

Roads That Lead Nowhere

LAST Sunday on the front page of the Arkansas Gazette was an article concerning a recently completed stretch of pavement and concrete bridge in southeast Little Rock which stops abruptly without reaching any destination. This construction project, costing taxpayers several hundred thousand dollars, was planned to connect two sections of the city, but it ends in the brush. Originally designed to serve as a means to an end, it ends in itself and, thus far, will serve no useful purpose.

Whatever might be said about the merits of spending such a sum for a road that until now leads nowhere, much could be said about the supposedly spiritual roads that lead nowhere. Strictly speaking a road is not a road but a slab of concrete until it serves some useful purpose like being the means over which vehicles may pass to reach a desired destination. A so-called spiritual road that becomes an end in itself rather than becoming the means to a worthy goal is also a road that leads nowhere.

There are times when the program of the Methodist Church, a road that leads somewhere, becomes for some churches a road that leads nowhere. Promoting a program for the sake of a program is a road that ends in itself. A Sunday School class that serves little more than an occasion for hilarious fellowship, a worship service that proves void of satisfying the soul's hunger for the bread of life, a M.Y.F. program that finds its end in itself rather than enlarging youth's vision and understanding, a W.S.C.S. meeting which proves to be much less than its name implies, a conference-wide campaign which is half-heartedly promoted because it happens to be the next item on the calendar's agenda; all these and still other phases of the church's program thus pursued are roads that lead nowhere. They could be the means or experiences through which Methodists may pass to greater experiences in the Kingdom.

It should be stated that in most of our churches worthy goals and ends are chosen, and the leadership, clerical and lay, conscientiously endeavor to reach the goals. Where this is done, the program becomes the means whereby these goals are attained, the road that leads somewhere. Where does your road lead?

Annual Conference Season At Hand

THE season for the meetings of the two annual conferences of Arkansas Methodism "draweth nigh." Fort Smith will be the scene of the North Arkansas Conference, October 13-17, while the Little Rock Conference convenes in Little Rock, October 20-24. District Superintendents, pastors and laymen are now busy rounding out the year's program and readying reports to their annual conference. Regardless of how much thought and preparation go into the planning of the conferences, these sessions will be something short of a meeting of God's people if they lack that spiritual quality which makes a church conference different from the conventional convention.

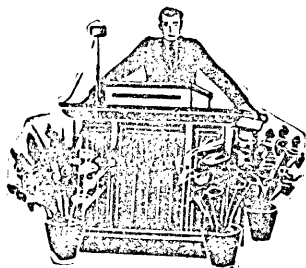
Promotional techniques in an annual conference session have been developed to a remarkable degree. One might wonder if there has been a corresponding development of the spiritual quality in the conference sessions. Let all ministers and laymen prepare themselves spiritually that the forthcoming annual conference sessions may be a spiritual feast resulting in deeper consecration and sacrifice through service in the future.

You Can Help Your Preacher Preach

YOU can help your preacher preach by CO-OPERATING WITH HIM, AS LEADER, IN PROMOTING THE WORK OF THE CHURCH.

There are two things that every Methodist congregation should remember about its pastor. First, he is not a dictator. He cannot command the co-operation and services of his people. To attempt to do so would largely disqualify him for the work of a pastor in our church. In the second place, it is impossible for him alone to do everything that should be done in promoting the program of the church.

The pastor's field of service lies between these two extremes; he is the LEADER in the work of his charge. Furthermore, the congregation, in recognizing his leadership, implies its willingness



ness to be led and to co-operate with him in carrying on the work of the church. Because of the complex, comprehensive program the church is promoting today a wealth of leadership is necessary in order that each activity of the church may have proper supervision and direction. When a congregation fails to co-operate with its pastor as its leader, the work of that church is doomed to failure, regardless of the ability and powers of leadership the pastor may possess.

The pastor has a responsibility, not only to properly utilize the trained, recognized leaders in a congregation, it is also his responsibility to discover and train new leadership in his charge. Those selected by him for new responsibilities should be willing to trust his judgement and attempt the work he asks them to do.

Because the work of the church is his full-time business the pastor has more time to study the needs of his church than members of his congregation. Also he has had special training and a special call to fit him for leadership in his charge. Consequently the pastor should know better than any other individual the type and character of leadership needed in the various activities of the church. For this reason anyone selected by the pastor for leadership in any particular field of service should accept that responsibility, unless compelling reasons prevent it.

Almost without exception, the spirit of co-operation or lack of co-operation the pastor receives from his people in helping him do the work of the church will mark the difference between success and failure in his work.

"If A Man Be Overtaken In A Fault"

IN the opening verse of the sixth chapter of Galatians Paul, the great saint, says "Brethren, if a man be overtaken in a fault, ye which are spiritual restore such an one in the spirit of meekness; considering thyself lest thou also be tempted."

Paul makes no attempt here to define the attitude of the world toward one who has missed the way. Usually that is anything but helpful. The apostle does, however, make a distinction which one should always be able to make regarding the attitude of a Christian toward one who has failed spiritually. He says that those who are "spiritual" should always follow a course toward the erring that is constructive rather than destructive.

Almost anyone can criticize the faults and failures that seem to be apparent in others. It does not require much brain-power and it does not necessarily require any religion at all to criticize. In the world in which we live, however, it is necessary for us to possess the Spirit of Christ and a heart that sincerely loves people, if we are to be as helpful and constructive in our attitudes and purposes as we should be, when our friends make mistakes.

Protestantism does not believe in an infallible church. It believes that it is possible for its members and even for its ministers to make mistakes spiritually. We remember the failures of the disciples of Jesus on the night before his crucifixion; one betrayed him, one denied him and he was forsaken by all. But for the matchless spirit of the Master, after the resurrection, these failures might have meant the breakdown of the cause for which he died. Careless, inconsiderate talk, at such times, not only fails to "restore" the erring one but it may, in total, do even more hurt to the church than the "fault" about which we talk.

There is possibly not a Methodist church about us but would be seriously hurt if the "spiritual" part of its membership should turn to a critical, unsympathetic attitude toward members of the congregation suspected of not living right. The same might be said of any Annual Conference in Methodism, regarding the relationships of its members. There is no individual, great or small, high or low, whose failure will long hurt the church if the "spiritual" part of its membership and leadership will only give evidence, by its attitude and activities, that it possesses the spirit of Christ.

Pay Your Poll Tax So You Can Vote

ON page thirteen in this issue is found a statement by C. C. Coulter, superintendent of the Anti-Saloon League in Arkansas, urging citizens to secure a poll tax before October 1 in order that they may be able to vote in the coming elections.

Act Number 2, initiated by the liquor forces, is a vicious, dangerous piece of proposed legislation. The liquor interests, suffering defeat in practically every election in the state where the liquor question is placed squarely before the people, have hit on the plan of preventing, by law, an election on the prohibition question except at the time of a general election.

By this means, despite the rapidly growing prohibition sentiment, an election could be held on the liquor election only every two years, and then it would be cluttered up with high-powered political contests.

✻ First Assembly Of World Council Of Churches ✻

By FRED R. HARRISON

IN these reports I am sending to the Arkansas Methodist, I am not attempting to give a complete coverage, as I know the commercial press is giving full space daily to the proceedings. I desire to give a few highlights here and there.

While the churchmen of the world are busily engaged in inaugurating a World Council of Churches, one hundred youth delegates from 45 countries are also meeting here in Amsterdam to plan the role of youth in the world church fellowship.

This select group of church youth from many denominations attend the plenary sessions of the main conference as observers and holds its own commission and committee meetings. They are discussing the same theme as the adults and plan to present their conclusions through a spokesman to the conference. This is the first occasion, officials of the group said, where youth have been officially recognized in a world church conference.

On last Saturday afternoon, six thousand Dutch youth joined the conference youth delegates in a huge youth rally in the Apollo Hall. Dr. Martin Niemöller, noted German churchman, addressed the meeting. This probably marks the first occasion since the war when a Dutch mass meeting has consented to listen to a speech in a language they still do not like to hear. The youth committee voted this action because Dr. Niemöller had won the confidence of many Dutch people by his wartime record of serving in concentration camps in Germany, and also because in this way youth would demonstrate Christian unity and reconciliation.

Today delegates to the First Assembly of the World Council of Churches elected six presidents, an honorary president and a 90-member Central Committee to carry out the policy until the next Assembly meets.

Presidents chosen were: Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam, Bishop of the New York Area of The Methodist Church; Dr. T. C. Chao, (Anglican) dean of the School of Religion, Yenching University, Peiping, China; Pastor Marc Boegner (Reformed Church) Paris, France, president of the Protestant Federation of France; Dr. Geoffrey Fisher (Anglican) London, Archbishop of Canterbury; Dr. S. Germanos (Eastern Orthodox) Archbishop of Thyateira, with see in London, and Dr. Erling Eidem (Lutheran), the Archbishop of Upsala, Sweden.

Dr. John R. Mott, 83-year-old Methodist layman of New York, and pioneer in the ecumenical movement, won wide applause as he was elected and accepted the honorary presidency of the Council. Bishop Oxnam filled the position left vacant by Dr. Mott.

Last Wednesday night, reserved for "Confessional" meetings of denominational groups found 300 Methodist from all over the world meeting in the Little Hall. Bishop Ivan Lee

Holt presided with his usual grace and dignity. There were representatives from 30 Methodist groups, with the largest number from America.

The tentative program of the Methodist Ecumenical Conference to be held in 1951 in Oxford was presented. A similar 'confessional' meeting will be held next Wednesday night.

At this meeting, I was very happy to see and talk with Chaplain (Capt.) Archie N. Boyd, and Mrs. Boyd, who had come up for the day



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from his base in Southern Germany. Chaplain Boyd is a member of the North Arkansas Conference, and has been serving at the Erding Airforce Station since coming to Europe. At my request he gave me a picture of the lovely chapel which was dedicated June 6 of this year. (This picture appears on Page 12 of this issue.—Editor) Chaplain Boyd has been stationed at this base since March 1946. There are 3000 men at this base. Mrs. Boyd has been with him since July of 1946.

Chaplain Boyd was serving as pastor of our Second Church in Ft. Smith when he entered the service. I plan to visit him and Mrs. Boyd on my trip to Germany next week.

Today, August 31, marks a great day in Amsterdam and all of the Netherlands. Yesterday, the regency in Holland lapsed and Queen Wilhelmina will assume her throne for the last time this week, as Princess Juliana will become Queen of the Netherlands on Monday, September 6. That day will also mark Queen Wilhelmina's golden jubilee in celebration of her fifty years as queen.

The first event of today, inaugurating the 'feast week' will be an aubade on Damaskare,

in front of the Royal Palace, by 19,000 singers and children, conducted by F. J. Roeske. In the afternoon a Jubilee Play depicting the history of Holland the past fifty years will be given in the stadium where the Olympic games are held in the Netherlands here in Amsterdam. The feast week will include a series of festivals and displays, illuminated processions along the canals, water fencing, parades and religious services. The World Council has adjourned for the afternoon to attend the Jubilee Play.

The City of Amsterdam, as well as other cities of the Netherlands is arrayed in festive beauty. For weeks decorations have been going up on buildings and streets and homes. The canals have been decorated with strings of white electric lights, which are very beautiful reflected in the water beneath. Special street decorations have been erected and draped with bright orange bunting, and the red, white and blue of the Holland flag. Many of these decorations are topped with golden crowns. Stores seem to vie with each other in the beauty and striking arrangement of their decorations. Millions, and I mean millions of orange marigolds and gladiolas, fill boxes and pots at all windows, and are arranged in artistic fashion in festoons on the front of the buildings amid the graceful arrangement of the national colors. The orange color is for the House of Orange and the Golden Jubilee of Queen Wilhelmina. Many downtown buildings are beautifully flood lighted. Private homes and apartments are likewise attractively decorated.

Bright Holland sunshine today adds brilliance to a beautifully and artistically decorated city in honor of their beloved Queen Wilhelmina and the new Queen Juliana.

Interest of the Royal Family and the Government of Holland in the Assembly of the World Council of Churches has been expressed by three receptions and the attendance of Princess Juliana and Prince Bernard at an afternoon session last week. At noon a special reception was held at the Royal Palace for 27 leading Churchmen attending the Council. Last Monday evening the Minister of Justice, Mr. R. J. Wijers, welcomed the 1500 people of the assembly at the "Bijksmuseum," the largest museum in Holland. There the delegates and visitors were privileged to view the collection of 500 of Holland's best paintings, including the famous "Night Watch" by Rembrandt. On Friday, the Burgomaster and Aldermen of the City of Amsterdam welcomed the world-wide group of churchmen and visitors at a reception given at the Royal Palace.

In my next report I will tell of the concluding sessions of the Assembly, when the final reports will be adopted and the work of the conference crystalized for world fellowship.

OKINAWA IS ONE GREAT SLUM

By Rev. Everett W. Thompson,
Kamakura, Japan

I have recently returned to Japan from eight months on Okinawa doing relief work.

The whole island, 100 miles long, is one great slum. Houses are built of war debris. Food supplies are irregular and insufficient. Clothing is issued by the Army at rare intervals. Everybody wears the same drab color grown grimy from repeated washings without soap. Nearly everybody gets wet when it rains, shivers when the weather is cold, lacks changes of clothing when summer heat bathes one in perspiration. Makeshift school buildings have grass or ragged canvas roofs, earth floors, gapping holes for windows. Thousands have been forced to return to Okinawa from overseas, making the population far higher than in pre-war days. Yet American Army installations occupy a large

fraction of the best land on the island. Local production of daily necessities shows progress but still is far short of people's needs. For most people life is dreary and discouraging.

Into this situation stepped your Church World Service by sending us to Okinawa to survey needs and distribute relief supplies, both food and clothing, which they sent by the ton month after month. This was done in close cooperation with the military and civilian governments. We explained in giving out the relief goods that these were gifts from Christian friends in America, and that they were given to people of all faiths or no faith, wherever the need was felt to be greatest. Food and clothing were first given to aged, orphans and lepers in institutions. Next, each of the thousands on relief, many of them widows and their children, received something. Finally, distribution of clothing was made to as large a part of the general popula-

tion as our supplies would permit. For every one was in need, and clothes other than army discards were simply not to be had.

Several shipments came from Okinawans in Los Angeles and in Honolulu and in Argentina. These included pencils, notebooks, chalk and dictionaries for the destitute schools, food, clothes, sewing machines, bicycles, children's toys, and serum flown in to stop a cholera epidemic among the pitifully small herds of hogs. Christian friends helped send New Testaments and hymnals in Japanese for the churches. Fishnets, incubators for chickens, and 1000 hogs were next on our list. This work must go on.

Some thirty local churches in Okinawa are banded together in one Protestant Association, served by more than twenty pastors. Buildings are few. They meet in schools, hospitals, town offices, homes. Many are reaching out to village youth and women's societies, and now churches are springing up, led by

teachers, doctors, pastor's widows. I was privileged to help this eager, devoted but destitute Christian movement in whatever spare time I could snatch from by original assignment of relief work.

It is an art to say the right thing at the right time, but far more difficult to leave unsaid the wrong thing at the tempting moment.—Wesleyan Christian Advocate.

Recently I asked a Georgia friend why Southerners were always so slow and deliberate. "I asked my great-grandfather that same question once. He ans'd 'Son, it just doesn't pay to be in a hurry; you always pass up much more than you catch up with.'"—Alan Brown, Democracy in Action.

Alcohol is something which very often puts the wreck in recreation.—The Johnson Way, hm, Johnson Printing Co.

THE DEVOTIONAL PAGE

REV. H. O. BOLIN, Editor

AND WE HAVE IT!

"And the sword of the Spirit, which is the Word of God." In order to help us appreciate the Bible let us compare it to money, remembering that the psalmist said years ago, "The law of thy mouth is better unto me than thousands of gold and silver."

This world is striving for money, it is being sought on every hand—yet we find only a comparative few are seeking God's Word. From the Bible we get better food than money can buy, and, there is no shortage not even rationing! In this precious Book we learn of the Bread of Life that can feed starving souls and satisfy their every longing.

Money can buy us many fine clothes, the wealthy man having his forty to one hundred suits, the great lady can have her new gown for every festive occasion but YOU can have a robe of righteousness which shall shine as the stars. You learn where to get this robe by reading the Bible.

Money can buy beautiful homes but Jesus says, "I go to prepare a place for you"—a building of God and an house not made with hands eternal in the heavens. Money brings a fairly certain hope for the future but the Bible brings us freedom from sin which will grant us an entrance into God's presence for the eternities to come. God has seemed to exhaust resources to give us these pictures of salvation. In Micah 7:19 he says he casts our sins into the depths of the sea. In Isaiah 38:17 he says they are behind his back. In Psalm 103:12, He says they are removed as far as the East is from the West. Hebrews 8:12 says, "Sins and iniquities will I remember no more? Can money buy that for you? No, a thousand times no, but God's Word offers it to whosoever will. Will you?"—In The Gospel Banner.

THE GAMBLING MANIAC

"We cannot have a great United States and an honorable people if we disintegrate the business integrity of America and permit the spreading of the gambling mania through our nation's mails, over the wires, and by means of other public service. Every business transaction, a man engages in advances industry, aids home life, and builds its own integrity. If one goes into a butcher shop and spends \$1.50 for a beefsteak, he thus serves the three parties concerned; but if he goes into a gambling establishment, he will do one of two things: He will get something for nothing, or nothing for something. If he gets nothing for something he is a fool; if he gets something for nothing he is a thief. But he has not engaged in a business transaction; he has not built up his honor; but he disintegrated his integrity and character."—Charles True Wilson in the Divine Right of Democracy.

Life must be worth living. The cost has doubled and we still hang on.—Office Appliances.

If you cannot win, make the one ahead break the record. — Keene Thrusts.

HOW DO YOU STAND?

Pliny A. Wiley, Wichita, Kansas

*How do you stand in your heart today?
Are you clear of eye and steady of hand?
Are you able to walk life's strenuous way
And meet each challenge and demand?*

*How do you stand at the bank today?
Is your balance in black or is it red?
Are you able to pay your costly way
And buy your clothing your shoes and bread?*

*How do you stand with your fellow men?
Do they respect and honor you?
Have you kept the promise of tongue and pen
And to your commitments all been true?*

*How do you stand with the God most High?
In His matchless image you were made.
Nothing is hidden from His eye.
Can you meet His judgment unafraid?*

—Mennonite Weekly Review

All Progress Requires Struggle

This is true in every realm of life. Since the spiritual is the highest realm of life it is doubly true there.

As a background for this theme we note an event that is recorded in the Bible. We are all familiar with the account of the twin-brothers, Jacob and Esau. Jacob overreached his brother and cheated him out of his birthright and other valuables. To save his life, he fled to a foreign country. He there married his uncle Laban's two daughters—Leah and Rachel. He spent some twenty years in the home of his uncle and accumulated considerable wealth. He then decided to return to his homeland. He learned that Esau was coming to meet him with four hundred armed men. He was greatly frightened. He sent a series of presents on ahead to appease Esau's wrath. He then went out alone to spend the night in prayer to God for his and his family's deliverance. Then followed an all-night wrestling match with a heavenly visitor. Jacob finally won and received a great blessing. It was victory or progress through struggle. True progress in all realms of life still comes only in this way.

Attaining Christlike character requires struggle. We don't drift into this highest of all achievements. It was Jesus himself who said, "And from the days of John the Baptist until now the kingdom of heaven suffereth violence, and the violent take it by force." This is no coward's job. It requires courage and conviction to stand up against all odds for that which is right.

This struggle is against three great forces in life—Satan, sin and self. Christ and all the New Testament writers believed in a personal devil. We are told that Jesus was in mortal combat with him for a period of forty days, at which time Satan tried to destroy Jesus with three distinct temptations. In speaking of Satan Paul tells us, "For

we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places."

We must also struggle against sin. There are many types of sin—there is wilful, premeditated sin; which is filled with a willingness on the part of the offender to commit it. He realizes beforehand something of the consequences but goes ahead just the same. Then there is the type of sin which is not only wilful but also habitual. No true Christian will commit wilful, habitual sin. The individual who persists in such activity proves beyond a doubt that he has no vital contact with Christ. There is also the sin of surprise. This comes when the individual in question is caught off guard and is swept by sudden temptation into wrong doing before he has time to consider the wrong of the contemplated act or the consequences which follow it. The only way to avoid this type of sin is to watch and pray. The most prevalent type of sin with which we have to do is that of omission. None is above this type. It is doubtful if there is an individual in all the world today who goes for a whole year without leaving undone some good thing that he ought to do. These different types of sin greatly increase the struggle that one must put up against it.

Then, we must struggle against self. Some of the world's greatest Christians, including John Wesley and Martin Luther, insisted that they had more trouble with self than they did with Satan. Every individual is either Christ-centered or self-centered. Paul gives the only adequate remedy there is for this trouble: "I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me." Again, Paul insisted that one put the interest of others above his own interest. That is hard to do. That is where

INHERITANCE

From the Catholic Voice, Cork, Ireland, comes the following paragraph: "There is a little church in Jutland, Denmark, where the members of the Protestant congregation have the strange custom of nodding to the wall as they enter. To all appearances the wall is blank. But the custom has been passed on from father to son for generations back. Nobody knew the reason for this strange gesture until a Copenhagen scientist removed the whitewash of 400 years and discovered a picture of Our Lady from the times when Denmark was Catholic." Talk about the inheritance of acquired characters being impossible, what do you think of that?—Herald of Holiness.

the struggle with self comes in.

This struggle must be persistent. One must keep ever at it. There is no place to let up. One can't rest on the oars when he is paddling up stream—the current will carry him back. Many an individual quits just before the complete victory is won. In the Cripple Creek area of Colorado there is a famous gold mine. Three prospectors spent a great sum of money and several years digging a shaft. Then they gave up in despair. They sold their claims to fresh prospectors, who discovered a rich vein of gold-bearing ore the very first day they worked the claim. Over three million dollars worth of gold was eventually taken from the mine.

Again, this is a lonely struggle. "And Jacob was left alone." In the Bible we are told to bear one another's burdens and so fulfill the law of Christ. There are family and even social burdens that may be shared, but on the other hand there are certain burdens that each individual has to bear alone. Jacob had a score to settle with God. He had been—as his name implies—a supplanter. He had deceived his blind father, Isaac; he had cheated his brother, Esau; and had outsmarted his uncle, Laban. He had lived for self. He took undue advantages of others to enhance his own welfare. Now, the day of reckoning had come. His sins had found him out. His chickens had come home to roost. He had come to the point in his life that self must be dethroned and the will of God made supreme. When that point is reached only one human can be there—the individual who is surrendering self. He is alone and face to face with his past, with his present and with his God. What a struggle! What a victory! Talk of struggles on battlefields and the victories won there—the greatest struggles are faced and the most important victories won inside of people. In fact all of our outward troubles have their source on the inside of people. Many have set out in our day to change the world. This is a great and worthy ambition. But they must never forget that the troubles of this world have their source inside of the people of the world. When God made the world he said it was good. Evil has come through evil people. To change the world, they must be changed. This change will require struggle. We are not surprised at this for all progress requires struggle.—H. O. B.

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A WEEKLY MESSAGE

By FORNEY HUTCHINSON

THE BEN FEW CAMPGROUND

In a recent issue of the Arkansas Methodist I saw an announcement of the old Ben Few Camp Meeting. It attracted by attention because of my relation to it in years long gone.

It is in Dallas County and is near Princeton. My stepmother taught music there in Brother Hayes' school before I was born. Through the years it was an attractive place to me because Brother J. E. Caldwell lived there, and I loved and had great admiration for him. Once he was our guest at an Annual Conference which met at our church in Hot Springs, Arkansas. It was a benediction to have him in our home.

One summer, about 1897, I went to Fordyce to fill out an uncompleted term of Dr. C. J. Greene. Soon after my arrival, I went with some friends to the camp meeting and assisted with the preaching and the eating.

It was the system there for every one to assemble under the camp shed for breakfast and a kind of family prayers. One morning a dear old woman who was looking especially after my breakfast, called attention to some pies which she was serving. She said, "Have a piece of that pie, Brother Forney. It's mouldy but you can pick out some pieces without mould on them and will find it very good. You know we've been out for several days." I have forgotten her name, but while her pie was mouldy, her religion was fresh and wholesome.

I will never forget that meeting. It was a great occasion. I wish I could be there again, but will at least not forget to pray for the services, and look forward to the place where "congregations never break up and Sabbaths have no end."

DEATH OF REV. J. B. ANDREWS

Rev. John B. Andrews, retired evangelist, died at his home in Siloam Springs on Tuesday, September 7, at the age of 89. Brother Andrews was a member of the North Arkansas Conference and had been in evangelistic work for many years. He was born in Giles County, Tennessee, and while a young man joined the Alabama Conference and later coming to Arkansas joined the North Arkansas Conference. He held many meetings over the state.

Survivors include six daughters, Mrs. G. A. Fellows, Panama City, Fla., Mrs. G. T. Tagnini, Houston, Texas, and Mrs. Bess Ross, Mrs. Bird Miller, Mrs. Charles Dorland and Mrs. Ben Garst, all of Siloam Springs, a son, J. Allan Andrews, Oklahoma City and several grandchildren and

NEWS AND NOTES ABOUT FACTS AND FOLKS

REV. R. E. ROBERTSON, our pastor at Hartman, is in the Fort Smith hospital where he underwent a major operation on September 8.

REV. H. O. BOLIN, pastor at Grand Avenue Church, Stuttgart is doing the preaching in a series of services which are being held in the Humphrey Methodist Church, beginning on September 5. Rev. G. L. Cagle is pastor.

BILL HARVISON was licensed to preach August 18 in the chapel of Central Church, Fayetteville. He is now in school at Arkansas Tech. He expects to transfer to Hendrix after this semester. He is the son of Rev. and Mrs. C. H. Harvison who are now serving the Elm Springs-Harmon Charge.

REV. S. T. BAUGH, pastor of Grand Avenue Church, Hot Springs, held a service on Friday evening, September 3, at Piney Grove, an extension church, baptized a baby and took three new members into the church, making a total of twenty-five new members received this year. This church had a membership of twenty-seven and with this year's additions, the total is now fifty-two.

MISS MARIE HARRELL, daughter of Rev. and Mrs. Van W. Harrell of Prescott, and Rev. James Edward Christie, son of Rev. and Mrs. Andrew J. Christie, Texarkana, were married at the First Methodist Church in Prescott at 4:30 p. m. on Thursday afternoon, September 9. After a wedding trip they will be at home in Texarkana where Mr. Christie is associate pastor of the First Methodist Church.

UNDER the leadership of the World's Evangelical Alliance, the annual Universal Week of Prayer is to be observed throughout the Christian world from Sunday, January 2, through Sunday, January 9, 1949. Pastors are urged to preach special sermons on the two Sundays, the prayer services are urged for the days between. The January 2 sermon topic is "The Deity of Christ"; and on the 9th there will be united communion and preaching on church unity, it is announced by Henry Martin Gooch, of London, Eng., secretary of the Alliance.

SAYS a recent statement of the Society of Friends (Quakers) in Philadelphia: "The world needs a change in outlook—from fear to faith based on the kind of love that Jesus taught; from compulsion with its trust in weapons, to cooperation based on the dignity and worth of the human person. We feel constrained by the power of God to voice a warning to all people: there is no safety, no security, no peace in armaments, however deadly they may be made. The trust of mankind must be in the power of the living God. It is no easy way, but there can be peace only in a world order founded upon the spirit and precepts given to all men by the Gospel of Jesus Christ."

THERE is the urgent call in Japan for missionaries in large numbers, missionaries in the rural areas, in industrial areas, among students, in the churches, in social service, and for missionary teachers in church and government schools, report present missionaries in that land. Along with these is the call for short term workers, for prominent American churchmen who will give a Sabbatical year or two for specialists to help adapt the new educational system, for young college graduates who will go for a few years to help young Japan learn to speak English and to mold the coming generation. . . . The Methodist Church is making a first response by sending this summer to Japan fifty new missionaries for three years of service each.

THREE years after the close of the war in Europe, there are still in Denmark some 45,000 German refugees to whom Denmark has

great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held on Friday with Rev. J. T. Byrd, pastor of the Methodist Church of Siloam Springs in charge.

given asylum in camps, mostly in Jutland. They had fled there in the face of the Russian advance, and at one time numbered 220,000. It is hoped that the remainder can soon be repatriated. Meanwhile both Protestant and Catholic clergymen are ministering to them in camps; there are schools for the younger people; and the government of Denmark is providing food and clothing — at a cost to date of 600,000,000 Danish crowns. The large majority of the refugees are German Lutherans. Some of the ministers visiting the camps have helped train qualified refugees as their assistants.

GOODWILL INDUSTRIES, founded by the Methodist Church in Boston, Mass., is now in the forty-sixth year of service, and at work in 90 American cities, at the forefront of institutions serving handicapped people. With the increasing need of rehabilitation services both for veterans and civilians, it is estimated that 200 new Goodwill Industries should be established in the cities of America. Formal endorsement of Goodwill Industries has been made by the Federal Office of Vocational Rehabilitation and the Veterans Administration. Dr. Thomas Parran, Surgeon General of the United States Public Health Service, says "Scarcely one worker in a hundred who needs the type of service Goodwill offers can secure it at present. These agencies must be greatly expanded if they are to meet the need."

INDIA is changing, says the Rev. James R. Boyles, Methodist missionary in Baroda, and he points to some recent government actions to prove his point: "Several women hold high public office. The Bombay Presidency, with a population of about 60 million, has passed a law prohibiting the traffic in liquor. Laws against caste discrimination, striking at the ancient Hindu practice, have been written into several provincial codes and will be enforced. In Surat, (Untouchables) who tried to get rooms. This in such contests in the West."

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"THE traditional Sunday school with a meager hour a week of teaching is in many places giving way to a more effective church program for the religious training of children which uses more hours on Sunday, through the week, and through the summer. The following are typical of these expansions in local churches: Use of church buildings as community or neighborhood centers for after-school or Saturday morning activities and religious classes for children; additional teaching sessions for Primary and Junior children on Sunday afternoon or on specified afternoons through the week; through-the-week kindergartens with trained workers and a daily session of three or more hours with an accompanying program of parents education. The latter represents a significant development. During the years before children are in the public school, the church has an opportunity to provide for them and for their parents the training which is timely before the school years make life more complex for both children and parents."—From Report of Dr. J. Q. Schisler, executive secretary of the Division of the Local Church, to the 1948 Conference.

NOTICE FROM NORTH ARKANSAS CONFERENCE TREASURER

By order of the Annual Conference the treasurer's books close on October 6, and all money to be included in this year's report must be in the treasurer's hands on that date.—J. T. Willcoxson.

130 Federal Street

By BERNICE BURROUGHS

TWO years ago, Chaplain T. H. Caliandro returned to the Italian Methodist Church, Portland, Maine, after months of service overseas. For him, as for many chaplains, the return to the pastorate marked the exchange of one strenuous job for another.

During Pastor Caliandro's absence, Mrs. Caliandro, with the help of a layman, led the Italian service; a supply pastor and another layman, the English. With all the splendid

marked him almost as much an institution as the two-story chapel parsonage. People other than Methodists look to the gold cross on the front of the brown-shingled house and know that behind that cross is a study and a pastor ready to serve. Recently he shared in the funeral service of a young physician of Portland whose family requested that Mr. Caliandro speak at the synagogue.

The calls for assistance and counsel that come from non-church people have increased through the years. An approximate 75 per cent of those with whom the pastor has contacted are not numbered among the 150 membership roll of the two churches.

There have been many changes

pastor's spirit and gifts were outstanding, who can estimate the record of loyalty of this "so great a people" who carried on during the depression and war years.

Too often small missions congregations are haunted by the specter of poverty in regard to property needs. The Italian Mission at Portland is no exception. No mechanism has been devised to measure the increased effectiveness that could come to such congregations and pastors who might be freed from this burden. Working as hard as they can, and grateful as they are for assistance that comes from the Board of Missions and Church Extension, the Italian Mission each year faces some kind of financial emergency in regard to property. The latest is at

spirit of the new in their example.

Mr. Caliandro's ministry is another gift of Italy to America. As a teacher, in his homeland he heeded the call to come to a new country and to a new calling shortly after the first World War. Then came another war, and Chaplain Caliandro became the pastor to the 114th General Hospital with a personnel of 800 and 1400 patients. His citation speaks for those years of service in the language of the military for "conspicuous and temporal needs singularly peculiar to battle casualties returning from the scene of combat." Pastor Caliandro continues to care for spiritual necessities and temporal needs and he continues to meet casualties of another kind, the defeated and discouraged who live in the midst of America's cities.

In referring to his 20 years in Portland, Mr. Caliandro likes to say, with a smile, "My people are so good. They don't know how to get rid of me." Let us "thank God," to borrow Pastor Caliandro's own favorite expression, that there are men and women like Tommaso and Frances Caliandro who are willing to work in the hardest places, and that there are loyal members who work with them.



Mr. Caliandro visits with children at Warren Avenue Church, Portland, Maine

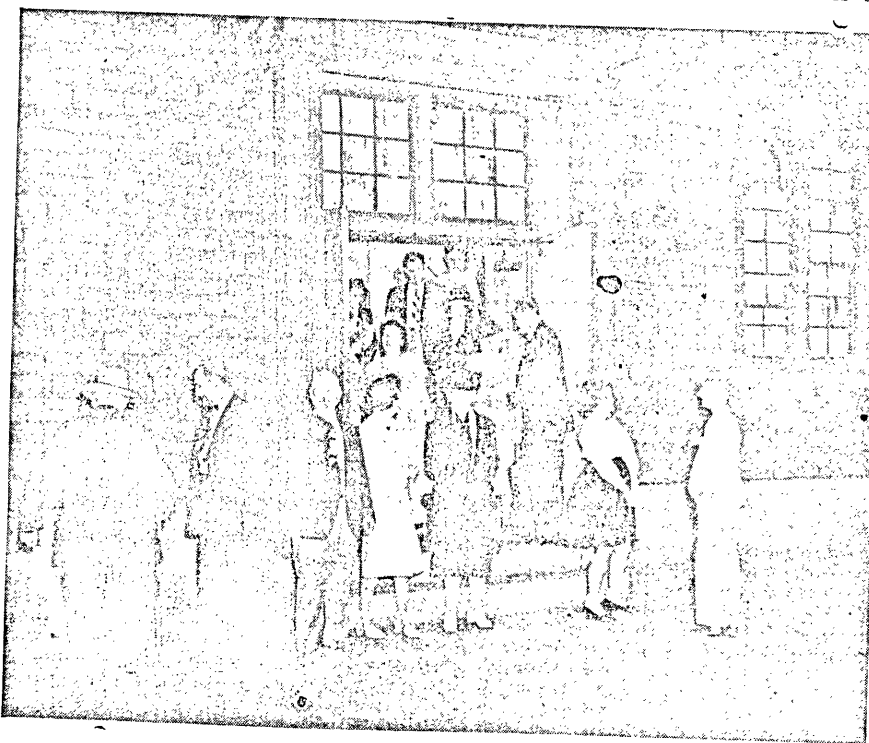
work of those who kept the church going, many activities were necessarily curtailed awaiting the pastor's return.

For instance, at the Warren Avenue Church, a branch of the downtown congregation, located just outside the city, there was no one to lead the services or to visit in the homes of the members. And there was no one to carry on the radio work which Mr. Caliandro had reached hundreds of New England homes where the Italian language is the household word. But the Italian Church pastor and members thank God that the mission as well as the missionary survived the war experience, and that the only Italian Protestant mission north of Boston continues to serve.

No one knows exactly why so many Americans of Italian origin settled in Portland. Some of those who came were fishermen by trade, and the fishing fleets were in their attraction. Others came to help build the railroads, and to farm. Great numbers of those who came to the city beside Casco Bay have moved to other places in New England and farther west.

Like other missionaries serving bilingual groups, Mr. Caliandro knows that the success of his work is closely related to numerical minuses. When his people leave their poorer jobs for better ones, their plain homes for more comfortable living, they are on the way to new and better opportunities and their pastor rejoices with them, although the change often means transferred membership. The missionary church has had a distinct part in all this, for losses in terms of numbers often mean complete integration of the people into American life, which is an important byproduct of bilingual churches.

The work of the Italian church in Portland is far from completed. No matter how many move into new income levels, there are hundreds of others who need the ministry of the pastor on Federal Street. His twenty years in Portland have



Rev. T. M. Caliandro greeting parishioners at 130 Federal Street, Portland, Maine

at 130 Federal Street, since the coming of Tommaso and Frances Caliandro as bride and groom in 1928. The worshipful and artistic appearance of the church plant is but one indication of the devotion to the church they have inspired in their parishioners.

In 1931, the members and their pastor took a great venture in faith for their small number, and invested \$8,000 to renovate the old mansion which had been the property of the Deaconess Home. Social rooms and a chapel were provided for the first floor, a parsonage apartment upstairs. That they built well has been proved in the continuing usefulness of the building, but there was a long struggle before the debt could be cleared. Even with help from the Board of Missions and Church Extension, the building obligation was a constant concern to the congregation until it was cleared in 1947.

Great joy and gratefulness to God was expressed by the church when the building was free from debt. Mr. Caliandro gives much credit for this fulfillment to the supply pastor who served during the pastor's absence and who refused to take any remuneration for his work but preferred to apply the \$1,000 (his allotment from the official board) to the debt clearance. While the supply

the Warren Avenue Church where, after 30 years, the foundation has sunk to a level that makes the building dangerously unsafe for use. Necessary repairs, it is estimated will cost more than \$1,000.

Mr. Caliandro, like other missionaries, is embarrassed by the constant appeals which must be made for help with the matter of property; but the burden is almost too heavy for 150 members to face, especially when a good-sized proportion of the members are of school age. Inflation, too, has made a difference in church income.

"How can I ask my people to increase their gifts when I know they already are giving more than they can afford?" What answer can the church give to missionaries like the Caliandros?

Mr. Caliandro likes to take visitors to meet such outstanding church members as Mr. and Mrs. Mortorano, who, though they can speak but a few words in the language of their adopted country have given generously to the new land and to their church. They gave the lot on which the Warren Avenue Church stands and also a greater gift, the consecration of one of their sons to the ministry. While there is much of the charm of the Old World in their speech and manner, there is also a great deal of the



The pastor with Mr. and Mrs. Carmelo Martorano of Warren Avenue Church

FIRST PERMANENT WORLD PROTESTANT YOUTH BODY FORMED

Geneva (RNS) A constitution for a World Christian Youth Commission was drafted at an international conference of thirty youth leaders who met near here, thus establishing for the first time a permanent cooperative Protestant World youth body.

Represented at the meeting were the Young Men's Christian Association, Young Women's Association, World Student Christian Federation, World Council of Christian Education, and the Youth Department of the World Council of Churches.

The constitution provides for a meeting once a year of representatives of each affiliated organization, with the widest possible geographical representation. It is specified that at least half the delegates must be under thirty.



THE CHILDREN'S PAGE

ANNIE WINBURNE, Editor



IN STORYLAND

A WAGON THAT HELPED

"See what my papa brought me this morning. The nicest wagon on this street! Come over and look at it."

Quickly across the street scampered Ted and Dot, for shiny bright wagons were not often seen in that neighborhood.

Ted and Dot stood with their hands behind their backs for a long time, looking down at the gayly painted box with its still more beautiful wheels. Dot turned her eyes back toward her home, in front of which stood their own old battered wagon. It seemed pretty homely by the side of this brand new one.

Ted stepped forward a little way and tugged at Robbie's sleeve.

"Give us a ride in it, won't you Robbie?"

"I'm not going to give anybody any ride in it!" The voice did not sound very kind, it seemed to Dot and Ted. Strange, too, that their little neighbor boy should speak that way, for they had taken Robbie riding in their wagon a good many times. They were surprised that he would act that way toward them.

"Not even Dot?" Ted thought of the long rides his sister had given Robbie and him in the old wagon. Surely Robbie would be good to Dot. She had been so kind to him. But Robbie only said again, "I'm not going to give anybody a ride!" And up the walk he started toward the house, without asking his little friends to go with him.

Ted and Dot did not feel very happy for some time after that. They just thought about what Robbie had said, and the way he had acted toward them. But in a little while they were busy on their side of the street, and had quite forgotten Robbie and his nice new wagon.

But if you think Robbie was happy you are mistaken. The wagon had not yet brought him a great deal of pleasure. He was proud of it, so proud that he was really afraid something would happen to mar it or take the bright paint off. But he had a queer, unpleasant feeling inside.

It was not long before he drew the pretty wagon around into the shed and carefully put it away. Then he went out and sat on the horseblock, swinging his feet back and forth, wondering what he could do.

Just a little while after dinner, along came Ted and Dot with their old wagon.

"We've been drawing in wood for Mamma, Robbie; a whole big box full. We have come to help you now."

Dot did not wait for any answer from Robbie. Away she went, with Ted hurrying on behind her. Robbie stood all by himself a moment, not saying a word. Then he, too, went toward the big woodpile a little way from the kitchen woodbox. It surely was kind of Ted and Dot to help him with the wood. He did not like to get in wood alone very well.

After the box had been well filled,



CONTENT

Long time ago I used to wish
That I could be a little fish;
I thought it would seem nice and cool
If I could dip down in the pool;
And then at last I learned to swim
Across the pool from rim to rim.
I saw a robin in the tree,
He cocked his saucy head at me.
I did not even say a word—
But how I wished to be a bird!
And then I climbed the cherry tree,
Away up high—Oh, you should see!
And now I do not even wish
That I could be a bird or fish.
A bird could never learn to swim!
A fish could never climb a limb!
I'd hate to live in pool or tree!
So now I like just being me.
—By Susan C. Chiles, The Christian Advocate

Dot brushed out the box of the wagon nicely, and then she took some old papers and placed them smoothly in the box.

"Now, you and Ted get in, Robbie, and we'll have a ride to the corner and back."

Should Robbie do that? You can imagine how ashamed he was when he thought how he acted toward his little friends about his own wagon. But he liked to ride that way, so in he jumped, and Dot pushed the two up and down to the corner and back a good many times.

"Now, wait a minute!" Robbie called to Dot after they were back in front of Robbie's house. "I'm going to do something myself!"

Out of its place in the shed he drew the new wagon. Somehow he had forgotten the bright colors, and how afraid he was of spoiling them.

"Now, Dottie, you and Ted get in, and we'll have another ride down to the corner and back." After that neither Robbie nor his wagon ever had selfish or lonely times.—Selected.

When you get to thinking that the world is all wrong, remember it is made up of people like you.—Biblical Recorder.

IN THE WORLD OF BOYS AND GIRLS

SCHOOL BEGINS TODAY

Last night I made a wish to Dad
And hoped it would come true:
I wished that school would not
begin—

And, really now, do you?

But Dad just smiled and winked his
eye

And said, "Come, let's pretend.
You name the thing you'd like to do
And never, never end."

Right quick I had the answer made
And brought my favorite book;
I handed it to Dad, but my!
You should have seen his look.

"Oh! I can't read a line," he said,
"I never went to school."
Of course I knew it was "pretend"
'Cause he had made the rule.

Although I tried he would not
change,
My pleas he would not heed,—
And then I knew how bad 'twould
be
If none of us could read.

So that is why I wear this smile,
And look so bright and gay.
For I must learn so much at school.
And school begins today.

—Mrs. A. B. Brown in Ex.

A SPELLING MATCH

Ten little children standing in a line:
"F-u-l-l-y, fully," then there were
nine.

Nine puzzled faces, fearful of their
fate:

"C-i-l-l-y, silly," then there were
eight.

Eight pairs of blue eyes, bright as
stars of heaven;

"B-u-s-s-y, busy," then there were
seven.

Seven grave heads, shaking in
troubled fix:

"L-a-d-d-a-y, lady," then there
were six.

Six eager darlings, determined each
to strive:

"D-u-t-y, duty," then there were
five.

Five hearts so anxious, beating more
and more:

"S-c-o-l-l-a-r, scholar," then there
were four.

Four mouths like rosebuds on a
red rose tree:

"M-e-r-r-y, merry," then there were
three.

Three pairs of pink ears, listening
keen and true:

"O-n-l-y, only," then there were
two.

Two sturdy laddies, ready both to
run:

"T-u-r-k-y, turkey," then there was
but one.

One head of yellow hair, bright in
the sun:

"H-e-r-o, hero," the Spelling Match
was won.—Ex.

upper berth and groaned. "That's
right, little girl. Now for Pete's
sake, go to sleep, won't you?"

Her eyes opened wide and she
whispered to the porter. "Was that
God?"—This Week.

THE LIBRARY

By Blanche McCauley

Then to the land of books, my dear,
It's our place to be going,
For there we'll find so many things
We never can be knowing.
We'll hear the little winds go by
In half a hundred places,
And if we read, then look away,
We'll see such friendly faces.
So lend your steps to mine, my dear,
And hush that eager laughter;
Its echo might disturb you in
The magic you are after.

—The Evangelical Messenger

JUST FOR FUN

A little girl had to be shipped
from N Y to Cleveland all by her-
self. The Pullman porter got her
tucked into her lower berth all
right, but she woke up later and
started to cry for her parents. The
porter assured her that her father
and mother would meet her at the
station. "Meanwhile," he said, "God
will be watching over you."

At that point a sleepy old gentle-
man popped his head out of the

CRUSADE CENTERS SERVE NAVAJO INDIANS

By Muriel Day

A community center without a community? Impossible?

At first glance this seems to be the case on the Navajo Indian reservation. Two community centers, erected through funds of the Crusade for Christ, serve a large group of Indians, where there is no apparent community. At Bisti and Huerfano, each about thirty-five miles from Farmington, New Mexico, the Woman's Division of Christian Service has set up two centers ministering to the health, educational and religious needs of a people whose tragic situation has been widely publicized in recent months.

When the Crusade for Christ was launched in 1944, it was the plan of Mr. Willard P. Bass, superintendent of the Navajo Methodist Mission School that the centers at Bisti and Huerfano would serve veterans returning at the close of the war. In this way, the G. I.'s studying at the mission school, would have an opportunity for leadership and other students would receive training under a staff serving the Navajo Indian community. Mr. Bass' vision has become achievement.

At Huerfano a nurse and a teacher have taught the little ones to read, have held clinics and conducted religious services. On one Sunday afternoon, 78 children were inoculated for whooping cough within four hours in an area where 21 fatal cases recently had been reported. Following the clinic, parents and children gathered in the school room and heard the Gospel message in Navajo by Carl Toadacheena, one of the 1948 G. I. graduates in the mission school. Mr. Toadacheena expects to continue his studies at the University of New Mexico this year.

Bisti is a larger project. There is a home for the staff, attractively furnished, a garage and a two-story dormitory and a school now in the building process. A dozen children have been temporarily in the home where they have been primary pupils. More will be accommodated in the larger building as boarding students. Clinics and services will continue to be held here with a special staff and assistance from those at the school.

Where, then, is the community? It lies for miles around the centers, part of an area whose full extent is 16 million acres. The people are part of the 60,000 Navajo Indians, composing one fifth the total number of Indians under the United States flag. Some of those who come to the community centers walk over the sands or ride in wagons across the dirt road (only 200 miles of road on the reservation are improved). A few come across the highway in a car. They come from the arroyos, from the hillsides, from the hogans which they have built near water for the family or near grazing pasture for the sheep.

They come because they want and need health. The infant mortality is appalling and hospitals are too few.

They come because they want their children to learn English. Only 7,000 of the 24,000 children of school age are in school, either government or mission. They come to become acquainted with other ways than that of the medicine man and to read the Bible. In order to do this, they must begin by learning to read in their own language. Eighty per cent do not know how to read

A Hymn Of Love And Hate

By Alexander Copeland Millar

(May be sung to the tune of "Ariel.")

O God of all who here on earth,
Regardless of their place of birth,
Are thine and loved by Thee,
Look down upon this blood-drenched soil,
Where angry armies fight and toil,
And bid them now agree.

Help them to see thy frowning face
And know that warfare is disgrace
For those who look above.
Oh, teach them that they are akin
And that in slaughter there is sin
Against their Father's love!

Then may the warring nations cease
To grieve their Lord, the Prince of Peace,
Who died that men might live.
Let hymns of brotherhood arise
And echo through approving skies,
While blessings thou dost give.

O gracious Father, let us feel
That better than the bands of steel
Are bonds of amity!
And then, as those who know one God,
Where're the foot of man has trod,
Shall be one family.

(The above poem by the late Dr. A. C. Millar was carried in the issue of November 2, 1933, of the Arkansas Methodist. It is reproduced by request.)

Why Church Relief And The Marshall Plan

MANY sincere church folks honestly question the necessity of sending money and goods through church channels when the government is sending veritable mountains of supplies almost daily. Why continue giving money through the Methodist Committee for Overseas Relief and clothing through Church World Service? Hasn't Congress appropriated enough money to meet the overseas needs?

There are several answers to these questions. First of all, it is true that America is responding with unprecedented generosity to suffering humanity. Despite charges that we are simply trying to create markets for American goods, the basic motive in the American mind for the Marshall Plan is the simple desire to help the victims of war. Under Paul Hoffman the job of reconstruction is getting off to a flying start. What follows in this article, therefore, is written with a full recognition that government aid will be needed abroad for years to come and that the present program should continue unabated.

However, church administered relief can do several things which a large scale, impersonal, government program cannot accomplish. First: At present churches are shipping to nations not covered by government appropriations. The Economic Cooperation Administration applies to some 16 countries in Europe and China in Asia. Church World Service ships to some countries. Our friends in Poland need help, and badly. Political factors prevent their

or write, hence the introduction of a literacy program which is being developed interdenominationally by use of the Laubach method. They come because Methodists have made it possible to extend the ministry of the Navajo Methodist Mission School to the Navajo community through Christian community centers.

getting U. S. Government aid. India needs help but she is left out. China gets aid all too inadequate and much of this in military supplies. Church relief, ignoring boundaries and political considerations, goes where there is need and church personnel to administer it.

Also even in countries receiving considerable help from official channels certain groups need special aid. Church workers, included in that white collar group always hardest hit by inflation, face the decision of turning to other jobs to feed their families. Special allotments of food and medicines to pastors, doctors, and other church personnel have enabled hundreds of such folks to stay by their posts. In China 4,000 Methodist workers have been sustained by supplementary allowances of about \$10 per month each from the MCOR. If you can imagine the pastor in your church having to quit for the mere lack of an extra \$10 a month in salary you can imagine just what this sum means to a Chinese nurse or clergyman. In concrete terms it means enough rice money to keep them from having to take other jobs. Even as Moses' hands were upheld above the battle so must we hold up the hands of our leaders abroad when they falter.

Second: Church relief contains a personal element easily lost in huge government expenditures. By the time a shipload of grain from the port of Baltimore reaches the final consumer in Italy in the form of bread or macaroni the Italian housewife hasn't the slightest idea as to its origin. That is, unless she is told by some political orator. Even then, she is probably puzzled as to its real origin and more puzzled as to the exact motive behind the sender. Goods distributed by churches have a fairly definite meaning. They have come from Christians, are given out in Christ's name by local church leaders, and are living symbols of what the

AMBULANCE HELPS SPREAD THE GOSPEL

Bishop Carleton Lacy, of Foochow, recently baptized 51 persons in the Methodist Church in the city of Nanping, Kukien, China—the largest number he has ever baptized at one time. Two weeks later he baptized ten lepers residing in the Leprosarium near Nanping, in charge of Dr. GeGrald L. Downie.

A school and preaching center is being organized in the village of Tah-Hwank, twenty miles from Nanping. There had never been Christian services in Tah-Hwank until the Nanping Methodist Hospitals' auto-ambulance went there recently and established a Mobile Health Unit Station, and Mrs. Downie gathered the children together and taught them to sing, "Jesus Loves Me." Now a 16-year-old girl who graduated from a six-year primary school in a nearby village, is opening a school for three hours per day.

"There were thirty-five in attendance at our opening worship service," says Mrs. Downie, "following which Miss Chang En-teh, our public health nurse, gave a short talk on bathing and care of the teeth. We were shocked to find that there were only two persons present who had toothbrushes and they were used by all members of the family. In fact, toothbrushes can not be bought in this village. We asked them how many had had a bath during the previous week, and not one had. If your water had to be carried from some distance away and you had no warm room to bathe in, perhaps you wouldn't have had a bath either!"

church teaches on Sunday. It is fairly easy to relate the receipt of relief goods to the historic message of Christianity. From start to finish church relief is transacted with the welfare of individuals in mind. Perhaps the Kingdom of God will arrive on that day when nations will act on the same motive. Until then we church folks must set a never failing example.

Third: Church relief is voluntary. It comes from the heart. Nobody is forced to give to the Methodist Committee for Overseas Relief or to send clothing through Church World Service. The plus of church relief has a definite effect on the donor and recipient not achieved in larger governmental aid programs. Foreign recipients know that our gifts are uncomplained, except by our concern for them. One might say that church relief is the salt which flavors the bread of government aid. While it doesn't increase the size of the loaf materially, it does give it a better flavor. The best way of showing foreign peoples that our public donations do not arise merely from a policy of power politics is to send these extra gifts from the bottom of our hearts. Mail cash gifts to the Methodist Committee for Overseas Relief, 150 Fifth Avenue, New York 11, N. Y., and send clothing, bedding and shoes to your nearest Church World Service Center.

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Cave City-Sidney		55.50	8.28	63.00	58.32	5.50	5.00		Springtown-Highfill	80.00	10.00	12.00	125.00	86.00	4.00	1.00		
Charlotte Ct.	27.50		1.90	17.50	13.75				Sulphur Springs	72.00	52.50	16.25	155.00	125.50	3.00	5.00		
Cotter	50.91	69.09	15.75	126.00	115.50	5.50	7.75	11.50	Viney Grove	34.25	10.00	17.50	71.00	67.00	2.00	12.00		
Desha Ct.		59.08	13.80	15.00	6.50		5.50		Winslow		27.00	3.00	30.00	27.00				
Elmo-Oil Trough				15.00					Zion	28.95	21.50	3.39	21.00	24.75				
Evening Shade Ct.		136.25	18.90	164.90	129.56	23.75	6.00	23.75	Total	874.76	6240.55	689.53	5145.92	4212.60	139.00	159.00		
Grange		35.00	10.51	98.09	77.07				GOLDEN CROSS: Bentonville, \$25.00; Centerton-Oakley Chapel, \$32.00; Decatur-Falling Springs, \$10.00; Elm Springs-Harmon, \$15.00; Eureka Springs, \$7.00; Farmington-Goshen, \$14.37; Fayetteville Central, \$205.00; Fayetteville Wiggins Memorial, \$40.00; Gentry, \$10.00; Gravette, \$10.00; Lincoln, \$15.00; Madison Co., \$15.00; Rogers Ct., \$10.00; Siloam Springs, \$112.50; Springdale, \$25.00; Sulphur Springs, \$33.00.								291.77	
Melbourne Ct.	30.00	15.00	1.95	73.25	.75	.75			METHODIST YOUTH: Elm Springs-Harmon, \$11.00; Farmington-Goshen, \$2.00; Fayetteville Central, \$24.00; Wiggins Memorial, \$9.99; Gentry, \$9.00; Pea Ridge-Brightwater, \$1.00; Prairie Grove, \$3.87; Rogers, \$10.65; Siloam Springs, \$22.00; Springdale, \$25.00.								96.01	
Moorefield-Asbury	112.98	110.00	16.00	105.00	101.75	5.00	6.00		Total Methodist Youth									
Mountain Home		125.00	12.50	115.50	90.75	9.00	10.00	15.50	RACE RELATIONS: Bentonville, \$25.00; Centerton-Oakley Chapel, \$32.00; Decatur-Falling Springs, \$15.00; Eureka Springs, \$7.00; Farmington-Goshen, \$14.37; Fayetteville Central, \$205.00; Wiggins Memorial, \$40.00; Gentry, \$10.00; Gravette, \$10.00; Lincoln, \$15.00; Madison Co., \$15.00; Rogers Ct., \$10.00; Siloam Springs, \$112.50; Springdale, \$25.00; Sulphur Springs, \$13.00.								553.87	
Mountain Home Parish	60.00	113.00	18.50	160.00	135.00	1.00	1.50	17.50	Total Race Relations									
Mountain View		70.00		30.00	30.00	2.00	3.00		MISCELLANEOUS: Centerton-Oakley Chapel, \$11.50; Lincoln, \$10.00.								21.50	
Newark		130.00	9.00	140.00	55.00	5.00	7.00	5.00	Total Miscellaneous									
Newport, 1st Church		500.00	60.00	560.00	288.20	15.00	20.00	160.00	GRAND DISTRICT TOTAL RECEIVED								\$19,218.19	
Newport, Umstead		125.00	15.00		82.50	3.00	4.00	4.00										
Pleasant Plains		165.00	13.14	49.00	63.36	1.00	4.00											
Salem				16.50	99.00	5.00	7.00											
Swifton-Alicia	71.12	87.00	6.00		162.25	5.00	7.00											
Tuckerman	59.65	600.00	18.00	120.00	105.00	12.00	18.00											
Viola Ct.		35.00																
Weldon-Tupelo		118.75	13.50	128.00	99.00	4.00	5.00											
Yellville		89.00	18.00	172.00	132.00	4.00	5.00	8.00										
Total	1989.52	5212.05	380.93	3266.74	2701.76	145.50	162.75	385.25										
GOLDEN CROSS: Batesville First Church, \$50.00; Batesville Central, \$75.00; Bethesda-Cushman, \$20.30; Desha Ct., \$11.50; Evening Shade Ct., \$12.00; Moorefield-Asbury, \$14.00; Mountain Home, \$25.00; Newark, \$20.00; Newport First Church, \$50.00; Newport Umstead Memorial, \$20.00; Pleasant Yellville, \$28.00.																		
Total Golden Cross								382.77										
METHODIST YOUTH: Batesville First Church, \$21.00; Calico Rock Ct., \$25.00; Grange, \$12.00; Umstead Memorial, \$14.50; Tuckerman, \$10.00.																		
Total Methodist Youth								69.45										
RACE RELATIONS: Batesville Central, \$25.00; Calico Rock Ct., \$12.26; Melbourne Ct., \$5.93; Moorefield-Asbury, \$10.00; Mountain Home, \$18.46; Mountain Home Parish, \$4.03; Salem, \$8.00; Swifton-Alicia, \$6.58; Tuckerman, \$32.00.																		
Total Race Relations								122.26										
WORLD COMMUNION: Newport First Church, \$73.19; Tuckerman, \$157.52.																		
Total World Communion								230.91										
MISCELLANEOUS: Calico Rock Ct., Crusade for Christ, \$20.00; Mountain Home, Student Loan, \$25.00.																		
Total Miscellaneous								45.00										
GRAND DISTRICT TOTAL RECEIVED								\$ 15,188.14										
CONWAY DISTRICT																		
James Upton							25.00		Alix Ct.	22.50	73.25	10.50	113.75	81.50	2.00	3.00		
Atkins	199.00	30.00	254.00	172.00	8.00	12.00	10.00		Altus Ct.	38.00	122.00	18.80	114.00	99.30	5.00	10.00	39.00	
Belleville-Havana			84.00	66.00				2.00	Alma-Mulberry		205.32	25.00	308.00	229.50	12.00	15.00		
Bethel-Cato	50.54	6.63	75.00	63.25	2.12	2.50			Bethel		123.73	14.07	120.25	99.94	2.00	2.00		
Bigelow-Houston	8.00	7.00	25.00	8.20					Booneville		689.50	33.75	315.00	247.00	6.75	9.75	33.00	
Conway 1st Church	1000.02	666.67	75.21	525.00	393.91	22.00	32.00	143.00	Branch		63.00	11.50	89.00	65.00	6.00	6.00		
Conway Ct.	10.00	63.00	9.75	94.00	70.25	.50	1.00		Charleston		306.50	31.25	297.00	232.00	9.25	15.00	39.00	
Conway Wesley Mem.	20.00	70.00	14.00	98.00	77.00	4.00	2.00	12.00	Clarksville		1012.00	47.25	441.00	347.00				
Danville		230.00	36.00	168.00	132.00	8.00	12.00	12.00	Ft. Smith:									
Dardanelle		281.00	27.00	252.00	198.00	10.75	15.75	40.00	1st Church		3600.00	99.00	924.00	594.00		66.00	348.00	
East Dardanelle Ct.		16.00	8.00	56.00	25.00	2.00	3.00		Goddard Mem.		1700.00	88.02	576.00	308.00	18.00	21.00	240.00	
Dover-London		40.00	9.00	28.50	20.00	4.00		3.00	Grand Ave.		257.19	19.50	126.00	112.00				
Gravelly		75.50	6.71	62.82	49.36	4.50	6.25		Fifth Street	50.00	50.00		40.00	62.00				
Greenbrier	50.00	61.50	.75	58.00	49.50	2.00	3.00		Barling		17.00	3.50	35.00	27.50	2.00	1.00		
Lamar-Knoxville			18.75	25.00	88.00	3.50	5.00		Massard		59.00	15.00	140.00	110.00	3.00	4.00	9.00	
Morrilton 1st Ch.	1000.00	63.00	588.00	452.00	17.00	27.00	204.00		Midland Heights		575.00	45.00	420.00	330.00	10.00	14.00	88.00	
Morrilton Ct. No. 1		48.99	7.50	64.82	50.07	3.34	1.25	1.00	Pine St.		25.00	5.70	50.40	39.30	2.00	1.00		
Morrilton Ct. No. 2		45.78	6.38	36.90	20.90	2.25	2.00		2nd St.		400.00	36.00	336.00	264.00	7.00	9.00	32.00	
Naylor		42.75	14.45	50.00	45.75	1.50	1.85		South Ft. Smith		200.00	24.50	210.00	165.00	6.00	8.00		
N. Little Rock 1st Ch.	2240.00	67.20	627.20	492.80	20.50	20.90	225.80		Greenwood		162.50	15.76	147.00	115.50	7.00	9.00	12.99	
N. L. R. Gardner Mem.	35.58	948.46	49.80	453.03	360.28	18.00	20.00		Hackett Ct.		12.00	85.00	5.75	40.00	37.50	2.00	2.00	
N. L. R. Wash. Ave.		375.00	28.50	198.00	181.00	4.00	6.00	32.00	Hartford		212.50	29.50	273.00	212.50	4.63	5.00	16.50	
Levy		165.00	21.00	168.00	132.00	18.00		7.50	Hartman		58.41	95.33	7.53	82.96	128.22	2.00	2.00	
N. L. R. Sylvan Hills		100.00		133.00	4.00	6.00			Huntington		14.54	85.46	21.80	203.00	159.50	2.00	3.00	
Ola	5.00	33.00	11.00	157.00	85.00		4.00		Kibler-Mt. View	80.00	70.00	11.25	197.50	165.30	3.00	4.00	17.25	
Oppelo		35.00	7.50	70.00	55.00	2.50	3.50	4.00	Lavaca			87.00	13.50	167.00	136.00	4.00	4.00	.90
Perry-Perryville		176.22	23.04	215.28	169.11	3.87	5.85	18.81	Magazine			70.00	8.80	80.50	64.60	2.00	2.00	
Plainview		115.00	20.50	142.00	151.50	3.00	3.00	21.00	Mansfield	47.03	142.77	37.50	267.90	269.00	7.00	8.00	32.00	
Plummerville		85.00	5.00	23.00	10.00	5.00	9.00		Ozark		400.00	27.00	252.00	198.00	8.00	12.00		
Pottsville	64.80	38.00	40.00	121.00	77.00	5.00	7.00	12.00	Paris		640.00	62.00						

NORTH ARKANSAS CONFERENCE TREASURER'S REPORT

	4th Sun. Offer.	Conf. Ben.	Bish. Fun.	Conf. Cmnts.	D. S. Sal.	Gen. Ad. Fund	Juris. Admin.	Sust. Fund
\$25.00; Holly Grove, \$13.75; Marion, \$35.00; Marvel, \$12.00; Wheatley, \$5.00.								
Total Race Relations								254.44
MISCELLANEOUS: Brinkley, \$8.00; Vandale, \$3.00. Total								16.00
GRAND DISTRICT TOTAL RECEIVED								\$21,978.24
JONESBORO DISTRICT								
Black Oak-Caraway	225.00	28.50	245.00	193.00	4.00	6.00		15.00
Blytheville 1st Ch.	1666.00	75.00	466.00	367.00	20.00	26.00		
W. Blytheville Parish	50.00	16.50	77.00	60.50	2.00	4.00		12.00
Blytheville Lake St	49.24	125.76	15.00	140.00	110.00	6.00	8.00	
Bono-Trinity	100.00	24.00	238.00	140.00	6.00	8.00		3.00
Brookland Ct.	83.75	18.30	100.50	117.30	5.00	5.00		
Dell	100.50	13.50	100.50	99.00	1.50	1.50		
Dyess-Whitten	20.00	9.45	32.20	29.70	1.00	2.00	12.50	
Harrisburg	144.00	281.00	33.00	202.50	247.50	6.00	9.00	51.00
Joiner		26.00	171.00	155.00				
Jonesboro 1st Church	3000.00	90.00	840.00	495.00	21.00	27.00	153.00	
Lorado Ct.	17.50	5.25	35.00	27.50	1.75	1.75		
Jonesboro:								
Huntington Ave.	425.00	45.00	420.00	330.00	6.00	10.00	33.00	
Fisher St.	24.00	100.00	18.00	144.00	133.00			
Keiser-Victoria	140.00	33.00	308.00	212.00	4.00	5.00	23.00	
Lake City	82.50	9.75	121.60	93.50	3.00	3.00		
Leachville-Delfore	30.00	4.50	42.00	33.00	1.00	1.00		
Lepanto-Garden Point	395.00	58.00	231.00	181.50	6.00	10.00	77.50	
Luxora-Rose-Tomato	37.58	45.92	5.25	42.00	38.00			
Manila	225.00	45.00	70.00	55.00	5.00	6.00		
St. John Ct.	12.00	5.00	70.00	54.00	1.50	2.00	1.00	
Marked Tree	565.00	54.00	504.00	198.00	10.00	8.00	70.00	
Monette	133.50	15.50	147.00	115.50				
Mt. Carmel								
Forest Home	10.00	3.00	23.00	22.00	1.00	1.00		
Nettleton-Bay	210.00	30.33	243.00	222.75				
Osceola	755.00	63.00	598.00	385.00	11.00	16.00	102.00	
Truman	281.25	31.50	294.00	231.00	5.00	7.00	33.00	
Riverside								
Simpson Mem.	15.00	6.00	56.00	74.33	1.00	2.00	30.00	
Turrell-Gilmore	135.00	27.00	252.00	181.50	3.00	5.00		
Tyronea								
W. Black Oak	56.00	106.50	20.30	188.50	143.50			
Wilson-Marie	175.00	27.00	252.00	197.00	5.00	7.00	35.00	
Weona-Center View	55.00	13.50	63.00	50.00	2.00	3.00		
Weiner-Hickory Ridge	335.00	36.00	140.00	143.50	6.00	9.00	63.30	
Yarbro-Promised Land	31.84	230.00	35.00	374.00	276.00	7.00	10.00	
Total	342.66	10151.18	944.18	7315.80	5443.08	149.05	204.25	835.80
GOLDEN CROSS: Black Oak-Caraway, \$30.00; Blytheville First Church, \$110.00; West Blytheville Parish, \$8.00; Blytheville Lake Street, \$29.10; Bono-Trinity, \$35.00; Brookland Ct., \$15.00; Dyess-Whitten, \$16.55; Harrisburg, \$53.50; Joiner, \$23.00; Lorado Ct., \$23.00; Jonesboro Huntington Ave., \$30.00; Fisher Street, \$24.00; Keiser-Victoria, \$52.50; Lake City, \$23.00; Lepanto-Garden Point, \$30.00; Luxora-Rose-Tomato, \$20.20; Marked Tree, \$111.00; Monette, \$12.00; Nettleton-Bay, \$29.00; Osceola, \$160.00; Turrell-Gilmore, \$17.00; Tyronea-W. Black Oak, \$25.00; Wilson-Marie, \$150.00; Weiner-Hickory Ridge, \$27.00; Yarbro-Promised Land, \$50.00. Total Golden Cross								
METHODIST YOUTH: Blytheville First Church, \$84.04; Dell, \$8.77; Jonesboro First Church, \$79.35; Huntington Ave., \$5.00; Fisher Street, \$4.25; Manila, \$3.00; Marked Tree, \$7.58; Nettleton-Bay, \$7.17; Osceola, \$27.00; Truman, \$9.00; Yarbro-Promised Land, \$13.60. Total Methodist Youth								
RACE RELATIONS: Blytheville First Church, \$35.00; Brookland Ct., \$4.00; Jonesboro First Church, \$576.40; Huntington Ave., \$15.00; Fisher St., \$10.00; Keiser-Victoria, \$15.57; Lepanto-Garden Point, \$41.00; Monette, \$5.00; Mt. Carmel-Forest Home, \$2.00; Osceola, \$49.00; Weiner-Hickory Ridge, \$5.00; Yarbro-Promised Land, \$10.00. Total Race Relations								
WORLD COMMUNION: Blytheville First Church, \$10.00; Yarbro-Promised Land, \$1.00. Total World Communion								
MISCELLANEOUS: Black Oak-Caraway, \$5.00; Blytheville First Church, \$50.00; Lake City, \$15.00. Total Miscellaneous								
GRAND DISTRICT TOTAL RECEIVED								
PARAGOULD DISTRICT								
E. B. Williams								
Beech Grove	65.00	15.50	20.00	39.25	1.00	1.50	159.00	
Biggers Ct.	110.00	16.50	77.00	60.50	2.00	3.50		
Corning	775.00	45.00	420.00	165.00	9.00	11.00	44.00	
Gainesville Ct.	40.00	21.00	4.00	14.00				
Greenway Ct.	34.00	47.90	9.43	77.40	15.00	2.25		
Hardy		65.00	10.88	101.50	84.38	4.00	2.00	
Hoxie	43.00	79.00	14.00	124.00	100.00	4.00	6.00	15.00

	4th Sun. Offer.	Conf. Ben.	Bish. Fun.	Conf. Cmnts.	D. S. Sal.	Gen. Ad. Fund	Juris. Admin.	Sust. Fund
Imboden		162.50	10.50	49.00	75.00	6.00	8.00	
Knobel Ct.	100.00	27.48	10.92	105.00	82.50	7.68	4.00	
Leonard Ct.		125.00	6.75	45.00	84.50	3.00	4.00	
Mammoth Spring		30.00	10.00	91.00	72.00	2.00	3.00	4.00
Marmaduke	34.18	86.23	13.00		66.00	5.00	7.00	
Marmaduke Ct.	54.12		9.11	56.31	37.95	1.00	1.00	
Maynard Ct.		71.00	14.75	20.00	13.00	2.00	3.00	
Morning Star		90.00	5.63	67.80	37.10	2.00	1.75	
Paragould 1st Church		1416.80	50.00	466.72	366.72	20.00	30.00	
Paragould Grif. Mem.	90.00	90.00	18.00	168.00	132.00	5.00	13.00	
Paragould Ct.		100.00	5.90	55.30	43.50			
Piggott	14.70	393.75	36.00	252.00	234.00	10.00	12.00	
Pocahontas		360.00	30.00	276.00	216.00	10.00	14.00	90.00
Ravenden Springs		39.50	5.00	52.00	43.00	2.00	1.00	
Rector 1st Church	56.90	346.10	33.75	280.00	220.00	9.00	11.00	
Rector 4th Street	125.00		15.75	147.00	115.50	3.50	2.50	21.00
Rector Ct.		105.00						
St. Francis Ct.		147.50	20.64	140.00	110.00	4.00	5.50	
Smithville		65.00	7.20		47.25	1.50	2.25	
Stanford		149.00	2.85	26.60	29.90	2.00	3.00	
Strangers Home		60.00	11.25	105.00	82.50	1.00	1.00	
Walnut Ridge		325.00	25.00	210.00	165.00	10.00	14.00	20.00
Walnut Ridge Ct.		45.00	4.86	45.50	35.74	.25	.38	
Richwood-Elmora		17.00						
Total	591.90	5455.79	453.17	3482.13	2820.99	128.18	167.63	350.00
GOLDEN CROSS: Beech Grove, \$9.30; Biggers Ct., \$80.00; Corning, \$150.00; Gainesville Ct., \$6.00; Greenway Ct., \$22.00; Hardy, \$36.00; Knobel Ct., \$28.65; Leonard Ct., \$78.00; Marmaduke, \$18.50; Marmaduke Ct., \$8.87; Morning Star, \$15.00; Paragould Griffin Memorial, \$104.13; Piggott, \$15.00; Pocahontas, \$25.00; Ravenden Springs, \$11.00; St. Francis Ct., \$27.00. Total Golden Cross								
METHODIST YOUTH: Marmaduke, \$3.00; Paragould First Church, \$44.03; Griffin Memorial, \$2.50; Rector First Church, \$10.00; Smithville, \$20.00; Walnut Ridge Ct., \$8.83. Total Methodist Youth								634.45
RACE RELATIONS: Hoxie, \$5.00; Marmaduke, \$5.00; Paragould Griffin Memorial, \$5.00; Rector First Church, \$36.00; Rector Fourth St., \$12.50. Total Race Relations								88.36
MISCELLANEOUS: Beech Grove, \$9.30; Marmaduke Ct., \$20.40; Paragould First Church, \$225.00; Griffin Memorial, \$3.78. Total Miscellaneous								63.50
GRAND DISTRICT TOTAL RECEIVED								258.48
								\$14,507.83
SEARCY DISTRICT								
J. Kenneth Shamblin		198.00	17.25	113.50	89.25	2.00	4.00	106.00
Antioch	47.00	575.00	45.00	420.00	165.00	12.00	18.00	
Bald Knob-Bradford		227.56	18.54	173.31	153.14	5.00	7.00	
Beebe		430.00	31.50	294.00	231.00	9.00	13.00	26.00
Cabot		337.50	28.50	266.00	209.00	10.00	12.00	32.00
Clinton		355.50	18.00		132.00	9.00	12.00	
DeView		42.50			5.00	5.00	5.00	
Friendship		34.00	3.50	35.00	27.50			
Griffithville	50.00	90.00	9.00	84.00	66.00	3.00	5.00	
Harrison		798.00	40.00	292.00	259.00	18.00	25.00	55.00
Heber Springs 1st Ch		597.00	24.75	231.00	198.00	11.00	17.00	88.00
Heber Springs Central	40.00	50.00		50.00	107.25	3.00	4.00	4.00
Hunter	69.00	116.00	16.88	118.60	102.77	1.00	2.00	
Jacksonville	82.00	89.00	12.50	156.00	121.50	4.00	5.00	5.00
Judsonia		210.00	30.00	180.00	170.00	9.00	9.00	
Kensett	11.72	116.16	14.24	133.00	104.50	5.00	6.00	4.12
Leslie		68.00	7.00	105.00	82.00	2.00	4.00	
Marshall		200.00	15.74	147.00	115.50	2.75	5.25	1.50
McCrory		377.50	31.50	283.00	222.50	9.00	25.00	24.00
McRae		330.00	27.15	187.50	203.25	3.00	5.00	8.00
Newton Co.	12.15	50.00	9.00	42.00	40.00			
Pangburn	11.00	262.00	25.00	158.45	133.75	4.00	8.00	
Quitman	15.00	196.50	19.50	171.50	81.00	2.00	5.00	7.00
Rosebud		100.00	5.25	18.55	54.00	1.20	3.60	.40
Searcy		1250.00	67.50	630.00	475.00	18.00	25.00	111.00
Valley Springs-Bellfonte	23.15	79.00	9.64	109.00	89.00	2.00	3.00	
Van Buren Co. No. 1		75.00	7.00	82.50	79.00			
Van Buren Co. No. 2		70.00	7.12	66.50	52.25			
Total	361.02	7324.22	541.06	4547.41	3768.16	149.95	227.85	472.02
GOLDEN CROSS: Augusta, \$60.00; Cabot, \$25.61; DeView, \$5.25; Griffithville, \$17.00; Harrison, \$60.00; Heber Springs First Church, \$90.00; Heber Springs Central, \$35.00; Hunter, \$18.78; Jacksonville, \$10.00; Kensett, \$10.00; Leslie, \$10.00; Marshall, \$10.00; McCrory, \$25.00. Total Golden Cross								
WORLD COMMUNION: Jacksonville, \$15.00; Valley Springs-Bellfonte, \$2.50; Van Buren Co. No. 1, \$9.00. Total World Communion								376.64
MISCELLANEOUS: Beebe, \$40.00; Cabot, \$1.00; Harrison, \$39.97; Kensett, \$15.00; Valley Springs-Bellfonte, \$2.50; Van Buren Co. No. 1, \$9.00. Total Miscellaneous								1.00
GRAND DISTRICT TOTAL RECEIVED								107.47
								\$18,235.87
J. T. Wilcoxon, Treasurer								

FRANCE'S ONLY LEPER COLONY RUN BY PROTESTANT PASTOR

PARIS (RNS) The only leper colony in France is run by a Protestant clergyman in what was once a Roman Catholic monastery located south of Lyons in the Rhone Valley.

Thirty lepers are patients at Chartreuse de Valbonne, as the colony is known, and they live in what were formerly monks' cells which have been rearranged as bedroom-studies.

Pastor Albert Delord, 35 years old, runs the colony with the assistance of his wife. He is the son of the late Pastor Philippe Delord, who founded Chartreuse in 1926, after serving for many years as a missionary in Indo-China.

When the elder Delord first made known his plan to establish the leper colony in the abandoned Benedictine monastery he was bitterly opposed by residents of Valbonne. The townspeople imagined that the whole countryside would be contaminated. Even today—despite the fact that young Delord and his wife and child live in daily contact with the lepers—many people will not set foot inside the colony gate.

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NORTH ARKANSAS CONFERENCE NOTES

By Ira A. Brumley

Summer Youth Program Successful

The North Arkansas Conference has completed what has probably been the best summer of youth work in the history of the Conference. A total of fourteen camps and assemblies was held with an enrollment of over 1,000.

The program started with the Conference-wide Youth Assembly in which there was the largest attendance we have had in an older youth assembly for several years. The program was very satisfactory and excellent planning was carried on for the new youth year.

Many young people made commitments to life service in these camps and assemblies.

The small camps conducted in rural areas by Brother Sanford and those who worked with him made it possible for many young people in the rural sections to attend a camp.

The program at Mt. Sequoyah for the Fort Smith and Fayetteville Districts was the best attended with the two camps having a total attendance of more than 300.

The Batesville District with two camps for Intermediates carried out a most successful program.

The Conway District had within its bounds a total of seven programs and probably enrolled more youth than any other district of the Conference.

The Jonesboro and Paragould Districts were handicapped in the program this summer due to the fact that plans were laid for a program at the new campsite which could not be carried out due to lack of equipment. The Jonesboro District had some day camps with good interest.

This summer has been an indication of what the future holds in the field of youth work.

The North Arkansas Conference was represented by nineteen young people in the Youth Conference at Mt. Sequoyah.

The Conference was represented in the national meeting by the president of the youth organization, George Wayne Martin.

A number of young people from our Conference attended the Interdenominational Youth Conference at Grand Rapids, Michigan.

Methodist Youth in the Advance For Christ and His Church

The North Arkansas Conference has underway a youth cultivation program to enlist a greater number of young people in the program of the church.

The study of the records not only of our own Conference but of other conferences has revealed that young people are not responding to the program of the church perhaps in proportion to children and adults. Thus, an effort is being made to encourage young people to take additional responsibility for the enlistment of young people.

There is a growing conviction that too many local churches have talked about what the church can do for youth rather than what youth can do for the church and the Kingdom of God.

This cultivation program that has

VACATION CHURCH SCHOOL NEWS

The Leola Methodist Church directed a Vacation Church School during the revival, July 11 through July 17. Several of the children were members of other denominations.

Mrs. Irvin Weaver taught the course, "Our Daily Bread." Mrs. Arlin Riggan taught, "Discovering God in Nature" and Rev. Rayford Diffie and Miss Wilma Clanton taught, "Exploring the Bible with Intermediates." Mrs. Gearld Plemmons directed the recreation.—Mrs. Arlin Riggan, Director.

been worked out gives young people a chance to take added responsibility. The following is the plan of procedure: sub-district organizations are to be used as a means of cultivation of local church groups to take part in this program. The commitments are to be made within the local church group.

Three cards have been prepared along the following lines: Winning Youth for Methodist Youth Fellowship, Winning Youth to Christ and the Church, and Full-time Christian Service.

Each local church will be provided the number of each of these cards desired by the local church. It is hoped that no church will order more cards than seems necessary to meet its needs.

The local church will order these cards from Board of Education Office, Hendrix Station, Conway. The plan will be presented in your local church and young people asked to make their commitments by signing the cards. Some young people will be interested in signing all three cards. Others will be interested in signing two and others only one.

When the cards have been signed, all signed and all unused cards are to be returned to Board of Education, Hendrix Station, Conway. These will be on file in the Conference office to be used by the youth council in their cultivation program and to be used by the Board of Education office as seems advisable. We would suggest that the local church make a record of each of the three groups as a means of cultivation in the local church.

The success of this program will depend upon the cooperation given by the local churches. Can your local church be counted upon to cooperate wholeheartedly in this effort to lead young people into a greater participation in the program of the church?

Dr. Hicks in Bible Conferences

Dr. J. H. Hicks in Perkins School of Theology is completing a series of Bible Conferences in the Fayetteville and Fort Smith Districts. He has conducted Conferences in the following centers: Green Forest, Sulphur Springs, Gentry, Ozark, Booneville and Waldron.

Thus far we have had only one report from the local churches where these conferences have been held. Brother Clark of Green Forest reports an excellent conference with good attendance. He says: "It was very helpful and inspiring for us all. I feel that it is the beginning of a new interest and concern for the Bible. We need an insight such as Dr. Hicks has and so ably pre-

CONFERENCE REPORTS ON CHURCH SCHOOL ENROLLMENT

With the approaching session of the Annual Conference, attention is called to the Pastors' Reports on Church School Enrollment and Attendance. Since this is the only report of the local congregation, the District and the Conference to the church at large, it is important that it be as accurate as possible. So far as statistics are concerned, this report alone tells of the progress made during this phase of the Crusade Campaign.

Of course, we do not want padded reports but we would like to have a full count of the membership at the close of the year. Let us be reminded that the reports are no longer on an accumulative basis, reporting all who have been enrolled at any time during the year. We are asked to give full counting of nursery and home department enrollees along with the attending membership of the school.

Let us please keep in mind the suggestion from the General Board regarding the dropping of names from the school roll. Let all be reported unless duly removed from the roll, in keeping with these suggestions. We are therefore urged to make careful count of the entire membership rather than to report the actual attendance for the last few Sundays.

In order that pastors on charges of several churches may have time to get their schools carefully checked, we suggest that the report be given as of the first Sunday in October.

We believe that in view of the Crusade emphasis on enrollment, it is especially important that we report as accurately as possible the results of our efforts to reach more people for better Christian teaching. To that end, the full cooperation of pastors, general superintendents and Church School Secretaries will be appreciated.—Roy E. Fawcett.

sented for our people."

Paris Training School

Paris Methodist Church under the leadership of Rev. Earle Cravens, chairman of the Conference Board of Education, has conducted the first of what we hope will be a number of one-unit training schools on Christian Beliefs.

They had an enrollment of almost 100 and issued 52 training credits. This is a record for one-unit training schools in the North Arkansas Conference this year.

The Paris Church is leading the Conference in training work with 99 credits issued for the year.

Brother Cravens has been a leader in training program of the Conference for many years and has done an excellent job this year in leading his church in this type of program.

Training School at Colt

The Colt Charge under the leadership of Rev. Y. D. Whitehurst has had a one-unit course school using the course on Christian Beliefs. The enjoyable experience in leading this group because of the fine response not only in attendance but in participation in class sessions. The school was conducted from September 8 to September 12.

YOUTH ACTIVITIES WEEK AT OSCEOLA

The Youth Activities Week of the Osceola M. Y. F. began on Sunday evening, August 29th. and closed Wednesday evening, September 1st. Its theme was "Jesus Way", with emphasis on "Stewardship."

As a background for the week a book review of Rev. Charles Sheldon's "In His Steps" or "What Would Jesus Do," was given on August 22. In this book a number of members of a certain church took a pledge for a week in which they would ask themselves "What Would Jesus Do" before reaching a decision whenever a problem confronted them.

Supper was served each of four evenings by the ladies of the W. S. C. S. and the Wesleyan Guild. Round table discussions were led on "What Does It Mean to be a Christian?"—in the home, Church, Community, World" each evening by Mrs. John DeBlois, a former M. Y. F. member, visiting from Washington, Miss Joyce Williams, senior at Millsaps College, Miss, Steve Ralph, Jr., President Sub-District, and Mr. C. F. Sanders, Superintendent of Schools.

On Sunday evening Mr. Sam Curtis spoke on "Jesus Way" telling his attitudes toward problems in his day and how he met them, and comparing them with our day. Tuesday evening Rev. Allen Stewart, pastor, First Church, Blytheville, spoke on "Stewardship." He emphasized that God gave each of us a talent or talents to be used for him. If we refrained from using it we lost it, and by using it we gained other talents. All that Jesus asked is that we be found faithful, and each would be given the same reward.

Tuesday evening a World Friendship Party was planned by the four Commissions. Passports were issued and we visited China, Japan, India and Mexico. Mr. Wayne Gilman, who spent the summer in Mexico, compared the background, customs, home and economical life with that of our country. Mr. Joe Rhodes spoke of the poverty and sickness of the teeming millions of India. He raised this question that we must help them to have the necessities of life before we can win them to Christ. Martha Rose, Nancy Caldwell, Betty Joe Fielder, and J. E. Jacks spoke of the M. Y. F. Fund in action in these countries. A film was shown of a missionary and his wife in China and their problems with "too little, too late."

Wednesday evening a sacrificial dinner was served using the menu most people overseas received, after which a sacrificial offering was received, for Overseas Relief of \$19.00. Friendship letters were written to boys and girls in other countries. Rev. Herschelle Couchman, pastor, installed the following officers: Steve Ralph, Jr., President; Wayne Couchman, vice-president; Catherine Boothe, Secretary; Henry Couchman, Treasurer; Betty Joe Fielder, Publicity Director; J. E. Jacks, Peggy Douglas, Martha Rose and Nancy Caldwell, Commission Chairmen. Activities Week closed with the Holy Communion.—Reporter.

Difficulties are things that show what men are.—Plutarch.

WOMAN'S SOCIETY OF CHRISTIAN SERVICE

MRS. SUE M. WAYLAND, Editor

HELENA DISTRICT HOLDS EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Following the annual W. S. C. S. picnic held in Forrest City on August 24, an Executive Committee Meeting was held in the Methodist Church, with Mrs. William Humbarger, President, in charge.

Other District Officers present were Mrs. Julian Vogel, West Memphis, Promotion Secretary, Mrs. H. K. Smith, Wheatley, Vice President; Mrs. Homer Williamson of Wheatley, Status of Women Secretary; Mrs. G. G. Dorris, Wynne, Spiritual Life Secretary; Mrs. T. D. Hare, Vandale, Secretary of Student Work, and Miss Virginia Hine, Forrest City, Wesleyan Service Guild Secretary. The Rev. Ethan Dodgen also visited the meeting.

Mrs. Dorris gave a devotional on the subject of Love, using as her text scripture from the 13th Chapter of 1st Corinthians.

Reports were given by the ladies present, and Mrs. Vogel reported for Mrs. J. M. South of West Memphis, and Mrs. Everett Hood of Earle. Written report of Mrs. W. G. Magers of Heth was read. In connection with Mrs. Hood's work, announcement was made of a District Youth Rally to be held in Forrest City on the night of September 15.

Brother Dodgen informed the group of the dedication of her life for Christian Service by Miss Minola Capalena of Brinkley, Ark., recent high school graduate there, and the Committee voted to assist with Miss Capalena's education for her life work from the scholarship fund to be administered through Mrs. Emory Sweet, Secretary of Missionsary Personnel.

Among other items, Mrs. Vogel stressed using the goals chart, urged special memberships, called attention to the new method of reporting memberships and pledges as set forth in the July-August Methodist Woman, and the change of the W. S. C. S. year, fiscal and otherwise.

Announcement was made of the Fall Seminar, with time and place to be furnished within the near future.

Brother Dodgen dismissed the group with prayer.

GREENWOOD SOCIETY MEETS

The Annual Supper meeting of the W. S. C. S., Wesleyan Guild and Circle Number One was held August 26, at 7:30 at the church.

The tables were arranged in the shape of a half circle, and beautifully decorated with late summer flowers, with pale yellow napkins and the table was covered in white.

Mrs. W. H. Lewis, president of the W. S. C. S., presided over the meeting. Mrs. V. K. Rattaree gave the devotional, assisted by Mrs. M. M. Spicer. A vocal duet was rendered by Mrs. C. O. Bell and Mrs. Toney Ferrante. Mrs. Beth Welch, county librarian, gave a very timely discussion on "The World Conference" which was in session in Amsterdam.

A "going away gift" was presented to Mrs. Hubert Pearson, by Mrs. O. D. Peters. At the close of the program a salad course with dessert

A PLEA FOR WORLD PEACE

G. N. CANNON

*O thou Christ of hope and gladness,
Hear the world with all its sadness,
Cry for universal peace;
From the blight of war relieve us,
Into peaceful realms receive us,
Bring to us a full release.*

*Light divine illumines each nation,
Whether low or high in station,
Let the cry of peace resound;
Let earth's envoys as they gather
Bring no strife, but Oh, the rather,
Let their hearts with friendship bound.*

*Long has earth in silence waited,
Yearned with hopes still unabated,
For the coming of a day,
When war's drum-beat heard no longer,
Makes the heart of man grow stronger,
While the war clouds roll away.*

*Hear ye not clear voices ringing,
Universal manhood singing
That sweet peace has come at last?
Like a mighty river flowing,
Universal peace bestowing,
With grim war forever past.*

*Hate and envy gone forever,
Confidence no doubt can sever,
Then shall rule the world supreme;
Then fulfilled the wondrous story,
Prophets told of changeless glory,
Boundless peace doth man redeem.*

NEW SOCIETY ORGANIZED AT CULPEPPER

On August 19, twelve women met at the home of Mrs. Burt Smith in the Culpepper community in Van Buren County for the purpose of organizing a Woman's Society of Christian Service.

Miss Grace Badgett, deaconess, introduced Mrs. H. H. Fulbright of Searcy, District Promotion Secretary, who explained the purpose of the society, the organization and duties of officers, and the use of literature to be used in connection with the work.

The following women were elected to serve as officers: President, Mrs. Essie Smith, Clinton, R. F. D.; Vice President and Spiritual Life Secretary, Mrs. Esther Smith, Clinton, R. F. D.; Secretary-Treasurer, Mrs. Delsa Cleaver, Clinton, R. F. D. and Christian Social Relations and Supplies, Mrs. Alma Smith, Formosa.

The new society will have its first meeting on Thursday afternoon, September 2. Miss Grace Badgett will present the program.

The Reverend Bennie Jordan is pastor of the church in this community.

The wise man keeps ambition alive with hope for tomorrow, but he makes tomorrow's hope more promising by work done today. The only hour of real life is the present hour. In that hour only do we move, and act, and live. Anything can be done now; nothing can be done at any other time. We possess this hour, and no other. — O. Brander-Seymour.

was served to fifty-five women.

The meeting was dismissed with prayer led by Mrs. Milton Gilbert. —Reporter.

FORREST CITY W. S. C. S. HAS ANNUAL PICNIC

Approximately 125 women of all five Circles and of the Wesleyan Service Guild gathered at the Methodist Church in Forrest City on Tuesday afternoon, August 24, at 5 o'clock to enjoy the annual picnic and program held every August.

The program was held in the church sanctuary, and after welcoming remarks were made by Mrs. Lewis Hawley, Mrs. Ethan Dodgen gave the devotional. Mrs. Webb Sweet was organist for the occasion and Miss Fannie Carrol Legg led in the singing of hymns.

Mrs. William Humbarger, District President, presented the several District Officers, who were special guests of the afternoon, and members of her newly-organized Training Circle which forms Circle No. Five of the local W. S. C. S. Visitors attending the function were Mrs. K. K. Smith and Mrs. Homer Williamson of Wheatley, Mrs. Julian Vogel, West Memphis, Mrs. G. G. Dorris of Wynne, and Mrs. T. D. Hare of Vandale. The Rev. Horace Lewis, local pastor, and the Rev. Ethan Dodgen, District Supt., were also special guests.

Following the program, Mrs. George Walker, Jr., local president, invited everyone over to the lawn of the District Parsonage, where Mrs. Joe Chappell and her committee were in charge of tables laden with fried chicken, salads, home made cakes, and other picnic refreshments, which were served with iced drinks.

The true test of civilization is not the census, nor the size of cities, nor the crops—no, but the kind of man the country turns out.—Emerson.

ARKADELPHIA DISTRICT SEMINAR

The Fall Seminar of the Arkadelphia District W. S. C. S. was held at the First Methodist Church in Benton on September 1, under the leadership of Mrs. F. L. Robertson, Benton, who is the District Secretary of Missionsary Education and Service.

Mrs. H. King Wade led the opening devotional with the group singing "This Is My Father's World." After the responsive reading, Mrs. Wade led the directed meditation and prayer, praying first for our local groups, enlarging groups and finally for the World Council of Churches, meeting in Amsterdam.

Mrs. Robertson gave detailed instruction for the conducting of Mission Study classes and also told of the changes in the setup of the W. S. C. S.

Two study group sessions were conducted simultaneously in the morning with Mrs. Glen Teeter leader for the study of "Geographical Frontiers," and Mesdames T. W. McCoy, Sam Sargo and Lawrence leaders for the study of "The Bible and Human Rights."

A special musical number was given by Mrs. L. R. Biggs and Mrs. Henry Finkbeiner, who sang as a duet "Whispering Hope."

A delicious luncheon plate was served by the hostess church at noon.

Two groups convened in the afternoon. (Continued on Page 16)

CLARKSVILLE MEMBER HONORED

The Clarksville W. S. C. S. gave special recognition to one of its oldest members, Mrs. J. A. Dowdy, at the program meeting, Sept. 2.

Mrs. Dowdy was eighty years old, and in honor of her birthday, members gave her a shower of gifts. Mrs. Dowdy has charge of the Week of Prayer offering, and contributions are made once a month at the program towards this annual gift. As a special honor for Mrs. Dowdy the group last Thursday gave an offering totaling more than fifteen dollars. To date more than fifty dollars has been received on the Week of Prayer Fund. This amount will be increased when the Week of Prayer program is presented in October.—Reporter.

FORT SMITH DISTRICT SEMINAR

The Fort Smith District Seminar will meet at the Goddard Memorial Church in Fort Smith, September 22.

Mrs. W. T. Bacon, Booneville, is District Secretary of Missionsary Education and is in charge of the program.

The District Executive Committee met at Mrs. Bacon's home Sept. 7, with Mrs. I. L. Cloud, assistant hostess. Mrs. Monroe Scott, District president, presided over the business session and each of the twelve officers present gave reports of their work.

After lunch the group visited the State Sanatorium. They were entertained at a tea given by the W. S. C. S. at the Methodist Church in Booneville.—Reporter

CURRENT NEWS IN ARKANSAS METHODISM

WESLEY MEMORIAL CHURCH, CONWAY

On the evening of September 3rd a surprise birthday party was held at the home of Mrs. Mae Goad Jones in honor of Mrs. A. H. Dulaney, our pastor's wife. The gathering was sponsored by the members of the Wesley Memorial Church. Several members were present and the favorite songs of Mrs. Dulaney were sung in her honor. W. H. Lewis and daughter, Patricia Don, sang a duet "Where We Will Never Grow Old" for the honoree. An hour and a half was spent in singing and listening to the honor guest relate early experiences in the life of a minister's wife which were very interesting. Ice cream was served with a beautiful birthday cake. After more singing Brother Dulaney led in prayer. Before departing all present joined hands in a large circle and sang "Blest Be the Tie That Binds."

Mrs. Dulaney was presented with a package of lovely dress material with a card containing the names of all present and the offer of Mrs. Rhode to make the dress.

Our second revival meeting began September 5. We have a large tent erected on our land near where we are building our church. We have the foundation ready for the walls, tile and brick on the ground and as soon as we find someone to lay the tile we will get our wall up. —Reporter.

OPEN HOUSE HELD AT PARSONAGE OF MARKED TREE

The long awaited dream for a new parsonage was realized. Rev. and Mrs. John Womack moved in the new home on Friday, August 20th. One hundred and fifty friends visited the parsonage between the hours of 4 and 6 on Sunday, August 29th.

The modern three-bedroom colonial type home has been planned for many years but due to many things it has just been completed.

It is located adjacent to the Methodist Church and is modern in every respect. It is the same style brick outer finish as the church, has hardwood floors throughout and the kitchen is covered with rubber tile in beautiful colors.

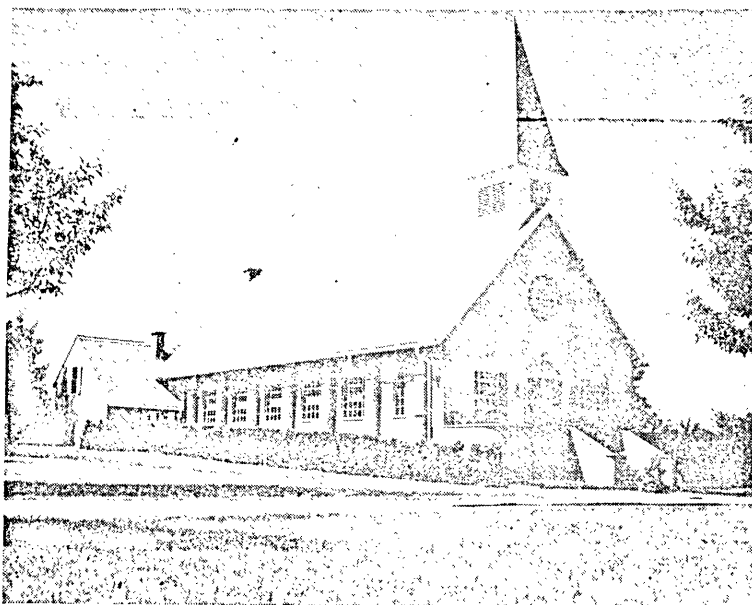
The walls in the home are tinted in delicate pastel shades. A fireplace and built-in cabinets grace the living room and the picture window featured. The attic fan floor and furnaces add to the comfort.

The house is furnished with solid mahogany with the exception of one bedroom. Drapes, curtains, rugs, lamps and pictures and large mirror add finer art to the lovely home.

The ladies of Circle I and II of the W. S. C. S. were in charge of selecting and buying all the furnishings. The men of the church selected the plan and had the home erected.

The lawn has been graded and leveled and sidewalks built. It will be landscaped in the near future. Anyone passing through Marked Tree is invited to stop and see our new parsonage that we are so proud and thankful for.—Mrs. John F. Shearer, Reporter.

Chapel In Germany



Above is pictured a chapel at the Erding Airforce Station in Germany where Chaplain Archie N. Boyd is stationed. Chaplain Boyd has been stationed at this base since March 1946. Rev. Fred R. Harrison, dis-

trict superintendent of the Camden District, who attended the World Council of Churches in Amsterdam met Chaplain Boyd at the meeting and obtained from him the picture of the chapel.

HOME COMING DAY AT FISHER STREET, JONESBORO

The Fisher Street Methodist Church of Jonesboro will observe Sunday, September 26, as Homecoming Day. The program will get underway with the eleven o'clock service, which will be a memorial service, honoring those who have rendered great service to the church in the years gone by. The memorial sermon will be delivered by one of the former pastors.

Following this service a basket dinner will be spread on the ground. The afternoon program will include special music and talks by former pastors and friends of the church. All those who have been associated with the church in former years are invited to be with us in this all-day service.

Fisher Street Church is the oldest church in North Jonesboro. It was organized at the turn of the century by a small group of devoted Christians who were poor in material resources but strong in faith and the willingness to sacrifice and labor. With the exception of one they have all gone to claim their eternal reward. The lone surviving charter member is M. R. Carson, who still worships in our congregation and who is deeply loved and appreciated by all those who know him.

At the present time the Fisher Street Church is engaged in the task of constructing a new education building. When completed, the new building will be 100 feet long by 36 feet wide. It will be a two-story structure of red brick to match the present church plant. The excavating has already been completed and the concrete footings poured. By doing much of the labor ourselves, we hope to complete it at the cost of \$30,000.—Thurston Masters, Pastor.

He hath shewed thee, O man, what is good; and what doth the Lord require of thee, but to do justly, and to love mercy, and to

MEETING OF POLK COUNTY M. Y. F.

The Polk County M. Y. F. met at the Shady Grove Methodist Church, Monday evening, September 6, with 123 present.

The Shady Grove Fellowship led the group in singing after which Kelly Simpson introduced our district superintendent, Rev. Jesse Hamilton of Texarkana, the speaker for the evening. In his own entertaining and highly individual style Brother Hamilton gave us what he termed "A Mixture," using the scripture, "Ye are the salt of the earth." He illustrated his point with a host of timely thoughts, poetry and amusing stories.

Rev. Charles Simpson of Shady Grove, the county M. Y. F. sponsor, presided over the business session in the absence of both president and vice-president.

A report from the nominating committee was given by Doris Strauss of Mena. No other nominations being made the following officers were unanimously elected for the ensuing year: President, Kelly Simpson, Shady Grove; Vice-president, Mary Jo Stemple, Wickes; Secretary, Marie Dagenhart, Cove; Co-sponsors, Mr. and Mrs. Alan Bradley, Mena; Reporter, Mrs. Ralph Edwards, Hatfield.

The attendance count was taken with Wickes, Cove, Hatfield, Mena and Shady Grove reporting and Wickes winning under our new "Mileage Method."

The business meeting was then adjourned by the new president and the entire group was invited out on the lawn where a weiner and marshmallow roast with all the trimmings was greatly enjoyed by all. Our thanks go to the Shady Grove Fellowship for a fine evening.

The next meeting will be at Hatfield on Monday evening, October 4. —Mrs. Ralph Edwards.

walk humbly with thy God?—Micah 6:8.

MINISTERS' WIVES FELLOWSHIP CLUB

The Ministers' Wives Fellowship Club of the Helena District met at the district parsonage in Forrest City on Thursday, September 2, at 7:00 o'clock. A covered dish dinner was served to fourteen members. After a delightful feast of good eats, the president, Mrs. O. Evanson, presided over a business session.

We have in our district Miss Minola Capleena of Brinkley who has volunteered for Life Service. She will leave for college for further preparation for her work. Our club voted to give her a gift as she leaves for college.

Mrs. Evanson introduced Mrs. B. L. Wilford, who has spent forty years as a minister's wife. Mrs. Wilford gave a very interesting and timely message on experiences in the parsonage, speaking especially to the younger parsonage wives.

The session was closed with a prayer by Mrs. Ethan Dodgen.—Reporter.

REVIVAL AT PHILADELPHIA

My family and I had the privilege of attending a revival at Philadelphia Church on the Columbia Charge the fourth week in August. This was our home church before entering the ministry.

There were exceptionally large crowds for both morning and evening services. The house was crowded every night which made it seem like old times.

We regretted that Brother Stonecipher, the pastor, was ill and could not be there.

Rev. L. Gray Wilson, pastor at Lockesburg, a very excellent preacher, brought some stirring messages. They were very timely and helped to revive all of us. There was a total of eleven received into the church, seven on profession of faith, two by vows and two by letter.

We feel that the people of Philadelphia have been blessed by having this God-fearing messenger among them for a week.

There were special prayers offered for Brother Stonecipher during the week and we are still trusting and praying that he will soon be up and able to resume his pastoral duties.—Myron C. Pearce, pastor of Buckner Charge.

DEDICATION OF DYESS CHURCH

Bishop and Mrs. Paul E. Martin and Rev. J. Albert Gatlin, district superintendent of the Jonesboro District, were guests of the pastor, Rev. W. B. Yount, for the dedication of the Dyess Church.

Our old church was destroyed over a year ago and we are especially proud of the new one and that it is free of debt.

Brother Gatlin introduced the bishop and he gave an inspiring talk, one that we will all remember for time to come. Mrs. Martin was most gracious and all of us were charmed by her friendly manner.

It is an occasion to be remembered in Dyess. This is the second time a bishop has been in our church. Bishop Seelman was a guest several years ago.—Reporter.

WASHINGTON CHARGE

We have experienced a great sorrow this year in the passing away of our dear companion of forty-two years. The people have indeed been kind and considerate of us and the work of the church has moved along nicely. The church attendance is good, and every phase of the work has made progress. Our District rural worker, Miss Ary Shough, has done a wonderful work on this charge, circulating the Methodist and teaching Vacation Schools.

We have just closed a revival at Old Liberty Church. Rev. D. A. McCauley did the preaching and he preached with force and conviction. On the night of August 29 we received 18 into the church, most of whom were men and women. We baptized 16 and christened 2 children. Rev. Van W. Harrell, our beloved district superintendent, has led us through these six years with a true aim, and much of the success in our district is due to his wise leadership. His poise readily sets him apart as a real leader as well as an outstanding preacher. We all love him.

We are now living in the parsonage in Washington and making repairs on it for it was wrecked by a storm about two years ago. We will have it in good shape by winter.—W. C. Lewis, Pastor.

Which is the way to heaven? Take the first turn to the right and then straight ahead.—Defender.

It is a rare thing to win an argument and the other fellow's respect at the same time.—Tuam Herald.



Some Thoughts About Baptism



By O. L. COLE, Pastor at Beebe

In Ezekiel 36:25-28 we read "Then will I sprinkle clean water upon you, and ye shall be clean; from all your filthiness, and from all your idols, will I cleanse you. A new heart also will I give you, and a new spirit will I put within you; and I will take away the stony heart out of your flesh, and I will give you an heart of flesh. And I will put my spirit within you. . . ; and ye shall be my people, and I will be your God."

Numbers 19:9-17 states that the ashes of a heifer mixed with water and sprinkled upon unclean persons "is a purification for sin." While Hebrew 9:19 states "Moses sprinkled . . . all the people with blood and water mixed. But it pleased God to say 'then (under the blessings of Christ's kingdom) will I sprinkle clean water upon you.' We read also in James 1:17 'God — with whom is no variableness neither shadow of turning.' Hebrews 13:8 says 'Jesus Christ the same yesterday and today and forever,' past, present and future. This being true we conclude that since God's mind is satisfied with sprinkling clean water, so ought ours to be. For Christ's blood was shed once for all, and it is the cleansing factor (not water baptism) I John 1-7 'The blood of Jesus Christ his son cleanseth us from all sin.' Thus, I Peter 3:21 states baptism to be 'Not the putting away of the filth of the flesh, but the answer of a good conscience toward God.'

Our branch of Christendom believes the candidate's conscience, and not that of another, or others, is to be answered toward God. Hence we say, "If you want to be immersed three times face foremost (as the Dunkards and Mennonites do), or if you want to be immersed once; laid down and raised up, we say in all good faith, let us go to some appropriate place and so do."

We believe that, when water baptism is performed once by any mode, either sprinkling, pouring or immersion, "In the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost" it is sufficient. "One Lord, one faith, and one baptism", as in Ephesians 4:5 is a very apt and fitting statement at this point.

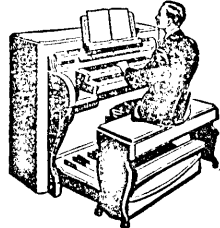
Hebrew 9:10 speaks of divers washings (different cleansings). "Divers" means "Different kinds". Washings in the original Greek is "Baptismois" from which we get the word Baptism. Therefore, as Ananias said to St. Paul, "Arise (stand up) and be baptized," (Acts 23:16) so we often say to a candidate for baptism, "Stand up and be baptized."

Note: The word Baptismois is a form of Baptidzo (the Greek verb for baptize, or I baptize). The central idea is here to make clear to our people that "divers washings" or "Divers Baptisms" (Baptismois) is of New Testament usage. We need not be afraid to say so; not browbeating, but rather truth-stating for truth's sake, purely. The Didache—

called the teachings of the Twelve, among the oldest known teachings of the disciples, plainly refers to immersion and sprinkling as water Baptism. Indeed the Didache was written before the New Testament was canonized and fully disseminated over the Church.

Prejudice cannot see the things that are because it is always looking for things that aren't.—N. C. Churchman.

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NEWS ABOUT HENDRIX COLLEGE

College Opens Sixty-Fifth Session

The annual freshman induction ceremony took place last Saturday night under the sponsorship of the Student Association. Harry Buchanan of Paragould, student body president, presided and the faculty participated in academic costume. Following the induction was the annual formal president's reception.

President Matt L. Ellis delivered the address at opening Sunday at the First Methodist Church on September 12.

Last Thursday night freshman students had a chance to get acquainted with the entire student body at an informal reception at Galloway Hall sponsored by the sophomore council.

At the end of the second day of registration, enrollment figures were considerably above those of last year according to Victor Hill, Registrar. Total figures are expected to be approximately 600. More than 170 freshmen and new students with less than 30 semester hours of college credit took a series of guidance tests.

Changes in Staff

Additions to the staff are George J. Avent in the department of religion and philosophy, Miss Sarah Moore Robinson and Charles F. McCormick in music, Clinton Sheffield Ferguson in economics, Miss Betty Baer in health and physical education. Mrs. M. Pearl Sadler and Mrs. John W. Spivey, counselors at Galloway Hall, and John Emmett Lyon, Jr., in mathematics and physics.

Miss Robinson, who will teach piano and theory, attended Hendrix and received the bachelor of music education and master of music degrees from Northwestern University. Formerly from Jonesboro, she has been on the music staffs at Wilmington High School, North Carolina, and Wesleyan College in Georgia.

Mr. McCormick holds the bachelor of music degree and the master of music degrees from Northwestern University. He has done much private piano teaching in Chicago.

Miss Peggy Neighbors, member of the faculty last year, has resigned to enter concert work, and Philip Howard has been granted a year's leave of absence for graduate study.

Mr. Ferguson will replace Floyd E. Gillis, who has resigned and is considering entering private accounting work. Mr. Ferguson holds the bachelor of arts degree from the University of Chattanooga and received the master of arts degree from the University of Tennessee this past summer.

Miss Betty Baer of Little Rock assumes position of Mrs. Richmond O. Slay, the former LaVerne Boyd of Conway. Miss Baer attended Lit-

LOOKING AT RELIGION

By DON MOORE



tle Rock Junior College, Phoenix Arizona Junior College, and Arizona State College, and graduated from Arkansas State Teachers College in 1946 with the bachelor of science in education degree. For the past two years she has taught physical education in Helena High School.

Mrs. Spivey, whose home is in Hamburg, has been county clerk there and also a worker with the O P A. Her son John has been a student in Hendrix. Mrs. Sadler has done counseling work in Gettysburg College, Pennsylvania, and in the University of Pennsylvania.

Mrs. Sam B. Wiggan, former Galloway counselor, plans to move to Jonesboro, where she will take work in education at Arkansas State College. Mrs. E. L. Hutchison, also former Galloway counselor, plans to live in Virginia with her daughter.

Mr. Avent holds the A. B. degree from John B. Stetson University, the B. D. degree from Candler School of Theology, and received the M. A. degree this summer from Emory University. He has taught in Wesleyan College, Macon, Georgia.

Mrs. Avent holds the master of religious education degree from Emory University and has also done much work in Christian education.

Mr. Lyon will replace Joe G. Robbins, assistant professor of physics, who has been given leave of absence to enter the University of Texas for work toward his Ph D. Degree. Mr. Lyon received the B. S. degree from Hendrix in 1945 and the M. S. degree in chemistry and physics from the University of Arkansas this past summer. During the past year he was on the science faculty of Little Rock Junior College. Mrs. Lyon is the former Margaret Nicklaus of Little Rock. She was graduated from Hendrix in 1947 with honors in English.

Other additions to the staff previously announced are Dr. John P. Anderson in psychology, Dr. Walter Moffatt in English and Dr. H. I. Lane, who returns as Professor of Mathematics after a year's leave of absence.

Rev. J. S. Upton Represents College in Michigan

Rev. J. S. Upton of the college

department of religion and philosophy represented Hendrix at the ninth annual conference on Christianity on the Campus, held last week at Shelby, Michigan.

The conference, sponsored by the Danforth Foundation, is an interdenominational endeavor and was attended by representatives of more than 150 American universities and colleges. Primary topics for discussion were the fundamentals of Christian faith and ways of making Christianity more vital to American college students.

Raymond Gregg Makes Record as Naturalist

H. Raymond Gregg, '27, is the author of the leading article in the August number of the Scientific Monthly. His ten-page illustrated article was on the life and habits of the American beaver.

A former resident of Fort Smith, Mr. Gregg has made many contributions to the field of nature education. For six years his "nature sketches" were broadcast from the Rocky Mountain National Park as an NBC network feature.

Mr. Gregg is now chief of the naturalist division, national capital parks in Washington, D. C.

Miss Millar Wins Yale Scholarship

Miss Elizabeth Millar of Little Rock, who graduated with honors last June, has been awarded a scholarship for study in the Yale University school of medicine.

Miss Millar, the daughter of Paul Millar, head of the Arkansas State Plant Board, and Mrs. Millar, is a niece of Miss Ethel Millar of Conway and a granddaughter of Dr. A. C. Millar, former Hendrix president and Methodist leader.

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On A Wide Circuit

By W. W. REID



DEANE EDWARDS, president of the Hymn Society of America, is to be commended for his work in gathering together available material for Hymns of the Rural Spirit, just issued by the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America. It is a valuable "supplement to the ordinary hymnal" for rural churches and related rural gatherings.

But it is no fault of the committee which helped Dr. Edwards select his material to say that one is struck by the paucity of material from which the committee had to choose. Actually rural hymns are not being written in numbers or in quality.

It seems quite evident that one thing the rural church of America needs is a group of new hymns that have sprung and the toil and the joy and the vision of the plowman—hymns written by a lyrical Burns or a socially-passionate Whittier as he plods the furrows. I fear most of America's hymns are written in cloistered halls, upon polished desks.

In Hymns of the Rural Spirit we find five new hymns from Thomas Tiplady, and four new translations from the Danish. Otherwise the names of Caswell, Heber, Longfellow, Watts and Whittier lead all the rest; and even in tunes we depend largely on Barnby, Dykes, Maker, and Mason.

There are some relatively new hymns, of course: six "Children's Hymns"; one of the 15 listed under "God in His World"; two of 11 "Morning and Evening Hymns";

three of the 7 under "Christ of the Countryside"; five of the 10 under "Work and Service"; two of 8 "Spring and Seedtime"; three of 18 "Harvest Festival and Thanksgiving"; two of 5 on "Sunday"; but none of the "Patriotic Hymns" or "Spirituals" are new.

Jan Struther contributes a children's hymn of which we quote one verse:

*"For swift and gallant horses,
For lambs in pastures springing,
For dogs with friendly faces,
For birds with music thronging
Their chanties in the trees;
For herbs to cool our fever,
For flowers of field and garden,
For bees among the clover
With stolen sweetness laden—
We thank you, Lord, for these."*

This column has quoted Thomas Tiplady more than once. But these lines are new:

*"Away in a village in bright Galilee,
Where time ripples onward like
streams to the sea,
A young man is making a plow from
a tree
That golden, with harvest, the fields
may soon be.
"The shavings fall softly, and curled
at his feet,
They fill the plain workshop with
fragrance most sweet;
He sings, as he labors, a song, soft
and low,
To music the shepherds of Beth-
lehem know."*

But the field for Christian hymns that well up in the soul of rural America and her churches seems still unharvested, perhaps uncultivated. Bliss Wiant wrested some such hymns from the soil of China—someone may yet nurture them in America's countryside.

ELBERTA SUB-DISTRICT MEETS

The Elberta Sub-District meeting of the M. Y. F. of the Prescott District met at the Nashville Methodist Church on Thursday night, August 19th.

A business meeting was held preceding the installation service for the new officers and it was decided to have the meetings once a month, the next meeting to be held at Delight September 28th. A beautiful candlelight installation service was

led by Rev. George Meyer of Nashville, Director of Youth of the Prescott District. The following new officers were installed:

President, Jimmie Lee Burkhardt; Vice-president, Mary Harrison; Secretary, Jean Morrow; Treasurer, Clarine Riley.

Chairman: Worship and Evangelism, Charles Powell; Missions and World Friendship, Carolyn Caldwell; Community Service, Marjorie Graves; Recreation, David Williams; Publicity Chairman, Ernestine McAlister; Adult Counselor, Ruby Branch.

Following the installation service the group was led in the playing of folk games by the Murfreesboro M. Y. F. after which refreshments were served by the Nashville group.

The local M. Y. F.'s represented were Antoine, Delight, Dierks, Doyle, Murfreesboro, and Nashville. —Reporter.

Finish every day and be done with it. You have done what you could, some blunders and absurdities crept in—forget them as soon as you can. Tomorrow is a new day. You shall begin it well and serenely, and with too high a spirit to be encumbered with your old nonsense.—Emerson.

God will not look you over for medals, degrees or diplomas, but for scars.—Paul E. Holdcraft.

Better a little "taffy" while they live than so much "epitaphy" when they're dead.—Selected.

METHODIST HOSPITAL AND BATH HOUSE

The month of August was our greatest month since opening the hospital in 1945. We made that same statement when reporting for July (but August went beyond our best July). Patients admitted totalled 207; total patient days, 1,659; average daily census, 53.2; percent of full occupancy, 90.2. Births, 52; Operations, 70; Bath house treatments, 910.

Mrs. Arwilda Scheer, our Director of Nurses, has been granted an indefinite leave of absence to complete her work for the B. S. degree at Charity Hospital in New Orleans. Mrs. Othel Loyd, for two years our night supervisor, has assumed the duties of Director of Nurses. Her home is in Hot Springs; she is a member of Grand Avenue Church, her training and experience have been excellent. She starts her work well. The Medical Staff is cooperating splendidly.

Two other nurses have left to complete their training—Miss Catherine True who goes to Charity Hospital in New Orleans, and Miss Vivian Adams who goes to Los Angeles for special study in surgery. All of these three have been given leaves of absence.

Mrs. Mac Voigt of Hot Springs has given the hospital one of the latest model Oxygen tents, iceless and completely automatic with three canopies. This wonderful gift is in memory of her brother, John Alexander Clement, who passed away recently.

The WSCS of Altheimer sent a gift in memory of Austin Turner of Pine Bluff who died September 4 of wounds suffered in the Battle of the Bulge.

The Vacation School at Portland, through their splendid pastor, Rev. Clem Baker, sent their offering for use in our Nursery. (We have secured equipment for our Resuscitator.)

Mrs. Kathryn Portis of Hot Springs has sent a contribution to our equipment fund.

Mr. C. F. Sturgis, of Manning, sent a large check for our equipment fund.

We are grateful for the thoughtfulness of our friends in remembering the hospital in such fine ways and extend to them our thanks.

The superintendent leaves soon for Atlantic City where he will attend the American Protestant Hospital Association, the American Hospital Association, and a Committee meeting of our Methodist Hospital Association. After the conclusion of these meetings on September 24 he will take about two weeks' vacation

KAGAWA COMMITTEE TO RAISE \$60,000—WILL REBUILD SHINKAWA

Toyohiko Kagawa, world-renowned Japanese Christian leader, celebrates his sixtieth birthday this month. In recognition of his birthday, as well as of the 40th anniversary later this year of the beginning of Kagawa's first settlement work in the Kobe slums, friends of Kagawa in this country plan to raise \$60,000 to rebuild the Kobe settlement destroyed by bombs during the war.

Kagawa, born July 10, 1888, son of a humble dancing girl of that time, knew extreme hardships and cruelty in his childhood but found comfort in his religious experiences. A victim of tuberculosis when a young man, Kagawa decided to devote what little he thought was left of his life to helping the forgotten millions in the slums of Kobe.

On Christmas Eve, 1908, he began his ministry in a 6 x 6 foot shack. By the time the last war began, Kagawa had become an international figure—with 19 churches, 4 city settlements, 17 kindergartens and schools and many other social and religious institutions as the result of his labor.

Near the original shack were other buildings which housed his social, medical and religious activities. This settlement was named Shinkawa. During the war these buildings, as well as his settlements in Tokyo and Osaka were completely destroyed by bombs. It is the aim of the sponsoring committee to raise enough money to rebuild and furnish this settlement at Kobe.

The estimated cost of the building is \$50,000 and the necessary equipment, \$10,000. The combined cost, \$60,000, would mean \$1,000 for each year of Kagawa's life of devoted service. The settlement would house a church, a nursery club rooms, medical clinic, cooperative store and credit union officers.

The sponsoring committee, with headquarters at S. Parkes Cadman Memorial Center, Brooklyn, under the name of Toyohiko Kagawa Sixtieth Birthday, Fortieth Anniversary Fund, includes more than ninety names of outstanding leaders in the United States, among them—Harry Emerson Fosdick, Paul Hutchinson, E. Stanley Jones, Bishop William Scarlett, Walter Van Kirk, Luman Shafer and others. Galen M. Fisher is Chairman and J. Henry Carpenter, Secretary.

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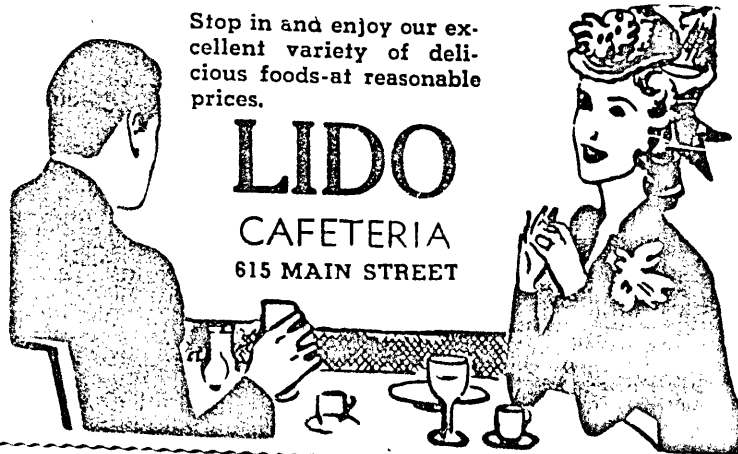
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The Sunday School Lesson

By DR. O. E. GODDARD



EUNICE, LOIS AND TIMOTHY, A RELIGIOUS FAMILY

LESSON FOR SEPTEMBER 26, 1948

Scripture Text: 16:1-5; 17:13-15; I Corinthians 4:21-21; Philippians 2:19-20; I Thessalonians 3:1-10; II Timothy 1:3-14; 3:14-15.

Golden Text: As for me and my house, we will serve the Lord. Joshua 24:15.

It would be fine if a child could select its own grandparents. I have seen so many children who seemed to be replicas of their grandparents. Some one once asked, "When should we begin to train a child?" The reply was, "With the grandparents." "Train up a child in the way he should go" would seem to begin two generations before the child is born. A religious heritage extending back two generations, is a heritage, invaluable, incommensurable, incomparable. Blessed is the child thus endowed.

Eunice and Lois

We know nothing of the husbands of these two women. They may have been dead, or nonentities, or too bad to be mentioned. However that may have been, these two women "ruled the roost" in their homes.

Timothy

Timothy was a son of whom any mother and grandmother would be proud. By blood, he was half Jew and half Gentile. In training he had the best possible education. From a child he had known the Holy Scriptures which were able to make him wise unto salvation. This was of course the Old Testament. The New Testament had not yet been written. Timothy was taught to love and obey God from his infancy. Of the four helpers Paul had—Barnabas, John Mark, Silas, and Timothy—Timothy was the best. He was young, alert, energetic, sympathetic, affectionate and always ready to serve.

Note How Much Paul Used Timothy

1. Secured Timothy as a helper. Acts 16:1-5.
2. Needed Timothy in Athens. Acts 17:12-15.
3. Paul sent Timothy to teach the Corinthians. 1 Corinthians 4:14-21.
4. Paul recommended Timothy to the Corinthians. 1 Corinthians 16:10-11.
5. Paul thanks God for Timothy. II Timothy 1:1-6.
6. In his last hour Paul sends for Timothy. II Timothy 4:21.

Paul's Letters To Timothy

I and II Timothy are the best manual for preachers, to be found in our language. Every young preacher would do well to read those two Epistles monthly until he gets saturated with the thought and spirit of these two little books. Many of our great preachers have written good books. The Yale Lectures for many years were the best ever. But in addition to all these, the young preachers should regard I and II Timothy as the best source for advice to young preachers. Church School officers and teachers, also, would do well to read and reread these books. There is much in them that is applicable to teachers, especially his affectionate message

to his beloved son in the Gospel.

To Parents

This lesson suggests the responsibility of parents. Surely there is no other human responsibility more important than parenthood. Parents must provide the necessities for their children—food, clothing, shelter, education, and religious instruction. Religious environment and instruction are as important as food, shelter, and clothing. To rob a child of mind and soul food is as culpable as to rob him of physical necessities. What a serious wrong it is to fail to provide any of these necessities for one's offspring.

In one city, I was president of the Relief Association. A man and his wife and six children had received help from the Association for a long time. I secured a fairly remunerative job for the man. The distance to the work made some walking back and forth each day. So the man refused to go to work. The next time he came for help, I told them they were not competent to rear the children, and that I had the promise of both a Methodist and a Baptist orphanage to take the children and provide adequately for them. The mother flared up and shook her finger in my face and said, "You will never take my children from me except over my dead body." They were assured that the children would be taken and provided for unless they went to work and supported them. They never returned, so they surely went to work to earn their living.

But there are parents supplying all the physical and public school education needed, and yet they are neglecting the moral and spiritual atmosphere and instruction the children most need. Irreligious parents are a curse to their children, society, and they are a grief to God. Why do you wrong your children, parents, and thus displease your Creator?

Do your duty, nobly, to your children, make them a blessing to society, and thereby please God.

Christian Education For Every Member In The Methodist Church

Every member of the Methodist Church is supposed to be enrolled in the Church School. All who can, should be present at every Sunday morning session. Those who on account of age, illness, or business or professional service, can not attend, are registered in the Home Department. A Home Quarterly is prepared for all those who for any reason cannot attend the Sunday session. It is designed to educate all the members in the doctrines and policy of the Methodist Church, and to teach them how to live a Christian life. No Methodist Church is doing its full duty until all its members are taking the educational work planned by the Church for each member.

The Pre-School Age, The Church's Best Opportunity

The first six years of child's life is the home's and the Church's best opportunity. I am sure Timothy could recite the Ten Commandments before he was six years old. Much of the ethical teaching and a degree of the doctrine of God, heaven, and hell, were familiar to Timothy before his sixth birthday.

So the home and the Church School can lead a child, before he is six to love and trust God. To trust and obey is easy for a child. He does not need to know such words as the Witness of the Spirit, repentance, and divine assurance. All this can be taught in a child terminology and he can have the child's experience of what these terms mean to an adult, but he does not need—indeed—should not use the adult vocabulary. But by the time he reaches the public school age he can have the experience of salvation, conversion etc., in a child's vocabulary. He should have been taught this before he entered public school.

The home and the church begin to lose the exclusive dominion of a child the day he enters public school. From then on through life outside influences play on him and have an ever-increasing influence over his life, and the influence of home and church have a corresponding decrease in the child's life.

Church and home wake up to the golden opportunity and make the utmost of it!

We have studied today the life of a mediocre man. He was as faithful to Paul as a redeemed soul could be. He seemed always alert to Paul's needs. It was a joy to him to serve. He gave all his two talents to God's service, just as Paul gave all five talents to serve God. Supposing their fidelity being equal, their rewards would be the same.

If we of the one talent, or two talents, give ourselves wholeheartedly to the work we were born to do, the Master's "Well done, good and

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noon with Mrs. Thos. McLean presenting the study "The Growth of Spiritual Life" and Mrs. F. L. Robertson presenting "China in the Asia of Today."

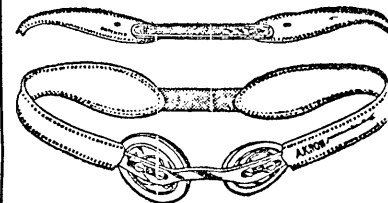
We were happy to have on our program Mrs. Eric Jensen, who is Conference Secretary of Misionary Education and Service. She gave a most helpful discussion on program making and with the help of Mrs. Thos. McLean, conducted a question and answer period.

The closing worship was led by Miss Elizabeth Goodman of Malvern, using as her theme the question "What Would You Do If You Suddenly Heard God Audibly Speaking to You?" She told a very unusual story bringing out this thought.

The attendance of 100, and the well prepared discussion leaders, made us feel our Seminar was indeed a success.—Mrs. Loyd Rhiddlehoover, Rec. Sec.

faithful servant, enter thou into the joys of thy Lord" will be our eternal reward. It is not quantity, but quality that counts with God.

Character, like embroidery, is made stitch by stitch.—Mary Yyon, quoted in Ladies' Home Journal.



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