

The Committee On Pastoral Relations

A comparatively new committee, at least for the southern section of The Methodist Church, is the Committee on Pastoral Relations. Although its disciplinary duties and responsibilities seem to be relatively simple, we apparently have a lot to learn about the real work of this committee before it becomes the helpful part of our church machinery that it is supposed to be.

The discipline states rather briefly the two major function of the Committee on Pastoral Relations. (1) It "shall be responsible, in consultation with the pastor, for supplying the pulpit during temporary absence of the pastor. (2) "When a change in pastoral relations is contemplated, the Committee on Pastoral Relations shall co-operate with the district superintendent and bishop and consult with the pastor."

The first of these two functions of the Committee seems to be practically inoperative; just why it should be so, we are not in a position to know.

If the first of these two functions of the Committee on Pastoral Relations appears to be under-worked, there are times when the second function of the Committee seems to be exercised with unexpected and at times with unwarranted freedom. This does not necessarily mean that the Committee is wilfully or deliberately exceeding its disciplinary powers. More often it is a matter of misinterpreting its powers, or of being unfamiliar with the disciplinary authority delegated to the Committee.

"When a change in pastoral relations is contemplated" this Committee can be of invaluable service to the bishop and district superintendent by exercising its delegated power and right to "cooperate" with them in their planning. If, however, the Committee attempts to exceed that power it may create problems instead of helping to solve them. Also, this Committee should always remember that it is as much its responsibility to "consult with the pastor" as it is to "co-operate" with the bishop and district superintendent. A well-rounded, understanding service by this Committee can be of real value to the church.

Christian Education Week And Rally Day

MANY Methodist Churches are observing this week in their church programs Christian Education Week, climaxing with Church School Rally Day on next Sunday. This annual observance, coming as it does when the fall program is beginning, serves as an impetus, not only for the beginning, but for the whole year. Promotion Day, the election and installation of officers and teachers, the beginning of the new Church School year, and a week's program which emphasizes the importance of Christian Education, all these and other factors serve to point up the high interest in Rally Day.

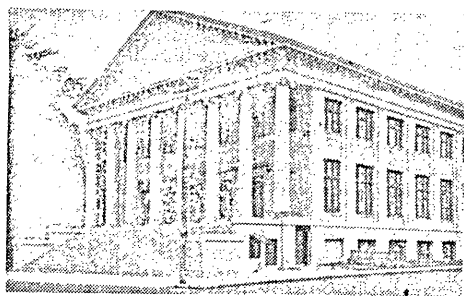
For Methodism, Rally Day has an added significance this year. For four years the Crusade for Christ program has been stimulating the Church School program. One of the major emphases in the Crusade year now closing has been the increasing of enrollment and attendance in the church schools. It is quite likely that in some Church Schools the greatest attendance for the quadrennium 1944-48 will be registered on Rally Day.

Annual Conference Sessions Are Just Ahead

ONCE each year the leaders of Arkansas Methodism gather in a selected city of their respective conferences for the annual sessions of our two Annual Conferences.

This year the North Arkansas Conference will meet October 13th, in the city of Ft. Smith where the sessions of the conference will be held in the First Methodist Church of which Rev. Fred G. Roebuck is pastor. The Little Rock Conference will hold its annual meeting in the city of Little Rock, opening on October 20th. The seat of the Little Rock Conference will be The First Methodist Church of which Dr. Aubrey G. Walton is pastor. The other Methodist Churches in each of these cities will play an important part in the entertainment of the conferences.

It so happens, this year, that our Annual Conferences are being held in



First Methodist Church, Ft. Smith the two strongest Methodist centers in the state. Ft. Smith, with its seven Methodist Churches, reported last year a total Methodist membership of 5,768. Little Rock, with its fourteen Methodist Churches reported a total Methodist membership of 13,668. The First Methodist Church in Ft. Smith is commonly considered the strongest pastoral appointment in the North Arkansas Conference. Records of last year indicate that it had the largest Methodist Sunday School in the state. The First Methodist Church in Little Rock is frequently referred to, by church historians, as the "mother" church of Arkansas Methodism. Many viewing its position today call it the "hub" of Arkansas Methodism.

While many consider it extremely valuable for the Annual Conference sessions to be held in smaller Methodist centers over the state, there is also a great value to the church at large, throughout the state, in holding an annual session in these great Methodist strongholds. Many of our members and ministers get a view of the bigness of Methodism in Arkansas that they might not have otherwise.

The General Conference and the Jurisdictional Conferences of our church cover a wider area and exercise some very important functions in our work. Nevertheless, Methodism has no conference more important in the promotion of the work of our church, or that holds larger interests for the individual minister and the individual church in our connection than the Annual Conference.

With One Accord

ON next Sunday, October 3, most of Protestant Christendom joins hands in its annual observance of World-Wide Communion Sunday. The observance, a testimony to the universality of the Christian faith, is an occasion for taking hope and courage amid days of disillusionment and insecurity.

For one thing, it is nothing short of inspiring to think of professing Christians everywhere bowing before the Lord's Table, confessing their sins, receiving divine forgiveness, and rededicating themselves anew to the Christian way of life. This day should see the release of latent spiritual power which too long has lain dormant. Further, in this observance which transcends denominationalism, geographical boundaries, time zones, and nationalities, communicants everywhere will, with one accord, pray for peace. They will remember again that while theirs is a universal faith, enduring peace will be possible only when the Christian faith is universally accepted. Again, worshipers will make common cause with one another as their joys and sorrows, successes and failures, abundance and poverty are shared. With one accord worshipers around the Lord's Table will identify themselves with each other that they may be one even as Christ was one with the Father.

Methodists will be given the opportunity to give material expression in their act of dedication. The Fellowship of Suffering and Service offering received on World-Wide Communion Sunday will make possible the continuance of the compassionate ministry which this church agency has sponsored. Fifty percent of this offering is administered by The Methodist Commission for Overseas Relief. The remaining fifty percent is divided equally between the Methodist Commission on Chaplains and the Methodist Committee on Camp Activities. May Methodists join others, in one accord, in making World-Wide Communion Day a time of repentance, dedication and sacrificial giving.

It Is The Same Sordid Sickening Story

LAST week press reports gave us a story that should cause the people of Arkansas to hang their heads in shame since for that story we too are not without blame.

According to press reports, a young man and woman attended a dance at a roadhouse near Little Rock until one o'clock in the morning. The young man is reported to have testified that they both had been drinking heavily. On leaving the roadhouse they drove out to a secondary highway. According to the published reports, the young man confessed that there he committed two capital crimes. On the advice of a friend he consulted, he then brought the dead body of his companion to police headquarters in the car in which the crimes were committed.

It is altogether possible that heavy drinking, for these two young people marked the difference between a pleasant evening together and the terrible, double tragedy. Neither the laws of nature or the laws of the land excuse crimes committed while drinking heavily. For an evening, which is reported to include heavy drinking, the young lady paid with her life. In addition to the torture of soul which he suffered, when he finally awakened to the enormity of his crime, the law has yet to determine the price to be paid by the young man.

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Worship In Unity

By BISHOP HERBERT WELCH



THE World Council of Churches has just given an impressive demonstration of Christian unity. This is only the climax of what has been going on in a multitude of quiet and hidden ways through years, decades, and indeed centuries. Just as developing nature around us presents its multitudinous forms of life, ever more diverse as life reaches higher levels yet without destroying the underlying "unity in diversity," so the Christian churches, of many names and forms, have never lost their fundamental

JUST A REMINDER !!!

That the Offering received on World-Wide Communion Sunday, October 3, or the nearest Sunday thereto on Circuits, should be sent to the Conference Treasurer and marked "For Fellowship of Suffering and Service."

unity in Him who is Lord of all.

But there is in our time a new consciousness of that spiritual unity which is more precious than all outward forms; and this new consciousness leads to many outward expressions, in service and in worship. The disciples of Christ draw closer to Him who is at the center and therefore closer to one another. During the last few years a beautiful custom, originating among the Presbyterians, has fixed upon the first Sunday in October as World-Wide Communion Sunday. The picture of Christian believers whose rituals and orders and creeds may seem to set them apart, all bowing at the Lord's Table, in adoration, in penitence, in confession, in dedication, on the threshold of the new church year, is profoundly moving. In this unity there is strength.

As our Methodist churches have more and more fallen into line by the observance of this day of world fellowship and personal reconsecration, they have also followed the advice and request of the Bishops by making a special offering for the Fellowship of Suffering and Service. This title covers three agencies created for the war and post-war periods. One is the Methodist Committee on Chaplains, which selects, endorses, and assists the Methodist ministers who are willing to take up this particular form of ministerial work. The service they render

to our own and other young people who are in the armed forces (whether by their own choice or not) is beyond all calculation. This young group, which means much to the future, deserves and needs unusual attention. Shut off from the ordinary occupations and associations which our boys and girls normally enjoy, they need continued contact with their home church-

es and also a personal ministry close at hand.

What the chaplains try to do within the camps and stations, the nearby church undertakes on the outside. The proper equipment and staff for this service are possible only through the assistance of the Bishops' Committee on Camp Activities. These two valuable agencies (Chaplains and Camp Activities) are whol-

ly dependent for their support on the half of the Communion offering for the Fellowship of Suffering and Service, which is their allotted share.

The other half is given to the Methodist Committee for Overseas Relief (MCOR). This Committee is authorized and directed by the General Conference to represent The Methodist Church in overseas relief and rehabilitation. Over seven million dollars have been expended by the Committee in the last eight years in discharging its assigned duty. This year, with no Crusade funds longer available, it calls for two million dollars to meet the needs which, after all that has been done, are such that we dare not relax our efforts. The 24 countries which have been aided still suffer hunger and homelessness and disease and almost despair.

One illustration must suffice. Dr. E. J. Aeschliman of Peking writes: "The MCOR funds have been and are a wonderful blessing. The initial distribution of funds among our workers brought new hope and courage and life to them. Many of them were tired, exhausted, undernourished and on the verge of discouragement. Without the help we simply couldn't carry on our work, for the cost of living is terrifying. Without relief funds during this period many of our workers would have to look for other work in order to keep their families alive."

Due to the MCOR funds we have been able to get most of our work started again. It is inspiring to see how the Christians carried on during those tragic war days. To know that they have not been forgotten by the Mother Church in America means much to our Christians workers here. Our Relief Committee is also giving aid to needy church members and other destitute people through the churches. About one-third of the funds are used for pastors and exangelistic workers; one-third for our workers in schools, including aid to needy students; the other third is divided among the hospitals and other groups. In this way the relief funds touch all of our groups."

The opportunities — dare I say, the divinely-appointed duties — which are ours are a challenge, not to an ordinary "collection," but to a heaped-up "offering" which shall cause rejoicing in heaven as well as on earth.



BISHOP WELCH RECEIVES 5,000,000th FOOD PACKAGE

Bishop Herbert Welch, chairman of the Methodist Committee for Overseas Relief, was chosen recipient of the 5,000,000th package of food prepared for shipment by the Morris Fraser Company of New York to send to a Methodist chaplain in Germany. In accepting the package, Bishop Welch spoke of the hardships facing Europe and Asia this winter. Fearing that some may think the Marshall plan has answered all need, he emphasized the fact that government aid is confined to industry and that interest in individual suffering, whether cold, hunger or illness, still is the business of the church.



RELIEF AND RESULTS



AFTER eight years of Methodist Overseas Relief, are there results that are truly worth while?

The general answer might readily and truthfully be given. There ARE results, results to gladden the hearts of Christian believers who have become Christian givers. The life and health of numberless children and grown-ups have been saved; schools have been kept open; pastors have been maintained at their posts; sufferings have been eased; courage and hope have taken the place of despair; "the oil of joy has been given for mourning and the garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness."

But let us come to particulars; let us call the witnesses:

From the GERMAN Conference, "To our Mother Church in America: On all sides we see hunger, homelessness, the misery of refugees, the disease and growing mortality resulting from all this. Little children are crying for bread, pupils faint at school, unhappy mothers are standing before us and are asking for help, weakened fathers are hardly able to do their job. Besides that, the bread-winners of a great deal of the families fell in the battle-field or did not yet return from the prisoner-cages in remote lands. We preachers ourselves felt and still feel the weakness on our own

bodies. How thankfully did we receive even a piece of bread out of charitable hands."

Bishop Garber, speaking for the dozen countries of his Area, declares; HUNGARIAN Methodism has lived since the war because of the gifts from MCOR," and adds, "I do not see how the GENEVA AREA Methodists could have lived since 1945, had it not been for the assistance of this Committee."

Charles A. Sauer writes from KOREA: "I have not seen our children so happy in five years," said a Christian mother last winter in Seoul. Just the day previous we had sent to her home a carton of sweat-

ers, dresses, shoes, and other clothing. "They actually took those sweaters to bed with them," she added. Americans can never realize how much Methodist Relief has meant to Koreans and especially to Korean Christians."

Then to those battered islands, so closely bound to us: "Through pastors, deaconesses and Bible women, the Methodist Committee for Overseas Relief reaches into almost every PHILIPPINE town and hamlet where there are Methodist contacts." So reads the last secretarial report of the Foreign Missions Divisions of the Board of Missions. And Bishop
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THE DEVOTIONAL PAGE

REV. H. O. BOLIN, Editor

RELIGIOUS STATISTICS

Last year over 60,000 churches in America reported no conversions. Some 27,000,000 youth under 21 receive no religious instruction whatever.

Children under 12, to the number of 13,400,000 are without religious training.

Ten thousand villages in our country are without churches.

Thirty thousand villages have no resident pastor.

Only 68,000,000 of our people profess any kind of religious belief, and only 28 percent of population ever attend church.

Sunday morning church attendance in America amounts to only eight per cent of the population, and Sunday evening attendance is only two per cent.

Rural churches are dying at the rate of 1,000 a year.—Gospel Banner

DO YOU KNOW?

There are more bar-maids in America than there are college girls; three times as many criminals as college graduates; 100,000 girls lost to society in white slavery; 1,000,000 children born out of wedlock each year; another 1,000,000 doomed to die before birth; there are eight times more hours spent in the movies than in Sunday School; 7 out of 8 children will quit the Sunday School before they are 15 years of age; 15,000,000 sex magazines are read by one third of our American citizens each month; 60 suicides a day, a murder every forty minutes, and a major crime every 22 seconds; to climax it we spent \$7750.00 on sin and pleasure for every \$1.00 we gave to foreign missions. Sixty thousand churches last year in our country did not have a convert addition. Nine thousand churches had to close their doors.—Selected

THE AVERAGE NEWS STAND

A number of efforts have been made in some of the cities to control the sale of unclean magazines. A measure of success has been secured, but there is still land to be possessed in this direction. Some news companies, which wholesale the weekly and the monthly publications to the news stands, compel the dealer to handle the evil with the good. "To get one worthy publication on his shelves," says a writer in the Expositor, "the magazine dealer is forced to stock unworthy ones. For every single publication of merit which justifies its existence, there is a varying number of other publications, wholly unable to carry their own load of dirt, which fasten on like the parasites they are, and which he must also stock. Without taking the filthy ones he can't get the wholesome ones. It is just that bad." It would seem necessary, therefore, for the authorities to get after the publishers rather than the dealers.

Happiness is not in our circumstances but in ourselves. It is not something we see, like a rainbow, or feel, like the heat of a fire. Happiness is something we are.—John B. Sheerin, Homiletic & Pastoral Review.

THE WORLD'S BIBLE

*Christ has no hands but our hands
To do His work today;
He has no feet but our feet
To lead men in His way;
He has no tongue but our tongues
To tell men how he died;
He has no help but our help
To bring them to His side.*

*We are the only Bible
The careless world will read;
We are the sinner's gospel,
We are the scoffer's creed;
We are the Lord's last message
Given in deed and word—
What if the line is crooked?
What if the type is blurred?
What if our hands are busy with other work
than His?
What if our feet are walking where sin's
allurement is?
What if our tongues are speaking of things
His lips would spurn?
How can we hope to help Him and hasten
His return?*

—Selected

GIPSY SMITH'S MOTTO

Wake up, sing up, preach up, pray up, pay up, stay up, and never give up, or let up, or back up, or shut up, until the cause of Christ in the church and in the world is built up.

love Christ and at the same time participate willingly and habitually in the evil that nailed him to the cross.

Not only do we get God's estimate of sin when we look at Christ on the cross, but we also note his love for the sinner. Truly the gist of the gospel is found in the fact that God loved the world and gave his Son, and Christ loved the world and gave his life. The acid test of love is sacrifice. God the Father gave his best; Christ the Son of God gave his all. He died our death for us that we might live his life for him. His life is one that is emptied of self and sin that it might be filled with love and service. In speaking of his own love Christ said, "Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends." In speaking of his service Paul said, "He went about doing good."

The greatest power on earth is love. The greatest proof of love is sacrifice. Little wonder Jesus would say, "And I, if I be lifted up from the earth, will draw all men unto me." He doesn't say they will all come. Many are drawn to him who never respond. They try to quench the thirst of their souls with things which perish with the using; they stifle the hunger of their hearts with that which can never satisfy. But none the less, they are drawn. No normal person can hear the story of the cross without being drawn to Christ. He draws people from sin to righteousness; from hate to love; from idleness to service; from self to others; from Satan to God.

We are told that "Jesus wept" when he stood at the open tomb of Lazarus. "Then said the Jews, Behold how he loved him!" If the tears of Jesus could convince his enemies of his love for Lazarus, what can his death on the cross not do for us? As, with the eye of faith, we see him hanging there bruised and bleeding; tired and thirsty; trembling with pain in every nerve of his body; dying with a broken heart over unrequited love; and in it all praying for his crucifiers, surely we can say, "Behold how he loves us!"

We must not forget that Christ died for all. We must so completely forsake our sins and so fully imbibe his Spirit that the world can see Jesus in us. We must lift him up in our lives for when he is lifted up he will draw all men to him.—H. O. B.

A Dallas, Tex. ear, nose and throat specialist reports he has treated 150 patients for cancer of the mouth, throat and vocal cords. Of these, 149 used tobacco.—Survey Bulletin.

Some of the starving peoples of the world understand that sound ideals are vital, but they also may believe that some vitals are ideal.—Banking.

The Drawing Power Of The Uplifted Christ

The beloved Apostle John quotes Jesus as saying, "And I, if I be lifted up from the earth, will draw all men unto me." One would naturally think these words referred to the ascension of Christ; his glorification and exaltation at the Father's right hand. On two different occasions the Apostle Peter applied the expression to that event. But John explains the text according to our Lord's own meaning. John made the following comment: "This he said, signifying what death he should die." The Lord himself felt that this greatest drawing power upon people would be at the point of his humiliation and self-sacrifice rather than his exaltation. Truly, some of our greatest lessons come from the cross.

We have reached a time when sins are treated too lightly. This came as a reaction against Puritanism. There is no doubt that the Puritans went too far in making religion a joy killer. They were such strict Sabbath-keepers that they refused to permit their children to play on Sunday. They even went so far as to make it a violation of the law for a man to kiss his wife on Sunday. Now, we have gone to the other extreme. We are about to lose our Sabbath altogether. In the place of it being our most holy day, it is our most sinful day. A lot of good is still done on Sunday, but more sins are also committed on that day than on any other day of the week.

Large numbers of people have come to feel that to join the church and be loyal to it in the matter of attending and paying is all that is necessary. Such is not the teaching of the Bible. Neither is it the original idea of Protestantism. No church can save a person. Christ alone can do that, and he does so on the terms of repentance; which means turning from sin and turning to Christ.

Certain sins have become very prevalent, in the church as well as out of it. Drinking intoxicants is on the increase; gambling is widely practiced. A minister in a certain Protestant church formed the habit of drinking beer. One of his members attempted to reprimand him for it. He went on to ask him if he still went to a certain joint to buy his beer. The minister indignantly replied, "No, I keep it in my icebox and drink when I please, and it is nobody's business." That is an extreme case. This particular minister was not a Methodist. But you might be surprised at the ever increasing number of members in our great church who are passing over sins too lightly. What would John Wesley think of this were he granted the privilege to return? The sins of our day are the same as those which were most prevalent in his day. His crying out against them led to the establishment of Methodism. More important, however, is this question: "What does Jesus think about it?"

What are we going to do about it? There is but one logical thing to do and that is to rethink the whole problem of sin in the light of the cross. That is what the Apostle Paul did. He once said to a group of people, "I determined to know nothing among you save Jesus Christ and him crucified." Crucified for what? He answers this question, "I preached unto you, first of all, how that Christ died for our sins according to the gospel." The greatest proof of the awfulness of sins is the Son of God hanging on the cross. Tone down the importance of the atonement and you lose the sense of sin. You have people trying to add a lot of good to their lives which are already filled with evil. This cannot be successfully done any more than a person can fill a bucket with water that is already full of mud. No one can truly

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A WEEKLY MESSAGE

By FORNEY HUTCHINSON

RARE DEVOTION

In the fall of 1934 I was sent to the pastorate of the Boston Avenue Church, in Tulsa, Oklahoma. The church was truly a great structure, probably nothing like it in our connection at that time. Many large sums of money had been given and the building was about completed. However, the depression came immediately and the enterprise was caught in an incomplete condition. The indebtedness on the structure was tremendous.

Soon after I arrived in the city, I went up to see the church and to discuss conditions with some of the leaders. One of the first men to call on me was Mr. C. C. Cole. He had been chairman of the Building Committee and had perhaps as much, or more to do with the building than any man in the church. His wife, also, was very much interested in the enterprise.

He invited me to go with him on a tour of inspection and said, "I probably know as much about it as anyone, and would love to give you at once, first-hand information about it." He stopped under the vast, beautiful dome and looked up, his face aglow with admiration. In a very modest way he said, "Brother Hutchinson, I have put into this church, so far, one hundred and seventy thousand dollars. I am moving immediately from my fairly handsome home into a house which we have been using for rental purposes. My financial embarrassment," he continued, "is due primarily to my gifts to the church." But with much feeling, he said, "I am glad I put it into the church. Otherwise, it would have been lost with almost everything else I had, because of the depression. Now it's safe and dedicated to the worship of God."

I looked at him for a moment with admiration and said, "If the other leaders feel as you do about it, the church will be saved." Not so many years have passed, but every penny of the debt has been paid, because of C. C. Cole and other men of his type. His was truly a safe investment.

NORTH ARKANSAS CONFERENCE NOTICE

Please announce through the Arkansas Methodist that the Board of Missions and Church Extension of the North Arkansas Conference will meet in the designated room at First Methodist Church, Ft. Smith, Wednesday, October 13th, at 10:00 a.m.—Jefferson Sherman, chairman.

NEWS AND NOTES ABOUT FACTS AND FOLKS

MRS. URIAH SMITH, wife of our pastor on the Dover-London Charge, has been ill in the hospital in Russellville.

REV. POE WILLIAMS, pastor of the First Methodist Church of Wewoka, Oklahoma, assisted Rev. W. A. Downum, pastor of Midland Heights Church, Ft. Smith, in a meeting last week. Eight were received into the church which makes a total of ninety-one received to date this year, sixty of whom have been received on profession of faith and by vows. The meeting closed on Sunday, September 26.

CHAPLAIN RAY D. SEALS was guest preacher on Sunday evening, September 26 at the First Methodist Church, Jonesboro. Chaplain Seals, a member of the North Arkansas Conference since 1932, has been serving as a chaplain in the United States Army since 1942. For the past three years he has served with out troops in Korea. His family are active members of First Church, Jonesboro. Dr. W. Henry Goodloe is pastor.

BISHOP W. Y. CHEN and his niece, Miss Grace Liu, left Chicago September 8 to return to China by air the bishop to resume his work in the Chungking Area after being in the United States for General Conference and a series of speaking engagements and Miss Liu, to assume her new teaching duties at Soochow University after pursuing graduate studies at Northwestern University and the University of Chicago.

BISHOP EDWIN F. LEE, died in Rochester, Minn., on Tuesday, September 14, at the age of 64. After twenty years of episcopal service he had retired at the North Central Jurisdictional Conference in July. He had served in the Orient, directing Methodist work in Malaysia and the Philippines and his health had been impaired by the years of service in tropical climate which necessitated his early retirement. He was elected a missionary bishop by the 1928 General Conference of the former Methodist Episcopal Church.

THE American Tract Society (21 West 46th Street, New York City), has published some 700,000 copies of a series of "Thinker" booklets for free distribution to college students. These tracts are designed to "present the case for historic Christianity to intellectual persons." They are annotated with references to authorities in the realms of science, philosophy and literature. There are seven titles in the present series, and an eighth, on atheistic communism, is being written.

IN the University of the South (Protestant Episcopal), at Sewanee, Tenn., courses are given on a three-year basis to help improve the effectiveness of ministers' wives in carrying on the work expected of them as their husbands' partners. The courses attempt to deal with "the problems and opportunities confronting the wife of a parish priest", and include church activity and organization, religious education, visual aids, the teachings of the church, pastoral counselling, preparation for confirmation.

REV. L. R. SPARKS, pastor at Louann, writes: "I wish to express my heartfelt thanks for the splendid love offering, flowers, cards, visits, fine treatment by Doctors Jameson and Dalton and all connected with the Camden Hospital during my recent operation there. I also wish to express thanks to Brother Hart and his laymen and Brother Birdwell and his boy preacher for filling appointments and all others for their many kindnesses. I am rapidly recovering and will be at regular work in a few days."

THE "new generation" of Chinese women, educated largely in the mission schools of the nation, are showing an interest in subjects never dreamed of by their mothers — or by their fathers for that matter; they are proving adept at machine goods. So reports Prof. Sam Dean of the engineering department of Yenching University, Peiping, China. He finds that they are making excellent draftsmen, and that they are ex-

pert when they choose to study engineering and mechanical engineering. They are even making good in a new course in electric welding, he says.

REV. YI YUN YUNG, noted Korean Methodist pastor, was recently elected to the national legislature of Korea by the people of Chong-no District by a sweeping majority. Pastor Yung had seven strong opponents, one woman and six men; and he is a "newcomer" in Eeoul. But he received over sixty percent of the total votes cast — more than all the votes for the seven persons combined, having received 20,497 votes out of 36,536 total votes cast. It has been reported that he is considered as "timber" for the vice-presidency. He is a member of the Committee of Thirty drafting the new constitution.

ON Sunday morning, September 19, a beautiful hanging chancel cross was installed in the Methodist Church in Emmet and it was illuminated during the entire morning and evening service. It is a gift from Mrs. D. E. McCoy of Sheridan in honor of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Garland. Rev. Joe H. Robinson, pastor at Emmet, has purchased a wire recorder which is being used to record the morning services. These records are played in the homes of several shut-ins. Brother Robinson writes: "This is one of the most appreciated services we can render those who cannot attend the services."

CONFERENCE ON THE MINISTRY SCHEDULED

Evanston, Ill.—"The Ministry" will be the theme of the 29th annual conference on ministerial training to be held Nov. 22-24 at Garrett Biblical Institute. Dr. Richard Spann, educational director of the Commission on Ministerial Training of the Methodist Church, has announced that more than 18 papers will be presented by outstanding ministers and lay-leaders dealing with various problems related to the ministry.

The program has been divided into three main sections. First, "The Minister's Preparation" will be discussed by Bishop Paul B. Kern and Doctors Henry Sloane Coffin, Murray H. Leiffer, Joseph H. Sizoo, and Russell Stafford. Second, "The Minister's Work" will be discussed by Doctors Ralph Sockman, Oscar T. Olson, Otis E. Rice, Harold F. Carr, Paul F. Quillian, and Bishop A. Frank Smith.

The concluding portion of the program will deal with "The Minister's Personal Life." Speakers include Bishop Fred P. Corson, Dr. Edward W. Gebhard, Mrs. Anna Laura Bebbard, and Doctors Seward Hiltner, Nolan B. Harmon, Raimundo de Ovies, and Elton Trueblood.

More than 200 pastors from all over the country are expected to be in attendance. A printed report of the conference will be published early in 1949 for use as source material for the General Conference emphasis on the ministry.

IT IS THE SAME SORDID SICKENING STORY

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There is no sensible, informed person but is aware of the part liquor plays in many of the most heart-sickening crimes we have reported. Liquor destroys or weakens our power of self-control without destroying our responsibility for the things we do. Liquor destroys or weakens our inhibitions while leaving us morally and legally responsible for every act we commit. Humanity has learned that fact over and over again by experience.

By our votes and by the action of our representatives as law-makers, we have made it possible legally for our young people to buy intoxicating drinks at almost every turn. While drink-crazed people are personally responsible before society and the courts of the land for their actions while drunk, the people who sell the liquor for profit and the people who are willing to license the sale of liquor for revenue have a responsibility they cannot escape here or hereafter.

Methodist Work Camp Helps Relations With Mexico

By W. W. REID

FIFTEEN American Methodist youth — college and university students — spent their vacations this summer in an experiment in international and Christian goodwill and service, among the long-neglected Aztec Indians of Central Mexico. The youths comprised the "Mexican Work Camp" at Zacapoaxtla in Puebla State, 320 kilometers from Mexico City.

The region is the center of a vast

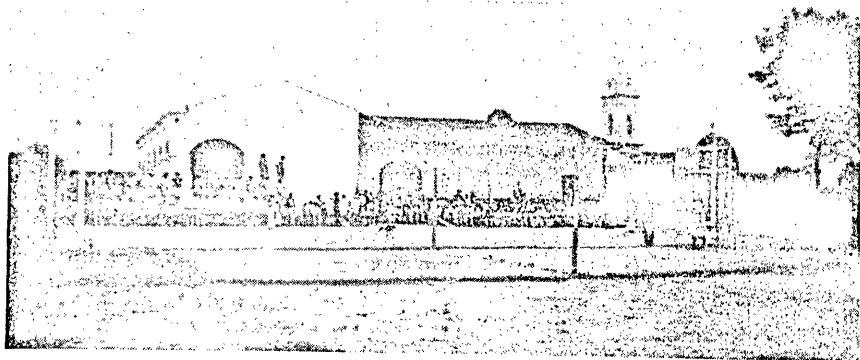
The public school in the village of Xacapexpan was the center of an educational project initiated by four members of the group. Working with the Mexican teachers, they experimented in having each child cultivate plots in forage crops, and in the planting and cultivating of vegetable gardens giving a variety of foodstuffs. They also directed the older children of the school in laying out a playground, including a basketball court — and then taught

and the Aztec villagers knew their visitors were evangelicals (Protestants), and they learned that their sole motive was that of Christian service. Each morning they had their own devotional services in the patio that served as a "camp in town", and passersby knew that this was a religious group.

There were, however, some Methodist and other evangelical families in some of the villages, and with these members of the camp met in the homes, led in singing, preached through interpreters, and generally assisted in the services. In Zacapoaxtla, where the camp was housed, the Catholic priest was cordial, but neither hindered nor cooperated with the group.

The Mexican Work Camp was under the joint auspices of the Board of Missions and Church Extension, and of the General Board of Education of the Methodist Church. The director was the Rev. Wesley Matzigweit, of Anderson, Indiana, Methodist missionary to Mexico. Leaders of the Methodist Church of Mexico

men's organization, and Dr. Juan Diaz, professor of the rural department of the Seminary, lectured on conditions in Mexico. The entire camp paid a visit to the Y.M.C.A.'s experimental farm at Tepoztlan, Morelos, directed by the noted Dr. Spencer Hatch; and visited on another



The completed athletic field adjacent to the school.

Indian population — pure-blooded Aztecs who speak both their ancient native tongue and the Spanish of their conquerors of four centuries ago. These young Methodists were the first white people who had ever visited them for purposes other than exploitation, and the Indians were naturally suspicious at first. But at the end of the camping and service period that distrust had been broken down. The region is part of Mexico's famous central plateau, with fine climate, and a soil well adapted to agriculture. Yet the Indians have been living in relative poverty, because neither government nor church has taught them modern agriculture.

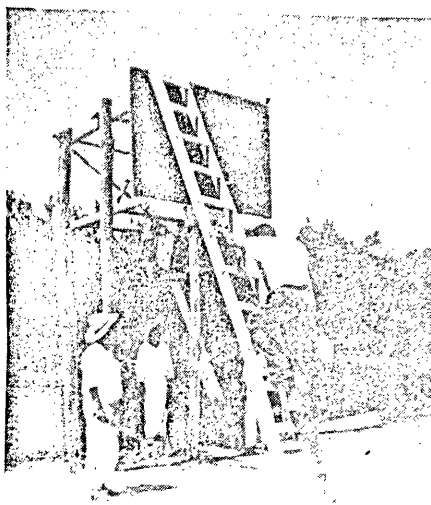
Three major projects, directed by the young people, served as demonstrations for the entire region of numerous Aztec villages.

Four of the campers cooperated with the Puebla State Department of Public Health and Sanitation in a health clinic for the region. Three went with the government nurses from house to house in the rural villages and helped inoculate hundreds of families against smallpox. Then another camper — a medical student — made a special study of intestinal parasites common among the people, and had suggestions to make for counteracting them.

the boys and girls to play the game.

The remainder of the party found in another village — Xalacatan — an Aztec teacher who had a missionary zeal and vision for the improvement and education of his people. When they arrived, they found he had "a three-year plan" in operation for the betterment of his school and of the community it served. They cooperated in the development and extension of the plan already well-conceived. They helped level off the grounds around the school, and equip it for the playing of baseball, volley ball, and basketball. An art student left with the teacher and the village father a plan for the remodeling and beautification of the village plaza. Others directed calisthenics and taught games to the pupils. And on the campers' last day in the village, the whole community attended a tournament of basketball games during the day, and a fiesta at night, while the president of the village made an address of appreciation of the services of his visitors from the republic to the north.

No attempt was made to hide the fact that the group were Christian evangelicals — but no attempt was made to carry on religious propaganda among the nominally Catholic people. Government authorities



Volley ball and basketball facilities were built, and the games taught to eager children.

gave assistance also. Students from the Union Theological Seminary in Mexico City visited the camp each week, and talked with the campers. Two Mexican youth—one a printer, and one a teacher of physical education — were with the group throughout the summer. Dr. Juan Pascoe, head of the Methodist lay-

There were athletic exercises and games for every boy and girl in the village school.

er occasion, the Methodist school in Puebla City.

The members of the group comprising the Mexican Work Camp were: John Brademas, of South Bend, Ind., student of diplomacy at Harvard; Paul Beeman, Gary, Ind., theological student at University of Kentucky; Newell S. Booth, Jr., of Boston University School of Theology; Carlos Welch, of Georgetown, La., medical student; Wallace Duncan, Alpine Tex., medical major at Southwestern University; Thomas Larwood, Fresno, Calif., pre-medic major at the University of Southern California; Michael McGowan, San Miguel, Calif., pre-theological student at U. S. C.; Richard Can, Los Angeles, pre-theological at U. S. C.; Donald Ross, Pullman, Wash., student at College of Puget Sound; James Pritchard, Pullman, Wash., College of Puget Sound; Howard Hitchcock, of Chehalis, Washington; Charles Gruenwald, Washington State, pre-theological at College of Puget Sound; Toret M. Milby, Oklahoma, student of forestry; George Tate, Staunton, Va., student at Gammen Theological Seminary; Lauren Mueller, Jacksonville, Ill., pre-medic at Jacksonville College.

OLYMPICS WINNER A METHODIST

TULARE, Calif.—That Christian character and clean sportsmanship are often closely interwoven in producing a great athlete has been demonstrated again in the case of 17-year-old Bob Mathias, who recently achieved fame as the winner of the grueling ten-event decathlon in the Olympic Games.

The youngest, and in many respects the most remarkable, member of the United States Olympic team, Bob is an active member of the First Methodist Church in Tulare and his pastor, the Rev. Edwin M. Sweet, refers to him as "modest and clean in every way and one who never smokes or drinks." Before going to London to compete in the Olym-

pics, he was glad to join with his minister in prayer that he would not only do his best in competition, but would also be a good witness for Jesus Christ.

Bob was the best high school football player in California and as a basketball star he averaged 20 points a game. He is now going out for football at Kiskiminetas Springs Preparatory School in Saltsburg, Pa., where he is enrolled as a student.

Last year, according to Mr. Sweet, Bob's mother entertained each member of his football squad at dinner in their home in order to win their loyalty to high ideals, sportsmanship and clean living. Bob's father is a leading physician in this community.

More than persistent practice and

CRIPPS CALLS FOR MILITANT CHURCH

LONDON—(RNS)—Sir Stafford Cripps, Chancellor of the Exchequer, has urged the Anglican Church to strike out militantly against "every evil thing that exists in our world and national society."

"We have to realize that preaching to small congregations of the converted or the repetition of archaic prayers, the language of which is

physical skill have gone into making Bob an outstanding leader in the world of sport. Also in the picture are the values gained from a Christian home and the enriching influence of his Methodist Church and Sunday School.

little understood by the less-educated, or the singing of hymns whose words are often strangely inappropriate to our present circumstances, is not going to win over those who never attend church and who are absorbed in their own very practical and immediate needs and concerned primarily with their own material difficulties and frustrations.

In an address to the bishops attending the Lambeth Conference here, Sir Stafford declared:

"My hope, therefore, is that the Church of Christ militant here on earth will . . . lead its forces to attack every evil thing that exists in our world and national society, not fearing the consequences but bold in the conviction of its own power for good."



THE CHILDREN'S PAGE

ANNIE WINBURNE, Editor



IN STORYLAND

THE CUCKOO AND THE HEDGE SPARROW

By IRENE BYERS

Before the sun had risen above the hills a loud voice called from the woods. Mrs. Wren stopped preening her feathers, put her little head on one side and listened. Yes, there it was again.

"Did you hear that?" she called to Mrs. Hedge Sparrow.

"Hear what?" asked Mrs. Hedge Sparrow, tucking a twig into her nest. She did hope Mrs. Wren was not in a talkative mood, for she was busy.

"Why that horrible cuckoo," replied Mrs. Wren.

"Cuckoo! Cuckoo!" said the voice again.

"Oh dear," sighed Mrs. Hedge Sparrow, "Now we shan't know a moment's peace. Cuckoos are such lazy good for nothings."

But Mrs. Wren had a plan. Leaving her husband in charge of her half-finished nest, she flew to where she knew a blackbird and thrush were breakfasting.

"That dreadful cuckoo is back," she cried, "Come and help me chase him away." The two birds didn't like the cuckoo any more than she did, so they willingly flew with her into the wood.

"Cuckoo! Cuckoo!"

"There she is in the oak tree," twittered the wren. "I can see her big grey body and her striped vest." But by the time they reached the tree, the voice mocked them somewhere to the left. The birds flew here and there, but always the crafty cuckoo eluded them.

"It's no good," said the blackbird. "She's much too clever, but just let her dare come near my nest, that's all."

"Or mine," panted the little wren. "But now I really can't waste any more time." So the birds flew back to the hedge, and so busy were they completing their nests that they quite forgot the cuckoo.

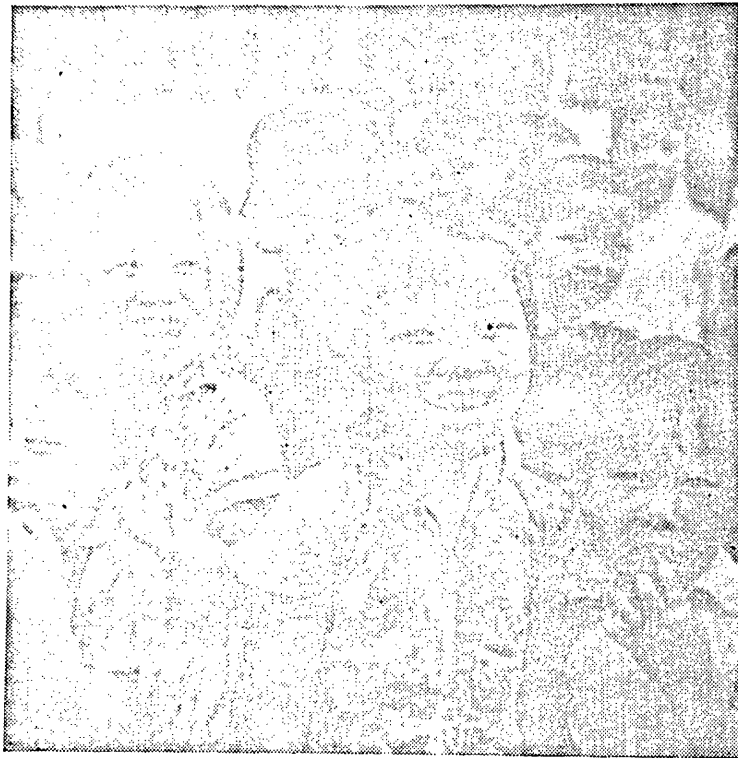
But the cuckoo didn't forget them. All that day she sat and waited, and early next morning she was hopping below the hedge.

"Good morning, Wren" she called. "Still at it I see. Why don't you rest for a bit and enjoy the lovely sunshine? I never saw such birds for work." Mrs. Wren popped her head out of the nest.

"No, thank you, Cuckoo," she said. "I know all about you. As soon as my back was turned you'd lay an egg in my nest, and I'm certainly not going to bring up your family for you. You ought to be ashamed of yourself. Be off with you."

So the cuckoo, finding that Mrs. Wren was not easily deceived, flew away to a lower part of the hedge-row. Here, perched on the lower branch of a tree, she watched and waited. There they all were, flying in and out of the hedge, picking up bites of moss and feathers, doing the work she should have been doing herself. All that morning she waited for her opportunity, and at last it came.

Mrs. Hedge Sparrow, having laid



OUR FATHER

*Our Father who art in heaven,
Hallowed be thy Name—
When other children say it,
It doesn't sound the same.*

*Yet as we kneel together
To pray our dear Lord's prayer,
Our hearts all understand it—
And so does God up there.—*

—Joy Alleson in The Christian Advocate.

four beautiful blue eggs in her nest, felt she needed one last good feed before she settled down to the task of hatching them. She and her husband flew off into the wood. How the cuckoo laughed! She flew down from the branch, pushed her way through to the cleverly hidden nest, and laid her own egg among those of the hedge sparrows. It was not as blue as the others and, if anything, a little larger. Then with a loud cry of triumph she flew away like a gray shadow.

Mrs. Hedge Sparrow was a little puzzled when she returned. Surely she had laid only four eggs!

"Oh well," she thought, "I couldn't have counted properly." She settled her warm body over the eggs and waited for her family to hatch. Soon there were five babies cheeping and clamoring for food. One was a strange looking creature, and not at all like her other babies. He was black and ugly, and he had the loudest voice of all. His mother grew quite alarmed at his loud cries, and she and her husband worked all day to keep him fed. The other babies had a very uncomfortable time too, for the baby cuckoo grew fast, and was continually pushing them to the edge of the nest.

Three weeks later when she and her husband returned after a hunt for food, there was only one baby in the nest, who had pushed all the others out. Oddly enough, neither of them showed any concern, but continued to feed their monster

JUST FOR FUN

Prospective Guest—Is this a quiet room?

Landlady—Sure, an' it's that quiet ye can hear them blastin fer an

child.

Indeed, so proud was Mr. Hedge Sparrow that he climbed onto an upper branch and began singing at the top of his voice.

"Come and see our wonderful baby," he chirped. "He's the handsomest baby you've ever seen." So loud were his chirpings that a blackbird and a thrush paused in their flight and came to look.

"What do you think of him?" cried Mr. Hedge Sparrow. "Did you ever see a finer baby? Why, he's even bigger than my wife."

"He certainly is big," said the thrush thoughtfully.

"Squawk," went the baby cuckoo in such a fierce tone that the blackbird dropped his beakful of food into the nest. In a moment the baby cuckoo swallowed it and clamored for more.

As soon as they could the two friends flew from the nest.

"If that isn't a cuckoo, I'll eat my nest," cried the blackbird.

"Poor things," said the kindly thrush. "I only hope they don't find out."—North Carolina Christian Advocate.

IN THE WORLD OF BOYS AND GIRLS

BETTY ANN'S DREAM

Betty Ann was a very nice little girl most of the time, but she had one fault; she never wanted to pick up her toys or put away her clothes when she was through with them. One night when she went to bed she was feeling very cross because her mother had made her pick up her playthings. "I don't like to put things away!" she pouted. "I wish I never had to pick up!"

"All right you need not pick up any more," said a voice like her mother's.

"O goody!" exclaimed Betty Ann joyfully.

For the next few days she was happy because she could let everything stay where she had left it.

One beautiful afternoon the neighbor next door invited Betty Ann to go along with her for a drive in her new car. Betty Ann flew to get her cape, but it was not in its place.

"Mother, where's my cape?" she asked excitedly.

"Just where you left it," replied her mother.

Betty Ann hunted everywhere but she could not find it. So the neighbor with the new car drove away, and Betty Ann missed a ride.

Then Betty Ann called her little friends in for a tea party. She looked for her pretty little pink dishes.

"Mother, where are my tea set dishes?" she asked tearfully.

"Just where you last used them" replied the mother.

Finally she found them out in the yard where she had her last tea party. Her dog had pulled the cloth down from the table and the dishes lay on the ground broken. She felt so bad about it that she started to cry, and then she awoke. She rubbed her eyes. It was only a dream, but it set her to thinking about making her pick up. She ran downstairs.

"I thought you were fast asleep, Betty Ann," said her mother in surprise.

"So I was, mother, and I had a dream. It showed me very plainly what a careless little girl I am. After this I am going to try to put away my things. Then if anyone should want to take me riding in his new car, I won't have to stay at home because I can't find my cape, my hat or my gloves. And if I should give a tea party, my pretty dishes won't be all broken.—The Sunbeam.

apartment house next door.

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Sonny, walking through a cemetery with his father, was reading the inscriptions.

"Pop," he asked as they reached the gate, "where are all the wicked people buried?"

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Mr. Grouch: "I don't think you ought to be giving meals to every tramp who comes here. We can't afford it."

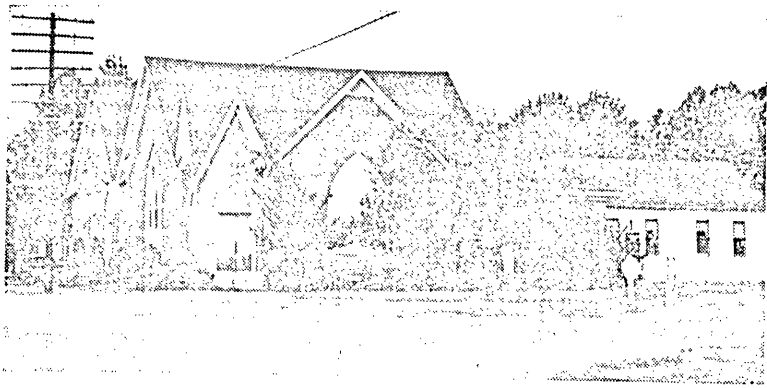
Mrs. Grouch: "I know it but it's such a satisfaction to me to see a man eat a meal without finding fault with the cooking."



Part Of Ft. Smith Methodism

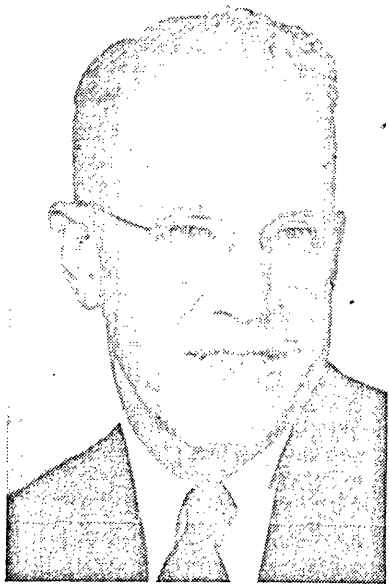


MIDLAND HEIGHTS CHURCH



Midland Heights Church

Midland Heights Church is located at 3500 North 6th St. It was organized in 1907 with Rev. W. J. Faust as its first pastor. It was



REV. W. A. DOWNUM

organized with 47 charter members, some of whom are still members. The present membership is 730.

The Sunday School enrollment the first year of its history was 110. The present enrollment is 552.

The first church building was a small frame building that had been moved to the present location from a location further north.

The present building has had a number of additions to take care of the growing need. Funds are now being raised to build a new educational building.

The pastor and his family are housed in a new seven-room stone parsonage near the church.

The following is a list of former pastors: W. J. Faust, 1907; M. A. Fry, 1908; A. L. Cline, 1909-10; H. H. Griffin, 1911-13; Thomas Martin, 1914; M. F. Johnson, 1915-16; F. G. Villines, 1917-18; C. H. Bumpers, 1919; J. A. Reynolds, 1920-22; C. F. Hively, 1923-24; H. O. Bolin, 1925-28; J. W. Moore, 1929; J. L. Shelby, 1930-31; E. B. Williams, 1932-33; F. A. Lark, 1934; S. B. Wilford, 1935-37; C. N. Guice, 1938; H. O. Bolin, 1939; W. W. Albright, 1940; J. J. Decker, 1941-43; W. A. Downum, 1944—.

Blessed are they who have the gift of making friends, for it is one of God's best gifts. It involves many things, but above all the power of going out of one's self and appreciating whatever is noble, and loving, in another.—Thomas Hughes.

TOWNSON AVENUE CHURCH

Townson Avenue Methodist Church was organized in 1936. The church was first called the Pine St. Methodist.

The church was organized by the people of the Mill Creek community so that the Methodists of that community could have a church of their own faith in which to worship God.

The church was built of materials donated by a generous community, business men donated windows, doors and other things that were needed. One member loaned her piano and so a church grew from a meeting among friends and neighbors.

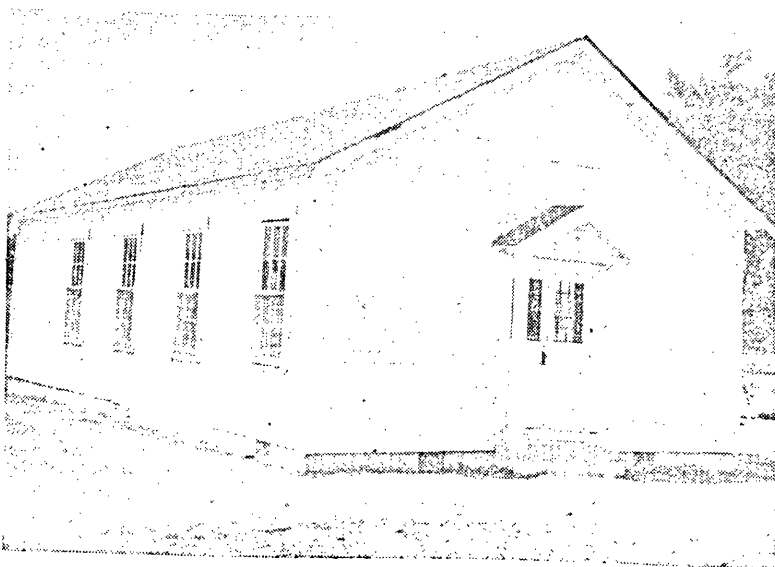
The people did not have money to finance a church building and a church site so one member donated the use of a half acre of land until such a time as they could buy a site and move the church.

This last August 1st the church members saw their church on its own land free of debt.

A group of Methodist business men got together and bought a plot of land on Townson Avenue and donated it to the church.

The church members raised enough to move the building and put a foundation under it and the labor was donated.

As the church is now on Townson Avenue it was voted to change the name to Townson Avenue Methodist



Townson Avenue Church

Church.

The church since being moved has grown in members and the members are busy improving the appearance of the interior of the church.

Rev. Felix Holland is now pastor and he is doing a lot of good for

the church. He has worked as hard as anyone else.

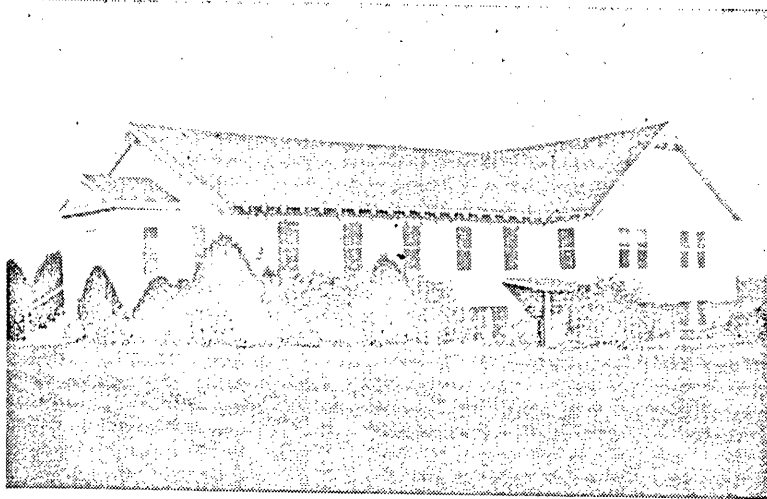
The charter members of this church should be proud that they were a help in organizing this church.

Rev. W. C. Mathis was the church's first pastor.

SECOND CHURCH

Second Methodist Church was founded in 1923 under the auspices of First Methodist Church. It became a regular appointment of the Conference in 1926. Its membership is now 322. It is located in a lovely residential section of east Ft. Smith.

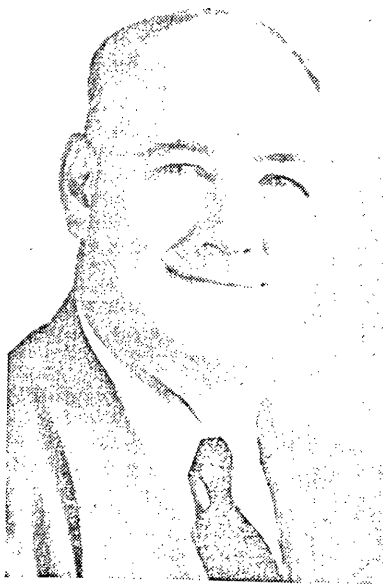
During the Crusade for Christ the church overpaid its Crusade quota. It has received 163 members, 58 of them by profession of faith. Its Church School enrollment has increased 60 percent and the average attendance 80 percent. It is paying 39 percent more than its askings on World Service.



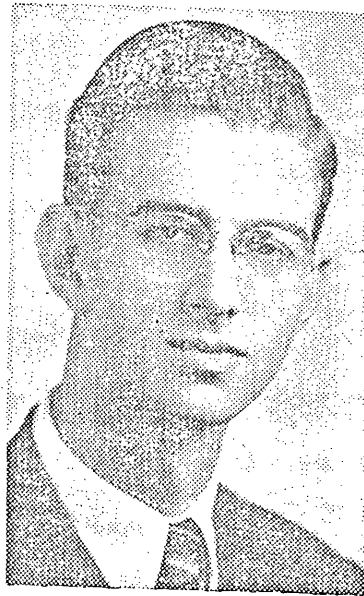
Second Methodist Church

The church is now building a new structure at 4100 Grand Avenue, a strategic spot in the area it now serves. It hopes to complete the project by the end of the calendar year. The native stone structure will have a sanctuary with a maximum capacity of 330, and Church School facilities for over 200. The parsonage has recently been completely redecorated, and is one of the most comfortable and convenient homes in the Conference.

Pastors of the church since 1926 have been A. L. Platt, Elisha Dyer, Fred G. Hadwick, J. E. Lark, H. F. McDonal, J. J. Galloway, T. Poe Williams, Archie N. Boyd, and John Bayliss, who is completing his fourth year.



REV. FELIX HOLLAND



REV. JOHN BAYLISS

Kansas, apioncering state in the cause of prohibition, is made the butt of many jokes because of its dry attitude. It is no joke, however what Kansas has reaped as a result of its bone-dry law. In Kansas there are 54 counties without any insane; 54 counties without any feeble-minded; 96 counties without any persons in jail; 56 counties without any representatives in the state penitentiary.—Christian Observer.

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GRAND AVENUE CHURCH

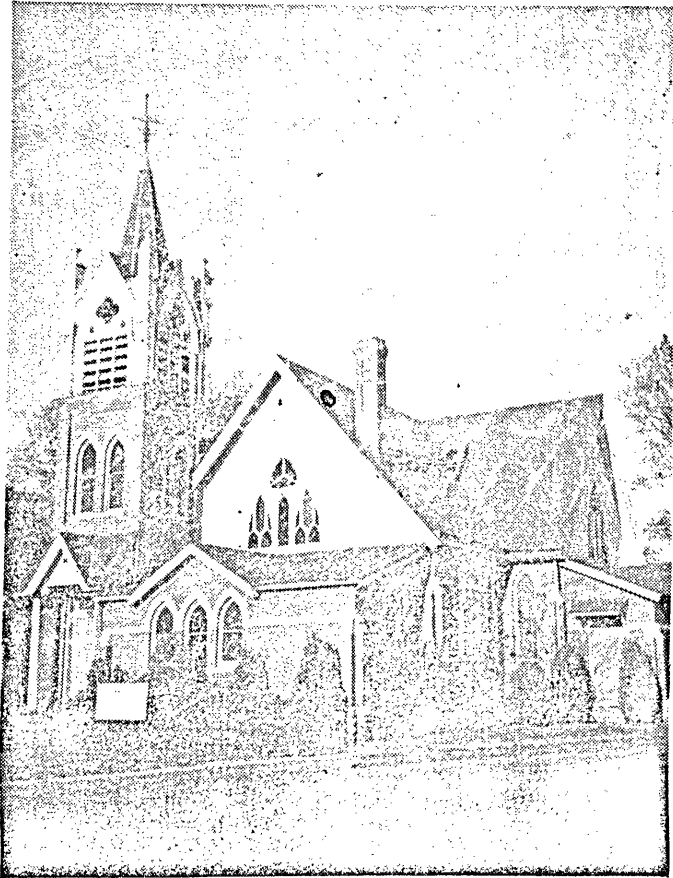
The Grand Avenue Methodist Church was organized in 1869. While there is no record as to who the pastor was at that time,

New York City in memory of her son, and for a number of years the Church carried the name John B. Brouncomb Memorial. Years later the name of the Church was changed to Grand

been on the uphill climb. Under the present pastorate, the church sanctuary has been rebuilt, bringing out all of the artistic beauty of the church. New pews have been purchased and a new organ installed.

The church has a membership of about 400. The present officers of the church are as follows: C. W. Dedman, Chairman of Board of Stewards; R. O. Stough, President of Board of Trustees; Mrs. W. R. Smith, President of W. S. C. S.; Harlan D. Earp, Church School Superintendent; Mrs. Phil Holder, President of W. S. G.; Leroy McKinney, President of Youth Fellowship.

The church is especially proud of the youth work and the mid-week prayer service.



Grand Avenue Church

the records do show that Rev. Milton Brown served from 1882-1885. About this time the old frame building, which was used for worship, was destroyed by fire, and until 1891 services were conducted in an old store building.

In the year of 1891, during the ministry of Rev. W. H. Williams, the present structure was erected. A large donation was made by Mrs. John P. Brouncomb of

Avenue Methodist Church.

The church has had a rugged but colorful history, being the only Methodist Episcopal Church in the city. Many of the greatest preachers of Methodism have visited this church, as well as having many outstanding men as pastors. From 1895-1897 Dr. Dan Brummitt served as pastor. Later Dr. Brummitt became editor of the Central Christian Advocate.

In recent years the church has



REV. BRADY COOK

GODDARD MEMORIAL

In June of the year 1907 a young seminary graduate of Vanderbilt University was assigned to a vacant lot on Dodson Avenue, Fort Smith. His name was C. W. Lester and his first pro-

fessional assignment was of vast proportions; he was to lead his people in the building of a new church. This meant not only the construction of a house of worship, but also an organization and fellowship of believers.

The infant society prospered and a small and well appointed sanctuary was completed. By the late 1920's Dodson Avenue Methodist Church had so outgrown its small building that a new and larger one was badly needed. In 1930, under the leadership of Rev. George W. Pyles, one of the most beautiful and functional church buildings in the State was constructed. The spiritual inspiration and able leadership of Dr. O. E. Goddard, under whose administration the debt was financed, so endeared him to the people that the name was most fittingly changed to Goddard Memorial. The debt was liquidated under the leadership of Rev. Elmer H. Hook in 1943.

In February of this year an



Goddard Memorial



REV. ROBERT

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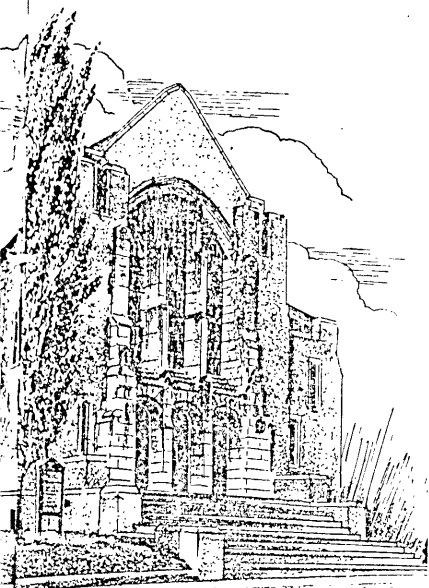
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Church

Expansion Program was launched by the membership of Goddard Memorial Church. Within the next five years, the congregation will undertake to purchase an adjoining lot and build additional Church School facilities, build a new parsonage, install a central heating and cooling system, and equip the Church School building with new furnishings throughout. The first phase of this program was completed in April of this year when an apartment house on the west side of the church and between the parsonage and the church was purchased for the sum of \$12,000. \$6,000 was paid in cash and the balance will be liquidated by rent. Upon the completion of the payment of the building, it will be removed and remodeled into a Church School annex. The next step given priority by the Board of Stewards is the erection of a parsonage.

During the Conference year, ninety-five persons have been

received into the Church at this writing. A parish paper, "The Grapevine" was begun in February and is published every two weeks under the supervision of a staff from the Susan C. King Class, a group of young adults. This paper keeps the membership of the church acquainted with the activities, announcements, and items of interest to the congregation.

A consistent monthly Visual Aid program was started in December and films are used in connection with the Church School on Sunday evenings and on fellowship occasions. In May the church purchased complete Visual Aid equipment.

A Youth Activities Week was observed for the first time in the



REV. BATES STURDY

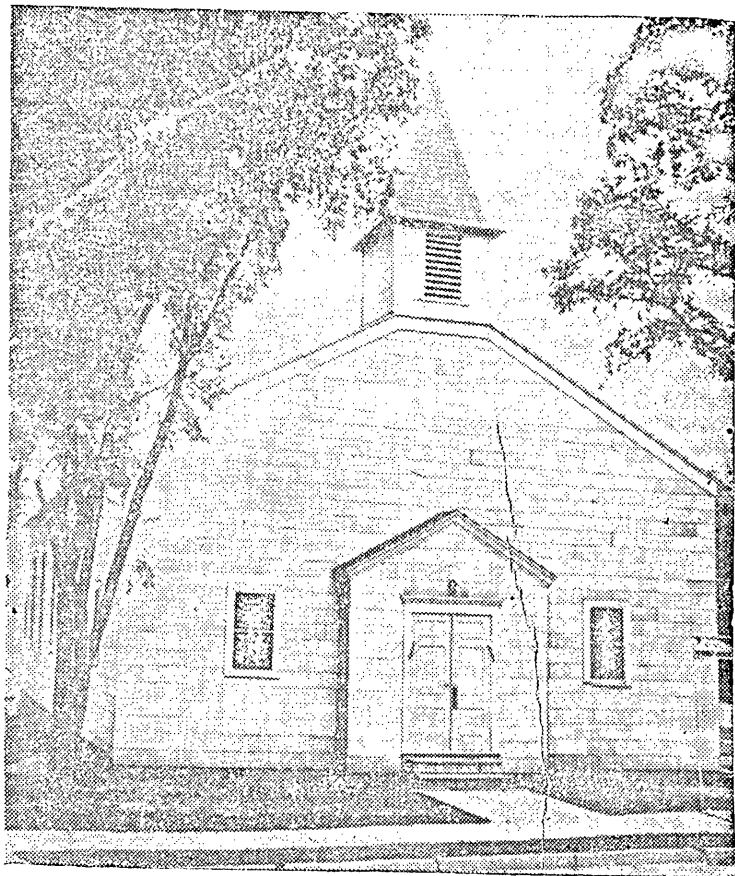
church in August. The Youth Fellowship has carried on an active program through the year with a large group of faithful young people participating.

Three choirs minister to the church at services of worship; the Chancel Choir (adult) the Epworth Choir (youth), and the

Cherubim Choir (children).

The seven circles and two Wesleyan Service Guilds of the Woman's Society of Christian Service have increased in membership and activity during the year.

Youth Fellowship; Mrs. Harold Haynes, Minister of Music; Mrs. Thomas Watkins, Church Secretary; Mrs. Dean Swift, Director of Youth work; Mrs. Ben Watkins, Organist; Mrs. Louis Joyce, As-



Fifth Street Church

The morning service of worship is broadcast each Sunday over station KRKN. The Church School is well staffed with leaders who have pledged themselves to consistent attendance and loyalty. The average attendance is approximately 300.

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AN OPEN LETTER TO YOUNG PEOPLE OF LITTLE ROCK CONFERENCE

Dear Friends:

This is an open letter to all of the many consecrated young people who assisted in Vacation Church Schools this past summer. I have wanted to write each of you personally, but I realized that I did not have the names of many who worked. So not being able to write all of you, I decided that it would be better just to have an open letter in the Methodist. That way I would not leave anyone out.

There have been many of you who have assisted with the Vacation School in your own church. And several have gone, "the second mile" or even the "third mile" by going out and assisting in other churches where you were needed. And every young person that I have talked with about the work, has said, "I enjoyed it so much, may I help again next summer?" All of us who work with the children appreciate this fine spirit. We appreciate your being willing to help when the weather was hot and you would have been much more comfortable, physically, in an air-conditioned picture show. The fine way in which you rendered this particular service, is to many of us, indicative of the Christian spirit which we believe will cause you to lead the way into ever larger fields of service. May God be with each of you in this coming year, in your school work, in your work in the Methodist Youth Fellowship and in the church at large.

I would be so happy to hear from any of you who would care to write me about your experiences in the Vacation Schools this past summer. And again let me say to each and everyone of you, a very heartfelt, "Thank You."

Mrs. W. F. Bates
Conference Director
Children's Work
326 Exchange Building
Little Rock, Ark.

CHRISTMAS WORSHIP IN THE HOME

The third annual folder to help families observe Christmas in the home is now ready. Prepared by the Department of the Christian Family of the General Board of Education's Division of the Local Church, this six-page leaflet contains a worship service and other suggestions for the observance of Christmas. That the suggestions furnished by the Department have proved their worth is evident by the increasingly wide use that has been made of the leaflets from year to year.

A few churches prepare their own suggestions, but many others prefer to purchase this beautiful two-color leaflet entitled "Christmas Worship in the Home," to distribute to the church families. Some churches mail the leaflet to the homes. Others distribute it in the church school or church and recommend that every family follow the suggested worship service. It is recommended that as many families as possible plan their worship for ten o'clock Christmas morning so that they may have a sense of fellowship with many others worshipping at the

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The Children's Division Yearbook: This is the year's planning book for children's workers. Every pastor, superintendent of Children's Division and secretary of Children's Work should have a copy. All children's workers will find the Yearbook helpful. Price, 10 cents. Order from the Conference Board of Education, or the Methodist Publishing House serving your territory.

More Time for Christian Teaching: Additional Sessions (196-B) A free leaflet emphasizing the importance of teaching sessions in addition to the regular Church School session, particularly for Juniors, and specific information about materials available for these sessions.

Missionary Materials for Use with Children, 1948-49 (161-B) A free leaflet giving information about the missionary materials, particularly for Primary and Junior children, for the current year. Both of the above free leaflets are available from your Conference Board of Education.

Suggestions for October meeting of the Children's Workers Council.

1. Study the 1948-49 Children's Division Yearbook. See page 7 for Quarterly Plans for Fall. Look over the list of free and inexpensive source materials, and order those that you do not have.

2. Encourage each teacher to become familiar with the curriculum outline for the year, and to study specifically the units which she will teach this quarter.

3. Order the new *Teaching Pictures For Juniors*, if you have not already done so, and have them available for study at this meeting.

4. Find out if there is to be a fall training school in your community, or within reach. Encourage all children's workers to attend the courses provided for them. Find out the date of sub-district, or district meetings of children's workers which may be held in your district this quarter. Encourage as many of the children's workers as possible to attend.

5. Decide on the dates for meetings of children's workers in your church for next year. Remember that if you are in a small church you will want to have regular monthly meetings of the children's

same time.

"Christmas Worship in the Home" may be ordered from the Service Department, 310 Broadway, Nashville 2, Tennessee. The price is 30 cents a dozen, \$2.00, a hundred. Cash must accompany orders.

The Methodist Publishing House has available a free leaflet advertising *The Christian Home* and containing suggestions for family observance of Christmas. Church School leaders are urged to write for one of these also.—Division of the Local Church.

METHODIST YOUTH FELLOWSHIP OF GOOD FAITH CHURCH

The officers for the new year of the Methodist Youth Fellowship in the Good Faith Church of Pine Bluff were installed Sunday evening September 10 by Rev. K. K. Carithers, the pastor, using a beautiful candlelight service.

We adapted for our use the candlelight service found in the manual for the District and Sub-district Methodist Youth Fellowship. A slanting cross set with candles to represent all the officers of the M. Y. F. was arranged on a table in front of the altar of the church. Behind the table in a semi-circle gathered the officers who lighted their respective candle as each told of and then assumed their responsibilities. The pastor delivered the charge to the officers and the retiring president, Charles "Bo" Brewer, was leader in the

Workers Council, which takes in all the children's workers. If you are in a large church you will want to have regular departmental meetings of all workers in each department, with regular monthly, or quarterly meetings of the Children's Workers Council. In the large church the Children's Worker's Council is composed of the Superintendent of the Children's Division, the Secretary of Children's Work (of the Woman's Society) the Superintendents of the departments, plus two or more parents and the Pastor and Superintendent of the Church School.

6. Go over together the available space and equipment for the children of your church. Agree upon the essential improvements that you can make this fall. In planning improvements you will keep in mind that only the best possible is good enough for your children. — Mrs. W. F. Bates.

VACATION SCHOOLS HELD IN LITTLE ROCK CONFERENCE

Arkadelphia District	14
Camden District	25
Little Rock District	30
Monticello District	10
Pine Bluff District	22
Prescott District	21
Texarkana District	12
Total for Conference	134

—Mrs. W. F. Bates

service.

As a climax with only the lighted lighted cross, Mrs. Harry Lindsay sang "Above the Hills Of Time", accompanied at the piano by Mrs. B. B. Ragan. Then the retiring president called the new president, Charles L. Horne, to the platform and congratulated him and presented him to the congregation. The pastor then brought a brief message using as his text from the Book of Esther 4:14 "Who knoweth whether thou art come to the Kingdom for such a time as this." The service was concluded by singing "Trust and Obey." The following officers were installed:

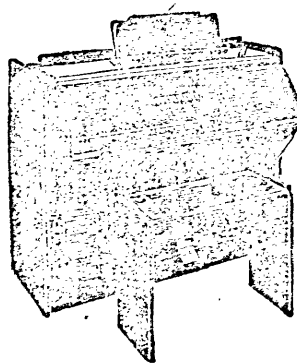
Counselor, Lois Wilson; President, Charles L. Horne, Jr.; Vice-President, Hattie M. Culpepper; Secretary, Sybil Brewer; Treasurer, Virginia Ann Finley; Publicity Chairman, Gwen Rhodes; Program Commission, Alma Ruth Rhodes; Worship and Evangelism, James Brewer; Mission and World Friendship, Maggiebeth Culpepper; Community Service, Leonard Brazil; Recreation, Betty Wadsworth.

The retiring president, Charles "Bo" Brewer, became the new president of the Pine Bluff Sub-district Methodist Youth Fellowship.—Reporter.

To one who know, it is superfluous to give advice; to those who know not, it is useless.—Akron Baptist Jnl.

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HELENA DISTRICT

(This is a continuation of the News Sheet Reports of last week).

Although the summer months are traditionally 'vacation months', the past quarter in the Helena District has not been all play and no work. Eighteen visits to local societies were made by seven district officers, a new society has been organized at Moro, with Mrs. R. L. Hartley as President, Forrest City W. S. C. S. climaxed the summer vacation with its Annual Picnic at which the District Officers were guests, and two societies have observed W. S. C. S. Day. Helena W. S. C. S. had Mrs. R. E. Connell, President of Conway District as guest speaker, and West Helena W. S. C. S. had our own District President, Mrs. W. W. Hambarger, as guest speaker. Our prayers for a life service volunteer to make use of our Scholarship Fund have been answered, and we have Minola Caplena of Brinkley beginning her college training this fall for a full-time service worker.

A District Meeting was held in August, at which the changes in the organization of our W. S. C. S. were discussed, and plans for the Fall Educational Seminar presented. The Seminar will be held in the Wynne Church on September 15th. Speakers who will present the studies are Mrs. W. Henry Goodloe, Jonesboro, Mrs. Robert Moore, Brinkley, Mrs. D. G. Hindman, Wheatley, and Mrs. O. Evanson of Wynne. We are looking forward to a busy quarter.—Mrs. Julian Vogel, Dist. Promotion Secretary

SULPHUR ROCK W. S. C. S.

The W. S. C. S. of Sulphur Rock church meets the first Thursday of each month. Our group is very small, our membership being only fourteen. Our pledge for this year is \$20.00. We can use the program material booklet as a basis for our programs. Our monthly offering takes care of our local calls.

Our bazaar the first of the year netted \$28.50 for our treasury.

In April we sent a box of clothing valued at \$31.00 to our missionary, Miss Nellie Dyer, in Korea. In June we sent a box to Miss Edith Martin, our missionary in Africa. We are planning other activities by which we hope to be able to help overseas relief.

We have worked under many difficulties and it seems that we accomplish so little, but through prayer and faith we have carried our work. We often think of the following words:

*Little drops of water
Little grains of sand;
Make the mighty ocean
And the pleasant land.*

Then we take courage and trust that our little bit may make bigger and better things.

The scripture says "Never be weary in well doing. Also, "Where two or three are gathered together in my name there will I be in their midst." These are encouraging words, for we know that without His presence we can accomplish little.

Pray that we may do greater service for the cause of Christ in the new year.—Reporter

FAITH

Jessie Mount

*When we meet death, oh, can we
With humble, trusting word
Turning our hearts to God's, say
"Thy will be done, oh Lord"?*

*Can we deny the heartache
Can we control the grief
Will our faith in the Father
Assure us sweet relief?*

*Nay, since we are human
Our faith a thing apart
Death brings us human grieving
And questioning of heart.*

*We think—we ask—we wonder
We seek the reason why
Death's curtain must be final.
Has our God passed us by?*

*Then one day, stealing softly
We find a sweet release
God's presence is so certain
Our hearts seem filled with peace.*

*Though there is no forgetting
Somehow we understand
And know God's gracious wisdom
Through Time's all-healing hand.*

MARSHALING COMMUNITY FORCES

Outlining living conditions in South Los Angeles, Mrs. Charles A. Wade, Woman's Division of Christian Service worker in industrial areas, describes the strategic situation facing the church and other agencies in one of the rapidly growing communities of the nation. Her work assignment is with the Los Angeles Church Federation, one of the 11 agencies of the Los Angeles Youth project which has unified eleven private and public youth serving agencies of the city.

Mrs. Wade reports on her new field:

"South Los Angeles area is 10 miles southeast of the metropolitan area. Before Pearl Harbor this area counted a scant 600 people. The estimated population in December 1947 was between 40,000 and 45,000. Over two thirds of these are Negroes. The others are Mexicans, Orientals and Anglos in the order named. The area is populated largely by minorities. The Negro group is the largest. There are the usual problems—congested living conditions, low economic status and extremely inadequate housing, all of these bring tremendous problems and tensions.

"Facilities are like those found in any outlying area — schools, playgrounds, parks, a swimming pool, moving pictures, stores, markets, post office, a bank, and so on. The churches include an oversupply of the various cults and the 'store front' type. There is complete bus service to this area and the intercity trains make regular trips. Once in the area, however, transportation is limited.

"There are between 7,000 and 9,000 children in the area. The program includes young people up to 25 years. Schools, churches and community leaders who work in cooperation with the Los Angeles

WOMEN AT WORK IN JAPAN

Before the recent war, the church women of Japan had strong denominational organizations and such interdenominational groups as the Federation of Church Women, the Y. W. C. A., and the W. C. T. U., says an appraisal of the place of Japanese women in the Christian church, prepared for the Foreign Missions Conference of North America by Miss Alice E. Cary, a missionary. But during the war, when government forced church union, and women were called into community and wartime services, there was an almost complete cessation of women's activities outside the local church. Recently, however, a Woman's Division has been organized in the Kyodan (union evangelical church), and the women have given attention to the rebuilding of church structures, the securing of church funds, the bringing of new members into the churches, the backing of plans for theological education for women, and the fostering of the World Day of Prayer. Miss Cary reports also that the Y. W. C. A. and the W. C. T. U. have "survived the war" and are active; and that the woman's division of a Christian cultural society (Bunka Kyokai) carries on a social service program for women in Tokyo.

Some people decide there are no fish in the stream because they don't rise the first fly offered; others know enough to change bait.—Pick-up, United Parcel Service.

Never chase a lie, Let it alone and it will run itself to death.—Lyman Beecher.

Youth project maintain clubs for boys and girls.

HELENA DISTRICT HAS SEMINAR

The Helena District held its Fall Seminar on September 15, in Wynne. The theme for the Seminar was "By His Light the Nations Walk."

The opening worship was given by Mrs. Harold Cooper, District Missionary Secretary of Education. The visitors were welcomed by the president of the Wynne WSCS, Mrs. Chastain.

Mrs. William Hambarger, District President of Forrest City, made special announcements covering the Week of Prayer to be held the week of October 25th. She stressed the need for new members, and suggested that this be our aim for the next four years.

Instructions were given on the four Studies offered for the coming year. The ladies were divided in two groups with Mrs. W. Henry Goodloe, Conference Secretary of Missionary Education, giving "American's Geographical Frontiers"; Mrs. Robert Moore giving "The Bible and Human Rights"; Mrs. O. J. Evanson, Conference Secretary of Spiritual Life, giving "Growth of the Spiritual Life"; Mrs. G. D. Hindman giving "China in the Asia of To-Day."

The District Vice-president, Mrs. H. K. Smith gave some interesting suggestions for program building.

Announcement was made by Mrs. Moore that a Brinkley girl, Minola Caylena, had dedicated her life to Christian Service. It was suggested that a committee be appointed to raise a scholarship fund to be used in helping young girls in this great field.

Mrs. G. G. Davis, District Secretary of Spiritual Life closed the Seminar with a period of Worship. Mrs. Floyd Hunter and Mrs. Bob Dillport sang "I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say."

The ladies of the local WSCS served a delicious luncheon to the eighty seven delegates present.—Reporter.

FORT SMITH DISTRICT SEMINAR

The Fort Smith District Seminar was held at Goddard Memorial Church in Fort Smith, Sept. 22.

More than 118 attended the meeting which was under the direction of Mrs. W. T. Bacon, Booneville.

The four studies for the year were presented by Miss Virginia Guffey, Booneville, Mrs. Jeta Taylor, Ozark, Mrs. H. E. Pearce, Clarksville, and members of the Booneville W. S. C. S.

The morning and afternoon devotionals were conducted by Miss Marcelle Phillips, Home Demonstration Agent, Booneville and Miss Virginia Guffey.

Mrs. Monroe Scott, District President, and Mrs. J. K. Fraser, Promotional Secretary, made important announcements. Dates and locations for the January Zone meetings will be announced later.

Mrs. Denver Misenheimer and Mrs. Sam McNair of Fayetteville were special guests and were introduced.

Mrs. E. A. Haisten, District Vice-President, closed the day's program with a discussion of Program Building.—Mrs. H. E. Pearce

CURRENT NEWS IN ARKANSAS METHODISM

AUXILIARY TO STATE HOSPITAL

Realizing the distressing need of additional entertainment for our patients at the State Hospital, a group of Little Rock women organized an Auxiliary in January, 1948. We are a non-political and a charitable organization. Our object is to do everything we possibly can to brighten the lives of our mentally ill, and to help those who cannot help themselves. Our work has been welcomed by the Hospital Staff and help themselves. Our work has been gratifying indeed.

Our first accomplishments were the securing of movie films at a minimum cost, for both the Benton and Little Rock units of the Hospital and the purchase of shades for auditorium windows at both units so that movies might be enjoyed by patients during the daytime as well as after dark.

We were successful in securing the aid of the Red Cross for two children's parties on the hospital grounds, and a 4th of July "Field Day" party when more than 1,100 patients were entertained. At the Field Day party, through the efforts of the Red Cross, the Recreational Staff at Ft. Roots came to our rescue and helped with the athletic, pie-eating and watermelon-eating contests, participated in by the patients.

September 2nd, we repeated the Field Day party without the help of the Red Cross, which proved equally as successful as the 4th of July party, 1,000 patients were entertained at this party. We have inaugurated weekly parties which are attended by both men and women patients, with the auxiliary women and hospital personnel participating. The beneficial results of these parties are evidenced by the anticipation with which the patients look forward to them, and by the fact that we have become friends and they ours. We visit on the wards at intervals, distributing refreshments to patients who are not able to attend the parties on the grounds, and have given several parties in locked wards, etc., where patients are never permitted out of the wards.

Two additional State Hospital Auxiliaries have been organized recently — one at Malvern and one at Benton. The Little Rock Auxiliary will meet with them at Benton on September 14th, when a Field Day party will be given for the patients at the Benton unit.

It is the hope of the Auxiliaries that the churches in Arkansas will cooperate with us in this endeavor. Information pertaining to help needed may be secured from Mrs. Cora J. Brack, 723 Battery Street, Little Rock.

Church Committee: Mrs. Roy Donham, Mrs. Cora J. Brack, Mrs. Oden S. Williams, Mrs. T. D. Covington, Mrs. Carroll Brown.

WESLEY FOUNDATION GIVES PARTY

Wesley Foundation at the University of Arkansas gave its annual get acquainted party Friday, Sept. 17, to welcome new students and to greet old members.

Games were directed by W. R. Stevens, social chairman. Several short skits were given. After refreshments were served, the evening

LETTER FROM MRS. E. W. POTTER

(Editor's Note.—We feel that the following letter from Mrs. Potter will be of special interest to the many friends of Billy Bray.)

My dear Dr. Wayland—

Every week the coming of the Arkansas Methodist is like that of an old friend who is filled with information and inspiration.

I should like to share with you a bit of news, the kind that warms one's heart. Of course you remember "Billy" Bray (W. D. Bray), who came to Arkansas in the fall of 1939. He had just been graduated from SMU with bachelor of arts degree in English and a bachelor of divinity degree. He served Turrell-Gilmore for two-and-a-half years, during which time he took summer courses at SMU and received a master or arts degree in Old Testament in 1941.

In 1942 he transferred to the Oregon Conference and was sent to Tigard, where he served as pastor until September 1943, when he enlisted in the army as a chaplain. During the next ten months he served at Westover Field, Mass., Bradley Field, Conn., and Salina, Kansas.

It was while at Salina that "Billy" met and married Frances Hutchinson, Librarian at our National Training School, Kansas City, Mo.

"Billie" served as transport chaplain on the Moore-McCormick steamer, Mormac Wren, upon which he shipped overseas. His first Pacific stop was Saipan, where he spent fifteen months until V-J Day. He was then sent Iwo Jima for four months and later was stationed at Guam. He was 'separated' at Ft. Lewis, Washington, on May 9, 1946, and in June of that year was assigned to the church at St. Helens, Oregon.

All this is preliminary to the 'news' that Billy and Frances and their six-months' old son, Jimmy, passed through Fayette last week en route to Chicago, at the University of Chicago, where Billy will take a two years' course in the Bible and foreign language, after which he and his little family will go to Japan for five years.

Having served his country in time of war, Billy feels impelled to answer the call of the Church in time of peace and great need. I have not seen a happier young couple any where; they were positively radiant as they talked of their plans. Surely the future has something rich in store for young folk who find in service to others their highest joy!

Our memories of Arkansas are like invisible wings on our shoulders; they have lifting power!

Mrs. E. W. Potter
320 Corprew
Fayette, Mo.

closed with group singing.

Les Thurman, president, introduced to the group, Mrs. J. E. Harris, director of Wesley Foundation; Rev. Haymon Fisher, assistant pastor of the Central Methodist Church; and Mrs. Paul V. Galloway, wife of the pastor.

Wesley Hall was decorated with the colors of Wesley Foundation, blue and yellow. This color scheme was carried out in the refreshments. —Shirley McConnell

MEETING OF MT. MAGAZINE SUB-DISTRICT

The Mt. Magazine Sub-District met at Booneville for its regular monthly meeting September, 20, in the Booneville Methodist Church.

President Dottie Smtih called the meeting to order, and in the absence of Secretary Emma Sue Stephens, of Prairie View, Mary Belle Delaney, of Charleston, and Recreational Commission Chairman of the Sub-District, acted as secretary for this meeting.

Vice-president Lynn Carruth gave a report of her trip to the Jurisdictional Conference in August. She gave a very inspiring talk, in which she high-lighted the schedule of her trip.

A count taken of each church represented, which was as follows: Charleston, 17; Paris, 9; Branch, 6; and Booneville, 16; making a total of 48. New Blaine, Scranton, Prairie View, and Lavaca were unable to attend. The president urged that we have a larger attendance the next meeting, which is to be at Branch. This is the first time for the Sub-District to meet at Branch. The meeting will be on the second Monday night in October.

The Commission Chairman for the Commissions, having been selected prior to the meeting, were announced as follows: Recreational Commission—Mary Belle Delaney, Charleston; Worship and Evangelism—Jannie Reynolds, Booneville; Community Service—Emma Sue Stephens, Prairie View; and World Friendship, LaRue Ross, Branch.

Rev. I. L. Claud spoke on the MYF Fund, stating that all churches were being urged to take an active part in this project.

President Smith then presented the scrapbook to the Booneville MYF president.

Mrs. Mitchell gave a report on a World Friendship project for the forthcoming year which is to send one Chinese boy or girl to school for one year. The cost involved is \$30.00 for the Sub-District. It was agreed that we would raise the money in October, and November, and send our money into the proper authorities in December.

A collection of \$5.15 was taken at this meeting.

Mrs. Mitchell brought up the matter of having an active reporter. It was decided that the secretary should report all meetings to the Outlook, and the Arkansas Methodist, as well as local papers.

There being no further business, the meeting was turned over to the

LONOKE YOUTH FELLOWSHIP

The Lonoke Youth Fellowship under the direction of Rev. Ed Dunlap, served host to the Little Rock District Methodist Youth Fellowship's first District-wide rally of the year, Saturday night, September 18.

The entire program consisted of recreation under the leadership of Lenett McKenzie the chairman of the Recreation Commission for the District.

The program was closed with a short impressive worship period.—James Sewell Publicity

WESLEY MEMORIAL CHURCH, CONWAY

Wesley Memorial Church of Conway continues revival services under a tent on the church ground adjacent to the building now being erected. Large crowds are attending and enjoying the stirring gospel message, the prayer groups preceding each service and the fine choir and congregational singing, all of which causes the minds of some of the older worshippers to "hearken back" to camp meetings of years ago.

Great forceful messagees have been delivered by Revs. T. A. Kinslow, George Wayne Martin, Pryor Cruce and R. B. Howerton, Jr., all of whom are consecrated ministers attending Hendrix College while they fill charges elsewhere.

Sunday was an especially great day of spiritual rejoicing when the pastor, Rev. A. H. Dulaney, brought the message at both services. A flower service was the feature of the morning which was truly a stirring expression of love for the Kingdom of God and for one another.

Seven new members were received into the church.

Work is going forward on the church building which is to be of tile faced with buff brick, and we hope to worship in the new building before cold weather.—Reporter

recreational committee.—Mary Belle Delaney, Acting Secy

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BUFFALO ISLAND SUB-DISTRICT MEETS AT CARAWAY

The Buffalo Island Sub-District met at Caraway, Monday night, Sept. 20, for the express purpose of electing officers for the coming year.

The Caraway M. Y. F. presented a short devotional program for the worship service.

Miss Anna Beth Davidson, Vice-president, presided in the absence of the president.

The following officers were elected for the coming year: President, Laura Wheeler of Caraway; Vice-President, Gary Thomas, Monette; Secretary, Joyce Gipson, Lake View; Treasurer, Norma Jewell Hargrove, Black Oak; Publicity Chairman, Mary Ellen Tipton, Manila, Adult Counselor, Rev. Linza Harrison of Monette.

The next meeting will be held the third Monday night in October in Monette when the new officers will be installed.—Mary Ellen Tipton, Publicity Chairman

FIFTH STREET METHODIST CHURCH

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church was organized with a charter membership of twenty-five, October 14, 1945.

A large dwelling house in the twelve hundred block, North Fifth Street, purchased by the Fort Smith City Board of Missions housed both the pastor and family, and the church in an improvised Chapel, which was across the hall from the pastor's apartment. In this Chapel services were conducted until the present building was erected on a vacant lot across the street. In this beautiful former Navy Chapel the church carries on its program.

The present pastor is Rev. Bates Sturdy.

Parsonage Home Calls Children Back

By J. ALBERT GATLIN, District Superintendent of Jonesboro District

MANY and varied are the stories told of the "Preacher's Kids" and the "Parsonage Home". Perhaps there is no place where life is lived at its fullest than in the home of Methodist preachers. Those of us who have had the experience of growing up

Lindsey, who was Miss Minnie Mack before her marriage to the young preacher, has always been a gifted and wholesome entertainer in the home. A visit in this Christian home is always a joyous experience. It is the kind of home that not only will ever draw the children back but



1. Rev. W. A. Lindsey; 2. Mrs. W. A. Lindsey; 3. Mrs. E. R. Tims; 4. B. M. Lindsey; 5. Mrs. C. G. Chandler; 6. W. A. Lindsey, Jr.; 7. E. R. Tims; 8. E. R. Tims, Jr.; 9. Mrs. B. M. Lindsey; 10. Vicki Lindsey; 11. B. M. Lindsey, Jr.; 12. C. G. Chandler; 13. David Chandler; 14. Lindsey Lou Chandler; 15. Bobby Chandler; 16. Mrs. W. A. Lindsey, Jr.; 17. William Arthur Lindsey, III; 18. Tommy Lindsey.

in this sacred abode know that it is no painted paradise nor a bed of roses, nor is the family exempt from any of the common pitfalls of life, including mumps and measles. We also know that a lot of heaven abides in this place as parents and children often come to those deeper experiences when love and understanding pervade the house and there is a song in the air.

Not long ago I saw a picture of a most unusual family group which was taken under most inspiring circumstances. All of the "Lindsey Kids" came home for the last Christmas season in the parsonage home before retirement of their beloved parents. Along with them came the new generation to add tinsel, oceans of wrapping paper, good cheer and a world of happiness to the occasion.

Rev. and Mrs. W. A. Lindsey have traveled the path of the itinerant Methodist ministry together for forty-seven years. Success and joy have attended their path. From a circuit paying \$180.00 per year to the larger churches, to secretary of the Conference Sunday School Board, to the presiding elder's office is the story of their service record. Mrs.

also has a charm for the visitor.

The Lindseys came from Christian homes. They established a Christian home of their own. They have sent from this godly abode four children who have established Christian homes. All four children are college graduates. Not only were their own children given every opportunity for educational advantages but interest in young life prompted Brother and Mrs. Lindsey to open the door of opportunity to three young persons in a definite and direct manner, and many others have been blessed by their lives. It has been Brother Lindsey's privilege to marry all his children and baptize all of his grandchildren. The Lindseys are not retiring from active work though they are, by virtue of the law of the church, retiring at the age prescribed, from the regular official conference relationship. They, because of their love for the work and years of usefulness left, will serve some place the coming year in the capacity of retired supply.

The people of Harrisburg will long remember and cherish the memory of these great servants of God, who

have served them the last five years. Their friends of former pastorates still hold for them deep and abiding affection which has lasted through the years.

The sons and sons-in-laws are all fine and useful Christian men, giving of their time, influence and resources to the Church.

Byers Mack Lindsey is with the United States Treasury in the revenue department where he has served about thirteen years and is now located in Little Rock.

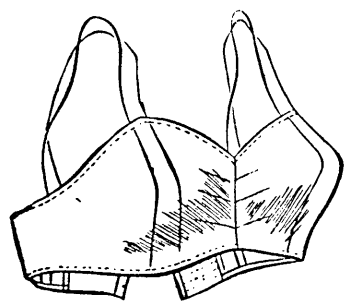
William Arthur Lindsey, Jr., is with the B. F. Goodrich Company in Newport. He volunteered for service in the air force early in World War II and served with distinction. He had attained the rank of Captain when released.

Ernest Russell Tims is cashier of the Security Bank in Harrison. He is active in civic affairs and an active member of the Methodist Church, serving on the Board of Stewards.

Commodore G. Chandler is an electrical engineer and carries household electrical supplies and is manager of the Com.D Chandler Drug Store in Siloam Springs where he lives. He is an active supporter of the Methodist Church.

It has been a happy experience as a district superintendent to go in and out of the Lindsey home. A word of encouragement, of appreciation, of kindness, a cup of cold water, a glass of fruit juice, a bountiful feast, a friendly atmosphere, has ever been awaiting. My life has been enriched by this fellowship. I have learned that youth can remain after long years have come and gone. It is no wonder that ever so often "The Kids Come Home."

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NEWS ABOUT HENDRIX COLLEGE

Dr. Ellis Busy With Layman Activities

President Matt L. Ellis will be in Columbus, Ohio, October 1 to 5, beginning a month filled with activities as a Methodist layman.

Dr. Ellis is lay leader of the North Arkansas Conference and a member of both the South Central Jurisdictional and General Boards of Lay Activities. The Jurisdictional Board heads Lay Activities for eight states including Arkansas, and the General Board heads activities throughout the nation.

Dr. Ellis was recently named president of the Jurisdictional Board of Lay Activities and thereby became a member of the Jurisdictional Council which acts as an executive committee for the present quadrennium. He is also a member of the important 34-member "advance" committee appointed at the church's quadrennial General Conference in Boston last spring. This committee, composed of 10 bishops, 12 ministers and 12 laymen, is the planning committee in the church's four-year program entitled "Advance for Christ and His Church." It is a meeting of this committee that Dr. Ellis will attend in Columbus, Ohio.

Other church meetings that will engage Dr. Ellis during October will be the North Arkansas Annual Conference in Ft. Smith, October 13-17, and the Little Rock Conference October 20-24, and a meeting of the South Central Jurisdictional council in Kansas City, Mo., October 29.

A Third Organ is Installed

To meet the practice needs of the largest organ classes in Hendrix College history, a third instrument has been purchased and installed.

The added organ, an Estey Reed electrically blown two manual instrument, will reduce greatly the strain on practice facilities for the 17 organ students, five of whom are organ majors.

Fall Sports Get Underway

The intramural sports season is getting under way with the fall spotlight on touch football for both women and men. An effort is being made to provide "a sport for every student" according to the "Handbook of Intramural Activities" published by the Department of Health, Recreation, and Physical Education of the college.

The program is designed to promote social and mental betterment of Hendrix students as well as their physical education, according to J. W. "Chick" Austin, director of Intramurals.

Besides football, the intramural schedule for the year will include basketball, track, volley ball, pool,

LOOKING AT RELIGION

By DON MOORE



softball, ping pong, boxing, wrestling golf, badminton, tennis and horseshoe pitching.

Austin is assisted by Miss Betty Baer, director of women's intramurals, and by student committees headed by Marvin Caldwell of Marianna, and Mary Jo Crawford of El Dorado.

Cheerleaders Selected

Six cheerleaders were elected by the student body last week to serve during the 1948-49 school year. They are Mary Margaret Holmes, Crossett, and Joe Wilson, El Dorado, re-elected; Dorinda Harper, El Dorado; Elizabeth Bowers, Camden; Wilbur Redwine, Little Rock; and Lloyd Sims, Pine Bluff.

Rebecca Jane Conatser Wins Dames Award

Rebecca Jane Conatser, a senior student from Ozark, has been awarded the annual Dames Scholarship for the fall semester. The scholarship is awarded each year to a girl in the senior class.

Mrs. Matt L. Ellis is president of the Dames organization which is composed of women members of the faculty and of the wives of Hendrix professors.

Miss Conatser, a homemaking major, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Conatser of Ozark.—Margaret Pullig

CHURCH TEEN-AGERS TO REBUILD ENGLISH CHURCH

South Pasadena, Cal.—(RNS)—Twenty teen-agers of the Oneonta Congregational church here plan to leave for England in June where they will promote youth work and international understanding.

One objective of the trip will be to assist in the reconstruction of Sherwell church, Plymouth, which was almost totally destroyed in the blitz. The Oneonta church has "adopted" the Sherwell church and has been sending food and clothing there for more than two years.

Accompanying the youngsters on their tour will be the Rev. Henry Gray, pastor, and two adult assistants. Their stay in England is scheduled for June 25-Aug. 3.

day it is broadcast by 32 leading stations throughout the country. More than 5,000,000 letters have been received by the Radio Pulpit since its inception.

NATIONAL RADIO PULPIT TO MARK 25 YEARS

NEW YORK—(RNS)—The 25th anniversary of the National Radio Pulpit, an NBC program featuring Dr. Ralph V. Sockman, will be observed on Sunday, May 23.

To mark the occasion, the program will present a documentary sketch of its founding. Tribute will be paid by Dr. Roswell P. Barnes, Frank E. Mullen, executive vice-president of NBC.

Sponsored by the Federal Council and state, county and city councils of churches, the program was started in May, 1923, and featured the late Dr. S. Parkes Cadman. To-

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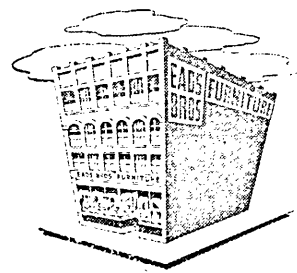
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OBITUARY

BUTLER—On Saturday, June 12, death called at the home of Mrs. Mollie Butler of Hope and called away her youngest son, J. W. Butler, Jr. Besides his mother he is survived by one sister and two brothers. His cheerful disposition, winsome smile and ever willing heart and hands had won him friends far and near. We know he has left behind many rays of sunshine which shall shine through this sorrow, the saddest hour of their lives.

J. W. was a member of the Methodist Church and was also a member of the W. O. W.

It is hard indeed to give up such a great life. To see the vacant place leaves us sad and lonely but "God moves in mysterious ways" and may we rest assured that God knows best.—A Friend.

BUNCH—John M. Bunch was born November 3, 1871, in Newton County, Arkansas. He was married on July 28, 1894, to Chloe Phillips. To this union were born eight children, six girls and two boys. Survivors are his wife and four daughters, Mrs. Dalton L. Smith of Longview, Texas, Mrs. J. C. Taylor of Tulsa, Oklahoma, Mrs. Clyde Smith and Miss Ethel Bunch of Hartman; three sisters, Mrs. Josie Pryor and Mrs. J. B. Whitlock of Paris, Texas, Mrs. Mattie Hamby of Berryville, Arkansas; three brothers, A. P. Bunch of Bakersfield, California, O. A. Bunch of Ault, Colorado, Lark Bunch of Las Vegas, Nevada; seven grandchildren and one great grandson and a host of other relatives and friends.

Mr. Bunch was converted in early life and united with the Methodist Church of Hartman in 1912 where he has been an active member and was choir director until his health began to fail him a few months ago. He was a retired farmer and business man.

When younger and active he seldom ever missed a service of the church. He loved music and enjoyed singing for the services. In our last meeting of sixteen nights in Hartman he did not miss a service. His last work before his passing was mowing the church lawn with his motor machine. A good man has left us and one who will be missed.—His pastor, B. E. Robertson.

EZELL — Katye May Shaddock Ezell was born July 6, 1881 After a long illness she passed away at her home in Sparkman on May 21, 1948. Funeral services were held in the Sparkman Methodist Church of which she was a member by the pastor, Rev. J. A. Newell, assisted by Rev. J. L. Leonard of Little Rock. The beautiful floral offering and the large crowd assembled signified the high esteem which Mrs. Ezell's friends held for her. Her remains were placed in the cemetery north of Bearden.

Mrs. Ezell was the daughter of the late Rev. Tom Shaddock, a

Methodist minister. She was married to W. C. Ezell on December 23, 1903. To the union was born two sons and two daughters: E. T., of Knoxville, Tenn.; G. W., of Sacramento, Calif.; Mrs. W. V. Montgomery, Vicksburg, Miss., and Mrs. Barney Cauble, Midland, Texas. Survivors are the four children, her husband and six grandchildren.

Mrs. Ezell united with the Methodist Church at the age of twelve, and lived a consistent Christian life. She was highly devoted to her husband and children. She loved her home and church. She was a quiet, unassuming and industrious woman who took great pride in the care of her family. She was a great helpmate to her husband and they reared their children to be Christians.

A deep sense of loss comes to friends and loved ones but cherished memories linger still and the influence of her Christian life goes on. She was truly a good woman, "full of good works and almsdeeds." She bore her last illness patiently and uncomplainingly. Peacefully and serenely she passed to the celestial city above. Her toils on earth have ended. She has ascended to the benevolent Father to receive the crown of righteousness and to dwell where love and joy prevail through eternal ages. May God's blessings be upon the family and all who mourn her passing.—J. L. Leonard.

BURGESS—Mrs. Charlotte Christina Burgess, wife of C. F. Burgess who went on to his heavenly reward in 1947, made her passage to the land of the eternally redeemed on July 19, 1948. She was born in Rushville, Ind. She and her husband moved to Texarkana, Arkansas, in November, 1912, and soon thereafter placed her membership in Fairview Methodist Church.

Her life was one with Christ and the Church she loved like the writer of old she had rather "be a doorkeeper in the house of the Lord than to dwell in the tents of wickedness." Her daily life was a sermon and she had a big congregation because she had a host of friends. The fruit of her life was peace, joy, love and service, and these bore big dividends through a life that would have been 88 years-old September 11, 1948.

She supported the entire program of her church, always loving and helping to the fullest of her capacity every pastor that served her church.

She leaves three sons, R. A., Neil and Charlie, and two daughters, Miss Mary and Mrs. Otis Goodson.

Her funeral was held in Fairview Church by the writer, with the family and a congregation of friends attending.—Fred L. Arnold.

The daily grind of hard work gives a man polish. — Fraternal Monitor.

RELIEF AND RESULTS

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Alejandro adds: "Aside from the Board of Missions, no other general agency of the Methodist Church has done more and touched the very needy lives of Filipino Methodists more than your own Committee. New teeth, eyeglasses, clothing, and cash have been provided by you. Overseas Relief money has actually staved off starvation more than once in the great Cagayan Valley. In many other ways the blessings of the Overseas Relief money have come to all of our pastors, women workers, and the rank and file of our membership. For all of these, we praise our Heavenly Father and we bless His name for you."

Testimony from huge, tortured CHINA: "The MCOR funds have been and are a wonderful blessing. The distribution among our workers brought new hope and courage and life. Without this help we simply couldn't carry on our work. The spirit in which the Relief work is carried is very important. That is why Relief through the Church groups is the most effective." And Bishop Lacy, warning the workers that such help may have to be lessened, is met by this response: "But we can't get along without it. The costs of living are greater than ever. Our savings and resources are gone. We know the Church in Am-

erica won't fail us at this time."

And this message from great, bewildered, suffering INDIA. The Treasurer writes: "It seems that our mails are continually full with letters of thanks from people all over India for the contribution the MCOR is making to this country, and at a time when the prices are continually on the rise and food most difficult to secure, we are doubly thankful. I have received today four letters from different sections in India saying that without this help schools would have to close almost at once." And Bishop Pickett adds: "I tremble to think what the position of the Church in India would have been by now but for the help of the Committee."

These are but a few examples of the blessings which the gifts of American Methodists have meant to people East and West. A new opportunity opens on World-Wide Communion Sunday, October 3, when half of the great offering for the Fellowship of Suffering and Service goes for Overseas Relief. "He that hath pity upon the poor lendeth unto the Lord."

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Scripture Text: Genesis 11:27-31; 12:5; 17:1-8.

Golden Text: In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he will direct thy paths. Proverbs 3:6.

Abraham, The Faithful, Called of God

Something like four thousand years ago, God called Abraham to leave his home, kindred, and friends, and go out into an unknown country to found a new race. This was an epochal event, and is now one of the focal dates of history.

Abraham From A Rich Family

L. Woolly tells of the great ancient city in Ur forty feet below the present level. The home of Terah, the father of Abraham has been identified. It was a veritable palace. It was a two-story house with a balcony extending from the second floor to eleven rooms. Three of these were shrines. One to the goddess of the moon, two others to gods worshipped at that time. Below there were eight bed rooms which were the slaves' quarters. There were stables for the camels, asses, and other livestock. It is most evident that Terah was a man of great wealth. (Abraham must have inherited his thrift and business ability from his father. Wherever Abraham went he increased his holdings.)

Abraham Called Away from Polytheism

All ancient civilizations were polytheistic. They were all very religious. They had temples, shrines, and altars, galore. But their religion had nothing to do with moral conduct. The moral codes, if codes they were, were rotten to the core.

Being religious did not mean a man was honest, clean, or decent. Being religious meant performing required ceremonies to their gods. They could do this and be thieves, robbers, whoremongers, or anything else bad. God wanted to establish an ethical religion. Right not only to the Supreme Being, but right, honest, and loving to their fellowmen.

God saw that a monetheistic ethical religion could not be established among gods many, lords many, temples, shrines, and altars to unknown gods. So he planned to take the chosen people out of their environment and move them to a place not so dangerous as Ur, Babylon, Assyria, or any of the great polytheistic civilizations of the past.

Terrah was nearly 200 years old when they started on their journey out of Ur. Terrah died in Haran, the first place they stopped, which was about 600 miles from Ur. Then Abraham became the head of the family.

Abraham, the Obedient

If man ever rendered perfect obedience, that man was Abraham. We cannot realize easily what it meant for Abraham to leave his friends and loved ones, leave a palace superbly furnished, and go out to live in tents with Isaac and Jacob, as nomads of Bedouins. I left my humble home in Arkansas nearly sixty years ago to go to China as a missionary. I traveled in a Pullman car to the Pacific coast, took first cabin passage to Shanghai, and

was sent to a handsome two-story brick house for our residence. Abraham was subjected to all the dangers and discomforts in strange lands. I think had God called Abraham to walk into a fiery furnace, heated seven times hot, he would have walked unhesitatingly into the furnace.

Later in life when God told him to take his son of promise, Isaac, and offer him as a burnt offering, he obeyed. Abraham suffered all the paternal agony up to the last minute that he would have suffered had God not intervened. Perhaps, God gave him this test to show Abraham and all the race Abraham was to found, that the new race was founded by a man who would walk into the very path of death in obedience to God's command.

Abraham's Two Appropriate Names

Abraham is called, "Father of the Faithful," and "Friend of God." Abraham was the father of a new race and a new religion. All the Hebrews who accepted the Messianic hope and looked for a Redeemer were the "faithful." All such could call Abraham, father. When the followers of Jehovah became Christians, then it was and is proper for the Christian to say, "Father Abraham." The multiplied millions of Jews who claimed the promise and the unnumbered Christians from Pentecost to the present time are truly the children of Abraham. This parental appellation cannot be applied to any other Jews or to any other Christians—to no one but Abraham. Thus he has this unique distinction.

Abraham has been called, "The friend of God," by the Lord, himself and by millions of people. Jesus said, "Ye are my friends if you do whatsoever I command you." Abraham met this requirement in toto. He did unquestionably all that God commanded him to do. No doubt many Jews when they saw Abraham pass by said, "There goes a friend of God." Has any one ever called you a friend of God?

Abraham, The Intercessor

Abraham interceded for Sodom. I need not repeat here his bargaining petitions that he used in this intercession for Sodom. To be able to intercede effectually, is a rare and powerful asset in the life of a saint. More things are wrought by intercession than the world knows.

"Satan trembles when he sees
The humblest saint upon his knees."

Like Moses, Abraham was always interceding for his people. Doubtless he spent many watches of the night interceding for the chosen people of God.

Abraham, The Prevaricator

Is it not strange that a man so great, so religious, as Abraham was, would stoop to lying? Twice he told the same falsehood. Once to Pharaoh, and once to Abimelech. In each he did it because he feared the

ruler would kill him and take his handsome wife. I talked with a man the other day who said Abraham did not lie. He and Sarah had the same father. Hence he and Sarah were brother and sister.

A lie is not in the words, the gesture, the smile, the frown, or the nod or the shake of the head—but in the intent. If the words or gestures are intended to deceive, it is a lie. Abraham's purpose was to make the kings believe that Sarah was not his wife. He intended to deceive them. Hence he did lie. If you and I have sinned, God can and will and does forgive, reinstates us and empowers us to go on in his work. Repentance toward God and faith in Jesus Christ, bring pardon and power.

Faith The Secret of Abraham's Power

Abraham believed God. When God told him that he would have a son the heir of promise, he believed, though they were too old to have children. When Abraham was one hundred years old and Sarah was ninety, he still expected his son to be born. In the long ago, I used to hear the fathers pray, "Lord give us a faith that laughs at impossibilities, and cries, 'It shall be done.'" When Abraham lifted his knife to sacrifice Isaac, he had no doubts about God's promises. He knew what Paul knew, "Our God is able to do exceedingly above all we can ask or think. There is something about faith that links our little power with omnipotent power, and matters come to pass. It is a reproach to us that since God is so good, so able, that our faith is so small. "According to your faith, so be it unto you."

"By faith Abel offered unto God a more excellent sacrifice than Cain, by which he obtained witness that he was righteous, God testifying of his gifts: and by it he being dead yet speaketh. By faith Enoch was translated that he could not see death; and was not found, because God had translated him: for before his translation he had this testimony, that he pleased God. By faith Noah, being warned of God of things not seen, as yet, moved with fear, prepared an ark to the saving of his house; by the which he condemned the world, and became heir of the righteousness which is by faith. By faith Abraham, when he was called to go out into a place which he should after receive for an inheritance, obeyed; and went out, not knowing whither he went. Through faith, also Sarah received to conceive seed, and was delivered of a child when she was past age, because she judged him faithful who had promised. And what shall I more say? For time would fail me to tell of Gedeon, and of Barak, and of Samson, of Jephthae; of David al-

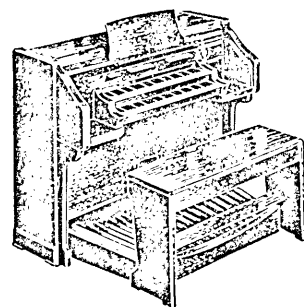
so and Samuel, and of the prophets: Who through faith subdued kingdoms, wrought righteousness, obtained promises, stopped the mouths of lions, quenched the violence of fire, escaped the edge of the sword, out of weakness were made strong, waxed valiant in fight, turned to fight the armies of the aliens." (From the 11 Chapter of Hebrews)

From Abraham Learn Lessons

1. To trust God always.
2. To obey Him implicitly under all circumstances.
3. To thank God dearly for the stimulus to our faith that the life of Abraham gives.
4. Read the Hebrew Hall of Fame, Hebrews Chapter 11, and note what made these men heroes, and these women heroines.

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