

# Arkansas Methodist

Serving One Hundred and Sixty Thousand Methodists in Arkansas

"The World is My Parish" — John Wesley

"to all the world" — Mark 16:15

OL. LXVII

LITTLE ROCK

MARCH 18, 1948

NO. 12

## Important Supreme Court Decision

ON February of last year the United States Supreme Court ruled in the New Jersey Transportation Case affirmatively on the constitutionality of that state's payments for transportation to parents of children attending parochial schools. The time honored principle of separation of Church and State was upheld and the decision attracted widespread attention.

On the past March 8 the Supreme Court rendered another decision, the consequences of which may be far reaching. A plan of released-time for religious education in which Protestant, Jewish, and Catholic clergymen conducted religious classes in the public schools, and known as the Champaign (Illinois) plan, has been in operation in that city since 1940. The constitutionality of the plan was questioned by a campaign mother but the Illinois Supreme Court held that the use of the tax-supported public school property for religious instruction under the plan used was constitutional. The United States Supreme Court in rendering an opinion on an appeal from the lower court's decision reversed the Illinois court's decision, holding that the use of public school property for religious instruction is unconstitutional, violating the first and fourteenth amendments to the constitution.

The immediate Protestant reaction to the reversal of these two decisions, the New Jersey Transportation case, was one of surprise and disappointment. That one religious body which traditionally had maintained its own school system apart from the tax-supported school should be favored was difficult to understand. But it is constitutional to pay bus transportation for children to attend a parochial school, where the avowed purpose is religious education after the manner of the sponsoring church, it is even difficult to understand the more recent decision which terminates a program of religious instruction that favored no particular religious group nor was sponsored by any single denomination.

We are in no sense questioning the validity of either of these decisions or the integrity of the court making the decisions, but it is difficult to understand how these two decisions, one clearly favoring a single religious body and the other definitely frowning upon the efforts of organized religious groups, can be made to harmonize.

## The West-European Union

HISTORY is being made so rapidly in these hectic days that events which may change the trend of world affairs are given place in the press as mere news events and we are not to other exciting news of the day.

The organization of the West-European Union was provided for in a meeting of representatives from Britain, France, Belgium, Holland and Luxembourg in Brussels during the past weeks.

This is the first united, organized effort in Europe to stop the spread of Communism. There is a combination of forces in Europe strong enough to halt Russia, without aid from the outside. It is very significant, however, that the free nations of Europe are forming this Union, backed by the power and prestige of the United States, may be able to stand in Russia without armed conflict.

## This is the Basis Of Preaching Sermons

IT is our feeling that most of us will do more effective preaching IF OUR SERMONS HAVE A SCRIPTURAL BACKGROUND. Webster's first definition of a sermon reads, "A discourse delivered in public, usually by a clergyman, for the purpose of religious instruction, and grounded on a passage of scripture."

Webster has other definitions of a "sermon," which allow other forms of addresses correctly to be called sermons. Nevertheless, the first definition, which describes a sermon as "a discourse delivered in public . . . grounded on a passage of scripture" contains the idea which we most commonly associate with a sermon.

However, regardless of what a sermon is by definition, it is our feeling that the minister has a much stronger basis for an authoritative pronouncement on a chosen subject if he can undergird the truth he would teach with a "thus sayeth the Lord."

In order to be impressive and helpful, our sermons generally need a larger Biblical content than even a well-selected text can supply. For the background of the body of a sermon, it is doubtful if one can find a suitable substitute for the wealth of illustrative material to be found in the Bible, if that material is wisely used.

Some time ago the writer was talking to a friend in the ministry who had recently moved to a new charge. He was very happy to have discovered that his new congregation appeared to enjoy his sermons. He was saying that he had also made another discovery since moving to this new charge. He said that he had discovered that there is a world of good preaching material right in the Bible. He had discovered, so he said, that there are great scripture verses and impressive illustrations in the Bible that helped wonderfully in preparing and preaching sermons.

Our friend was a B. D. graduate who had already served several charges before making this helpful discovery of the Bible as an inexhaustible source of effective preaching material. There may have been some connection between this discovery and the feeling that he had finally been assigned to a congregation that enjoyed hearing him preach. The pity of it is that occasionally we find a minister who never discovers the infinite value of the Bible as a preaching aid.

There are impressive experiences and illustrations from everyday life that can be used effectively in teaching and preaching. Even these methods of teaching are more effective when supported by a Biblical background. It may be possible to make sermons that are too heavily weighted with scripture quotations and illustrations. It certainly is possible to make sermons that are too light by omitting the Biblical background.

## Factual Results Of The Crusade For Christ

A RECENT release, compiled by Dr. J. Manning Potts, Associate Director of the Crusade for Christ, gives some interesting facts and figures of the results of the various phases of the Crusade for Christ to date. This report shows that remarkable progress has been made in the three year period of the Crusade for Christ for which statistics are now available.

In the financial campaign we had a goal of \$25,000,000. This sum looked big in the beginning. Dr. Potts reports that the Treasurer has now received in this campaign \$27,003,900. Interest, amounting to \$477,265, has accumulated on some of these funds while they were being held awaiting distribution. Hence the Crusade for Christ fund now totals \$27,481,165.

Special emphasis on Evangelism through this period has resulted in a net gain of 510,643 members in our church. The present total membership of The Methodist Church is 8,567,772.

On the Stewardship goal of 10,000 recruits for full-time service in the various fields of service in the church, Dr. Potts reports that we have had 13,364 volunteers, exceeding our goal by 3,364.

In the beginning of the Crusade for Christ some were fearful lest the sizable sum asked for in the financial campaign might affect adversely the giving to the regular program of church work. It seems to have had the opposite effect. In addition to the amount contributed to the Crusade for Christ, the increased total giving to the church for 1947 was \$50,320,688 more than in 1944. The increase for the same period in giving for all benevolences was \$11,702,597. The increase in World Service giving was 18.6%.

In the face of the fact that we had been having disturbing losses in Church School enrollment year after year, the first three years of the Crusade for Christ, 1945-1947, showed a net gain of 567,641 in enrollment and an average increase of 14.7% in Church School attendance. The emphasis on this phase of the Crusade for Christ will continue through 1948.

## Intolerance Religion's Greatest Hindrance

POSSIBLY no one doubts that the division of Protestantism into so many different denominations has been a handicap to the progress of the Christian religion. Protestantism would be in a much stronger position to influence the life of the world if it could speak with one voice instead of the many that now attempt to speak for it.

Hurtful as these divisions have been, more hurtful still has been, and is, the spirit of intolerance that so often characterizes denominational differences. It would not necessarily be confusing to people, looking for a church home, to find that different churches have different forms of church government and give major emphasis to different Biblical truths. That condition might even be helpful in that it would give one the opportunity to select a church home best suited to the temperament and religious interests of the individual.

The hurt and confusion arises when, in choosing a particular church home, he hears a multitude of voices about him, each representing a different denomination, and each saying "my

(Continued on Page 4)

## Where The Congregation Gets The Offering

IN the average, or above-the-average Protestant Church it is not at all unusual that at the proper time during the worship services that the collection plates are passed to the congregation to receive their tithes and offerings for the church—this is expected in most church services, particularly in Methodist ones. BUT, when the collection plates, filled with crisp, new bills are passed to the congregation, for each church-goer to take one of the new bills from the plates—well, that just isn't the ordinary thing to expect, and it doesn't happen often.

Early last week letters were mailed out from the study of Rev. Gerry Dean, pastor of the Douglasville and Geyer Springs Methodist Churches to each family in the two churches, announcing that a SURPRISE was in store for all who attended the worship services on the following Sunday, March 7th. Naturally, rumor ran rampant among the members of both congregations—rumors which ranged all the way from the fact that the pastor was to perform tricks of magic, to announcing who the "Walking Man" was, (In case he wasn't identified on Saturday night's "Truth or Consequences" program). Both church auditoriums were filled to almost capacity with expectant church members and friends.

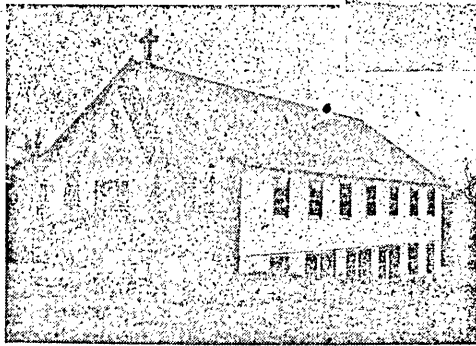
You may imagine the surprised look that came over the faces of the members of the congregations of these two local Methodist Churches, when, as the pastor began to read

the Parable of the Talents from the 25th chapter of St. Matthew's Gospel, the ushers, E. L. Santee, Perry Mason, James Douglas, and Dick Dean of Douglasville; L. J. Miller, E. C. Meyer, and Dick Dean of Geyer Springs, came to the chancel of the churches carrying collection plates filled with \$10 bills, \$5 bills, and \$1 bills. As the pastor took one of the \$10 bills from one of the plates, he explained that it was a

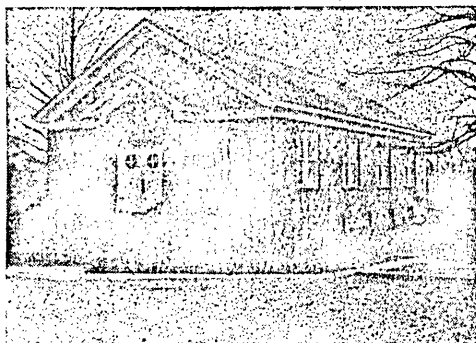
over 16 years of age. The ushers moved down the aisles giving a "talent" to each person who would accept one of the new bills.

These "talents" are to be used by the members of the two congregations until the first Sunday in June, at which time they are to be return-

Below: Nearly completed Methodist Church at Geyer Springs.



Above: The Methodist Church of Douglasville on the Douglasville - Geyer Springs Charge. Rev. Gerry Dean is Pastor.



"talent" just as those mentioned in the Biblical parable. He explained further that each member of the congregation was to be given a "talent"—\$1 bills for all children under 12 years of age; \$5 bills for youths between the ages of 12 and 15 years; and \$10 bills for all those

ed to their respective churches in a special service, together with such other "talents" as each person has been able to accumulate from the use of their "talent".

Both congregations were enthusiastic in their response to the challenge given them by the pastor to

accept a "talent" and to put them to use for the work of their church. These two churches are now "half-time" charges, but expect to become full-time charges in June, when another pastor will be available to accept the pastorate of one of the churches. It is hoped that the earnings from the talents will more than provide the extra money which will be needed by each church in order that each might have a full-time pastor for the rest of the current year.

The pastor, together with two loyal laymen had arranged for \$1000 in new bills to be available for distribution at each church. The idea is not original with the pastor of these two Methodist Churches, but came rather from the reading of a magazine article, given to the pastor by one of the members of the Douglasville Methodist Church, Mrs. Noah A. Douglas. A small Presbyterian church in Bluffton, Ohio, had invested \$2000 in "talents" last year, and in five months time they had increased their talents to the amount of \$9700.

You may be sure that both of these two communities are literally buzzing with various ideas of how to increase the talents. This should prove to be a financial, spiritual, physical, social, educational, and moral project. To say the least, the members of these two churches will long remember the Parable of the Talents, and a certain service when they took "talents" from the collection plates.—Mrs. Roy Huffstular, Mrs. W. R. Davis, Mrs. J. W. Douglas, Reporters.

## OVERSEAS RELIEF - - NOT A RAT HOLE

By MRS. EMILY SHACKLOCK

WOULD you like to invest your money in a way which will bring prompt and large returns on your investment? Because of the self-help program that has been the basic principle governing the administration of relief, every dollar you invest in relief will be multiplied in terms of helping to solve present world chaos. Many are asking—"Are people in need willing to help themselves?" The experiences of the church warrants the answer 'Yes'.

In parts of China the situation is one which could well nigh cause utter despair and an overwhelming sense of futility. In the North East and Middle East, heavy rain, floods, grasshoppers and locusts have cut the yield of sweet potatoes, upon which the people depend largely for food, early wheat and peanuts to 10 to 50 percent. It has been estimated that for a late planting only 50 percent of the land would be ready. The dearth of stalks and grass aggravated the fuel shortage. About 100,000 farm animals were lost through flood and war. Families had to flee from their homes inundated by water. Here is an eyewitness account of the situation:

"We saw thousands and thousands of acres of waste ground which the people are too poor to plant because they did not have the money to buy seed. In some of the villages over 40 percent of the people have had to leave to beg in other cities. In some places the river has deposited about six feet of sand and gravel over their once fertile fields and one wonders if this ground will ever be

productive again. The twenty-four day Care Centers which the mission is operating and with which the American Advisory Committee cooperates by furnishing the money for transportation and fuel, have done a marvelous job in taking care of some of the very poorest of the children. There will be a tremendous need to carry on as much of the program as possible as most of the children come from homes where the parents own no land whatever and will not receive any crop."

In spite of all discouragement the people were ready and eager to work. The relief committee in Huai Yuan started a clothing factory, using ten women employees and paying in flour for wages. The flour was provided by the Chinese Government relief agency which cooperates with the church relief organization. The project grew to eight factories where thousands of garments were made for distribution to the poor. Money provided by the American Advisory Committee (Protestant relief organization) was used for equipment; tables, stools, scissors, needles, etc. All the clothing we can use is needed.

A school was opened for the training of carpenters. After the course of training, these men will be able to support themselves and to aid in rebuilding houses devastated by the flood. Relief money was used for tools and equipment. The same idea was followed in a school for masons.

One thousand one hundred and six women participated in sewing classes and made one pair of shoes

each per week. These, too, were paid in wheat and were able to support their families while their husbands were away working or begging.

Farmers were much in need of seeds when the land again became usable. Seeds will continue to be an important item for the kind of relief which enables the farmer to help himself.

In Germany, the Protestant relief organization Hilfswerk has a remarkable record in the promotion of a self-help program. During the first two years of its existence, over a hundred million marks were collected by Hilfswerk from German Christians. Up to the fall of 1946, even the collections of food within Germany exceeded the food gifts from abroad accepted by Hilfswerk. Now the material resources within the country have been exhausted and increasing reliance must be placed upon what we will do to help. But even now, self-help is combined with foreign help. Christians in the United States give material help, German Christians contribute labor. Thus Methodists through the Methodist Committee for Overseas Relief have helped by sending paper or cellulose to be converted into Bibles, shoe mending kits to repair old shoes, materials for making clothes and materials for the building of barrack-like churches. Food, which has been sent for the child-feeding centers, has been prepared and served by German Christians who have volunteered their services to the churches that have acted as distributing centers. Nearly one million refugees are living in camps and mass-quar-

ters. Hilfswerk, realizing the need for spiritual encouragement, as well as physical aid, has supplied a pastor or a deacon to serve each camp. Ten thousand laymen have been trained to give religious education in schools and Sunday Schools and thus fill the gap left by Nazi methods. Endless is the story of food and clothing distribution of kindergartens, of housing and building schemes, of assistance to theological students. The magnitude of the work can best be illustrated by the fact that over 90,000 volunteer workers from all over Germany have helped in this great program. Yes, here too, your aid has been multiplied many times.

It is not the fault of the people in need that in many countries conditions are worse than they were at the close of the war. As we were warned, and we have discovered, the problems created by war are not solved when the last shot has been fired. Add to this, drought, flood, famine and the kind of population shift experienced in India and you know that the relief program of the Christian church must go and must increase. Thus the Bishops of the church are realistic in calling Methodists to give \$1,000,000 in cash and 1,000,000 pounds of relief supplies before May.

Give to save lives — Give to save souls.

For fair distribution send money to the Methodist Committee for Overseas Relief, 150 Fifth Avenue, New York 11, N. Y., and shoes, clothes and bedding to the nearest Church World Service Center.

# THE DEVOTIONAL PAGE

REV. H. O. BOLIN, Editor

## CHURCH ETIQUETTE

Sunday School Digest, on "Church Etiquette," makes some timely suggestions, which if considered and followed will do us all good.

Come. Never miss church unless it is absolutely necessary. George Washington's pastor said of him: "No company ever kept him away from church."

Come early. Rushing to church the last minute is not conducive to true worship.

Come with your whole family. "The church service is not a convention that a family should merely send a delegate." Take a place towards the front of the church; leave the rear seats for those who may come late.

Be devout—the church is not a theater or a place of amusement. You come to worship God, not to whisper, lounge or sleep. God's house deserves your utmost reverence.

Be thoughtful of the comfort of others. Never make a haystack of yourself at the end of a row and expect others to crawl over you to reach a seat.

Help strangers to find and follow the service in the Hymnal. If they have no book, share your own with them.

Always remember that strangers are the guests of the church members. Treat them with the same courtesy as you would if they should visit you in your home.

Give a good offering to God.

Never rush for the door after the benediction as though the church were on fire. Speak and be spoken to.

Never stay away from church because the church is not perfect. How lonesome you would feel in a perfect church.

Remember at all times that you are in the house of God.

General Booth's Rules of Christian Living:

1. Consider your body as the temple of the Holy Spirit, and treat it with reverence and care.

2. Keep your mind active. Stimulate it with thoughts of others which lead to doing something.

3. Take time to be holy with daily Bible reading and prayer.

4. Support the church of your faith. Mingle with others.

5. Cultivate the presence of God. He wants to enter your life, and will, as far as you let Him.

6. Take God into the details of your life. You naturally call upon Him in trouble and for bigger things.

7. Pray for this troubled, war-torn world and the leaders who hold destinies in the various nations.—Gospel Banner.

Security is the priceless product of freedom. Only the strong can secure, and only in freedom can we produce those material resources which can secure them from want at home and against aggression from abroad.—B. E. Hutchison.

A ship, to run a straight course, must have but one pilot and one steering wheel. The same applies to the successful operation of a business. There cannot be a steering wheel at every seat in an organization.—Jules Ormont.

## IF GOD FORGOT

*If God forgot the world for just one day,  
Then little children would not laugh and play;  
Birds would not in the woodland sing,  
And roses would not beautify the spring.*

*No gentle showers throughout the summer long,  
No autumn fields to cheer the heart with song,  
No rising sun, no moon to give its light,  
No placid lake reflect the stars of night.*

*No friend to help us on the toilsome road,  
No one to help us bear the heavy load.  
No light to shine upon the pilgrim way,  
No one to care or wipe the tear away.*

*No listening ear to hear the lost one call.  
No eye to see the righteous battler fall.  
No balm of Gilead to dull the throbbing pain,  
No one to comfort and the heart sustain.*

*Millions would die in unforgiven sin,  
With none to bring the lost and straying in.  
Yea, this great universe would melt away,  
If God forgot the world for just one day.*

—Anonymous.

## HOW TO DRESS FOR CHURCH

Warren Harding, director of Center Groton Chapel, in Groton, Connecticut, just can't let so many people miss the opportunity of church attendance and do nothing about it. One day, he sat down and thought it all over. Then he got an idea. He said to himself, "Maybe if I pointed out to folks some new ideas on how to dress for church there would be more of them attending."

Whereupon he began to crusade in publicizing new and startling ideas on "how to dress for church." He says folks ought to go to church in their regular "everyday clothes." He thinks some folks would be more at ease in church if they weren't dressed up in their "Sunday best." He insists that people should go to church—"they need the church and the church needs them." How they do it doesn't mean too much, he claims, "the important thing is that they go to church, if it means to go in overalls all right—but they must go to church."—Selected.

## A GREAT NEED OF THE MODERN CHURCH

We often hear it said—and truly—that the sin of indifference is the most prevalent problem of the modern church. There are some eighty million church members in the United States, which is more than half of our population. Think of the influence for good this group could yield if all were in dead earnest. We could have anything we want. We could bring about any changes that are for the good of the nation, and finally for the world, whether in the realm of politics, religion, social life, race relations, or economics. It is true that the church is divided into various groups which do not always co-operate in the moral and religious work of the nation. But if the members of these various organizations were more earnest a greater spirit of co-operation would be attained.

The question arises, "How can we have more zeal?" In his aspiration to be more Christlike, the poet sang,

*"More zeal to labor, more courage  
to be true,  
More consecration for work He bids  
me do."*

That should be our prayer. Jesus, while here in the flesh, was a Person of great zeal. In the second chapter of John, we have the account of his cleansing the Temple. The disciples wondered at his great earnestness. Then we are told that they "remembered that it was written, The zeal of thine house hath eaten me up." An amusing story is told in this connection. A grandfather had preached on this particular text. His little grandson was present. He wasn't old enough to understand the sermon but he was greatly impressed with the text—"The zeal of thine house hath eaten me up." The next day the two were passing the church. The grandfather suggested that they go in to get a book. The child refused. He explained to his grandfather that he feared the zeal he had spoken of the

day before would eat him up. Teddy Roosevelt used to tell this story, and follow it by remarking that "There is no danger of the zeal in any modern church eating any one up." As a great statesman and patriot, he knew that the churches of the nation needed more zeal, and he longed that a spirit of earnestness might prevail in them. A little child had attended church. On arriving home her mother asked her about the text. The preacher had spoken from the passage, "For many are called, but few are chosen." The child misunderstood the quotation. She reported that the text was, "Many are cold, and a few are frozen." It is a fact beyond controversy that in the modern Church many are cold and a few are frozen, and that at a time when the Church needs to be at its very best.

How are we to get this spirit of zeal? Not by merely discovering the fact that we don't have it. This may be the first step in procuring it, but if we stop merely with the discovery, we might be discouraged rather than helped. Neither can we get this spirit of zeal by upbraiding ourselves, and mourning over the spirit of indifference. This is still working on the negative side and no battles are ever won or victories achieved in that way.

True spiritual zeal comes from vision. It was true in the case of Christ. We are told that he saw the people laboring under various burdens as sheep without a shepherd. With an invitation of such winsomeness that it would awaken the spiritually dead, he said, "Come unto me, all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest." His zeal came through his vision of their needs. We all recall his meeting with the Samaritan woman at Jacob's well. The disciples came with food. He reminded them that he had food that they knew not of. His food was to do the will of God and finish the task the Father had assigned him. Then he

said to them, "Say not ye, There are yet four months, and then cometh harvest? behold, I say unto you, Lift up your eyes, and look on the fields; for they are white already to harvest."

Probably, next to Christ, the Apostle Paul exhibited most zeal, and it also seems to have come from vision. He was pleading his case before a ruler of that day and with much feeling he cried, "Whereupon, O King Agrippa, I was not disobedient to the heavenly vision." He saw people in sin. He realized that in the Gospel of Christ he had a remedy. The knowledge of this fact made him a debtor to all who had spiritual needs. This feeling of obligation, which was born of vision, created in his heart a passion that simply drove him through the world of his day. His zeal was so strong that nothing could stop him. The things that were gain to him he sacrificed to his love for Christ and the Christian cause. For the most part, the bread he ate was earned by the labor of his hands. Filled with zeal, he hurdled every obstacle—bound in chains; incarcerated in prisons; cold from the darkness and dampness of dungeons; and finally beheaded by the Roman axe. Death did not stop him. His zeal was so terrific that the impact of it is felt across the ages.

How are we to generate and keep alive in our hearts this vision-born zeal? The answer is not far to seek—it comes only through a harmonious, self-surrendered contact with God. It cannot be self-generated. No amount of effort on one's part can produce it. It comes from God's life. It is his zeal. It can only come to the life that is thoroughly consecrated to him. Modern church members are indifferent because they are not consecrated. Many have not made a complete and full surrender of their lives to God. They have come far enough away from the hog pen to no longer enjoy the husk of the swine, but they have not traveled a sufficient distance from the far country to eat the

(Continued on Page 15)



# The Arkansas Methodist

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

SUBSCRIPTION PRICE, \$1.50 PER ANNUM  
Retired Ministers and Wives of Deceased Ministers  
of the Little Rock and North Arkansas Conferences  
Complimentary

Office of Publication, 1136 Donaghey Building  
LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS

E. T. WAYLAND ..... Editor and Business Manager  
EWING T. WAYLAND, Assoc. Editor and Ass't. Bus. Mgr.  
ANNIE WINBURNE ..... Assistant to Editor

CONTRIBUTING EDITORS { H. O. Bolln Mrs. Sue M. Wayland  
O. E. Goddard Forney Hutchinson

OWNED, MANAGED AND PUBLISHED BY THE  
METHODIST CHURCH OF ARKANSAS

COMMISSIONERS  
Little Rock Conference—J. S. M. Cannon, O. D. Campbell,  
J. L. Hoover, O. C. Landers, Aubrey Walton, Burney  
Wilson, Fred Schwendimann.  
North Arkansas Conference—Martin Bierbaum, R. L.  
McLester, H. M. Lewis, C. D. Metcalf, J. G. Moore,  
C. M. Reeves, S. P. Brownlee, Jr.

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



## A WEEKLY MESSAGE

By FORNEY HUTCHINSON

### A HOLY MOMENT

When I was six years old, I lost my mother. We took her body to the old family cemetery for burial. It had not been very well kept and the monument at the head of her grave was little more than a simple marker. We moved away from the community and for many years I rarely saw my mother's grave.

When I was pastor of First Church, Little Rock, I made a visit to the old home in my first Ford car, with two of my sons as my companions. We came back by way of the cemetery where my mother was buried, and made a visit to her resting-place.

After straightening up the head-stone, I was reminded of something that I had forgotten. Before she was as old as I was at the time of which I speak, she had lived out her life, had given five children to the world, and had gone to her reward. As I read the inscription on her tomb, I placed one hand on the head of each of my two boys, and stood for a moment in holy quietude. Presently, after a little prayer, we went on our way, but it had been a holy moment and I had rededicated and reconsecrated my life to my Master and my ministry. I believe the boys, as young as they were, also shared my feelings.

Such moments in most of our lives are all too rare. They do something to stabilize our purposes and enable us to reconsecrate ourselves to our tasks. But we do not have to make a cross-country trip, or go from where we are, to find a place of rededication and reconsecration. Just now, wherever we are, we can give ourselves afresh to our Master and to our mission in the world. Even now, where we are, we can find a way-side shrine, and put ourselves in holy consecration upon it.

It's amazing how early in life our children can make the great surrender. Neither I, nor my boys, can forget that holy moment when we stood, uncovered, by my mother's grave in that old cemetery yonder in Southwest Arkansas, and reconsecrated our lives to Christ and His service.

"Lord Jesus, I long to be perfectly whole.  
I want Thee forever to live in my soul.  
Break down every idol, cast out every foe,  
Now wash me and I shall be whiter than snow."

No man is so foolish as to desire war more than peace, for in peace sons bury their fathers, but in war fathers bury their sons.—Herodotus.

## NEWS AND NOTES ABOUT FACTS AND FOLKS

**DR. CHARLES M. LAWMON**, professor of Literature and History of the Bible at Scarritt College since 1943 was elected dean of the College at the recent annual meeting of the Board of Trustees.

**THE** bulletin of Midland Heights Church, Ft. Smith, carries the following: "Last Sunday our Sunday School had the largest attendance in its history. Twice this year we have broken all-time high records of attendance and our average attendance for the year thus far exceeds that of any previous year. More and more the need for our new educational building is apparent."

**ANNOUNCEMENT** is made that The United Christian Youth Council of Greater Little Rock will again sponsor the Easter sunrise service which will be conducted on the steps of the State Capitol. The A Cappella Choir of the North Little Rock High School, under the direction of C. E. McMeans, will furnish the music. The hour for the service will be 6:30 to 7:00 a.m. The program will be broadcast by radio station KARK.

**BOBBY DEAN MORRIS**, vice-president of the White River Sub-district, Methodist Youth Fellowship, writes: "Methodist young people from the White River Sub-district attended a training school in Yellville, March 12, 13 and 14. Rev. Joel Cooper, pastor at Mountain Home, taught a course on 'Administering the Young People's Department in a Small Church'. Rev. Glenn Sanford, Conway, taught a course on 'Alcohol and its Evils'. The school closed at noon on Sunday."

**THE** Board of Hospitals and Homes, Chicago, Ill., makes the following announcement: "In an all year campaign the hospitals of America are attempting to enlist 50,000 nurses. The most intense phase of this campaign will come in April. For use in churches, youth meetings, youth institutes, etc., the Board of Hospitals and Homes has a 16 mm sound film on nurse recruitment 'For You To Decide'. It shows many of her nursing experiences and her graduation. It is available on a rental basis from any depository of the Methodist Publishing House."

**THE** Intermediate M. Y. F. of the Pulaski Heights Methodist Church, Little Rock, on Sunday, March 14, presented a demonstration of some of the episodes in the life of Martin Luther and the Reformation. Ted Lewis portrayed Martin Luther; Jane Powell, Luther's mother; Joe Martin, Jim White and David Burton, monks; Richard Story, friend; Fred Richardson, the messenger, and Jimmie Green, the announcer. Other members of their group comprised the property, room, publicity, music and resource committees. The script was written and the drama staged by the young people. Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Simmons are counselors.

**MANY** hundreds of Methodists and other church people in America have recently signed compacts to pray daily for the welfare of China. The call for prayer comes through Bishop W. Y. Chen, of the Methodist Church, who is also secretary of the National Christian Council of China. He says: "China is facing a great crisis. In Chinese, crisis means 'danger plus opportunity'. Pray for China that she may be delivered from all dangers. The opportunity for Christian advance is unique. The National Christian Council has launched a three-year Christian Forward Movement. The watchword is 'All for Christ and Christ for All'. Will you remember this each day in your prayers? We need God's help through you." The form of prayer compact is: I purpose to pray daily: Lord Jesus, I pray thee, bless the Chinese Christians. Help everyone to witness for thee today. Help everyone who hears to believe. Help me to witness, too. For Jesus' sake. Amen."

If you would have friends, be friendly.

### DR. HUTCHINSON'S BOOK

Dr. Forney Hutchinson, 2118 North Broadway, Shawnee, Oklahoma, still has some copies of the second edition of his book, "My Treasure Chest". He writes they are going rather rapidly and if more of his Arkansas friends want a copy they should order before it is too late. The price of the book is \$2.00 and may be ordered from Dr. Hutchinson at the above address.

### REGARDING KOREAN RELIEF PACKAGES

Last week on this page a notice was carried regarding Miss Nellie Dyer's address as had been requested by those desiring to send relief packages. A note from Mrs. Elisha Dyer, mother of Miss Dyer, came with the following information after the paper had gone to press. The notice follows: "Nellie has been asked not to have Korean Relief supplies sent to her APO address. They are very much needed and appreciated but should be sent to Korean addresses. Anyone wanting to send packages can get Korean addresses from me."

Mrs. Dyer's address is 1628 Independence St., Conway, Arkansas.

### WOULD RECONSIDER PALESTINE PARTITION RECOMMENDATION

Because of the growing strife in Palestine, and "the intricate political character of this question", the Foreign Missions Conference of North America recently voted to urge the United Nations "to reconsider the recommendations of the General Assembly regarding (the partition of) Palestine; and that the Security Council appeal to all groups to avoid further hostilities while the question is being reconsidered."

This same reconsideration of the Assembly's decision has been urged by a newly-formed "Committee for Justice and Peace in the Holy Land" into which church leaders of all faiths have been drawn in Washington, D. C.

### BISHOP MOORE CONCERNED ABOUT KOREA

To the Committee on Korean Affairs, Washington, D. C., Bishop Authur J. Moore, of Atlanta, Georgia, formerly administrator of the Methodist Church in Korea, has written: "The problems confronting the Korean people are of such magnitude that I cannot escape the conviction that the security of all small nations is involved in their solution. The conscience of mankind should support the efforts of the American forces to liquidate the disastrous results of Japanese occupation, and their efforts to help Korea take her place as an independent nation built upon the democratic pattern. It was my privilege recently to see this problem at close range and I sincerely hope the United Nations will actively support this effort to build an independent state."

### INTOLERANCE RELIGION'S GREATEST HINDRANCE

(Continued from Page 1)

church" is the only true church of Christ on earth. His position then is not that of simply preferring one church above others as a church home, it is that of selecting one church as a church home and rejecting all others as false guides. Not all denominations take that position. We may be thankful that Methodism is one that does not. Nevertheless there are enough churches that do to make the picture very confusing to people who know little about the reason for our differences and try to find the way by listening to various religious leaders.

We may be a long time removed from organic union of the various branches of Protestantism. It is to be hoped that we are not so far removed from a spirit of tolerance that will enable the members of the various churches to work together as Christians in a common cause of building the kingdom of God.

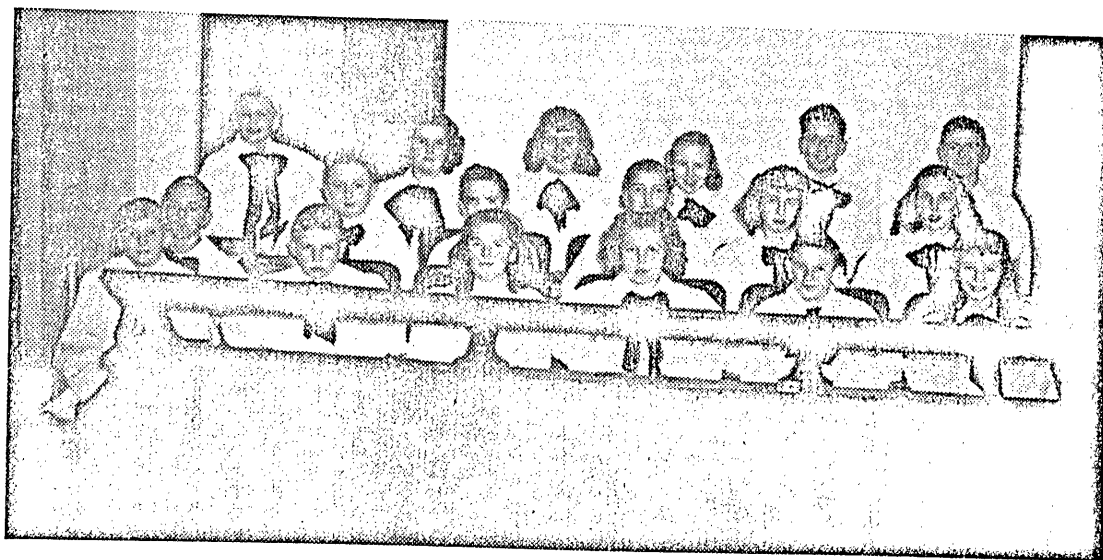
## Sunday Evening Youth Program Gets Good Results

By FRED SCHWENDIMANN, Pastor

FOR the past several months the England Methodist Church has been having a "Faith, Fun, and Fellowship" evening in which program the youth of the church are the center of attraction. Begun as a short-time experiment,

Here the young people meet their parents and friends. The choir always sings special numbers. The sermon of the evening is designed particularly for youth. It might be said that attendance and interest at the evening service has more than

The diagram of football field has been permanently painted on the floor. Sides are chosen and a hilarious time is enjoyed by participants and spectators. Stunts are sometime the order of the evening. The Fun Encyclopedia and "The End of Your



Reading left to right, front row: Johnny Petty, Jerry Coker, Sheilla Shannon, Patricia Alden, George Flannakin, Marilyn Mashburn; Second row: Charles Shannon, Johnny Steed, Benny Swafford, Bruce Sharp, Patsy Mashburn, Ann Patterson; Third row: Kenny Koonce, Dianne Mashburn, Patsy Kelley, Nancy Buffalo, Jimmie Lowe Hutchinson, Ralph Ed Ray. Absent when picture was made: Bill Kennedy, Dabney Higginbotham.

the various activities have become an integral part in the life of the church and have elevated the place of the church in the thinking of the people. Youth, and adults as well, look forward from one Sunday to the next, eagerly anticipating the four hour period spent together.

The "Faith, Fun, and Fellowship" period begins with a "Snack Hour" at 5:30 p. m. This is a time of informal play and light refreshments. The Woman's Society of Christian Service, through its four circles, serves sandwiches and cookies to the group each Sunday. At 6:00 p. m. the group meets for its Youth Fellowship Meeting. Miss Patsy Mashburn is the president and Mrs. Fred Schwendimann is the adult counsellor. The young people present the worship service and conduct the business meeting which follows. There is usually a ten or fifteen minute recess between this meeting and the evening preaching service.

At 7:00 o'clock, the youth attired in their vestments, form the choir for the evening preaching service.

quadrupled since this program has been started. The youth receive credit for this accomplishment.

After preaching, youth, parents and friends go to the basement of the church for the fellowship and play hour. Last year the church bought a 16-mm Bell-Howell Film projector which is used every Sunday night in this play hour. For the most part, comedies are used although educational pictures are presented at regular intervals. Once a month a religious film is used in connection with the evening worship service. Soon after conference, the church obtained a Sandwicke-Bowen amplifier and record player with microphone attachment. Then came the World of Fun records produced by the Board of Education of the church, and fun is always in order when the various folk games are played.

One Sunday night out of a six weeks' period is given over to skating. Blue jeans and plaid shirts are the order of the day. Each person brings individual skates. During the same period, one Sunday night is usually given to a football game.

food is provided at an approximate cost of eleven cents a meal which includes meat, potatoes, a vegetable and coffee. Of the 250 and 300 people who are fed each week, many are women and children.

Through the opening of the "new shoe department" a number of families have been enabled to buy good shoes through weekly payments that average fifteen to twenty cents a pair. One large family purchased nearly one hundred dollars worth of shoes by this plan, and the payments have been met regularly. More than fifty pairs of new shoes were purchased during a recent week.

According to Dr. Simons, the greatest unmet need at the Midtown Parish is for sleeping quarters for transients. "It is with regret," he states, "that a convert leaves the altar of the Lord to go back into the same environment to be sorely

tempted. Often a shave, a shower, some clean clothing and a good night's sleep give these men an opportunity to keep away from the temptation of drink. We have had men attend our services as long as six weeks and then the old crowd was able to draw them back into the ways of drink and dope because of our inability to provide a place away from degrading influences."

Dr. Simons describes the work of the parish in a tribute to Dr. Maurice E. Levit, who retired in 1947 after 29 years as superintendent of Fifth Street Community Center: "We are trying to continue the same spirit of Christian Service the Center exemplified during Dr. Levit's years of useful helpfulness. The motto he loved and which he received from Bishop William A. Quayle still abides: 'We are serving Jesus seven days a week.'"

Such a program of youth activities is wholeheartedly recommended to any church as a vital method of stimulating and increasing the interest of youth in the Church. It will then be found, as it has been at England, that such a program will have a favorable influence upon the interest and enthusiasm of the adults.

"Faith, Fun, and Fellowship" is needed by everyone for a well-rounded Christian personality.

## FAITH THAT SURPASSES ALL UNDERSTANDING

To have faith in what your parents or grandparents wrote in the family record in the old Bible is simply to take them at their word. But believing that God will do as he says depends on a still deeper faith that God exists and that he has spoken to us.

Once you have that faith, it gives you a well-grounded assurance that whatever happens, God's promises will be fulfilled as you meet the conditions.

Unseen things become as real to you as the things you can see. In one particular they become even more real. For you now understand that everything you can see with your physical eyes owes its existence and its continuance to the unseen word and will and power of God.

Such a faith in invisible spiritual realities is fully as sensible as the faith we put in the reality of material things. Faith is the spiritual sense by which we come in touch with God and by which unseen things become real to us.

It is far better to live by this faith than to rely on anybody's learned opinion to the contrary; and especially since living by faith brings us fresh evidence every day that what we believe in is real.—The New Century Leader.

## OFF THE MAIN ROAD

During April and May, millions of Methodists over the country will be concentrating on bringing adults into the church school where they will have an opportunity to study and grow in the Christian way of life.

The experience of Mrs. Mildred R. Duncan, secretary-treasurer of the North Carolina Conference Young Adult Fellowship and sub-district director in her area, may be one that could be repeated many times during the next months. It is as follows:

"Last October I had one of the most thrilling experiences of my life. Our district director of adult work had seen the need of organizing a class of young adults in one of the small country churches on his charge. He invited me to meet with the group at their first get-together. We traveled some 50 miles to reach our destination which seemed to be in a forsaken land. I thought it was a waste of time. But when we arrived at that little one room club house where we found waiting nearly 50 eager young people of varying ages, I knew I had been hasty in my thinking.

"Never in my life have I had such a feeling of responsibility as when I stood before that group. I wanted them too, to have the feeling of belonging. I wanted them to know the great Church of which they were a part, and I wanted them to feel that they had the same opportunities for accomplishment by working and studying together. Before the evening was over, they were ready to function as a young adult class. Officers were elected and a date set for the next meeting.

"The last report on this group was that the younger ones had separated from the others and formed a youth class. The young adults still were meeting and interested in their part in the church program.

"Every person at work in the service of the Lord should seek an opportunity like the one that came to me. Somewhere nearby there may be 5 or 50 persons waiting to be given a sense of belonging."—Crusade News Bulletin.

## MIDTOWN PARISH EXTENDS FOOD AND CLOTHING CAMPAIGN

To meet the growing need for clothing at Methodist Midtown Parish in Philadelphia, Pa., a friend of the work donated 250 bags for distribution among Methodist churches of the city. The general response with which the bags were received and filled resulted in a fourfold increase in the amount of clothing available at Fifth Street Community Center, unit of the Midtown Parish, led by Dr. James A. Simons, superintendent. Affiliated in the parish are Rev. Howard W. March, of Green Street Church, and Rev. Charles E. Wilkinson, of St. John's Church.

Midtown Parish also has extended the feeding program to any daytime hour that the Fifth Street Community Center is open. Substantial



# THE CHILDREN'S PAGE

ANNIE WINBURNE, Editor



## IN STORYLAND

### SISTER GOES EASTER SHOPPING

By Aunt Peggy

Sister counted the coins in her penny bank. "Enough to buy another Butch," she said triumphantly; for it had taken her a long time to save the money to replace her doll, Butch.

Sister had loved Butch more than anything she owned. When she went to sleep, Butch was cuddled in her arms; when she played under the big willow tree, Butch was there too; and when she went to ride with her Mother, Butch went riding also. But Sister was sometimes rough with poor Butch, and one day she forgot him when rain suddenly came, and she left him under the tree. And when she remembered, Butch was all wet and soiled. She tried to rub the rain off his face, but she rubbed so hard that a big hole came where his nose had been. Her mother said that Sister was careless and would have to save her pennies to buy another Butch. But now she had the money and was going with her mother to get her new Easter dress and a new Butch.

Her mother had so much shopping to do that Sister got restless before they reached the store where Butch could be bought. Grown-up shopping wasn't much fun, so Sister wandered off to see what the pretty box by the elevator was. It looked like a valentine box, but was decorated with an American flag.

"What's that box for?" she asked a clerk.

"We are collecting money to buy clothes for the little war orphans overseas," said the clerk.

"My mother bought me a new Easter dress," said Sister. "Are you getting Easter dresses for the orphans?"

"Well, that would be nice for a little girl who had no mother to buy think?" smiled the clerk.

"Maybe she doesn't need a new dress," suggested Sister.

"Did you need a new dress?" asked the clerk.

"But it's Easter. I always get an Easter dress," exclaimed Sister.

"Unless the people of America send clothes, the orphans won't have any dresses," said the clerk. "Their old ones were lost in the war and they don't have the money to buy new ones."

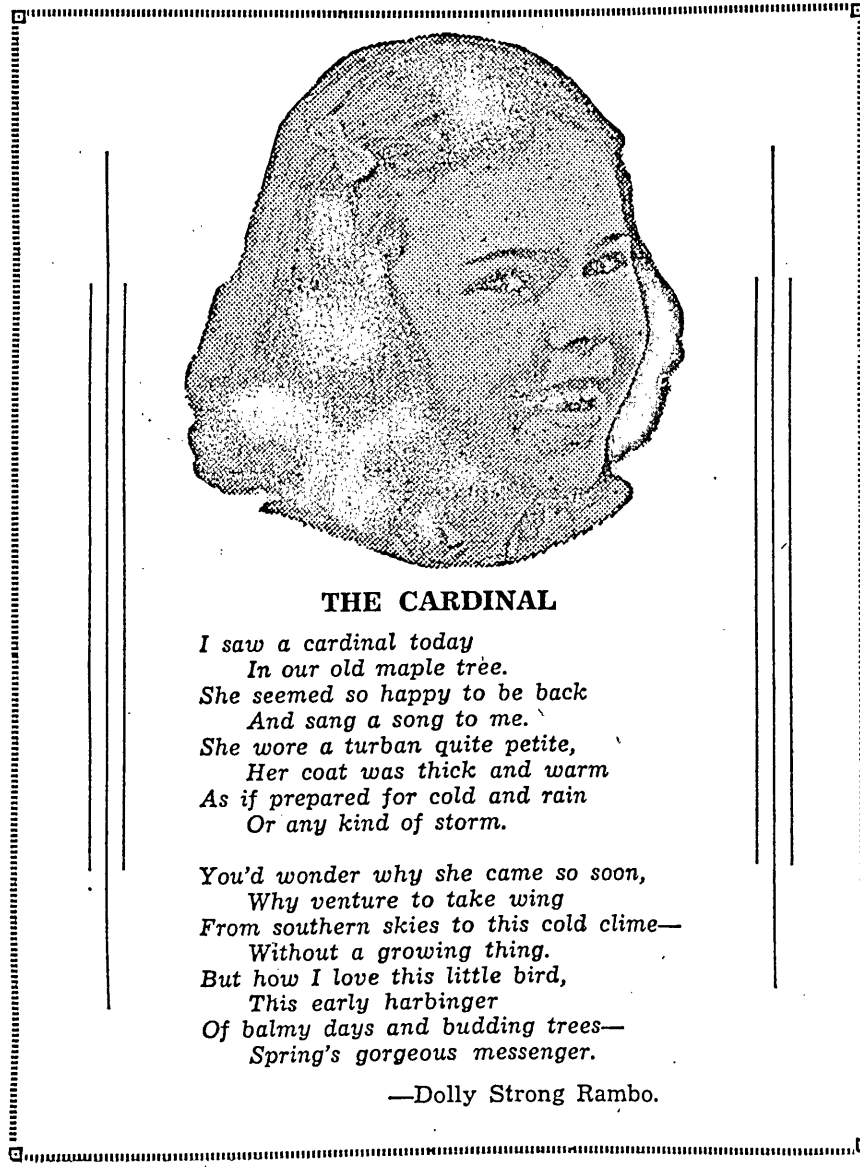
"How much does a new dress cost?" asked Sister.

"A dress costs lots of money," said the clerk. "That's why we have a big box. And if everybody who comes in the store drops a nickel or a dime or maybe a dollar in the box, we'll put all the money together and buy as many dresses as we can so several little girls can have Easter dresses."

Sister fingered her red purse thoughtfully. "If I gave the box a nickel, I wouldn't have enough money to buy Butch," she said.

"You should ask your mother before you drop money in the box," cautioned the clerk.

"Oh, it's my money. I saved it all by myself," Sister assured her.



## THE CARDINAL

*I saw a cardinal today  
In our old maple tree.  
She seemed so happy to be back  
And sang a song to me.  
She wore a turban quite petite,  
Her coat was thick and warm  
As if prepared for cold and rain  
Or any kind of storm.*

*You'd wonder why she came so soon,  
Why venture to take wing  
From southern skies to this cold clime—  
Without a growing thing.  
But how I love this little bird,  
This early harbinger  
Of balmy days and budding trees—  
Spring's gorgeous messenger.*

—Dolly Strong Rambo.

## IN THE WORLD OF BOYS AND GIRLS

### RIDDLES AND TONGUE TWISTERS

What works when it plays and plays when it works? A fountain.  
What lives in the cold of the winter, dies in the heat of summer, and grows with its roots upward? An icicle.

How do you make a slow horse fast? Don't feed him.

Why does every dictionary have one wrong word in it? Because "wrong" is a useful word in the English language.

How fast can you say these tongue twisters? Did you ever see a black boot-black black a black boot like that black bootblack blacked Bob's black boot?

Tiny Tim twirled twenty-two twirling threads through the turning twisted thick and thin thistles.—Ex.

### SWIMMING CATS

"Solomon" and "Duncan" are the pet cats of the James F. Morgans in the fair city of Honolulu. One day their mistress discovered that they had fleas. Now she had heard that salt water was a good method of getting rid of such pests as fleas so she and her husband carried the cats twenty feet out in the Pacific Ocean and forced them to swim ashore. Solomon and Duncan spluttered and yowled for being good felines they didn't have any love for water, and the Pacific just seemed to be full of water as far as they were concerned.

The first dip didn't rid them of the fleas, for fleas are persistent pests. But the Morgans were also persistent in their efforts; they continued to give the two cats salt water baths, turning them into a weekend ritual. These duckings caused the cats to become addicts. They grew to love the sting of the salt spray in their faces, the taste of brine in their mouths. The roar of the surf was music to them. Result! Solomon and Duncan are now Hawaiian surf riders near Kahala beach and loungers there no longer stare when these animals approach the ocean, test its water with their forepaws, and then plunge into the Pacific.

Of course this flea remedy wouldn't be kind in the cold waters of the Atlantic. — Mrs. Joseph I. Stoch, in Our Dumb Animals.

if my boy friends help him a little bit on his garden."

"Well," rejoined stubborn Sidney, "you can tell your old man for me that I'm no hoe-beau."

\* \* \*

A candidate for the police force was being verbally examined. "If you were by yourself in a police car and were pursued by a desperate gang of criminals in another car doing forty miles an hour along a lonely road, what would you do?"

The candidate looked puzzled for a moment. Then he replied: "Fifty."

There's always a big "if" in the center of life.—Consul Dealer

"But you want Butch very much, don't you?" smiled the clerk.

"I left my old Butch out in the rain and its head broke," explained Sister.

"Did you take Butch to the hospital?" asked the clerk.

"Hospital?" Sister was puzzled. "My Daddy is a doctor at the hospital, but he can't fix doll heads."

"Doll hospitals can. They—" the clerk began, but was called away to help a customer.

Sister looked at the box and opened her red purse. She counted her money again. "Just enough to buy Butch," she sighed. Then she saw something back of the box. It was a picture of little children—dirty, ragged little children holding out their hands.

"They look worse than Butch," she thought "They need Easter dresses." She looked at her money again, and finally dropped a penny in the box.

Then she smiled at the children in the picture. "That will help you get an Easter dress," she said. But they still held out their hands.

Sister counted her money again. "Not enough to buy Butch now," she choked; for she wanted Butch so very, very much.

"Well," she said, "if I can't get a new Butch, I'll just give you all my money." And before she could change her mind, she quickly dropped all the coins in the box.

Just then her mother found her. "I've been looking for you," she

said. "Come now, we'll go buy Butch."

"I think I'll just send my old Butch to the hospital," said Sister.

"But you have been saving—" her mother was surprised.

"I put my money in the box," said Sister.

Her mother looked at the box and at Sister's empty purse. "You wanted a Butch very much," she said.

"Not like the children in the picture want Easter dresses," said Sister.

"Doll hospitals have new heads. They will fix Butch," said her mother. "And I'll wash his clothes. By Easter Butch will be as good as new, and some little girl across the ocean will be happy because Sister was unselfish."

Swinging her empty purse, Sister skipped along by her mother. "Let's go tell Butch we are going to take him to the hospital," she said.—North Carolina Christian Advocate.

## JUST FOR FUN

The teacher wrote on the margin of little Betty's report card, "Good worker, but talks too much."

Betty's father wrote on the opposite margin before returning it. "Come up sometime and meet her mother."

\* \* \*

"Dear," cooed persuasive Polly, "it always makes a hit with father



## Campus Plan For Hendrix Buildings

By Hendrix News Bureau

**P**LANs for construction of new buildings at Hendrix College have resulted in a complete re-study of the general campus layout. After detailed consideration by landscape engineers and a committee of church and college officials, the plan shown in the accompanying diagram has evolved. The plan brings order into the present campus, provides a logical

lish a new campus center. The chapel-fine arts building is also removed from the disturbances caused by passage of trains on the Missouri Pacific Lines west of the campus.

Location of the proposed gymnasium, in the position indicated and facing east will further serve to orient the campus toward the east. With the present science hall

## College Students Begin Campaign To Buy Bus

The Executive Council of the Wesley Foundation which seeks to serve over 800 Methodist students from throughout the state who are enrolled in Arkansas State Teachers' College and Hendrix College has sensed the need for a student-owned bus to improve transportation facilities to student activities which are held at the First Methodist Church.

The bus, when it is secured, will also cut in half the costs of trips to conferences, assemblies, etc., in both the Little Rock and North Arkansas Conferences. Many students who would receive great benefit from conference experiences are denied them because of the high cost of public transportation.

### Students Seek Financial Help To Complete Campaign

The effort to secure a bus is an independent student undertaking which has been approved by our Wesley Foundation Board. Nearly \$300 have already been pledged or given. To complete the campaign

Arkansas State Teachers' College and Hendrix College are asking their friends throughout the state to help in raising an additional \$3000.

### Local Business Men Help Got Campaign Started

In addition to the \$300 already raised, the Ward Body Works and the Parrott-Steel Chevrolet Companies of Conway have reduced the price \$800 provided the students can raise the remaining amount.

### Names Of Donors To Be Published

The students of the two colleges are making an urgent appeal to ARKANSAS METHODIST readers to contribute to the fund. Names of donors will be published in the ARKANSAS METHODIST unless they request their name be withheld. Watch the ARKANSAS METHODIST for results of the campaign, and send your contribution to Robert Simpson, Treas., Wesley Foundation, 1610 Prince, Conway, Ark.—Robert A. Simpson.

## THE CAMPAIGN FOR A MILLION DOLLARS AND A MILLION POUNDS MAKES PROGRESS

The Methodist Committee for Overseas Relief announces an excellent initial response to the call of the Bishops for a million dollars in cash and a million pounds of relief supplies before May 1. During December 1947 and January 1948 over \$450,000 has been received in cash. In the same period 340,515 pounds of relief supplies were sent by Methodists to Church World Service Centers. Translated into action this means that hundreds of children who have had to stay from Sunday School and day school because they had no shoes to wear may now go; teachers faced with pupils too undernourished to learn will discover a new enthusiasm among their children; refugees living in mass-quarters which inevi-

tably breed juvenile delinquency may find a new hope for healthier living; death may be challenged in such refugee camps as Hof-Meschendorf where 40 percent of the children up to one year have died of starvation; the dreaded disease of tuberculosis now afflicting hundreds of thousands of children throughout the world will be halted and most important of all Christian leaders will be given a new hope and courage to carry on their work of physical and spiritual help because they know that Christians in America do care.

Such witness of Christian love can go forward only as Christians multiply what is now being done. Remember, a million dollars in cash and a million pounds in relief supplies before May 1.

There can be no peace on earth unless it is that kind of peace on earth as it is in heaven.—Raymond J. Seeger in The Baptist Student.

The young lady smiled sweetly at the waiting line as she daintily stepped into the phone booth.

Henry H. Lin, Pres. University of Shanghai: "Hunger is driving many of our Chinese students to Communism out of sheer desperation. Hunger is making many of them lose their sense of decency."

plan is that the present buildings are not disturbed. Several of the plans considered would have called for tearing down Tabor Hall, now used for dining and music practice rooms, tearing down the present student center-postoffice, or both. With these buildings preserved, they will be released for other uses.

## Wanted 300 Laymen

To help transport 800 Methodist students in Arkansas State Teachers' College and Hendrix College to church, student religious activities, and conferences.

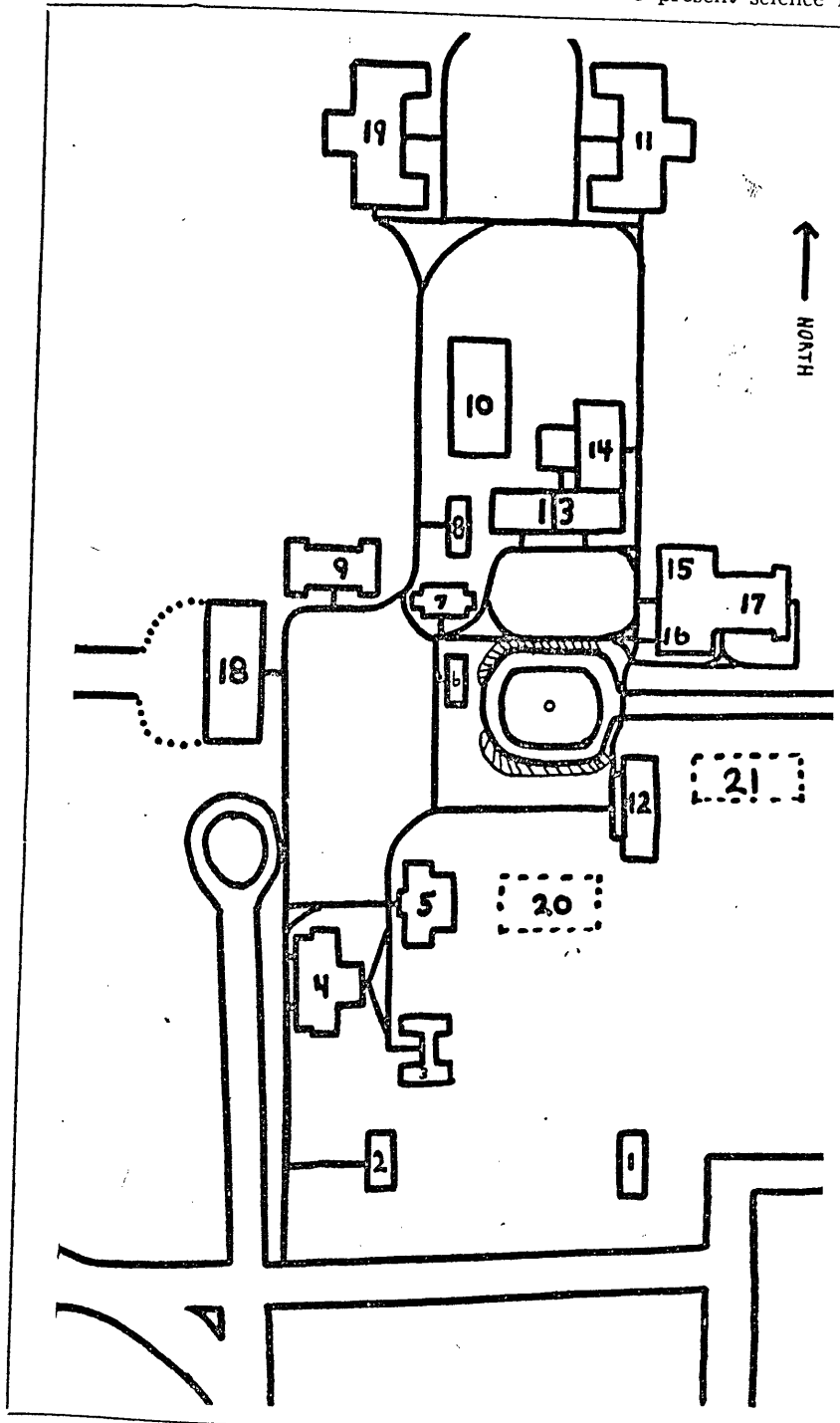
### HOW CAN YOU HELP?

Of course, you can't offer your car, but 300 Methodist Laymen giving \$10 each would make it possible for the Wesley Foundation to purchase a much needed bus.

If you, as a friend to students, can help,

Please send your contribution to

ROBERT SIMPSON, Treasurer  
Wesley Foundation  
1610 Prince, Conway



BUILDING PLANS

#### Present Buildings

1. Infirmary
2. President Home
3. Class Room Bldg.
4. Administration
5. Library
6. South Dorm.
7. Tabor Hall
8. North Dorm.
9. Science
10. Gymnasium

#### Proposed Buildings

11. Galloway Hall
12. Martin Hall
- 13-14. Student Union-Commons
- 15-16-17. Fine Arts-Chapel-Auditorium
18. New Gymnasium
19. New Woman's Bldg.
- Possible Future Additions
20. Possible Academic Bldg. Addition
21. Possible Men's Residence Hall Addition

place for the proposed four buildings, and also leaves flexibility for meeting further needs as they arise.

As the diagram shows, the campus is re-oriented toward the newly located highways to the east. The dining hall-student center and chapel-fine arts building are placed on a line between the two major residence halls and therefore estab-

drive closed, a quadrangle effect can be obtained with the gymnasium, science hall, Tabor Hall, Library and administration building.

The new residence hall for women, which architecturally will be like the present Galloway Hall, is placed so that it and Galloway make a residence unit.

An important advantage of the

## Can You Beat This?

By REV. ADLAI C. HOLLER, Executive Secretary, Upper South Carolina Conference Board of Education

IN all of my ramblings, this is one of the most unusual and outstanding situations I have ever encountered. Imagine, if you will, the mental state of the new pastor who, on his first visit to the smallest church on the charge, viewed an unpainted church building that had gaping holes for windows. On that cold November day the pews within seemed a wonderful invitation to pneumonia, and the six people huddled there, including the pastor's wife and two children, looked pitifully lost in the dreary interior.

The lack of interest displayed by the few members was complete and discouraging. On his first afternoon of visiting, the pastor spent the entire time calling on family after family before he found one who was a member of his church. But the finding of that "one" rekindled the spark that set the church on its feet.

The former pastor's annual conference report showed a Church School enrollment of 16: 2 officers and teachers, 6 children and 3 adults, with an average attendance of 10. The four class rooms were not in use—they were not needed. They were filled with junk.

Now at the close of two years, the four class rooms are in full use for Church School enrollment totals 88, with an average attendance of 60 to 65. There are eight officers and teachers, counting the pianist. The largest class is the kindergarten group which enrolls 20 children.

And the Crusade goal for the Church School increase has been set at 150.

What happened? Well, for once in their lives, the people had a



pastor who refused to do their work for them!

"Preacher, we don't have a Church School superintendent, so you'll have to do that for us," said one lady to her pastor. But to her utter amazement, he replied: "I'm your minister and have no intention of serving as Church School superintendent. There are plenty of people here who could do that work if they would. It's your Sunday School, and it's up to you to see

that you have a superintendent."

To the equal amazement of the pastor, they got one!

The first six months of that year were spent in community visitation to bring people to the Church School and worship services. The pastor's council was doled out so subtly during this period, that the people imagined the ideas were their own.

Visitation evangelism is a wonderful experience! And although people have entered into it skeptically, they have testified time and again how completely the work has absorbed them. The workers of this congregation were no different. Their enthusiasm mounted as church activities developed under their own efforts. It was the congregation, not the pastor, who decided the church needed venetian blinds, new light fixtures and interior decorating. All this in addition to landscaping the ground around the structure, is developing it into one of the loveliest rural churches today.

"God works in mysterious ways His wonders to perform." The little church is standing on a firm foundation for the first time in its existence; it is moving forward slowly, but surely. After a period of decline, Protestant Church Schools are moving forward, too. The time has come to give Church Schools the right of way. The changes in human character made possible through Christian education are stupendous!

### LITTLE ROCK DISTRICT YOUTH RALLY

Four interest groups, "Pictures Use" led by Miss Margaret Marshall; "Folk Games" led by Rufus Sorrells; "Folk Songs" led by Miss Sue Patillo and "Hymns Sing" led by James Harvey Douglas and Miss Mary Ann Kincannon opened the Little Rock District Youth rally held at First Church Little Rock, on February 22, beginning at 5 o'clock.

A picnic supper followed the interest groups and a short business session was presided over by B. Smart, president. At 7:30 the entire group went into the sanctuary for evening worship program. "Youth in Conversation", records from the Cleveland Conference, opened the service. The picture "Beyond Our Own" was shown. Robert Francis introduced the picture, following which a communion and dedication service was led by Rev. Charles W. Richards, associate pastor of the First Methodist Church.

Rev. Fred Schwendemann, England, is director of Youth Work in the Little Rock District. — Mable Neely, Publicity Chairman.

CONFERENCE  
On Protestant  
CHURCH MUSIC  
In Fort Worth  
June 7-8-9-10-11  
Faculty of 8 Authorities  
Featuring  
HUGH PORTER  
ROBERT McCUTCHAN  
HAROLD STARK  
For Particulars Write Robert R. Clark, First Methodist Church, Fort Worth, Texas

### A NEW ORGANIZATION IN THE HELENA DISTRICT

A few months ago the ministers' wives of the Helena District met at the district parsonage at Forrest City and organized the Ministers' Wives Fellowship Club with Mrs. O. J. Evanson president and Mrs. Harold Eggensperger secretary. This club met for its second meeting at Forrest City on March 7 at 4 o'clock. During the business session it was voted to send a gift to Mrs. Lyman Barger, who was in the hospital with twin daughters, Judith and Janet.

After the business session a social hour was entered into and dish towels were hemmed for the Methodist Children's Home in Little Rock.

The women of the church served a delightful 6 o'clock dinner in the dining hall of the church. After dinner the group was entertained with a picture presented by the district superintendent and the pastors who had met in a business session at the church.

A delightful and helpful evening was enjoyed.—Mrs. M. N. Johnston, Reporter.

A world without a Sabbath would be like a man without a smile, like a summer without flowers, and like a homestead without a garden. It is the joyous day of the whole week.—Beecher.

A child makes the family ties stronger, days and nights shorter, the bank account smaller, clothes shabbier, home happier, life busier and the future worth living for.—Banking.

## It's EASTER time at Pfeifers

### You'll Remember this EASTER as something Special



Easter 1948 . . . a new, bright and lovely Easter . . .

glowing with the full meaning of peace . . . bright and gay

as Mr. Bunny Rabbit himself . . . and as colorful as all

the pretty hats in the Easter parade. You'll want

brand new clothes to go with the new 1948 Easter and Pfeifers

has been your Easter shopping center since 1865.

*Pfeifers  
of Arkansas*



## Christian Citizenship Can Solve Problem

By ELIZABETH G. GARDINER, Field Representative,  
Citizens' Committee on Displaced Persons

THE United Nations is often criticized for not carrying out its assignments when in point of fact the responsibility for its ineffectiveness is due to one or more member nations having failed to adjust their laws to enable the U. N. to move forward. This is the situation in regard to the Displaced Persons who were cared for by UNRRA and are now the responsibility of a relatively new bureau of the U. N. called the International Refugee Organization. This bureau, headed by an American, is now resettling these persons in countries which have signified their willingness to accept DP's. The United States has not yet said it will accept any.

Legislation is now in committee. The Ferguson Bill S1563 is being considered by the Senate Judiciary Committee, Senator Alexander Wiley, chairman. Senator J. W. Fulbright is a member of the Judiciary Committee. Those who have studied the subject and want to have the United States take its fair share of responsibility in solving the problems of the 850,000 DP's can help by writing these senators. Unlike many other problems that of the DP's can be solved if the United States will accept responsibility.

The Ferguson Bill S1563 is probably going to be amended in committee to name a definite number of persons. It is hoped by friends of the DP's that the number will be similar to the Stratton Bill figure. In the Stratton Bill H. R. 2910 the number is 100,000 a year for four years. The hearings on the Stratton Bill were held last June. The testimony is highly informative to those who have not been studying the subject. This bill appears to be waiting in committee until the Senate has taken action.

Thus far under the existing law about 22,000 DP's have been brought in by the eight organi-

zations licensed by the State Department to bring DP's to this country. They have gone to over 200 communities in thirty-eight states and Hawaii. At present Church World Service which is maintained by about 27 Protestant Churches for relief abroad and resettlement is bringing in about 60 DP's a month. The Methodist Church is a member of Church World Service which has plans for extending its resettlement work when enabling legislation is passed.

The states which are asking to have DP's come there are Wisconsin, Minnesota, North and South Dakota, Iowa, Nebraska, and Kentucky, all of which lost population during the war and have not regained it. These states find widespread need for teachers, nurses, dentists, bricklayers, plasterers and agricultural workers. These and many other skills are to be found among the DP's who are seeking opportunity to be self supporting in a land where they will not be persecuted for their political or religious beliefs.

### HAD YOU THOUGHT TO BE THANKFUL?

The United States is the only major world power that has emerged from the catastrophes of two World Wars in one generation, without an invasion of her borders, bombing of her factories or destruction of her homes. Our industrial organizations have been strengthened, our factories are more productive than when the World Wars began, and our national income has increased both during and since the war.

This is one of the findings of the National Stewardship Institute Conference held in New York's Town Hall.

Despite this, the report showed that the total giving to all tax

## NORTH ARKANSAS CONFERENCE GUILD

The North Arkansas Conference Guild work has just closed an excellent year's work. The pledge to Missions went above the budget set, seven new units have been added and a large number of new members have come into the guilds.

An increase in pledge to Missions

exempt institutions and causes during World War II proportionately was not equal to that of World War I, and the percentage of incomes contributed for the support of the ministries of religious, educational and character building organizations, despite our greatly increased income, is not as great as it was a quarter of a century ago.

This suggests that every year should be a Year of Stewardship.—Crusade for Christ Bulletin.

is being recommended and was considered at the annual meeting held at Walnut Ridge, March 13-14.

Three new Juniors Guild Units have recently been organized. These give the younger women in the church an organization all their own and they are doing some fine work already on their programs.

The expansion program of the Guild was especially emphasized at the annual meeting and plans made to further this work during the next few months.—Reporter.

Some persons will believe anything if it is whispered to them.—Construction Digest.

Humility is the solid foundation of all virtues.—Confucius.

If people speak ill of you, live so that nobody will believe them.—Plato.

*Glorious Organ Music*  
TO ENHANCE  
the SPIRIT of  
WORSHIP  
*Throughout the Year*  
*Minshall-Estey Organ*

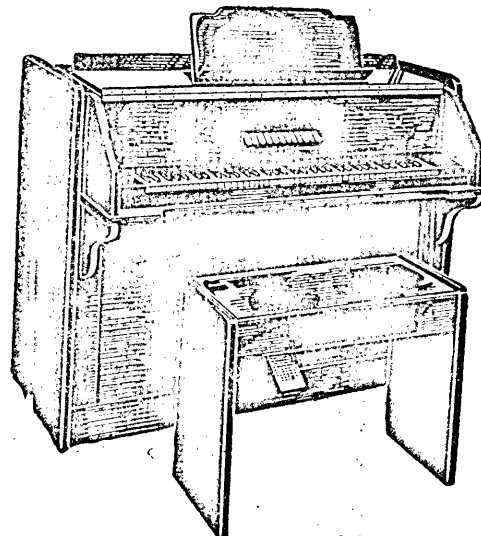
For complete fulfillment of the religious spirit and enrichment of the church service, the glorious and inspiring music of the organ is required.

The thrilling answer to that need is the Minshall-Estey electronic organ—compactly designed, remarkably versatile, providing fine, authentic organ music for any church—large or small.

Although the Minshall-Estey takes up no more room than a small piano, its true Cathedral Tones, its wide range, and its instant response arouse the admiration of the most exacting musicians.

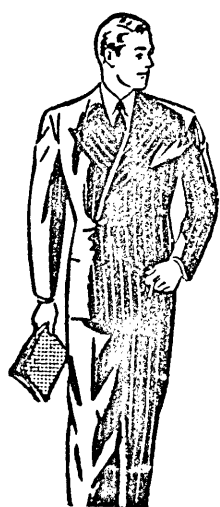
Easy to play, with manually operated sub-bass, and single, six-octave keyboard. Any pianist can quickly master its technique.

Priced lower than other electronic organs, the actual cost of a Minshall-Estey installation is amazingly small.



ONLY  
\$1,365  
TERMS

AVAILABLE FOR EASTER  
**HOUCK MUSIC CO.**  
IN LITTLE ROCK — OVER 50 YEARS



For Your  
Spring and Easter

Men's Clothing  
And  
Men's Furnishings

Also

John C. Roberts  
Shoes

**Dundee**  
SMART CLOTHES

"The Man Who Knows Wears Dundee Clothes"  
308 MAIN LITTLE ROCK

Contributing Editors:  
Roy E. Fawcett  
Mrs. W. F. Bates

# CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Contributing Editors:  
Ira A. Brumley  
Pryor Reed Cruce

## NORTH ARKANSAS CONFERENCE NOTES

By Ira A. Brumley

### Church School Day Programs

Church School Day programs are now available for the churches of the North Arkansas Conference. The office of the Board of Education will send to any small church five copies of the program. Large churches will be provided with seven copies. Additional copies will be provided at cost.

The program this year, "Search Ye the Scriptures", Hill, should be a very effective program for this year of emphasis in Christian education.

Copies of the program are being sent out to pastors so that they may see what the program is.

Sunday, April 18, has been designated as Church School Day in the North Arkansas Conference. That is only one month from now and it will be necessary for churches to begin plans at once if they are to make this day of greatest significance.

Church School Day has two purposes: that of providing an opportunity of bringing the work of the Church School before the entire church; and that of providing an opportunity for the local church to make its contribution through an offering for the District and conference programs of Christian education.

The North Arkansas Conference has planned what is probably a more extensive program of Christian education for this year than in any previous year of the Conference history. It is also a time in which programs are very expensive. The Conference and the Districts are dependent upon the Church School Day offerings for the support of their programs.

Church School Day should be a day this year of emphasis on increased enrollment and attendance. Why not plan to make Sunday, April 18, a day for expanding the work of your Church School!

### Methodist Youth Fellowship Teams


The Conference Methodist Youth Fellowship organization and the Conference Board of Education are making definite plans to provide in the Conference Youth Assembly to be held at Hendrix College, Conway, May 31-June 4, an opportunity for District Youth Fellowship Teams to receive training.

The plan is for the Conference organizations to provide the program through which these teams to be developed and to provide registration fee, room and meals for at least one team from each district.

It shall be the responsibility of the District to secure the counselor and three young people who will agree to give three weeks of service, a week in each of three centers. It shall also be the District's responsibility to select the centers in which these teams are to work.

Members for District teams should be selected at an early date and names of said team members should be reported to Board of Education office at the earliest possible date. The preparation which team members have to make before coming to the Assembly will have much to do with their effectiveness.


The Fellowship Team plan is that the team spend a week in a local church directing a Youth Activities



**MORE PEOPLE OF 21**  
were arrested in 1946 than  
any other age group.

Judges and police officers  
say that youth with church  
school background seldom  
become criminals.

**HOW MANY 21-YEAR-OLDS DOES  
OUR CHURCH SCHOOL REACH ?**

THE CRUSADE FOR CHRIST  IN THE CHURCH SCHOOL

8047-B

Week which has been set up by the leadership of the local church.

Persons interested in the Fellowship Team plan and desiring additional information should write Board of Education, Hendrix Station, Conway, Arkansas.

Local churches planning for a Youth Activities Week this summer will find it of value to send a young person to the Conference Assembly to be trained in Youth Activities Week program.

### Conference Youth Assembly

It is not too early for churches to begin making plans to be represented in the Conference Methodist Youth Assembly.

There are three reasons why your church should have a delegate attending this Assembly. It will be an enrichment program which will make a contribution to the lives of young people who are fortunate enough to attend. The program is so planned as to help young people learn how to do better work in their local churches. It is the annual meeting of Conference Methodist youth which promotes the general program of youth work throughout the Conference. Your church should have a voice in making the plans through a delegate from your church, and your church should share in the responsibility of making the youth work of the Conference a greater program.

The Youth Council has voted to invite each charge to send one delegate of youth age and each district to send two adult workers with youth. Should there be additional space not taken by May 1 then any charge may have an additional delegate of youth age, the age being 17-23, or a high school graduate at

16. Should a local church have neither of these then a sixteen year old person who is an officer in the local church MYF may register.

We hope to have programs and enrollment cards available early in April. Persons desiring copies of same should write Conference Board of Education, Conway.

The two adults to be selected from the district must be approved by the District Director of Youth Work. Such adults desiring to attend should write the District Director of said person's district.

The past week has been another week in training work. A number of schools were held with the Harrison School being the outstanding school of the week with an enrollment of 175.

Peace is not the absence of conflict from life but the ability to cope with it.—Sun Dial.

## ENROLLMENT IN LEADERSHIP EDUCATION ENTERPRISES

Nashville, Tenn. — Total of 100,653 persons were enrolled in the 1993 leadership education enterprises reported during 1947 by the Department of Leadership Education of the Methodist General Board of Education, it has been revealed by the department's annual statistical report just released.

The totals exceed those of any year since Methodist unification in 1940, it was said by Dr. J. Fisher Simpson, director of the department. Credits issued by the department aggregated 69,316. Persons enrolled in correspondence courses totaled 1909.

Of the Methodist Church's six jurisdictions the Southeastern reported the largest enrollment, 44,888. South Central reported second largest, 28,018. The other four jurisdictions reported enrollments as follows: Northeastern, 15,932; Central, 2856; North Central, 6589; West- 2362.

Seven persons outside the United States were also enrolled.

Other school were held during the year but their reports were not received in time to be included in the department's statistics.

"It is encouraging that more workers are taking advantage of opportunities to gain greater knowledge and skills through Christian Workers schools," Dr. Simpson said. "The preparation of workers for more effective service in Christian education will always be a major need in local churches."

An idea of the progress of medicine may be gained from a perusal of some of the "infallible" remedies endorsed by New England almanacs in early colonial times. They included: Rubbing onions and honey on the head to cure baldness; stuffing orange rinds up the nostrils to cure a cold; dropping juice of rotten apples in the eyes to cure dull sight; cleaning the teeth with ashes of burnt bread; and curing toothache by rubbing the feet with bran in warm water.—Eleanor Merriam, in Your Life.

We're all burdened with luxuries which have become necessities.—Wm. Feather, Enos Magazine hm, Enos Coal Mining Co.

Wm. Benton, U. S. delegate to UNESCO conference: "One of the great causes of war is the malnutrition of the mind."

## RENT-A-MOVIE CORP.

Sales - 16-mm - Service  
Home Movie Supplies -

Religious  
Educational  
Entertainment

Cameras  
Projectors  
Screens

SERVING THE MID-SOUTH

PHONE 2-2555

610 Scott Street

LITTLE ROCK,

ARKANSAS

# WOMAN'S SOCIETY OF CHRISTIAN SERVICE

MRS. SUE M. WAYLAND, Editor

## GARDNER MEMORIAL SOCIETY

On February 25, in our WSCS Building, places were laid for 50 guests honoring Mrs. J. B. Landrum, our WSCS Field Worker, who was to speak at the evening service, and her mother, Mrs. G. D. Davis who was a primary teacher in North Little Rock Schools for many years. Mrs. Landrum was introduced to the group by Mrs. V. E. Chalfant. During the supper, Jo Ann Goss sang a solo accompanied by Mrs. Oscar Goss.

Afterwards, the group adjourned to the basement in the New Church where Mrs. Claude Wilson led us in a brief devotional, and introduced Mrs. Landrum, who made us forget for a little while, our own difficulties in getting our church rebuilt. Her subject was "How Your Money Talks". She took us swiftly on a tour of our own country, from Montana where there are "two few Methodists", to Chicago's slums, from there to Iowa, to Illinois, back to Texas, and then North Arkansas. She introduced us to boys and girls and G. I. Joe's. She took us for a ride in a bright red Jeep. We could almost feel the wind as that Jeep turned the curves around Clinton. At every stop we learned how the money we women of the W. S. C. S. have given, has been used and how much it has helped people to learn a better way of living.

In behalf of the W. S. C. S., Mrs. Elizabeth Goss presented a life membership to Mrs. L. H. Priest.—Mrs. Gus Dickey, reporter.

## MARKED TREE INSTALLS OFFICERS

The Missionary Society held its annual installation of officers at the church January 21st. Rev. J. A. Womack, pastor officiating. Officers for the year who were installed are as follows:

President, Mrs. R. E. Owen; vice president, Mrs. T. C. Brigance; recording secretary, Mrs. E. M. Calvert; corresponding secretary, Mrs. J. D. DuBard.

Treasurer, Mrs. E. P. Burton; spiritual life chairman, Mrs. J. J. Hickman; Missionary education and service chairman, Mrs. A. O. Harmon; Christian social relations and church activities chairman, Mrs. A. J. Sharpe.

Student work chairman, Mrs. L. B. Taliferro; children's work, Miss Helen Stewart; supply work, Mrs. W. H. Powell; literature, Mrs. Mayme Jones; status of women, Mrs. J. A. Womack.

Membership chairman, Mrs. Nola Fleming; fellowship, Mrs. C. A. Dawson; publicity, Mrs. John Shearson.

Circle chairmen, Mrs. J. D. DuBard, Circle One; Mrs. Donald Cobb, Circle Two.—Reporter

## NOTICE—CORRECTION

A notice has come from Mrs. J. D. Firestone to the chairman of Status of Women of the Conway District that reports to her are to sent for the First of April instead of the first of March as she first notified you.

Actions don't always speak louder than words, but they generally tell fewer lies.—Wesley News.

## MARY McSWAIN TO ADDRESS LITTLE ROCK DISTRICT WESLEYAN GUILD



MISS MARY McSWAIN

A feature of the Little Rock District Wesleyan Service Guild which will meet at Winfield Methodist Church on the evening of April 6th, will be an address by Miss Mary McSwain, former Little Rock girl, who is home on furlough from her work as a member of the staff of the Methodist Institute, Sao Paula, Brazil. Miss McSwain will speak on the theme "Better Instruments for Great Uses," her address being based on the purpose of the Methodist

Institute to prepare Christian Workers. In addition to Miss McSwain's duties in connection with Methodist Institute, she has served as Conference Director of Children's Work, which includes the holding of numerous institutes throughout the area of the Conference, and is a writer for Children's Literature.

The guests will assemble at 5:30 for fellowship and registration in Wesley Room, and the dinner will be served at 6:00 in Fellowship Hall, where covers will be laid for 150 District Guild members. The invocation will be offered by the Rev. Kenneth L. Spore, Host Pastor, and following a business session conducted by Miss Maude Hammock, District Secretary, a program will be presented by Miss Sue Medlock, Program Chairman, which will include, in addition to Miss McSwain's address, a Call to Worship by Miss Lillian Peaslee; a Call and a Response, "Are Ye Able," Said the Master", Mrs. Kenneth L. Spore, soloist. The music for the evening will be under the direction of Tommy Scott and will include the singing of Negro Spirituals by the Kiwanian Quartette.

Hostesses for the evening will be members of the Wesleyan Service of Winfield Church of which Mrs. Mattie Griffith is President, and Mrs. R. P. Ramsey is Co-ordinator.—Reporter.

## WESLEYAN GUILD DINNER AT LITTLE ROCK CONFERENCE

The Wesleyan Service Guild Dinner for the Little Rock Conference will be held Tuesday evening, March 30th, at the Hotel Barlow, Hope, Arkansas, at 7 o'clock. At this meeting a new Conference Secretary will be elected and plans discussed for the Expansion Program, which has been extended to December. Mrs. J. Russell Henderson, Conference Secretary for Christian Social Relations and Local Church Activities, will discuss ALDERSGATE, which will be a Guild project this year. It is a most important meeting and we are urging all Guilds to send as many delegates as possible.

Each Guild is entitled to one delegate to attend the entire meeting of the W. S. C. S. Reservations for the Conference should be sent to Mrs. E. P. O'Neal, 307 S. Hervey, Hope. Reservations for the Guild Dinner should be sent to Miss Elsie Weisenberger, 104 West Avenue E, Hope, President of the Wesleyan Service Guild at Hope. Reservations for the dinner should be in Miss Weisenberger's hands before Saturday, March 27th.—Althea Cox.

## HARDY W. S. C. S.

The Hardy Woman's Society of Christian Service held its monthly covered dish luncheon and silver tea program by surprising one of its members, Mrs. Minnie Chapman, at her home, three miles east of Hardy on February 19th.

A school bus was chartered to take the group from town out to her country home. There were 29 ladies present and each took contributions to the lovely luncheon. After the lunch was served Mrs. Chapman received many lovely gifts and cards from the members present.

The February program was then presented with Miss Fern Cook, Hardy pastor as leader. Every one present enjoyed the fellowship of the occasion.—Mrs. S. C. Bates.

## HELENA INSTALLS NEW OFFICERS

The Woman's Society of Helena First Church held an impressive Installation Service in the Sanctuary early in January, when the pastor, Rev. Golder Lawrence, installed the new officers.

The officers that were installed are as follows: President, Mrs. J. C. Brewer; Vice President, Mrs. F. S. Luckett; Promotional Secretary, Mrs. C. S. Fielder; Recording Secretary, Mrs. Raye Burch; Treasurer, Mrs. J. B. Connolly; Missionary Education, Mrs. W. G. Dinning, C. S. R.; Mrs. Herbert Hill; Spiritual Life, Mrs. C. S. Fielder; Student Work, Mrs. Wade Hampton; Youth Work, Mrs. Floyd Curtis; Children Work, Mrs. Walter Barker; Status of Women, Mrs. W. G. Dinning, Jr.; Supplies, Mrs. Ralph Lynch; Literature, and Publications, Mrs. Ed Schuback; Secretary at Large, Mrs. Golder Lawrence; Publicity, Mrs. J. F. Wahl; Membership Committee, Mrs. J. B. Butts, Jr.; Parsonage Committee, Mrs. C. L. Harris; Circle chairman, Mrs. Hugh Tardy; Mrs. G. G. Strickland, Mrs. Brad Jordan, Mrs. Jack Squire, and Mrs. J. W. Thomas.—Reporter.

## NEW OFFICERS OF THORNTON

President, Mrs. H. H. Littrell; Vice President, Mrs. J. C. Tombinson; Promotional Secretary, Mrs. Albert McGuffey; Recording Secretary, Mrs. Caliborne Garrick; Treasurer, Mrs. Harry Gray; Spiritual Life, Mrs. T. E. Rhine; C. S. R., Mrs. James McCammon; Literature

and Publications, Mrs. C. M. Littrell; Youth Work, Mrs. J. C. Tombinson; Student Work, Mrs. S. R. Holmes; Children's Work, Mrs. Tombinson; Supply Work, Mrs. J. P. Cathey; Status of Women, Mrs. Frank Scott.—Reporter.

There is only one way to coast: downhill.—Canadian Business.

## ANNUAL REPORT NORTH ARKANSAS CONFERENCE

Supplies Sent To Home Mission Institutions			
	Value of New Supplies	Cash	Total
Aldersgate Camp, Little Rock, Ark.		\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00
Aldersgate Camp, Little Rock, Ark. (W. S. Guild)		58.00	58.00
Pottawatomie Indian Mission, Mayetta, Kans.		179.00	179.00
Pottawatomie Indian Mission, Mayetta, Kans. (W. S. Guild)		31.00	31.00
Scarrit College, Nashville, Tenn.		597.00	597.00
Scarrit College, Nashville, Tenn. (W. S. Guild)		53.00	53.00
Seward General Hospital, Seward, Alaska		362.00	362.00
Seward General Hospital, Seward, Alaska (W. S. Guild)		38.00	38.00
Ponca Mission School	\$ 15.00		15.00
School for Negroes	91.00		91.00
Sanitorium, New Mexico	16.00		16.00
Navajo Mission School (W. S. Guild)	5.65		5.65
CONFERENCE INSTITUTIONS			
Scott County Rural Work	41.20	120.50	161.70
Scott County Rural Work (W. S. Guild)	13.50	165.80	179.30
Van Buren County Rural Work Hymnals	11.25		11.25
Van Buren County Rural Work	6.50		6.50
Total sent to Home Mission Institutions	\$ 210.10	\$ 2104.30	\$ 2304.00
Supplies Sent to Foreign Mission Institutions			
	Value of New Supplies	Cash	Total
India		\$ 101.92	\$ 101.92
India (W. S. Guild)		5.00	5.00
Africa-Liberia		545.90	545.90
Cuba, Irene Toland Collegio		732.00	732.00
Cuba, Irene Toland Collegio (W. S. Guild)		47.50	47.50
Korea, Miss Dyer (W. S. Guild)	16.89	15.00	31.89
Korea, Miss Dyer (Youth)	20.00		20.00
Korea, Miss Dyer (Children)	2.00		2.00
Korea, Dr. Kim	25.00		25.00
Korea, Miss Dyer	1308.66		1308.66
Korea, Miss Dyer	140.25		140.25
Slides for Miss Dyer	10.00		10.00
Korea, Miss Dyer (W. S. Guild)	36.00		36.00
Philippine Islands, Burma, Singapore	1008.69		1008.69
Philippine Islands	63.00		63.00
Manila, Mary Johnson Hospital	35.00		35.00
CARE, American School, Lovetch, Bulgaria	23.00		23.00
China, Mildren Paine (W. S. Guild)	24.00		24.00
India, Medical Supplies (Children)	4.50		4.50
Vitamins—Miss Dyer, Pearl McCain	215.00		215.00
Total sent to Foreign Mission Institutions	\$ 2931.99	\$ 1447.32	\$ 4379.31
GRAND TOTAL	\$ 3132.09	\$ 3551.62	\$ 6683.71

Mrs. A. L. Smith, Conference Secretary of Supplies.



# CURRENT NEWS IN ARKANSAS METHODISM

## ARKADELPHIA DISTRICT EVANGELISTIC RETREAT

The preachers of the Arkadelphia District held an Evangelistic Retreat at Grand Avenue Methodist Church, March 9th, at Hot Springs, under the direction of Rev. J. A. Wade, District Director of Evangelism. There was a large attendance and the spirit of prayer pervaded the meeting. Rev. A. J. Christie led the opening devotional service and made a very impressive talk on "God's Leadership". Rev. R. B. Moore, district superintendent, spoke on the importance of our work in evangelism, and made announcements.

Rev. S. T. Baugh gave some interesting figures on additions by profession of faith in several churches in the Arkadelphia District, and Rev. J. D. Baker gave a comparative study of additions by profession of faith in the Little Rock Conference, figures being for the Conference year 1946-47, which are as follows:

District	No Additions	One Addition
Arkadelphia	27 Churches	6 Churches
Camden	26 Churches	11 Churches
Little Rock	12 Churches	1 Church
Monticello	19 Churches	5 Churches
Pine Bluff	27 Churches	3 Churches
Prescott	44 Churches	14 Churches
Texarkana	29 Churches	8 Churches

Totals .....184 Churches 48 Churches  
Commenting on these figures, Brother Baker says:

"Sixty-nine of these churches which had no additions last year, did not have an addition the year before. The membership of these churches which had no additions last year totaled 12,888, plus pastors and district superintendents.

"I did not make up these statistics to hurt anyone, but am trying to get all of us to see the seriousness of the situation. Rev. Lester O. Lee, on the Austin Circuit, Little Rock District, now pastor of the Mineral Springs Charge, Prescott District, led all the circuit charges with 58 additions by profession of faith."

Rev. David Hankins and Rev. Rayford Diffie spoke on specific problems of evangelism as they have found them in their charges. Rev. J. E. Fulkerson spoke on the mechanics of Visitation Evangelism and Rev. F. A. Buddin on the spiritual import of this vital plan of evangelism. At this point the meeting was interrupted in order to partake of a delightful meal provided by the ladies of the host church.

On re-assembling after lunch the devotional was led by Rev. S. K. Burnett, whose words were enjoyed by his hearers. Rev. J. A. Wade followed with an impassioned address on "Evangelism Through Preaching."

A discussion of evangelistic meetings during the revival season was held and a large number of the preachers volunteered to help in such meetings upon invitation of pastors needing them. The closing feature of the retreat was an earnest address by Rev. J. D. Baker on "The Place of Prayer in Evangelism," followed by personal testimonies and a consecration service.—C. D. Meux, Reporter.

Maj. General Clifford B. Cates, U. S. Marine Corps: "If there is another war both sides will lose—there will be no winner."

## MEETING OF RICE BELT SUB-DISTRICT NO. 1, M. Y. F.

The M. Y. F. of the Rice Belt Sub-district No. 1 met at the Almyra Methodist Church on March 8 at 7:30 p.m.

The following churches were represented: Grand Avenue and First Church of Stuttgart, DeWitt, Lodges Corner, Humphrey and Almyra, a total of 62 members.

During the business meeting plans were made concerning the "Chinese Banquet" to be held on April 12 at Lodges Corner.

Mrs. R. A. Wilson spoke on "Helping Others" and asked for a discussion on what to do with the money on hand. It was decided to send two "CARE" packages to Germany to relatives of two members in the district.

Following the business meeting Mrs. Bennie Burkett directed the recreation, Austin Grandgeroge assisting.

The W. S. C. S. of Almyra served refreshments to the group. — Jo Claire Knoll, Reporter.

## YOUNG PEOPLE'S RALLY

The young people's fifth Sunday Rally met at the Ebenezer Church Sunday, February 29. The theme of the program was "The World Missions of The Christian Church". Bro. William N. Holifield was chairman. The choir director was Pharis J. Holifield and pianist Mrs. Edna Poppe. The ushers were Earl Thompson and Billy Foster. Host pastor was Rev. Alvin Gibbs. The program was as follows:

Song "I Love To Tell The Story"; Prayer by Bro. William N. Holifield; Songs "Faith of Our Fathers" and "I Am Thine O Lord"; Welcome address by Mrs. Clois Butler; Response by Amanda Nichols; Special song by Five Oaks Trio; Prayer by Rev. Albert Gibbs; Sunday School Lesson discussed by Garlin Gibbs and Arvelene Bradsher; Special song by Pharis Holifield; Sermon by Bro. Nelson Parnell; Benediction by Rev. Alvin Gibbs.

Lunch was then served at the church. After lunch the Young People met for a "Young People's Fellowship Hour" in which they talked about improving the rally. The Theme Song "Living For Jesus" was sung by the congregation.

Prayer was led by Bro. Simmons; Young Peoples chorus choir by a group of young people directed by Pharis J. Holifield; Special Song by Ebenezer quartet; Prayer by Bro. Parnell; Poem by Shirley Livesay; Special song by Five Oaks quartet; Duet by Mrs. Poppe and Mrs. Bulloak; Special song by Ebenezer quartet; Talk by Mrs. Edna Poppe; Piano Solo by Ella McLesk-ey; Flannelgraph by Mrs. Pharis J. Holifield; Song "God Be With You Till We Meet Again"; Benediction by Bro. Simmons.

The churches present and their attendance were as follows: Ramers Chapel, 43; Five Oaks, 8; Union Grove, 22; Gravel Hill, 3; Pleasant Grove, 4; Lanaly Chapel, 5; Liberty Hill, 12; Rights Chapel, 3; and Mars Hill, 3. Ramers Chapel, having the largest attendance, received the banner. The next Rally will be at the Union Grove Methodist Church.—Ella Mae Stokes.

## CLEVELAND CONFERENCE FOLLOW-UP RALLY

The M. Y. F. of the Pine Bluff District held a Cleveland Conference "follow-up" rally on February 22 at the First Methodist Church at Pine Bluff. Rev. Bryan Stephens of Rison, district director, who was a delegate to the Conference, was in charge of the rally which began at 3 o'clock in the afternoon.

The theme of the meeting was "Christ Above All". It was opened with fellowship singing led by Bonnie Hein.

Youth in conversation, a worship program, presented in the dark, portraying the voices of the youth of the world was presented by records made for use at the Cleveland Conference.

The presentation of the Cleveland delegates was as follows: The introduction, consisting of facts about the Conference in general was given by Austin Grandgeorge; Conference worship, including the "Watch Night" Communion Service; the dedication service and several other outstanding services were described by Marilyn Beverly. The various group meetings at Conference were summarized by Ovitta Sue Harris; platform addresses reviewed by Jo Claire Knoll included "The Christian World Pattern of Brotherhood" by Dr. G. Buez-Camargo, "Salt, Light and Leaven", by Dr. Richard C. Raines, and the "Message of Dedication", by Dr. E. Stanley Jones. Edward Hollenbeck presented a review of his personal gains at the Conference.

During intermission Rev. Bryan Stephens gave a demonstration of folk games and the following exhibits were on display: Recreation—Jo Claire Knoll; Worship—Mrs. F. H. Wilson; World Friendship, Mrs. L. D. Crenshaw; Community Service—Ovitta Sue Harris; Methodist Youth Literature—Jack Good.

At 6 o'clock a "snack supper" was served in the basement of the church.

One of the highlights of the rally was a pageant, "A Mighty Dream", directed by Mrs. Nancy R. Sturdivant. This was a reproduction of the pageant given at the Cleveland Conference. About forty of the Pine Bluff youth portrayed the characters.

The consecration service with a

## METHODIST CHILDREN'S WORK LEADERS TO LEAD REGIONAL CONFERENCES

(Miss Smith is a former resident of Little Rock)

CHICAGO—Miss Olive Smith and Miss Rosemary Roorbach, both of the Methodist Board of Education, Nashville, are scheduled to lead regional interdenominational conferences on children's work in April, according to Mrs. Mabel Garrett Wagner, director of children's work for the International Council of Religious Education.

Mrs. Wagner and Dr. Gerald E. Knoff, both Methodist staff members of the International Council, will give leadership to other conferences.

Miss Smith, who is a member of the national Department of Christian Education of Children, will be a team member at the conferences in Portland, Ore., April 7-9; Seattle, April 12-13; and Spokane, April 14-16.

Miss Roorbach, an assistant editor of children's publications, will give leadership to the Hopkinsville, Ky., conferences to be held April 19-20.

Mrs. Wagner, who will become the new executive secretary of the Bureau of Urban Work, Woman's Division of The Methodist Board of Missions on May 1, will be the national team leader for conferences at Oklahoma City April 7-9; Dallas April 12-14; and Kansas City, Mo., April 19-21.

Dr. Knoff, associate general secretary of the International Council, will participate in conferences at Lexington April 8-9 and at Memphis April 15-16.

Other conferences will be held this spring at Oakland, Los Angeles, Phoenix, Mobile, Greensboro, N. C., Baltimore and Richmond.

Other Methodist leaders will lead 15 other conferences scheduled for other parts of the United States and Canada next fall.

The 29 regional conferences by the Interdenominational Council's Committee on Religious Education of Children in cooperation with state and city councils of churches, and regional committees.

challenging message from Rev. Bryan Stephens was the climax of the rally.—Jo Claire Knoll.

with an eye to the  
Easter Parade . . .

- Ready-to-wear
- Fine Shoes
- Accessories

**Kempner's**

## NEWS ABOUT HENDRIX COLLEGE

### Library Receives Frauenthal Collection

Approximately 1800 volumes from the private library of the late Jo and Ida Baridon Frauenthal of Conway, have been presented to the library recently. The donors are Mr. and Mrs. Lionel Baridon of Town of Mount Royal, Quebec, Canada, and Mr. and Mrs. Fred Baridon of Hampstead, Quebec.

The collection is especially strong in history and English literature and ranges from the 17th to the 20th centuries. Included are a large number of sets, among them the Encyclopedia Britannica, the Jewish Encyclopedia, and Grote's Nations of the World. Among authors represented by editions of their entire works are Voltaire, Scott, Dickens, Thackeray, Irving, Jane Austen, Maupassant, Pepys, Hugo, Bulwer and Hawthorne.

The Baridons have also presented to the library private papers of the late Col. A. P. Robinson, including his original layout of the city of Conway in 1871, and his original drawing of the Faulkner County courthouse.

### One-Man Art Show

A one-man art show by Chaplain J. W. Hammons of the navy has been on exhibition in the library. The show is composed of 20 water color chiefly navy scenes and portraits.

Chaplain Hammons, son of the late Dr. John D. Hammons and Mrs. Hammons, received his bachelor's degree from Hendrix in 1934, his master's degree at Duke University, and his bachelor of divinity degree from Union Theological Seminary in New York City. Before the war he was pastor of Methodist Churches in Foreman and Carlisle. He served as a chaplain in the navy during the war and is still on active duty.

### Dr. Spessard Receives Inquiries About Book

Dr. E. A. Spessard has been receiving another flood of correspon-

dence concerning his hydroponics experiments, following publication about two weeks ago of his book "The Tanks Are Coming!"

The book recounts experiments carried on by Dr. Spessard for a number of years in the growing of fruits and vegetables in tanks of sand fed by chemical solutions.

Stories on the book sent out by the Associated Press and United Press stressed its significance in the light of world-wide soil depletion coupled with a steadily increasing population.

Since the book has been published he has received over 200 letters and telegrams concerning the experiments from Mexico and states as far away as California, Montana, North and South Dakota, Massachusetts, and Florida.

### WSSF Campaign Drive Successful

The campaign drive for the World Student Service Fund has been completed with the goal of \$250 exceeded by \$145. The receipts from a student-produced variety show added \$156 to the amount contributed by the students, making a total of \$395 collected on the campus. Martha Love of Jonesboro was chairman of the committee that directed the drive.

### Miss Longstreth Addresses Women

Miss Zonola M. Longstreth, well known lawyer and business woman of Little Rock, addressed the women of the college last Thursday evening on the topic, "International Relations—the Modern Crusade."

This will be the first in a series of monthly programs inaugurated by Miss Marie Williams, dean of women, and the sophomore council as a part of the educational program for women.

Miss Longstreth is the youngest woman ever admitted to the Arkansas legal bar and she practiced law in New York and the Supreme Court of the United States. In 1938 she was European director of the International Federation of Business and Professional Women.—Jim DuPree.

## SERVICE PROJECTS SPONSORED BY LOCAL CHURCH DIVISION

Nashville, Tenn. — In cooperation with the conference boards of education the Division of the Local Church of the General Board of Education sponsors seven enterprises for the purpose of enlisting and training leaders in Christian education in the local church, it was said by Dr. J. Q. Schisler, executive secretary of the Division.

The enterprises and the Division staff members responsible for the promotion of each are as follows: Church School Extension Service, Dr. W. McFerrin Stowe; Vacation Church School Extension Service, Miss Ethel Ristine; Field Service for Nursery Work, Miss Emma Jane Kramer; Methodist Youth Caravans, Rev. Hoover Rupert; Conference-wide Church School Superintendents Conventions, and Church School Crusade Counselors Program, Charles C. Turner, Jr.; and Service in Christian Workers Schools, Rev. M. Earl Cunningham.

While the Division is a service and not a disbursing agency, it does render some financial assistance to these projects, according to Dr. Schisler, because they have grown out of the need to provide Christian education leadership for local churches. Dr. Schisler has recently written the executive secretaries of conference boards of education, requesting that they indicate to the Division the enterprise or enterprises in which their respective conferences desire to participate. Since careful planning on the part of the executive secretaries and attentive follow-up on the part of the Division

are involved, it is urged that those interested in taking part in one or more of the projects contact at their early convenience the responsible Division staff member.

Last year practically all of the church's annual conferences engaged in one or more of the Division's service projects, it was said at headquarters of the General Board of Education.

There is enough for all. The earth is a generous mother; she will provide in plentiful abundance food for all her children if they will but cultivate her soil in justice and in peace.—Bourke Cockran.

The basic purpose of the United Nations is to make force the servant and not the master of reason and to reject the ancient and discredited doctrine that might makes right.—James F. Byrnes.



**CHILDREN LOVE RUST CRAFT EASTER CARDS**

**JUNGKIND'S**

114 W. 4th Phone 8312

**5,000 CHRISTIAN WORKERS WANTED**

to sell Bibles, Testaments, good books, handsome Scripture mottoes, Scripture calendars, greeting cards, Good commission. Send for free catalog and price-list.

**George W. Noble, The Christian Co**  
Dept. D, Pontiac Bldg. Chicago 6, Ill.

## MEN'S CLOTHES OF FINEST QUALITY:



The reason so MANY men chose all their clothing and accessories at Bauman's is easy to understand: they know our standards of quality and distinctiveness are unequalled. May we welcome you sometime soon?

**BAUMAN'S**

MEN'S SHOP ★ 302 MAIN ST.

This Spring, Choose  
Your Sterling Silver Pattern  
From The Dozens We  
Offer You — By Towle, Gorham  
International, Reed & Barton,  
Kirk, Lunt and Heirloom.

**Stiff's**

JEWELERS • 511 MAIN

"Let not your  
heart be troubled—"

## IN MEMORIAM

"—In my Father's house  
are many mansions"

**TIDWELL**—One of the good mothers of the Doddridge Church was departed this life at the age of 76 years. Mrs. Dora Tidwell, wife of M. W. Tidwell, passed away on February 10 at her home near Doddridge. She was a member of the Methodist Church from youth. She was a true, loving mother.

Survivors are her husband; two sons, Eunis and Vernon Tidwell, and six grandchildren, three sisters, two brothers and a host of friends.

She was laid to rest in the Doddridge cemetery. The funeral was conducted by the writer, her pastor.—R. M. Crain.

**STEVENSON**—Elizabeth Bolls Stevenson was born April 10, 1877. She united with the Methodist Church at the age of 11 years. Hers was truly a Christian life. She was taken by the angel of death on November 27, 1947. Mrs. Stevenson was one of the best friends a pastor ever had. A former pastor, Rev. Fred L. Arnold of Texarkana, assisted in her funeral and quoted the words used to describe such a beautiful life as that of Enoch: "Enoch walked with God and he was not; for God took him." Brother Arnold reminded the many friends who were present that it was very fitting that Mrs. Stevenson be taken by the angel of death early on the morning of Thanksgiving day. As she had lived with God here it was her assurance that some day it would be her joy to go home with Him to live forever.

I could write many fine things about this good woman but the following was found among the papers Mrs. Stevenson had prepared to use in teaching or speaking before the church congregations. These words from her own pen speak all that need be said:

"It was my great privilege to be born and reared in a Christian home for which I am very thankful. Although my parents were poor in worldly goods they were true to God and raised their children in the right way.

During my life I have made many mistakes, but my greatest desire has been to be a true Christian and lead others into the fold. I have never been able to do great things, but I have tried to serve God as best I knew how. I have served on the Board of Stewards twenty years; trustee of church property sixteen years; Sunday School superintendent three years and teacher in Sunday School almost thirty years. Other than that I have not done great things, but I love God's service more than anything else. I have always tried to set a good example wherever I have gone and was always prompt in attendance of his service and hope to be as long as I live. Health is failing me now. If I should live long or die soon, I will live or die in the full triumph of a living faith. If I had my life to live over, I would devote more time to the service of God. God bless our church, not ours alone but the whole Christian church.

I was born April 10, 1877, in Nevada County, Arkansas. About August 15, 1888, I was converted under the preaching of Rev. Robert Raiford. I joined the Methodist Church. Soon thereafter we moved to Hempstead County and there united with the Methodist Church.

Still, at the age of 67, I am a regular Sunday School and church attendant and love it above everything in this life. I am glad that I made an early start in the Christian life. After all, if we spend our whole lives in the service of our loving, heavenly Father, we cannot repay him for what he did for us.

In 1894 I was married to T. W. Stevenson and it was a very happy marriage. Mr. Stevenson found Christ fourteen years later and such a Christian life he lived! About twenty-two years later God called him home to be forever with him. I miss his godly council. To our union two children were born, one daughter with whom I make my home now and a son who was taken away at the age of fourteen years. I have had lots of worries and disappointments in life and through it all my faith in God has never failed. In the darkest hours of grief, I have relied on the strong arm of God. His promises are sure and true when he says, I will never leave you or forsake you. God has been good to me. Praise his dear name."

This was written three years before her death. She was seventy years, seven months and seventeen days old when death came.

She remained true to her church and her God to the end.—Joe H. Robinson.

**SMITH**—Mrs. C. H. Smith was born on November 13, 1860, at North English, Iowa, and passed away on January 2, 1948, at her home in Prairie Grove, Arkansas, after an illness of about ten days.

She was converted at an early age and joined the Methodist Church and transferred her membership wherever she went with the exception of the period of years she resided in Windham, Montana, when she attended the Presbyterian Church and taught a Sunday School class for several years. Windham was a small village and could only support one church which was everybody's church.

In her early life she was a school teacher in Iowa for a number of years after which she attended the Women's Training School for Nurses for women and children in Chicago and was one of the first two graduate nurses who were sent to Kansas City for duty. She was married to Charles H. Smith, a newspaper man in 1896. To this union was born one son, Walter, in Minnesota. They lived in Colorado, Minnesota, Montana and Arkansas. Her husband preceded her in death on April 10, 1927, after which she took over the management and editorship of her husband's newspaper. The Lincoln Sun at Lincoln, Arkansas, and ran it for ten years with the help of her son, Walter. Shortly after retiring from business she suffered a paralytic stroke and after partially recovering she had the misfortune to fall and break her hip bone which caused her to go in a wheel chair for the rest of her life. Even though she was in a wheel chair she enjoyed being taken to church.

Three years ago she and her son moved to Prairie Grove and transferred their membership to the Methodist Church there. She enjoyed attending the church services there as long as she was able and later when unable to attend she enjoyed listening to the beautiful

chimes recently installed at the church.

She was taken ill on December 19, 1947, and passed away on January 2, 1948. She is survived by her son and one brother, W. C. Morris of North English, Iowa. Funeral services were held on Sunday at the Methodist Church in Prairie Grove with Rev. H. D. Womack officiating, assisted by Rev. H. E. Dill of Prairie Grove and Rev. J. O. Skinner of Cane Hill. She was laid to rest in the Cane Hill cemetery beside her husband.—Walter M. Smith.

**BURNS**—Mrs. M. P. Burns, nee Jennie Tipton, was born November 9, 1869, in Jerusalem, Ohio, and died February 7, 1943, in Little Rock, Arkansas, at the age of 73.

Mrs. Burns moved with her family to Little Rock at an early age. She was educated at Little Rock University, a Methodist college formerly located in Little Rock. Here she met her husband who was also attending the university.

She was the wife of the late Dr. M. P. Burns, a minister of the former Methodist Episcopal Church. Dr. and Mrs. Burns served four years in the Stuttgart Church. After serving the church for a number of years in North Dakota and Minnesota, Dr. Burns was sent to Philadelphia as secretary of City Missions with the Board of Home Missions and Church Extension. Upon his retirement Dr. and Mrs. Burns returned to Little Rock to live. Mrs. Burns survived her husband by 17 years.

Mrs. Burns was also a very active church worker. While living in Minnesota she was a conference officer in the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society. After returning to Little Rock she was president of the Arkansas District for the Woman's Home Missionary Society. In 1936 she was chosen a delegate from the Missouri Conference to the General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church in Columbus, Ohio.

She was a lifelong member of the Methodist Church. For the past twenty years she was a member of Scott Street Methodist Church, Little Rock. Her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. K. Tipton, helped to found this church.

Funeral services were held in the Scott Street Church with Rev. Rufus Sorrells conducting the services.

Mrs. Burns is survived by two sons, Wendell T. Burns of Minneapolis, Minnesota, and Russell W. Burns of Dayton, Ohio, and a daughter, Mildred E. Burns of Little Rock. Other survivors are two brothers, H. B. Tipton and C. L. Tipton, and two sisters, Mrs. W. B. Potts and Mrs. J. F. Bennett, all of Little Rock.—Mildred E. Burns.

**MILES**—Having known Mrs. Mary Lee Miles since my childhood, I count it a privilege to pay tribute to her as one of God's noble women. I know of her long years of usefulness in the First Methodist Church in Fort Smith, Arkansas, and in Little Rock, Arkansas, where I was her pastor when she lived with her daughter and son-in-law, Judge and Mrs. J. Seab Holt.

As we recall the goodness of her life, we think of her patience, her understanding, her loyalty to duty and her love for her family and friends. Her staunchness of faith,

her kindly helpfulness, her willingness to render any service, her deep convictions concerning things that were right, are all a part of the fine heritage she passes on to her children.

From early childhood throughout her life, she loved God and served him through the Methodist Church. For her, church membership was something to be taken seriously. Over a period of years she served her church as a Sunday School teacher, as a member of the Woman's Society, and as a faithful and devout attendant upon its services. As a part of the church, she shared its faith and rejoiced in its successes.

Mrs. Miles was born in Georgia, November 9, 1862, and died September 9, 1947, in Fort Smith, Arkansas. Her funeral was held at First Methodist Church in Fort Smith, by Rev. Fred G. Roebuck.

A child of a Methodist parsonage, she came to Arkansas with her father, Rev. J. F. McLaughlin, in 1877. Her father became the principal of the Fort Smith District High School, a Methodist school located in Booneville, Arkansas. It was here in Booneville that she met and married Oscar Landon Miles, professor in Latin and Greek at this institution. Mr. Miles later became a lawyer and in 1900 moved to Fort Smith, Arkansas, where he was the general attorney for the Missouri-Pacific Railway.

Mrs. Miles is survived by two daughters, Charlotte Miles of Seattle, Washington, and Mrs. J. Seab Holt of Little Rock, Arkansas; three sons, Oscar L. Miles of Monroe, Louisiana, Fanning C. Miles of Atlanta, Georgia, and Marion Lee Miles of Vicksburg, Mississippi; ten grandchildren and eight great grandchildren.

Few women live so long, and even fewer live so well. At the close of such a long and good life, it is truly fitting to conclude by saying, "Father, into Thy hands I commend my spirit." —Warren Johnston, Ft. Worth, Texas.

**TAYLOR**—C. C. Taylor, 68 years old and a longtime resident of Smackover, passed away in Smackover hospital after a long illness. Mr. Taylor moved to Smackover in 1923 during the early days of the oil boom, and for a number of years owned and operated the City Hotel. He was a member of the Smackover Methodist Church. He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Amy Lomax Taylor, two sisters, Mrs. R. F. Harwell of North Little Rock and Mrs. C. H. Wyatt of Arkadelphia; three brothers, C. F. Taylor of Los Angeles, California; two step-children, Mrs. E. Howell of Smackover and Golden Johnson of Louisiana; four grandchildren and six great-grandchildren and a number of nieces and nephews.

No finer, friendlier man has ever lived than Brother Taylor. He loved his family, his church and his community. When he came to die he was not afraid for he well knew that the same God who had given him life would lead him through the valley of the shadow of death.

The funeral services were in charge of the writer, assisted by Rev. W. R. Burks and Rev. Kirvin Hale. —W. L. Arnold.

"So he giveth his beloved sleep."



# A REVIEW

**SAM JONES**, by Walt Holcomb. 192 pages. Price \$2.00. Deluxe Copy \$5.00. Published by The Methodist Publishing House.

At the funeral of the late Sam Jones, the most noted evangelist American Methodism has produced, the eloquent Bishop Charles B. Gal-



Sam Jones Walt Holcomb  
As they appeared at last meeting in  
Oklahoma City.

loway spoke these words of praise and tribute.

"Sam Jones loved his fellow man and never lost hope for humanity. He believed in a gospel that can redeem a world, and like his Lord, he went out to seek and save the lost. No prodigal ever got so low or wandered so far away as to be beyond the reach of his hopeful message and helpful sympathy. It was this ever-reiterated gospel for sinners that helped to attract the millions to his ministry."

Forty-six years have slipped by since that morning on a Rock Island train in Arkansas he passed suddenly into the presence of his Saviour. However, the record of his ministry to unnumbered multitudes remains a golden page in the history of evangelical Christianity. Many a preacher, like the writer of these lines, would like to rediscover the shield and sword with which he fought such stout battles for God and righteousness.

Doctor Walt Holcomb, long time an intimate associate, has written a new account of this dauntless evangelist. Its title is "Sam Jones". It may be secured from our Methodist Publishing House or from the author, Dr. Walt Holcomb, 80 Park Lane, N. E., Atlanta, Ga. To read it will put new iron in our blood and new compassion in our hearts.—Arthur J. Moore.

## A GREAT NEED OF THE MODERN CHURCH

(Continued from Page 3)

bread of the Father's house. The foundation for them (which is Christ) has been laid, and they are building upon it not with metal and precious stones, but hay and stubble. The material out of which they are constructing their lives will not stand the test. They may get home to heaven in the end, but it will be a close rub. They will not be able to take any one else, even including their own children, with them. They will miss the joy of full fellowship with God on this earth. They will fail to render zealous service which is accomplished with God on this earth. They will fail to render self-motivated service which is accomplished by the indwelling Spirit of God through the completely surrendered life. On the whole their religious lives will barely miss eternal failure.—H. O. B.

Nature knows no pause, and attaches a curse upon all inaction.—Goethe.

## THE 1948 SERIES OF THE METHODIST HOUR

Bishop Angie W. Smith of Oklahoma City will open the 1948 series of THE METHODIST HOUR radio program on Sunday morning, April 4th at 7:30 o'clock Central time. He has chosen for his sermon subject "The Power of God for Salvation".

THE METHODIST HOUR will continue during the months of April, May and June as this time has been allotted to the Joint Radio Committee of the Southeastern and South Central Jurisdictional Councils by the Southern Religious Radio Conference.

This is the third year of this network radio program and the increased number of stations carrying the program is an indication of the need that has been existing for this type of cooperation activity. There were 29 radio stations using the programs offered by the Southern Religious Radio Conference when the 1946 series opened in January and this number has increased yearly.

In 1948 THE METHODIST HOUR will be carried on an independent network of 65 stations in 17 states and the District of Columbia. These programs have a possible listenership of more than 60 per cent of The Methodist Church and an estimated radio audience of three million persons are listening to the Baptist Hour which is on this network at the present time.

Other speakers on THE METHODIST HOUR are: April 11, Dr. J. Manning Potts, Associate Director, Crusade for Christ, Chicago, Ill.; April 18, Dr. Dana Dawson, Shreveport, La.; April 25, Dr. Roy Short, Nashville, Tenn.; May 2, Bishop Paul B. Kern, Nashville, Tenn.; May 9, Dr. Paul W. Quillian, Houston, Tex.; May 16, Dr. W. A. Smart, Emory University, Ga.; May 23, Dr. Ormal L. Miller, Topeka, Kans.; May 30, Dr. Marvin A. Franklin, Birmingham, Ala.; June 6, Dr. Thomas B. Mather, Kansas City, Mo.; June 13, Dr. John Branscomb, Orlando, Fla.; June 20, Dr. Marshall Steel, Dallas, Texas, and June 27, Bishop Paul N. Garber, Geneva, Switzerland.

Bishop Paul B. Kern, President of the Council of Bishops, will speak from the General Conference at Boston, Mass., and give the church an up to the minute report of the action of the General Conference and some of the plans of the church

for the future.

The theme for the 1948 series will be "The Teachings of Jesus and the Present Scene", and will focus certain teachings of Jesus on some of the most pertinent questions affecting our present life.

THE METHODIST HOUR, like the programs of the Southern Baptist Convention, the Presbyterian Church in the U. S., and the Protestant Episcopal Church, all members of the Southern Religious Radio Conference, is carried as a public service feature by the 65 stations on this independent network. The various radio committees are responsible for producing the programs and paying the long distance telephone charges to the local radio station.

The budget for the Joint Radio Committee for THE METHODIST HOUR for 1948 is approximately \$25,000.00, which amount is raised by the Methodist churches in these two supporting Jurisdictions.

Bishop Paul E. Martin, Little Rock, Arkansas, is chairman of the Joint Radio Committee, Dr. E. H. Blackard, Gastonia, N. C., is secretary and Rev. James W. Sells is director. The music for THE METHODIST HOUR is by a choir trained for radio work and these programs are produced under the direction of Warde Adams, Jr., who has had more than twenty years experience in network broadcasting.

## WOULD ADMIT JAPANESE TO WORLD CONFERENCES

Church leaders in the United States and in Europe have long been critical of the refusal of Allied Military authorities in Japan in refusing to permit Christian church leaders, Christian students and others from that country to visit America and Europe, attend inter-church and international conferences, pursue studies in Western universities, and in other ways come in contact with Christian and democratic world points of view. The loss to Japan is noted in the fact that in coming world church conferences this summer, almost three years after hostilities have ceased, Japan-

## THE FAMOUS WORLD BOOK ENCYCLOPEDIA

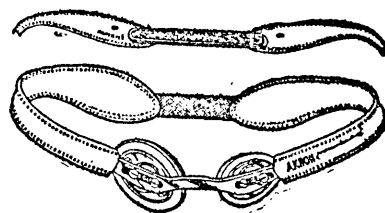
is an Excellent tool for Preachers  
OTTO MATHIS  
El Dorado, Ark.

## SIMPLICITY

The three greatest masterpieces in literature, it is said, are the Lord's Prayer, the 23rd Psalm and Lincoln's Gettysburg address. Incidentally, recall their wording. "Our Father which art in Heaven, hallowed be Thy name"; "The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want"; "Four score and seven years ago." Not a three-syllable word in them, scarcely any two-syllable words. All the greatest things in human life are one-syllable things—love, joy, home, child, wife, trust, faith, God. All great things are simple things. —Woodmen of the World Magazine.

ese Christians will not be represented.

In view of this situation, the Foreign Missions Conference of North America has appealed to the American and Canadian governments (and through the International Missionary Council to other governments) "to quickly secure relaxation of this discriminatory and harmful regulation which prevents the Japanese only of all erstwhile enemy peoples from departing from their native land." Some church agencies hope soon to be able to bring future Japanese Christian leaders on scholarships to America for studies in leading colleges and universities.



TRUSSES AND ALL TYPES OF SURGICAL APPLIANCES

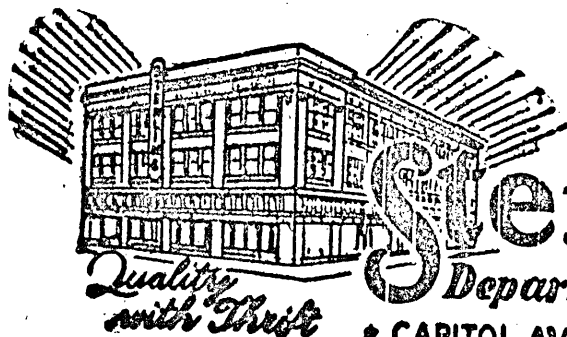
WM. T. STOVER CO., INC.  
723 S. Main Phone 5-1211

## "BIOGRAPHY'S BEST"—SAM JONES

By Walt Holcomb  
Best Buy for Easter Gift for Family or Friends. By ordering direct from the Author he will Autograph your copy of Sam Jones. Send \$2.00 in Check or Currency, or \$5.00 for Deluxe Edition as Special Easter Gift. Address:

DR. WALT HOLCOMB  
80 Park Lane N. E.  
Atlanta 5, Ga.

## Little Rock's ONLY Combined Department Store and Variety Store



You'll LIKE Sterling's Goods and Service!

**Sterling**  
Department Store

★ CAPITOL AVENUE AT CENTER ★  
LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS

# The Sunday School Lesson

By DR. O. E. GODDARD



## ETERNAL LIFE (Easter)

LESSON FOR MARCH 28, 1948

SCRIPTURE TEXT: John 21:1-4; Colossians 3:1-4, 12-17.

GOLDEN TEXT: This is eternal life, that they know thee, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom thou hast sent. John 17:3.

Another Easter: Why this annual celebration? Have not the teachers and preachers told us all there is to be known about Easter? Why does the state celebrate the fourth of July? Because it commemorates some great fundamental truths of democracy that should be kept fresh in the minds of the rising generations. Why celebrate the births and deaths of our great men and women? Because subsequent generations should not let the services of these heroes and heroines be forgotten. It is a wise nation that perpetuates the immortal dates and immortal persons who rendered service to all their posterity. Likewise it is a wise church that makes the most of the great events in Christian history and the great actors who made the events possible. Easter should become of larger and larger importance with the passing years.

### What Easter Is Not

It is not a fashion show. It is not meant to be an exhibition of Easter bonnets. It is not a secular holiday. It is not a day to go fishing. It is not a time for athletic contests, nor a time for horse racing or dog shows. Nor is it a time to loll around eating, drinking, and gossiping. It is not a day fitted to any kind of worldly hilarity.

### Easter Is A Time For

Introspection to see if we are risen with Christ; to see if we are dead to sin. It is a time for religious rejoicing. Let us try to think what it meant to the disciples. They had longed for and hoped for a conquering Monarch. Now the Messiah lay cold in death, a defeated reformer. All hope gone. Gloom filled their hearts. What does all this mean? They say, "Listen. He is risen." What a thrill of joy that announcement brought to the disciples and other faithful followers! Impenetrable gloom burst into glorious light. In a sense Christianity began on Easter morning. The Messiah had come, had been killed, had broken the bands of death and come forth conqueror over death, hell, and the grave. It is a time for halleluiahs—for Easter anthems. It is a time to sing hosannas to the Lamb that was slain, but is now alive forever more.

### The Christian Life A Reproduction Of Jesus' Life

We must die to sin. "For ye are dead, and your life is hid with Christ in God." (Colossians 3:3).

"Mortify therefore your members which are upon the earth; Fornication, uncleanness, inordinate affection, evil concupiscence, and covetousness which is idolatry." (Colossians 3:5).

We must die to all sin—to all unrighteousness. Paul was crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me." (Galatians 2:20).

Christ died for us and we must die for Christ, that is, we must die to all things that are at enmity against Christ. We must be as impervious to sin as a corpse. Impurity, dishonesty, self-indulgence, hatred, revenge, and self gratification, should make no more appeal to us than they would to a corpse. We must be as dead to all worldliness as Christ was when lying there in the tomb. The deeper experiences of Christianity are utterly unknown to many Church members. Many of them have never died to sin. That part of the Church does not comprehend the crucifixion of Jesus.

If we are dead to sin, we shall be alive to Christ. "If ye then be risen with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ sitteth on the right hand of God. Set your affection on things above, not on things." (Colossians 1:1-2).

"But now ye also put off all these; anger, wrath, malice, blasphemy, filthy communication out of your mouth. Lie not one to another, seeing that ye have put off the old man with his deeds; and have put on the new man, which is renewed in knowledge, after the image of him that created him;" (Colossians 3:8-10).

"And let the peace of God rule in your hearts, to the which also ye are called in one body; and be ye thankful: Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom; teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns, and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord. And whatsoever ye do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God and the Father by him." (Colossians 4:15-17).

Please read, digest, practice, what Paul teaches. Be crucified risen, full-fledged Christians.

### Pre-Easter Preparations

This lesson will reach some of you a week before Easter. May I suggest that you make preparation to observe the spirit of Easter. Do not let it be just another Sunday. If you wear any new clothes, wear them with joy and gratitude for whatever Easter means to you. If there should be a sunrise prayer meeting within your reach, attend it prayerfully and thankfully. If you are in some social group, or with relatives, for Easter dinner make it

a religiously joyous occasion.

### Post Easter Questions

Did I please the risen Lord in my commemoration of his resurrection?

Am I a better Christian by reason of this observance?

Do I love him now like a risen Christian? Am I dead to sin?

What kind of life do you propose to live from now until next Easter if God permits you to live that long?

Please read hymn no. 515. (Methodist Hymnal). This was written by Phoebe Cary. She was a member of Dr. C. F. Deems' Church in New York. She died at the age of 47, having made a comfortable living from her poetry and hymns.

One sweetly solemn thought comes to me o'er and o'er;

Nearer my home today am I than I've been before.

Nearer my Father's house, where many mansions be;

Nearer, today, the great white throne, Nearer the crystal sea.

Nearer the bound of life, Where burdens are laid down;

Nearer to leave the heavy cross, nearer to gain the crown.

Father, perfect my trust! Strengthen my power of faith!

Nor let me stand at last alone upon the shore of death.

## WOULD CARRY ON MISSIONS BEHIND CHINA COMMUNIST LINES

Dr. Frank T. Cartwright, associate secretary for China on the staff of the Board of Missions of the Methodist Church, quotes an unnamed high-ranking Chinese Christian leader who has visited communist-controlled territory, as saying that there is "at least a good chance that Christian work can be carried on in Chinese territory" through volunteer missionaries and Chinese Christians.

Dr. A. E. Armstrong, missionary secretary of the United Church of Canada, has proposed to the Foreign Missions Conference of North America that there be organized an interchurch and international deputation to interview top communist leaders in China and offer a "helpful Christian mission", under suitable protection, in some communist-dominated areas in that nation; the mission to include efforts for medical service, agricultural reform, and the establishment of cooperatives. These are objectives for which the communists claim they also are working. The Conference's China Committee is considering Dr. Armstrong's proposal.

## NEWS FROM THE ALIX CIRCUIT

A Boy Scout Troop, sponsored by the Church is in the process of being organized at Alix. At the first official meeting last Monday night of March 7th, there were 20 boys present and all of them indicated that they would join the Troop. Three patrols were set up with Jackie Phillips, Jack Ming, and James Arbaugh as the elected leaders. Each boy is looking forward to the time when he can pass his tenderfoot requirements to become a member of the Boy Scouts of America.

At a meeting last Tuesday night, at Coal Hill, at which there were 30 youth and 12 adults present, a Youth Fellowship was organized. The officers of the organization are: Margaret Harger, president; Charlene Holloway, vice-president; Winifred Williams, secretary and treasurer; and Kenneth Webb, reporter. The worship service was the showing of a film strip depicting the last week of the life of Christ on the earth. The subject for the program next Tuesday night will be "Is There Really a God?"

There has been a Bible Class organized at the Mt. Vernon Church. The class meets every Friday night with Mrs. Roy Jacobs as teacher for the Juniors, Mrs. Edward Coley as teacher for the teen-age group, and Mrs. Rhodes as teacher for the adults. So far the class has been a great success with about an average attendance of 50, and the class is still growing. The success of the class is, we believe, due to the able instruction of our teachers and the work they have put out to make each meeting an instructive and spiritual experience for us.—Edward Coley, Pastor.

For the price of a ticket to an ephemeral entertainment, you can secure a book that will give strength and leisure to your mind all your life.—William Lyon Phelps.

## BOOKBINDING

Old Bibles, Books  
Rebound Like New  
Magazine, Edition, Library and  
Special Binding.  
Fine workmanship  
At Reasonable Prices

## Norris Bookbinding Company

Gardner Bldg. 102 Nichols Ave.  
GREENWOOD, MISS.



## Little Rock's Favorite Eating Place

"Quality Food at Popular Prices"

Stop in and enjoy our excellent variety of delicious foods at reasonable prices.

**LIDO**  
CAFETERIA  
615 MAIN STREET

