morris, the Voice of Temperance, will broadcast over the National Broadcasting network, in connection with the National Convention of the Anti-Saloon League of America, in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. His subject will be "Prohibition and World Recovery".

All pastors and Sunday School teachers and officers, please vigorously and clearly make this announcement on Sunday morning, January 18th. A great opportunity to help, on a great occasion. —Clyde C. Coulter, Superintendent, Anti-Saloon League of Arkansas.

KOREANS DEMOLISH FAMED SHINTO SHRINE

South Mountain, outside the City of Seoul, in Korea, is topped by the main Korean shrine of the Shinto (Japanese) faith. Hundreds of steps lead up and up to this shrine.

"This was the scene of many forced pilgrimages made by people who were victims of Japan's compulsory state religion, but now is the scene of almost weekly demonstrations of various Korean political groups," says the Rev. James H. Moore, Methodist missionary whose residence looks across Seoul to South Mountain. "The Torii or gates significant to the shrine are now mere rubble—smashed by the Koreans themselves. This religion is entirely overthrown. The question now is, 'What will they put in its place?' Confucianism and Buddhism are lifeless here. Christianity, although small in numbers and suffering somewhat from the confusion which follows war, is still potent. Upon this mountain today is a Christian museum with objects significant to the growth of Christianity in Korea on display. It is our hope and prayer that Christianity will not be only a symbol on this spot, but also a vital part in the life and policies of the new Korea."

REVIEWING THE ORIGIN OF OUR GREATNESS

(Continued from Page 1)

tional development. We wonder sometimes if we are running now largely on the momentum gained by these early Christian statesmen. around the perplexing problems that face us around the world today, our nation needs God now just as much as did our forefathers as they laid the foundations for a great nation.



The Methodist Youth Conference



CLEVELAND, Ohio—Eleven thousand Methodist youth gave the church a glimpse of its future Christian leadership when they gathered here in the Public Auditorium, December 30 to January 2.

The occasion was the long awaited Methodist Youth Conference, held under the sponsorship of the Board of Education of the Methodist Church, with administrative responsibility allocated to the Youth Department, the Rev. Hoover Rupert of Nashville, Tenn., director. Executive direction of the Conference was given by the Rev. Joseph W. Bell of Nashville, a staff member of the Division of the Local Church.

Thirteen trains, scores of chartered buses, private automobiles and jalopies supplemented regular public transportation facilities to bring the delegates. One nationally famous passenger on an all-coach special train from Mississippi was Miss Barbara Jo Walker, a member of the Methodist Youth Fellowship and a church school teacher in Springdale Church, Memphis, Tenn. She became known to the world when she was elected from among 48 state entrants in Atlantic City last September as Miss America.

Every state and all of Methodism's 105 annual conferences were represented, as well as all the major mission fields served by The Methodist Church. Many "Crusade for Christ" scholars from abroad, now in Methodist colleges, and missionaries on furlough were present, mingling with youths from California and Maine, Texas and Minnesota.

The number of delegates registered was larger than any comparable Methodist gathering in more than thirty years. To provide accommodations, two gigantic dormitories were set up. More than thirty-six hundred boys were housed in a bomber plant, 12 miles from the public square. Their bedroom measured 185,000 square feet. Transportation was provided by a fleet of 60 buses. The Rev. A. J. E. Manton of Berea, Ohio supervised this "Hotel Bomber Plant." A similar dormitory connected with the Public Auditorium, under the direction of Mrs. Carl Bechberger of Cleveland was the Conference home of 1600 girls. Hotels, campus facilities of nearby Badwin-Wallace College and private homes provided for the remainder of the delegates.

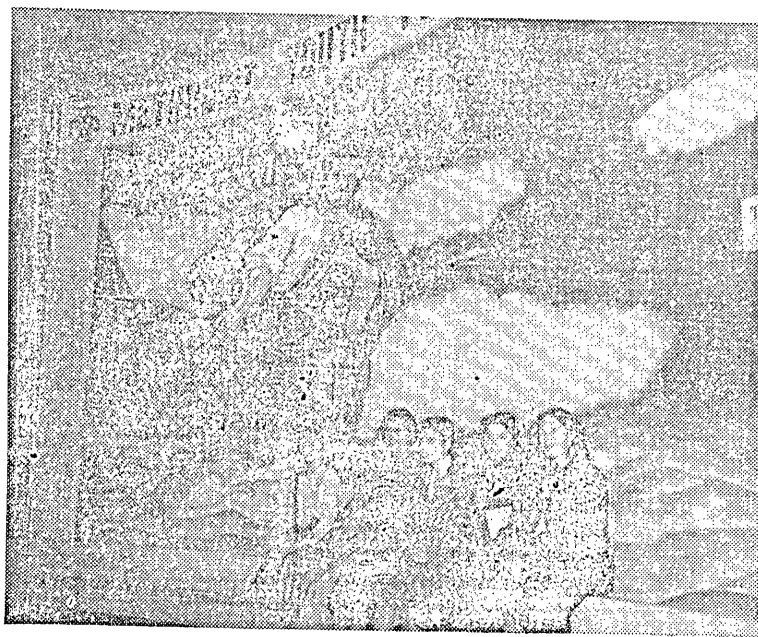
The delegates, representing the two million members of the Methodist Youth Fellowship came to find inspiration to serve in their young peoples organizations, and, later as lay church officials, church school teachers, members and officers of the Woman's Society of Christian

Service, or perhaps, as missionaries, deaconesses, or pastors. Without doubt, among those registered were future bishops, denominational executives and world leaders.

Notable and long-to-be-remembered features were the religious drama and the midnight Communion on New Year's Eve. Especially written for the conference by Mrs. Dorothy Clarke Wilson of Orono, Maine, novelist and playwright, was "The Mighty Dream." Dramatized in four episodes it was presented by a cast of 300 Clevelanders under the direction of Mrs. Virginia Wilk Elicker of Cleveland. Music was by the

The emphasis of the second day of the conference was on "Brotherhood" with addresses by Dr. Ralph E. Diffendorfer of New York on, "Now is the Time", and Dr. B. Bacz-Camargo of Mexico City on "Our World Christian Fellowship". As a practical expression of their concern for those in war devastated lands, the delegates contributed \$5,215.67 in an offering taken in connection with the midnight communion. The money will be administered by the Methodist Committee on Overseas Relief.

The meaning and mission of the church was the general theme



Earle H. MacLeod Photo.

An international group of Methodist youth gathers at the Crusade for Christ display. Left to right: Barbara Fay Green, Richmond, Va.; Louise Jesudian, Madras, India; Yondu Kang, Korea; Marina Zaccaro, Italy; Clara Zaccaro, Italy; Sara B. Williams, Puerto Rico.

Epworth Choir, First Methodist Church, Cuyahoga Falls, Mr. Cecil Lapo, director.

In what was unquestionably the largest watch night service in the nation, 10,900 worshippers partook of the Holy Communion at the hushed moment when the old year passed into the new. Bishop Paul Bentley Kern of Nashville, Tenn., president of the Council of Bishops, assisted by colleagues, conducted the ritual, which included the covenant of the Methodist Youth Fellowship. Nearly two hundred black-robed ministers distributed the sacramental elements from twenty-five stations placed at convenient points in the enormous auditorium.

"Christ Above All" was the theme which governed both the program and the exhibits. The keynote address by Dr. Harold C. Case of Pasadena, California was an exposition of these words.

Thursday morning, with Dr. Paul Quillian of Houston, Texas, speaking on, "On This I Will Build" and Dr. Richard C. Raines of Minneapolis on "Salt, Light, and Leaven." Roland Hayes, Negro tenor, captivated the capacity crowd in a recital on the third evening.

Friday morning's closing service was one of personal commitment. Bishop J. Ralph Magee of Chicago reported on, "Youth and the Crusade for Christ." Dr. E. Stanley Jones of India challenged the delegates to lift the standards of their personal lives to dedicate their talents toward meeting human needs.

Workshop and activity groups, held each afternoon of the conference, gave all delegates an opportunity to consult with leaders on subjects in which they plan to major in their home churches. Some were especially interested in demonstrations of folk games, under

the direction of E. O. Harbin of Nashville; others, in folk music by Larry Eisenberg of Nashville, or in hymns led by Walter Jenkins, of Houston, Texas. Audio-visual methods were demonstrated by the Rev. Harry C. Spencer of New York and the Rev. Howard Tower of Nashville; religious drama by Mrs. Ruth Love, Nashville, while the Methodist Youth Fund and its varied program of world-wide service was explained by Misses Emeline Crane and May Titus of Nashville and Miss Helen Johnson of New York.

Seven bishops spoke, interpreting the episcopacy and the scope and mission of the church at afternoon sessions at which the entire membership of the Council of Bishops were introduced, one by one, to four successive assemblies of 2500 delegates each. Those who spoke were Bishop James C. Baker of Los Angeles, Cal., Bishop Arthur J. Moore of Atlanta, Bishop Robert N. Brooks of New Orleans, Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam of New York, and Bishop Charles W. Brashares of Des Moines, Iowa. Youth "town meetings" discussed what should be done to meet the alcohol problem.

In the vast exhibit hall beneath the Arena, the agencies of the church, with pageantry, pictures, and other graphic portrayals gave the visiting youth a panorama of the world-wide service activities of Methodism. Dominating the room was a heroic figure of Christ which symbolized Youth's part in the Crusade for Christ, Methodism's four-year program of advance. In a series of photographic enlargements under the title, "Unto All the World," the Board of Missions gave youth insight into its ministries at home and abroad. Original paintings highlighted the exhibit of the Board of Temperance and pointed out the danger faced by youth in beverage alcohol. Other agencies of the church similarly dramatized their activities. In a curtained-off theater motion pictures and kodachrome slides were continuously exhibited each afternoon as a demonstration of the use of visual education materials.

More than 20 local radio periods arranged by the Rev. Dr. Verner S. Mumbelo of Cleveland, were devoted to the Conference. These included a television program and a half hour on the CBS network. Daily papers and wire services gave unprecedented space and pictures to the Conference and national magazines were represented by reporters and photographers.

The Rev. Charles Bright, minister of the Maple Heights Methodist Church of Bedford, was chairman of the local arrangements committee.

CHRISTIAN SOCIAL RELATIONS

Did you get my supplement to your quarterly report blank? This names some of the work that most of us do, which is to be reported. You should not wait till you do something unusual, before you report. Surely almost every society does some local church work each quarter, if not something for the wider community work done by you, your committee or another member. Please report this to your Dist. CSR Sec'y.

If you are a new officer, you should inherit from your predecessor the CSR Handbook, Activities for

'47, a file of Information & Action Bulletins, leaflets and letters from your Dist. Sec'y and me. If you don't have this please ask for it now. Read carefully, meet your committee, start work on one or more projects you select.

Beyond local needs which may be pressing, there are two very urgent calls for action. One is work against Universal Military Training, as Division and Conference recommend. A bill to set up UMT is ready to be voted on in the House. It will probably be passed unless thousands of societies and individuals write to their Congressmen now. See I. & A. Bulletin for Sept., also leaflets

have been sent to you. If you need information on this, write me.

Thousands of children in Europe are set out of school because they lack clothes, shoes especially. Two and three persons are sharing the same clothes. Send every good garment you can spare to Church World Service, 510 S. Elm Ave., Webster Grove, Mo.—Ethel K. Millar.

During the summer and autumn months the Colorado Council of Church Women has been sponsoring educational and recreational programs and services for children at two government camps—Fort Lap-

ton and Palisade; and meeting some of the needs of children and mothers among the migrant laborers around Loveland, the Western Slope, Arkansas Valley, and San Luis Valley. Most of the migrants have been Spanish-speaking peoples engaged in agricultural enterprise.

The most important thought I ever had was that of my individual responsibility to God.—Daniel Webster.

Do good to thy friend to keep him; to thy enemy to gain them.—Franklin.



THE CHILDREN'S PAGE

ANNIE WINBURN, Editor



IN STORYLAND

A DAY AT GRANDMA'S

"Now, be good children, and be very careful about the cars," said mamma. George and Jessie promised they would, their mother kissed them good-by, and they ran and skipped down the street to the corner, to wait for an electric car.

They were going to spend the day at grandma's, where they always had a perfectly splendid time. Pretty soon the car came and a pleasant-faced man, who had been waiting also, helped Jessie up the steps and found her a seat, although he and George had to stand, because there were so many people on the car.

George was close beside Jessie, and they looked at each other and smiled, they were so happy.

After a while, the conductor came to take up the fares. The pleasant-faced man looked in all his pockets for a five-cent piece, but he could not find one and so he gave the conductor a quarter. Just then someone spoke to the pleasant-faced man, and he put the change the conductor handed him into his pocket without looking at it.

The conductor passed on.

"I wonder why he didn't take our fare," whispered Jessie to George.

"Perhaps he will take it next time," whispered George.

"Perhaps he won't take it at all, and then we can spend it for time," said Jessie.

"That's so," said George. "Let's look out of the window and pretend we've paid it." When the conductor came around again there were not many people in the car. George and Jessie looked out of the window without speaking to them.

They looked at each other guiltily, for they knew it was dishonest not to pay their fare. They knew they ought to hold out the five cent pieces to the conductor, but they thought of the candy and kept them in their pockets, with their hands closed tightly around them.

The conductor passed them once more on his way back to the rear of the car, but they did not offer him the money.

After a while the car stopped at the place where George and Jessie were to get out, and they started to walk the half-mile to grandma's.

They no longer felt happy, for they knew they had done wrong. They walked slowly, and did not look in each other's face. The sun was shining brightly, but somehow the day did not seem pleasant.

Grandma was very glad to see them and said they might go to the next house and ask the boy and girl who lived there to come and play with them and stay to dinner.

The little boy and girl, whose names were Carl and Alice, came and they all went to see the chickens, and played with the new bossy in the barn, and sailed chips on the brook, and picked violets in the field, but they did not seem to have a very good time, and before noon they quarreled, and Alice and Carl said they "would not play" and went home.

Even grandma's nice dinner did not taste good to George and Jessie and they did not talk to each other very much.



A PUZZLE

*It's a most remarkable thing to me,
How good little children used to be.
Now father says that when he was young,
When lessons were over, then hymns were sung,
And that little boys never made any noise,
Never slammed doors or broke up their toys,
But when I slam doors in grandma's house,
Or creep up to frighten her sly as a mouse,
She scolds, then smiles and says, "Why, Ben,
You're your own dear father right over again."*

—Exchange.

IN THE WORLD OF BOYS AND GIRLS

A BOY'S GREETING TO 1948

By Robert B. Pattison

Who is there, please? The New Year you say right off. Welcome, let's get acquainted right all right. Welcome, 1948!

You say you want to start in with a riddle? What is it that everyone has seen but will never see again? That's easy; yesterday is the answer. Last year was full of yesterdays, the Old Year gave me three hundred sixty-five of them. I'm glad to have had them. Glad also for all the todays and tomorrows you have in store for every fellow in all the world.

Let me tell you, New Year, what I plan to do with the coming days. I got it out of an old book, but you are so new they may be new to you. Here they are; worth hearing, too.

Every day, learn something fine. So fine that I would be glad to remember it if I never had another chance to learn it. Like one of Longfellow's poems, or a history story, or the story of Joseph.

Every day, look at something beautiful. Something so beautiful that I would be glad to think about the sight of it if I should lose my eyesight. Like a sunset, or an oriole, or a church window, or my mother's face.

Every day, do something for somebody. Something the other person would always be thankful about. Like taking a flower to some sick person, or reading to some old person, or running an errand for someone who needs it done in a hurry.

Great stuff, those three rules! I'll make a bargain with you, New Year. If you will give me the time, I promise to try to tackle them and make good. Is that a go with you?

To this the New Year seemed to say: "Yes, I will give you three hundred sixty-five days, all clean at their start, for you to make good use of, to laugh and play in, to work and help others in. You and I are going to get on well together all through the year just beginning; I'm sure of it; My hand is in yours to shake it hard; and we'll keep step together as we travel along day by day with gladness and unselfishness. Come on then; let's go!"

—The Watchman.

was mother's first child and I'm her nineteenth.

Benny was new in the class so his teacher decided to test his intelligence.

"Can you tell me," she asked, "what are the functions of the skin?"

Benny thought a moment: then he answered, "To prevent us from looking raw."

The seven-year-old son of a radio comedian came home with his report card.

"Well, son," asked the radio star, "were you promoted?"

"Better than that Pop," chirped the kid happily; "I was held over for another 26 weeks."

Traveler: I spent last year in a pretty city in Switzerland.

Friend: Berne?

Traveler: Oh, no! I nearly froze.

JUST FOR FUN

Editor: "Did you write this poem yourself?"

Contributor: "Yes, every line of it."

Editor: "Then I'm glad to meet you, Edgar Allen Poe, I thought you were dead long ago."

Harry—Aren't you a relation of Bill Brown?

Jerry Brown—Oh, distantly. He

"We don't want it,"

So the conductor kept it, and George and Jessie each took a long breath. The day seemed pleasant again and they looked out of the car windows and talked about the things they saw.

When they stopped the car at their corner, the conductor smiled. "I remember all about it now," he said. "I thought that man who got on when you did meant to pay for you. When I see him again, I'll pay him that ten cents."

"I don't think we shall feel perfectly happy till we've told mamma all about it," said Jessie as they turned into their yard.

"No," said George. "Let's tell her right off."

So they did and their mother said she was glad they had repented of their dishonesty and paid the money.

After that George and Jessie felt happy once again.—Virginia Methodist.

After dinner they went and sat on the doorstep and thought.

"I want to go home," said Jessie at last.

"So do I," said George, and they went into the house and told grandma, and she was very much surprised, and she was afraid they were not feeling well; so she let them go, and walked part way with them.

When George and Jessie reached the car track, they sat down on a stone to wait.

"I hope the same conductor will be on the car this afternoon," said George soberly.

"So do I," said Jessie. "I can't stand it to be a thief any longer, can you?"

"No," said George. "It seems as though I never should be happy again till I've paid that money."

In a little while the car came along, and they were very glad when they saw the same conductor was on it.

When he came to take up the fares George gave him four five-cent pieces.

"They're for me and my sister," he explained. The conductor handed back ten cents.

"You've paid me too much," he said.

"We did not pay you this morning," said George and Jessie together.

The conductor looked puzzled. "I don't remember anything about it," he said. "I guess you had better keep the ten cents."

"No, no!" they answered eagerly.



Then and New - - 1893 - 1948

By DR. O. E. GODDARD



I WAS admitted to the Little Rock Conference on trial in 1893. It is the purpose of this article to note some of the differences I have observed during these fifty-five years. I am not a historian, and I do not have the historic imagination, the power to infuse into the past the breath of life, nor have I a retentive memory. Nevertheless, like most old men, I like to reminisce, and there may be some people interested.

Salaries

There has been an incredible increase in salaries. When I joined the traveling connection I think there were only seven churches that paid as much as \$1,000.00 in the entire state of Arkansas: First Church in Little Rock, Pine Bluff, and Camden; Arkansas Conference, Fort Smith and Morrilton; White River Conference, Helena and Jonesboro.

I recall that when I was serving the Harrison District, in 1911, only one charge paid as much as \$500.00. I also recall that Rev. R. E. L. Bearden, pastor of Yellville—one of the very best charges—had a wife and several children and that he received only \$400 per year. I had other pastors in the District who had a half dozen children who were paid less than \$300.00 for a year's service. I refrain from describing those so-called parsonages in which the pastors lived.

You ministers ought to thank God that your precious wives and children will never have the pinch of poverty those wives and children endured in those past and gone days. You wives and children, too, might squeeze out a little thanks that you did not live back in "The good old days".

Education

When I was admitted into the Conference the only subjects on which we were examined, were the Methodist Doctrine and Discipline, and the ordinary branches of an English education. The examination on the ordinary branches was a very ordinary examination by very ordinary men. Only a few of the examiners had the equal of what we now call the eighth grade. It was quite rare to find a preacher who had had a high school course. We had but very few high schools throughout the state at that time, and some of the so-called high schools were not very high.

College-bred men were as scarce as the proverbial hens' teeth. I doubt if there were one dozen men in the three Conferences who had an A. B. degree from a standard college.

We did not leap from that standard to our present standard in a quadrennium. It required nearly ten quadrenniums to reach our present standard. We have not yet attained as high standard for our ministry as some other denominations, but we are preparing more and better

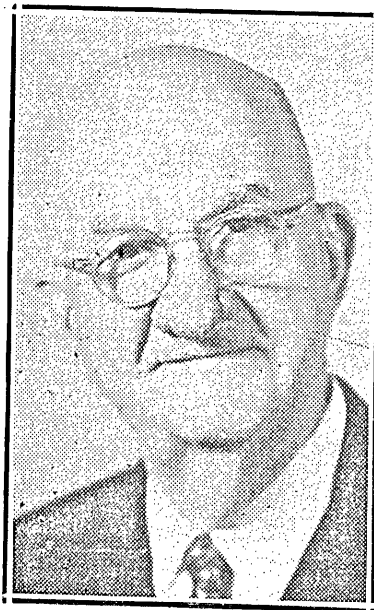
ministers today. So why worry?

The Bishops

There has been marked changes in our attitude toward the bishops and their attitude toward the brethren. I think our bishops today are more efficient and more brotherly than was the grandiose group I saw in my early ministry. I saw that group from afar with awe and fear.

Bishops I Saw In My Early Ministry

Keener, venerable, austere, severe; Hendrix, polished, internationally-minded (The first real



DR. O. E. GODDARD

internationalist I ever knew); Galloway, magnificent physique, grandly eloquent, charming personality; Key, saintly, benign, spirit-guided; Granberry, erudite, classic, human; Duncan, educated, critical, sarcastic; Candler, ponderous preacher, scintillating Irish wit, expounder of the Word, one hundred per cent Southerner; Denny, logician, legally-minded; Morrison, handsome, brotherly, immortalized himself prior to election to the office of bishop, by paying off a debt in the Board of Missions; Ward, a seraphic soul, who lived in the celestial region while yet in the flesh.

How great is the imperishable legacy, this group of splendid leaders has left to all the on-coming Methodist generations!

A Group I Knew Prior To Their Election To The Office Of Bishop

This group I must pass with only mentioning their names. I have a eulogy for each one of them in my heart, but space forbids my pronouncing those eulogies. DuBose, McMurray,

McCoy, Beauchamp, Ainsworth, Atkins, Hay, Houzon, (Peace to the memory of these noble saints of God). John Moore, Boaz, Dobbs, Darlington; I have a fellow feeling for these retired bishops. I know that though their physical activities are reduced, their hearts still yearn to help advance the Kingdom of God. Selecman, Arthur Moore, Holt, Purcell, Peele, Martin, Kern, Garber, Harrell, Frank and Angie Smith, and Paul Martin.

I count it a privilege to say that I had brotherly association with these bishops prior to their election. If subsequent to their election they have changed toward me I have not had the discernment to detect any change. I believe these friends of mine still living are rendering the finest possible service for the Kingdom.

Revivals

Revivals had the preeminence fifty years ago. The circuit preacher reported more professions of faith than the station preachers reported. A circuit preacher who did not report a goodly number of additions on profession of faith for a few years was likely to be located. Circuit preachers often twitted the station preachers for having so few conversions.

Decision Days, pre-Easter programs, and the work of the Church has changed the situation. Wise preachers now make an earnest and consistent effort to get all the Church School children into the Church by or before the teen age. We now believe that formation is better than reformation. "Train up a child in the way he should go" is one of our slogans.

A child in our Church School now at the age of thirteen and not a member of the Church suggests inefficiency on the part of the pastor and the educational program of that Church. We do not offer salvation by education. We do teach the child to trust in Jesus as his Savior and then we use all the power and skill of the Church to teach him how to grow in the knowledge and in the service of God. I think this educational method far better and more effective than the one supremely emotional effort which we used in past years.

The Council of Bishops seems vastly more efficient than the College of Bishops of fifty-five years ago. I think the ministers are far better equipped than they were at that time. I think the Church as a whole is immeasurably more effective than it was fifty-five years ago. Then our missionary work was in its infancy. Now we cover nearly every country on the globe. We are preaching, teaching, healing, on a vastly larger scale than we were fifty-five years ago.

I face the setting sun with great hopes that Methodism will fulfill her God-given mission in the world. So may it be!

BOARD APPROPRIATES \$10,177,558 FOR MISSIONARY SERVICE

A total of \$10,177,558 was appropriated for the year 1948-49 for the missionary service of the Methodist Church in the United States and overseas, at the closing meeting of the Board of Missions and Church Extension of the denomination at Buck Hill Falls, Pa.

Of the total expenditure, \$3,857,359 will be used by the Division of Foreign Missions in its work in Europe, Asia, Africa, and South America; \$2,048,535 will be used by the Division of Home Missions in city, rural, and frontier parishes and institutions in the United States and in United States dependencies; and \$4,271,664 will be used by the Woman's Division of Christian Service, both in the United States and overseas. This is the largest appropriation that has been made for missionary work in the history of the Methodist Church.

Approval was given by the Board of Missions to the projected Christian University for Japan which is to be established as "a voluntary gift as a gesture of good will from the Christian people of America to the people of Japan". It was announced by Dr. Ralph E. Diffendorfer, secretary of the Division of Foreign Missions,

that the American people will be asked to give \$15,000,000 for the securing of a campus, for the establishment of several schools of the university, and for partial endowment of the institution. A movement is under way in Japan to raise an additional amount for the Christian University. The establishment of this University was originally suggested by an interdenominational group of men and women in Norfolk, Va., as "an atonement for the atomic bombing of Hiroshima and Nagasaki." Dr. Diffendorfer said that former Ambassador Joseph C. Grew has been named the honorary chairman in the establishment of this institution and that Chancellor W. P. Tolley, of Syracuse University is head of a committee planning the educational scope of the University.

It was announced that in the advance program which the Board of Missions is planning for the years 1948-1952, there is included an item of \$8,000,000 for the reconstruction of schools and churches and hospitals in Europe and Asia that were damaged or ruined in World War II. This sum, which it is proposed to raise in the churches, will be in addition to several hundred thousand dollars already raised for this purpose in the denomination's recent "Crusade for Christ".

The General Conference of the Methodist Church which meets in Boston, Mass., next April, will be asked to make provision for \$250,000 in a scholarship fund to bring from missionary fields—and especially from the fields damaged by war—specially qualified nationals for post-graduate studies in America. Already the Methodist Church, at an expenditure of \$568,000, has granted special scholarships to 296 students from all the continents from which it is carrying on missionary work and it is proposed to continue this policy as a permanent feature of Christian missionary endeavor.

Dr. Frank T. Cartwright, associate secretary of the Board for missions in China, reported that missionaries of the Church of the Brethren and of the Mennonite Church, who have been compelled to remain away from the communist-controlled areas of West China, have been assigned by their boards and by the Methodist Board to work as missionaries in the West China Conference of the Methodist Church. Five missionary units of the Church of the Brethren, made up of nine men and women, have taken over the work of the Methodists in Tzechung and vicinity, while the Mennonites have taken over Protestant work in the city of Hockwan and vicinity.

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Campaign In Local Church

1. Solicit every Methodist Home for a new subscription or renewal for the Arkansas Methodist during the week of Circulation Campaign.
2. Make a report on Monday, Jan. 19th, to the District Superintendent and to the office of the Arkansas Methodist, Little Rock, of the results of the Campaign.
3. Any necessary follow-up work can be reported as soon as complete.

Watch Reports Of Campaign

Watch the Arkansas Methodist in the issue of January 29th for a full report by Districts and by Charges of the results of the Circulation Campaign as received through the week of January 18th.

There will be additional reports in later issues of the results of follow-up work. Watch for these reports!

To Ministers And
Methodist Church

The ARKANSAS METHODIST has already been able to carry forward our program, editor, Rev. Ewing T. Wayland, of the staff have furnished us with the period just before us relates to our Church School General Conference and the Journal to be aware of the great program. Therefore I urge all Methodist during the period of finer work than to use this paper had for subscriptions, both pastors will be given loyal co-

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NORTH ARKANSAS CONFERENCE NOTES

Ft. Smith Training School

A ten-unit training school is being worked out for the Ft. Smith Area. It is to be held at First Methodist Church in Ft. Smith, February 16-20. The following courses are to be offered:

Plans of the Church for Nursery Children.
Guiding Kindergarten Children in Christian Growth.
Guiding Primary Children in Christian Growth.
Guiding Junior Children in Christian Growth.
Intermediate Work.
Senior-Young People's Work.
Personal Religious Living (Youth Course).

Christian Beliefs.
Music in Christian Education.
The Use of Visual Aids in Christian Education.

The school will begin on Monday evening and close on Friday evening. There will be two fifty minutes of class work each evening.

Rev. Cecil R. Culver, district superintendent, will be dean of the School.

Searcy District School

While this one school cannot provide for all the Searcy District most of the churches of the eastern portion of the district will be within reach of the school.

The school will be held at Searcy, February 23-27, with Rev. C. N. Guice serving as dean.

The following courses are to be offered:

Christian Education in the Church.
Christian Evangelism.
Personal Religious Living.
Adult Work.

This school will open on Monday night and close on Friday night.

A school is being conducted this week at McCrory by the district superintendent, Rev. J. Kenneth Shamblyn.

A school is being planned for Harrison in March.

Rev. Glenn F. Sanford is to teach at Clinton, Botkinsburg, and Pleasant Grove in the Van Buren County program.

Rev. Farris McDonal, the pastor at Leslie, is conducting a school in his church this month.

A training institute is to be held on the Rose Bud Charge on Saturday evening and Sunday, January 17-18.

Rev. H. M. Sanford, pastor at Joiner, has planned for three training schools on his charge, as follows:

Christian Education, Rev. S. O. Patty, January 14-16.

Music in the Small Church, Rev. Lyman T. Barger, February 4-6.

The Church and Its Work, Rev. H. J. Couchman, February 16-18.

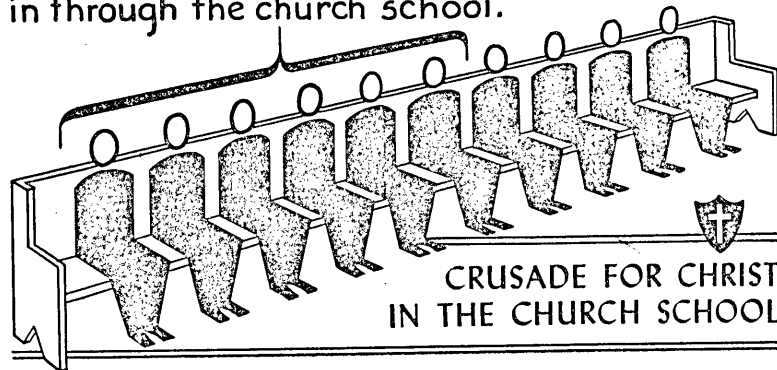
Two three day schools have been announced for the Fayetteville District: The Education Work of the Small Church, Rev. J. J. Clark, January 19-21, Lincoln; Siloam Springs School on The Crusade for Christ in the Church School, January 25-27.

Rev. Lyman T. Barger is offering the course on The Crusade for Christ in the Church School, Earle, January 14-16.

Rev. Glenn F. Sanford is offering

THE CHURCH SCHOOL LEADS TO CHURCH MEMBERSHIP

During the years 1943-1946, approximately **6 out of every 10** persons joining the Methodist Church on profession of faith came in through the church school.



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the course on The Stewardship of Life, Leonard Charge, January 11-13.

This past week Rev. Martin A. Bierbaum taught the course on The Stewardship of Life, Caraway.

Schools are being planned at Jonesboro, Morrilton, Russellville, Paris, and many other centers. Watch for announcements.

Use Your Opportunity

Many local churches let opportunities for training get by them. It is not possible to put adequate training programs in every church, but splendid programs can be placed in centers to which many churches can send their leaders. When an opportunity comes near your church get as many people into the program as it is possible to get into it.

District Youth Rallies

Most of the districts of the Conference are having after Cleveland Youth Rallies. Ft. Smith and Fayetteville Districts had rallies last week. Batesville, Helena, and Paragould Districts are having rallies this week. Others will come soon.

It is not too early to begin to have your church represented in the following meetings:

Conference Youth Assembly, May 31-June 4.

Children's Workers' Conference, July 13-15.

Church School Superintendents' Conference, July 13-15.

Mr. Carl Meeker, Rev. Clarence Wilcox, and Ira A. Brumley represented the North Arkansas Conference in the Dallas Meeting on Adult Work, January 9-10.

The North Arkansas Conference succeeded in getting 148 delegates to the National Youth Conference at Cleveland, Dec. 30-Jan. 2. We had 150 registered, but for some reason two of the delegates failed to arrive for the Conference.

All who attended declared it to be a great Conference. Our youth work will be stronger in the Conference because of this great meeting.

Am I my brother's keeper?

TRAINING SCHOOLS SCHEDULED

Pine Bluff

A three-unit school has been planned for Pine Bluff and nearby churches. The date is January 25-29. Rev. Otto W. Teague, pastor of Lakeside, is the Dean. The following courses have been provided:

Understanding Children, Mrs. Waldo Wettengel.

The Methodist Youth Fellowship, Rev. J. A. Fisher.

The Work of the Adult Division, Rev. Boyd I. Devore.

In The Rice Belt

With Rev. H. O. Belin as the Dean, a three-unit school has been planned for Stuttgart, offering the following courses; Feb. 29-March 2.

Teaching Children, Mrs. Ira Brumley.

Ways of Teaching, Rev. Jeff Paul.
The Church and Its Work, Dr. Clem Baker.

The same courses will be presented at DeWitt, March 8-10, for that section of the Pine Bluff District. Rev. Coy Whitten, pastor at DeWitt is the Dean.

Texarkana

A cooperative school among the churches on both sides of the State Line has been arranged for Texarkana, February 16-20. Rev. L. A. Reavis, pastor of Hardy Memorial Church, is the dean of the school. The following courses have been scheduled:

Teaching Children, Mrs. E. C. Chinn.

Personal Religious Living (Youth only), Rev. Bentley Sloane.

The Use of Visual Aids in Christian Education, Miss Margaret Marshall.

The Church and Its Work, Dr. E. Clifton Rule.

A Bible Course, Dr. Wesley C. Davis.—Roy E. Fawcett.

LAND OF PLENTY

There was wonder in his voice as he told of this incident—wonder and gratitude and amazement. For after months in a Japanese prisoner camp, he knew the meaning of misery and starvation all too well.

"This morning, backing out of my driveway," he said, "I noticed someone had dropped several slices

PULASKI HEIGHTS TRAINING SCHOOL

Forty-six Church School workers in Pulaski Heights and Forest Park Methodist churches completed courses for credit in a training school held at Pulaski Heights church Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday nights of this week. The school was sponsored by Pulaski Heights church with the Rev. E. D. Galloway, pastor, serving as dean and E. W. Copeland, general superintendent of the Church School, serving as assistant dean.

The school offered courses in basic studies for children, youth and adult workers. The course for children's workers was "Teaching Children" with Mrs. W. F. Bates, director of children's work for the Little Rock Conference, as instructor. The course for youth workers was "Teaching Youth" with J. Russell Henderson, director of visual education for the Pulaski Heights church, as instructor. The course for adults was "Christian Education in the Church" with Miss Margaret Marshall, deaconess for the City Methodist Council, as instructor.

The school opened Monday night with a dinner served by officers of the Woman's Society of Christian Service under supervision of Mrs. F. D. Chastain, local chairman. Class sessions were also held Tuesday and Wednesday nights. Tea was served at intermission Tuesday night by Mr. and Mrs. Bert Webb and Wednesday night by Mr. and Mrs. Roy Hill.

Pulaski Heights workers completing courses were: Children's group; Mrs. John Buxton, Mrs. Leland Krugh, Mrs. Lloyd L. Watt, Mrs. Willoughby Smith, Miss Elsie Perkins, Mrs. T. E. Welsh, Paul Van-cura, W. G. Starnes, Mrs. L. E. Ellis, Mrs. H. M. Thompson, Mrs. E. C. Wilson, Mrs. J. A. Williams, Mrs. James Harrison, Mrs. E. V. Green and Mrs. W. I. Hammond; Youth group, Mrs. W. D. Simmons, Mrs. Fred Burnett, W. D. Simmons, Mrs. E. D. Galloway, Miss Irma Atwood, Mrs. C. K. Wilkerson and Mrs. V. B. Story; Adults, Mrs. Herbert Smith, H. M. Thompson, Mrs. Guy Gitchell, Mrs. W. H. Lyon, Herbert Smith, Guy Gitchell, Mrs. J. S. Booth, Mrs. C. C. Roberts, Mrs. E. M. Lovell, E. D. Galloway and E. W. Copeland.

Forest Park workers completing courses were: Children's group, Miss Evelyn Smart, Mrs. Ernest Efrid, Mrs. E. D. Perceful, Mrs. W. H. Hollingshead, Mrs. Stanley Viar, and Miss Wanda Hardaway; Youth Workers, Ernest Efrid, Mrs. J. R. Sewell, Mrs. Phillip Pierce, Mrs. Anna B. Phillips and Miss Barbara Viar; Adult, E. D. Perceful.—E. W. Copeland.

of bread. They were strewn out in the open, very noticeable. I didn't touch them with the car, and an hour later, returning from an errand, I was careful to leave them untouched again. Three times today I have gone in and out and never damaged this bread, but a little while ago I went out to pick it up.

"That bread had been there all day and there had not been one person hungry enough to bother picking it up. Not even an ant had molested the bread! Where else in all this world could this happen?" —Henel Houston Boileau, Better Homes and Gardens.

WOMAN'S SOCIETY OF CHRISTIAN SERVICE

MRS. SUE M. WAYLAND, Editor

TEXARKANA DISTRICT MEETING

The Texarkana District Officers Training School of the Woman's Society of Christian Service was held at the First Methodist Church of Ashdown, Monday, with 80 visitors in attendance. The following Connectional and District Officers were present: Miss Marshall, Little Rock; Mrs. Clyde Williams, Nashville; Mmes McKinney, Parsons and Meisner of Texarkana.

After registration the group assembled for the morning session, which was presided over by the District President, Mrs. Meisner. Quiet music was played by Mrs. Bob Warren at the organ, after which Mrs. Orr conducted the devotional. The two principal speakers were Miss Marshall, deaconess of Little Rock; and Mrs. Clyde Williams Conference Secretary of Youth Work. Each brought vital messages of work done and plans for an expanding program for the ensuing year. Mrs. Parsons spoke briefly on finance and its place in the program of work.

The remainder of the session was devoted to class sessions presided over by Conference Superintendents of the various departments through which the work is carried on.

During the noon hour a beautifully appointed luncheon was served by members of Circle No. 2 of the local society. Exquisite holiday decorations added beauty to a perfect service.

Mrs. W. L. Phillips, Promotion Secretary, presided over the afternoon session. Quiet music was played followed by the devotional led by Mrs. McKnight. Mrs. A. A. McKinney was the speaker for the afternoon. Her theme, Program Planning. This very vital phase of work was ably and prayerfully presented. Miss Marshall showed slides of the work of the Woman's Society of Christian Service as it girdles the globe.

Mrs. J. M. Johnson closed the meeting with a prayer. The altar arrangement of beautiful yellow chrysanthemums flanked by tall green tapers in crystal holders was a source of beauty and delight during the busy sacred hours.—Mrs. T. B. Cook.

HEBER SPRINGS W. S. C. S.

Members of the Woman's Society of Christian Service of the First Methodist Church, Heber Springs, met on the afternoon of the 31 in the church parlors, for the last 1947 meeting.

Altho in a pouring rain, a large and enthusiastic group gathered for this meeting. Mrs. C. M. Reaves, vice president, presented the appropriate New Year's devotional, with parts being given by Mrs. R. W. Olmstead, Mrs. W. R. Griffin and Mrs. Ralph Hillis.

Mrs. Howard Davis conducted interesting New Year's games, which included some resolutions (for each other). Mrs. Davis was assisted by Mrs. Clarence Allen in serving refreshments.

The highlight of the afternoon was at the conclusion of the meeting when Mrs. Reaves presented Mrs. J. R. Chesbro with a Life Membership pin, in honor of her life loyalty and devotion to the church and all its work.

"For whosoever shall do the will of God, the same is my brother, and my sister, and mother."

Mark 3:35



THE CHURCH SCHOOL TEACHES
WHAT THE WORLD NEEDS TO KNOW:
THE BROTHERHOOD OF MAN.
CRUSADE FOR CHRIST IN THE CHURCH SCHOOL

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DIVISION FIELD WORKER TO BE IN ARKANSAS

Mrs. W. B. Landrum, field worker for the Woman's Division of Christian Service, will be in the Little Rock Conference for the two weeks, beginning January 19. At a meeting with the district presidents, the Conference president, and secretary of Promotion in Little Rock last week, Mrs. Landrum's itinerary was planned to touch the Woman's Work at every level at which it operates.

Mrs. Landrum is a native Arkansas woman, having been born within the bounds of the Little Rock Conference and having spent several years in the work of education in the state. No person connected with the office of the division is better prepared to promote Woman's Work than Mrs. Landrum. She will be used primarily to work with boards, committees, projects and officers.

The following is the schedule of meetings:

Monday, January 19—Little Rock District Executive Board Meeting in Little Rock.

Tuesday, January 20—Local society officers of Little Rock Churches. Evening—District Wesleyan Service at First Church, 6:00 o'clock dinner.

Wednesday, January 21—Conference Executive Administration Committee meeting, First Church, Little Rock.

Thursday, January 22—Camden District Executive meeting at Smackover. Evening—Camden District Guild meeting at El Dorado.

Friday, January 23—Pine Bluff District Executive Committee meeting in Pine Bluff. Evening—District Guild meeting in Pine Bluff.

Sunday, January 25—Woman's day at Grady at 11:00 service hour.

Monday, January 26—Arkadelphia District Executive meeting at Hot Springs. Afternoon—Local Society officers, Hot Springs. Evening—District Guild meeting at Arkadelphia.

Tuesday, January 27—Texarkana District Executive Committee meeting. Evening—District Guild meeting at Texarkana.

Wednesday, January 28—Prescott District Executive Committee meeting. Evening—District Guild meeting at Prescott.

Thursday, January 29—Prescott District Rural Work with Miss Shough.

Friday, January 30—Monticello District Executive Committee meeting at McGehee. Evening—District Guild meeting at Warren.

PARAGOULD DISTRICT

Paragould District is closing the year 1947 with some goals having been reached, yet not all that we had hoped to attain.

There has been an increase in finances which is gratifying. A definite improvement is noticed in reports of Study Work, in the number attending approved Study Classes and in results following the Study.

We have had district executive meetings quarterly. Plans made in these meetings have meant much in the work in the district.

District and Zone meetings have been well attended.

The Seminar was held in Paragould in the third quarter.

The fourth quarters district meeting was held with the ladies of the Hoxie W. S. C. S. who entertained us very graciously. The Re-

search Committee was able to place a full corps of officers for 1948 for the district before the group for election. The afternoon was used in training classes for district and local officers for the coming year.

We regret so much to lose Mrs. Connell and Mrs. Wilson, two of our efficient officers from our district, but we welcome Mrs. Williams and Mrs. Chambliss who came into their places.

Our Christian Social Relations Secretaries are responding in a big way to the calls for European Relief.

Another big item in our reports is the amounts being spent to improve and furnish parsonages.

So we close the year with best of wishes for a good Christmas to every Christian worker and brightest hopes for 1948 in our work everywhere.—Mrs. John Bledsoe.

MISS McSWAIN AT HOME ON FURLOUGH

Miss Mary McSwain, missionary to Brazil and working in the Methodist Institute, Ribeirao Preto, Sao Paulo, Brazil, is home on her furlough year. She will be in the United States during 1948 and will be with her aunts, Mrs. A. C. Millar and Miss Henry McKinnon at Mineral Springs, Arkansas.

Miss McSwain will be available for appointments and she can be reached at the above address. She reports a good year at the Institute and she will do some writing for this page regarding her work.

ARKADELPHIA DISTRICT MEETS

The Arkadelphia District W. S. C. S. held Officers' Training Day at the Grand Ave. Church, Hot Springs, December 10. The meeting was opened with an organ prelude of Christmas carols. Mrs. W. T. McCoy, district president, presented Mrs. C. A. Evans, who gave a beautiful Christmas devotional, using as her theme John 3:16. A prayer by Rev. R. B. Moore, district superintendent, concluded the morning devotional.

All district officers, and two new officers, Miss Lillian Van Dusen of Malvern, secretary of Youth Work, and Mrs. B. E. Orr, Hot Springs, secretary of Missionary Education, were introduced. There were 17 societies represented with a total attendance of 112.

A most interesting and informative talk on Youth Work was given by Mrs. Clyde Williams, Little Rock Conference Secretary of Youth Work. She also spoke for Mrs. J. E. Carpenter, who could not be present. Mrs. Carpenter sent some valuable information she had obtained from a School of Finance she had attended at Greensboro, N. C.

The last period of the morning session was given over to Workshops, where each officer was given an opportunity to learn her particular duties.

The ladies of Grand Avenue had prepared a delicious lunch, which was enjoyed by all present.

At the afternoon session Mrs. Thos. McLean, conference secretary of Spiritual Life, gave a demonstration of a program committee meeting and gave many suggestions for better program planning. Officers Training Day came to a close with a prayer by Mrs. McLean. The excellent attendance and the desire shown by officers to obtain information concerning their duties were gratifying.—Reporter.

"MR. AND MRS. CLUB" IN CHINA CHURCH

The first "Mr. and Mrs. Club" in China—and institution now popular in churches throughout the United States—was recently organized in the Tieng Ang Dong Methodist Church in Tientsin, by Dr. and Mrs. Harold N. Brewster, missionaries. "This is a revolutionary idea in China", comments Mrs. Brewster. "The Chinese seat the women on one side of the church, and the men on the other; wives trot behind their husbands when or if they are ever together on the street. But the Chinese Christian pastor is young and progressive, and thinks this a grand idea."

CURRENT NEWS IN ARKANSAS METHODISM

METHODIST HOSPITAL AND BATH HOUSE

The month of December was one of our most active periods. We admitted 167 patients who spent a total of 1,532 days with us. Our average daily census was 49.4 for a percentage of full occupancy of 93.2. There were 27 babies born during the month and we performed 46 operations. Our bath house gave 535 hot baths and 101 massages.

Our figures for the year, 1947 will read as follows:

Admissions, 1,817; patient days, 16,785; average daily census, 45.9; percent full occupancy, 87.; births, 235; operations, 650; baths, 9,213; massages, 1,736.

We are grateful to friends who sent us during the month the following:

Rev. F. C. Cannon, Fredricksburg, Virginia, sent \$25.00 with the following note: "This is some tithe money. I read your reports in the Arkansas Methodist and rejoice in the work of the hospital. May God bless you and your staff in your work." Brother Cannon is an honored superannuate of our Conference. A postscript to his letter says, "I am serving a little mission church in Virginia."

C. E. Palmer, editor Hot Springs newspapers, sent \$200.00 for the building fund and two days later another check for \$200.00 came with a note saying: "I found some more money and want to send your another \$200.00."

Mrs. J. A. Broughten, Hot Springs, sent a check for \$25.00 to be used in our physio-therapy department.

Mrs. R. W. Lenhart, Little Rock, sent gift for diapers for the nursery.

Mrs. E. S. Garnett, Camden, sent \$25.00 to be used for some person unable to pay their hospitalization.

Mr. and Mrs. H. T. Rose, Arkadelphia, sent another check for \$200.00 to be used where needed most. Last year these fine friends gave the hospital a Bible for every patient bed.

Mrs. W. E. Burnham and the Kate-Steel Bible Class, both of Pine Bluff, sent gifts in memory of Mr. Carl Illing, life long Methodist, who passed away December 12.

Mrs. W. E. Hickman, Primary Department, Fairview S. S., Texarkana, sent hand made book for children who may be patients in our hospital.

Through these, and other gifts, we now have more than \$2,700.00 in our physio-therapy department. One of the first pieces of equipment installed was an electro-cardiograph machine which was used FIVE times during the month on our "cardiac" patients.—R. E. Simpson, Superintendent.

INTERMEDIATE INSTITUTE

An Intermediate Institute was held at Booneville Methodist Church, December 12-13, with a total of 27 present from Paris, Lavaca, and Booneville. Three courses offered were: Ways We Worship Like Jesus Did, and What It Means To Be A Church Member. Rev. Earle Cravens, Paris, Rev. I. L. Claud, Booneville, and Miss Virginia Guffey, Booneville, were the instructors with Rev. Earl Cravens acting dean. Miss Jo Cravens led the recreation.

An evaluation of the Institute by instructors and young people prov-

MINISTERS AND LAYMEN MAKE PLANS FOR NEW CAMP SITE

Rev. J. W. Moore, pastor of the Hoxie Methodist Church was pastor-host on December 18 to fifteen ministers and laymen from the Batesville, Jonesboro and Paragould Districts to discuss plans for establishing Wayland Springs Camp. This group represents more than 32,000 members. Rev. E. B. Williams, district superintendent of the Paragould District, was elected president; Rev. Alfred Knox, pastor at Tuckerman, was elected secretary. After discussing the Wayland Spring Camp for young people and adults the conference adjourned and went to Wayland Spring, five miles southwest of Imboden.

After reaching the camp site, Rev. Ira A. Brumley of Conway and Miss Elizabeth Brown, of Nashville, Tenn., camping expert from the General Board of Education, led the group in a study of the Wayland Springs Camp for young people and adults.

The group decided to move forward with all possible speed, hoping to have the camp ready for some of the camping activities of the church next summer. The plans will call for the development of the camp over a period of several years during which it will develop into one of the most adequate camps anywhere in Arkansas or the church at large.

The properties on which the springs are located are being given by Sloan Rainwater of Imboden and will serve as the nucleus for a camp which will accommodate more than one hundred campers.

Some of the leaders in this movement include: Rev. E. B. Williams of Paragould; Rev. J. Albert Gatlin of Jonesboro; Rev. S. B. Wilford of Batesville; Rev. Charles Lewis of Luxora; Rev. Alfred Knox of Tuckerman; Rev. Lloyd M. Conyers of Walnut Ridge; Charles Stuck of Jonesboro, Sloan Rainwater of Imboden and others.—J. W. Moore.

SHOE SHINE PARTY AT ROGERS

Central Methodist Church of Rogers has shipped 900 pairs of shoes to Church World Service for use in Europe and Asia.

Nearly three hundred pairs were brought to the church by members and friends, then a local merchant, Max Russell, gave an out of style stock of shoes numbering a little over 600 pairs.

At the party which started the shining, sorting, and packing, Mrs. Sid Roberts was in charge of refreshments and program, and James R. Craig was in charge of sorting and packing. We brought sandwiches to the party. They were all put on the table together, then each person made a contribution to the shipping and repair fund in return for his supper. Readings, music, and games featured the program. Others who were not present at the party made contributions for express.—Reporter.

ed that it had been most worthwhile and plans were made for a future meeting at Paris in the early Spring.—Virginia Guffey.

METHODISTS CONTRACT FOR WORK

At a meeting of the Official Board Sunday evening the bid of Titus Chinn, contractor of Siloam Springs, was accepted for the dismantling and re-erection of the Army Chapel owned by the local congregation at Camp Crowder, Missouri. Mr. Chinn's bid was low of three bids submitted. Work is expected to start not later than January 1.

Work is to be in three parts: laying of the concrete foundation; dismantling of the chapel at Camp Crowder; and re-erection of the building on the local site. The building will sit on the West Side of the present property facing the South. The building which measures thirty-seven feet by ninety-six feet, has a seating capacity of 300 and also is fully equipped.

Cost of the local church has been established at \$7,000, although the building will be valued at \$20,000 when completed. All foundation work and erection of the building will be done by local labor, under the supervision of the contractor. Mr. Chinn is well known in this locality, having done considerable construction work and contracting.

Completion of the building is set for about March 15, depending largely on the weather conditions. No plans are being made at present as to changing the present building or selling any equipment.—The Church Voice, Gentry, Ark.

PRINCETON CHARGE

A Sunday School institute representing Carthage and Tulip Charge, Holly Springs Charge, Leola and Princeton Charges met in the Princeton Methodist Church on Tuesday, December at 10:00 a. m. Dinner was served at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Walsh by Mrs. Martha Harper and Mrs. H. A. F. Ault to the twenty-four persons present. Rev. and Mrs. Roy Fawcett and our district superintendent, Rev. Robert Moore, gave to this group some very helpful instruction for Sunday School work. We adjourned at noon.

On Saturday night, January 3, we had an old-fashioned pounding from at least two churches, Waverly and Princeton.

It is great to be the pastor of such fine people as live on the Princeton work. Our best wishes go out to these fine Christian friends.—Rev. and Mrs. H. A. F. Ault.

LOCKESBURG M. Y. F

The Lockesburg M. Y. F. held a New Year's banquet for a few special guests and its members, December 31.

The welcome speech was given by Tommy Williams, elected toastmaster, followed by a response by Rev. Gray Wilson, our pastor.

A prophecy of the members ten years from now was given by S. P. Norwood, our M. Y. F. sponsor. He also read the roll of twenty years ago and told what each is doing now.

A special feature was a solo by Marlene Tollett. The special guests were S. P. Norwood, Rev. L. Gray Wilson, Mrs. S. P. Norwood and Mrs. D. L. Sanders, former sponsor.

The members present were, Bobby Cooper, Betty Pearl Coulter, Joe Steel Coulter, Myra Ann Coulter, Shirley B. Gallaher, Claryce Harri-

SEARCY AREA PREACHERS' MEETING

On Monday morning, December 8, the pastors of the south end of the Searcy District met at the First Methodist Church in Searcy for our regular monthly meeting, with district superintendent J. Kenneth Shamblin, presiding.

A very inspiring and helpful devotional on "Life's Certainties" was given by Brother Vance Womack of Augusta.

It was urged by the district superintendent that pastors and churches with outstanding pledges for the Hendrix College Campaign make every effort possible toward collecting them by the deadline on January 31, 1948.

Special emphasis was given to the importance of the Arkansas Methodist Campaign, January 11-18. The Conference Insurance Program was presented and discussed by the group.

These general goals were presented and adopted as a part of the Christian Education Program of the District:

1. Church School and Evangelistic visitation campaign in every church.
2. A Training unit in every charge.
3. Every church exceeding its enrollment and attendance Crusade Goals.
4. Adult Home Department in every church.
5. A Nursery Home program in every charge.
6. Daily Vacation Church School in every charge.
7. Methodist Youth Fellowship in every church.
8. A Young Adult Group in every church.
9. Christian Home Magazine in every Methodist home.

The meeting was adjourned to Robertsons' Rendezvous, where the group enjoyed a delicious lunch together. It was decided that for the February meeting that each pastor have as his guest his wife, who will meet at the district parsonage for fellowship during the morning.—Jesse L. Johnson, Secretary.

Rev. and Mrs. C. O. Boatman; Evangelists, Singers, Youth and Children's Workers. Programs for whole church, Gospel preaching singing and teaching. Making slate for 1948; open dates in January and February. Fourteen revivals in 4 states in 1947. Equipped with Visual Aids, P. A. System and Trailer Home. Write, Rev. C. O. Boatman, P. O. Box 281, Bastrop, Texas.

son, Paul Langford, Dorothy Owens, Jane Owens, Mary Lou Owens, Pat-sy Skinner, Joyce Sanders, Harold Sharp, Melba Sharp, Marlene Tollett, Jackie Wallace, Tommy Williams, Gladys White, Raymond Tollett and Lenord Louis Hampson.

Shelba Gallaher, Phyllis Willoughby, Rufus Owens and Bommy Slaton were waitresses and waiters.

After the banquet, games were played in the basement of the church until 10:45, when a Watch Night Program was presented to the members and visitors.

The banquet and program were planned by the M. Y. F. officers, Claryce Harrison, President; Jane Owens, Treasurer; Gladys White, Vice President, and Dorothy Owens, Secretary.—Myra Coulter, Reporter.



The Church... and the Countryside

By GLENN F. SANFORD

LEPANTO CHARGE ON THE RIGHT TRACK

ON the last Sunday in November I had a great experience with Rev. Irl Bridenthal and his people on the Lepanto-Garden Point Charge. Immediately after the morning service at Lepanto about ten families took their lunch baskets and drove to Garden Point to join with the church there

members of the official board of the Garden Point church, Loyd Shelton, I. E. Ashby, C. H. Gurley, Mrs. J. A. Chresmond and Mrs. O. J. Ashby, were present to form a combined official group for the entire charge.

Garden Point was made a part of the Lepanto Charge this year and Brother Bridenthal has full respon-



The Gardner Point Church and the officials of the two churches having fellowship.

in a cooperative lunch and noonday fellowship.

The afternoon program was in the form of a Harvest Festival and Thanksgiving celebration. D. V. Mallard, county farm agent of Mississippi county, brought the main message. He urged that the members of the church, men, women, and youth, take more personal and active part in the work of the local church and especially in a home mission program for the neglected communities around them.

It was interesting to note that among those from Lepanto were T. B. Goldsby, chairman of the finance committee, Boyd W. Johnson, superintendent of the Lepanto schools and also superintendent of the adult work of the church in the Jonesboro District, and Mrs. A. T. Bell, president of the Woman's Society of Christian Service. The

sibility for its work. This method of looking after a large number of our small churches has become a policy of the Jonesboro District and, in a large way, the policy of the entire North Arkansas Conference. It would be wonderful if we could do away with station charges and have only circuits. The plan on the Lepanto Charge is certainly in the right direction. Just think what it would mean to a large number of neglected rural churches! The people at both Lepanto and Garden Point are happy over this plan.

The people at Garden Point have a nice church. It was beautifully decorated for this special occasion. The large number of children and youth in both the afternoon and night services is evidence of both the great opportunity and the high type of work being done.

MINISTERS' WIVES CLUB

The wives of the Methodist ministers of the Pine Bluff District met at the district parsonage in Pine Bluff, January 6, and organized the "Ministers' Wives Club". Mrs. J. L. Dedman, wife of the district superintendent, presided and opened the meeting with prayer. The following officers were then elected, President, Mrs. J. L. Dedman; Vice-President, Mrs. George Cagle; Secretary, Mrs. V. D. Keeley; Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. A. C. Rogers.

The purpose of this organization is to make possible a larger fellowship among ministers' wives. The members are to include the wives of all the Methodist ministers of the Pine Bluff District.

At the close of the meeting, the ministers were invited in for the social hour. Delicious refreshments were served by the hostess, Mrs. Dedman, assisted by Mrs. Otto Teague and Mrs. W. E. Brown.

The next meeting will be in Stutt-

RUSSELLVILLE SUB-DISTRICT RALLY

The Russellville Sub-district M. Y. F. rally was held Monday night, January 5, in the auditorium of the First Methodist Church in Russellville. There were five churches represented, Russellville, Pottsville, Dardanelle, Lamar and Atkins.

Russellville gave a very inspiring song service followed by interesting reports from our delegates to the Cleveland Conference.

After the meeting was adjourned, we met in the recreation room for games and refreshments of cookies and hot chocolate.

Lamar will be hostess to the M. Y. F. on February 2.—Reporter.

Remember to prepare for Commitment Day.

gart, March 6, with Mrs. H. O. Bolin and Mrs. V. D. Keeley.—Reporter.

REGIONAL MEETINGS PLANNED FOR CITY PASTORS

Three "Councils of City Pastors", sponsored by the Board of Missions and Church Extension, to consider the responsibility of the church to city life, have been scheduled for Broad Street Church, Columbus, Ohio, January 13-15; Glide Memorial Church, San Francisco, Calif., January 20-22; First Church, Memphis, Tenn., January 27-29. Each meeting will include addresses by outstanding leaders of city churches and workshop periods in which nine subjects of general interest will be presented in panel discussions.

Following is the program for the Memphis meeting:

January 27—Opening address, "The Message", Dr. Warren Johnston, of Fort Worth, Tex. Panel discussions, subjects and leaders: "Methods of Getting Hold of People", Dr. Lester Rumble, of Atlanta, Ga.; "Church Publicity", Dr. Dana Dawson, of Shreveport, La.; "Preaching and Modern Day Evangelism", Dr. B. G. Hodge, of Chattanooga, Tenn. Evening address, Dr. Earl R. Brown, of New York, N. Y., executive secretary, Division of Home Missions and Church Extension.

January 28—Panel discussions, subjects and leaders: "Missions and Church Extension in Cities", Dr. Earl R. Brown; "Radio Ministry", Dr. N. C. McPherson, of Memphis, Tenn.; "Local Church Program of Education", Dr. Paul C. Stephenson, of Dallas, Tex.; "Ten Successful Ideas", Dr. J. W. Workman, North Little Rock, Ark.; "The Next Quadrennial Program", Dr. Earl G. Hamlett, of Abilene, Tex. Address during dinner hour, "The Orient", Dr. W. H. Wallace, of Oklahoma City, Okla.

January 29—A panel discussion, "Relating Church Program to City Life and Winning Cooperation Among Influential People", led by Dr. B. L. Schubel, of St. Louis, Mo. Closing address, Dr. A. P. Shirkey, of San Antonio, Tex. Closing noon-tide service of Communion.

It will be of special interest to our readers to note that three of the speakers and discussion leaders are Arkansans or former Arkansans, namely, Dr. Warren Johnston, Dr. Dana Dawson and Dr. James W. Workman. Dr. E. C. Rule will assist with the Communion.

NEWS FROM WASHINGTON CIRCUIT

Rev. W. C. Lewis, conducted his regular first Sunday afternoon services at the Old Liberty Church, January 4, at 2:30 p.m. His inspiring message was enjoyed by a goodly number of people. Out of the community visitors were Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Boyce of Washington and Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Delaney of Columbus.

Mrs. D. E. Goodlett made a very interesting talk, inviting the people of the community to come and take part in the church activities.

Brother Lewis will conduct his regular third Sunday afternoon service at 3:00 o'clock.

Miss Edna Collins of Griffin, Georgia, became the bride of Ernest Delaney, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Delaney of Columbus at an impressive ring ceremony performed by Rev. W. C. Lewis on Tuesday, December 23. The young couple will reside at Columbus.—Mrs. O. H. Bristow.

MINISTERS OF THE PINE BLUFF DISTRICT REPORT ON CHRISTMAS OFFERING

At a meeting of the Methodist Ministers of the Pine Bluff District held January 8, at the First Methodist Church in Pine Bluff, it was reported that the free will offerings from the churches of the district for the Methodist Children's Home, in Little Rock, amounted to \$4356.30. All charges of the district reported except four.

This offering is taken annually at the Christmas season and is called the "Christmas Offering".

Rev. J. L. Dedman, district superintendent, who presided at the meeting said this report showed an increase over last year for nearly every church in the district.

Guests at the meeting were, Rev. Roy E. Fawcett, executive secretary of the Board of Education of the Little Rock Conference; Sidney Good, district lay leader of the Pine Bluff District; and A. R. Cooper, associate district lay leader.

Mr. Good addressed the meeting concerning the observance of Layman's Day, February 22, and asked the help and co-operation of the pastors in providing a lay speaker for every church in the district on that day.

Mr. Cooper gave instruction and suggestions about advertising during the year for the Crusade For Christ.

The ministers voted to hold meetings monthly for the purpose of caring for the business of the district and for inspiration and fellowship.

After the business had been cared for the district superintendent, Brother Dedman invited the ministers to be his guest and meet their wives at his home at 1402 Pine St., for an informal social hour.

During the social hour at the District Parsonage the ladies announced that at the suggestion of Mrs. J. L. Dedman, hostess, they had organized a "Ministers' Wives Club", to be composed of the wives of the ministers of the Pine Bluff District.

Pleasant and informal fellowship was enjoyed while the guests shared the delightful refreshments served by the gracious hostess, Mrs. Dedman.

The next meeting of the ministers will be held at First Church Stuttgart, on March 8.—C. D. Cade, Sec.

VALUES

One of our friends is a policeman. He is a regular church-goer and gives liberally of his time when it would be very easy to beg off because of the nature of his job. Because this is a somewhat uncommon combination, we asked why his church meant so much to him.

"I'll tell you exactly what I tell our young recruits when they come on the force," he said. "I tell them that most of their contacts will be on the seamy side. That they won't meet too many folks they will want to invite in for Sunday dinner. That even some of our 'best people' are not exactly sweetness and light when caught in a minor traffic violation."

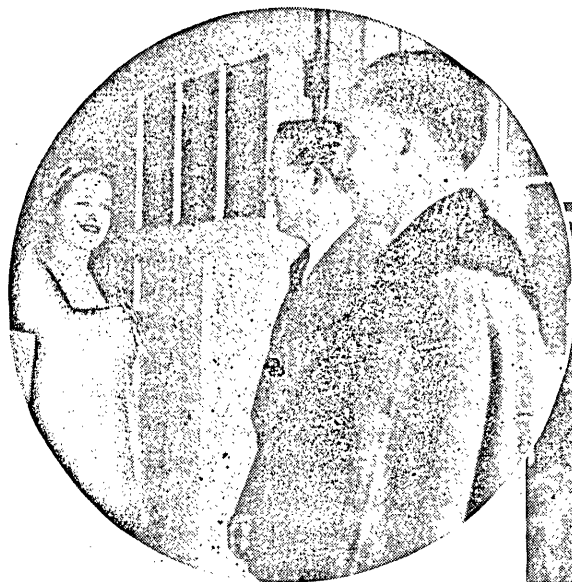
"So I suggest that they tie up with some church to give them balance to give them something to hang on to when circumstances of their work makes them think the whole world is drunk or crooked. A policeman without something of spiritual value to lean on soon becomes a poor policeman."—KVP Philosopher.

Commitment Day, February 15, 1948.

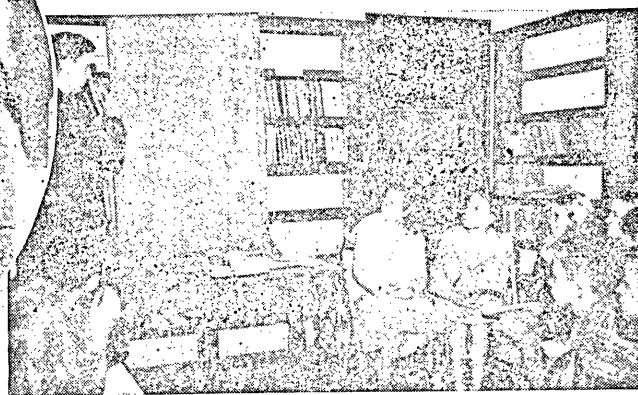
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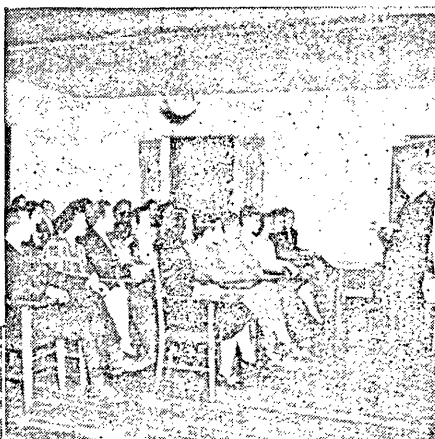
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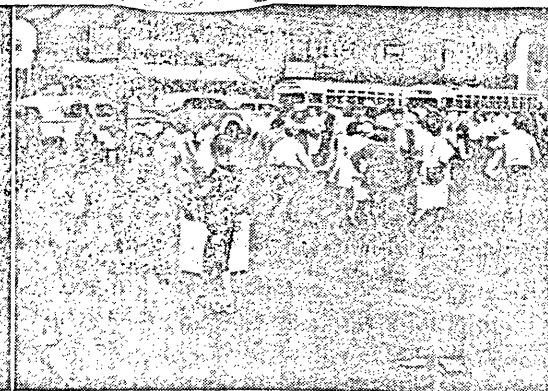
A Crusade scholarship will enable this student to carry out Christ's commandment: "Go ye into all the world . . ."



Wesley Foundations on college campuses have helped many young people find salvation through Bible classes and other religious activities



Religious education teaches that God's love and salvation is for all people



The teachings of the Master must be taken to the masses because nothing else leads to an abundant life



CRUSADE FOR CHRIST

MIDWINTER PROJECT OF THE CRUSADE FOR CHRIST

Educators of the country share the concern of the church for school children who are receiving no religious education. This concern for these young people has motivated the mid-winter project of the Crusade for Christ which is now underway in many churches throughout America. As one superintendent of a public school puts it, "Our whole system of education fails if we leave God out."

In many communities the schools are cooperating with ministerial associations or interdenominational committees in the taking of a religious census and in stress-

ing the importance of religious training for each child.

The following free material has been mailed to pastors, Church School superintendents and conference executive secretaries to aid in the mid-winter project:

"Mid-Winter Project in the Crusade for Christ", containing suggestions for local churches; "Suggestions for Newspaper Publicity for the Mid-Winter Project of the Crusade"; a sample Religious Education Census Card; and a sample copy of the "Home-School-Church" post-

er which is for use in public school buildings and other public places. Persons who have not received this material should write to Crusade for Christ, 740 Rush Street, Chicago, Ill.

Additional posters are available at 10 for 35 cents; census cards at 12 cents per 100 or \$1.20 per 1000. A set of four newspaper mats, as pictured in the "Suggestions for Newspaper Publicity", may be had for \$1.00. The charge material should be ordered from the Service Department, 810 Broadway, Nashville, Tenn.

NEWS ABOUT HENDRIX COLLEGE

Construction To Begin This Spring If Possible

Ground will be broken this spring for the combined dining hall-student center and the combined chapel-fine arts building if building conditions permit, Dr. Matt L. Ellis, president of the college, has announced.

Funds for the buildings are being provided by the million dollar campaign conducted for the past year and a half.

"A great deal of study has been given to both buildings and we have pretty well settled details of the floor plan for the dining hall-student center. Much work has also been done on the plans for the chapel-fine arts building," Dr. Ellis said. "If building conditions allow, we hope to begin construction of both the buildings before the June commencement."

A committee of church officials, meeting last October, gave first priority to the dining hall-student center if it was necessary to construct one of the buildings before the others. This was done in view of the pressing need for more adequate dining facilities.

Both the dining hall-student center and the chapel-fine arts building are to be erected in the area east of Tabor Hall and the gymnasium and north of Martin Hall.

Present plans for the dining hall-student center include a kitchen about 50 by 50 feet, a large dining room about 60 by 110 feet, a smaller dining room, for banquets and organizational dinners, about 25 by 30 feet, a social room about 50 by 80 feet, a combined store and post-office about 40 by 50, and facilities for the student publications, student organization, and a small lounge for the faculty. A recreation room is planned for the second floor of the student store.

Lawson L. Delony of the Little Rock architectural firm of Wittenburg, Delony and Davidson has been conferring with the college's building committee and is now working on final details.

Slight Increase In Cafeteria Charges
Charges for meals will be increased from \$28 to \$30 per four-week month, beginning with the second semester.

"The increase represents an added charge of less than three cents a meal," Dr. Ellis said. "We feel sure that our patrons will see the need for this small increase in view of the general increase in the cost of obtaining and preparing food."

College Presented 50 Maple Trees

Miss Vera Key of Rogers, who was college nurse at Hendrix from 1925 to 1929, has presented the college with 50 maple trees. Miss Key offered the trees when she learned that a number of the trees on the campus which had died during the



Methodist Board of Education

"Go Invite Them..."

Adults! But still young; the shoulders must be broader now to lift the increasing load of maturity—new jobs—new loves—new homes—children—glorious, but demanding strength, wisdom, courage—where can these be found? In Him who is all-powerful, all-wise; in Him who gives courage. But where can He be found? In His house, in the thought and study of Him, they receive strength, wisdom, courage, Christ. But often they must be invited to His house. Go invite them.



THE CRUSADE FOR CHRIST IN METHODIST CHURCH SCHOOLS

METHODIST RURAL FELLOWSHIP IN NORTH ARKANSAS CONFERENCE

(Continued from Page 2)

it is today.

One outgrowth of this new attitude toward the rural churches is the Methodist Rural Fellowship which was organized at Atlantic City, April 25-26, 1940, during General Conference. Its purpose is to study the needs of the rural churches and try to do something about their needs. This organization is well known in the North Arkansas Conference. Last year it had one of the largest paid memberships of all the Conferences of the Church. Its annual fellowship dinner has become one of the highlights of Annual Conference. It is here that the members and friends meet to think together about the problems we face in our own Conference. There were present at this fellowship dinner in

Forrest City, October 23, 1947, one hundred nineteen ministers, laymen and laywomen. Not only was the food superb but the talks which followed were very inspiring and struck at the very heart of the problems which face the rural churches of this conference. If you missed this dinner, you missed one of the important meetings of the Annual Conference. So make your plans to attend the next one which will be held in Fort Smith during the next Annual Conference.

This Fellowship is maintained by a basic membership fee of one dollar and any other gifts which the members wish to make. There were fifty-seven who paid membership fees for this conference year at the Fellowship Dinner. I feel that there are several others who intended to pay their dues who did not pay, since last year there were eighty-eight paid members and there were several new members in the group

this year. If you were a member last year and have not paid your fee for this year, or if you would like to become a member of the Methodist Rural Fellowship, you may do so by sending your name, address and one dollar to Rev. Russell V. Carr, Membership Secretary, Hutchinson, Minn., or if you prefer you may send it to Glenn Bruner, Yellville, Arkansas, who is the secretary for this Conference and he will take care of the matter for you. Any interested minister or layman may join. So why not take care of this matter at an early date.

The following persons were elected as officers of the Methodist Rural Fellowship in the North Arkansas Conference at the Fellowship Dinner: Rev. John Kermit Van Zant, Huntsville, Arkansas, President; Miss Estelle McIntosh, Waldron, Vice-President; Rev. Glenn Bruner, Yellville, Arkansas, Secretary-Treasurer.

past few years, were being replaced. Exam Week Begins For Record Enrollment Of Students

Final examinations for the first semester will be held during the week beginning January 19. Registration for the second semester will be held January 27, with new students taking guidance tests January 26.

Registration during the present semester is beyond 590, a peacetime record. Record enrollments are expected in the coming term.

Campaign Receipts Pass \$830,000

Cash receipts from Methodism's million dollar campaign for Hendrix had passed \$806,000, E. W. Martin, treasurer of Hendrix and of the campaign, said January 9. Additional funds were coming in daily, Mr. Martin said, as churches of the state drive toward complete payment of all outstanding pledges by January 31.

The solicitation period of the campaign ended last February with the million dollar goal oversubscribed by \$36,000. Of the total, \$200,000 is a grant from the General Education Board of New York, Rockefeller philanthropic agency. The board's grant is payable in \$50,000 units each time a \$200,000 cash unit is obtained in the state campaign.

Of the cash in hand January 9, \$636,000 had come from the state campaign, Mr. Martin said, and \$150,000 from the General Education Board. A final \$50,000 will be paid by the board as soon as cash receipts from the state reach \$800,000. All outstanding pledges are due not later than January 31.—Harold L. Nance.

"YOUR PREACHING IS PEACE"

General Fu Tso Yi, commander of the Chinese National Army in the Kalgan area of Chahar, near the Great Wall of China, recently entertained a group of American and Norwegian missionaries at dinner. One of the guests was the Rev. J. Wesley Day of the Methodist Church at Kalgan.

During the evening the General remarked, "Now the Chinese people's minds are open; go anywhere and preach. May there be more of you!"

One missionary asked, "Can we tell the people at home, then, that China will have peace?"

General Fu answered, "Your preaching is peace. When your friends come and preach, they will be bringing peace to our people."

Children often lead us to a new understanding of thankfulness. There was a little girl who one morning at breakfast prayed: "Thank you, God for sunshine and orange juice." It was particularly beautiful prayer because that morning it was raining and she was having prunes for breakfast.—Rev. Clyde O. York.

The Sunday School Lesson

By DR. O. E. GODDARD



WHEN WE WORK WITH GOD

LESSON FOR JANUARY 25, 1948

SCRIPTURE TEXT: II Corinthians 5:20-6:10.

GOLDEN TEXT: We are fellow workers for God. I Corinthians 3:9.

It seems strange, if not impudent, for us to talk of being partners or fellow workers with God. It is however a fact that we are if we have chosen to be. "We are fellow workers for God." If some of the monarchs of finance, such as Ford, Rockefeller, Astor, Lamont, or others, should ask us to become partners with them, we would feel highly honored. We doubtless, would gladly put our mite into the business and might even get very "chesty" at being a partner with a multi-millionaire. One mightier than all the monarchs of finance of the earth, invites you to go into partnership with Him in the greatest business on earth or in heaven, and a business that pays unflinching dividends.

All Men Called To Preach Are Partners With God

God needs ambassadors, consuls, ministers, envoys, to deal with rebellious peoples. Hundreds of men and women are called to desert all secular business and give themselves wholly to God's business. It may not be fashionable just now to talk about a divine call to the ministry but this great Methodist Church of which we are members, has taught, always, that God definitely calls certain persons to devote themselves exclusively to his work.

Thousands of men and women today know they are called of God to the Christian ministry. Men do not choose the ministry, ordinarily, but they respond to the divine call into the ministry. They feel like Paul, "Woe is me if I preach not the gospel!" I need not argue this question. All ministers should feel that they are bona fide partners with God, in the great work of redeeming a lost world. But ministers have no monopoly of this partnership. God calls laymen who make their living in what we term secular work, but they link up that work with their life's work in such a way that they too are workers with God.

Teachers Fellow-Workers With God

I have often said that to fit the oncoming generation to render better service than the outgoing generation has rendered, is the most important job of every generation. Outside the parents, the teachers have the greatest opportunity and the largest responsibility in this training.

To fit the next generation physically, mentally, and spiritually is the teacher's job. If the teacher concerns himself or herself wholly with the mind, neglecting the body and the soul, he or she is doing very defective work. The teacher so far as possible ought to be a model of physical, moral, and spiritual excellence. The teacher ought to be as truly conscious of his partnership with God as the minister should be. God is surely more interested in having a child given a fair chance than any other person in the world. When we read of Jesus' concern about the children we are assured of the Father's solicitude for the dear little ones.

I know of teachers who are as truly conscious of the fact that they are fellow-workers with God in training children as are the preachers or deaconesses in their work.

Teachers, do your very best, I pray you in Jesus' name to teach and demonstrate the Christian philosophy of life to your pupils.

Doctors Are Partners With God

Jesus had compassion upon a suffering world and spent much time alleviating suffering. Doctors are, or ought to be, God's healers of sick and suffering humanity. God placed healing power in the mineral and vegetable kingdoms. He gave man the brain to find and apply these curative powers to diseased bodies. Every doctor ought to realize that he is God's agent to heal God's children, sick and suffering. How we do reverence those great surgeons who pause a moment for prayer before they thrust the knife into a suffering body! Doctors, God wants you to be partners with him in all your healing.

Lawyers Ought To Be Partners With God

In the remote rural community in which I grew to manhood, lawyers had a bad reputation. The only lawyers we knew lived in the county seat miles away. When any rascal did a dirty deed and was brought before the justice of peace he, usually secured the services of an infamous lawyer to defend him. By chicanery, trickery and bribery, and all the diabolical makeshifts known, he usually got the defendant acquitted and left a rascal set free in our county.

In my half century as a minister I was convinced of my wrong conception of the lawyer. Some of the finest and best men of my pastorate were lawyers. They could think more clearly and accurately than other men, as rule. The greater number of the lawyers had profound respect for the Ten Commandments. Some of them (And how I wish I could say every one of them), were conscious of their partnership with God.

Farmers Partners With God

God furnishes the soil, the rain, and the sunshine, man does the work and the world is thereby fed. This is a partnership affair whether or not man recognizes the fact. Life is fuller, sweeter, richer, happier, if while the farmer turns the soil, sows the seeds, and cultivates the crops he can realize that he and God are doing this to feed a hungry world.

The increasing interest our Church is taking in rural work is gratifying. Our farmers should co-operate with all the rural workers. If the one in your county is not of your denomination and your denomination has no organization, better affiliate with one who is working in your county. It is not practical to have every denomination organized in every county. Co-operate with any church organization near you, and let it be known always and at all times

that farmers are God's fellow-workers.

All Merchants Ought To Be Fellow-Workers With God

The merchants have an indispensable place in society. If we all had to go to the mill for our flour, to the bakery for our cake, to the mines for our coal, or to the gas wells for our gas—in short—if we did not have the merchants for our supplies of needed commodities, we just could not subsist. The merchant is the servant of all. He ought to realize that as he serves his fellowmen he is also serving God. I like to trade in a store where I can sense the Christian atmosphere.

Office Holders Ought To Serve God

Every officers from the President of the United States down to the humblest township officer, ought to serve his God in doing faithfully his official obligations. He ought to be elected by the methods approved by God, and then serve his constituency in a way that will please God. He who gets his office by fraud and then disregards his oath of office ought to be in the penitentiary and be replaced by a decent man who would honor God in the performance of duty. None but incorruptible men should be placed in office, in State, Federal, or municipal government.

Vote as you pray and pray as you vote and be a partner with God in making your country Christian.

Employers and Employees As Partners With God

The employers ought to consider the physical, financial, and spiritual welfare of their employees. If they have convictions of doing business for God they will do this service to their workers gladly. The employees, clerks, stenographers, carpenters, masons, railroad workers, bookkeepers, agents—all who are employed ought to do his best for his employer and for God. If all these—employers, employees, and God, work in harmony and in accord, then labor relationships will be amicable.

Let Us Hear The Conclusion

Let all parents and all teachers begin to teach all children before they reach the teen age that this is God's world and that God is trying to make it and keep it a good world and that God wants all the good people to help Him make a good world. And also that God has

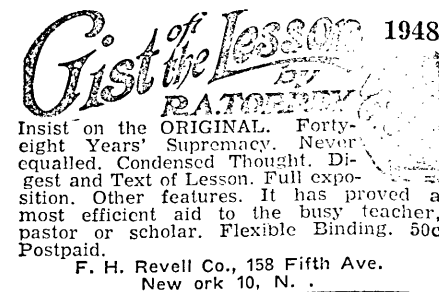
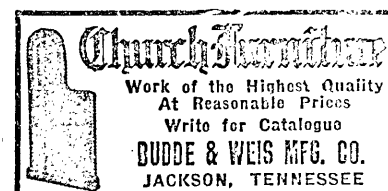
a place for every person and that if the person finds that place, he can be useful and efficient.

So there is wisdom in your looking to God for guidance that you may find the place of service God wants you to fit into to meet his design for you.

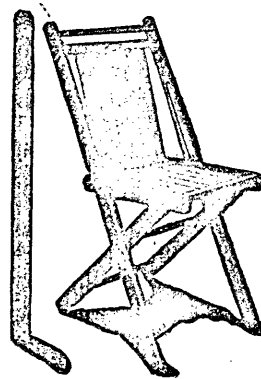
"We then, as workers together with him, beseech you also that ye receive not the grace of God in vain."—II Corinthians.

"ONE FOR TEN" IN SWEDEN

"Some days ago I received your kind letter and package of copies of the Visitation materials. I hereby will thank you for your charitable-ness. I am convinced that this material shall be of a great usefulness for us here in Sweden. It is namely so that we next year start an offensive for membership with the goal of one new member for every ten in the congregation, Sunday School, youth groups, etc."—Henry Atterling, Dist. Supt., Gothenburg, Sweden.



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