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"The World is My Parish" — John W.

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

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The Best Informed Lay Group In Methodism

NEXT week The Woman's Society of Christian Service of the North Arkansas Conference will be in its annual session in West Memphis, beginning Tuesday and closing Thursday. The Woman's Society of Christian Service of the Little Rock Conference will hold its annual session at Hope, beginning Tuesday, March 30, and closing Thursday, April 1st.

Anyone who knows much about the Woman's Society of Christian Service can hardly escape the conviction that, in this organization, we have a group of workers who are better informed about the work they are doing, local and general, than any other lay group in our church.

It is not difficult to understand why our missionary women know their work so well. For many years the regular, annual program of the W. S. C. S. has called for the local organization to study, in class, a certain number of books dealing with the various phases of their work. If the program is followed, every local organization must have two or three of these training classes every year. This "precept upon precept, line upon line" method of training has produced marvelous results.

So many training classes in each organization every year have been possible because instructors for the classes have been available. These instructors are usually some better trained members of the local organizations who have had special training, in a one-day "Coaching Conference," for presenting the materials of the special book to be studied.

Perhaps this method of study would not meet some standards of efficiency. Nevertheless, this multiple study of specially selected books in every local W. S. C. S. every year has produced a trained body of workers who know more about their work, local and general, than any other lay group in Methodism. The plan of training our women have followed has produced results that seem to justify their methods.

Along with every other institution and organization of Methodism in our state, The Arkansas Methodist is deeply indebted to the Woman's Society of Christian Service in our two Annual Conferences for the loyal support they have given our work. We honor them for the great program they are promoting and wish for them the complete success they so richly deserve.

When Words Lose Their Meaning

THE words of the English language, when properly used, are very expressive and meaningful. We have come on a day, however, especially in radio advertising, when the meaning of descriptive, superlative adjectives has been so dissipated by careless, unwarranted usage, that they have practically lost their effectiveness as advertising mediums.

When the advertisers of trivial gadgets, unimportant products and worthless remedies have finished with their use of adjectives, the legitimate advertiser has no words left for use that can make his product sound any more important or more valuable than the unimportant, insignificant trifles that have been described in such extravagant terms. America needs a great revival of common honesty and basic truthfulness in advertising.

Business Of Preaching Sermons

IT is our purpose to run a series of articles in this column in which we will discuss the matter of preaching and the sermon to be preached. Like most Methodist preachers, we have read a number of books on preaching, studied the subject in special training classes, and heard several lecture courses on preaching.

Thus, having had no more privileges in this study than the average Methodist preacher, it would not be necessary for us to say that we lay no special claim to wisdom in this field.

One definition of the expert is that "he is an ordinary man away from home." Under the first half of this definition, regarding the "ordinary man", we could readily qualify for "experting". However, since our entire

How shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard? and how shall they hear without a preacher? And how shall they preach, except they be sent?

Romans 10:15-16.

ministry, thus far, has been spent within the boundaries of the state of Arkansas, we are not "away from home." Hence our chances for qualifying, as an expert, even under this liberal definition, must go aglimmering.

The only reason we would offer in justification for our attempt to write on this subject is that we have spent thirty-six years in the active ministry. In that time we have been privileged to preach in almost every imaginable situation, from preaching in the brush arbor revival lighted solely by burning pine knots, to the privilege of preaching, as guest preacher, in the largest Methodist Churches in the state. In that time we have heard a multitude of our brethren in the ministry, from the lowliest circuit rider to clergymen of international fame, as they have preached the gospel of Christ.

It is with that experience, as a background, that we want to study, together with our readers, "This Business of Preaching Sermons". The various phases of the subject, which we plan to discuss, will hold up many ideals for the sermon and its delivery, that are yet only ideals in our own ministry and for which we are still striving with such limited success as to keep us quite humble.

Nevertheless, with all of this in mind—and we hope our readers will keep it in mind—we are planning to write some articles on this subject which we hope will be as helpful to our readers as we believe the study of the subject will be to us.

Our Most Successful Circulation Campaign

ON page two of this issue of the paper will be found our second supplementary report of the results of our Circulation Campaign. This is the last report we will publish of the work of the 1948 Campaign. In view of that fact, we feel that it would be appropriate also to make here a general statement of the total results of the work this year.

Our goal last year, as this year, was twenty thousand subscribers. We exceeded that goal some last year. We exceeded it with even a larger number this year. Although the 1948 Circulation Campaign was held under the most adverse weather conditions we have experienced in any of our Campaigns, it was the most successful of the seven Campaigns we have had. We are now printing twenty thousand, seven hundred fifty papers weekly. This is the largest list of subscribers The Arkansas Methodist has ever had. The following Districts exceeded their goals: Ft. Smith, Camden, Conway, Jonesboro, Fayetteville, Helena, Texarkana, Batesville, Searcy, Monticello, Paragould. This is also a record number of Districts to reach their goals in our campaigns.

In view of the general conditions under which this Campaign was made, we feel that the results are remarkable indeed. They give evidence of a loyalty to the work of the paper and a general concern for its welfare that gives new courage, faith and purpose to the staff of The Arkansas Methodist. We feel more keenly than ever before our responsibility to such a constituency.

We want here, very sincerely, to thank Bishop Martin, our District Superintendents, our District Directors of The Arkansas Methodist, our Pastors and the lay workers who helped them for the wonderful work that has been done. We will earnestly try to be worthy of the confidence which has prompted such wonderful cooperation.

Freemen's Last Chance For Unmeasured Years

AFTER our two atomic bombs had exploded over Japan, we are told that the leaders of Japan declared that, against such weapons, there could be "no defense and no defiance."

It would appear today that the freemen of the world face the possibility of another situation, world-wide in extent, in which neither "defense or defiance" would or could be effective. That situation, if it should come, might last for generations. If America were to lose, in a showdown with Russia, that Communistic, atheistic nation would likely dominate the world for an indefinite period of time.

Remembering our present means of quick transportation of troops and bombs to any part of the world; remembering our present world-wide system of communication, which is almost instantaneous; remembering also the inconceivably destructive weapons that would be in the hands of a world conqueror, it would be hard to imagine just how a conquered, disarmed world could ever free itself from such a power.

There have been revolutions against former world powers that succeeded. Rome fell before the influx of the barbarian hordes from the north. This happened because, in the world of

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Christian Education Meets The Challenge Of Today's Tension

By JAMES McGRIFIN, Executive Secretary, California Conference Board of Education

WILL there be a third world war? Will Russia discover the secret of the atomic bomb? Will we have another depression? When is the price spiral going to cease? What is my purpose for living?

These and many other perplexing questions indicate that people are not only confused but frustrated. They do not have a meaning for living; they lack security. They are like a ship at sea in a storm without a rudder. The unsettled condition of society and the world adds to their dilemma. It is against this frame of reference that Christian education offers a solution to the ills of this troubled world.

Modern Christian education offers a process by which persons are challenged with, and controlled by, the Christian way of living. It offers them the experience centered emphasis of the gospel of Jesus. It is both individual and social in its nature.

Christian education operates through a program of group therapy. Not only it its approach educationally and scientifically sound, but it is tempered with the warmth of vital contact with Jesus, which in the highest sense of the word is evangelistic.

The program of Christian education starts with persons where they are, their interests, problems and needs. This is done by personal counseling, church school classes, forums, and panel discussion groups. Topics of study and discussion built out of real life situations. Much of the confusion over issues is clarified at this point by an analysis of the problems in the light of group sharing. This helps to lift up the basic issues instead of expending energy and time over the emotional furor of symptoms.

Next comes the setting up of situations where factual information can be brought into the study. This is done by the injection of materials and resource persons who are accepted by the group as authority on the subject under discussion.

Care must be exercised at this point to avoid merely the group or leader expressing their own prejudices.

This step is followed by the group presenting possible solutions to the question under discussion. Each one should be evaluated in the light of the Christian message, teaching of Jesus, and the Christian norm for living. It should be noted here that

stakes his life.

The burden of the next step in this worshipful solving experience rests with the leader. What are the immediate next steps that must be taken to insure that the person taking this forward step can realize his choice in actual day by day experiences of living? Because religion is a growing experience opportunity

the experiences of those great lives, both living and past, he begins to see life in its right perspective. Then there rises up within him the desire to find the right answer and to have a part in the ongoing program of the kingdom. He develops conviction.

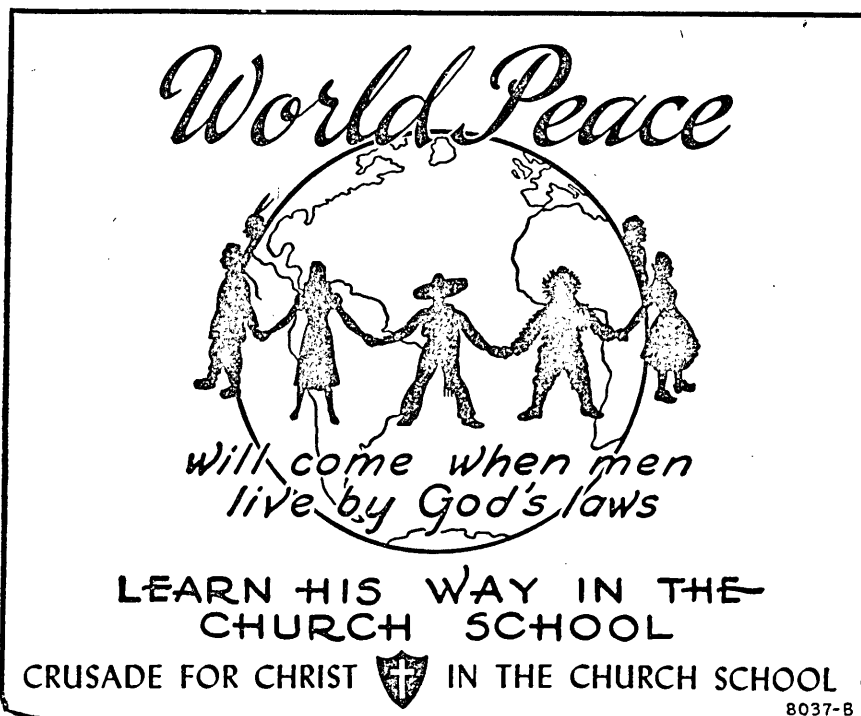
His next step is Christian commitment. He commits himself to Christ and His way of life. His life becomes an integrated personality around the life of the Master. New centers of interest arise. Jesus becomes the dominant loyalty in his life. Lesser loyalties fall away into insignificance. The problems of life and the confusions of the world become less confusing. Out of chaos there begins to develop a pattern of order in the universe.

The experience of living now necessitates a program that will make this choice a living reality in the individual's life. It may be a home problem, ethical applications of the teachings of Jesus in business, attitudes toward world affairs or racial situations. He must be helped to see clearly all the implications of his choice as he meets the situations that arise in his life.

These may include: (1) Two very important sources of power are available at this juncture. The continued development of inner religious life through daily devotion and prayer. "Not by might but by my spirit, says the Lord." (2) "We can do all things through Christ, who is our strength." From relationship to a sustaining group of like minded persons. The Church offers the best resource for this experience. The individual must relate himself to this body of Christ and take an active part in the carrying of its cause.

The church school that sets up its teaching program on a "learning to life" basis is not only helping individuals to become integrated living persons, but their influence in building a Christlike community and world is extended.

Christian education not only helps persons to have the new look, but a new life.



the teacher, counselor or leader should not attempt to unduly urge his solution on the problem. It should be a group experience.

And now comes the very important step for the individual in the group—choice of and commitment to the solutions which he feels are the most Christlike. This calls for conviction and decision. It can become a great worship experience. It is the step that makes all the difference between an educational process that opens the mind and leaves it open, and a process that helps the person to arrive at beliefs and convictions upon which he

should be offered from time to time for the group as well as the individual to evaluate choices in the light of new evidence or new light. This means that higher loyalties will be forthcoming.

How does this operate in the experience of a person? The individual, out of his confusion and mixed motives, is helped perhaps for the first time to face the basic problem of all of its causes. He is helped to face realistically his relations to the problem, stripped of pretense and rationalization. In the light of the great truths of the universe, the teachings of Jesus, and

Supplemental Report Of Circulation Campaign No. 2

This report carries only subscriptions received since last report, together with present charge totals of charges reporting additional subscriptions. It carries also present district totals.

Charge and Pastor	New	Renewal	Present
ARKADELPHIA DISTRICT			
Present District Total 940			
Arkadelphia, J. B. Hefley	11	5	97
Friendship Ct., R. L. Diffie	2	18	
Holly Springs, J. W. Nethercutt	1	19	
Hot Springs, First Church, F. A. Buddin	9	1	55
Leola Ct., J. R. Diffie	1		48**
CAMDEN DISTRICT			
Present District Total 1641**			
Chidester, Chas. B. Wyatt	1	2	61**
El Dorado:			
First Church, Connor Morehead	4		179
Vantrease, J. D. Montgomery	1	1	74**
Emerson, Thomas Christie	1		38**
Thornton Ct., James McCammon	1	1	43**
Village, Claude O. Hall	1	1	42*
LITTLE ROCK DISTRICT			
Present District Total 1600			
Bryant Ct., O. L. Daniels	2		54
Douglasville-Geyer, Gerry Dean	29	2	69**
Hazen, W. R. Boyd	1		61**
Hickory Plains Ct., Albert Oliver	2		14
Little Rock:			
Highland, John L. Tucker	2	2	75
Hunter Memorial, C. H. Farmer	1		94**
Oak Forest, D. Mouzon Mann	1		105*4
Waski Heights, E. D. Galloway	1		103
Field Memorial, Kenneth L. Spore	3	3	74

Charge and Pastor	New	Renewal	Present
MONTICELLO DISTRICT			
Present District Total 1066**			
Cressett, O. E. Holmes	3		73
Dumas, Curtis Williams	1		56**
McGhee, M. W. Miller	1		84**
Warren, Hal H. Pinnell	1	1	123**
PINE BLUFF DISTRICT			
Present District Total 1090			
Pine Bluff:			
Hawley Memorial, C. D. Cade	1	1	33
Lakeside, Otto W. Teague	1	1	89
Sheridan Ct., W. F. House	2	5	44
St. Charles Ct., R. H. Richerts	1		20
Stuttgart, Grand Avenue, H. O. Bolin	1		103**
Swan Lake, Claude R. Roy	1	1	14**
PRESCOTT DISTRICT			
Present District Total 553			
Bingen, J. R. Callicott	2	2	33
Elvins, Robert W. Core	14	35	50**
Gurdon, George E. Reutz	1	1	58
Hope, J. E. Cooper	2	2	105
TEXARKANA DISTRICT			
Present District Total 1126**			
Buckner, Myron Pearce	2		48*2
Columbia Ct., A. N. Stonecipher	1	9	32
Texarkana:			
College Hill, R. H. Cannon	2		47**
Fairview, Fred L. Arnold	1	1	72**
Wilton Ct., S. W. Mooty	2		25*
BATESVILLE DISTRICT			
Present District Total 1087**			
Charlotte, Claude McLeod	1	1	10
Meibourne, J. H. Richardson	7	24	31
CONWAY DISTRICT			
Present District Total 1653**			
North Little Rock:			
Gardner Memorial, V. E. Chalfant	3	3	82

Charge and Pastor	New	Renewal	Present
FAYETTEVILLE DISTRICT			
Present District Total 1271**			
Cincinnati, Walter Pennell	1	1	23**
Decatur-Falling Springs, G. G. Davidson	2	2	18**
Fayetteville Central, Paul V. Galloway	1		161
Green Forest, J. J. Clark	1		33**
Prairie Grove, Harold D. Womack	3		73**
Siloam Springs, J. T. Byrd	3		110*
FT. SMITH DISTRICT			
Present District Total 1743**			
Alma-Mulberry, Thomas R. Whiddon	1	1	64*2
Clarksville, Hubert E. Pearce	1		107**
Hartman, B. E. Robertson	2		52**
Waldron, John Glover	1		53**
HELENA DISTRICT			
Present District Total 1301**			
Helena, Golder Lawrence		2	75
Marvel, J. W. Glass	4		43**
Wheatley, G. G. Hindman	1	1	64**
JONESBORO DISTRICT			
Present District Total 1535**			
Blytheville, West Parish, H. L. Robison	2		20**
Lorado Ct., William Odom	1		18
Tyronza-West Black Oak	1	1	42**
Yarbro-Promised Land, Ray McLeister	1	1	78*2
PARAGOULD DISTRICT			
Present District Total 1074**			
Beech Grove, J. C. Richey	1	1	25
Imboden, LeRoy Henry	1	1	32**
SEARCY DISTRICT			
Present District Total 1199**			
Beebe, O. L. Cole		1	58**
Cabot, C. W. Good	45		49**
Clinton, W. W. Albright	1		66**
McRae, E. C. Hance	1		33

THE DEVOTIONAL PAGE

REV. H. O. BOLIN, Editor

SENTENCE SERMONS

"You can't see God when your eyes are full of rebellious tears."

"Other books are given for our information but the Bible was given for our transformation."

"Happiness multiplies as we divide it with others."

"Each crisis is a call for Christ."

"The secret of an unsatisfied life is an unsundered will."

"Anger is the wind that blows out the lamp of the Mind."

"Controversy makes the heart cold and the head hot."

"Remember that what you possess in the world will be found at the day of your death to belong to someone else, but what you are will be yours forever."—Selected.

A PREACHER'S ADVICE TO PREACHERS

H. C. Morrison

"This generation of rollicking, dancing, card-playing, theater-going, God-forgetting, Christ-rejecting sinners needs to hear some earnest preaching, preaching that deals with sin and the punishment that sin will inevitably bring; faithful, earnest, fearless preaching on God and His attributes, His creation of the world and His rights in it. His creation of man, His love for him, and His right to rule over him and guide him—ought to be faithfully urged upon this generation. There is a great need for preachers who have no desire for ecclesiastical office, for the applause of men, for the wealth of the world, or ease of body, for an escape from the reproach of the cross; but whose universe is filled with the presence of the infinitely holy God, who walk in awe of Him in the beauty of holiness."—Selected.

ALASKA

Alaska has the "highest per capita expenditure for liquor of any country in the world," according to Dr. Dawber, executive secretary of the Home Missions Council of North America. The city of Ketchikan, with 6,000 inhabitants, spends nearly \$5,000,000 per year for liquor and only about \$130,000 for education. Drunkenness and prostitution are rife, he reports, in all the cities, and nothing but a spiritual revival can save Alaska from complete corruption.—Pentecostal Evangel.

OBSERVATION OF CHILDREN

The mother of a young Brearley girl who keeps a diary gave in to temptation last week and peeked at the chronicle. She got the shock of her mature life when she read a notation about a cocktail party she and her husband had given a couple of days earlier. It included a few details common to such events, then ended, "Daddy acted disgusted and Mother tried to be popular but did not succeed."—New Yorker.

Character and cash make a fine combination when yoked together.—Religious Telescope.

I have to live with myself, and so I want to be fit for myself to know.—Kipling.

HIS WAYS

Author Unknown

*I asked for grace to lift me high,
Above the world's depressing cares;
God sent me sorrows—with a sigh
I said, "He has not heard my prayers."*

*I asked for light, that I might see
My path along life's thorny road;
But clouds and darkness shadowed me
When I expected light from God.*

*I asked for peace, that I might rest
To think my sacred duties o'er,
When, lo! such horrors filled my breast
As I had never felt before.*

*"And, oh," I cried, "Can this be prayer
Whose plaints the steadfast mountains move?
Can this be heaven's prevailing care?
And, O my God, is this Thy love?"*

*But soon I found that sorrow, worn
As duty's garment, strength supplies,
And out of darkness, meekly borne
Unto the righteous light doth rise.*

*And soon I found that fears which stirred
My startled soul God's will to do,
On me more lasting peace conferred
Than in life's calm I ever knew.*

*Then, Lord, in Thy mysterious ways
Lead my dependent spirit on,
And whensoe'er it kneels and prays.
Teach it to say, "Thy will be done!"*

*Let its one thought, one hope, one prayer,
Thine image seek, Thy glory see;
Let every other wish and care
Be left confidingly to Thee!*

—In The Gospel Banner.

BETTER CHRISTIANS AND MORE OF THEM

It is a trite saying to call attention to the fact that the world is in a state of fear and confusion. We can't afford to cry "Peace! Peace!" when there is no peace, but surely there is a way out. The writer believes that the way to peace, security and wellbeing is in the acceptance and faithful practice of Christianity. The world has two primary needs—better Christians and more of them. The thought of the accomplishment of these two tasks should be uppermost in the mind of every follower of Christ. May we note them in their order.

How can we who profess to be Christians become more like the Master? The answer to this question is very simple. The writer cannot hope to tell us anything new. His only desire is to lead all of us—himself more than any one else—to more faithfully practice what we already know.

We need at all times, under all circumstances and in all places, to be conscious of Christ's presence. It is well enough for us to think of him as a historical figure who lived back yonder nineteen hundred years ago, but we must not become so engrossed with this thought that we forget he is living today. We are approaching the Easter period and there is one thought above all others that this period brings—Jesus is alive and will be alive forever. Death has no more dominion over

him. He not only lives, but he lives with a great purpose in mind; that of seeking and saving the lost. He saves those who come to him by faith, and he keeps in a saved condition those who continue to have fellowship with him.

Those who would be better Christians must be careful about their lives. We cannot participate in those things that Jesus does not approve. The question which should be constantly upon all lips is, "What would Jesus do?" This applies both negatively and positively. It isn't sufficient merely to refrain from evil, we must also do good. It isn't sufficient merely to keep the weeds and grass down in our gardens. The object of the elimination of evil is that good may grow.

If we would be more like Christ, we must assume his attitudes. His attitude toward the Father was that of faith, obedience and love. His attitude toward men was that of faith, companionship and love. He believed in God, surrendered his will to him and loved him supremely. He believed in men, sought fellowship with them and loved all of them, even including his enemies. His love was an active goodwill, "He went about doing good."

We become more like him only as we follow his example. He was loyal to the church—"As his custom was, he went to the synagogue on the Sabbath day." He was a

close student of the only Bible they had in that day—the Old Testament. He answered his three distinction temptations in the wilderness by quotations from the Bible—"It is written, man shall not live by bread alone"; "It is written, Thou shalt not tempt the Lord thy God"; "It is written, Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God, and him only shalt thou serve." We cannot hope to be more like Christ if we neglect God's Word. He not only lived according to the teaching of the Bible, but he died on the cross with quotations from it on his lips. The same is true with prayer—he spent whole nights in prayer to the Father; he kept the early morning watch; he prayed without ceasing; his whole life of attitudes, thoughts, words and deeds was one of unbroken fellowship with the Father in prayer.

Most of all we need to follow the example of Christ in being others-centered. He put the Father first, others second and himself last. Most people are self-centered. Even the church membership of many does not seem to have eliminated this trouble. It is at this point that a lot of people differ most from Christ. Selfishness is not only a vile sin, it is the root of many other sins. Self-interest must be crucified in the heart of the individual before Christ can live there.

So much for becoming better Christians. How badly all of us need a deeper consecration! The spirit of Christ should so dominate our lives that the world can see Jesus in us.

Now, may we note our second great need—"more Christians". The writer purposely put the idea of "better Christians" first, for there will not be a great increase in the number of Christians until those of us who are already in the fold become more like Christ. This is so obvious that it doesn't need substantiation. Naturally speaking, no one, other than Christ, has a passion for the lost. It is only as we imbibe his Spirit and surrender our lives completely to his control, that this passion comes. We read in the Bible, "The love of God is shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Spirit which is given unto us." It was this love of God which caused him to send his Son into the world. It was this same love which throbbed in the heart of Jesus that caused him to seek the lost while here in the flesh and to die on the cross for their redemption. This same love which came into the consecrated life in the Person of the Holy Spirit will give the individual a passion for the lost. This passion can come from no other source. The Spirit in his fullness comes only to the consecrated life, therefore, the order stands—"better Christians" before "more Christians".

It is this same Spirit of Love—for God is love—in the hearts of consecrated parents and church school teachers which leads them to bring children up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord. Thus they are kept from sowing their wild oats and are early led to make their decision for Christ. These become the best Christians of all.

So, in closing, let the writer again

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A WEEKLY MESSAGE

By FORNEY HUTCHINSON

MY FIRST REVIVAL

Immediately upon my graduation from Hendrix College in June, 1899, I was sent to serve as pastor of two delightful towns on the banks of the beautiful White River. They were Des Arc and DeValls Bluff and were fifteen miles apart. At that time Des Arc had a short, newly-built railroad, a branch of the Missouri Pacific, running out from Higginson. DeValls Bluff was on the main line of the Rock Island. Dr. Ewing Cameron had been transferred from that charge to Midland, Texas, in the midst of the Conference year.

I had not been there long until one Sunday I announced that on the following Sunday a revival meeting would begin at DeValls Bluff. Dr. James Thomas, who was my Presiding Elder, had promised to join me on Monday, spend a week with me, and do the preaching. Imagine my consternation, when on Monday morning I received a telegram explaining why it would not be possible for him to come. I had practically no sermons on hand, was in great distress, but decided to proceed with the meeting.

We had great crowds, with much interest; I did my best and the people had a "mind to work". I continued through the week, including both Sundays. Seventeen young people were converted at the altar and joined the church. We had the only church building in the town and everybody took part. It was really a gracious meeting. I knew no better than to trust in God and believe in the people. They cooperated in a fine way and I still know some of the converts who are happy and active in the services of the Master until this day.

Since my retirement I have often preached in our Draper Street Methodist Church here in Shawnee. Always at the door, helping to seat the people and assist with the offering, is a retired railroad man by the name of C. E. Reubell. He is one of the stewards and is in every way a very valuable member. As a very young man, he was a member of my congregation at DeValls Bluff. He remembers the meeting and we often talk together of my first church and our gracious revival.

In the midst of a revival is a fine time and place for a new pastor and his people to get acquainted. The atmosphere is wholesome, the fellowship sweet, and the ties between the two are closely and securely knit. I wonder why more pastors do not begin their work that way. I believe they would find it very worth while.

NEWS AND NOTES ABOUT FACTS AND FOLKS

REV. AND MRS. LYMAN T. BARGER announce the birth of twin daughters on February 28 at the Methodist Hospital in Memphis. Brother Barger is our pastor at Crawfordsville.

BISHOP PAUL E. MARTIN announces the transfer of Rev. John G. Gieck from the North Arkansas Conference to the Louisiana Conference. He will be stationed at Waterproof, La. Rev. Randolph Kerr has been appointed to succeed Brother Gieck on the Morilton Circuit, No. 1.

PROTESTANT and Eastern Orthodox churches in the United States sent funds and relief commodities valued at \$14,500,000 to the war-stricken areas of Europe and Asia in 1947, according to Dr. A. L. Warnshuis, executive of Church World Service, the agency of American Protestantism. The needy in forty-three nations were helped.

REV. FRED L. ARNOLD, pastor of Fairview Methodist Church, Texarkana, writes: "Mrs. S. E. Mann, who is a member of the Fairview Methodist Church, was 80 years old on November 1, 1947. She has been a member of Fairview Church since 1891. She has also been regular in Sunday School during that time, but for a perfect attendance she has been in her Sunday School every Sunday for the past eleven years."

ALTON RANEY of Little Rock, Chairman of the Board of Trustees of Hendrix College, was the Laymen's Day speaker at the Methodist Church in Russellville. Rev. W. F. Cooley, pastor, writes: "Mr. Raney made one of the finest Laymen's Day addresses imaginable. All of us appreciated it very much. I should like to record my personal commendation of Alton Raney as a very fine lay speaker to every pastor in Arkansas."

CATHOLICS, Jews and Protestants throughout the United States are observing unitedly their sixth "National Family Week" from May 2 to May 9. According to Dr. L. Foster Wood, of the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America, which promotes this observance among Protestants, "Family Week is a challenge to American people to create homes which will be a blessing to the men, women, and children in them. Such homes will provide a firm foundation for our national life. . . Wreckage of homes is now accumulating too fast. When our homes are wrecked, we are part of the wreckage." Churches and synagogues will mark the week with special sermons on either Sunday.

ACCORDING to the Foreign Missions Conference of North America, reports from India and Pakistan indicate that there are some 10,000,000 political refugees passing both ways over the borders between these nations, and that they are badly in need of food and medical supplies. To make matters worse, the rice crop in the area had been ruined by floods, and famine seems imminent. The National Christian Council of India and various missions have set up relief stations in schools, hospitals, and churches; and American churches, through Church World Service, are sending medicines, vitamins, powdered milk, clothing and bedding; while Christian doctors and nurses from other parts of India are hurrying to the scene.

AT THE request of the new government of India, most of the Christian churches and mission societies, under the leadership of the National Christian Council, are carrying on relief work, especially for the refugees crossing the lines between Pakistan and India. Bishop J. W. Pickett, of the Methodist Church and head of the Council, has organized a team of 500 Christians who are rendering four types of service: occupational therapy, medical aid and sanitation, educational, and recreational. This group has been counseling with Pandit Nehru, the Hon. Raj Kumari Amrit Kaur, and with Major W. Short of the American Embassy. Church World Service, (American) has flown in large

quantities of vitamin tablets, dry milk, cereals, and medicines. On behalf of the Christian community, the Rev. H. R. Ferger has installed sound projectors so as to conduct programs of education and recreation in the camps.

THE world's most famous blind person, Miss Helen Keller, author, teacher, humanitarian, will leave on March 26 by plane for a year's visit to Australia, New Zealand, Japan, Korea, China, Burma, Siam, India, Pakistan, Egypt, Iran, Palestine, Lebanon and Syria. The trip will be made under the auspices of the John Milton Society, a church-sponsored organization for meeting the moral and religious needs of the blind—an organization of which Miss Keller is president and one of the founders. Miss Keller, despite her sixty-seven years and her handicaps, plans to speak in the countries visited, and to help bring cheer and hope to the many of the world's 14,000,000 blind. The trip will also mark the extension overseas of the activities of the John Milton Society whose principal work has been the production of religious materials in Braille, and the publication of the John Milton Magazine in Braille. Miss Keller will be accompanied by her companion, Miss Polly Thompson; by Dr. Milton T. Stauffer, secretary of the Society, and by Mrs. Stauffer, a registered nurse.

NELLIE DYER'S ADDRESS

We have been requested to again run the address of Miss Nellie Dyer for the benefit of those who wish to send relief packages. It is as follows: Miss Nellie Dyer, Civ., Methodist Mission, Chaplain's Office, Hq. U.S.A. M.G.I.K., APO 235-2, c-o Postmaster, San Francisco, Calif.

A METHODIST FOR EIGHTY-FOUR YEARS

Mrs. W. G. Russell of El Paso, Arkansas, has been a member of the Methodist Church for eighty-four years, according to her pastor, Rev. Roy Moyer. She is a member of the Sixteenth Section Church, which is a part of the Cabot Charge.

Mrs. Russell was born in 1851, converted at the age of 11 years, and joined the church at the age of 13.

Her son, T. W. Russell, is an active member of the Sixteenth Section Church, is a member of the Board of Stewards and was Sunday School superintendent for a number of years.

FREEMEN'S LAST CHANCE FOR UNMEASURED YEARS

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that day, barbarian hordes could be assembled in the north, despite Roman power. Also, despite Rome, they could be armed with spiked clubs, swords, shields, spears and almost every other form of crude weapons of the day. Even with these crude arms, however, they found, when they reached Rome, that they were armed almost as well as the Roman legions. Arming an army was comparatively simple in that day. Now it is a matter of years.

In a conquered world today, it would hardly be possible to organize a revolutionary force the size of a corporal's guard, anywhere in the world, without the ruling powers knowing about it before breakfast. If such a force were organized, it would not be possible to arm them with weapons that could long repel an attack by a well-equipped "Gestapo" police force, to say nothing about the other unimaginable forces that could be loosed on a revolutionary group.

America must take seriously this last chance freemen have to remain free. If we fumble this chance, it may be generations before another real opportunity comes to freedom-loving people to really be free. In the face of such a situation, the petty political bickering, and political stage play now going on in Washington makes a pitiable spectacle.

Planning For Future Of Methodist Hospitals And Homes

By MARY JAMES DUNER

CINCINNATI, Ohio—This city, known because of its topography, as the "Rome of America", was for the first time the scene of the annual meeting of the Board of Hospitals and Homes of The Methodist Church and the annual convention of the National Association of Methodist Hospitals and Homes. Together these two agencies aid Methodism's more than 181 social welfare institutions in the fields of survey, financial plans, personnel, public relations and general administration.

Under the presidency of Bishop Raymond J. Wade of Detroit, the 24-member Board of Hospitals and Homes met on February 17. The National Association of Hospitals and Homes, bringing together an impressive assemblage of more than 400 officials connected with the denomination's hospitals and homes, met February 18-19.

"Advance programs of building and expansion involving an expenditure of \$53,060,000, of which \$19,160,000 now is in hand, are under way in 88 institutions related to the Board to help meet the current pressing needs for health and welfare service," Dr. Karl P. Meister of Chicago, executive secretary, told the Board members.

Total value of the 71 hospitals, 46 children's homes, 55 homes for the aged and 9 other institutions connected with the Board, Dr. Meister reported as \$156,000,000. Their annual operating expenses, he said, were \$42,849,377. In addition to those related to the Board of Hospitals and Homes, there are 70 similar Methodist institutions in the United States conducted by the Woman's Division of Christian Service.

Methodist hospitals ministered to nearly a million sick persons last year, Dr. Meister reported, providing 3,910,060 patient days in 11,563 beds. In Methodist children's homes, 5,373 boys and girls were provided for and homes for the aged accommodate 3,752. More than one thousand young people and others are housed in homes for young people and business women.

It was learned from the Executive Secretary's report that the free service rendered by Methodist institutions during the last year amounts to more than \$3,000,000. Financial difficulties and help shortages, however, in not a few Methodist hospitals, have compelled the temporary closing of whole floors and wards

for lack of funds and personnel.

Referring to recent tendencies of Government to move farther into the welfare field, Dr. Meister said: "Those who deplore political action and control in the realm of human welfare cannot delay their own support for a stronger and enlarged program of Church care. The Church cannot turn from its opportunity to establish new agencies

burg, Md., retiring president of the Association, and superintendent of the Asbury Methodist Home, presided.

Meeting in general sessions and for specialized group discussions, convention delegates heard addresses on such subjects as the relation of the Church to social philanthropic welfare, the difference between private charity and the State, and

its religious emphasis, and how to make employment in hospitals more attractive.

The Board is working for expanded Government social security legislation which will include Church lay employees. If Congress fails to take such action, the Board will seek Methodist General Conference legislation towards this end. "The Church cannot go longer without making provision for the security in old age. Employees get it elsewhere, and we can do no less for the personnel of our own institutions and remain Christian," Dr. Meister stated.

Local arrangements for the National Association of Hospitals and Homes convention were directed by Dr. Richard E. Scully, superintendent of the Methodist Home for the Aged. An appropriate atmosphere was brought to one of the banquet sessions when glee clubs of nurses in uniform from Christ Hospital and Bethesda Hospital sang. Another choral group was the Cincinnati District choir. An excursion to the city's six Methodist welfare institutions was part of the program.

A surprise feature was a fifteen-minute transcription of the voice of Bishop J. M. Somner of Germany, pleading for cooperation in the efforts of deaconesses and others to rebuild and re-equip their war damaged Methodist hospitals and homes.

New officers elected to head the National Association of Hospitals and Homes are:

President—George I. McAllen, Richmond, Va., superintendent, Virginia Conference Orphanage.

President Elect—Dr. O. J. Carder, St. Joseph, Mo., superintendent, Missouri Methodist Hospital.

1st Vice President—Mrs. Josie M. Roberts, Houston, Tex., superintendent, Methodist Hospital.

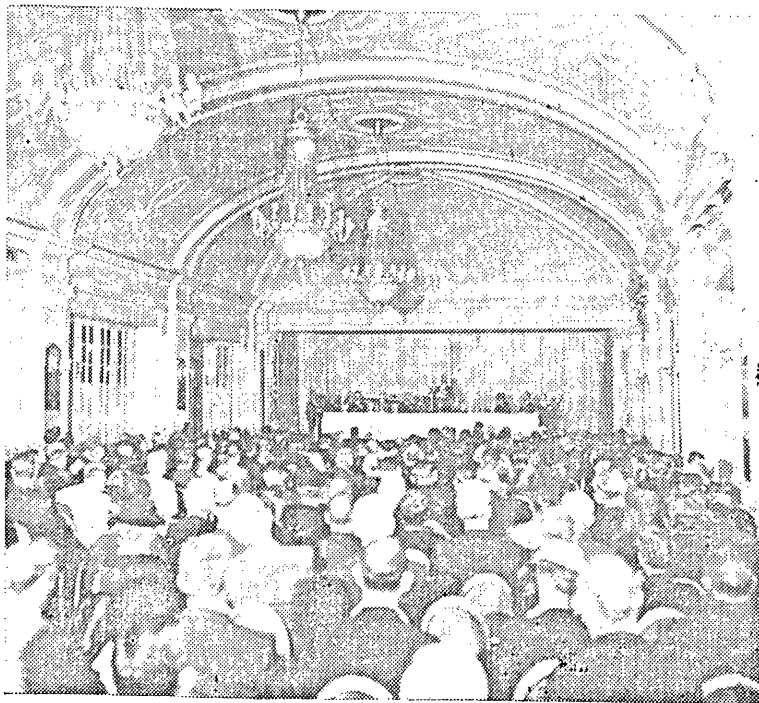
2nd Vice President—Rev. B. W. Selin, Chicago, superintendent, Bethany Hospital and Home.

3rd Vice President—Rev. Harold R. Barnes, Oakland, Calif., superintendent, Fred Finch Children's Home.

4th Vice President—Dr. A. L. Gunter, Columbia, S. C., superintendent, Epworth Orphanage.

Secretary—Miss Margaret Brooks, Lake Bluff, Ill., superintendent, Lake Bluff Orphanage.

Treasurer—Miss Margaret Stafford, Milwaukee, Wis., superintendent, Grant Hall.



General Assembly, Bishop Charles C. Seleckman, speaking.

where need is urgent and still preserve its own life."

Among the proposals for advance suggested by Dr. Meister were the establishment of 25 rural health centers, 10 new child-caring agencies, a program of Methodist support for the general movement toward enlarged service to the chronically ill, and promotional aid for the recruitment of nursing and other hospital personnel. "Reports from 51 of our Methodist hospitals show 4,626 nurses in schools which could enroll 6,045,55 he said.

The late Bishop Bruce R. Baxter of Portland, Ore., episcopal representative of the Council of Bishops from the Western Jurisdiction, was commemorated at the opening session of the National Association of Hospitals and Homes convention, as was the late Dr. Albert G. Odell (M. D.) of Clifton Springs, N. Y., a member of 15 years standing. The Rev. Herman M. Wilson of Gaithers-

burg, Md., retiring president of the Association, and superintendent of the Asbury Methodist Home, presided. Meeting in general sessions and for specialized group discussions, convention delegates heard addresses on such subjects as the relation of the Church to social philanthropic welfare, the difference between private charity and the State, and

some wider implications of the healing ministry of the Church. Speakers at the general sessions included Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam of New York; Arthur S. Flemming, Washington, D. C., of the United States Civil Service Commission, and Dr. Umphrey Lee of Dallas, Tex., president of Southern Methodist University. Speakers for the group sections were composed of specialists in the field. Specialized interests were represented in the following groups: hospitals, homes for the aged, homes for children, Conference chairmen, auxiliaries, trustees, deaconesses and homes for youth. They discussed current trends in hospital development; scholarships and loan funds for student nurses; the functions of the modern trustee; the Conference Board of Hospitals and Homes and its work; the hospital and its relation to the community; the value of volunteer nurses; the home and

SAYS INDIA INDEPENDENCE WILL HELP CHRISTIANITY

In some ways, Christianity in India and Pakistan will be greatly helped by the independence of these Dominions from British control, in the opinion of the Rev. John T. Seamonds, Methodist missionary in Belgaum, India.

"Thus far", he says, "the Christian church in India has had the backing of a friendly Christian nation, the British, and has leaned upon this prop rather extensively. The prop has now been removed, and the church will have to stand on its own legs. It will have to look more to God than to government. This should only help the church to gain new strength and faith, instead of retarding its progress in any way.

gress in any way.

"Christianity in India has been linked with foreign culture and oppression. Now the break has been made, and India will be made to realize that Christianity is a real part of Indian life and culture and belongs in a real way to the people. They will see that it is not something transplanted by force from afar, but has sprung up within India itself. This will greatly benefit the cause of Christ in India. Furthermore, the new Constitution is giving every consideration to religious minorities and has declared the right of any man to preach, practice, and propagate his religion as he sees fit. So, officially speaking, there is absolutely no hindrance to the continuance of the Gospel in this needy land. The prospects are as bright as the promises of God.

On the other hand, the church in India will not have an easy time. In spite of the trustworthiness and sincerity of the leaders of India, the minor village leaders are beginning to feel their strength now, and a new feeling of religious pride among the Hindus is springing up. They are making a serious endeavor to win back the Christians into the Hindu fold, and are applying economic and political pressure on their side. Since most of the Christians come from the low caste group, and as such are economically dependent on the Hindu high caste people, they are feeling the boycott very keenly. The tremendous shortage of grain this year has only added to the situation. So it is quite

possible that some of the insincere, half-hearted converts may drift back into Hinduism, but the majority will stand firm and come out of the persecution stronger in faith and loyalty. Down through the centuries persecution has served only to purify the church, and so here again what seems a great burden may prove to be a blessing.

"We have faith in independent India, we rejoice in her freedom, and pledge our loyalty and support to her. We are here to represent Christ and Him alone: carry on in His strength. We are here not to rule and dictate in ecclesiastical affairs, but to serve India and work side by side with our Indian colleagues. India must be won for Christ!"



THE CHILDREN'S PAGE

ANNIE WINBURNE, Editor



IN STORYLAND

JUDY'S CARE

A True Story of the West

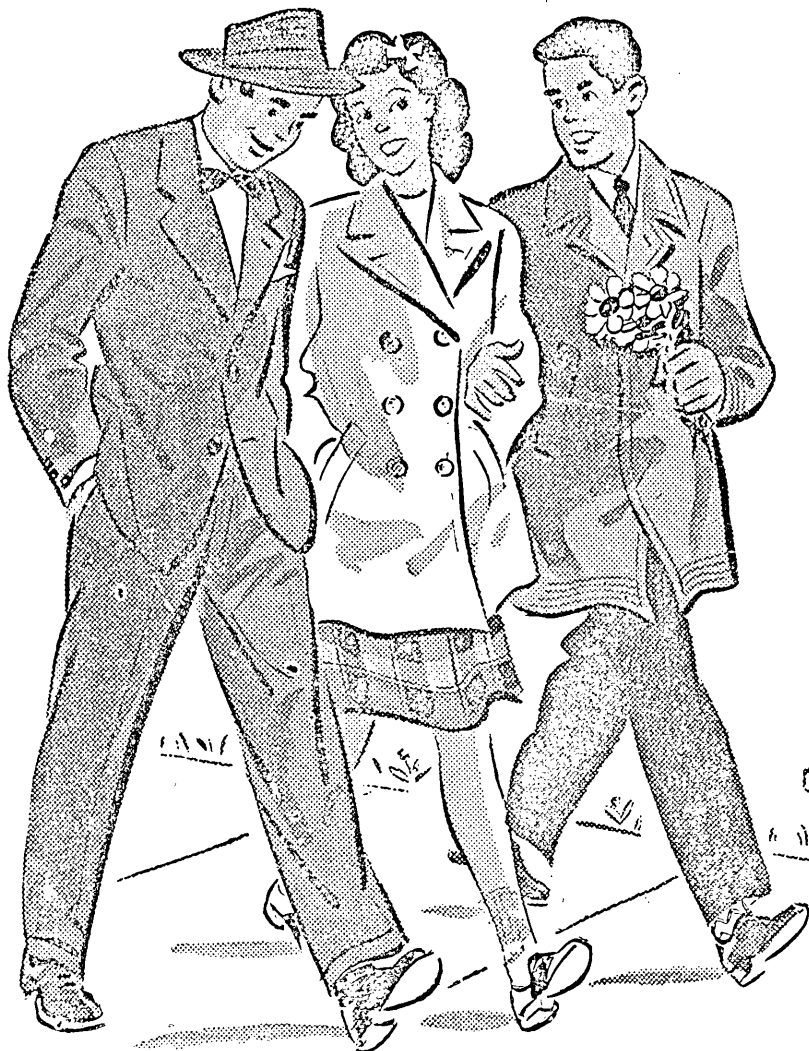
Molly May opened her eyes wide. Before her stood a little Indian girl, just about as tall as she herself was and just about as plump. But Molly May had not heard a sound in the woods, she had been busy looking at Judy doll. "Grandmother sent you all the way from Boston. You'll take care of Molly May", she had crooned, though her heart was thumping a little. She had slipped out of the stockade gate behind the women going to the river for water, then she had trotted off along the path leading into the woods. Molly May always had someone with her when she went through the trees, but today everyone was running around inside the stockade, and talking about Indians. "But aren't the Indians our friends?" Molly May had asked and Daddy had groaned. "If they only were!"

Molly May was glad of the quiet woods. "Judy'll take care of me," she kept repeating and when she got tired she sat down on a big root. She was straightening the ribbon in Judy's yellow hair when she looked up into the little Indian's eyes. Black they were, shiny black, and Judy's were sky blue. The little Indian reached out a finger and touched them. Molly May did not know what she said, but she did know what the little Indian's begging arms meant. She wanted to hold Judy doll. She wanted Judy!

"No, no!" Molly May hugged Judy tighter. She shook her head, shook it again. The little Indian girl turned away. She ran. She stumbled. She fell. Molly May started running, too, but she ran for the Indian girl. Her face buried in the pine needles the little girl would not get up. Molly May tugged. She laid Judy down on the pine needles beside the little Indian and tugged harder. The little Indian girl twisted her head, she saw the doll beside her. Eyes ablaze with joy she looked up at Molly May. She seized Judy doll and sprang away.

Suddenly Indian men seemed to spring up all between the trees ahead of Molly May. She heard steps behind her, too. She felt Daddy's hand on her head. "Still, keep still," she heard him whisper. Molly May stood all frozen inside. But the little Indian girl had run up to the Indian men and was holding up the doll to the fiercest looking one of them all, the one with the biggest war bonnet upon his head and down around his shoulders. Molly May could not understand a word of the gay voice, but she did understand when the little Indian girl turned with a face bright with joy and held up Judy doll and hugged her. The Indian with whom the little girl talked strode forward with up-flung hand, with open palm. "Peace, friends", Molly May caught the words. Hiding her face against Daddy's leg. Molly May felt him quiver with a long breath and she heard the thump of guns slipped from the arms of the men behind Daddy.

"But Judy doll," she cried against Daddy's shoulder when he had picked her up after talking with the Indian and turned back for the stockade gate. "Judy was to take



MARCHING TO CHURCH

Each Sunday morn
The jolly Three
Go marching down the street;
Since they were born
The jolly Three
Have made their regular beat;
Come "blow your horn"
If once you miss
Their Sunday marching feet.

To CHURCH they go
The three of them
Why fly their week-day kites,
To CHURCH they go,
The three of them
Who read on week-day nights;
Come, let US go,
To meet them there,
CHURCH FRIENDS are our DELIGHTS.

—Mary Cureton Brumley.

care of me. Now she's gone."

"Care?" Daddy's laugh was short. "She saved you. She saved the fort. She took care of you all right."

"But she's gone. I didn't—didn't want to give her away."

"But the little Indian girl thought you did. And sometimes one has to give things up to make friends. Sometimes, too, making friends is the most worth while things in the world." Molly May caught the whisper over her curls.—Author Unknown.

Dick, aged three, did not like soap and water. "Surely you want to be a clean little boy, don't you?" asked his mother.

"Yes," he tearfully agreed, "but can't you just dust me?"

IN THE WORLD OF BOYS AND GIRLS

ALTON'S DIME

"I found a dime! I found a dime!" cried Alton, running into the house to show the bright coin to his mother "Mamma, may I spend it right away for candy?"

"Is it your dime, dear?" asked Mrs. Kile.

"Why, yes Mamma. All the boys say finding is keeping," said the little boy, in surprise.

"Maybe someone will come and claim it. Where did you find it?"

"Out in front of the house on the walk. It's only a little bit of money, so no one will ever want it. Once papa lost a whole quarter on his way to the train, and he just said, 'Never mind', when Mr. Carson wanted to go back with him to look for it."

"Put the dime on the table until after a while, Alton," said Mrs. Kile. "I am very busy just now. Did you ask anyone who passed about losing money?"

"No. I brought it right into the house. I wish I could spend in now, mamma. Anything on our walks belongs to us, doesn't it?"

But his mother had gone into the kitchen and he had to put the dime on the table. He thought of the candy he could get with that much money, and then some marbles at the store, still he could not decide just what he wanted to do. In the midst of trying to make up his mind he saw Ben Adler going past looking carefully at the ground as he walked, and the little boy in the house turned his head away quickly.

"Ben Adler is the meanest boy in town," he said to himself. "It just serves him right if he lost the dime." Alton did not go out in the yard until he was sure Ben had gone past, but when he did he found Tom Parks waiting for him with a pretty little white rabbit in his arms.

"See here, Alton, what I found," he cried. "It was over in our pasture nibbling clover and I picked it right up. Won't it make a fine pet?"

"It's Nellie Reed's Bunny," said Alton, looking it over carefully. "I wonder how it got out?"

"It's mine!" said Ted. "Finding is keeping, isn't it? I'm going to build a nice pen for it right away."

"It's mean and wicked to keep things that don't belong to you," began Alton, and then his face turned very red. Ben Adler was coming along the walk again looking carefully at the ground, and Alton ran quickly into the house for the dime.

"What are you looking for, Ben?" he asked.

"Lost a dime," said the big boy, without looking up. "It slipped out of a hole in my pocket."

"Here it is!" cried Alton, forgetting all about candy and margles. "I found it a little while ago."

"I guess I'll take the rabbit back to Nellie," said Ted "I think your way is best."

Nellie was so glad to get her Bunny back that she hugged and petted it and finally sat down and cried for joy.

Ted, too, was very happy; far happier than he would have been if he had kept it.—Exchange.

Easter, March 28.

JUST FOR FUN

An enterprising Beverly Hills youngster has started a new business. His business card gives the following information:

Mr. Harvey Hector, Jr.

Personal Escorter

Tots and Kiddies took

To school and ret'd

prompt in perfect con-

dishin—if rec'd

that way. Military discipline.

Rates 20 cents a week. Refined

conversashun. No extra

charge for nose wipin'.

All I ast is a trial.—Irving Hoffman, Hollywood Reporter,

Duke University Begins Second Century

Duke University News Service

DUKE University, Durham, N. C., begins its second century with the weight of its obligations, in this crucial period, to the South, the nation and the world weighing upon it. Education will have a vital part in shaping the future of the bright new world and Duke is preparing for its task of educating men and women of vision and responsibility to live together in peace.

Duke does not plan for unlimited growth. In the present academic emergency, the university plant is expanded only to

the School of Medicine, recently was completed. The enormous laundry problem which has beset the hospital and has strained town facilities will now be handled in a new laundry plant situated on the campus. New maintenance shops and the amplification of student recreation facilities are under construction or improvement.

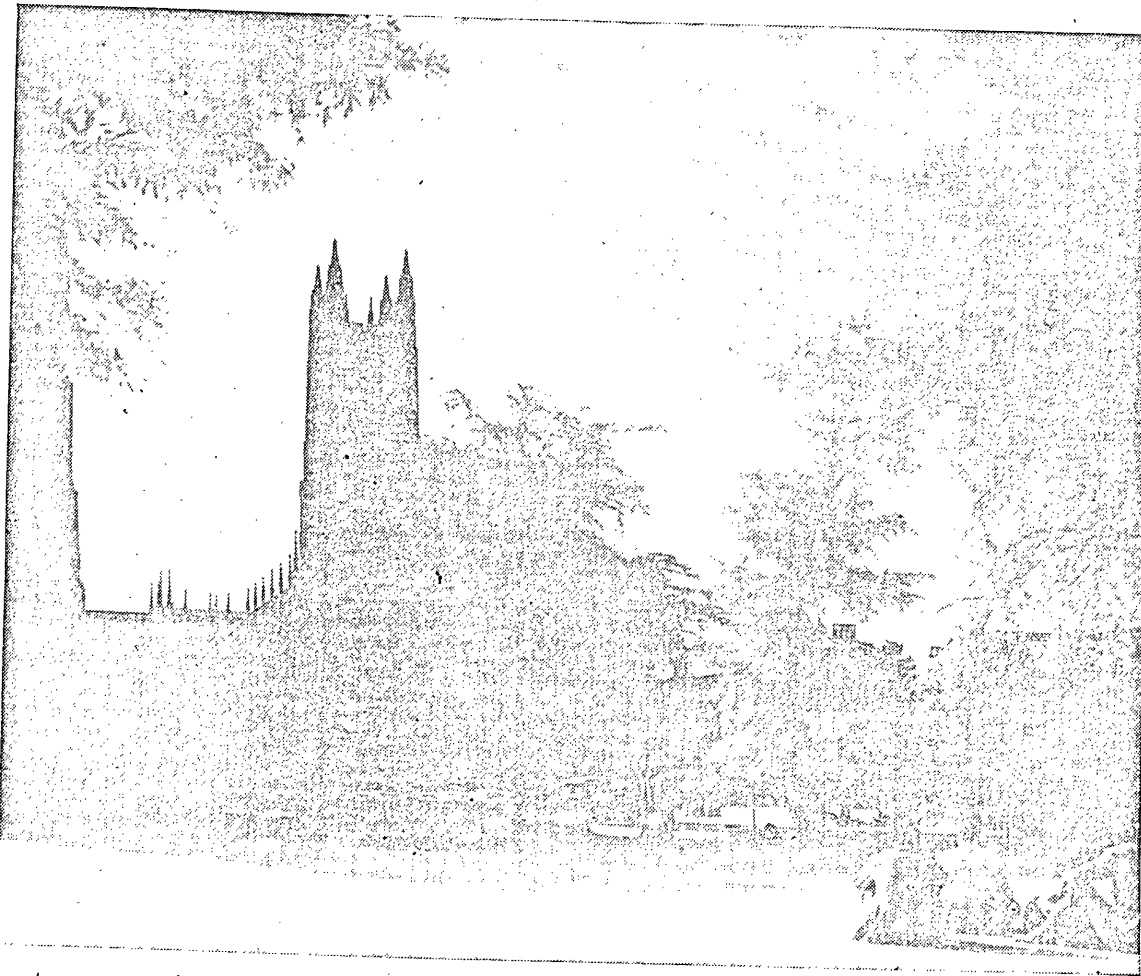
Originally organized as Union Institute, a community school founded by Methodists and Quakers in 1839, the university has come up through the ranks from a humble log schoolroom and one

The dramatic and musical comedy societies present annual student efforts for the entertainment of all, and the student church groups and "Y's" fill a special religious and social need.

Honorary scholastic fraternities, annual institutes and conferences, forums, and round-table discussions keep the Duke student informed on important current issues. The student publications afford opportunity for free expression and a free reign for student talent. The liberal policy of the University, which dates back to the last century,

mic improvement. The university, through its research council, gives active and constant support to this research and to date, more than 1,000 scholarly and scientific publications have appeared under its auspices. Numerous treatises and articles have appeared under the by-line of Duke faculty members in other publications.

The Graduate School of Forestry is one of the two schools in the nation and is the only one in the South offering higher level work in this field. It is operated in conjunction with the 5,000



the extent necessary to maintain its traditionally high standards. The current enrollment of more than 5,000 students is well above normal. When the wave of veteran students subsides, when the university has fulfilled its obligations to these veteran students, the enrollment will be held to about 3,000 men and women, undergraduate and graduate.

A well-equipped and modern engineering plant is nearing completion. This plant, comprising 1,200,000 cubic feet, will house, each in a separate wing, the mechanical, electrical, and civil engineering departments of the College of Engineering. The erection of a new physics plant, in which to house needed laboratory facilities, made necessary by the advent of the atomic age, is in the blue print stage. A badly needed library expansion program is under way, necessitated by the accumulation of nearly a million varied and vital volumes. The present library was built to house less than a third of this number of books. A medical research building, supplementing

instructor to its present 65 buildings and an administration and faculty which comprises well over 500 members. Vital organ of Duke University is Trinity College, founded in 1859 as a successor to Union, and the nucleus which was expanded by the indenture of James Buchanan Duke in 1934 into the present plant. Trinity remains as the undergraduate college for men.

The Duke Chapel dominates the university, both structurally and spiritually. Its 210 foot tower contains a carillon of 50 bells, its choir of 200 voices and a four-manual organ, and its nave and transepts pews of 2,000 worshippers.

In addition to academic provisions, Duke makes available to the members of the university community many extra-curricular activities, all designed to contribute to the well rounded university program. The annual concert series brings famed personalities in the musical world to Page Auditorium each year. Eighteen fraternities and 14 sororities maintain a social schedule which provides almost constant activity.

enables each instructor to teach according to his beliefs that every student may avail himself of the wisest in opinion and instruction.

Duke is a national university. In its present 5,069 students are representatives from 45 states and 24 foreign countries. North Carolina leads in the number of students enrolled, closely followed by New York, Florida, Virginia and Pennsylvania, in that order. Selected for admission are young men and women who are possessed of a bright scholastic high school record and the makings of straight thinking, influential leaders in their communities and in the community of nations. Ninety percent of the students of the undergraduate schools are affiliated with some church and many are active members of the student interdenominational Duke University Church.

An instructional staff of more than 500 scholars holding degrees from over 200 American and foreign universities is entrusted with the cultural and practical growth of the student mind. From this staff also comes research which is the keystone of future acade-

mic improvement. The university, through its research council, gives active and constant support to this research and to date, more than 1,000 scholarly and scientific publications have appeared under its auspices. Numerous treatises and articles have appeared under the by-line of Duke faculty members in other publications.

The School of Medicine and the Duke University Hospital are nationally and internationally respected. A staff of 185 outstanding men guide the selected group of medical and allied students through one of the most highly accredited courses in the country. In its 16 years of operation, the hospital has examined, diagnosed, treated almost 300,000 patients. It has a capacity of 604 in-patients and an additional 600 ambulatory and clinical patients.

The Divinity School, the Summer School the Graduate School of Arts and Sciences, the Woman's College, Trinity College,

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Glorifying The Little Things

A Tribute by Mrs. L. E. Coleman

THE going of Mrs. C. J. March, Fordyce, on January 26, at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Lewis Ames, Houston, Texas, brings vividly to those who knew her, the realization that a life which earnestly seeks to please God in little matters is the life that really counts. By the world's measuring rod of success, her life would be called commonplace, but measured by God's great yard-stick it was a life of greatness for, "Who-soever will be great, shall be your minister." A long life, of almost eighty-two years, was granted her, perhaps, because she lived it so truly for others and for her Lord, doing the little things that daily came within reach.

How often have I heard her say, "For some reason God forgot to give me a talent." Generally speaking she possessed none for she could not sing, make speeches, or even pray in public, fearing her humble words would be so inadequate. Yet how many could say that they were brought closer to her Master because she was always in her place, whenever the doors of her church were opened, no matter what the weather. Scores of people would say that it was she who gave them just the kind word that they were longing to hear. Those young boys in whom she inspired hope and ambition; the girls whom she lifted up and made a home for—all would say that she gave them a new hope and a new outlook on life. The tired, sick people who had comfort brought into the room as she ministered simply to their needs; those aching hearts that were cheered by a sincere word and a true hand-clasp; discouraged people who had strength given them by confidence placed in them—these would say she had a talent. Truly it is a God-given talent to do the little tasks so simply and so lovingly that the world is a better place in which to live.

Little things! Yes, so small that most people leave them undone as they wait for a greater service to come their way. Sometimes, it was a long-cherished doll for little girls who would have been cheated out of that ecstasy of childhood; then a train for that boy whose parents were poor, or on many occasions beautiful dresses for little girls whose desire to be like other girls meant so much to their normal de-

velopment. Very often, in days of tramps, it would be the putting away of some essential of breakfast in order that a hungry man might be fed and told about Christ. Once, it was the mothering and adoption of a preacher's son who was left motherless soon after birth. These things might not measure up to the world's standard of greatness but hundreds of lives have been made more glorious because of them.

"She hath done what she could." Is there a greater commendation for a life than these words of Jesus, spoken concerning the woman who so lovingly anointed Him with her precious ointment?

God's will for the world could be realized more quickly and more fully if all of us would serve Him by doing the little tasks which He presents by the day, even by the hour. What spiritual growth and attainment of holiness could be reached if His people would not be idle while they wait for that greater occasion which rarely comes.

HOW TO PRAY: TEN SIMPLE RULES

Pray where you are. God is present everywhere and ready to listen.

Pray, when possible, in a quiet spot where you can be alone. It is well to fix your mind deliberately on God, apart from confusing distractions.

Pray to God simply and naturally, as to a friend. Tell him what is on your mind. Get help from the prayers of others.

Pray remembering the good things God has done for you. Reckon up your blessings from time to time and give thanks for them.

Pray for God's forgiveness for the unworthy things that you have done. He is near to a humble and contrite heart.

Pray for the things that you need, especially those that will make your life finer and more Christlike.

Pray for others, remembering the situations they confront and the help they need.

Pray for the world in its need, asking God to bring better things and offering your help to him.

Pray above everything else that God's will may be done in you and in the world. His purposes are deeper and wiser than anything we can imagine.

Pray and then start answering your prayer.—Author unknown.

ALCOHOL NO GOOD FOR YOUNG PEOPLE

By Angelo Patri

Sensible young people will not drink intoxicating, thirst-provoking, so-called refreshers. Alcohol is no good for young people. They have no need of it. Their bodies have no use for it. It can do them no possible good, but plenty of harm.

Youth and beauty are, or ought to be, synonymous. Drink that drugs consciousness, and alcohol always does—that is why it is used—robs faces and bodies of all semblance of beauty. Faces become blank, blanker with each drink, yes, become something like stewed gooseberries. The upright graceful body slumps like an empty sack, which it is, because intelligence flees before alcohol.

This is youth's day. The war has opened the doors wide to initiative, invention, experiment, and creation, all of which are youth's own field. Age can direct, advise and inform, but it takes youth to dare the unknown, try the new way, work the long hours and interminable days that a new idea demands for its achieving. A muddled brain, a shaky hand will not serve here.

Alcohol removes the hard-earned inhibitions that preserve good conduct. A young person under its influence is likely to do things that he would never dream of doing in his sober senses. Many a young life has been wrecked under such conditions. What had been done

in a moment of alcoholic aberration could not be undone in years of regret and grief. It is dangerous to drink when one is young. Youth is wine strong enough for any person, and to stimulate it is to invite trouble.

It is very well to say that moderation is all that is required. For some that may be so, but not for all. Youth is not likely to be moderate in anything it undertakes. It is all or nothing with them usually, so in this matter it would be wise to choose the "nothing."

The young person who says, "Well, they are all drinking. How can I stand out? Makes me look like a dud," is in danger, and does not know it. When he confesses that he cannot stand alone on his opinions, he confesses that he has not much self-control. That kind of young person should never drink. —From Temperance Education Journal.

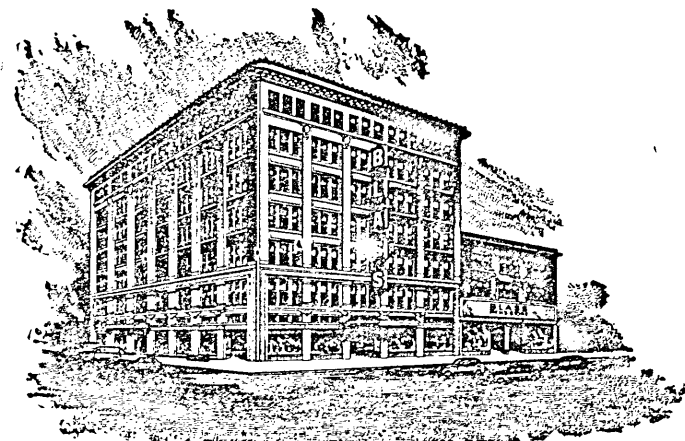
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Therefore less milk, less fat, will be available for human nutrition and there are no vegetable fats or oils on stock. The harvest is under average. We have no flour. The situation changes visibly for the worse and is getting nearer and nearer to a catastrophe. But still we are expecting a just peace so that we can return to our home. Our longing is to die in our native country.

We thank you once more for your

help; every food package is life for us. God bless you for your goodness. We are praying for you and your work.

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NORTH ARKANSAS CONFERENCE NOTES

By Ira A. Brumley

Visual And Auditory Aids

The General Board of Education is providing the North Arkansas Conference with some materials on adult work. These are recording of conversations concerning adult work. Just as soon as these arrive in the Conference copies of the recording are to be provided each of the district superintendents. Churches in a district will contact the district superintendent as to when they can secure these materials. The only cost of these materials will be postage.

The Conference office is to have for a three-months period between March 15 and June 15, the following materials, which can be had for postage only:

OUR PLANET, OUR PROBLEM, a 77 frame color-slide film with dramatic narration on two double faced recordings, for use with the total church constituency, to emphasize the significance of Christian education.

OPERATION DESTINY, a 54 color-slide set, with narration recorded on two double faced records. To be used with church school leaders to help them face their responsibilities for reaching more persons.

THE BIGGEST JOB IN THE WORLD, three twelve-inch faces that require fifteen minutes playing time, interprets the significance of Christian education in our day and stimulates group thinking and planning for more efficient program development in a Worker's Conference.

YOU DO IT, DOCTOR, is a dramatic story requiring ten minutes playing time (on double-face record) dealing with the perennial problem of the parents who want someone else to win their boy to the church school. This may be used in a Workers' Conference, at the Board of Education meeting, or in a teacher's conference, and could very readily be used on a church night program or in a parents' class.

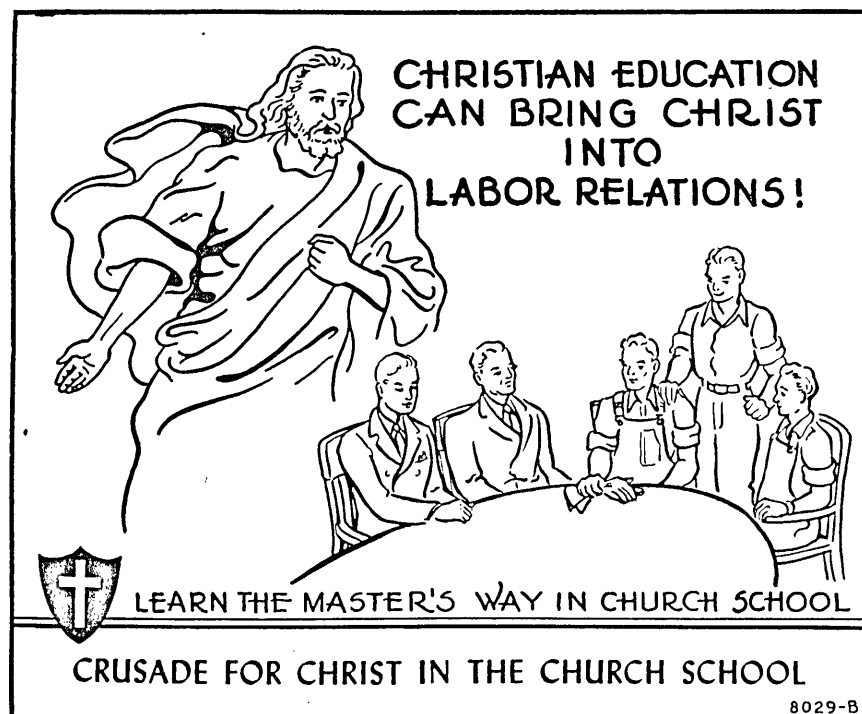
THE STORY OF MRS. HENDERSON is a thrilling true story recorded on three faces and requiring a total of fifteen minutes playing time, which tells the influence one teacher had upon the lives of her boys. It will prove an inspiration to many groups of teachers. One of the hardest things to overcome among church school workers is the apathy which comes from working without results. Oftentimes the results are so non-apparent and long-ranged that the compensation is a long time in coming. This story will help the workers to see how patience can be rewarded.

These materials may be had by any local church in the Conference having the equipment to use these materials. Please write Board of Education indicating the date you would like to have these materials, should you be interested in using them.

1948 Vacation Church Schools

The North Arkansas Conference is planning a Vacation Church School Clinic to be held at Conway, First Methodist Church, April 6 and 7. The clinic will begin at 2:00 p. m. April 6 and close at noon April 7.

The following units are to be



presented in this clinic:

Kindergarten — My Home and Family, Roorbach.

Primary — We Go to Church, Goddard.

Junior — The Story and Work of the Methodist Church, Feige.

Intermediate — Boys and Girls Learn About Alcohol, Skidmore and Brooks.

We have secured capable leadership for directing the work of these groups in the clinic. Miss Rosemary K. Roorbach, who wrote the text for the Kindergarten unit, My Home and Family, is to lead the Kindergarten group in the clinic. Miss Roorbach is a member of the Editorial Division of the General Board of Education.

Miss Mary Shipp Sanders of Denton, Texas will lead the Junior group in the clinic.

Mrs. H. D. Castleberry, District Director of the Jonesboro District will lead the Primary group.

Rev. Glenn F. Sanford, executive secretary of the Town and Country Commission, and an outstanding leader with Intermediate groups in camps and assemblies, will lead the Intermediate group.

Each district of the Conference has been invited to send a team of four persons to participate in this clinic. These teams are to return to their respective districts to conduct area clinics for local church leadership.

Local churches should make plans, if plans are not already made, for their Vacation School, selecting leadership and securing text materials for the leaders. These materials can be ordered from the Methodist Publishing House. It is important that plans be made and materials be secured early in order to make your Vacation Church School most effective.

Should your church desire to use other Vacation Church School units than those suggested you should make choices on the basis of meeting the needs of your local church. The four units selected have been because of their timely contribution.

Training Work Report

The past two months' weather conditions have made training work difficult, but in spite of these conditions and limitations during No-

vember and December, the North Arkansas Conference has participated in 43 training schools and 938 course cards have been issued.

Participation on a district basis has been as follows: Batesville District, 7 schools with 120 course cards; Fayetteville District, 7 schools with 92 course cards; Fort Smith District, 6 schools with 241 course cards; Helena District, 3 schools with 40 course cards; Jonesboro District, 8 schools with 194 course cards; Paragould District, 6 schools with 99 course cards; Searcy District, 5 schools with 93 course cards.

The next four months promises even a greater response. Plans are underway already for more than 50 training schools with every district in the Conference participating.

There are yet many instructors in the Conference who have not taught in a training school in some time. Many of these would be happy to give some time in a training program. Should your church be interested write us and we will do all we can to help you in the training of your leadership.

PLAN FOR INCREASING ENROLLMENT

There is a four-fold increase plan which every Church School should consider as a part of its Crusade emphasis.

1. Fix responsibility. With the same definiteness that you make certain persons responsible for teaching classes or keeping records, or being superintendent, make a certain person responsible for leading in membership increase. Call him the Membership Chairman. Give him such help as he needs and encourage everyone to work at membership increase. But fix responsibility.

2. Search for Prospects Continually. Salesmen are always alert for prospective purchasers. Let us be alert for prospective members, week after week and month after month. It is the responsibility of the Membership Chairman to search for prospects—of all ages—constantly.

3. Record Every Prospect. We learn of a prospect and do nothing about it because we lose the slip

STATE CONFERENCES OF METHODIST STUDENT MOVEMENT

Nashville, Tenn. — The Department of Student Work of the General Board of Education of The Methodist Church has announced that from October 1947 through May 1948, 36 state conferences of the Methodist Student Movement will have been held. According to Dr. Harvey Brown, associate secretary of the Department of Student Work, a few of these conferences are held in the fall but the bulk of them take place in late winter and early spring. The months of February and March are especially popular times for state student conferences.

The primary purposes of these conferences are to provide Christian fellowship and offer an opportunity for students to share experiences in program planning and in the development of local campuses. The role of the Department of Student Work is to provide leadership to assist students in the solution of personal and group problems in the area of religion.

In all these state student conferences, the fundamentals of Christian faith are kept uppermost. Ample opportunity is provided for Bible study and emphasis is placed upon the sharing of student experiences on the inter-collegiate level. At these state conferences, adult student leaders also have opportunity to meet in separate sessions to discuss professional problems.

The National Methodist Student Commission, at its annual meeting, works out an over-all plan for state student conferences and aids in obtaining program personnel. The National Commission carries on a comprehensive program in promoting religious training at institutions of The Methodist Church and of Methodist students at tax supported and other institutions not related to The Methodist Church. In addition to the other student conferences, the Methodist Student Movement conducts retreats, special visitation programs, seminars and discussion groups, deputation teams on an inter-collegiate basis, summer service projects, caravans, work camps, and other special projects.

During February, state student conferences were held in Nevada, Florida, Illinois, Indiana, Minnesota, Mississippi, Montana, North Carolina, South Carolina, and Tennessee. March promises to be an equally busy month for Methodist students with state conferences scheduled in Kansas, Louisiana and North Dakota.

of paper that had his name. Secure a copy of "The Prospect Book" (830-B-Rev., free) and keep up with every name until the case has been satisfactorily handled.

4. Invite Prospects Intelligently. Give thorough consideration to the best way of approaching every prospect. A personal visit by two or more persons who take the matter seriously and prayerfully, is recommended.

This four-fold plan for membership increase will work. Try it out, if you are not already using it.—Department of General Church School Work.

Death is but crossing the world, as friends do the seas; they live in one another still.—William Penn,

WOMAN'S SOCIETY OF CHRISTIAN SERVICE

MRS. SUE M. WAYLAND, Editor

MRS. ROGERS VISITS SEARCY GUILD

Mrs. Effie Rogers of Newport, conference president, was guest speaker at the meeting of the Wesleyan Service Guild when the Guild entertained with a dinner at the Rendezvous.

Introduced by Mrs. T. C. Plant, president of the local unit, Mrs. Rogers made a very interesting talk on the organization and work of the Wesleyan Service Guild. She spoke of the three foreign missionaries supported by the Guild and urged an expansion program for membership for the coming year.

The program opened with group singing consisting of several selected hymns followed by a prayer by the Rev. C. N. Guice.

Mrs. Elizabeth Chandler, program chairman, turned the program over to Mrs. Dallas Stewart, who had charge of the devotional. The Rev. Mr. Guice dismissed the group with a prayer.

Thirty-five members and guests were present. Miss Mary Jane Wright was a new member. Guests were Mrs. R. W. Hankins, Mrs. Tom Watkins, and the Rev. Mr. Guice. Mrs. Willa Ward of San Diego, Calif., was the guest of her niece, Miss Irene Chapman.

WALDRON INSTALLS OFFICERS

Sunday evening at the church hour, the pastor, Rev. John Glover, installed the new officers of the W. S. C. S. and Wesleyan Service Guild. Officers of the Woman's Society are: President, Mrs. Gene Davidson; vice president, Mrs. Ike Taylor; recording secretary, Mrs. Gene Mitchell; treasurer, Mrs. E. T. Burnett; secretary of organization and promotion, Mrs. Ralph Wilson; secretary Christian social relations, Mrs. E. L. Chiles; secretary of missionary education, Mrs. Frank Vest; secretary of student work, Mrs. Donald Poe; secretary children's work, Mrs. Raymond Rackley; secretary of spiritual life, Mrs. Gentry Priest; secretary of supply, Mrs. Fred Harris; secretary of publications and literature, Mrs. A. E. Judy; secretary of status of women, Mrs. Wallace Pitts; Wesleyan Service Guild co-ordinator, Mrs. John Glover.

Officers for the Wesleyan Service Guild: President, Miss Faye Hunt; vice president, Mrs. Marie Hoover; recording secretary, Mrs. Ralph Dunn; corresponding secretary, Mrs. Wayne Elliott; treasurer, Mrs. V. T. Baugh.

A dramatic worship service, "That Thy Way May Be Known," was presented by members of the society following the installation of officers.—Reporter.

MRS. LANDRUM VISITS THE SALEM SOCIETY

Mrs. W. B. Landrum, field worker from the Division Headquarters in New York, was a guest speaker at a luncheon meeting held at the home of Mrs. A. E. Goode, wife of the pastor. Mrs. Landrum brought an inspiring message and held a round table discussion on the duties of the officers of the society. She was introduced by Mrs. R. E. Connell, president of the Conway district.

Mrs. Charles Muse, local president, presided and Mrs. W. M. Wat-



MRS. J. E. CRITZ, President

W. S. C. S. OF NORTH ARKANSAS CONFERENCE MEETS

The Annual Meeting of the North Arkansas Conference Woman's Society of Christian Service will be held in West Memphis March 16, 17 and 18. The opening of the meeting will be at 2 P. M. March 16.

Guest speakers will be Judge Camille Kelly, Memphis, Tenn., Judge of Juvenile Court; Miss Edith Martin, our missionary to Africa; Dr. Hugh C. Stuntz, President of Scarritt; and Dr. Granville C. Davis, of the Little Rock Junior College. Our President, Mrs. J. E. Critz, will be presiding.

Mrs. Johnnie McClure, Program Chairman.

FORT SMITH DISTRICT

Mrs. Monroe Scott, Bonanza, was re-elected president of the Fort Smith Methodist district of the Woman's Society of Christian Service Thursday, Jan. 8, at the annual business meeting, held in connection with a training school at the First Methodist Church, Fort Smith. More than 200 women, representing approximately 37 towns and communities in the district were present.

Other officers named were: Mrs. E. A. Haisten, Van Buren, vice president; Mrs. Fred Harris, Waldron, recording secretary; Mrs. J. K. Fraser, re-elected promotion secretary; and Mrs. E. E. Sexton, treasurer.

Cause secretaries elected were: Missionary education and service, Mrs. W. D. Bacon, Booneville; Christian social relations and church activities, Mrs. Earl Bond, Charleston; supplies, Mrs. J. B. Randolph, Altus; spiritual life, Mrs. F. M. Tolleson; status of women, Mrs. W. E. Smith; student work, Mrs. J. T. Thornton; youth work, Mrs. James R. Chandler, Mansfield; children's work, Mrs. I. L. Claud, Booneville; Wesleyan Service Guilds, Miss Bess Wesleyan; literature and publications, Mrs. Frank Slaughter, Paris.

Principal speaker was Mrs. Glenn Sanford, Conway, conference secre-

kins gave the devotional.

Sixteen members and four guests were present, Rev. R. E. Connell, district superintendent, Mrs. Connell, Rev. A. E. Goode, local pastor, and Mrs. A. C. Terrell.—Reporter.

GEYER SPRINGS WOMAN'S SOCIETY

The Woman's Society at Geyer Springs is progressing nicely under the leadership of Mrs. Ed Meyer, the new president. Mrs. Meyer succeeded Mrs. Roy Huffstutlar, who served the society for four years. Mrs. Bell Bearman and Mrs. Roy Henderson, are chairmen of the circles, one and two.

In spite of an unusual amount of sickness among the officers the work of the society has moved forward in a remarkable way.

The pastor and his lovely family have proved to be wonderful leaders, and the society is backing them in the program of the church in every way possible.

Mrs. Roy Huffstutlar and Mrs. J. L. Joyner were given Life Membership pen during the past year.—Reporter.

tary, who reviewed the work already done by the women in the fields of politics, economics, the home and the church and called attention to additional work to be done.

Mrs. John McClure, Danville, conference vice president, conducted a demonstration of an executive meeting.

The devotionals were given by the pastor of the church, Dr. F. G. Roebuck, and Mrs. F. M. Tolleson.

Groups meetings at which the leaders explained the details of the society work were held during the afternoon. A luncheon was served at noon by women of the hostess church.—Reporter

LITTLE ROCK CONFERENCE W. S. C. S. MEETS AT HOPE MARCH 30-APRIL 1

The Annual Meeting of the Little Rock Conference Woman's Society of Christian Service will open at 10:00 a. m., March 30, at First Methodist Church at Hope. The Executive Board will meet Monday evening March 29, at 6:30 at the Barlow Hotel. The Conference will close at noon Thursday, April 1.

Rev. Paul Galloway will address the meeting on the conditions in Europe as he saw them on his recent trip. Special features will include a pageant commemorating 75 years of Methodist women's work in the Little Rock Conference, and a special Youth Night program on the opening night of the meeting.

The hostess church will furnish bed and breakfast for all Conference officers, all District officers, all deaconesses, returned missionaries and employed workers of the Woman's Division, the President of each local Society, or her alternate, a representative from each Wesleyan Service Guild, and all ministers' wives. Each person planning to attend should send her reservation to Mrs. E. P. O'Neal, 307 S. Harvey, Hope, Arkansas.

The Wesleyan Service Guild dinner will be held Tuesday evening, March 30, at 7:00 at the Barlow Hotel. Reservations for this dinner should be mailed to Miss Elsie Weisenberger, 104 West Avenue E, Hope. —Mrs. T. S. Lovett, Program Chm.

OLA WOMAN'S SOCIETY

The Society of the Ola Church held a very impressive installation service at the church Sunday evening, January 11th. The service was conducted by the pastor, Rev. J. F. Weatherford. At the close of the service the lights were turned out except the lighted cross and the entire congregation was invited to take the Holy Communion.

The new officers are: President, Mrs. Clyde Cook; Vice President, Mrs. Frank James; Recording Secretary, Mrs. James Weatherford; Promotional Secretary, Mrs. Olam Haney; Treasurer, Mrs. Lloyd Elliott; C. S. R., Mrs. Grady Hudson; Children's Work, Mrs. Ted Cook; Literature and Publications, Mrs. Will Pitts; Missionary Education, Mrs. J. T. Keller; Supplies, Mrs. Potts; Spiritual Life, Mrs. W. L. Russell; Youth and Student Work, Mrs. Bernice Caviness.

On January 13th, the regular meeting of the society was held at the home of Mrs. Olam Haney. Eighteen members were present. After the devotional a short business meeting was held, with Mrs. Clyde Cook, the new president, presiding. The committees for the year's work were appointed. Each officer was instructed in her line of work. Subscriptions for The Methodist Woman and the World Outlook were taken. New handbooks were ordered for the officers.

The society feels that they are going to have a good year in the work of Missions.—Reporter.

I have generally found that the man who is good at excuses is good at nothing else.—Benjamin Franklin.

CURRENT NEWS IN ARKANSAS METHODISM

ARKANSAS METHODIST STUDENT YOUTH MOVEMENT

This year's meeting of the Arkansas Methodist Student Movement will be held April 2, 3, and 4, at Magnolia A. & M. College, Magnolia. The delegate quotas for each participating college has been set but the delegates have not been chosen as yet.

The theme of this year's conference will be "The Church's Role in Current Tensions".

Bill McMahon, President of the Arkansas Methodist Student Movement and student of Hendrix College, will preside over the conference.—Phil Fry, Publicity Chairman.

"TECH DAY"

More than 200 students from Arkansas Polytechnic College, Russellville, attended a special "Tech Day" service at the Methodist Church Sunday morning. These students, including several married couples, represented practically every county in Arkansas, as well as several additional states. One of their number, Miss Shirley Wilson of Siloam Springs, furnished the special music, a vocal solo. Five of them served as ushers, assisting an adult welcoming committee which included among others several members of the Tech faculty. These five ushers at the morning service were: Jas. Edward Nutt, Jr., Benton; William Buck Sadler, Pine Bluff; James Teeter, Russellville; Buddye Pinckney, Fort Smith and Jim Ross, Little Rock. Approximately 150 of these students took Sunday dinner with local church families. In many cases these families and their guests sat together during the service. In every case a delightful time was reported by the family and the guests.

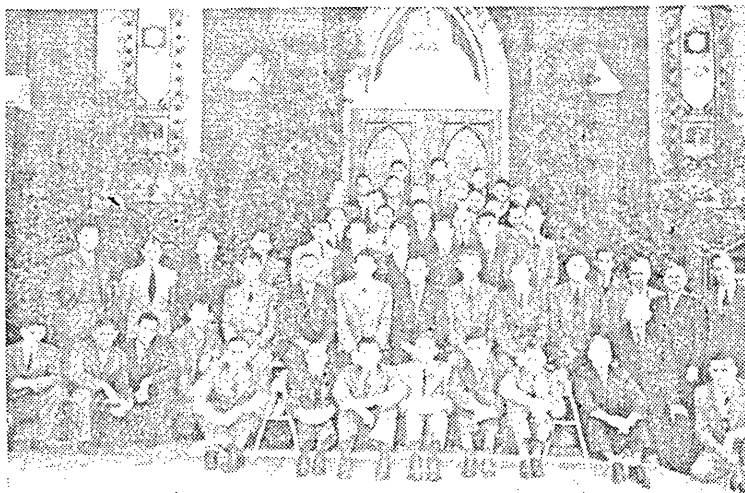
Rounding out this special "Tech Day", came the evening worship hour featuring the Tech A Cappella Choir, under the direction of Paul Shultz. About 150 Tech students joined faculty members and townspeople in this second service. The Tech choir, composed of 40 students from 25 counties of the state, offered the following numbers during the worship service: "Praise Be To Thee" by Palestrina-Lundquist, "Soul Be Still" by Frank-Buszin, "My God and I" by Sergei, "The Creation" by Richter and "The Lord Bless Thee and Keep Thee" by Lutkin. This music was well received by a large attentive congregation. Ushers from the Tech student body were again in charge in the vestibule.

"Tech Day" was set up as an effort on the part of the Russellville Methodist Church to increase the interest of the local congregation in Arkansas Polytechnic College, and to strengthen the ties between the Methodist students there and the local church. Carefully selected committees contacted the Methodist students on the campus, and saw that they were invited to the service, and that homes were provided for their entertainment for Sunday Dinner. The day was such an outstanding success that the members of the local church are planning for similar activities during the coming

Class Makes Good Record

The First Methodist Church of Searcy, Arkansas, has an unusually fine class of young men. The Young Men's Class, pictured below, organized October 1, 1945, with an initial

has raised to date \$735.00 for upholstered furniture, desk, venetian blinds, etc.; with which its class room is to be furnished. The teacher of this unusual class is William



membership of seven, now has a membership of fifty-five. An exceptionally high percentage of this group attends the class session each Sunday.

In the First Methodist Church's new educational building, which is rapidly nearing completion, each class is being asked to furnish its own room. The Young Men's Class

H. Roth, young Searcy attorney, and class officers include Doayne Hunnicutt, president; R. R. Churchill, vice-president; and Billy Joe Pierce, secretary-treasurer.

The class meets often for social occasions such as dinners, fish fries and parties. The accompanying picture was made at a recent sunrise breakfast.—Reporter.

LAYMEN'S DAY AT GOOD FAITH

For two years we had the privilege of being the pastors of Glenwood. We gave freely of our time and what ability we had in spreading the Methodist interpretation of Christianity as far and wide as possible with our limited resources. The need was so great that Mrs. Carithers and myself could not possibly fill all the obligations that came our way. We appealed to the laymen for help with the preaching program. Among the four who responded was W. H. Watson, who makes his living operating his own grocery. Mr. Watson has great enthusiasm and a burning message. He has splendid preaching ability. Again and again he responded to our challenge and went out to abandoned Methodist churches to carry the Christian message. We invited Mr. Watson to be our guest at the Good Faith Church in Pine Bluff over Laymen's Day and fill part of our appointments. He preached four times that day, which is my regular Sunday schedule. At Good Faith at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. At Whitehall at 9:30 a. m. and at the Pine Bluff Arsenal at 5 p. m. We are happy to have Mr. Watson

years and for such a special day annually.

Committees from the congregation and college were under the leadership of the following chairmen: Publicity, J. W. Hull, president of Arkansas Tech; Visitation, P. K. Merrill; Welcoming, Wallace Cowan; Transportation, Jas. M. Bell; Home Placement, Mrs. O. J. Carpenter. Rev. William F. Cooley, the pastor, and Mrs. P. K. Merrill, president of the Woman's Society of Christian Service, served as co-chairmen of the steering committee.—Reporter.

HAMMOND ORGAN INSTALLED AT FAIRVIEW CHURCH

Fairview Methodist Church, 16th and Laurel Streets, Texarkana, is the latest local owner of a Hammond organ, which was purchased from the Beasley Music Company, Hammond Organ dealers for this section.

The new organ was installed February 24 in time for use in worship services Sunday. The order for the organ was placed a short time ago with the hope that it would be delivered in time for the Easter services.

Rev. Fred Arnold is pastor of the Church. Luther L. Miller is the chairman of the Board of Stewards. Carl Brown is chairman of the organ committee, and Mrs. W. W. Webster is organist and choir director.—Reporter.

with us. He brought fine Christian messages.

Our Sunday School superintendent, Harry Lindsay, went out to Mt. Olivet on the Rowell Circuit, where we served ten years ago, and brought the message.

All over the conference we are making the mistake of letting our rural churches go when we have some preachers only preaching twice a Sunday, and we have a great multitude of Christian laymen who are capable and willing to fill these pulpits until we have a more adequate ministerial program. These men should not be licensed ministers but recognized witnesses.

I would like to hear from both ministers and laymen who are willing to bind together in a fellowship seeking to find a way to fill all our Methodist pulpits every Sunday morning.—K. K. Carithers, Rt. 1 Pine Bluff, Arkansas.

NEWS ABOUT HENDRIX COLLEGE

WSSF Campaign At Hendrix

A campus committee headed by Martha Love of Jonesboro, last week conducted a \$250 drive for the World Student Service Fund.

Similar campaigns for this non-political relief agency for rehabilitation and reconstruction of war devastated college and university campuses abroad, were conducted on college campuses all over the United States.

Students serving on the committee were Fred Holt of Warren, Martha Stewart of Blytheville, Earlene Brown of Springdale, Ray King of Perry, and Janis Dillaha, Wilbur Redwine, and George Thompson of Little Rock.

To terminate the week's activities, the college chapter of Blue Key, national leadership fraternity, sponsored a variety show Friday night, the returns of which went to the WSSF.

Football Letters Awarded

Twenty-five members of the 1947 football team received letter certificates and sweaters at a special program last week. The entire program was under the direction of the "H" Club, composed of men who have earned an athletic letter at Hendrix.

Those receiving two-year letters were Lee Yarbrough and Robert Reynolds, captains of the 1947 team, Conway; John Stotts, Searcy; Arthur Cearley, Sheridan; Winston Faulkner, Dardanelle; Jimmy McDaniel, Paragould; Albert Oliver, Little Rock.

Those receiving first year letters were Leo Trulock, Harry Quinn, and Charles McNew, Pine Bluff; William Montgomery, Morrilton; Richard Broadway, Biscoe; George Morgan, Warren; Robert Bradbury, Little Rock; John Douthitt, Batesville; William Yates, Dyess; Harry Buchanan, Paragould; Brian Kelley, Parkin; Grayson Lewis, Clinton; Charles Elmer, Springdale; Charles Davie, El Dorado, and Jack Smith, Braxite.

Sweaters were also awarded to Harold Reutz of Gurdon and Charles Cook of Little Rock student managers of the 1947 team.

Faculty Team Wins Over Students

Following presentation of the football letters, members of the faculty donned basketball uniforms to defeat a team selected from the student body by a final score of 18 to 11.

Coach Morton Hutto and Robert Shideler, assistant professor of chemistry and biology were the high scorers for the faculty and Richard Broadway of Biscoe led the students.

Coach Ivan H. Grove acted as a player and coach and Dr. H. W. Kamp, professor of Greek and Latin and director of the library, was manager of the faculty team. Floyd E. Gillis, assistant professor of economics, coached the students.

Mr. Metcalf In Exchange Recital

John Glenn Metcalf, professor of music, presented an organ recital as the first in a series of faculty exchange programs at Arkansas State Teachers College March 2.

Among Mr. Metcalf's varied selections were Bach's "My Heart Is Filled With Longing" and "Intermezzo" by Widor.—Margaret Pullig.

SEDGWICK YOUTH HAVE HAMBURGER SUPPER

The M. Y. F. of the Sedgwick Methodist Church was entertained with a hamburger supper at the home of Rev. and Mrs. Norris Steele on March 3. Twenty members were present.

The worship program was led by Charles Belk, who gave a talk on "What is the Church?"

In the business meeting, we discussed and made plans to send a contribution to CARE. We also made plans to attend the District M. Y. F. Meeting at Imboden on March 17. Recreation followed which was enjoyed by all. The recreation committee, headed by Verna Myers, had several interesting games.

Last, but not least, the Hamburger Supper! Each member was given a plate on which were two hamburgers, potato chips, pickles, and a cold drink.

The next meeting will be with Charles and Verna Myers on Tuesday, March 9.—Charles Belk.

VACATION CHURCH SCHOOL INSTITUTES

Vacation Church School Institutes for the Camden District of the Methodist Church were held Wednesday and Friday at El Dorado and Magnolia. One hundred and twenty workers met in these two Institutes to make plans for the holding of Vacation Church Schools in the spring and summer.

The first was held at First Methodist Church in El Dorado on Wednesday of this week. The other was held at First Methodist Church in Magnolia on Friday.

The program of each Institute was under the leadership of Mrs. W. Neill Hart, Camden, District Director of Children's Work. Mrs. W. F. Bates, Conference Director of Children's Work, presented the work of the nursery children. Mrs. Fred G. Gordan, Fordyce, District Secretary of Children's Work of the Woman's Society of Christian Service, conducted the work on the junior department. Mrs. Hart presented the work of the Beginners and Primary children.—Fred R. Harrison, District Superintendent.

RURAL LIFE SUNDAY, MAY 2

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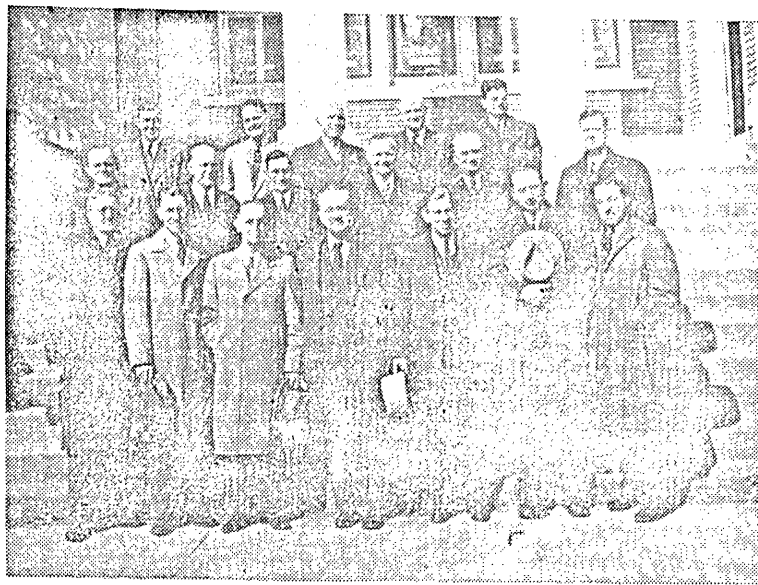
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Camp At Wayland Springs Becomes Reality

The long-discussed possibility of a Methodist camp at Wayland Springs near Imboden became a reality on February 10th, when Sloan Rainwater, Imboden merchant, delivered the deed for the property to trustees from the Batesville, Jonesboro and Paragould Districts, meeting at Walnut Ridge with other ministers and laymen from these three districts and from the Helena District. The deed from Mr. Rainwater included forty acres on

the following officers: Chairman, E. B. Williams; vice-chairman, S. B. Wilford; secretary, Alfred A. Knox, and treasurer, Charles Stuck. Three committees were immediately activated to work toward a program this summer. These committees were: Building Committee, Program Committee and a committee to work on the problem of access of roads and power lines. These committees will report to the next meeting of the Board of Trustees on March



Front row (left to right): Sloan Rainwater, Imboden; Irl Bridenthal, Lepanto; Allen D. Stewart, Blytheville; Charles Stuck, Jonesboro; Ethan Dodgen, Forrest City; S. B. Wilford, Batesville, and Harold Eggensperger, West Memphis.

Middle row: Earl Whittaker, Harrisburg; E. B. Williams, Paragould; J. M. Barnett, Earle; J. H. Hoggard, Batesville; J. A. Gatlin, Jonesboro, and G. C. Johnson, Marion.

Back row: Lawrence Redmon, Harrisburg; Alfred Knox, Tuckerman; H. Lynn Wade, Batesville; Lloyd Conyers, Walnut Ridge, and Charles Lewis, Luxora.

which Wayland Springs are located and one hundred acres adjoining, which the group had authorized him to purchase for them.

Included in the deed were provisions for the operation of the camp and for the organization of its Board of Trustees. Original trustees set forth in the deed to serve until District Conferences are: Batesville District, S. B. Wilford, Alfred A. Knox and Reed Dennison; Paragould District: E. B. Williams and R. S. Rainwater; Jonesboro District: J. A. Gatlin, W. Henry Goodloe and Charles Stuck. The Helena District has been invited to become a part of the organization. The trustees met after the deed was delivered to organize and issue the statement that a program of camp activities will be planned for this summer.

The trustees organized by electing

12th at Imboden.

A drive to raise \$20,000 for work on the camp has already been started in the three districts and a number of laymen have already pledged the cost of the construction of one or more cabins. That there is already a widespread interest in the possibilities of the camp was manifest in the attendance at the Walnut Ridge meeting at which the deed was delivered. Those present included J. A. Gatlin, E. B. Williams, S. B. Wilford, Ethan Dodgen, Irl Bridenthal, Allen D. Stewart, Harold Eggensperger, C. C. Johnson, J. H. Hoggard, J. M. Barnett, Charles Lewis, Lloyd Conyers, H. Lynn Wade, Alfred Knox and the following laymen: R. S. Rainwater, Imboden, Earl Whittaker and Lawrence Redmon of Harrisburg, and Charles Stuck, Jonesboro.—Alfred Knox.

cities, if it is to enrich the lives of farm people." Dr. Mark A. Dawber, Executive Secretary of the Home Missions Council said today in connection with the announcement of Rural Life Sunday, to be held on May 2.

Dr. Dawber said, "Where the minister of the rural church takes an active lead in rural affairs, there develops an increased interest in spiritual life. The effectiveness of the rural church during the next decade will be decided largely on the degree to which the minister assumes an active role in helping to meet community problems."

Rural Life Sunday, or Rogation Sunday which dates back to 450 A. D., was described by Dr. Dawber

as an integral part of the Church's program "to emphasize the meaning of Christianity for rural life, and is set apart as a day to invoke God's blessings on the seed, the fruits of the soil, and the cultivators of the earth."

To assist this year's observance, the Committee on Town and Country of the Home Missions Council, the Federal Council of Churches, and International Council of Religious Education has prepared a Rural Life Sunday order of service designed for local churches. Copies are available at 5 cents each with rates on quantities. They can be obtained through the Home Missions Council at 297 Fourth Avenue, New York 10, N. Y.

THIS MISSIONARY IS "VILLAGE CONSCIOUS"

"I have become the conscience of the village against their vices of whisky drinking and coca chewing," says the Rev. H. Ellis Plyler, Methodist missionary in Ahuac, Peru. "Whenever there is a village program that they think must have its liquor there is always a bottle of mineral water for me. Recently the local rural school entertained some technicians of the department of the technical education of the Ministry of Education. Great was the surprise and consternation of the director of the school when eight others asked for the same mineral water that I took, refusing the whisky. Maybe they will learn some day!"

"Our model home is part of our economic, social, and health program. It is supposed to be a demonstration of modern, practical cheap housing which any one of them could have with a little sacrifice and planning. It is of adobe mud brick construction with floors and a fireplace. Their present homes have cold earth floors, and no system of heating in this frosty climate. Also theirs consist of one or two rooms with a lean-to kitchen, without windows. They are always full of smoke. The people catch many colds, come down with pneumonia often, and hobble around with rheumatic joints. We think that our way of living in our model home will bring them the new concept that a home is made to be lived in. We have running water in the house with sanitary conveniences made of cement and a modern type cesspool for sewage disposal. Several families have copied the plan—to imitate, I hope. At any rate I shall help a few young Protestant couples to choose a site, select a plan, and build their home. If two or three do it, perhaps it will 'catch'."

"I have been working part time for two years in Ahuac, extending our evangelical influence and gaining the confidence of the village. The second cooperative which I have organized was in Ahuac and was officially recognized by the government in 1945. It has 180 members and about \$500 paid capital, which is very fine for these people considering their circumstances."

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Supplemental Report On The Christmas Offering

Since our report was published early in February, we have received additional offerings as shown below:

ARKADELPHIA DISTRICT
Arkadelphia Circuit, Mt. Zion\$ 7.65
Hart's Chapel 5.00
Smyrna 4.70
Traskwood Circuit, Ebenezer Church 10.00
Total to date for Arkadelphia District, \$4,509.23.

CAMDEN DISTRICT
El Dorado, First Church\$ 100.00
(Previously received \$2,400. Total \$2,500.)
Fordyce\$ 58.00
(Previously received \$125.35. Total \$185.35)
Junction City Circuit, Pleasant Grove\$ 7.30
Smackover 5.00
(Previously received \$225.94. Total \$230.94)
Total to date for Camden District, \$5,967.44.

LITTLE ROCK DISTRICT
England\$ 50.00
(Previously received \$455.74. Total \$505.74.)
Mountain View 8.00
Total to date for Little Rock District, \$6,747.61.

MONTICELLO DISTRICT
Lake Village Charge\$ 5.00
(Previously received \$103.40. Total \$108.40.)
Total to date for Monticello District, \$3,315.38.)

PINE BLUFF DISTRICT
Almyra\$ 56.50
Lincoln County Ct., Glendale Church School 5.00
Sherrill 104.00
Tucker 46.00
Stuttgart, Grand Avenue Church 40.00
(Previously received to \$540.00. Total, \$580.00)
Total to date for Pine Bluff District, \$4,715.71.

PRESCOTT DISTRICT
Avery's Chapel, Bingen Ct. \$ 10.10
Springhill Circuit 14.35
Total to date for Prescott District, \$1,712.31.

TEXARKANA DISTRICT
Garland Church\$ 50.00
Total to date for Texarkana District, \$2,786.47.
Total to date for Little Rock Conference, \$29,754.15.

NORTH ARKANSAS CONFERENCE

BATESVILLE DISTRICT
Cave City Church\$ 6.50
Newport, First Church 50.00

Swifton-Alicia 16.00
Total to date for Batesville, \$769.19.

CONWAY DISTRICT

Total to date for Conway District, \$2,362.63.

FAYETTEVILLE DISTRICT

Total to date for Fayetteville District, \$3,716.69.

FORT SMITH DISTRICT

Bethel-Dyer\$ 18.23
Goddard Memorial Church, Fort Smith 25.00
(Previously received \$223.00. Total \$248.00.)
Massard Church, Fort Smith 30.00
Total to date for Fort Smith District, \$2,720.25.

HELENA DISTRICT

Forrest City\$ 225.00
(Previously received, \$50.00. Total, \$275.00)
Helena 50.00
Widener-Round Pond 166.42
Individual Gift 100.00
Total to date for Helena District, \$2,016.53.

JONESBORO DISTRICT

Jonesboro First Church\$ 300.00
(Previously received, \$967. Total, \$1,267.)
Jonesboro, Fisher Street Church 25.00
Lepanto 32.00
Total to date for Jonesboro District, \$2,729.13.

PARAGOULD DISTRICT

Langley Chapel, Greenway Circuit\$ 5.00
Total to date for Paragould District, \$1,273.84.

SEARCY DISTRICT

Augusta\$ 50.00
(Previously received, \$10. Total \$60.)
Dogwood Church, Friendship Charge 5.00
Harrison, 45.00
(Previously received, \$100. Total \$145.)
Total to date for Searcy District, \$1,440.95.

Total to date for North Arkansas Conference, \$17,029.21.

Individual Gifts not credited to any church, \$268.50.

Grand Total to date, \$47,051.86.
(We would like to correct an error in our first report on the Christmas offering. The total received from Wilmar Circuit should have been \$106.21. Also, the churches at Hunter, Arkansas, and at Crossett, with their contributions of \$46 and \$100 respectively, were omitted from that report, although these amounts were included in the totals from their Districts.)

We list below the Memorials, Individual contributions, and Miscellaneous gifts which have been received since our last report.

MEMORIALS

In memory of:
Mr. Lem Stone, given by Mr. and

Mrs. J. F. Fogleman, Marion, \$5.00.
Mrs. J. F. Pelton, given by Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Scott, The King's Daughters Class, and Circle No. 1, First Church, North Little Rock, \$15.00
Mr. Laurence W. Ford, given by Mrs. George S. Word, Marianna, \$3.00.

Mr. John W. Gilmer, given by Marianna W. S. C. S., \$3.50.
Mrs. W. S. Rogers, given by Mrs. R. C. Bradford, Cabot, \$5.00.
Mr. J. M. Brashear, given by Scott Street Church, Little Rock, \$5.00.

Mr. James B. Dickinson, given by Z. Bensky, Little Rock, \$5.00.
Mrs. Flannagan, given by Mrs. Eldredge Butler, Madison, \$5.00.
Mrs. J. F. Goodwin, given by Mr. and Mrs. Paul Coleman, Marion, \$5.00.

Mrs. R. E. Robertson, given by Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Fogleman, Marion, \$5.00.
Mr. O. L. Robinson, given by Mr. and Mrs. H. T. Brewer, Earle, \$3.00.

Mr. O. L. Robinson, given by Mrs. C. E. Morrison, Earle, \$5.00.
Mr. O. L. Robinson, given by Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Johnson, Earle, \$5.00.
Mrs. Maudan Harrison, given by Mr. and Mrs. S. P. Norwood, Locksburg, \$5.00.

Mrs. A. G. Rives, given by Mrs. George S. Word and Family, Marianna, \$3.00.

Mrs. Lulu Hargrove, given by Mr. and Mrs. B. J. Tanenbaum, Dumas, \$5.00.

INDIVIDUAL GIFTS

Miss Euga H. Greene, Washington, D. C., \$2.00.
Mrs. Frank Goldstein, Washington, D. C., \$1.00.
Mrs. C. C. Dickie, England, \$50.00.
O. G. Robinson, Des Arc, \$1.00.
Mr. and Mrs. Tom Norworthy (Credited to Widener-Round Pond), \$50.00.

Mr. Charles Dante, Dumas, \$5.00.
Mrs. Lotta Pierce, R. F. D., Paragould, \$1.00.

Methodist Youth Fellowship, Pleasant Grove, \$7.30.

Methodist Youth Fellowship, Smackover, \$5.00.

Mr. James C. Trice, Brinkley, \$100.00.

W. S. C. S., Forrest City, \$25.00

Mr. Charles R. Baber, North Little Rock, \$5.00.

Mr. B. S. Atkinson, Texarkana, \$10.00.

Harvester's Class, Goddard Memorial, Fort Smith, \$25.00.

W. S. C. S., Grand Avenue, Stuttgart, \$40.00.

Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Crumpler, Magnolia, \$20.00.

MISCELLANEOUS GIFTS

Junior Department, Hope, clothing; W. S. C. S., Timothy, quilt; Revelly Department Store, Stephens, clothing; Mayers Jewel Shop, Little Rock, fruit cake; D. S. B. Sorority, Round Pond, clothing; Garden Point Church, quilt; Mrs. Russell Wade, Little Rock, quilt; Macey W. S. C. S. quilt; Johnson's Bakery, Little Rock, cakes and rolls; Mrs. Otho Odom, Walnut Ridge, clothing; Box of apples, Circle No. 2, Capitol View Church; Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Collie, Jr., Little Rock, Valentine candy and favors; Mabel Crawford Class, Pine Bluff, Lakeside Church, Valentines and napkins; Mrs. H. Broyles, Fort Smith, clothing; Brownie Troop No. 1, Gabe Meyer School, Pine Bluff, Valentines; Douglas Brodie, Batesville, Valentines; Circle No. 12, First Church, Little Rock, clothing; Circle No. 2, Forest Park, Little Rock, clothing; Mrs. McCormick, Malvern, clothing; Mrs. Seash Smith, Little Rock, box of apples; Ruth Blackman Circle, Fisher Street Church, Jonesboro, canned foods; Mr. L. E. Burrows, Little Rock, six dressed rabbits.—J. S. M. Cannon.



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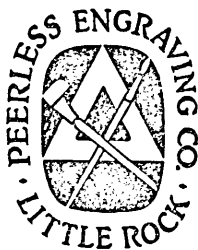
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WHO'S DOING YOUR PREACHING FOR YOU?

The above question comes out of an interview during our personal evangelism campaign last February in Oklahoma City.

Rev. Lawson Lee, our pastor at Enid, Oklahoma, and a team mate were working for Wesley Church where Nuel C. Crain, a nephew of Rev. R. M. Crain, is pastor. They interviewed Ted R--- in his home. Ted R--- said to them that they had come in the right time and that he was ready to sign up and make his public profession of faith in the church the following Sunday. He gave as his reason that he met the pastor, Brother Crain, in town and said to him upon first acquaintance, "You've been doing my wife's preaching." "Who's been doing your preaching?" said Brother Crain. Ted R--- said the thought stayed with him.

He then asked how much he owed the church. "Unless you have a pledge it is nothing," said the workers. He gave them a \$50.00 check to give to the pastor, adding this: "You can tell Brother Crain that hereafter he is doing my preaching for me."

I am not entering into the question of the merits of ways of evangelism, but I am wondering who's doing the world's preaching. Who does the preaching for the man on the street or the family who never darkens the door of the church?

I worked in the campaign for Rev. C. E. Nisbett, a former Arkansas preacher. He is pastor in Midwest City, a city of five or ten thousand population and largely built since the last war. I worked with a real estate man one evening and an Indian lawyer, Roy Holbird, the other times. His car stopped on him but he got out and we took it on foot through this Oklahoma wind. We secured six church members by certificate.—C. E. Mashburn, pastor, Cheyenne Valley Church, Orienta, Oklahoma.

In Europe the drought has brought about crop failure and a resulting increase in hunger.

DUKE UNIVERSITY BEGINS SECOND CENTURY

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the School of Nursing, and several allied professional schools make up the complement of Duke's graduate and undergraduate bodies.

In every state in the union and in 39 other countries are located the 25,877 alumni and alumnae, who have recently, together with the faculty, students, and friends of the university, formed the Duke University National Council. This body is now undertaking a program of education of alumni and friends on the needs of the university. In its promotion of a program of annual giving, the expansion of Duke University Loyalty Fund, recently set up, will be its first big objective. This fund will be raised in annual drives, money accrued to be used without restriction for use in defraying general expenses. Through this fund, it is hoped that the university will be able to carry out its program of increased service to the youth of the nation and through that youth, to the community of nations which it will someday direct.



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THE KINGDOM OF GOD

LESSON FOR MARCH 21, 1948

SCRIPTURE TEXT: Mark 4:26-29; Luke 4:16-22a; 17:20-21; Romans 15-17.

GOLDEN TEXT: Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done, On earth as it is in heaven. Matthew 6:10.

The kingdom of God, the kingdom of heaven, my kingdom, were words constantly on the lips of Jesus. Matthew records his using them forty-seven times, Mark thirteen times, Luke thirty-seven times, and John five times. A large majority of his parables were about the kingdom. Jesus seemed to be rather sparing in the use of the word "Church". Evidently the uppermost thought and concern of Jesus was the establishing of the kingdom of God.

Millions Pray For The Kingdom To Come

"Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven" is prayed by several millions of Methodists, hundreds of thousands of Episcopalians, Lutherans, Roman Catholics, and by many thousands of other groups, families, and individuals. The number who pray this prayer on every Sabbath could not be estimated accurately but we are safe in saying many millions.

The Meaning Of This Prayer

It means the universal reign of Jesus Christ. It means that the kingdoms of this world may become the kingdoms of Christ. When sin entered this world at once a contest arose as to who would rule this world. The devil and his cohorts undertook to dominate this world. God made a plan to redeem it. The first mention of this contest was expressed in figurative language. "And I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; It shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel." (Genesis 4:15).

God set apart a nation through whom He would bring a Redeemer. "And thy seed shall be as the dust of the earth, and thou shalt spread abroad to the west, and to the east, and to the north, and to the south: and in thee and in thy seed shall all the families of the earth be blessed." (Genesis 28:14).

All the prophets foretold of this coming Redeemer. He came and the conflict goes on now.

King Jesus Preaches

"And he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up: and as his custom was, he went into the synagogue on the Sabbath day, and stood up for to read. And there was delivered to him the book of the prophet Esaias. And when he had opened the book, he found the place where it was written, The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he hath anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor; he hath sent me to heal the broken-hearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised, to preach the acceptable year of the Lord." (Luke 16:19).

Such prophecies as these filled Judea with the hope of a coming Redeemer. A loving message to the poor, liberty to the captives, recovering of sight to the blind, and to proclaim the year of Jubilee were some of the things Jesus mentioned in this text from Isaiah.

Beneficent Reign Of King Jesus

No one can compute what the coming of Jesus has meant to a suffering world. The differences between pagan and the partially Christian nations illustrates something of what the beneficent reign of Jesus would be were the so-called Christian nations really Christian. Pagan civilizations have no hospitals, or no schools, and their places of worship are often debasing. Imperfectly as we represent Jesus in the so-called Christian nations, our civilization is infinitely better than pagan civilizations.

What Would The Real Reign Of King Jesus Mean?

It would mean honesty in business. The poor would not be exploited, and the customer would not be cheated or deceived. It would mean good care of the blind, and the same for the halt, the lame, and all disabled persons. It would mean clean, honest politics, fair elections, no ballot box stealing, no fraud in elections, the real choice of the people in a democracy would hold the offices. (I wish I could see one honest-to-goodness municipal, state, and federal election before I go hence). Such a reign would bring fair wages, co-operation between laborers and capitalists, and perfect harmony between the employer and the employed.

Lord speed the day!

And again, such a reign would mean the disappearance of racial discrimination. No man would be disadvantaged because of the pigment in his epidermis, or the texture of his hair. Racial groups would still exist because the different races are more congenial to each other. But racial prejudice and hatred would vanish like the mist before the rising sun. Wars would be no more. "And he shall judge among the nations: and shall rebuke many people: and they shall beat their swords into plow shares and their spears into pruninghooks: nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more." (Isaiah 2:4). "And he shall judge among many people,

and rebuke strong nations afar off; and they shall beat their swords into plow shares, and their spears into pruninghooks: nation shall not lift up a sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more." (Micah 4:3). Same message by two prophets. When King Jesus really reigns we shall have no more wars!

Lord hasten the day.

How Shall His Reign Be Established?

"And he said, So is the kingdom of God, as if a man should cast a seed into the ground; and should sleep, and rise night and day, and the seed should spring and grow up, he knoweth not how. For the earth bringeth forth fruit of herself; first the blade, then the ear, after that the full corn in the ear. But when the fruit is brought forth, immediately he putteth in the sickle, because the harvest is come." (Mark 4:26-29).

"And when he was demanded of the Pharisees, when the kingdom of God should come, he answered them and said, The kingdom of God cometh not with observation: Neither shall they say, Lo here! or lo, there! for, behold, the kingdom of God is within you." (Luke 17:20-21).

"For the kingdom of God is not meat and drink; but righteousness, and peace, and joy in the Holy Ghost." (Romans 14:17). It will come quietly, sometimes, imperceptibly. It will not be brought about by political parties, nor financial corporations. It is planted in the heart by the Spirit. It consists of righteousness, peace, and joy in the Holy Ghost.

One By One

Wholesale conversions have not been wholesome. After Constantine announced that Christianity was the official religion for the Roman Empire, some of the subordinate rulers required their people to be baptized and brought into the church. Of course, they had groups of baptized pagans. Centuries later, the Russian czars commanded all to be baptized. So, again, there were thousands of baptized pagans, who knew nothing about saving grace.

Preachers And Personal Workers

These workers should be careful to lead each candidate for membership into a definite Christian experience—that is, have this righteousness, peace, and joy in the Holy Spirit in their hearts—conscious salvation and the Spirit giving them the divine assurance. "The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God." (Romans 8:16).

An Exhortation

The universal reign of Jesus

Christ is the desideratum of the ages. All our efforts look to this glorious consummation. It behooves every one of us to make our lives a contribution to this glorious end.

Take Jesus as your personal King. Let Him have dominion over your life, over your professional life, over your social life, over your home life, over you at all times, all places, and under all circumstances. Such a life will be a life of righteousness, and peace, and joy in the Holy Spirit. Thus you may go through life with the joy of the Lord in your souls.

Then we must share our experiences with all we can. Some discouraged, defeated, despairing person needs your help.

Will you try to help someone before the sun goes down today?

Thus you will be a real factor in enthroning Jesus as the King of Kings and Lord of Lords in our entire world!

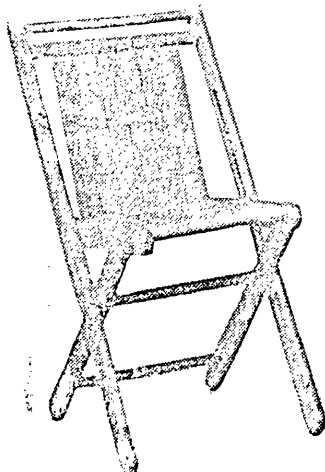
BETTER CHRISTIANS AND MORE OF THEM

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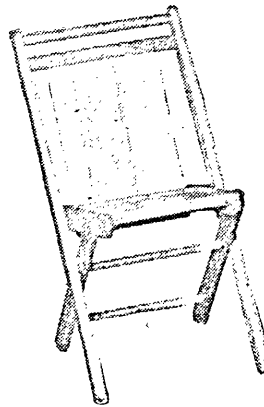
insist that the hope of this world is in Christianity. But if Christianity is to save the world, there must be better and more Christians. For this cause Christ came and to this end he died. The challenge of a new day is before the Christians of this generation. May God grant that we not fail.—H. O. B.

An understanding of human relations and the development of strong bonds of friendship between people and nations should be the most vital concern of educated people throughout the world today.—Justice Douglas L. Edmonds.

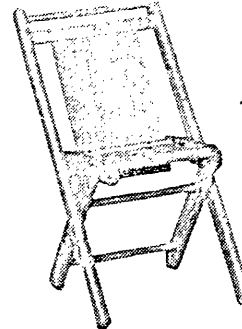
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