

## "It Matters What We Believe"

RECENTLY we heard the valedictorian of a high school class of two hundred twenty-five deliver a very interesting address. With an emphasis that seemed to be born of a deep conviction, the valedictorian said "It matters what we believe." This statement coming from the representative of such a large graduating class is of special significance to young people everywhere.

It does matter what a young person believes. It matters tremendously whether he believes that life is a sacred trust to be used wisely or whether he believes it is an opportunity for selfish, unbridled indulgence.

It matters whether a youth believes the old saw, "The world owes me a living," or whether he recognizes his indebtedness to the world. If a youth believes that he can circumvent the laws of life and get something for nothing from the world a bitter disappointment is inevitable.

It matters what a youth believes about the sacredness of human personality and the possibility in the future for a clean, wholesome home life where love has met love and where youth can give self to a chosen mate, unmarred by haunting memories and the blighting hurt of impure living.

It matters what a youth believes about the world in which he lives; whether he believes that the world is doomed to ultimate, utter destruction, or whether he believes that brave souls with high resolve can point the way to a world where peace, prosperity, happiness, brotherhood and righteousness prevail. The one attitude would lead to a hopeless fatalism, the other would lead to the acceptance of a world challenge that would lift life to its highest possibilities.

It matters what youth believes about the church. Does he believe it to be an outmoded institution that has largely lost its place in today's world, or does he recognize in the church the only organization or institution of earth that is eternal; the only organization or institution of earth in which he can invest the whole of life with the full assurance that every act of service he renders there has value that is as eternal as God is eternal?

These are but a few of the instances in which "it matters what we believe." We follow our faith whether it be well grounded or poorly founded. What we believe determines what we are, and what we may become.

## Arkansas Methodist Wants More Local Material

ONE of the basic reasons for the existence of the Arkansas Methodist is that it may be of service to The Methodist Church in Arkansas. The Arkansas Methodist is not limited to that field in the service it renders but, under the present management, it deliberately majors in that field.

We are in some degree handicapped in that purpose by virtue of the fact that we have no regular news gathering agencies. We are dependent largely on reports and articles from ministers and laymen of our church for a record of the happenings in our church throughout the state. In the absence of articles and reports from our people within the state, we use some other material that we think is of value. It is our policy, however, to give precedence to material that reaches us from within the state.

## Platform Speaker First Week At Pastor's School

AGAIN this year the ministers attending the Pastor's School at Conway are having the privilege of studying under some of the great leaders of religious thought of the nation. We also are having for platform speakers ministers whose work has attracted church-wide attention.

Dr. Gerald H. Kennedy, pastor of St. Paul Methodist Church in Lincoln, Nebraska, is our platform speaker this



week. It is the consensus of opinion of those in attendance that he is doing an unusually fine job.

For the past six years Dr. Kennedy has been pastor of St. Paul. He served Calvary Methodist Church, San Jose, and First Methodist Church, Palo Alto, California, before being assigned to St. Paul in 1942.

Dr. Kennedy has been Lecturer in Religion at Nebraska Wesleyan University since coming to St. Paul. He is also conducting regular radio programs over KFAB. The program, "The Pause For Reflection", began in 1943; the program, "Adventures Along The Book Shelf", began in 1944. He has also served with distinction in other fields of church work.

Having been born in Benzonia, Michigan; trained largely on the Pacific Coast, and pastor of a great mid-western church on the borderline between the north and south, Dr. Kennedy, by experience and training, is able to bring to our ministers messages that are intensely interesting and vitally helpful.

One of the greatest services the Pastor's School has done the ministry of Arkansas is found in the contacts it has made possible for our ministers with national leaders of our Methodism. Coming, as these leaders have, from the north, south, east and west, they have brought to our ministers in the state a breadth of understanding of the thought, the attitudes and the activities of Methodism's leaders in America that most of us would not have had otherwise.

## An "Open Season" On Speculation

THE Pastor's School, coming as it does only a little more than four months before the Annual Conference sessions, makes possible a busy "open season" in speculating about appointments at the coming Annual Conference.

Call it what you may, a preview, a forecast or simon-pure speculation, there are always some interesting rumors afloat about appointments at the Pastor's School. Some of these rumors sound so reasonable, so feasible and even so probable that they are accepted as accomplished facts and are made the basis for further speculations about appointments that do not seem to be so self-evident. By diligent effort, however, all appointments are finally settled and remain settled until the "unsettling" processes of the work of the bishop and cabinet begin to take form at the Annual Conference. Then much of our painstaking planning in our mid-season speculations suddenly appears to have been "love's labor lost."

Nevertheless, it is not at all unusual for a district superintendent to get some excellent, workable ideas from a group at the Pastor's School by just silently listening in on these mid-year discussions by the rank and file of our ministers. While the editor was a member of the cabinet the "Kitchen Cabinet" was at the peak of its efficiency. It was not uncommon, at that time, for members of the bishop's cabinet to attend the summer sessions of the "Kitchen Cabinet" at the Pastor's School for the sake of the pertinent ideas they were able to pick up there.

Speculation about probable appointments is inherent in our Methodistic system of placing preachers. What better opportunity could Methodist preachers ask for the exercise of this innocent pastime than is afforded by the state-wide sessions of our Pastor's School?

## The Teen-Agers Did Not Create The Problem

RECENTLY the General Federation of Woman's Clubs held its national meeting in Portland, Oregon. As was proper and to be expected this woman's organization, with delegates present from practically every city and town of the nation, gave attention to the current problems of the day.

In a study of the liquor problem a resolution was introduced which "deplored unnecessary drinking scenes in motion pictures and intensive liquor advertising." One member of the group, feeling that this resolution did not quite cover the subject, and feeling that drinking has reached "alarming proportions" among teen-agers, offered a substitute resolution which emphasized the "teen age problem" in its relation to the drink evil.

It would appear that the substitute resolution lacked much, also, of covering the total liquor problem that America must solve if it is to survive as a great nation. It is true that the motion picture industry has done much to make it appear that drinking liquor is a natural, normal part of the American life. It is true that the liquor industry has financed, with its millions, an annual advertising campaign that is filled with clever lies and alluring phrases. It is true that drinking has reached "alarming

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# Why Scholarships?

By DR. JOHN O. GROSS, General Board of Education

THEY make it possible for many young people who have financial limitations to secure the benefits of higher education. They furnish the "spark" essential for pushing young people of ability and promise forward.

They enable Christian educational institutions to select young people of quality and with recognized leadership.

These three reasons advanced to justify the development of a scholarship program are not exhaustive; many others could be given. They do explain, however, why most of our educational institutions must have scholarships. Since educational institutions exist to serve—not for profit—they must be able to open the way for young people to attend.

The trend toward Democracy in education has been moving forward steadily since the founding of our Republic. The goal is nearer realization now than at any previous period in history.

The church has helped to usher in this day. From the first, it has declared against special privilege in education and through practice in its own institutions has shown that the opportunities for higher education should be open to any who can profit by them.

The educational institutions of the church have scholarships if they continue to serve. Our Methodist institutions have something unique to offer to youth. As a church, we affirm that education is broader than the skills which go with a vocation or the disciplines associated with study and research. There are values in life that must permeate the whole life and thus give to the man with trained hand and schooled head, an educated heart. From such a personality, there is sent into society the influences that make for a spiritual view of life.

The qualities of leadership are not limited to persons of financial ability. Many instances could be cited to show that the church, by helping deserving young people to continue their education in a Christian institution of higher learning, has contributed greatly toward keeping respect for life's permanent values in our nation. Lasting contributions to the perpetuation of Christian idealism have been made by ministers, teachers, statesmen, editors, and others who influence the public mind and determine the country's culture.

The practical person who has found that he is able to make his own way through difficulties, may frown upon scholarship help and

declare it to be the means of weakening character and depreciating personal resourcefulness. No one can doubt that many persons have been made stronger by the disciplines furnished by careful management of finances and the funding of school debts, but often the man in a service vocation, where salary is low and demands are heavy has been handicapped if not



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permanently injured morally or physically by heavy school obligations. The demand of the day requires that the church, to meet its obligation to youth, must have in addition to its traditional loan fund, the supplementary assistance of a substantial scholarship fund.

It may seem at times that the church's whole educational program is protected toward youth of limited means. The fact that it has shown a keen interest in helping deserving but underprivileged young people is praise-worthy, but scholarships are not limited to youth of this group. There are many persons of strength and promise in national life today whose decision to continue their education was decided by the grant of a scholarship. This proffer from the school has awakened dormant interest and prompted many young people to decide for

college. To overlook this important emphasis for the need of scholarships is to forget that educational institutions not only exist to educate but also to develop the confidence of young people in their latent possibilities. "When I was vacillating about my future," said a famous chemist, "a scholarship from ——— college was offered and soon on its campus decisions were made that furnished for me some worthwhile objectives for life."

It has been recognized for many years that the effectiveness of a Christian institution is enhanced if it can have in its student body, virile young Christian leaders in sympathy with the announced aims of the Christian College. Methodist educators have found the plan of granting scholarships to Methodist youth is mutually beneficial—helpful to the student and also to the institution. The church that makes possible the scholarships likewise helps institutions in reaching their stated objectives as Christian institutions.

Students carry from their home and communities, attitudes that greatly affect the atmosphere of the institution.

The program of the church in furnishing scholarships to its own young people with the foregoing three-fold mission reaffirms the church's original educational objectives. It has always believed that education should be open to the persons who could profit by it. This conception has helped many to move from obscurity to prominence. The church has fanned the fire of latent ambition in many hesitating young people and furnished the essential "push" needed to start them forward. Through the years, it has fostered educational institutions which have had for their avowed aims the creating and cultivating of the Christian concept of life. The aims have always grown dim and less significant when the schools have had to rely entirely on tuition for operating expenses, and recruit students not in sympathy with its Christian objectives. The church cannot justify its existence in educational work unless it has something significant to offer the youth who attend its schools. It therefore must lend its assistance to its schools in the development of their programs.

It may be inferred from the foregoing that the implications inherent in our National Methodist Scholarship Program are deep and far-reaching. They promise to enrich both the students and the institutions which serve the students.

## Students On Crusade Scholarships

CHAUCER'S scholarly student who spent all his money on books, borrowed from his friends and prayed for the souls of those who gave him "wherewith to scold" has some present-day successors who do even better. They have pledged themselves to lives of Christian service on the college campuses where they are studying and back home when they have completed their training. They are the more than 300 Crusade for Christ scholars the majority of whom have studied or are studying in the United States, and others who are studying in their home countries.

"Let me tell you why I have decided to devote my life to Christian service," says Sarah Hung, dean of a girl's middle school at Fukien, China, now studying at Scarritt College for Christian Workers. "There was a consecration service right after a week of revival meetings in my last year at Hwa Nan College. I was greatly inspired, and I accepted Jesus Christ as the Master of my life. It was the first time that He had seemed so personal and real to me, and I heard His call to service."

There is Akilla Zaidi, whose mother dedicated her at birth to some form of service in the Church. She taught Sunday school at Constantine, Algeria. She went into the mountain districts for two years as a public school teacher. When she returns after study at Scarritt, she

will start a mission school for The Methodist Church among her own people.

There are Chanda Christdas and Ada Luke, teachers in Methodist schools in Deccan, India. There is Joseph W. W. Boayue, formerly with the United States Public Health Service in Monrovia, who is beginning a course of medicine at Clark University. When he has completed it, he will return to his own country for medical service in the Gante Mission. There is Irving Y. Y. Lin, editor of the bulletin published by the National Christian Council of China, who is studying law and political science at the University of Chicago, and who expects to do journalistic work for the church in China. There is Rev. Sergei Dubrovin, who came over from Hango, Finland, with an oil painting for Bishop Raymond J. Wade, former leader of the Stockholm Area. After a year of theological study at Drew, this Finnish pastor will return to his home to do congregational and young people's work. There is Rev. Setareki Tuilivoni, of Suva, Fiji, who is reputed to have earned \$200 for his mission by allowing curious Americans (at 25 cents apiece) to feel the texture of his "fuzzy-wuzzy" hair. He is studying religious education at Drew.

There is many another, each one a personality, a story and a promise of future usefulness, because Methodism has invested \$568,875 in goodwill and understanding. Industries, founda-

tions and governments have invested much more in the education of students abroad. The Methodists are one of the first Church groups to make a similar investment because they believe in Christian training as a means of spreading the Christian design for living.

Most of the applications for Crusade scholarships originate on the field. If approved by the field committees of the Board of Missions and Church Extension, and countersigned by the bishops concerned, the applications are forwarded to the United States for consideration by the committees of the board. Recommendations are made to a joint committee on Crusade scholarships, set up by the Board of Education and the Board of Missions and Church Extension. This committee has responsibility for the acceptance of the applications, choosing the institutions in which the scholarships are to be used, the number of years each scholarship is to run, and sometimes recommending courses of study. From the joint committee the applications go to the budget committee.

Each student on crusade is assigned to a secretary in the Board of Missions who acts as a personal counsellor. Experience already has shown the value of this procedure, for there are many adjustments to be made. Teaching methods here and abroad are different. The American

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# THE DEVOTIONAL PAGE

REV. H. O. BOLIN, Editor

## THE SUNDAY SCHOOL AND HOME

Criminals are not born. They are the products of neglect, the victims of indifference, the results of an age which has tossed morality in the junk yard. Moral chaos and crime run hand in hand as they eagerly attempt to destroy peace, order, and happiness. If we are to get down to fundamentals in approaching the problem of crime it is necessary to begin to build the spiritual structure of the child at the cradle. This responsibility rest initially with the parents. The home must be the first great arena of teaching. In the final analysis the child who fails to learn honesty, discipline, and respect for authority from his parents can quickly become exposed to the virus of crime.

Unhappily, there are many homes where parents are untrained in their obligations to their offspring; where unguarded talk is as regular as three meals a day; where disrespect for authority and criticism of officials are common occurrences; where child independence is encouraged, and refractory conduct is condoned; where breaches of discipline and antisocial whims are overlooked; and where God and religion are considered too old-fashioned in an age dedicated to materialism.

The children of such homes need help and the Sunday schools can do much and are doing much to bring God and religion into the starved souls of these youngsters. Our Sunday schools are not sending forth children who easily succumb to life-wrecking temptations. Instead, the boys and girls who have gone to Sunday school have been well prepared for the entire span of life.

The Sunday school is a citadel of real spiritual influences. Religion to a boy or girl becomes a reality based on love and not on fear. Youngsters come to know that God asks more than mere lip service to His commandments; that He asks us to live under His guidance and love.

The Sunday school teaches the power of prayer and the need of make God an intrinsic part of our daily lives. The Sunday school teaches the child to "rule his spirit" and to place a reliance upon God which will not be shaken in later years. It stands as a strong bulwark against the evils of our day.—In The Gospel Banner.

Since the church school is such a force for righteousness, both patriotism and religion demand that we do all in our power to increase the number who come under its influence.

## PEACE

Peace is more than the absence of war. It is positive, constructive. It is nothing less than the building of the kingdom of God on earth.—Dean of Chichester.

In Greenland, when a stranger knocks at the door, he asks, "Is God in this house?" If the answer is "Yes", he enters. Is God in your house? Do you worship God with your children? If not, then God is not in your house. A prayerless family is a godless family.—Selected.

## BLESSINGS OF PRAYER

*What various hindrances we meet  
In coming to the mercy-seat!  
Yet who that knows the worth of prayer  
But wishes to be often there!*

*Prayer makes the darkened cloud withdraw;  
Prayer climbs the ladder Jacob saw;  
Gives exercise to faith and love;  
Brings every blessing from above.*

*Restraining prayer, we cease to fight;  
Prayer keeps the Christian's armor bright;  
And Satan trembles when he sees  
The weakest Christian on his knees.*

*Were half of the breath that's vainly spent  
To heaven in supplication sent,  
Our cheerful song would oftener be  
"Hear what the Lord has done for me."*

—William Cowper, in Poems  
With Power to Strengthen the Soul.

## The Importance Of Prayer

We hear a great deal of talk about prayer. Sermons have been preached on the subject. Books have been written on it. There may be, and no doubt is, a scarcity of praying, but there is no shortage of books and sermons on the subject. It seems that many salve their conscience by doing a lot of writing and talking about prayer, but they never get around to doing much of it. In the brief compass of this article the writer wishes to deal with two questions concerning prayer: what is prayer? and why don't we do more of it?

Prayer is desire which relates itself to God. It is a sincere wish turned heavenward. It is not merely a beautiful combination of words. A prayer may be beautifully expressed, but that is not one of the requirements of successful prayer. A minister once called on a layman to pray. The layman responded, "Pray yourself, preacher, you can fit the words better than I can." This man felt that prayers had to be beautifully expressed. The publican in the temple was not thinking about beauty of expression when he smote his breast and cried, "God, be merciful to me, a sinner." A successful prayer may be very poorly expressed, but it has to come from the heart. The supplicant has to greatly want the thing for which he prays. Prayer is more than a fleeting wish of the moment. The so-called prayers of many individuals are merely words. They do not greatly desire the thing they ask for, and they would be surprised if it should be granted.

This leads me to say that prayer must not only be the expression of a sincere desire, but the expression must be made in faith. It was no less authority than Jesus who said, "When you ask for a thing, believe you have it and you shall have it." Mountains of difficulty, he insisted, can be removed by very small faith. It is not necessary that one have a big faith. A little faith in a big God will get the job done. When one prays he must expect something to happen. It has been said that "prayer changes things" and it

does, but it has to be a real prayer and not a mere string of words. During a very dry spell a group met to pray for rain. A little girl carried an umbrella along. On being asked why she did, she replied, "We came to pray for rain." She expected something to happen. The rain came. You may be the judge as to whether it was by coincidence or in answer to prayer. To be sure, the weather is controlled by natural laws, but still one can not help but believe that there is an intelligent God, the Creator of, and superior to those laws.

Again, prayer is meditation. The Psalmist said that the happy man, the blessed man is one who meditates day and night in the law of God. One of the most effective ways of prayer is meditation. The spirit of thankfulness is one of the elements of prayer, and it is only when we think that we thank. We thank God for his blessings when we meditate upon them. Meditation is one of the chief means of coming to know the will of God. To get prayers answered one must pray in keeping with God's will. It was even necessary for Jesus to say, "Nevertheless, not my will but thine be done."

Yet again, prayer is fellowship. The greatest blessing that God can bestow is a consciousness of his presence. One may even walk through the valley and shadow of death without fear of evil when he knows that God is with him. Wesley, the founder of our great church, departed this life with these words upon his lips: "The best of all is, God is with us." Prayer makes us conscious of his presence and not only so, but it makes the fellowship one of harmony. Two can walk together when they are agreed.

Since prayer is so important; since it is a wonderful privilege and means so much, why do not people pray more? The answers to this question are not far to seek.

We are living too fast. We don't take time to pray. We are told that they "Who wait on the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings like eagles;

## JUVENILE DELINQUENCY

Juvenile Delinquency is one of the big problems in America today. Not merely the coarse type, the vandalism, the drunkenness, the immorality, but also the more "refined offenses," and the parental disregard which has left such an impact upon our youth. The lack of religious training, the absence of regard for parents and teachers and for authority in general, the indifference about the whereabouts of small children—their presence on the streets at night, in movies at 10:00 and 11:00 o'clock unattended—this enters into our consideration of juvenile delinquency.—The Christian Parent.

they shall run and not be weary; they shall walk and not faint." But we don't seem to feel the need of a renewal of strength. Too often we go out to do a divine task with mere human power. We are like the disciples were when they were convinced that Christ had come back from the dead. They were anxious to go immediately to tell others about it. But he admonished that they tarry in Jerusalem until they were endued with power from on high. They waited in a ten days' prayer meeting service. The Spirit came in great power. God has called us to do that which is humanly impossible. The church is not a service club. It is a divine institution. It has a superhuman task. That task will never be fully accomplished until people learn to spend more time in prayer. The great religious leaders of the past; those who accomplished most for God were, without exception, people who spent much time in prayer.

Another reason why people do not spend more time in prayer is skepticism concerning it. The best of people have their secret doubts. One would think that John the Baptist, the divinely appointed forerunner of Christ, would have been the last person on earth to doubt that Christ was really the promised Messiah, but he did. We recall how he sent two of his disciples to question Christ about this very matter. These doubts are often so subtle that we are not fully conscious of them. One might loudly proclaim his faith while deep down in his heart there is a subtle doubt. This doubt, whether one is fully conscious of it or not, concerning the ability and willingness of a loving personal God to answer prayers causes people to neglect this all important matter.

Last, but not least, many people neglect prayer because they have never learned by practice and experience the help that comes from it. Let them experience for a while the joy and power that comes from communing with God in prayer and they will forever cease to neglect it. May God help all of us to follow the example of Christ in the great privilege of daily prayer.—H. O. B.

The man who spends his life building walls rather than bridges has no right to complain if he is lonely.—Mills Warrior.

Nothing can hold liquor as well as a bottle. So leave it in the bottle.—Rail and Tie, hm, Monon Ry.



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## A WEEKLY MESSAGE

By FORNEY HUTCHINSON

### GENERAL WILLIAM BOOTH

When Sam Jones was in the height of his power as an evangelist, he held a great meeting in the city of Nashville. An Irish steamboat captain, by the name of Ryan, got interested in the meeting and was gloriously saved. He built an auditorium, at his own expense, for Sam Jones, in which for many years the great evangelist held an annual revival.

However, the auditorium was also used for other visiting preachers and speakers. It was there that I saw and heard for my first and only time, General Booth, the founder of the Salvation Army. He was old then, (as I recall it) in his eighty-seventh year, and was almost totally blind, but he raced that platform like a caged hyena. One could easily understand how he had selected as his motto, "Fire and Blood". He died soon after that, but his work goes on.

General Booth was a Methodist preacher, serving a circuit in the British Isles. He would go up to London from time to time, and work in the slums of that great city. One night, when he came home he seemed very much depressed. Catherine, his wife, said, "Where have you been, William? You look tired." He said, "I've been in hell—in the hell of East London." "Catherine," he said, "Let's go there and work in the slums. They need us there." She agreed and he asked the Conference to send him there, but when the appointments were made, he was sent back to his circuit. Catherine was sitting in the gallery of the auditorium, and lifting up her voice she cried so that everybody could hear, "Never do you do it, William. I have your hat, meet me in the vestibule, and we will go to the slums."

That was the beginning of the Salvation Army. It is still doing a great work around the world. In the fields where I have labored, it has been my pleasure to know intimately the captains and other workers of the Army. Here in Shawnee, we have a most capable and popular captain, whose name is Pat Cathcart.

The Salvation Army has its place in the religious activities of the world today. May God continue to use it to glorify His name and build up His kingdom in the earth!

The churches continue to be the only source where a man can get courage, faith, and inspiration, and these things are things which business men are craving today . . . What business men want is to receive courage to resist temptation, faith to cease worry, and inspiration to do hard things.—Roger Babson.

## NEWS AND NOTES ABOUT FACTS AND FOLKS

**DR. MARSHALL STEEL**, pastor of the Highland Park Methodist Church, Dallas, Texas, preached the commencement sermon for the University of Arkansas, Fayetteville, on Friday evening, June 4.

**BISHOP PAUL E. MARTIN** announces that Bishop Shot K. Mondol of Hyderabad, India, will speak at First Church, Little Rock, tonight, June 10, at 8:00 p.m. Bishop Mondol's appearance is sponsored by the churches of the Little Rock District.

**REV. GERRY DEAN**, pastor of Douglassville-Geyer Springs Charge, preached the sermon for the Little Rock High School graduating class on Sunday, May 23. On Sunday, May 30, Brother Dean gave the Memorial Day Address at the National Cemetery in Little Rock.

**UNKNOWN** to the Rev. Ralph W. Sockman, his sermon on the National Radio Pulpit (NBC) Sunday, April 18, on "What the World Wants Most" was reprinted in full in the Congressional Record of April 26. The text was "Blessed are the Peacemakers." This was done on motion of Senator Edwin C. Johnson of Colorado.

**MRS. E. J. RAUSCHKOLB**, of Little Rock, sends the following announcement for The Arkansas Council of Church Women: "Dr. Leslie Bates Moss, executive associate of Church World Service, will speak over the ABC network ten times in June. These talks will be broadcast on Tuesdays, June 1, 8, 15, 22 and 29, from 8:45 to 9:50 a.m., and from 11:30 to 11:35 p.m. These periods are Eastern Standard Time and will vary in different times zones of the country. Please check local time of the 'Gems of Thought' program presented by the Federal Council of Churches of Christ in America."

**CALLS** for Bibles, New Testaments and scripture portions recently reaching the American Bible Society from all parts of the world, and which it hopes to fill during 1948, total almost 8,000,000 books. The cost of materials and printing will be more than \$2,000,000. The largest call is for 1,875,000 books for Germany. Japan calls for 1,712,000; Bulgaria, 950,000; Korea 450,000; Indonesia 280,000; Greece 200,000; India 175,000; Serbia 130,000; France 110,000; Philippines 104,000; and lesser numbers of books to Hungary, Rumania, Czechoslovakia, and Ukraine.

**REV. MARK F. VAUGHT**, pastor of the First Methodist Church of Mena, has been invited by the School of Theology of Boston University, to accept a scholarship for a five-week seminar on Christian Education to be conducted by one of the nation's outstanding leaders in this field. Twenty-five young ministers of the Methodist Church were accorded the honor. The selectees were chosen from a larger group of young ministers graduated in recent years from Methodism's ten theological seminaries and nominated by such schools. The date of the seminar is July 12-August 18.

**FIVE** thousand youth, representing many denominations and every state of the Union, will gather at Grand Rapids, Mich., from August 31 to September 5, for the Christian Youth Conference of North America, sponsored by the International Council of Religious Education, Chicago, Ill. Rev. Dennis Savage is conference director. Among the featured speakers of the conference will be Governor Luther Youngdahl of Minnesota, and Dean Walter G. Muelder of the Boston University School of Theology. In addition to platform speakers there will be classes, pageants, fellowship hours, recreation, worship periods, and workshops. There will be a choir of 300 trained voices.

### THE TEEN-AGERS DID NOT CREATE THE PROBLEM

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proportions" among our teen-agers.

We should remember, however, that the

teen-agers, who are being destroyed in ever-increasing numbers by liquor, did not create the liquor problem we now have. It was created by the adults of today who through lax support of the eighteenth amendment made possible its repeal. Repeal, itself, was made possible by the votes of the adults of today. The motion picture industry would not flaunt so continuously and so brazenly their "unnecessary drinking scenes" if the adults of yesterday and today had not acquiesced. The obnoxious advertising campaign promoted by the liquor interests is the direct result of the votes of the adults of today.

The liquor problem today is a problem that was created by adults. Our youth are being destroyed by it but we created the situation that is destroying them. Adults can solve the liquor problem that they have created if they will. If they do not, they should accept the responsibility for the total problem liquor has created of which the "alarming proportions" reached by our youth in drinking is only an incidental part.

### DEATH OF MRS. IVAN LEE HOLT

Mrs. Ivan Lee Holt, wife of Bishop Holt, resident bishop of the St. Louis Area, died on May 28 in Mexico, Missouri, where she had accompanied her husband on a preaching mission. Mrs. Holt was an Arkansas woman and was married to Bishop Holt in 1906 while he was teaching in Stuttgart.

Funeral services were held in St. Louis on May 31 in Singleton Memorial Chapel of St. John's Church, where her husband had served as pastor for twenty years prior to his election to the episcopacy in 1938. Clergymen of all the major religious faiths served as pallbearers. The service was conducted by Dr. B. L. Schubel, district superintendent. Scriptures were read by Dr. A. T. McIlwain, secretary of the Board of Pensions of the Methodist Church and Dr. Amos Thornburg, pastor of Grace Methodist Church. Following the prayer by Bishop John C. Broomfield, former bishop of the area, Dr. Oscar T. Olsen of the Epworth-Euclid Church, Cleveland, Ohio, spoke. The service concluded with benediction given by Dr. J. F. Caskey, pastor of University Methodist Church.

### STUDENTS ON CRUSADE SCHOLARSHIPS

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practice of giving tests and examinations is unfamiliar to most students from Europe. Requirements of class attendance, extensive reference to current periodical and pamphlet literature, the informality of relations between students and teachers, all this is something new and different. And all students from other parts of the world do not have the advantage offered by the counseling plan under which the Crusade for Christ scholarships are used.

Look again at one of the Crusade scholars, this time a man of mature years. He is Samuel Lee, president of Peking Theological School, now dividing a year of study between Scarritt and Boston University. His family goes back to the early days of Christianity in China. He is a talented, dignified leader with a great heritage.

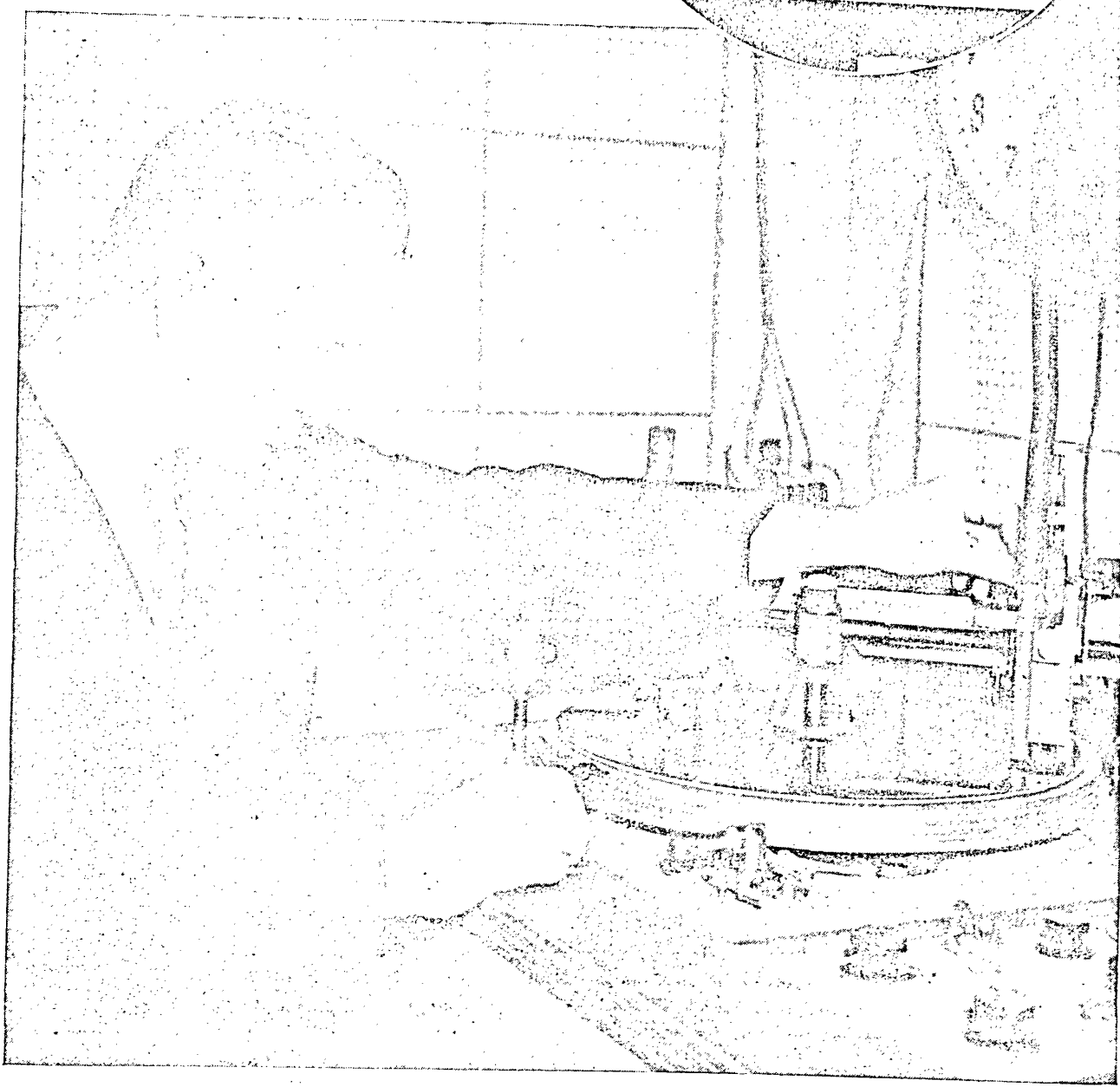
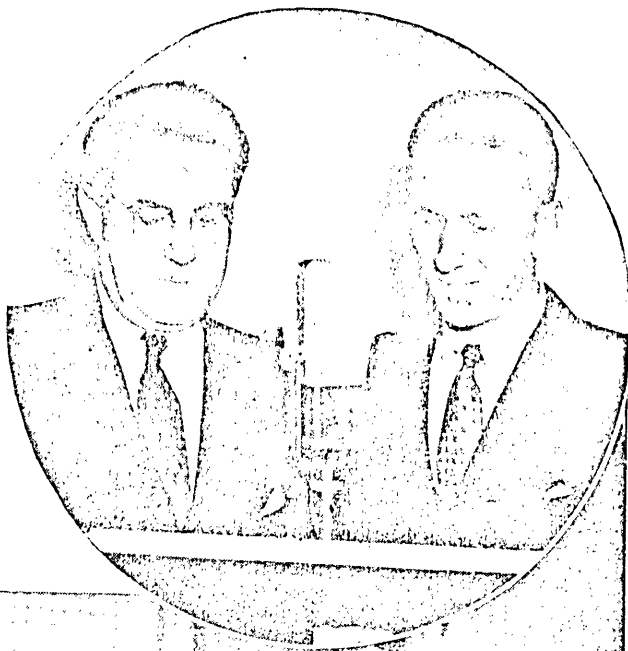
Because he had been in the United States for a period of study before the war, he was suspected by the Japanese. They questioned him many times. The military governor of Peking during the occupation said that Dr. Lee must have "a Chinese body and an American soul." Throughout all the trials he remained true to his faith and loyal to his people. The training of Christian leaders in China will be safe in his hands.

Two students from the Caribbean went back to their homes with opposite impressions of life in the United States. One had been immensely happy here, and the other had been very unhappy. The second was trying to explain the difference, and he said, "We just had different experiences, that's all."

There is no doubt about the kind of experiences that are coming to these crusading students in whom their Church has placed so much confidence.

## MILLIONS HEAR BROADCASTS FROM SUNDAY-SCHOOL CLASSROOM

THE Sunday morning broadcasts of four denominations, originating in this Sunday-school room of the Druid Hills Baptist church in Atlanta, Georgia, is heard by millions. The Methodist Hour, directed by Dr. James W. Sells and produced by Warde Adams Jr. (l. to r., inset) has emphasized all phases of the Crusade for Christ. Frank Parkins is the engineer of this well-equipped Sunday-school broadcasting studio.



### METHODIST HOUR HELPS CRUSADE

THE Methodist Hour, now being heard over radio stations in the Southeastern and South Central Jurisdictions, is telling Methodists about the Year of Christian Education in the Crusade for Christ.

Every address in the current series is based on facts being emphasized by the Board of Education this year: Christian education can cancel religious illiteracy; Christian education can overcome crime; Christian education can cure the

causes of industrial strife; and so forth.

The opening sermon by Bishop W. Angie Smith, "The Power of God for Salvation," brought out the need of individuals for Christ—a need which can best be met through teaching in our church schools. Other aspects of the theme are being developed by subsequent speakers.

This radio support for the Crusade is not new. It has been going on since the first Methodist Hour broadcasts in

1946. Methodist efforts in evangelism and stewardship were announced repeatedly during 1946 and 1947 and results were told as they became known. Every broadcast in the first two series began with the words, "The Crusade for Christ." Repeatedly the announcer urged his unseen audience to "take your children—don't send them—to Sunday School."

How did this happen? Crusade announcements on the Methodist Hour are

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# THE CHILDREN'S PAGE

ANNIE WINBURNE, Editor



## IN STORYLAND

### BLUE RIBBONS FOR OSCAR

By Margaret Jordan Sprinkle

"And so Uncle Oscar won the race," Mother Tortoise pointed to the portrait hanging on the wall of their house in Frog Hollow. "Isn't Uncle Oscar handsome?"

Little Oscar looked at the picture of his great great-uncle. "Uncle Oscar is bigger than any Tortoise in Frog Hollow," he said. "What's that string tied around his neck?"

"String!" Mother Tortoise was indignant. "That's the blue ribbon he won for winning the race against the Hare."

"Rabbits in Uncle Oscar's day must have been slower than the ones I know," Oscar frowned at the picture.

"He used his brains," Mother Tortoise was losing her patience. Over and over again she tried to impress little Oscar with the importance of his heritage. "No other Tortoise has ever won such a race. Your father named you for your Uncle Oscar, hoping that you would carry on the honor of the family."

"But the rabbits won't go to sleep when I race with them," Oscar protested.

"You might try something else," his mother hinted.

Oscar made a face at his uncle's picture. He wished with all his heart that Uncle Oscar belonged to some other family. It was no fun having to live up to famous ancestors.

"Run along," his mother scolded. "You will never get anywhere hiding inside your shell."

Oscar trudged out into the meadow just in time to see Jack Rabbit spring madly past him and dive into a hollow log. Right behind Jack howled a pack of dogs followed by two men with guns.

A grin spread over Oscar's small face as he hurried back to his mother. "Mother," he cried, "Jack Rabbit is in the old hollow log outside, and I'm going to challenge him to a race. Watch me."

Mother Tortoise watched from the door as Oscar crawled past the howling dogs and men to the hollow log. "Jack," he called boldly, "I'll race you to the frog pond."

Inside the log, Jack shivered with fright. "Can't you see those dogs and men?" he whispered. "Wait until tomorrow and I'll race you."

"I'm not afraid of all the dogs and all the men," Oscar boasted. "I'll race you right now."

"Go away," cried Jack. "I have enough to worry about in hunting season without your teasing."

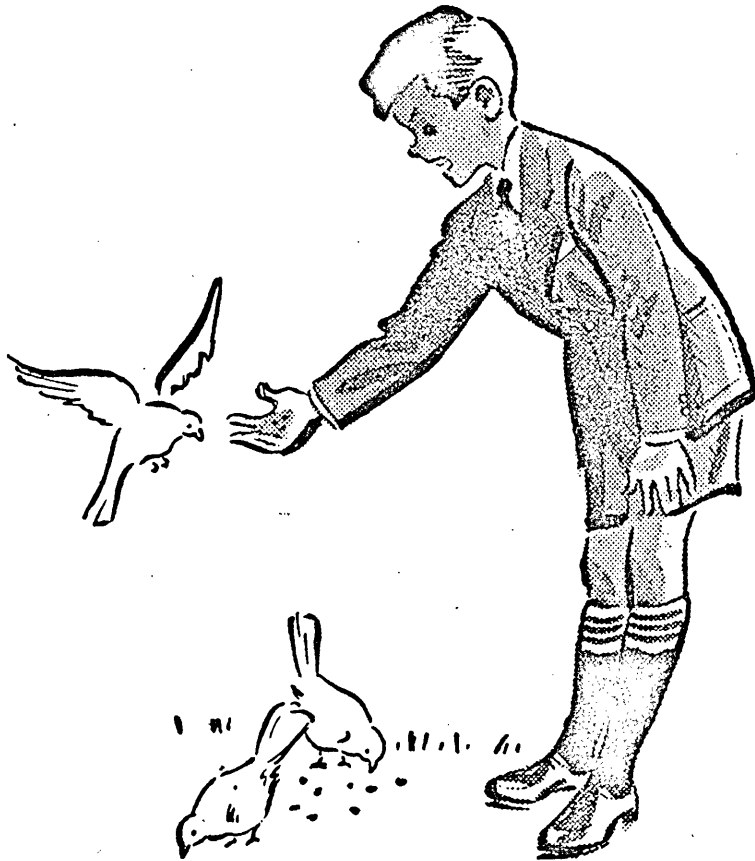
"All right," said Oscar, "but remember, I offered to race and you were afraid."

Back home his mother beamed. "A Tortoise has to use his head. Your father will be proud when I tell him about this."

"How about tying a blue string around my neck and taking my picture?" suggested Oscar. "I think I'll look pretty up there by the side of Uncle Oscar."

"But you must do more than Uncle Oscar to get a blue ribbon now," his mother smiled.

Oscar saluted Uncle Oscar as he



### BLUE PIGEONS

*Blue pigeons, walking in the street  
Are such amusing awkward things;  
They jerk along on coral feet  
Like wooden toys moved by strings.*

*But when they leave the sunny street  
And sail away on azure wings,  
They cut the air with sure, firm beat  
And are such lovely, graceful things.*

—Helen Moore Scroeder,  
in Exchange

left the room. "I'll come back with two blue ribbons," he bragged.

The dogs and men were still milling about the log when Oscar marched by, his head high in the air. "See you at the Frog Pond," he called.

"Look, a turtle," laughed one of the men. "Think I'll take it to my little boy."

Oscar pulled his head inside his shell and huddled among the leaves, but the man picked him up.

"You can't carry a turtle all day," cried the other man.

"But my kid likes turtles." The man looked for something to hold Oscar.

Then he saw a battered old dish lying neaby. "Just the thing," he declared as he placed Oscar in the dish.

"He'll crawl out," scoffed the other man. "Come on; let's go on with the hunt." He started away, calling the dogs after him.

"Here," the man said, as he lifted the plate and Oscar on the top of a big stone. "Stay here until I come back."

When they were gone, Jack Rabbit peeped from the log and laughed. "Race you to the Frog Pond, Oscar."

"I can see the whole meadow from here," said Oscar. "I think I'll just sit a while and watch you race the dogs."

"You can't get down," said Jack Rabbit.

"Oh, can't I?" said Oscar as he moved to the rim of the dish. "Look," he cried suddenly, "look!"

"I don't see anything," said Jack. "You don't?" Oscar crawled closer to the edge of the dish.

Jack hopped out of the log, but he could not see anything. He hopped over to the stone where Oscar sat, but still he could see nothing. "I don't see a thing," he grumbled.

"You don't?" Oscar waved his head excitedly.

Jack hopped up on the stone. "Where?" he asked.

"Come closer," Oscar said. And when Jack was so close that his tail tickled Oscar's nose, Oscar yelled, "Look out!"

Just then he snapped Jack by the tail and held on with all his might as Jack jumped from the rock and started back towards the hollow log.

When Oscar was on the ground, he turned loose of Jack's tail and danced with joy. "Thanks, Jack, for lifting me down. Nice of you to be so kind."

Jack, sulking in his hollow log, said nothing. But, when Oscar got home, his mother was very proud of him.

And now Oscar's picture hangs by the side of Uncle Oscar! Only little

## IN THE WORLD OF BOYS AND GIRLS

### FINGERPLAY

1. This is my book, it will open wide to show the pictures that are inside.

2. This is the cradle where Moses slept while Miriam, his sister, close watch kept.

3. Here is the ark, so big and wide, with people and animals safe inside.

4. Here is the field where the little lambs played while David watched and sang and prayed.

5. Here is the church, see the people there? May we bow our heads and offer prayer.

#### Directions

1. Place the palms of the hands together. Open them but keep the little fingers together.

2. Keep the same position as No. 1. Close slightly but do not let the thumbs come together.

3. Close one hand and place it upon the back of the other hand.

4. Clasp hands, place in lap and extend them forward so the arms form the fence of the field.

5. Interlock fingers so the fingers are on the inside. Bring hands together with the thumbs forming the church door.—The United Church Observer.

### TWO ADOPTED DUCKLINGS

A delightful tale of a cat acting as foster-mother to two ducklings,, in addition to bringing up her own family of four, has come from Auckland, New Zealand. The two duckling were hatched late one night on a hot-water bottle from eggs discarded from an incubator. More in fun than anything else, they were placed in a box with the cat and her 10-day old kittens. From the beginning the cat treated the ducklings with the same consideration she gave to her own offspring. Throughout the day the ducklings were never far from their foster-mother, trailing her wherever she went. At night they nested with the kittens in her soft fur.

Much amusement was caused one afternoon by the sight of the mother cat walking up the path with one of the ducklings held firmly in her mouth, while the other waddled closely behind her.—The Children's Newspaper.

### JUST FOR FUN

A colored boy caught a catfish and as its wiggled in his hands, he addressed it, soothingly: "Don't be afraid, little catfish, All I've goin' to do is to skin you and cut off your lil' haid."

Sam: "Doc, dat is sho a good joke on you!"

Dentist: "How is that, Sam?"

Sam: "You pulled my wrong tooth."

Oscar has two ribbons around his neck.

—North Carolina Christian Advocate.

# From The Majors In Latin America

April 26, 1948

Dear Friends:

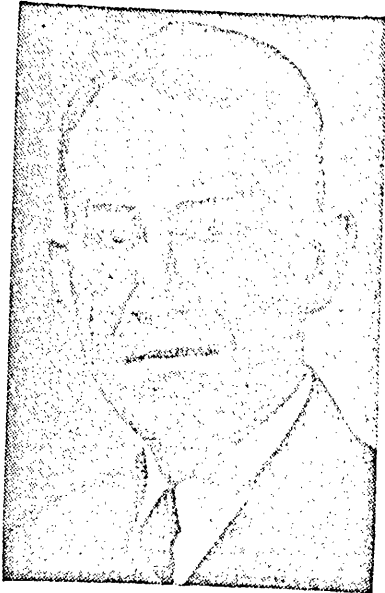
Eight months have passed since we left Little Rock and began our journey to Chile and our new home. Without a doubt these have been the most interesting eight months of our lives. The first few days were the most difficult, with the memories of home and friends that were so far away, and the strangeness of a new country, but with the passing of the months we have found many new friends here and have grown to love many of the things that were at first so strange.

Most of our time in the half year has been spent in learning how to live in a new country and in learning to speak its language. Neither of these has been an easy task nor can we say that we have become greatly accomplished in either. But we are learning and find that we are having the greatest adventure of our lives.

The Chilean Annual Conference which met in January gave us an appointment that placed great responsibilities upon us. The two of us were appointed directors of Sweet Memorial Institute. I was appointed the pastor of Second Methodist Church and the pastor of a small church in the suburbs. Any one of these appointments is a full-time job in itself. Let me tell you a little about each of them.

Sweet Memorial has a three-fold program of work: leadership training, medical work, and social work. Since 1926 when the Sweet family of Topeka, Kansas, gave the money for the building, Sweet has been a training school for Christian workers. The young women who have graduated have become pastors, pastor's assistants, teachers, nurses, and missionaries to the Mapuche Indians in the South of Chile. The graduates of Sweet have made a great contribution to the work of the Methodist Church in this country. (This program of the training of Christian workers has been limited

in the last two years by the lack of accommodations). The part of our building which was the training school was destroyed by fire in December 1946, and our program was drastically cut. We are, however, making new plans to augment our



REV. JAMES E. MAJOR

program of leadership to include pre-seminary training of ministerial candidates and short courses for laymen and laywomen.

The medical work of Sweet is under the capable direction of Miss Florence Prouty, a public-health nurse. Her work is supported by the Edith I. Gale Memorial Fund. Miss Prouty's work included a medical and dental clinic in Sweet and also an attempt to help the people of the poorer classes raise their health standards. Our social work includes a day nursery and kindergarten for the children of mothers who have to work. This part of the social work is a model for such work in Chile. In addition, we have clubs and classes for the people who live

near the institution. Thus we furnish instruction and recreation for a section of the city that is perhaps the most needy in Santiago.

The Second Methodist Church is located at the side of the Institution. Its sanctuary compares with many of our churches in small towns in the United States. It has a membership of 300 and as many members on probation. It is one of our largest and most important churches in Chile; everyone agrees that it could do much more than it is doing. The Conference appointed a young man named Esteban Fets to work with me as pastor of the church. At the present he must carry the greatest load of the work because of my limitations in the language. He is the third generation of Methodist Evangelical preachers in Chile. His father is one of our district superintendents. I feel that one day he will be one of the leaders of the church here. The other church of which I am pastor is called San Roman. Its membership is small, but the faith of the people is inspiring. I am told that this little church raises more money per capita than any other Methodist church in Chile.

Mrs. Major is greatly occupied with the direction of the club program in the Institution, although she never dreamed during her school days when she was studying physical education that she would be using her knowledge in the mission field. We often say that all our preparation seemed to have had a purpose because here it seems we are able to use all we have ever learned.

We have been encouraged by your many letters and greetings. They mean much to us in this our first year. Always we are conscious that it is your giving to the World Service of the Church that makes it possible for us to be here and serve.

Sincerely,

James E. Major

Sent through the Board Office, New York 11, N. Y., May, 1948. JEM

## HELPFUL INFORMATION OFFERED CHURCH SCHOOL LEADERS

Good intentions, we all know, are not enough. As a basis for right attitudes and conduct one needs also to be rightly informed. This is especially true in relation to difficult matters such as race, concerning which there is so much speculation, hazy knowledge and misinformation.

To meet this need, our Methodist Board of Education has published a sprightly question-and-answer pamphlet of pertinent facts about the race question. Called "Information, please," this survey packs into its four pages more reliable and important data on this subject than can be found in equal compass anywhere else.

The Board would like to put a copy of "Information, Please" into the hands of every Methodist church school officer and teacher, believing that they would find it helpful personally and in their teaching. To that end it invites every teacher and youth leader to order a copy for individual use; or the church school superintendent may order a sufficient number to supply every member of his staff. Up to that number they will be sent without charge; larger quantities for general distribution are available at fifty cents per hundred. Send your order today to R. B. Eleazer, 810 Broadway, Nashville, Tennessee.

## CONTENTMENT

Thornton Burgess, in one of his nature stories for children, tells of the meadow creatures' search for the best thing in the world. Each interpreted that best thing in his own way—the chipmunk thought it must be nuts or acorns; the rabbit, a pile of carrots; the coon, a field of sweet milky corn; and the fox, a pen full of young, tender chickens.

All day long—so the story goes—the animals hunted. When the sun had gone down they had not found that for which they sought. They were amazed to hear Mother Nature say, "The woodchuck has it—the best thing. It is just being happy with the things you have and not wanting things someone else has; it is called Contentment."—Telescope-Messenger.

Jesus Christ.—V. F. Kienberger, Homiletic & Pastoral Review.

Speak well of your enemies—you made 'em.—Construction Digest.

## METHODIST HOUR HELPS CRUSADE

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not paid commercials. The broadcast's Crusade promotion represents the eagerness of its staff to use the radio time in support of the total program of the church.

This interpretation of their job by the men and women who produce the Methodist Hour has resulted in giving the Southeastern and South Central Jurisdiction a channel of information about the entire church not equalled anywhere else. It is shared with others, however, for many of the 66 stations in the network are heard by members of other Jurisdictions.

The people who have accomplished this are a consecrated group. Only one is an ordained minister, yet all approach their specialized jobs with a spirit that makes a true ministry out of such work as announcing or regulating the transmitting instruments. The technical staff and musicians devote hours of careful rehearsal.

Director of the Methodist Hour is Dr. James W. Sells, member of Mississippi Conference and extension secretary of the Southeastern Jurisdiction. In radio work he represents the Joint Radio Committee

of the two southern Jurisdictions, headed by Bishop Paul E. Martin of the Arkansas-Louisiana Area.

Producer and announcer is Warde Adams, Jr., who began his radio career 20 years ago with station WRVA, Richmond, Va., and now is program director of station WCON, Atlanta, Ga. The Methodist Hour originates in church-operated studios in a Sunday school classroom in Atlanta.

Other members of the staff are Frank Parkins, engineer, John D. Hoffman, choir director, George L. Hamrick, organist, and a choir of 13 voices. All are highly trained in the work they do.

It is their consecration of multiple talents which makes the Methodist Hour an impressive worship experience and a powerful force for righteousness throughout the South. By doing that, these people are serving the best interests of the Crusade for Christ and of the entire church.

## VALUES

A roving reporter stopped 6 people on the sidewalks of New York and asked: "What was the most important happening in history?"

Five replies, from 2 gentlemen and 3 ladies, were as varied as might be expected.

"The settlement of Jamestown by

the English."

"The defeat of the Saracens at Tours."

"The splitting of the atom."

"The defeat of the Japanese."

"The invention of the wheel."

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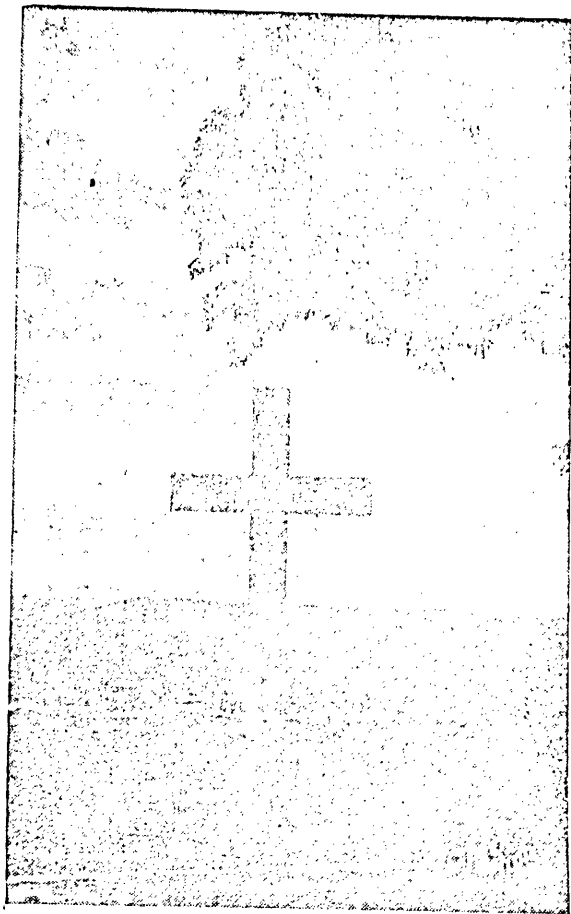
# Assembly For 1948

NEAR FAYETTEVILLE

## Many Improvements On Mount Sequoyah

From the present outlook this will be the best season your Western Methodist Assembly has ever had. Our advance reservations are heavier than ever before. We have already turned down some requests for lack of room. One camp wants to bring more people than we could possibly accommodate. Our Mission Conference and Leadership Schools will be extra large. Since we closed last September we have received quite a sum of money on new buildings and repair and refurnishing of older buildings. All of our buildings are much better equipped for good entertainment than ever before. The Woman's Building and Parker Building and all of the other buildings on the grounds are in good condition and we feel you will enjoy your stay on the Mount. Sorry that we do not have room for those who want to come but will do our best for those who are here. Our new buildings are completely finished and furnished. I am sure that you will like them. Mt. Sequoyah still needs contributions from its friends. You can help make a great report in our Board meeting at El Paso if you will drop up a nice contribution. Knowing what has been done in the improvements, and knowing the love and devotion for YOUR assembly, I believe you will respond to our effort to build a great assembly with a liberal check.

S. M. Yancey,  
Superintendent and Treasurer



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the room and the number of persons occupying a room.  
NOTE: Bed linen, one double blanket, feather pillows, towels, and maid service are provided. Soap and other toilet articles are not furnished.

### Auto Camp

Auto camp will be used only for sleeping quarters. The cottages have all been moved and are now double rooms and much improved. There will be a double bed in each room, and there will be room for a cot. Linens and maid service furnished. Rooms, 75c to \$1.25 per day.

### Grounds Fee

There is a grounds fee of \$1.50 which goes to the Western Methodist Assembly to help defray current expenses.

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## WITH THE CHILDREN'S WORKERS

By Mrs. W. F. Bates

### Children's Workers Plan For The Summer

1. Plan to attend the State-wide Children's Workers Conference at Conway, July 13-15; or the Leadership School at Mt. Sequoyah, Fayetteville, July 19-30. Write your Conference Board of Education for information regarding either training opportunity.

2. The Vacation Church School is now expected as a regular part of the year's work with the children. If you have not yet planned for your Vacation School, there is still time to make preparation and have a successful school later in the summer. Do not fail the children in your church; they need this extra time for religious education.

3. Plan other enriching experiences for the children in your class or department during the summer months, such as hikes, picnics, parties, story hours, or weekly additional sessions.

4. Provide for continuous contact with the homes of boys and girls in the Church School.

5. Visit in the homes of any new pupils enrolled in the Vacation School, or the regular Sunday morning classes. Make definite plans to follow up prospects gained through the Vacation School. Make every effort to enroll them in the Sunday sessions of the Church School.

6. Give your children an opportunity to help feed hungry children throughout the world, by taking an offering for some form of overseas relief. Further information regarding overseas relief may be obtained from your District Secretary, or District Director of Children's Work.

### Vacation School Institutes—Pine Bluff District

Three Vacation School Institutes were held in the Pine Bluff District; Pine Bluff, DeWitt and Stuttgart. The leaders were:

Kindergarten, Mrs. K. K. Carithers; Primary, Mrs. Harold Vos; Junior, Mrs. Russell Roth.

### Early Vacation School Reports Little Rock Conference

Thornton and Temperance Hill sent in the first Vacation School report in the Little Rock Conference, for 1948. The report was a good one showing a total enrollment of 35 children.

Sheridan sent in the second report. They had an enrollment of 62 children. All churches are urged to send in their reports as soon as the Vacation Schools are over.



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## Church School Classes At Harrison



Above is pictured the Men's Class of the First Methodist Church of Harrison. Membership of the class is 125. M. A. Hathcoat is teacher, T. T. Millard is president and Kenneth Sager is secretary.



The Edith Martin Class is shown in the above picture. This class is one of the three classes for women in the church and is named in honor of Miss Edith Martin, missionary to Africa, who is a member of

the Harrison Church. Enrollment in the class is 68. Mrs. C. B. Dorsey is teacher, Mrs. Walter Collins, president, and Mrs. Fred Ward, secretary-treasurer.

## THE NEED FOR BIBLE STUDY

How many times have you asked for a popular Bible course which shows the growth of our religion from earliest time through the birth of the Christian Church? You can get it now.

The General Board of Education is announcing an adult Bible course to begin October 1948. It will appear in the Adult Student.

Many persons do not know that the Old Testament is the sacred literature of the Hebrews. Many people do not know that the religious experiences of men and women which were put into writing later became our Bible.

Times have changed so greatly that even religious persons are confused and misdirected. To meet these problems and to help people to become informed regarding the growth of our religion the adult Bible course is prepared for men and women of The Methodist Church.

For the past few years the Curriculum Committee of our General Board of Education has been developing outlines and writing out purposes of study for these units. Much time and thought has already gone into their preparation. Their purpose is to show in a consecutive

way the development of our religion from our earliest forefathers through the beginnings of the Christian movement.

Watch the Adult Student in October for this new course.—Division of the Local Church.

## CHURCH STUDIES ATOMIC PROBLEM

"Atomic Energy and You" was the theme of three Sunday evening programs in The Methodist Church, Huntington, L. I. The series was planned "to help the average man know what atomic energy is, what it can do for peace and scientific progress as well as destruction, and what people can do about the issues involved" according to the Rev. Charles B. Hart, Minister.

Used in the programs were three films, A March of Time production, "Atomic Power," a film called "One World or None" and another, "The Church in the Atomic Age." One speaker from the Association of Scientists for Atomic Education and another from the United World Federalists was heard on each of the first two nights, and a panel of five led the discussion the third night.

## CAMP FOR CHILDREN'S WORKERS

The Children's Workers of the Little Rock District met for an institute at Aldersgate, May 25-26. The assembly room of the camp was arranged to give emphasis to the theme Training For Teaching. In one corner was a table of books selected from the library of The Children's Workers Council of Little Rock. Another corner was given to a display of objects and handwork that is suggested in the June Lesson materials. Posters, maps, pictures and a worship center were appropriately placed.

Two blocks of time were devoted to the discussion of the June lesson materials, with the following as leaders of the groups: Kindergarten, Mrs. J. H. Monday; Primary, Mrs. W. F. Bates; Junior, Mrs. M. H. Spillyards. Another session was given to creative handwork with Mrs. Arthur Jones, Mrs. H. M. Thompson and Mrs. Haywood Woolf.

Further interest groups were led by the following: Singing, Miss Lois Raymond of Mablevale; Pictures, Mrs. Robert James of Primrose; Records for young children, Mrs. Lester Hutton; Nursery work, Mrs. W. J. Darnall, First Church; Dramatics and Choric Reading, Mrs. W. F. Bates.

Mrs. Dora Hopkins, the newly elected secretary of Children's Work of the W. S. C. S., was introduced and assisted in a round-table discussion of missions in the children's division. Rev. A. C. Carraway of Capitol View Church led the vesper services.

The Carlisle Church led in attendance with seven adults and five children enrolled.

Miss Margaret Marshall opened the conference with worship, concluding with, "Just as John Wesley had that 'heart-warming' experience which changed his life, so may those who enter these grounds of Aldersgate have deep religious experiences which shall make them more consecrated Christian leaders, better able to serve their church, their community and the world." Vesper service was led by Rev. A. C. Carraway of Capitol View Church.

Miss Margaret Marshall, who will be the director for Aldersgate for the summer, was a most gracious hostess. Mrs. J. R. Henderson, district secretary of C. S. R. of the W. S. C. S., arranged for the excellent meals through the assistance of the following: Pulaski Heights, Mrs. Herbert Smith, Mrs. Leland Crugh, Mrs. H. M. Thompson and Mrs. F. D. Chastain; Highland, Mrs. J. E. McGuire, Mrs. H. D. Clark, Mrs. M. L. Mortenson and Mrs. A. J. Grubbs; Scott Street, Mrs. J. H. Monday and Mrs. W. F. Bates; Winfield, Mrs. Russell McKinney.

This was the first venture made for a district camp for children's workers but all of the thirty adults and nine children attending agreed it was a most happy and enriching time and voted to hold a similar meeting next year.—Fay McRae, Director of Children's Work, Little Rock District.

In the Church of England hymn books are compositions from the pens of a Roman Catholic, a Quaker, a Presbyterian, a Methodist, a Congregationalist, a Baptist, and a Moravian.—Origin Unknown.

# WOMAN'S SOCIETY OF CHRISTIAN SERVICE

MRS. SUE M. WAYLAND, Editor

## MONTICELLO DISTRICT MEETS

The Monticello District W. S. C. S. convened in Dumas, April 29th at 10 a. m. The theme for the day was "Attempting Great Things for God." The 90th Psalm was used as the bases for the meditation, and each was impressed again of the fact that God was ready to help all who call on Him. Prayer was given by Mrs. T. A. Prewitt.

Mrs. Tom McLean, Conference Secretary of Spiritual Life, gave a most helpful message on the importance of an active Spiritual Life group in each Society. Mrs. McLean gave the afternoon devotional, using Matthew 25:29.

Roll call showed there were 15 societies represented, and 14 district officers present. The guests were: Mrs. Tom McLean and Mrs. Dan Robinson, making a total of 90 present.

The reports of the district and local officers were most encouraging, a new society has been organized at Fountain Hill. Monticello District will be represented at the School of Missions on Mt. Sequoyah, by Mrs. Whit Brooks, district secretary of Missionary Education.

The district quota at Hendrix will be filled by district officers. Miss Bonnie Burns, of Warren was elected district secretary of Wesleyan Guilds. All other district officers remain as last year.

Echoes from the Annual Conference was given by Mrs. John Golden. Mrs. V. A. Peacock spoke on "Giving God His Rightful Place in Everyday Living."

The ladies of Dumas were gracious in their hospitality.—Reporter.

## ZONE NUMBER ONE MEETS

The W. S. C. S. of Foreman was hostess to Zone Number One of the Texarkana District on May 12th. Mrs. J. L. Mesamore, Zone chairman presided. The W. S. C. S. of Ashdown rendered the program with Mrs. Frank Lawbright as leader. Prayer was led by Graves.

Mrs. Key of Foreman, favored the ladies with a beautiful number using the recently installed Hammond Organ.

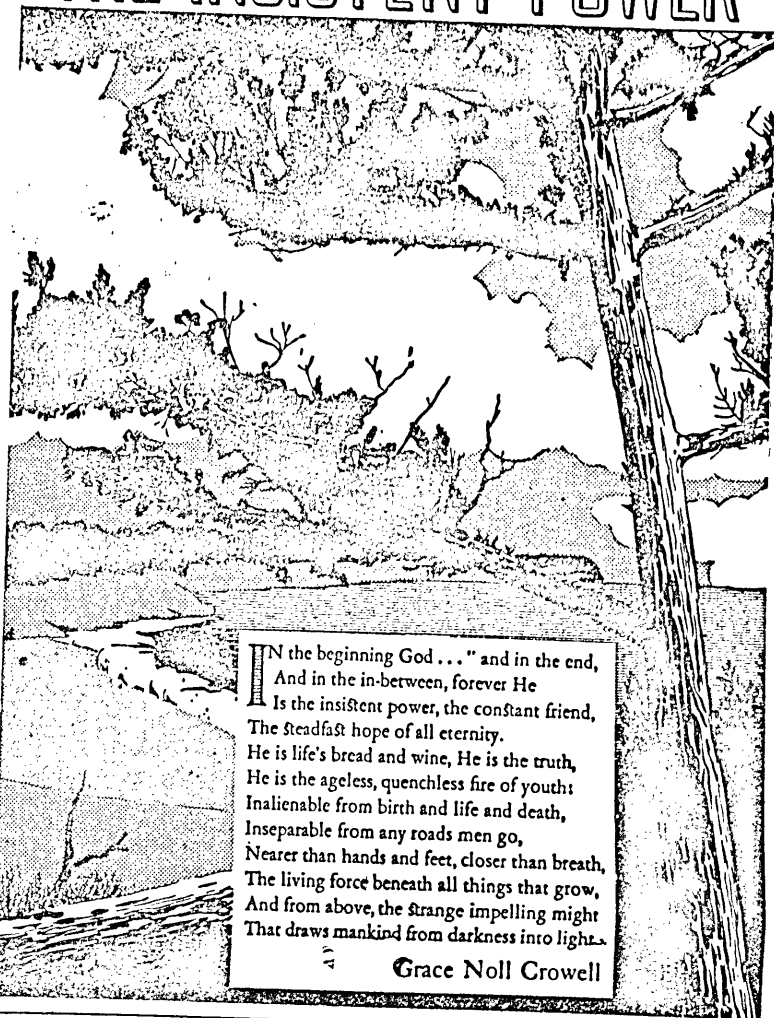
District officers present were Mrs. O. B. Poland, District President; Mrs. Has Owen, Secretary of Supplies; Miss Kate Cargile, Literature and publications; Miss Roxie Deal, Christian Social Relations; Mrs. R. L. Gantt, Recording Secretary.

The Junior Choir sang "Ivory Palaces", which was enjoyed by all. The Zone was invited to meet with the Ashdown W. S. C. S. in October, for a covered dish luncheon, with Wilson W. S. C. S. rendering the program.

Mrs. Hogrefe gave a resume of her twenty five years in the missionary society. This was most interesting. Mrs. W. S. Mooty led the group in the Lord's Prayer. This was followed by the ladies being served refreshments and a social hour together.—Reporter.

I keep the telephone of my mind open to peace, harmony, health, love and abundance. Then whenever doubt, anxiety or fear try to call me, they keep getting the busy signal—and they'll soon forget my number.—Edith Armstrong, quoted in Forbes.

## THE INSISTENT POWER



IN the beginning God . . . and in the end,  
And in the in-between, forever He  
Is the insistent power, the constant friend,  
The steadfast hope of all eternity.  
He is life's bread and wine, He is the truth,  
He is the ageless, quenchless fire of youth;  
Inalienable from birth and life and death,  
Inseparable from any roads men go,  
Nearer than hands and feet, closer than breath,  
The living force beneath all things that grow,  
And from above, the strange impelling might  
That draws mankind from darkness into light.

Grace Noll Crowell

## MISS MARGARET MARSHALL TO ADDRESS WESLEYAN SERVICE GUILD

The Little Rock District Wesleyan Service Guild will meet at Aldersgate (12th Street Pike) on the evening of Wednesday, June 16, with picnic supper being served at 6:00 o'clock. Members of the Guild of Hunter Memorial Church will be hostesses, assisted by the Woman's Society of Christian Service of Hunter.

A highlight of the evening will be an address by Miss Margaret Marshall, District Deaconess, who will speak on the theme "A Heart-Warming Experience." The invocation will be offered by the host pastor, the Rev. C. H. Farmer, and Mrs. E. W. Masters will be presented in a violin solo "Cavatina" (Raff) with accompaniment by Miss Mildred Palmer. An interesting feature of the fellowship period will be an old fashioned song-fest which will be directed by Mrs. W. C. Erfurth with Miss Palmer at the piano. Miss Ollie Hall, District Secretary, will conduct a business session.

Reservations should be made not later than Friday evening, June 11, with Mrs. Dwight Crawford, 1112 College, Little Rock, telephone 2-5572. The picnic supper will be \$1.00, and the hostesses are planning to serve a bounteous and delicious meal! Each Guild will be responsible for transportation of its members.

Don't miss the "Heart Warming

## IMPORTANT NOTICE—NORTH ARKANSAS CONFERENCE

Mrs. J. A. Bretherick, Conference Secretary of Literature and Publications, asks that we announce that her address is now, Box 1036, West Memphis, Ark. All Conference Officers, Promotion Secretaries and District Officers of Literature and Publications will please make note of this change in address.

Friends of Mrs. Bretherick will be sorry to know that she has been in the hospital in Memphis for an operation. She is now home again and hopes to be able to take up her work soon.

## LYDESDALE ORGANIZES W. S. C. S.

Mrs. Ernest Glaze, secretary of Organization and Promotion and Miss Lalla Thornton, secretary of Spiritual Life met with fifteen ladies of Lydesdale, May 27 to help organize a W. S. C. S.

Mrs. LeRue Harris, president of Village W. S. C. S. and Mrs. Claud Hall, were visitors. Others present were Rev. Fred R. Harrison, district superintendent and Claud O. Hall, pastor.

Bro. Harrison opened the meeting with prayer and introduced the guests. Mrs. Glaze explained the duties of members of the society and gave out information on the

"Experience" of the evening at beautiful Aldersgate, a National project of the Wesleyan Service Guild.—Reporter.

## TWENTY-EIGHTH STREET CHURCH

The Twenty-Eighth Street Church organized a third circle of the W. S. C. S. The initial meeting was held at the parsonage with Mrs. W. R. Burks, wife of the pastor, as host.

A dinner preceded the business of the evening. Individual corsages were presented to each guests from the floral centerpiece. Contests were played following the dinner.

The business meeting was presided over by Mrs. C. E. Chastain, district Promotion Secretary of the W. S. C. S., and the following officers were elected: Chairman, Mrs. George Singleton; Co-chairman, Mrs. Beecher Warden; Recording secretary and treasurer, Mrs. Dudley Reveley; Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. Paul Singleton; Spiritual Life Chairman, Mrs. Claud Dallas; Program Chairman, Mrs. George Jones; Publicity Chairman, Mrs. Ralph Scraggs, and Telephone Chairman, Mrs. Jno. Vandament.—Reporter.

## BLYTHEVILLE FIRST CHURCH HAS MAY BREAKFAST

Approximately 900 people attended the annual May Breakfast at the First Methodist Church, which is sponsored by the W. S. C. S. Beginning at 6:00 a. m., breakfast was served until 9:30.

The menu consisted of grapefruit, eggs, bacon, sausage, biscuit, toast, strawberry preserves, and coffee.

A feature of the menu was the famous southern biscuits made by Mrs. John Featherston. She has made biscuits for the May Breakfast for the past 18 years, with the exception of one year when she was in the hospital.

The Breakfast was started about 25 years ago and was first held on the lawn of the W. H. Baker home. Due to bad weather they started serving the breakfast at the church. This year the largest crowd attended, and the proceeds from the breakfast will go to the church fund.

The food was donated by the merchants and members of the W. S. C. S. More than \$400.00 was realized from the breakfast.

Mrs. Hugh Whitside was general chairman for the breakfast this year. Other chairmen were; Mrs. M. G. Goodwin, tickets; Mrs. Roland Green, food; Mrs. Bill Higginson, flowers; Mrs. E. B. Gees, dining room; and Mrs. Bryan Moore, publicity.—Reporter.

work of the officers and different chairmen.

Rev. Claud Hall, pastor acted as chairman for the election of officers which are as follows; President, Mrs. Walter Wilson; Vice president, Mrs. Louis Wilson; Secretary, Mrs. Floyd Wilson; Promotion Secretary, Mrs. John Wilson; Treasurer, Mrs. J. A. Crumpler; Spiritual Life, Mrs. R. R. Wilson; Missionary Education, Mrs. Otto Crumpler; Youth Work, Mrs. Woodrow Wilson; Children's Work, Mrs. John Wilson; C. S. R., Miss Opal Everett; supplies, Mrs. Horace Curry; Literature and Publications, Mrs. R. M. Simmons. The meetings will be held on the First and Third Mondays at 3:00 p. m.—Reporter.



# CURRENT NEWS IN ARKANSAS METHODISM

## METHODIST HOSPITAL AND BATH HOUSE NEWS

May has been one of our busiest months in some respects. We admitted the same number of patients as in May of last year, 151, but discharged eleven more than a year ago, or 155. Our patients this month spent a total of 1,343 days. Our percentage of full occupancy totaled 81.7 and every day we had 43 patients in our hospital. 14 babies were born and 59 operations performed. Our Bath House department gave 941 hot baths and 151 massages during the month. We believe our financial report will be a little better last month, though we will not have these figures until our auditors complete their work.

The superintendent has visited the following groups in the interest of the Hospital: Winfield Memorial Church, for the morning service May 2; Highland Church, for the evening service; The W. S. C. S. luncheon at noon and the Board of Stewards supper in the evening, both at First Church Little Rock; the Church night supper meeting at First Church Pine Bluff on May 5; an Executive Staff meeting of the Hospital on May 11 at Hot Springs; an organizational meeting of Region 6 of the State Hospital Association at our Hospital on May 15, for the morning service May 16; We visited Arkadelphia District Conference at Manchester; the State Hospital Association meeting in Little Rock May 19 and 20; the Pine Bluff District Conference at Carr Memorial, Pine Bluff; Macedonia, on the Princeton Circuit for the morning service, May 23; the Camden District Conference, Mt. Bearden; the Monticello District Conference at Keener Camp Ground; the Little Rock District Conference at England. At all these meetings we were cordially received and the people expressed their interest in the work of the hospital.

Our Director of Nurses, Mrs. Arwilda Scheer and Miss Katherine True, our afternoon supervisor, attended the meeting of the American Nurses Association in Chicago, leaving Hot Springs by air on May 30.

Through the interest of friends who desire to make our hospital beautiful we are installing venetian blinds and redecorating some of our rooms. We now have a three-bed children's ward on our second floor.

From Mrs. C. Graham Smith of the W. S. C. S. from First Church, Little Rock, come a check for \$8.00 from one of the circles. From a "friend" we have received \$64.00 for our "Special equipment fund"; from a patient upon leaving the hospital, a five dollar bill for our equipment fund. To these friends we express our very great thanks.—R. E. Simpson, Superintendent.

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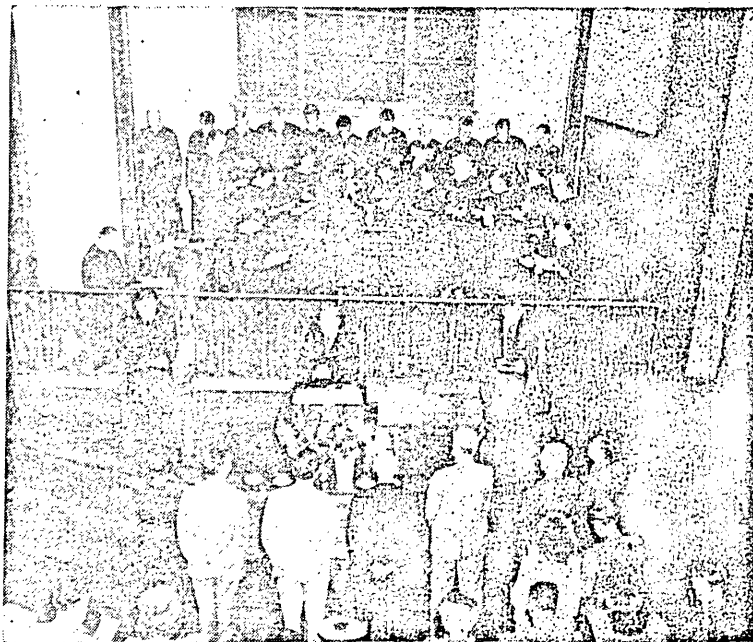
## Dedication At Siloam Springs

Sunday, May 23, was a great day in Siloam Springs Methodism. It was the occasion of the dedication of the two manuel Reuter Pipe Organ and the Deagan Chimes recently installed in our church.

The chimes were made possible through the generosity of the late Mrs. Addie J. Smiley, long a mem-

Harvey H. Haley, a widely known citizen of Arkansas and a professor at John Brown University, presided at the console of the organ. A choir of 25 voices led by Mrs. Tom Whiteside provided the music for the service.

The Board of Trustees through the chairman, C. M. Sisco, presented



ber of the church here, who left \$1000 to the church.

Bishop Paul E. Martin preached at the morning worship service, and dedicated the organ and chimes following the sermon. The sermon challenged and inspired us to strive to render greater service to our Lord through the Church.

Rev. E. H. Hook, district superintendent, and Mrs. Hook were present. Brother Hook assisted in the service.

the organ for dedication.

At the noon hour, about 150 persons were present at a cooperative luncheon in the dining room of the church. Bishop Martin was honor guest. After the luncheon and a period of fellowship, Bishop Martin and Rev. and Mrs. E. H. Hook went to the parsonage for a visit with the pastor and his family.

We love and appreciate Bishop Martin, and invite him to visit us again.—J. T. Byrd, Pastor.

## VACATION CHURCH SCHOOL AT PEA RIDGE

A Vacation Church School began at the Methodist Church on May 10 and continued through May 21. Twenty-five were enrolled the first day. An increase both in attendance and interest marked each day throughout the school and the attendance reached sixty-one. Of this number fifty-four received certificates.

The following workers assisted in the school: Dean and director, Mrs. C. R. Nance and Miss Florence Burton; Intermediates, Miss Burton and Bettye Dryden; Juniors, Mrs. Bruce Minor and Bettye Crabtree; Primary, Miss Virginia Hickman and Virginia Patterson; Beginners, Mrs. Alma Crabtree and Leota Dean.—C. R. Nance, Pastor.

## STUDENTS WILL ATTEND STUDENT LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

Three students of Wesley Foundation of the Central Methodist Church, Fayetteville, will attend the Regional Student Leadership Conference at Norman, Oklahoma, June 5 to 12. Les Thurman, president of Wesley Foundation, from Monette, Ark.; Wallace Jones, president of the Kappa Chapter of Wesley Players, North Little Rock, Ark. and Bob Pitts, publicity co-chairman,

Lincoln, Arkansas, will attend the conference.

Mrs. J. E. Harris, director of Wesley Foundation, will accompany the group.

Dr. Heil Bollinger, Secretary of Student Work of the Board of Education, Nashville, Tenn., will be in charge of the conference.

Other platform speakers are Dr. Mack Stokes, professor of Systematic Theology, Emory College; Caxton Doggett, National Student Secretary, Board of Missions and Church Extension; and campus Christian leaders within the region.—Reporter.

## TWENTY-EIGHTH STREET CHURCH HONORS ONE OF ITS MEMBERS

Twenty-eighth Street Church, Little Rock, recently paid tribute and honor to W. Sam Perry, one of its oldest, most loyal and hardest working members.

Mr. Perry is a retired Missouri Pacific engineer. For years he sat in the cab of the mighty monster of steel with a grimy left hand on the throttle and his eyes on the bands of steel that stretched ahead and carried his passengers aboard the Sunshine Special safely to their destination.

Today he sits and stands in Twenty-eighth Street Methodist Church, working with both hands, his heart and his head for the glory of the Kingdom, the betterment of his church, and he is helping to carry "passengers" to their final destination in the heavens.

In recognition of his fine work the church membership retired to the recreation rooms of the church on a recent Sunday evening following the worship services and after enjoying refreshments, they listened to words of praise for this fine man.

Rev. W. R. Burks, pastor, described the way in which Mr. Perry had labored in painting and redecorating the church and educational rooms and declared that he had been in the church almost every day and Sunday too. W. C. Reed, chairman of the Board of Stewards, told of Mr. Perry's work with the board and revealed that for many years he was chairman and now is honorary chairman for life. Pierce Osborne, church treasurer, praised him for his assistance through the years in good times and bad in helping with the church finances. E. S. Burt, teacher of the Men's Bible Class, told of his loyalty to the class, his regular attendance and his work as class secretary. Mrs. J. B. Ross, president of the W. S. C. S. spoke of Brother Perry's assistance to their organization and declared that he was more regular in attendance than many of the members. He has run many errands for the society, delivered many dinners to invalids and helped them in numerous ways.

Many other church workers arose to add a word of praise for this fine man who is growing old gracefully and is spending his declining years, as he has a major portion of his life, in the service of his Lord.

May his kind increase until every church is filled with its Mr. Perry's.—Reporter.

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## REPORT OF FIRST CHURCH, HARRISON, TO DISTRICT CONFERENCE

Members received 71; enrollment in Training School 75; members in Woman's Society of Christian Service and Wesleyan Service Guild 196; sent to Conference Treasurer by W. S. C. S. and W. S. G. \$351.00; Methodist Children's Home \$150.00; Hendrix February Special \$135.00; Hendrix Campaign \$2040.00; amount spent for improvements \$1800.00 which includes around \$1000.00 work on the parsonage by the W. S. C. S. and all other budget items of the church paid 100 percent. The goal for enrollment in the Crusade for Christ in the Church was set at 460 which was a 20 percent increase in enrollment. We now have an enrollment of 602. World Service acceptance raised from \$1250.00 to \$1500.00—E. J. Hollifield, Pastor.

## MEETING OF ALFRED WASSON SUB-DISTRICT

The Alfred Wasson Sub-district of Washington and Benton counties met at Lake Wedington, May 24, for an all-day picnic.

The day was spent swimming, boat-riding, playing games, and hiking. A fellowship meal was held at 3:00 p.m. Following the supper a short business meeting was held. The Sam B. Wiggins Sub-district attended the picnic as guests of the Alfred Wasson Sub-District. Following the introduction of guests a worship service was held on the shore of the lake. Rev. Alvin Murray of Gentry made the inspirational speech. To close the worship program a dedication service was held. The next meeting is to be held at Prairie Grove, June 28.—Mary Sanderlin, Reporter.

## WESLEY FOUNDATION, UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS, FAYETTEVILLE

Wesley Foundation of Central Methodist Church, Fayetteville, held special graduation service for all Methodist students of the University of Arkansas, Sunday evening, May 23. The theme of the program was "The Builders of a Living Fellowship With God."

Officers for the coming year were installed in a candlelight service conducted by Mrs. J. E. Harris, director of Wesley Foundation. The new officers are: President, Lester Hurman Engineering Senior; Vice-president, Mary Frances Follett, Agriculture Junior; Secretary, Mary Gay Greer, Arts Junior; Treasurer, North Gibson, Engineering Senior; Assistant-treasurer, Olen Taylor, Engineering Junior; Assistant-secretary, Nelle Curry, Arts Junior. Committee Chairman who have been appointed for the coming year are: Social, Willard Stevens, Arts Junior; Recreation, Retha Thompson, Education Junior; Wesley Steards, Garland Melton, Arts Sophomore; Arkansas Wesleyan, Erlene Matterton, Education Sophomore; Home-a-mite, Leroy Gray, Arts Senior; and Joan Kulbeth, Business Sophomore; Power and Motive, Omar North, Engineering Sophomore; Library and Bulletin Board, Betty McDonald, Arts Sophomore; Bobby Lois Kelly, Agriculture Junior; Publicity, Shirley McConnell, Agriculture Sophomore; and Bob Pitts, Arts Sophomore; Deputations, Georgianna Weinbach, Arts Senior; Student Christian Council, Betty Weaver, Education Junior, and Delbert Wright, Engineering Junior; Ushers,

## RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Rev. Van W. Harrell has served the Prescott District faithfully and unselfishly for six years, and the law of the Church requires the Bishop to appoint him to another field of service, and,

WHEREAS, the Prescott District has shown remarkable growth and renewed interest throughout the years of Brother Harrell's service; the benevolent giving has more than doubled and is ready for additional advances in the new quadrennium; the physical properties have been greatly improved; the salaries of the pastors have been increased to the highest peak; and all other interests of the District have been met with enthusiasm, and,

WHEREAS, the above facts are indicative of the spirit, devotion, leadership ability, and zeal of our district superintendent, Rev. Van W. Harrell,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Prescott District Conference meeting in Okolona, May 19, 1948, go on record as expressing its appreciation to Brother Harrell for his splendid and capable leadership during the past six years, for his devotion to Christ and his Church, and for his spirit of cooperation, brotherliness and self-sacrifice.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we wish for him continued success in what ever field of service he may be called, and assure him that our prayers are always with him as he labors for the Master.

BE IT ALSO RESOLVED, that we express to Mrs. Van W. Harrell our gratitude for her interest in all phases of the work of the Prescott District, in the pastors and their families, in the lay men and lay women, and especially her work in the District Woman's Society of Christian Service and her leadership in it.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be given to Brother Harrell, a copy spread upon the minutes of the District Conference Journal, and a copy sent to the Arkansas Methodist.

Respectfully submitted,  
H. M. Stephens  
George G. Meyer  
J. C. Woodul  
C. Ray Hozendorf

## THE WORK AT CAVE CITY

Bro. S. B. Wilford moved us to this charge on May 1. We have been very graciously received by both churches of the charge. The people of the Cave City Church gave us a huge pounding at the Wednesday night prayer service. The dining table at the parsonage was loaded with good things to eat. The parsonage family appreciates this expression of love from the people.

Sunday night the young people of the church organized their M. Y. F. by electing the following officers, Sam Wooldridge, President; Carthel McSpadden, Vice-president; Jo Carolyn Woodyard, Secretary-Treasurer; Fayrene Gobbles, Norma Wooldridge, Roberta Laman, Program Committee; Harvey Hooker and J. G. Phillips, Recreation Committee.

We have a great work here, and we covet the prayers of all those who are concerned and interested in the growth and development of God's Kingdom here on earth.—Vann Hooker, Pastor.

Paul Davis, Arts Senior; Student Center Board of Trustees, Erin Hill, Arts Junior, and Marvin Johnson, Jr., Business Senior.—Reporter.

## CHRISTIAN ADVENTURE CAMP

A Christian Adventure Camp for Faulkner County and North Little Rock will be held from June 21 to June 25 at Camp Kiwanis which is located north of Conway. The camp is for youth 12, 13 and 14 years of age.

The staff for the camp is Rev. Alfred Johannes, camp manager; Rev. Glenn Sanford, Director of camp; Rev. George W. Martin, director of recreation; Rev. Carl Keightley, dean of boys; Mrs. Carl Keightley, dean of girls; Mrs. Ralph Huntsman and Miss Lois Lee King.

Courses are "What It Means to Be A Church Member," Rev. Carl Keightley; "Brotherhood for All," Rev. Bill McMahon; "Ways We Worship," Mrs. Carl Keightley. Interest groups will be under these heads: Nature Lore, Camera Craft, Handicrafts, Customs and Manners, Music.

Directed worship will be: Morning Watch, Rev. Carl Keightley; Noon Church Service, Rev. Glenn Sanford; Vespers, Rev. George Wayne Martin.

## FIFTH SUNDAY RALLY AT ALLEENE

Richmond Charge was represented at Alleene with 51 young people and adults attending the fifth Sunday Rally Sunday night, May 30. Each church on the Charge was well represented with 21 from Richmond, 13 from Walnut Grove, 8 from Wades Chapel, and 29 at Alleene.

Alleene's M. Y. F. gave a special program which was carefully prepared and well presented. During the business session reports of the work being done by the young people with their sponsors was re-

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markable, but a better report is expected in August when Walnut Grove will entertain the rally at 7:30 Sunday night, August 29.

After the meeting of the rally Rev. Mr. Beggs from Little Rock gave a very interesting and helpful sermon.

Refreshments were served to the young people and counselors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Sikes—Hla Rhea Spears.

There is no use burying the hatchet if you leave the handle sticking out to trip over.—Origin unknown.

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Central Avenue	75.00
First Church	491.31
Evening Shade Ct.	15.50
Moorefield-East Batesville	10.00
Newark	15.00
Salem	5.00
Tuckerman	107.50

Total .....\$ 735.73

### CONWAY DISTRICT

Conway First Church	\$ 1123.51
Danville	5.00
Dardanelle	30.00
Morrilton First Church	200.00
North Little Rock:	
First Church	180.00
Gardner Memorial	78.00
Levy	40.00
Sylvan Hills	20.00
Plainview	20.00
W. M. Womack	10.00
Pottsville	18.30

Total .....\$ 1714.81

### FAYETTEVILLE DISTRICT

Bentonville	\$ 50.00
Berryville	12.50
Centerton-Oakley Chapel	20.00
Cincinnati	20.00
Decatur	15.00
Elm Springs	21.90
Eureka Springs	20.00
Farmington-Goshen	11.55
Fayetteville, Wiggins Memorial	25.00
Gentry	20.00
Gravette	20.00
Green Forest	10.00
Lincoln	10.00
Madison County	10.00
Pea Ridge-Bright Water	15.00
Rogers	31.00
Rogers Ct.	10.00
Siloam Springs	20.00
Sulphur Springs	15.00

Total .....\$ 356.95

### FORT SMITH DISTRICT

Alix Circuit	\$ 11.51
Alma-Mulberry	25.00
Bethel-Dyer	10.00
Booneville	75.00
Branch	8.65
Charleston	25.00
Clarksburg	150.00
Fort Smith:	
Fifth Street	10.00
Goddard Memorial	150.00
Grand Avenue	30.00
Massard	10.00
Midland	32.75
Pine Street	3.00
Second Street	35.00
Hackett	10.00
Hartford	30.00
Hartman	6.00
Huntington	15.00
Kibler-Mountain View	10.50
Lavaca	20.00
Mansfield	30.00
Ozark	50.00
Paris	75.00
Prairie View-Scranton	15.00
Van Buren:	
East	25.00
Waldron Circuit	8.00

Total .....\$ 870.41

### HELENA DISTRICT

Aubrey	\$ 38.00
Brinkley	50.00
Clarendon	50.00
Colt	18.00
Cotton Plant	50.00
Crawfordsville-Black Fish Lake	50.00
Earle	60.00
Forrest City	150.00
Helena	150.00
Holly Grove	40.00
Hughes	40.00
Marianna	100.00
Marion	100.00
Marvell	35.00
Vannale	22.50
West Helena	35.00
West Memphis	100.00
Wheatley	5.60
Widener-Round Pond	70.00
Wynne	100.00

Total .....\$ 1264.10

### JONESBORO DISTRICT

Black Oak	\$ 15.00
Blytheville:	
First Church	210.00
West Parish	25.00
Bono-Trinity	10.00
Brookland Ct.	10.00
Dell	20.00
Dyess-Whitten	20.00
Harrisburg	40.00
Jonesboro:	
First Church	360.00
Fisher Street	25.00
Huntington	35.00
Keiser-Victoria	35.00
Lepanto-Garden Point	65.00
Lorado Circuit	20.00
Luora-Rosa-Tomato	20.00
Manila	35.00
Marked Tree	75.00
Monette	15.00
Nettleton-Bay	25.00
St. John Circuit	5.00
Truman	7.50
Turrell-Gilmore	20.00
Tyronza-West Black Oak	40.00
Werner-Hickory Ridge	15.00
Wilson-Marie	50.00
Yarbo-Promised Land	25.00

Total .....\$ 1237.50

## HELENA DISTRICT CONFERENCE

The Helena District Conference heard echoes from the recent session of the General Conference of Boston and there was a thrilling commitment to the program of The Methodist Church when Rev. Ethan Dodgen, district superintendent, closed the session with a moving and beautiful service of dedication at Wynne on the 17th of May.

Dr. W. Henry Goodloe delivered the sermon of the Conference, preaching on the timely subject of Pentecost and the Possibility of Repeating the Experience. He quoted from significant prayers of the Conference sessions in developing the thesis that the General Conference itself was a promise of the repetition of the experience for the Church.

Mrs. Fogel, president of the district organization of the Woman's Society of Christian Service, addressed the Conference and gave a heartening report of the women's work, showing 1,569 women committed to the tasks of the Society in a rounded schedule of training and service. Figures indicated that \$7,044 had been raised in the local work of the churches in the district, while \$3,528 had been forwarded

to the Conference Treasurer.

Rev. Sam Watson introduced Rev. Garland C. Taylor who discussed the work of evangelism. Reports made by the pastors indicated the baptism of 95 infants and the addition of 176 members on profession of faith in Christ. Rev. Glenn Sanford spoke on rural work.

A searching report was made of the educational work in the district and the recommendations adopted were directly supplied to the workers in every local church school. Rev. Ira Brumley discussed the educational work of the Church and gave helpful suggestions regarding vacation church schools, camps and assemblies for the youth division and leadership training at Conway and Mount Sequoyah. Brother Dodgen has pledged his first energies to work with youth in the district for the current year. One union is organized and others are contemplated. The average attendance of Youth Fellowship meetings is 418, while the average attendance on the church school session is 3,136. Training credits have been earned by 150 workers in the various leadership schools in the district.

Dr. Matt L. Ellis, president of Hendrix College, and Conference Lay Leader, addressed the body on the program for the Laymen. An over-night district meeting for the laymen was announced for June 29 and 30 when representative laymen will gather at Bear Creek Lake near Marianna. It was noted that the men definitely outnumbered women in attendance on the present session.

Reports at midyear showed payments of \$8,812 on an acceptance of \$13,630 for World Service, \$705 paid on the sustentation fund, \$2,081 to the Children's Home and \$342 for Race Relations. A total of \$18,221 has been paid on buildings and repairs. Marion and Forrest City have purchased carillon instruments. Organs have been dedicated at Hughes, Cotton Plant, Brinkley, and Holly Grove. Parkin has purchased an organ at a cost of \$5,200 and pews at an expenditure of \$1,400, all of which is paid and will be dedicated at an early date.

V. Armstrong was elected secretary of the Conference and his service was marked by grace and efficiency.

The next district conference will be held at Marianna.—Reporter.

A positive conviction without accurate information is a dangerous thing.—Ministry.

## AT FIRST ONLY A LITTLE FOOD

Mrs. Emily Shacklock

Four small refugee boys from East Prussia appeared one day at the door of the Methodist Church in Zwickau, Germany, clutching four discarded vegetable tins to serve as bowls. Luckily, Mrs. Fleischmann, wife of the pastor has an expandable heart. Already surrounded by dangerously undernourished children for whom she was preparing a daily supplementary meal, she opened her heart to these four. Not only did she admit them to the child-feeding program, made possible through the Methodist Committee for Overseas Relief, but she took a motherly interest in their welfare. She says about them, "Their ages are 11, 9, 8 and 5, and the four together weigh 104 lbs. (our weight 10 percent more—AW). Their clothes just hang from their small bodies, and the awful experiences they have gone through have made them very shy. There is no strength in their hand-shake and when one takes their hands, one has a feeling that the slightest pressure will crush the small bones. Their clothing is ragged, but clean. At first I could give them only very little food, because their abdomens, in contrast to their bodies, were swollen. Then, as I observed that food agreed with them, I increased their portions. I also gave them small bowls, which they guard as their precious possessions. Now my aim is to clothe them. I have already spoken to a dressmaker, who will renovate some of my clothes for them, and I feel that God will provide whatever else is necessary for them.

How big can your heart get? You, too, can help refugee children by sending cash to the Methodist Committee for Overseas Relief, 150 Fifth Avenue, New York 11, New York.

One man with courage makes a majority.—Fraser Voyageur.



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### MARY McSWAIN SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS

Miss Mary McSwain spent the week end of March 13 and 14, visiting Stamps Church. Her visit was sponsored by the class named for her. Saturday afternoon she spoke to a Zone meeting of the W. S. C. S. at Stamps. Sunday morning she met with the class group during the Sunday School hour. It was indeed a high privilege for the members of the class to meet her in person and hear her tell of her duties and of the work of the Methodist Institute at Rebeiro Preto, Sao Paulo, Brazil.

The class has furnished for two years part of a scholarship for a pupil or pupils, at the Methodist Institute. This year the group has sent \$90.00 and pledged this amount for two more years. This will furnish a scholarship for some promising Brazilian girl, who, after she finishes school, will do some form of Christian service among her own people. Miss McSwain, together with other teachers at the Institute, will choose the girl to use the scholarship.

Her beautiful Christian character and magnetic personality and the zeal with which she goes about her Master's work inspired all who had the privilege of meeting Miss McSwain and hearing her speak.

The class group honored her at an informal tea Saturday afternoon after the Zone meeting adjourned.

This class was organized in 1940, and about six years ago was named for Miss McSwain. At the beginning there were approximately ten members on roll. Now there are thirty-eight. It is composed of the young women of the church, most of this number are mothers of young children. Mrs. C. R. Stratton is president of the class; Mrs. Howard Wilkerson is recording secretary; Mrs. W. C. Boney treasurer; Mrs. Jas. Woodward, assistant secretary-treasurer; Mrs. Hubert Cargill, reporter; Mrs. Doris McMurrough, recreation leader. Mrs. T. H. Owens has taught the class since it was organized.

The group is looking forward to another visit with Miss McSwain when she is in the States again.—Mrs. H. Cargill, Reporter.

Mother's Day the Youth Fellowship presented a special Mother's Day program, under the direction of Mrs. C. M. Anderson.

The Huntington Church has paid its World Service and Benevolence apportionment in full for the Conference year, and is up to date on all other financial obligations. Just previous to the arrival of the present pastor, about \$500 was spent on

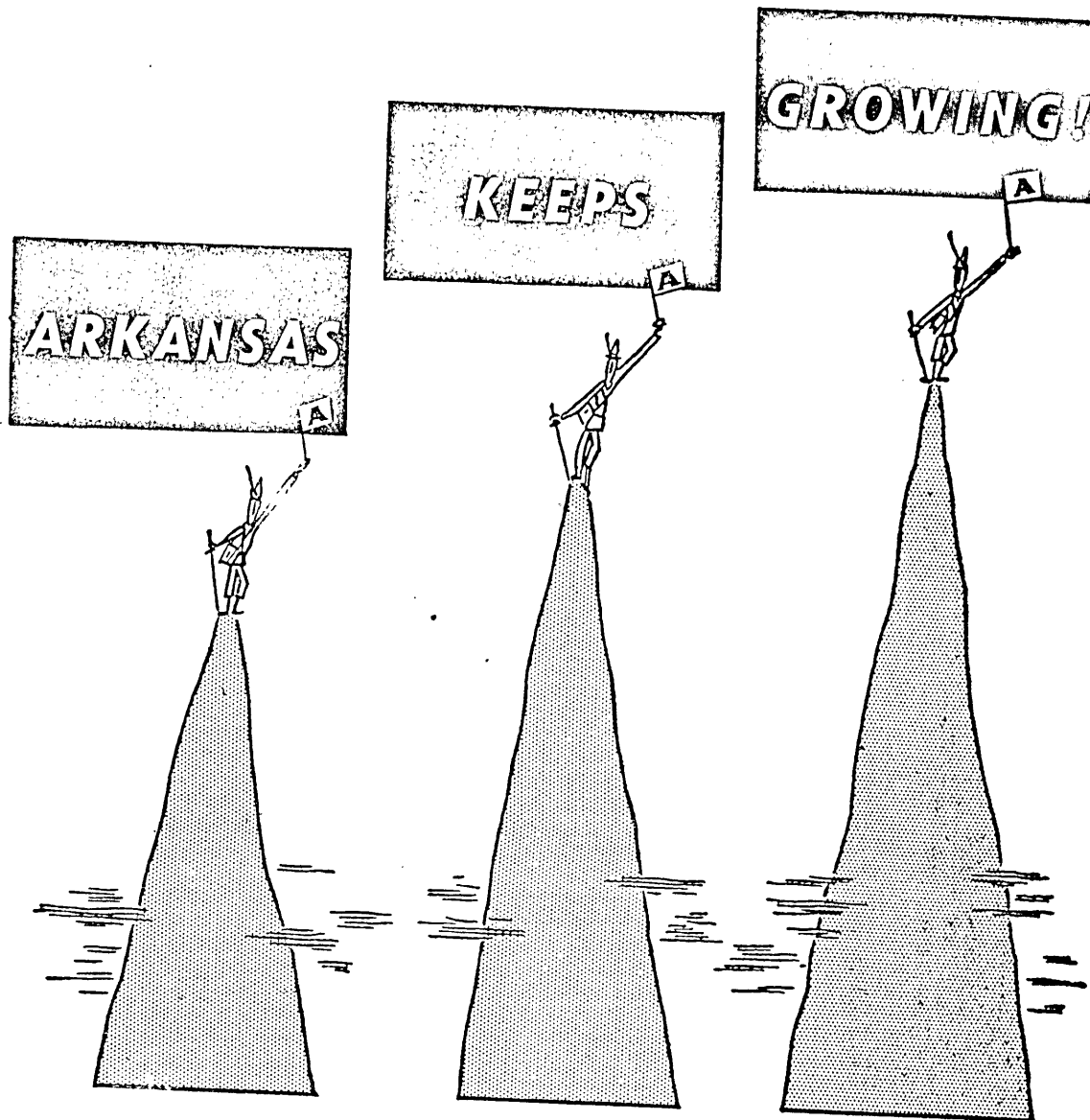
the parsonage, and there is talk of completely modernizing the parsonage in the very near future.

Preaching services are held on a station schedule each Sunday morning and evening now. E. G. Castel, pianist and son of a deceased Methodist minister, provides an excellent musical program. Rev. and Mrs. L. J. Stevenson and son, Lin, who recently came to Arkansas from

Virginia, are very pleased with the Huntington work.—L. J. Stevenson, Pastor.

All of us instinctively want to go to Heaven. But some of us like to get there with little or no exertion.—Homiletic and Pastoral Review.

They who wish to sing always find a song.—Swedish Proverb.



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### THE WORK AT HUNTINGTON

The Huntington Church, Ft. Smith District, held a visitation evangelism campaign the week of April 12, during which seven teams of two members each visited in 41 homes, securing decisions which resulted in 30 additions to the church. Eighteen of these were received on profession of faith and baptism, and the remainder from other denominations and other Methodist Churches. With these additions, 34 new members have united with the Huntington Church so far this conference year. Several other persons expressed their intention of joining in the near future.

The new members were received at a special Mother's Day service, at which time those joining by profession of faith were baptized, with the exception of 6 who were baptized by immersion that afternoon. Two young mothers of the church served as ushers at the Mother's Day service. Families were asked to sit together, and family groups were given special recognition. One family had 7 present, and several had 100 per cent attendance. Following the morning service and preceding the afternoon baptismal service, a fellowship dinner was held at the church.

At the Sunday School hour on

## The Sunday School Lesson

By DR. O. E. GODDARD



### THE HOPE FOR THE MESSIAH

LESSON FOR JUNE 20, 1948

**SCRIPTURE TEXT:** Ezekiel 34:11-16; 22-31; Daniel 7:13; Zechariah 3:8-10; 6:12-13; 9:9-10; 12:10; 13:1; John 10:14.

**GOLDEN TEXT:** For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder; and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. Isaiah 9:6.

When Jesus came the Jews long had been expecting a Messiah. For centuries the prophets had been foretelling of a coming Redeemer. A prophet is a mouth-piece for God—a forthteller of what God wants his people to know. It sometimes is a revelation, sometimes a rebuke, sometimes a warning, often words of comfort. Sometimes it was a new message, not heard before. It was an interpretation of what already had been written in the sacred books. There were doubtless many false prophets contemporaneous with the true prophets. By and large, they were true men and their messages were taken seriously. Sometimes the people ignored the warnings and got into trouble.

Isaiah was among the early prophets and was one of the greatest. "For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder; and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The Mighty God, The Everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace. Of the increase of his government and peace there shall be no end, upon the throne of David, and upon his kingdom, to order it, and to establish it with judgement and with justice from henceforth even forever. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will perform this." (Isaiah 9:6-7.)

The book of Isaiah is replete with the heartening promises which were a beacon light to the Jews in darkness, a comforting balm in their tragedies, and great strength to them when their faith grew weak.

Jeremiah came a little later. He had the misfortune of having to warn these rebellious Jews that if they persisted in their sins they would be taken into captivity. Jeremiah was "the old crab," "the sordid pessimist," "the joy killer," "the fanatic," and many other opprobrious names were applied to him by the arrogant leaders in sin. God, knowing that Jeremiah's life would be so hard in dealing with a rebellious people, advised Jeremiah not to marry. It would have been undesirable for any man to have asked any woman to share all such persecutions and sufferings. Great old Jeremiah continued to cry aloud, "Except ye repent and turn to God you shall go into captivity." They did not repent. They laughed him to scorn. Nebuchadnezzar came and into captivity they went. Jeremiah grieved at the great calamity which came to his people.

Ezekiel was a captive taken to Babylon by Nebuchadnezzar. His people were in sorrow and defeat. Severely exacting as was Ezekiel by nature, note how tenderly he pictures the Lord as their Shepherd. "Therefore will I save my flock, and they shall no more be a prey; and I will judge between cattle and cattle. And I will set up one shepherd over them, and he shall free them, even by servant David; he shall feed them, and he shall be

their shepherd. And I the Lord will be their God, and my servant David a prince among them; I the Lord have spoken it. And I will make with them a covenant of peace, and will cause the evil beasts to cease out of the Land: and they shall dwell safely in the wilderness, and sleep in the woods." (Ezekiel 34:22-25.) Now go back and read Isaiah Chapters 40-66. This Isaiah seemed to have been a contemporary with Ezekiel and Daniel.

Note the tirelessness and hopefulness of the last theme of Isaiah. Daniel the hero of the book that bears his name, was discussed at length in a recent lesson. "I saw in the night visions, and, behold, one like the Son of man came with the clouds of heaven, and came, to the Ancient of days, and they brought him near before him. And there was given him dominion, and glory, and a kingdom, that all people, nations, and languages, should serve him; his dominion is an everlasting dominion, which shall not pass away, and his kingdom that which shall not be destroyed." (Daniel 7:13-14) This reference is inserted to emphasize the fact that the prophets during and after the exile did all they could to renew the hopes of a captive people.

Zechariah, Haggai, and Malachi were post-exilic prophets, that is prophets who spoke and wrote after the exiles had returned to Palestine. Each one of their prophets did all in his power to renew and restore the hope of a Messiah. The Messianic hope was the source of their great expectations during all the years.

#### Prophets Misunderstood

All the prophets from Amos to Malachi were more or less misunderstood. The Jews were persistently thinking and hoping for an earthly ruler—a king who would come in royal splendor, conquer the cities and restore the reign of Jewish rulers. This mitigated against the Jews accepting Christ who became the lowly Nazarene born in a manger, no pomp nor splendor, no military equipage—in all this was a keen disappointment to the Jews. All these prophets from first to last, foretold the establishment of a kingdom of righteousness, love, joy, and peace.

#### Is The Present World Situation Hopeless?

We may have an atomic world war in the near future. Every city on the face of the earth may be destroyed at no distant day. All the prophecies we have been studying teach that "righteousness exalteth a nation but sin is a reproach to any people." Think for a moment of the sins of the nations—ignoring the Fatherhood of God, and the brotherhood of man. Nearly half of the world lives in need of shelter, food, and clothing, while the other half lives in wanton luxuries. We are

eating, drinking, gambling, until we are the most secular age of history. God is not in the thoughts of a people who spend more money for liquor than they spend to save the world. God may allow a pleasure-wild, money-mad, godless people to commit international suicide. Were every city of more than 4000 inhabitants on the face of the earth destroyed (And they may be within a year) there would remain thousands of good people not contaminated by useless luxuries, and not debauched by self-indulgences, out of which God could start a new program to save the world. The prophets have convinced me that finally we shall have a redeemed world. I do not say nor believe that the present civilization will be destroyed, but I do say if it were destroyed, God could save it through a remnant which would be left.

#### What Sayeth The Present-Day Prophets?

So far as I can discover, present-day prophets are not agreed. Some discerning students of the day think destruction is inevitable. They seem to think man's intellect has advanced so much faster than his moral sense that he has now the power, and it is not limited to one or a few nations, but all leading nations have the secret by which the present civilization could be destroyed over night. There are others equally studious and discerning, and perhaps with deeper spiritual insight, who think we are on the eve of the largest, best, and most enduring religious awakening ever known in Christian history. As I have intimated before, the prophets have convinced me that we are to have, finally, a redeemed world. Whether that will occur during the present civilization, I make no prophecy. This is God's world. His prophets have taught us that it is to be redeemed. Whether it will take God one year or a thousand years, no one knows. That depends upon how much and how efficient help He can get. There is more altruism in the world today than was ever before.

Individuals, churches, governments are doing more for needy humanity than ever before.

It is my opinion that governments (and they are new in altruism) churches, and individuals have given more for the human needs since January 1900 than had been given by all agencies from the time of Adam up to 1900 A. D.

#### MY FAVORITE BARTENDER

Glancing over the "Situations Wanted" ad, in my favorite Daily, this one struck me. "Bartender—honest, sober." Cocktail bar owners and operators as a class not only refuse to employ a drinker, but if one is caught taking a nip, he gets the boot.

That principle practiced by liquor dealers has no parallel. Imagine a shoe dealer refusing to hire a clerk who wears shoes; or a baker, a salesman who eats bread; or a dress shop, an attendant who wears dresses, and on ad infinitum.

One of the world's axioms is, "It's a poor rule that doesn't work both ways." If drink is bad for the seller, what about the buyer?—Elmer Ellsworth Helms.

Before you feel yourself qualified as a teacher, first make sure that you are a student.—J. A. Rosenkrantz, Thoughts To Live By. (Stone and Pierce).

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