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"The World is

John Wesley

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

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A Methodist Preacher Must Give His All

WHEN a candidate for admission into full connection in the Methodist ministry stands before the bar of the conference, he is asked some very direct and significant questions. Among the nineteen questions he must answer, numbers eleven, twelve and thirteen read as follows: (11) "Have you studied our form of church discipline and polity?" (12) "Do you approve our church government and polity?" (13) "Will you support and maintain them?"

The "discipline and polity" of The Methodist Church, which the applicant states he has studied and approves, includes the power The Methodist Church has conferred upon a bishop "To fix the appointments of the preachers in the Annual Conferences . . . as the Discipline may direct." When the applicant promises to "support and maintain" the discipline, the polity and the church government of The Methodist Church, he there voluntarily, for the cause of Christ and The Methodist Church, makes a surrender of personal rights that should challenge the admiration of every congregation of Methodism. Such an unqualified committal of self to the polity and government of The Methodist Church should also impress all who have a part in making appointments with the immeasurable responsibility that rests upon those charged with the important task of deciding the place of service of a Methodist minister.

It requires a great faith in the leadership of The Methodist Church for a man to be willing to take the vows necessary to become a member of an Annual Conference. We should remember also that the taking of those vows requires, certainly, an equal faith in the friendly attitude, the wisdom and the sense of Christian fairness in the congregations he may be appointed to serve. Few Methodist preachers will object to moving when it appears that the cause of Christ will be served in the move. It would be hard to justify the request of a congregation for a change in pastors on any other grounds. Furthermore, the decision that the cause of Christ will best be served by a change in leadership should rest on a very convincing foundation.

"A Methodist minister must give his all" and for this and other reasons he deserves every consideration it is possible for the Methodist church to give.

Progress On Collections For Hendrix Campaign

THE office of The Arkansas Methodist received word from Hendrix College Saturday of last week that the totals collected on the Million Dollar Campaign for Hendrix College had reached the sum of \$773,505.86. This leaves the Campaign \$26,494.14 short of the \$800,000.00 the college must raise in order to receive the last \$50,000 from the Board of Education.

It is somewhat unusual but we are now in the position where the collecting of the \$26,494.14 will produce \$50,000.00 or practically two dollars for every dollar we raise up to that point.

Although the time allowed by the Board of Education for completing the collection of the sum needed is growing short, college authorities are very hopeful that the full \$800,000 will be in hand by the time of the meeting of our two Annual Conferences. It will be necessary for some very definite work to be done if the goal is reached before time runs out.

Second Quadrennium As Arkansas' Resident Bishop

WITH the opening of the North Arkansas Conference in The First Methodist Church at Ft. Smith, October 13th, Bishop Paul E. Martin will begin his second quadrennium as presiding bishop of the Annual Conference Sessions of the Arkansas-Louisiana Area. One week later, October 20th, he will preside over the opening session of the Little Rock Conference which will meet in The First Methodist Church in Little Rock.

Following the South Central Jurisdictional Conference held in Tulsa, Oklahoma, four years ago, Bishop Martin came to us as a newly elected bishop and as the newly appointed bishop of the Arkansas-Louisiana Area. The first



BISHOP PAUL E. MARTIN

Annual Conference over which Bishop Martin presided, after being elected to the office of bishop, was the North Arkansas Conference which met at Morrilton that year. If there was any uneasiness in the mind of anyone about the "new bishop," that uneasiness could hardly have outlived the opening session of that conference, as the presiding officer moved through the session with a poise, a balance and an understanding of the work at hand that usually comes only with years of experience.

When the first round of Annual Conferences in Arkansas and Louisiana had been held, Methodism in this episcopal area had unmistakable evidence of the wisdom of the Jurisdictional Conference at Tulsa, in electing Paul E. Martin a bishop in The Methodist Church.

Throughout the past quadrennium, with its complex, progressive local program, plus the unprecedented activities of the Crusade for Christ, The Methodist Church in Louisiana and Arkansas has made such marvelous progress that there was a deep sense of satisfaction and gratitude, throughout this episcopal area, when the announcement came that we were to have the same episcopal leadership to direct us in the new quadrennial program—For Christ and His Church.

Because of the experiences of the past four years, we face the work of the new quadrennium with greater courage, stronger faith and higher hopes.

Important Meetings In Columbus, Ohio

BY action of the General Conference in May The Methodist Church adopted a program of action for the next four years—"For Christ and His Church." A committee designated by the General Conference has been at work since the conference working out the details of the program. This committee, headed by Bishop W. C. Martin of the Dallas-Fort Worth Area, is now calling an important meeting of the District Superintendents of the church at Columbus, Ohio, October 4 and 5.

In a sense the For Christ and His Church movement will be officially launched at this meeting. Those in attendance will be made acquainted with the meaning of the program.

The success of this new program will depend largely, of course, on the extent to which the local pastor enthusiastically leads his people in this endeavor. Obviously, a meeting of all the Methodist pastors in the connection would be practically impossible. Four years ago at the beginning of the Crusade for Christ program all of the District Superintendents were invited to a meeting in St. Louis. The immediate success of the Crusade program stems at least in part from the fact that each district of each Annual Conference of the church had representation in the meeting which officially projected the Crusade for Christ endeavor. The meeting at Columbus is for the new program what the St. Louis meeting was for the Crusade program. There likely will be follow-up meetings on an area and annual conference level which will acquaint more of the church's leadership with the nature of the new program.

The International Foreign Missions Assembly will also be held in Columbus, on October 6-8. This international assembly, a delegated body, is being held under the auspices of the Foreign Missions Conference of North America. Many prominent churchmen, clerical and lay, of various denominations, are scheduled for addresses. Protestantism's plans for future foreign missionary endeavor, which have been in preparation for two and a half years, will be presented publicly for the first time.

District Superintendents, annual conference missionary secretaries, annual conference presidents of W.S.C.S., and the Bishops of The Methodist Church will be in attendance. The Arkansas Methodist will be represented at these two important meetings by the Associate Editor.

The New Sunday School Year

PROMOTION Day and Rally Day are past and we are now in the new Sunday School year. While it is still possible to add to the totals being compiled for the Sunday School's part in the Crusade for Christ, the success already attained makes glad the hearts of all who are interested in Sunday School work.

In this quadrennium we have not only halted the downward trend that has existed for some time in Church School enrollment, we have changed depressing losses into encouraging gains.

The need for a continuing Church School revival in enrollment and attendance is more in evidence every day. The prolonged, world crisis that threatens the peace of the world makes it imperative that the tempo of the program of Religious Education be increased as rapidly as possible. No other agency approaches the Church School as an instrument in the hands of the Master to accomplish that work.



"It's Only A Grass-Roof Church



By LINWOOD BLACKBURN,
Quessua, Angola, West Africa

QUIMBAMBA is only a grass-roof church on the Quessua district of Angola, West Africa. Its walls are of adobe—bricks of mud and straw dried in the sun. It is a house of worship on Sunday, a school during the week.

But Quimba is typical of more

hole and allow them to stay for about four days; take out and peel off the skin and leave the tuber to dry in the sun. The starchy fibrous portion that remains is called bombo. Bombo can be toasted and eaten as is, grated into a fine cereal and then toasted, or pounded by women in an outfit that resembles a giant mortar and pestle into a fine flour called fuba. From fuba, fungi a type of mush is made. Fungi is the staff of life for our people and one does not feel well fed without it once a day at least. Fuba and the toasted cereal, farnha, that is not used at home is sold to merchants for cash or supplies such as clothes, fish, etc. At certain times of the year the manioc roots are peeled and

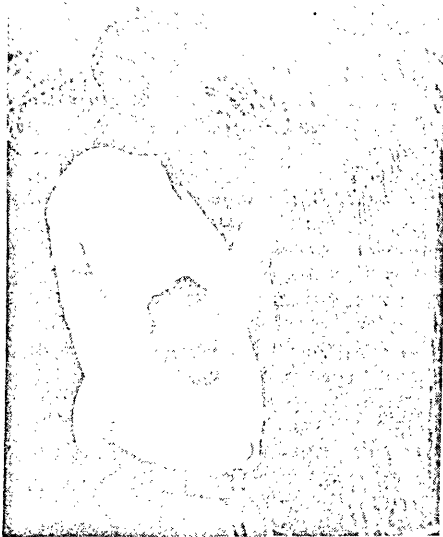
life in the church. The Woman's Society of Christian Service is one of the most active in the Conference. In the words of the pastor: "The Society has done much for the community, has bought a new cloth for the Communion Table, vases for flowers, and has money on hand for a Communion Set. Its members have been a great help in visiting the sick, taking care of the poor and bereaved. It is the foundation and wall of our Church."

The congregation paid their pastor last year \$88 in money, \$40 in food, \$4 in service; and much that cannot be counted in love and understanding. They paid their teacher \$40; for repairs, general expenses, and benevolences \$120. To facili-

all of the village. She helps the sick, teaches and counsels the mothers, loves the children, and maintains a Christian home that witnesses to all who pass.

Raimundo is an ordained member in full connection in the Conference with eleven years of service since ordination. He has a government teaching diploma, and is leader of the Quimbamba Circuit with four churches under his supervision. He is loved by members of the church groups, non-Christian groups in the area, and is respected by Portuguese merchants and officials. His activities are many, teaching, preaching, writing letters for those who cannot write, evangelization; in sum a wide awake Methodist pastor that lives the law of Christian love in his home, church and village.

He has organized his church into visitation teams that visit the 9 nearby Christian and non-Christian villages. At worship services, the families of the church sit together, mother, father, and children; this



Forbidden by law to have a bell on the church, the lay leader of a Quessua church calls the congregation on a horn.

than 100 Methodist churches in Angola. And it has influence and meaning in the lives of men and women and children in this African rural community.

The members at Quimbamba are mostly farmers, earn their living and support their church by cultivating the "good earth" by hand; their implements being a short handle hoe and a long knife called a catana. In this community are a shoe-maker or two, several carpenters, a mason, and a few cattle owners. The main and staple crop is manioc (Manihot aipi), which grows as a peculiar thick round bush from three to six feet high, bearing an abundance of bright green deeply cut leaves, and is propagated by cuttings. The food part of the plant is the tuber like roots (the tender leaves are cooked with peanuts and served as a green vegetable), similar in outward appearance to those of the dahlia though very much larger. The roots average about one foot in length and four in. thick, are covered with a thin brown rough skin which peels off easily. The growing period of an average crop is from twelve months on. The tubers are used in several ways for food. The way of preparation for food is to put the roots in a water



A grass-roofed church in a Quessua village, Angola.

dried, sold to merchants in bulk to be sent to Europe and America to make starch and tapioca.

The Quimbamba farmers also raise peanuts for use, beans for home use and for sale, corn for use and sale, sweet potatoes for use, and Irish potatoes for sale though some housewives use them as a food for the family. Chickens are a part of each African household. A few members have goats and cattle.

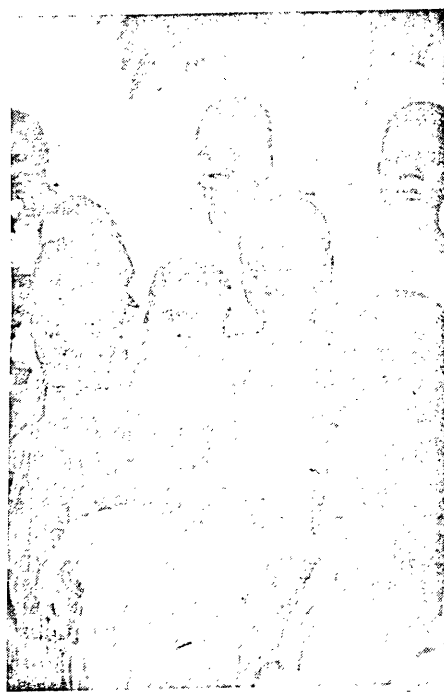
The Church has 106 full members, 58 preparatory, and 123 baptized children. In the church school there are 268 pupils with an average attendance of 253. They have a primary school under the direction of the pastor with 90 pupils, 63 boys and 27 girls. Since the number of pupils is as large as it is, the church has engaged a teacher, a young man who plans to be a pastor, to help the pastor and teach in the school.

The Youth Organization is just at its beginning, made up of both boys and girls, and is a source of

tate the raising of this money, the church practices the "Lord's Acre," or "Lord's Garden" plan, known here as mulengas, or church gardens. The Youth Society has two mulengas, the church one, and the Woman's Society several. The plan of mulengas is helping in financing the activities of the church; the way to work together in cooperative activities, and in learning to be good stewards. The idea of mulengas for each church was recommended by the Conference Commission of Lay Activities, and is a great help along the rough road of self-support among the African churches.

The pastor in charge of the Quimbamba Church is Raimundo de Sousa, and his wife is Maria de Sousa. These two dedicated Africans along with their family of four are the spiritual guides, and at times counselors for secular activities of the community.

Maria helps with the school, youth group, and is a great force in the Woman's Society, and a friend to



Children in a Quessua village, Angola.

unity of the family in worship extends to cooperative activities in the home, church, and community during the week. His words to the last Quarterly Conference after a general report of the activities of the churches and pastors under his supervision were these: "We work better when we work together, be it in the home, field, school, or church."

Such is a little picture of Quimbamba, a grass roof church, Quimbamba Circuit, Angola, Africa. Please remember the Younger Churches, the churches with the grass roofs in your giving and in your prayers.

METHODISTS PRESENT CITATION TO AMERICAN HOSPITAL ASSOCIATION

ATLANTIC CITY, N. J.—A beautifully engrossed citation for public service was presented to the American Hospital Association at its 50th anniversary convention here Sept. 20 by the National Association of Methodist Hospitals and Homes and

the Board of Hospitals and Homes.

The citation commended the American Hospital Association for "its continuous growth, increased service, far-sighted leadership, lifting up of highest scientific and ethical standards, and for its total contribution to the improvement of health and hospital service throughout the United States and Canada."

Presented by the Rev. Karl P. Meister of Chicago, executive secretary of the Board of Hospitals and Homes the citation bore also the signatures of Bishop W. T. Watkins of Louisville, Ky., president of the Board of Hospitals and Homes, and George I. McAllen, Richmond, Va., president of the National Association of Methodist Hospitals and Homes.

We worry because we take life at a gulp. We see the whole face of the clock at once, rather than in seconds and minutes.—Rev. W. F. Banister, Think.

That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved.—Romans 10:9

THE DEVOTIONAL PAGE

REV. H. O. BOLIN, Editor

ALL FROM GOD

The most valuable part of a man is that mysterious center of thought and feeling and activity which he calls himself. This is the bewildering, potential part of him. Here personality is found on its throne of power. It is of this that we must speak when we talk of man adequately. It is related to all sorts of external things, but personality is the matter of strategy.

When we see stewardship in its largest relations we must see how all its other aspects come at last to center in its relations to personality. Man is a king under God. And as a king he is responsible for the realm, for the throne, and for the man who occupies the throne.

The beginning of stewardship lies in the fact that we owe life and all we possess, and the world in which we live, and everything about it, to God. He made it all, and in that sense we owe it all to Him. He constantly sustains it all, and in that sense it is a constant gift from Him. If we had originated anything, we might talk of actual ownership. We have originated nothing. We receive everything from the bounty of God.

All this is the basis of a great religious stewardship.

... All that we are, all that we think, all that we feel, all that we do, all that we possess belongs to God. We are trustees of God's property in respect of all these things.—Lynn Harold Hough, The Union Signal

PRAYER FOR THE PEACE-MAKERS

Eternal Spirit, amid the tensions of these terrific days, we seek in Thy presence a saving experience of inner quiet and certainty. We are tossed and agitated in a troubled world, our ears are filled with the world's din, and our spirits grow weary in a violent generation. We need Thee as a strong foundation that storms cannot shake, as a deep well that draughts cannot exhaust, as an inner citadel that no foe can seize.

We come with intercession, not from lips alone but from spirits, in deep anxiety concerning the world our children will inherit from our hands. For our Nation, its leaders in these dread times, its multitudes of youth who serve its cause upon the sea and in the air and on battlefields around the world, we lift our hearts.

For all who are responsible partners in shaping the policies and in directing the designs of a powerful nation whose leadership can make or break hopes of a better world, we pray. May we be ministers of abiding peace, true servants of the common good, and forerunners of Thy Kingdom's coming. We ask it in the dear Redeemer's name. Amen.—Dr. Frederick Brown Harris Chaplain, U. S. Senate

GUIDING MINORITIES

While fascinated majorities yield their faith to the false promises of demagogues and political tyrants; faithful and courageous minorities, guided by comprehensive intellect, are gradually moving mankind, step by step, toward the goal of under-

PEACE

By S. W. Young

Yes, universal peace will come,
The time by prophets long foretold,
The time when nations shall no more
Employ the tactics of cruel war
With all its bitter hates and deaths,
Its desolations and distress;
The time when instruments of toil,
Of husbandry and prosperous trade
Shall take the place of bombs and tanks,
And every craft and agency
Of modern man to crush his foe.

Then men of vision, wise and brave,
From every nation, every clime,
The claims of brotherhood shall own,
And, gathered in world-councils, plan
The welfare of the human race,
The honor of the only God,
Supreme o'er men and nations all.

WORTHY OF GOD

Have you ever heard of the appeal, "Don't do it: it is not worthy of you"? It is a powerful appeal, and, with those who have a decent self-respect, it often is effective. But it is weak indeed compared with the Scriptural appeal, which is that we should "walk worthy of God." Ah, that is a truly exalted plea! Many things which might be thought worthy of us as human beings are simply unthinkable for those who would really walk worthy of God. Take that standard for your life today. "Walk worthy of God."—Presbyterian

cal and spiritual. There are also two forms of death — physical and spiritual. Death in either case means separation. Physical death is the separation of the soul and the body. Spiritual death is the separation of the soul and God. Christ did not come to the world to bring physical life. People already had that. He came to bring spiritual life, that is to put man in harmonious relationship with God. All people are in contact with God, for he is the source of all life. "In him we live and have our being." But all are not in harmonious contact with him. To live physically without living spiritually is mere existence; it is not life in its deepest reality.

Man loves life. He will lay down the last dollar of a fortune to prolong physical life. He does so knowing that in spite of his sacrifice he will have to finally physically anyway. Christ is spiritual life which physical death cannot touch, except to magnify it and increase its blessings. Christ was thinking of this highest form of life when he said, "Whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die," and again "I am the true bread which came down from heaven. If a man eats this bread he will live forever." He has abolished spiritual death by bringing to light man's privilege of harmonious relationship with God, through the gospel. He has not as yet abolished physical death but he has taken the sting out of it and victory out of the grave by making this form of death an open doorway through which the true Christian passes into a fuller relationship with God.

Can you think of three greater needs of the human family? A person who does not have a way is lost. Man needs a way to get along with himself, his fellowmen and his God. He needs the truth about the great realities of life—man, God, salvation. He needs life. Every heart beat and every pulse throb cries out for it. The longing for a happy, eternal existence is practically universal. A Christlike God would not make man with such a desire only to thwart it.

Christ not only points the way, reveals the truth and extends the life. He is these three great qualities in his own personality. "I am the way, the truth and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me." Ask yourself the question "DO I HAVE CHRIST TODAY?"—H. O. B.

A good reply to an atheist is to give him a good dinner and then ask him if he believes there is a cook.—Free Methodist.

Three Human Needs-- The Way, The Truth, And The Life

These are three of the greatest needs of the human family. Jesus recognized this fact. When he was about to depart from the earth in visible form he went on to tell his disciples that his going was for their good. The object of his departure was to prepare a place for them. Then he said, "Whither I go ye know, and the way ye know." Thomas replied, "Lord, we know not whither thou goest; and how can we know the way?" Jesus answered, "I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me."

Every person needs a way. This is one of the necessities of successful, happy living. Man needs a way to get along with himself. We are dual in our nature — there is a higher side and a lower side in every life. One side of man's nature longs after Christlikeness; the other lusts for the husks that the hogs eat. The following of the lower side leads to the hog pen of life; the following of the higher guides the repenting prodigal back to the Father's House.

The individual heart is the world's greatest battleground. Aggressive wars (not defensive) and all other evils stem from the fact that large numbers of people all over the world are following the lower side of their nature rather than the higher. Certainly there is great truth in the statement: "Every person has within him either the making of an angel or a devil." When John Wesley saw drunkards staggering by or others living debauched lives he would say, "There goes John Wesley except for the grace of God."

Man's chief trouble is on the inside. We are all for any law, any rule, any combination of forces, or any organization that will in any way help the human race but when, and if, the problem is ever solved it will be through the changed nature of larger numbers of people, at

standing where truth shall enlighten the world and make all men free.—Selected

least among those who are in places of responsibility. Cancer can't be cured by healing it at the surface of the skin. It must be taken out by the roots.

Man's hope is in a changed nature. The divergent elements of his personality can be unified only through submission to and following of a great, challenging ideal. Christ is that Ideal. He is man's way of reaching a state of harmony in his own life and of forming harmonious relationship between himself, his fellow man and his God. Christ is God's way to man and man's way to his fellows and to his God.

Again, Christ is the truth. He is the world's greatest idealist, but he is also the greatest realist. He is fact unalloyed; truth unmixed with error. Many people speak the truth, but Christ embodied the truth. He is the truth. It has been said, "Truth, though crushed to earth, will rise again." We wonder if the person who first made that statement was thinking of Christ? It fits him exactly. He was crushed to earth: nailed to a cross, buried in Joseph's new tomb, but he rose again.

Spiritually speaking truth and light are almost synonymous terms. Truth is fact — reality. Light helps one to see things as they really are. Christ is the truth about man. He is man at his highest and best. He also reveals God; for he is God in the flesh. The greatest knowledge man can have is the proper conception of God. Here and here alone is life eternal. Man cannot adequately know God without also knowing himself and his fellows at their highest and best. Christ is the truth in all of these respects. He not only reveals man at his best but he is man. He not only reveals God at his best so far as his relationship to man is concerned, but he is God.

Last and very important, Christ is the life. When a man has Christ he has life, when he doesn't have him he doesn't have life, and the condemnation of God is upon him. There are two forms of life—physi-

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A WEEKLY MESSAGE

By FORNEY HUTCHINSON

AN AVARICIOUS SAINT

In one of my early churches I had as an official member one who was a very interesting combination. He was a man of large means and was a devout member of the church. He was noted, also, as a church builder. He would get a congregation started and would then move to a new location and start another. So far as his regular contributions were concerned, he was meticulous to pay a dollar every Sunday he was present. If for any reason he could not occupy his pew, he would like wise not pay his dues. He prayed long and fervent prayers and was always ready at a moment's notice to give quotations from the Scriptures.

He lived much in the past and talked a lot about the "good old days" and about the wonderful preachers he had known in his childhood. One day while visiting with him, he had indulged in much of that kind of talk. When we knelt to pray, I confessed my weaknesses and failures. In the midst of my devotions he broke out, "Well now, never mind, I guess you are doing well enough."

He was really a very avaricious man. Sick a long time before his death, he was always thinking and talking about money. In the midst of the most religious conversation, he would break in with a remark concerning some of his investments. Once we tried to buy a lot from him on which to build a new church. The chairman of the Board asked him to pray before we presented our proposition, and as he arose from a fervent prayer, he said, "Now, brethren, religion is religion and business is business," and with that introduction he made us a price which was clearly out of reach.

Before I left the city, he passed away and I conducted his funeral. To me he was always a strange combination. He loved the church well, but he loved money better. His home was always open to the ministry, but he was a hard man to live with. Ofttimes he and his wife would go for months without speaking to each other. His children had little regard for him, and at the last his companion and nurse was an aged negro.

To me his case was very sad. I have no predictions to offer concerning his future. I leave him in the hands of a good and gracious Father.

TOLERANCE

Tolerance starts when you practice it; not when you just talk about it.—Tom Shanahan, Magazine Digest.

NEWS AND NOTES ABOUT FACTS AND FOLKS

REV. J. W. HOWARD, retired minister living in Cherry Valley, recently underwent a major operation in a Memphis hospital.

BENNY, little son of Rev. and Mrs. Joe Roe of Tillar, who was stricken with polio and was admitted to the University Hospital, Little Rock, on September 13 has been transferred to the Children's Hospital and is showing marked improvement.

THE first issue of the Huntington Church Messenger has been received in the office. It is published monthly by the Huntington Methodist Church in the interest of the church and the community and the editors are Rev. and Mrs. L. J. Stevenson.

REV. DAN R. ROBINSON, pastor at Malvern, was the preacher in a revival recently held at Grand Avenue Church, Hot Springs, Rev. S. T. Baugh, pastor. The church has received a letter of thanks from Berlin, Germany, for the rice which was sent last winter.

A current visitor in the United States is the Rev. Dr. Sidney Malcolm Berry, of London, England, secretary of the International Congregational Council with which the Congregational Christian Church in the United States is affiliated. The Council helps keep ministers and laymen of the Congregational family in fellowship, and arranges for the exchange of ministers among nations. Dr. Berry was recently meeting with leaders of Congregationalism in Holland, Sweden, Denmark and Finland.

DR. ELLIOTT L. FISHER, superintendent of Town and Country Work, Board of Missions and Church Extension, has been elected chairman of the board of Christian Rural Fellowship in which leaders of rural work representing twelve denominations participate. The fellowship maintains branches in the United States and in India, Japan and the Philippines. The Methodist Rural Fellowship is an affiliate organization. Dr. John H. Reisner is secretary-treasurer of the Christian Rural Fellowship headquarters office at 156 Fifth Avenue, New York, N. Y.

SEVEN-HUNDRED-YEAR-OLD old Cologne Cathedral, one of the greatest religious and architectural monuments in all the world, has been reopened for public worship after being closed for several years. Damaged in two world wars, it will still require ten to fifteen years to complete repairs, architects say. During the second war it was damaged by fourteen heavy bombs, a score of shells, and by more than 200 fire bombs. The stained glass windows, removed for safety during the conflict, have been returned; but less than half the building is yet ready for worship.

DR. JOHN R. MOTT, of New York and Florida, octogenarian lay church leader and missionary statesman, has been chosen honorary president of the newly-formed World Council of Churches. The American churchman chosen as one of the presidents for next decade is Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam, New York Methodist Church leader. Other presidents are: Dr. T. C. Chao of China, the Archbishop of Canterbury, Archbishop Eidem of Sweden, Archbishop Gemanos of the Orthodox Church, Western Europe, and Dr. Marc Boegner of France. The Council represents 350,000,000 of the world's Christians.

REV. JOE H. ROBINSON, pastor at Emmett, writes: "During the past two years the attendance at Church School and morning service has increased more than 50 percent. The attendance at the evening service has increased more than 150 percent. The Methodist Youth Fellowship has sent a box of clothes, toilet articles and food, amounting to \$45.00, to a little girl in Yugoslavia. The pastor's daughter, Billie-Jo, has been corresponding with this little girl for four years. The little girl, her younger brother and others were wounded when her older sister, grandmother, two uncles and many friends were killed by the Italians during the war."

A booklet entitled "First Assembly of the World Council of Churches" has been received in our office. It is published by the The American Committee for the World Council of Churches and carries the following introductory note: "The following material has been published by the American Committee for the World Council of Churches so that editors, speakers, and others interested may make early use of these important Assembly documents . . . Further important resolutions and actions of the Assembly will also be published at a later date. A limited number of additional copies of this publication are available for twenty-five cents each with special arrangements made for quantity orders of twenty or more. For information and orders, write to the World Council, 297 Fourth Ave., New York 10, New York."

AMONG the announced headline speakers who will address the World Mission Assembly, to be held in Columbus, Ohio, October 6 to 8, under the auspices of the Foreign Missions Conference of North America are, Bishop Henry W. Hobson of Ohio, Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam of New York, Dr. Henry Sloane Coffin of New York, Dr. Ralph E. Diffendorfer of Madison, N. J., Dr. J. Hutchinson Cockburn of Geneva, Switzerland, Dr. Paul Harrison of Arabia, Kermit Eby of Washington, D. C., Dr. Harold E. Stassen of Minnesota, Dr. Baez Camargo of Mexico, Dr. Emory Ross of New York; Congressman Walter H. Judd of Minnesota, Mrs. J. D. Bragg of St. Louis, Dr. Henry P. Van Dusen of Union Theological Seminary, New York, and Dr. C. W. Ranson of the International Missionary Council. National Christian leaders from China, India, Africa, Korea, Japan, the Philippines, Okinawa, the Fiji Islands, and Arabia will also be on the program. The Assembly will be the longest interdenominational missionary gathering held in many years, and it will launch a new foreign missionary campaign across America. It will be followed by 36 interdenominational meetings in as many cities.

LITTLE ROCK CONFERENCE NOTICE

The Ministerial Relationships Committee will hold its first meeting at the coming session of the Annual Conference on Wednesday afternoon, October 20th at 5 o'clock in the room designated for the meeting.—H. O. Bolin, Chairman.

NOTICE REGARDING ENTERTAINMENT AT NORTH ARKANSAS CONFERENCE

The First Methodist Church of Ft. Smith is planning entertainment for ministers and elected lay delegates on the Harvard plan, according to the Conference rule, during the Conference session next week. Others planning to attend should make reservations before leaving home as Ft. Smith is crowded because of the re-opening of Camp Chaffee.—Committee on Entertainment.

NORTH ARKANSAS CONFERENCE NOTICE

The North Arkansas Conference Methodist Rural Fellowship will hold its regular annual dinner during our Annual Conference at Fort Smith. The date for this meeting is Friday evening, Oct. 15 at 5:30 at the First Methodist Church. We hope to have a place at this dinner for all who are interested in attending. You will help us in our planning if you will send Rev. Glenn Brunner, Yellville, a card stating that you wish to attend. In case you fail to get this word to him before Conference you should contact one of the following persons after arriving at Conference: Rev. Glenn Brunner, Miss Estelle McIntosh, or Kermit Van Zant. You should get us this word not later than Thursday, October 14. We are planning a helpful program and we hope all laymen and ministers who are interested in the rural work of our Conference will plan to attend this meeting.—Kermit Van Zant, Chairman M. R. F.



A Minimum Salary For Little Rock Conference



By R. H. CANNON, Pastor,
College Hill Church, Texarkana

I HAVE before me a pamphlet entitled, **THE MESSAGE OF THE CABINET**. It is the message of the Cabinet to the 1948 session of the Kentucky Conference. With reference to the matter of minimum salaries, it has this to say: "The General Conference of this year placed in the Discipline the following paragraph, 'Each Annual Conference shall adopt a schedule of minimum support for its pastors, full-time accepted supply pastors . . . and set out rules governing its operation.'"

The writer has not seen a copy of the new Discipline, which seems not to be off the press yet, but from the foregoing it appears that the General Conference has already taken cognizance of the need, and has taken steps to see that something is done about it. Certainly, when we glance at the situation in our own conference, the need is seen to be a crying one. Forty-nine preachers last year received from their charges an average salary of only \$897. This is less than \$25 per week—yes, less than \$18 per week. How can we expect men to give that type and measure of service which the church expects and the world needs on an income like that in a time like this?

For a good while our Board of Missions, and more recently our Town and Country Commission, have been tinkering with this solution,—and I might add, the Sustentation Commission as well. But we do not seem to have done very much toward lifting the burden of low income from the shoulders of the men, and their families, who serve on our rural charges. From the above quotation, it appears that the General Conference has stepped in to say, "The time is come; you must do something about it."

To furnish a little "straw" in the way of facts, and suggestions, as one who claims to be only one of the rank and file would say, for

those who must turn out "the tale of bricks", the following is offered.

And let us begin where any good business that finds its business tottering, with an examination of our over-head expense. That we may see ourselves in the light of what other conferences have already done, and are doing, I refer to two of our border conferences, copies of whose 1947 Journal are before me. The one that seems nearest home, is the North Arkansas. As early as 1939, North Arkansas Conference cut the number of its districts from nine to eight; adopted the plan set forth in paragraph 788 of the 1944 Discipline for providing for the support of its district superintendents; equalized their salaries, paying them \$6000 per year.

In 1946 Texas Conference did the same thing with regard to equalizing salaries and providing for the support of its superintendents. Texas Conference pays its superintendents \$6000 per year.

North Arkansas has 28 and a fraction charges per district; Texas Conference has 34 and a fraction. As compared with these, the Little Rock Conference has 24 and a fraction, and paid her superintendents an average salary last year of \$7504; the two highest going above \$9000, and the lowest just a little under \$6000. Why should Little Rock Conference, with four fewer charges per district than North Arkansas, eight fewer charges per district than Texas Conference, pay her superintendents an average of more than \$1,500 more than these border conferences pay their superintendents?

Suppose Little Rock Conference should reduce the number of her districts from seven to six, how many charges per district on the average would our districts then have? A little arithmetic shows that the average would be twenty-eight and a fraction, the same number that North Arkansas now has, except our fraction would be a lit-

tle smaller than theirs. What saving in supervisory overhead expense would the suggested changes make? Last year, the total paid superintendents in this conference was \$52,534. Six superintendents at \$6000 would amount to \$36000. The saving would be \$16534. What amount would have been required, in addition to payments by charges, to have given the forty-nine pastors referred to above, a minimum of, say, fifteen hundred dollars each? At the risk of being a little tedious, consider the following: The forty-nine preachers referred to were paid by their charges, according to Journal figures, a total of \$43961 last year. To give them \$1500 each would require a total of \$73500. That is, on the basis of 1947, it would have taken \$29,539 more to have paid them a minimum of \$1500 each. The problems for solution then is, how could this sum be raised, and from what sources could it come?

The average rate paid by all charges in the conference last year for superintendents' salaries was 13.6 per cent. If the suggestions made above of eliminating one district, and equalizing superintendents salaries at the sum mentioned, the amount necessary for support of our superintendents would be \$36000. A rate of 9.5 percent on the salaries paid last year would produce this sum, with more than \$600 to spare. The difference between the rate here mentioned and that actually paid last year is 4.1 percent. If the same rate be continued on all charges as of last year, the total produced is \$52,456. Setting aside \$36000 of this for Superintendents' Salary Fund, leaves \$16456 to apply on a Pastors' Minimum Salary Fund. Balance still to be provided for,—\$29,539 less \$16,456—equals \$130,083.

Last year charges paying more than \$1,500, also paid an additional one per cent to the Sustentation Fund. The total paid by such charges as salary was \$340,622. One per

cent of this would be \$3406.22. It is proposed to place a Field Director of Rural Work in the field at a salary of \$6000. Instead, let this six thousand dollars be applied on a Pastors' Minimum Salary Fund. These two amounts total \$9406.22. This leaves a balance still to be provided for of \$3677. Last year the Mission Board appropriated \$9,834 to aid mission charges in the several districts. Let the Mission Board appropriate \$3677 of this amount to Pastor's Minimum Salary Fund and you have the necessary amount to have paid a minimum salary of \$1500 to every preacher in the conference who received less than that amount, with the exception of those who got less than \$300. About churches or charges that paid less than this amount, the Journal is not clear, so they are not counted in the estimates and calculations made herein. But the Mission Board would still have left of the amount apportioned last year more than six thousand dollars that could be used where the Board might find the need the greatest, or the opportunity most promising.

Finally, let the Sustentation Commission be discontinued, and let whatever monies might be raised on this or a similar plan be channeled through the Conference Commission on World Service and Finance.

The above plan would relieve preachers from paying Sustentation entirely. Those charges that paid to this fund last year would still pay at the same rate, though it would be included in their rate to Superintendents' and Pastors' Minimum Salary Funds.

The writer does not say that the above way is the way it must be done, nor the only way; but he has simply endeavored to show how it could be done without having to raise the total finances over last year by so much as one dollar. In fact it would be less by reason of pastors being relieved of Sustentation payments.

LAYMEN ORGANIZE MISSIONS UNLIMITED, INC.

DALLAS, TEXAS—(RNS)—Missions Unlimited, Incorporated, has been organized by a group of Southern Baptist laymen here to raise funds for a gigantic 100-year foreign mission program.

"Six Thousand Missionaries Now" is the slogan of the organization, chartered under the laws of Texas. It would multiply by 10 the present

Southern Baptist mission force of 600.

Chief personnel include Marshall D. Barnett, chairman of the board; Donald V. Yarborough, chief of the legal staff, and T. E. Wynn, treasurer. All are Dallas business men. Ten men form the Board of Directors.

The ambitious organization seeks 6,000,000 members (the approximate membership of the Southern Baptist Convention) paying \$17 an-

nually—"just the price of a pair of shoes," says the folder. A foundation is to be set up so that the pledge of \$17 per member will be paid annually even after the donor's death until the 100-year period is up.

The finest sermons are seen, not heard, they live in the lives of men and women.—Ex.

As the tree is fertilized by its own broken branches and fallen leaves and grows out of its own decay, so men and nations are bettered and improved by trial, and refined out of broken hopes and blighted expectations.—F. W. Robertson.

The time spent in getting even would be better spent in getting ahead.—Tony Wons.

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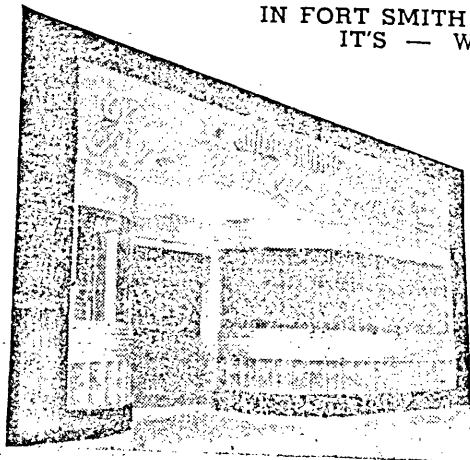
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THE CHILDREN'S PAGE

ANNIE WINBURNE, Editor



IN STORYLAND

QUEER NAMES

By Mary M. Parks

California Apple and Florida Berry, partly because they were strangers, drifted into the same seat on the first day of school. Their names came together on the list of pupils, because California's name was at the end of the A's, and Florida's name was at the beginning of the B's.

The first time the roll was read, California's name brought a broad smile, and Florida's name created suppressed laughter. It was a funny combination. Both girls knew it. California held her chin high and smiled bravely, but Florida, who was shy and sensitive, was crushed. At recess she refused to leave her seat. All the other pupils, except her new mate, left the room. She stayed with Florida, and when California slipped her arm around the shrinking girl, Florida wept a little.

Presently a tall, merry-faced girl peeped in at the door; then she came in and danced up to the strangers with a low bow.

"Welcome to our school," she said gayly. "May I present myself? Mary Turnipseed is my name."

California laughed merrily, and even Florida smiled wanly. Both instantly grasped the fact that no one had meant to ridicule them. It was pure merriment.

"It's all in being used to it. No one here laughs at my name. I'll change Mary to Maryland, then maybe I can amuse them, too. We'll be triplets then; three states, two fruits, and a vegetable."

"I was named for the state in which I was born," explained California. "I could shorten it to Callie; then it wouldn't sound so funny; but I won't. I'm not ashamed of my name."

"Neither am I," declared Florida proudly.

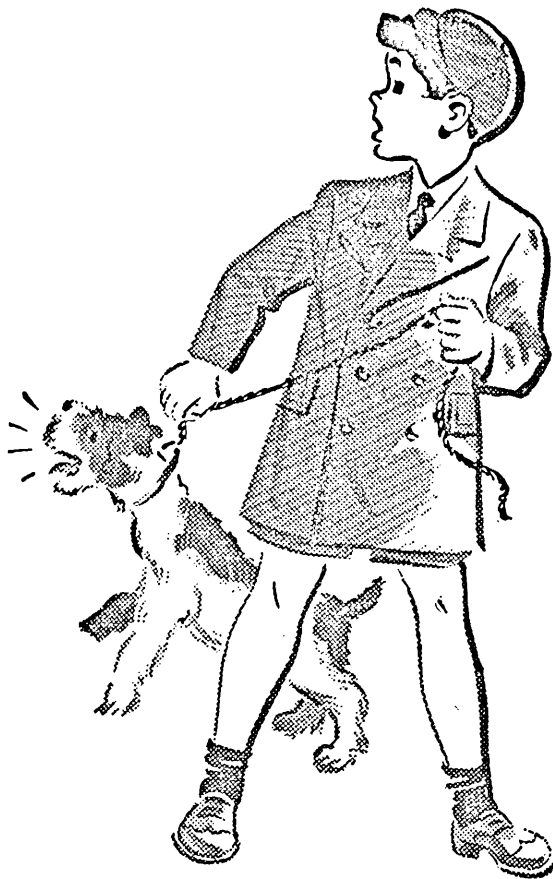
"Upstairs in the high-school room there is a boy with a really funny name—Orange Lemon," said Mary.

Even Florida laughed aloud this time.

"Now that doesn't create a smile here any more. It really is Orange M. Lemon, but he refuses to tell his middle name. The boys say it is Melons, and they have always called him that. I used to wonder how such odd names came. Over on the West Side there is a family named Beanblossom; and once on a section map of the country in father's office, I found a strange name of Devilbliss."

"Father came and looked at it and laughed. They were new people and it was a new map. He had not noticed it. In a flash he understood it. He said that he had once known a man named Devilbliss, and that beyond a doubt the family had changed the name."

"Foreign names that were hard to spell and pronounce in English, and were not seen in print, and not often written were sure to get out of shape. Our name was some foreign name that sounded something like turnipseed. Father has tried to trace it, but he has not yet succeeded. He says it must have been very unspellable and unpro-



A PUZZLE

*It's a most remarkable thing to me,
How good little children used to be.
Now father says that when he was young,
When lessons were over, then hymns were sung,
And that little boys never made any noise,
Never slammed doors or broke up their toys,
But when I slam doors in grandma's house,
Or creep up to frighten her sly as a mouse,
She scolds, then smiles and says, "Why, Ben,
You're your own dear father right over again."*

—The Canadian Churchman

I WONDER

*I wonder—I wonder
If anyone knows
On a cloudy day
Where the sun goes.
I've been told it chooses
The queerest of places—
The hearts of good children—
And shines on their faces;
On their lips it lingers,
A loving smile;
In their eyes it dances
All the while.*

—Scrapbook.

nounceable and very aristocratic to get so twisted. That is the way we console ourselves for its queeriness," laughed Mary.

Florida flushed with excitement and eagerness. "That is exactly the way it happens. There was a boy in our school named Schuster, and all the other boys called him "Shooter."

"Father says our names are what we make them," said Mary. "When he was studying history he was sorry about Benedict Arnold. It was a good old name gone wrong, and it is probable that not a boy since has been named after him. Father concluded that he had better make a beginning with Turnipseed—make it honored in spite of its queeriness,

IN THE WORLD OF BOYS AND GIRLS

THE HAPPIEST BOY

Once a king had a son whom he loved very dearly. He gave him beautiful rooms to live in, and pictures and toys and books, a pony to ride, and a boat on the lake. He provided teachers to give him knowledge that would make him good and great.

But the young prince was not happy. He was always wishing for something he did not have.

One day a wise man came to the court. He said to the king: "I can make your son happy. But you must pay me my own price for telling the secret."

"Well," said the king, "what you ask I will give."

So the wise man took the boy into a private room. He wrote something with a white substance on a piece of paper. Next he gave the boy a candle, and told him to light it and hold it under the paper, and then see what he could read. He then went away and asked no price at all.

The boy did as he was told, and the white letters on the paper turned into a beautiful blue. They formed these words:

"Do a kindness to some one every day."

The prince made use of the secret, and became the happiest boy in the kingdom.—Our Little Ones.

ANY WAY YOU PLEASE

"Mamma, I wish you'd call the baby in; he's so cross we can't play!" cried Robert one day as he was playing in the yard with his sister and the baby.

"I don't think he would be cross if you were not cross to him," said Mamma, coming out. "He does just as he sees you do. Just try him and see. Put your hat on one side of your head."

Robert did so, and presently the baby pushed his straw hat over on one side of his head, just as Robbie had done.

"Whistle," said Mamma.

Robbie did, and the baby began to whistle, too.

"Stop mocking me!" said Robert, giving the baby a push. Baby screamed and pushed Robbie back.

"There, you see," said his mother, "the baby does just as you do. Kiss him now, and you will see how quickly he will follow your example."

Robbie did not feel exactly like doing this, but he did, and baby hugged and kissed him back very warmly.

"Now, you see," said his mother, "you can make a cross or a good boy of your little brother, just as you choose. But you must teach him yourself."—Jewels.

JUST FOR FUN

A census taker asked a woman how many children she had. "Well," she began, "there's Willie, and Henry and Martha, and—"

"Never mind the name," he said impatiently, "just give me the number."

His tone aroused the mother's indignation. "They haven't got numbers," she said sharply, "they all got names."—Edmond M. Kerlin, Telescope Messenger.

"These are the hours. These are the minutes and these are the seconds," I explained to my niece while teaching her how to tell time by the family clock.

She looked puzzled for a moment, then asked: "But auntie, where are the jiffies?"—Mrs. George W. Carter, Rocky Mountain Empire Magazine.

A small boy I know understands his younger brother's speech better than their parents and interprets

And we think he is doing it," she added proudly.—Queen's Gardens.

for them. The other day the younger one was chattering away in his usual incomprehensible gibberish.

"What does he say, Michael?" asked the father.

"Oh, that's nothing," answered Michael. "He's just talking scribble."—Time and Tide. (England).



The City Of Fort Smith



A City Of Balance

FORT SMITH is a unique city. It has balance and stable foundations, like "a house built on a rock."

Its wealth production comes from rich and varied farming, the greatest industrial development in the state, the Southwest's finest forests, wide-spread mineral wealth and natural recreation advantages hard to match anywhere.

These things have already built a metropolitan city on the border between Arkansas and Oklahoma, in the mid-section of the Arkansas river basin. Its population has grown steadily since it was founded in 1818 as a frontier post and center of law for the whole Southwest.



Business District

It has grown rapidly since the start of the war, from 36,584 in 1940 to an estimated 47,500 within the city limits now, and another 6,000 or 7,000 in adjacent areas now in process of annexation.

Fort Smith challenges ability. In agriculture, in industry, in natural resource development, in the professions, in the service enterprise, there is rich and varied opportunity for people, who want to invest their capacities and their cash, and then work at it.

Fort Smith is a friendly city made up of people from everywhere graciously accepting the newcomer on his own merits.

Its rich background of history makes provincial outlooks impossible. It was established as the western post of law and order. To it came the venturesome and the ambitious from the day of its founding in 1818. As the frontier supply center for the great Southwest in the early days, it welcomed people from everywhere and sent them out to build an empire. They came from north, south and east and many of them back from the west.

Out of its origins grew the Fort Smith of today. As a center of supply, it naturally became a wholesale distribution point. Half a century ago it began to develop industry, using the raw materials of the area and supplying its natural trade territory. Rich agricultural lands in the valleys of every stream invited a varied agriculture. Rolling uplands sustain a growing and valuable livestock production. Forests provide basic materials for wood-working enterprises, the chief industrial activity of Fort Smith, now one of half a dozen leading furniture centers of America. Coal fields stretch east, south and west.

Natural gas has been available in adequate quantity and at low cost for more than 40 years and is universally used for heating and for industry.

The varied sources of the city's wealth production protect against violent boom and tragic bust. By virtually every economic yardstick, it is tops in the state.

Fort Smith Is A City You'll Love

As a place to live or spend a pleasant interlude, Fort Smith and its area provide infinite variety of cultural and recreational advantages.

The city is surrounded by mountains. The Ozarks lie to the north and northeast, and the Ouachitas to the south and southeast, the Kiamichis to the southwest and the Cookson hills to the northwest. Scenery, streams, forests, mountains and lakes bid for your interest.

Hunting and fishing of great variety attract thousands every year.

The Ozark and Ouachita National Forests in

Arkansas and many thousand acres of private lands offer abundant deer hunting. Deer population of Arkansas in 1947 was estimated by the Game and Fish Commission at 50,000.

Quail abound in the open fields and valleys. The central Arkansas valley is widely known for its quail.

Streams and lakes provide duck shooting at varying seasons in the two states. Arkansas is on one fly-way, Oklahoma on another. Fort Smith is in the center.

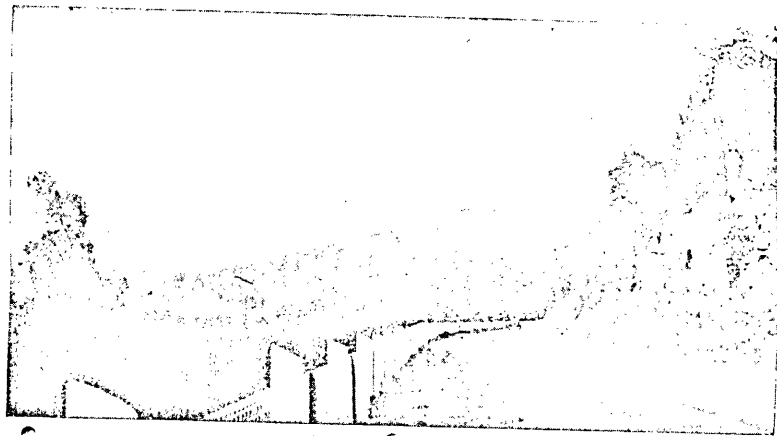
Its Mountains And Streams Are A Sportsman's Dream

Fishing is almost a universal sport. You can choose your kind.

Arkansas and Eastern Oklahoma are netted with streams. Average annual rainfall of 40 to 50 inches keeps them alive. Both states have active game and fish departments constantly restocking and protecting.

A dozen or more big reservoirs are in process of construction in the basins of the Arkansas, the White, the Ouachita and the Red rivers. Within 50 miles of Fort Smith will be Wister Dam on the Poteau and Tenkiller Dam on the Illinois. This is the recreation paradise of the Midwest.

Climate in this area is delightful most of the year. Temperatures average 61.3 degrees for the year, sunshine 2,671 hours out of a possible 4,458. Growing season is 243 days.



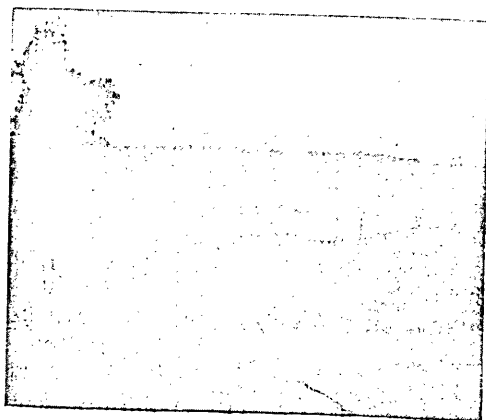
View in the Ozarks from Highway 71, north of Ft. Smith

Highest temperatures top 100 on a few days in summer, usually with low humidity. Lowest temperatures are usually above zero. Golf and other outdoor sports are played virtually every week in the year.

Rich In Cultural Life For Your Family's Sake

As a place to live and rear children, Fort Smith offers everything you can desire.

Its public school system is recognized as the best in Arkansas. Average teachers salaries are approximately the national city average. The city has a Junior College, operated by the public schools. Fort Smith is surrounded by

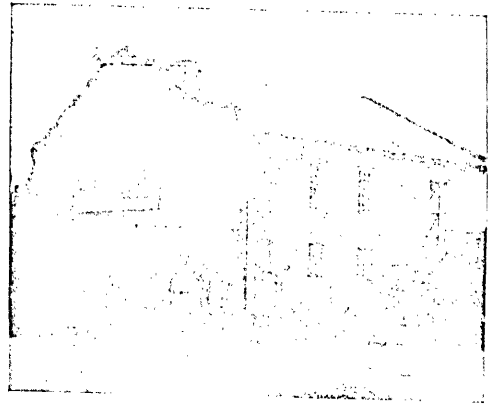


Lake Ft. Smith

higher educational institutions—on the Arkansas side, the University of Arkansas at Fayetteville, College of Ozarks at Clarksville, Arkansas Tech at Russellville, Subiaco Academy (Catholic) at Subiaco; in Oklahoma, the Oklahoma A. and M. at Stillwater, Tulsa University at Tulsa, Oklahoma City University at Oklahoma City, Oklahoma State University at Norman, and

numerous smaller schools.

The city has 75 churches of virtually every denomination, Protestant, Catholic and Jewish. It has four hospitals, Sparks Memorial Hospital (publicly owned), St. Edwards Mercy Hospital (Catholic), Colonial Hospital (private) and Twin



Old Commissary Building

City Hospital (colored). It has two organized clinics, Holt-Krock and Cooper, and an unusual concentration of medical and dental talent.

Parks and playgrounds are available in all sections. Recently a \$225,000 bond issue was approved for park improvement, especially to develop the 35-acre Creekmore Park, adjacent

to the newly established Hunt Memorial Park.

Transportation is comprehensive—railroad, highway, air. Two airlines provide east-west and north-south service. The Municipal airport is about to be expanded into a Class Four port with a \$750,000 city bond issue and federal aid.

Economically — Away Out In Front

The unique economic balance of Fort Smith, with agriculture, industry, mining and recreation as its base, has provided unusual stability. No depositor has lost a dime in a Fort Smith bank for more than 30 years. The three national banks had deposits of \$57,393,906 on October 6, 1947. Per capita deposits in the city are \$1,148, in the state \$412.

Fort Smith has the state's greatest industrial development. Factories make chiefly furniture, food products, food product containers, building materials, trailers, textiles and zinc. The city has 115 manufacturing plants employing more than 6,000 persons with average scales of 33 millions. Retail sales in 1946 were 35 millions. Effective buying power was put at 58 millions by Sales Management Magazine.

Fort Smith Industrial Building foundation offers financing to sound enterprise. Dixie Cup Company's new \$750,000 plant was built by the foundation on a ten-year purchase contract, which was paid off 11 months after the building started. Dixie Cup Company began operation late in 1947.

The building foundation is a non-profit civic corporation, created to promote sound industrial growth. The plan has been widely copied. It is always ready to talk business.

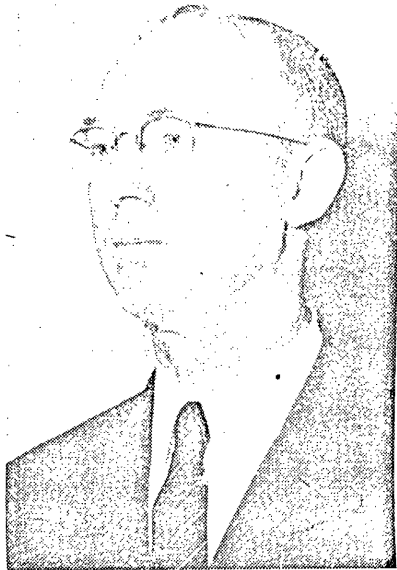
Fort Smith has all the elements for a successful career and a satisfying life. We shall be happy to help you with all the facts you want about anything. Your inquiries are invited. — CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, Fort Smith, Arkansas.

First Methodist Church Ft. Smith, When

FIRST METHODIST CHURCH

It was during the 1930's that Methodist circuit riders reached the territory of Ft. Smith. The first official record of Methodism in Ft. Smith is found in the listing of appointments of the Arkansas Conference in 1840, at which time Rev. Thomas Berthoff was appointed pastor.

The First Methodist Church building in Ft. Smith was erected in 1853. This building was in use until 1886. In 1887 the congregation felt the need of two church buildings to serve the congregation. "Central Church," a frame building, was erected at North 7th and A Streets.



REV. FRED G. ROEBUCK
Pastor First Church

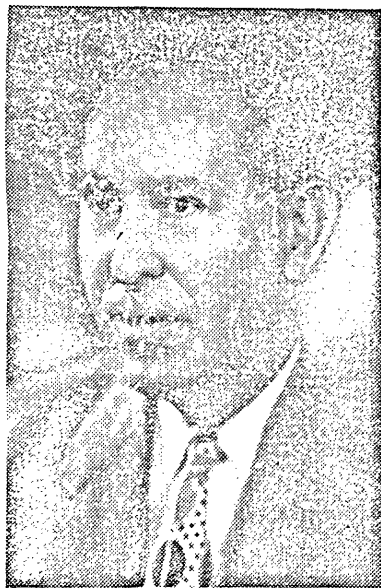
This divided congregation united again in 1916. Plans were launched in 1919 for the erection of the present main building the pastorate of Rev. J. T. McClure. It was completed during the pastorate of Rev. A. Norman Evans. The beautiful, spacious educational building, erected later, together with the sanctuary gives First Church one of the most attractive and complete church plants in the state.

The past quadrennium in the First Methodist Church has been one of achievements along many lines. The

Sunday School, the Woman's Society, the Methodist Men's Club and the congregation as a whole contributed generously to this success. The membership has increased from 2282 to



BISHOP PAUL E. MARTIN
Presiding Bishop



R. W. GREGG
Church School Superintendent

2678, a net increase of 396; total additions to church membership—896. The Sunday School has grown from an average attendance in 1944 of 513 to an average attendance of 840 in 1948, and takes pride in leading the Methodist Sunday Schools of Arkansas in average attendance.

The Woman's Society had a membership of 468 four years ago and now has a membership of 573.

The benevolences have increased from \$2,515 to \$4100, and much has been done outside the benevolences in that we paid \$13,000 on the Crusade for Christ and have sent \$300 to CARE with \$1,000 on the Fellowship of Suffering besides sending hundreds of pounds of clothing and cash for European relief. \$125 was sent to the Methodist Church in Mexico; scholarships provided for one high school student and two grammar students in India.



REV. C. WAYNE BANKS
Associate Pastor

For Methodism in Arkansas, we have paid \$25,000 on the Hendrix Campaign and increased our giving to The Methodist Children's Home from \$200 to \$900 per year. We furnished a Youth Worker in Newton County,

provided a young man with a scholarship in Hendrix College and also a scholarship in Fort Smith Junior College. First Church has contributed \$1,000 cash with furniture, chairs



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books, literature and piano to the Fifth Street Methodist Church in addition to the \$750 toward the annual



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building has been paid and the build-
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been made on church property with

the exterior of the entire plant having
been repainted; a copper roof has
been placed on the Sanctuary build-
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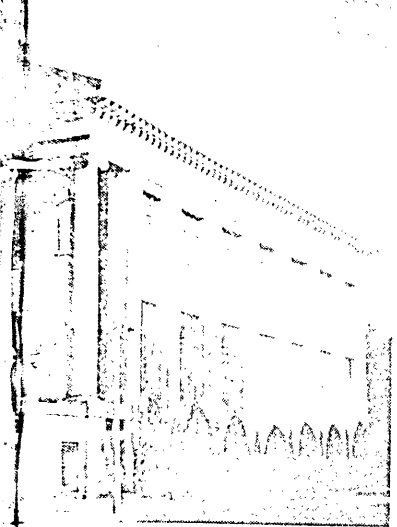
The church has purchased a com-
plete motion picture projector and
screen and has carpeted the stairways
and balcony. Also, the street has been
widened at the North end to provide
more parking space.

Our subscriptions to the Arkansas
Methodist have more than doubled
during this period, and an increased
interest in the work of the Conference
has been manifested.

The attendance at all services has
shown a definite increase and har-
mony prevails in all of the work of
the church.—Mrs. J. C. Billingsley,
Church Secretary

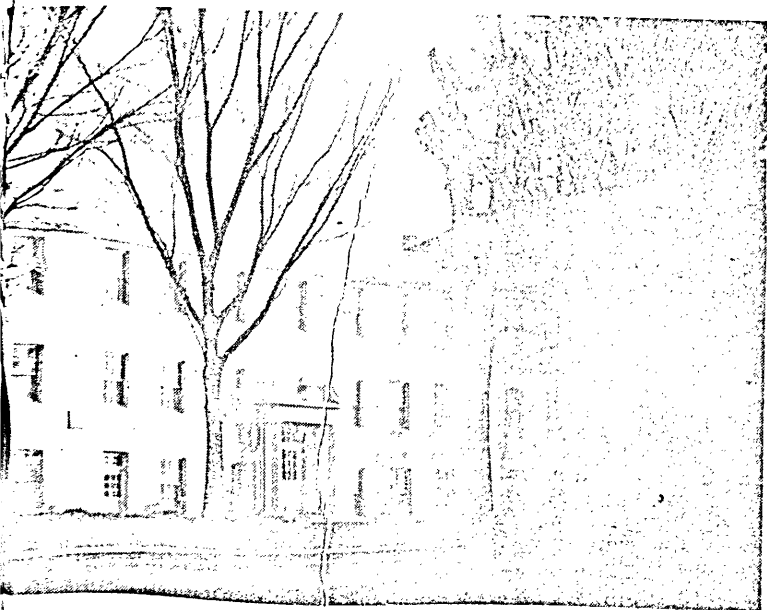
ference will show something of their
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God and the Church.

The laity of the district is unexcel-
led anywhere. We have some great
laymen with large visions, deep con-
secration and sacrificial spirit, who
are untiring in their efforts to build
the Church. Our Youth are active and
progressive. Several of them are ded-
icating themselves in full time Chris-
tian service. This year the Fort Smith
District has licensed seven persons to
preach.



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been received, among them the
bell tower and chimes, costing
\$100, an electric drinking fountain,



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FORT SMITH DISTRICT

The Fort Smith District is com-
posed of thirty-four charges with
some eighty-three individual church-
es. The membership of these church-
es is approximately 16,000 persons.

The thirty-six ministers serving in
the district have offered great leader-
ship for our churches. The report
they will make to the Annual Con-



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Chairman Official Board



REV. CECIL R. CULVER
District Superintendent

Three group ministries are actively
working in the district and real re-
sults of this group program are being
seen. We have the Scott County Group
Ministry with John W. Glover, C. I.
Martin and Miss Estelle McIntosh as
the workers in this group. This group
Ministry for the past seven years has
gradually made Methodism take its
rightful place in Scott County. We
have the Paris area group composed of
Earle Cravens and Earl Carter as pas-
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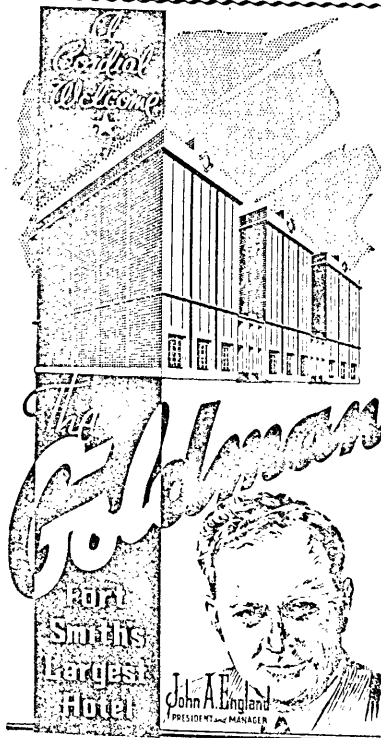
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NORTH ARKANSAS CONFERENCE NOTES

Vacation Church Schools

A total of 1774 Vacation Church Schools has been reported to the Board of Education office. This is the largest number of Vacation Church Schools ever held in the North Arkansas Conference in one year.

The reports also indicate that the quality of the schools on an average has been above that of other years.

The Vacation School clinic held on a Conference-wide basis and followed up with district and sub-district clinics helped to increase the number of schools and the quality of work done.

The Fayetteville District leads the Conference in number of Vacation Schools held having reported a total of 34. The Fort Smith and Searcy Districts are about tied for second place. All the districts with the exception of two have shown an increase over last year in the number of Vacation Schools held.

Dr. J. T. Carlyon in Bible Program

Dr. J. T. Carlyon of Perkins School of Theology, came to the North Arkansas Conference, September 19, for a three-weeks' program on Bible instruction. Thus far three of the places have reported very satisfactory attendance and excellent interest. They are: Monette, Luxora and Corning. The three other places he is giving Bible lectures are Searcy, Bald Knob and Forrest City.

This brings to a close a program of Biblical instruction which has reached many sections of the Conference under the leadership of Drs. Hicks, Davis and Carlyon. Dr. Davis has conducted two Bible conferences this week, Harrison and Heber Springs.

Other places having had a Bible program under the leadership of one of these men have been: Walnut Ridge, Newport, Earle, Wynne, Fayetteville, Green Forest, Sulphur Springs, Gentry, Ozark, Booneville and Waldron.

The types of Bible teaching brought to our conferences from year to year by these outstanding Bible teachers have made possible an openmindedness on the part of our leadership that is very evident to persons visiting our conference.

Miss Sanders To Be In Conference

Miss Mary Shipp Sanders of Denton, Texas, who rendered such valuable service in a number of training schools and in the Children's Workers' Conference during the past year is to again teach in the North Arkansas Conference.

She has promised to give the months of November and March to a teaching program in our conference.

It is hoped that churches near the centers where she will be teaching will take advantage of such an excellent opportunity for training in the program of Christian Education. Miss Sanders is known throughout the South Central Jurisdiction and beyond as one of our ablest leaders

Hendrix Pre-Theolog Organization



Pictured above is the Hendrix College Pre-Theolog organization which has a membership this year of more than eighty students. Rev. J. S. Upton, professor of religion at the college and Rev. Carl Keightley, Minister to students at the First Methodist Church in Conway are at the left end of the third row. Wilbur Redwine of Little Rock, president of the group is on the right end of the second row. Girls on the front row left to right are: Connie May, Fort Smith; Elizabeth Teague, Pine Bluff; Jo Cravens, Paris; Gloria Mitchell, Searcy; Bettye Moore, El Dorado; Sue Osment, Jonesboro; Eloise Nelson, Little Rock; Martha Love, Jonesboro; Lola Featherston, Paris; Hettie Lue Wilson, Hot Springs; Martha Lou Turner, Conway, and Regina Watson, Calico Rock. Others in the group are: Sam Auslam, Huntsville; James Beal, Rector; Earl Carter, Prairie View; Odis Cleaver, Clinton; James Clemons, Wynne; Edward Coley, Ozark; Bill Connell, Conway; Howard Cox, Huntsville; Taylor Cox, Perryville; David Crouch, Lexa; Pryor Cruce, Morrilton; Paul Dean Davis, Manila; Billie Dennis, Lexa; Leo Fong, Forrest City; Carl Fox, Gentry; Aubra Hays, Pleasant Plains; Allan Hilliard, Russellville; Clayton Holden, McRae; Robert Howerton, Oppelo; J. O. Jernigan, Conway; Alfred Johannes, Conway; Bennie Jordan, Clinton; Randolph Kerr, No.

in the field of Children's Work and on such courses as Ways of Teaching.

Annual Report

It has been the policy of the North Arkansas Conference Board of Education to have prepared an annual bulletin giving the detailed report for the Christian Education program for the year. This report is being prepared and will be printed next week, going to pastors, district superintendents and Church School superintendents. This piece of material will not only be a report but will be a piece of guidance materials for the new conference year.

Training Council Dinner

It has been the policy of the Conference Board of Education for
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REQUEST TO PASTORS OF LITTLE ROCK CONFERENCE

The following SUGGESTIONS TO PASTORS FOR CHILDREN'S WORK IN THE LITTLE ROCK CONFERENCE, 1947-48, were given to the pastors last fall. We sincerely hope that the pastor and children's workers in each church will check the following items sometime before Annual Conference, and decide where progress has been made and where the work needs to be strengthened for another year.

1. Increase enrollment and attendance—make every effort to reach Crusade for Christ Goals set by your church.

2. In January seek cooperation of public school teachers in checking Sunday School attendance of all public school pupils.

3. Stress training of parents in Christian Home-making.

a. Encourage Christian observance of all holidays in the home.

b. Observe Christian Home Week in May.

c. Provide study classes for parents in Christian Home-making.

4. Elect at least one nursery worker in every church.

5. Make every effort to provide room and equipment for the expected increase in the Children's Division.

6. The pastor teach a class in Church Membership for Juniors.

7. Provide training opportunities for the children's workers in your church.

8. Plan for a Vacation Church School in your church or churches. Plan to attend the Vacation School institute nearest you, with your children's workers.

9. Make plans for ministering to the handicapped children in your community.—Mrs. W. F. Bates.

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WOMEN IN THE CHURCHES

By Mary Fowler

An appeal to Methodist women to study the issues of the forthcoming election, to study the record of Congressmen, and to vote for those who will lead the world toward peace, is made by Miss Thelma Stevens, head of the Department of Christian Social Relations, in a statement to more than two million members of the denomination's Woman's Society of Christian Service. "The people we elect will direct the policies of this nation and largely influence the world toward peace or war," says Miss Stevens. "Which will it be? . . . Our job as Christian women is to vote intelligently ourselves, and to influence others to vote with full knowledge of the issues involved. These are not times when loyalty to any party line can be the governing factors. What are the issues? How will the candidates face them? See what your present Congressman and senators have done during the recent session of Congress!"

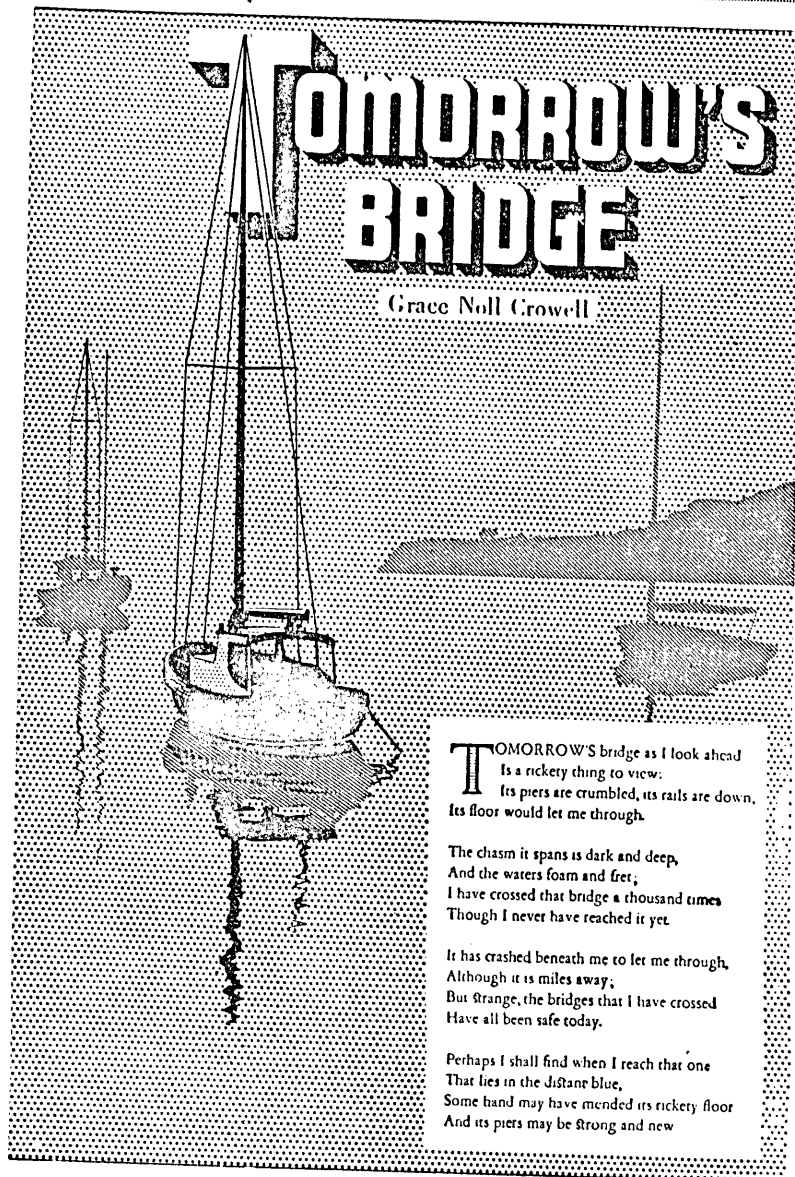
Among the women who made important contributions to the recent assembly of the World Council of Churches (interdenominational and international) in Amsterdam, Holland, was Miss Sarah Chakko, Indian principal of Isabelle Thoburn College, Lucknow. She headed the committee on "Life and Work of Women in the Church"; and the assembly voted to form a permanent commission on this subject and to continue an interest in the religious welfare of the world's women. . . . Speaking of India, Miss Chakko told the assembly that it would be "disastrous" to curtail Christian work in India; that Indians should increasingly bear Christian witness to their own people; and that laymen and laywomen are needed "to weave the word of God into the fabric of daily living."

As each of the political party conventions met this summer, the United Council of Church Women, representing ten million Protestant churchwomen, presented to the platform committees some "principles basic to human well-being and to world peace." These included fulfillment of America's obligations as a member of the United Nations, support of a reciprocal trade program, ratification of the proposed UN Covenant and the Declaration of Human Rights, the restoration of policy-making powers to civilian control, and the making of constitutional rights of every person in the U. S. This last, it was suggested, was to be achieved by elimination of lynching and mob violence, removal of the poll tax, elimination of discrimination in employment practices, housing and education. These, the women say, are what they want.

LEVY W. S. C. S. MEETS

The Woman's Society of Christian Service met at the church for an all day meeting, Wednesday, September 29th, to finish the Study of the book "Great Prayers of the Bible." A cooperative lunch was served at the noon hour.—Reporter.

A lot of drivers are just what they're cracked up to be.—Boston Sunday Post.



TOMORROW'S bridge as I look ahead
Is a rickety thing to view:
Its piers are crumbled, its rails are down,
Its floor would let me through.

The chasm it spans is dark and deep,
And the waters foam and fret,
I have crossed that bridge a thousand times
Though I never have reached it yet.

It has crashed beneath me to let me through,
Although it is miles away;
But strange, the bridges that I have crossed
Have all been safe today.

Perhaps I shall find when I reach that one
That lies in the distance blue,
Some hand may have mended its rickety floor
And its piers may be strong and new.

CAVE CITY W. S. C. S.

This is a report from the Cave City Woman's Society of Christian Service, for the period ending September 28, 1948. We have a fine group of church-loving, God-loving women in our church. Our women have accomplished a fine work since we were moved here in May. They have carried the church program forward in a fine spirit of love and co-operation.

Following are some of the things which they have accomplished:

All pledges, both to the local and missionary budget have been paid in full to date. The Upper Room is furnished for the church and shut-ins. There has been a new gas range put in the parsonage, an electric ice box installed, and two rooms of the parsonage have been papered.

The last regular meeting was held at the church, September 17. The very interesting program, "The World Council of Churches," was led by Mrs. Vann Hooker, with Mrs. Fay Goebble, Mrs. Olen Puckett, Mrs. Lu Botsford and Mrs. R. Johnson participating. Miss Fayrene Goebble sang a solo, "The Church's one Foundation." After a brief business meeting, refreshments were served to the twelve members present by Mrs. T. A. Woodyard and Mrs. W. E. Carpenter.

It was agreed to hold a special business meeting September 23. At this meeting all reporters were heard and pledges were paid. Extensive plans were made for a rummage sale to be held Oct. 23. A

committee of six, Mrs. Hooker, Mrs. Johnson, Mrs. Goebble, Mrs. Car-

TEXARKANA DISTRICT MEETS

The Woman's Society of the Texarkana District convened at the Fairview Church September 21st. The meeting was called to order by the district president, Mrs. O. B. Poland.

The morning devotional was led by Mrs. Edward Harris, who used "By His Light shall the Nations Walk" as her subject. Mrs. Tom McLean and Mrs. Eric Jensen gave instruction and inspirational messages to the members.

Four classes were taught on the new study courses which proved to be very helpful. Mrs. J. W. Mann gave the closing address of the meeting in a most effective way.

Luncheon was served by the ladies of the Fairview Church which was thoroughly enjoyed by all the visitors.

There were three conference officers present: Mrs. Edward Harris, Mrs. Tom McLean and Mrs. Eric Jensen. The following district officers were present: Mrs. O. B. Poland, Mrs. Fred Arnold, Mrs. C. J. Parson, Mrs. W. R. Shackelford, Miss Roxie Deal, Mrs. Wm. Barry, Mrs. A. J. Davis, Mrs. W. A. Finks, and Mrs. R. L. Gantt.

The following societies were represented: Richmond, Buckner, Bradley, College Hill, Wilton, Foreman, Stamps and Mena. The ladies were indebted to the District President and those who took part on the program for a helpful day.—Reporter.

penter, Mrs. Puckett and Mrs. J. M. Simpson were appointed to complete plans for the sale. Proceeds for this sale will be used to further improve the parsonage.

We are happy to be able to work this loyal group of women.—Rev. Vann Hooker, Pastor.

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CURRENT NEWS IN ARKANSAS METHODISM

YOUNG ADULT FELLOWSHIP OF FAYETTEVILLE DISTRICT

(Report to Fourth Quarterly Conference)

The Young Adult Fellowship as the youngest member among departments of the Church has had a busy year. Trying to get started and grow is always hard work but this department is capable of such.

The program has consisted of three local meetings each month plus the district meeting once a month. Two of our local meetings are discussion meetings and are held on the first and third Sunday evenings after church. In these meetings we have discussed topics of interest to the entire group and through our discussions have learned more about the church and also more about ourselves.

Our third local meeting is always a social meeting and something we look forward to. We have had, in the past year, several novel parties and some "pot-luck" dinners that can only spell more! Usually 30 to 40 people attend these socials.

Bentonville has been represented at each district meeting and can say with pride that through most of the year the Bentonville group has usually been the largest group in attendance.

The Fellowship is now started on its second year and with its new staff plans to be very active. Under the newly elected officers some new measures are being tried. Instead of annual committee appointments there will be quarterly appointments of one individual to head and provide for the various phases of the work. This is to pass the responsibility through the entire group and keep everyone busy. A fine course of study on "Achieving a Christian Home Today" has been obtained and the literature distributed. We are expecting much from this study.

The Fellowship has given the young adults of our church some food for thought as well as some pleasure through the past year and has set out to provide even more of the same through the next.—Rex W. Blair, President.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS AND TEACHERS AT HUNTER MEMORIAL

Hunter Memorial Church, Little Rock, Rev. C. H. Farmer, pastor, has elected the following officers and teachers for the ensuing year:

James H. Johnson, general superintendent; Mrs. Frank Agge, superintendent of Children's Division; S. L. Galusha, superintendent of Youth Division; J. D. Patton, superintendent of Adult Division; Mrs. Harry Galusha, superintendent of Nursery Department, Mrs. Travis Watkins, assistant; Mrs. C. H. Farmer, superintendent of Kindergarten Department, Mrs. M. H. Wylie; Mrs. James H. Johnson, superintendent of Primary Department, Mrs. J. L. Braden, Mrs. G. R. Moore, Mrs. Frank Ross, Mrs. Claude Machen, teachers; Mrs. James R. Ross, superintendent of Junior Department, Mrs. Clarence Machen, Mrs. Dixon Thompson, Frank Aggee, teachers, Intermediate Department, Mrs. S. L. Galusha, Ben Goss, teachers, Mrs. Ruth Hickory, counselor, Senior De-

REPORT FROM COLUMBIA CHARGE

Many have been the experiences that have inspired my endeavors to carry on for my Heavenly Father in my thirty-eight years of ministry to help build the Kingdom of Christ in this present world. I have enjoyed the glorious privilege of working and cooperating with many of the ministry as well as the great and consecrated lay members of our church.

I have witnessed the saving of many precious souls through the years of my ministry and today I am happy to know that my Father provided a place in his great plan that I could fill. I am determined more than ever to reconsecrate my effort to build his Kingdom and labor with his people. I am serving the second year on this work and I have never worked with a more loyal and faithful membership. They have proved themselves equal to the task as it has been placed before them.

This year had a very discouraging beginning. Because of a very severe winter with roads that could not be traveled through I could not get to my people. They did not lose interest in the work that needed so much to be carried on. They kept their Sunday School and young

REVIVAL AT KINGREE CHAPEL

The revival at Kingree Chapel should be an inspiration to a number of our country churches to see what can be done.

Old Kingree Chapel had stood neglected for many years; the neighborhood had changed its population; its membership had transferred to the town church or moved away. When Rev. L. Gray Wilson came the fine old church was going to ruin; it should be rebuilt, put into use again; surely there were some Methodists left in the neighborhood. Only two women were found whose names were still on its membership book. Their husbands who were not members became helpers and the chapel was carefully taken down and rebuilt. When it was almost ready for use it burned completely. During the rebuilding so many had become interested in it that it was decided to rebuild in tile and cement. This summer it was finished and all paid for and dedicated.

In August Rev. L. Gray Wilson held a week of meetings. He preached some splendid true revival sermons and ended with eighteen new members on profession of faith. The meeting was well attended by many who had drifted away.

Now Kingree Chapel is a reality again thanks to Brother Wilson's untiring efforts.—Mrs. S. M. Stallard.

partment, Mrs. J. R. Coe, counselor, G. G. Lee, teacher. Young People's Class, Mrs. Richard Nelson, teacher. Teachers in the Adult Division are: Mother's Class, Mrs. H. M. Gordon; Mills Class, Mrs. E. W. Masters; Young Adult Class, Wallace Alexander; Watson Bible Class, E. N. Pharis.

These workers were installed at the church service on Sunday, October 3.—James H. Johnson.

LAYMEN'S MEETING IN SEARCY DISTRICT

More than one hundred and eighty-five laymen from the southern end of the Searcy District attended a Rally at the First Methodist Church in Searcy, Tuesday night, September 21, under the leadership of Joe S. Pierce, District Lay Leader. A bountiful chicken dinner was prepared and served by the Men's Brotherhood of the Searcy Church.

Dr. Matt L. Ellis, president of Hendrix College and Lay Leader for the North Arkansas Conference, was the principal speaker. He stated that this was the largest number of laymen in attendance of any of the District Rallies held in this conference.

Mr. Pierce plans to hold a rally for the northern end of the District at Harrison soon after the session of the Annual Conference.

The following churches were represented: Antioch, Augusta, Bald Knob, Bradford, Beebe, Cabot, Griffithville, Heber Springs, First, Heber Springs, Central, Kensett, McCrory, Pangburn, Quitman, Rosebud and Searcy. — The Men's Brotherhood, Searcy Methodist Church.

people's work going on just the same.

In July in the midst of my first revival being held by Rev. Gray Wilson, one of our finest revivalists and consecrated men, I submitted to an operation which prevented me from being with my people in the other revivals which were already planned.

The revival at Sherman held by Brother Wilson was one of the greatest that has been in several years. People were made to feel the presence of God in the person of the Holy Spirit and came to the altar to reconsecrate themselves to God.

At the Philadelphia Church, beginning the first Sunday in August an old-time revival was held. Sinners gave their hearts to God, were baptized and came into the church. Several came in by transfer throughout the week. Large crowds attended. We will never forget Brother Wilson and the wonderful work that he did for the people and pastor. Brother Myron Pierce was present through part of this meeting as it is his home church.—A. N. Stonecipher, Pastor.

FORT SMITH DISTRICT

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tors. This summer Walter Johnson a ministerial student from Hendrix, worked in this group and Carmine Stahl, one of our young ministers, gave his services during the summer. Lola Featherstone, Patsy Hixon and Joe Cravens also shared in the program by being a part of a fellowship team. This Group Ministry held eight revivals, seven Vacation Church Schools, including one for the Negroes in Paris, two Christian Adventure Institutes, two Youth Activities weeks and one Junior Activities week. Over eighty persons have been received into the Churches and three new preaching places have been established. The Crawford County Group Ministry is composed of Floyd Villines Jr., Raymond Franks, William Stegall, Thomas Whiddon and Woodrow Woods. This group has held ten revivals this year, two of these in new centers. One meeting was held out in a section of the county where revival services had not been held for years. The men of the community built a brush arbor and the ministers of the county held the service. There were as many as thirty-two children in our children's song service. How those children enjoyed those services! Night after night the people came and heard the gospel. I think the Methodist Church convinced these people that we are interested in them and want to serve them. This group has received 132 persons into the Church this year. We believe in the Group Ministry in the Fort Smith District and hope to eventually have the entire district organized under this program.

Methodism in the district at large continues to grow. 1,117 members have been received into the churches this year; 664 by vows and 453 by certificate. During the past three years Church School enrollment has grown from 9,476 to 12,637. This year the enrollment is 1,102 more than last year. World Service giving has increased. We now pay 15 per cent more than our askings. Salaries have increased 50 per cent the past three years.

Ministers and laymen alike rejoice in the growth of Methodism in the Fort Smith District and look forward to the future with confidence and hope.—Cecil R. Culver, District Superintendent.

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HISTORY OF SYLVAN HILLS METHODIST CHURCH

The Sylvan Hills Methodist Church was begun the first week in May, 1947. It seemed that the prospects for a Methodist Church were good in Sylvan Hills, and on May 25th, the charter membership of 30 was established. Rev. Randolph Kerr, student at Hendrix, was obtained as the first pastor of the church. The location of the church was at first planned for the Sherwood addition, but due to the preponderance of membership in Sylvan Hills, and to the generous offer of a grant of land by Ernest Gragson, the church moved to its present site, just north of the Sylvan Hills Grocery.

The church grew to such an extent through the summer months that with the help of the Methodist Board of Church Extension a full-time pastor was appointed to the church in November of 1947, who was Rev. William W. Wilder, a graduate of Hendrix College and Perkins School Theology of Southern Methodist University.

This fall the church is just completing its first full conference year. It has continued to grow steadily in membership, taking in 32 new members while losing seven by transfer, which makes a net growth of 25 or 58 per cent gain over last year. Total membership of the church is 68.

The church now owns land in Sylvan Hills estimated conservatively at \$2450, and a building that cost \$900. It has saved \$800 toward its new building.

FORDYCE MAKE PROGRESS

A major point in the work of the Fordyce Church this year is the revival meeting conducted under the leadership of Brother Roland E. Darrow, pastor of Monticello First Church. Brother Darrow's preaching was unique, informing, and inspiring, and his leadership constructive. Our people enjoyed every message and profited greatly from the spiritual content and confident mood. Attendance was good at every service and fifteen members were added to the church with eleven baptisms.

The congregation has been without a residence for the minister for a number of years but has ended that situation by purchasing the home of the late P. W. Dedman. This is a commodious brick veneer house beautifully located near the church. The work of repairing and redecorating is now well under way and the pastor will be able to move in within a week or ten days.

The fine people of Fordyce Methodism have shown a splendid spirit of interest in and cooperation with the program of the church, and have been loyal and helpful to the pastor in every detail.—R. A. Teeter, Pastor.

It is hoped that the new year will see that new building under construction. With the financial help of the other Methodist churches of North Little Rock, and the backing of the Board of Church Extension, a new \$6000 structure is planned, and it is hoped that work will begin in the spring.—Reporter.

CARLISLE CHURCH SCHOOL

The Carlisle Church School has made progress during the past year, under the leadership of Superintendent A. E. Owens. Promotion Day services were held on September 26th. Reports showed an increase in enrollment from 212 to 284. Awards were presented to twenty-four for perfect attendance. C. C. Perkins has perhaps the most nearly perfect long time attendance record of any person in the district. All departments of the school are well organized and a spirit of cooperation exists throughout the church.—Mrs. J. L. Woosley.

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By J. ALBERT GATLIN, District Superintendent

BEGINNING on Friday evening Sept. 3, at 6:30 with a Fellowship dinner sponsored by Methodist Men's Fellowship of Jonesboro and of Craighead County under the leadership of B. Q. Lambert, president, and W. R. Melton, chairman, three great days were enjoyed in the Jonesboro District.

Dr. J. Q. Schisler, a product of Craighead County, and executive secretary of the General Board of Christian Education of the Methodist Church was a guest of honor along with Bishop

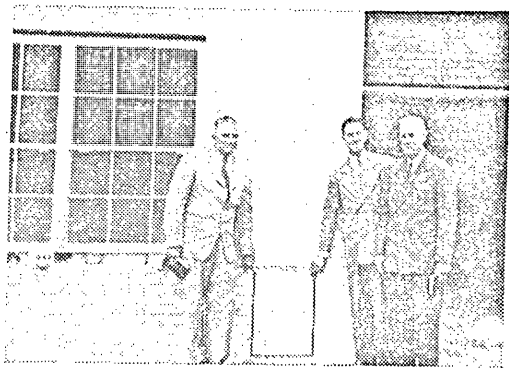
the group went to the church where Bishop Martin laid the cornerstone for the new educational building. On Saturday evening the party went to the home of Rev. and Mrs. W. B. Yount, Mark and Kelly, at Dyess, for supper. At 8:00 p. m. the beautiful new church was dedicated. The new building replaces the old one which was destroyed by fire a year ago. Beautiful and inspiring is this edifice so splendidly constructed under the leadership of Bro. Yount.

On Sunday morning the Pleasant Grove Church on the Brookland Charge was dedicated. This beautiful church has been built under the leadership of Rev. Arvil Brannon. A bountiful

spoke to a large and appreciative congregation.

Three days of Visitation Evangelism followed the Bishop's visit. This was closed by a pastors' and laymen's meeting at Leachville on Thursday night. Reports from the pastors showed that more than one hundred persons were added to the church in the three days visitation carried on by the pastors and their own people.

A laymen's meeting directed by Carroll

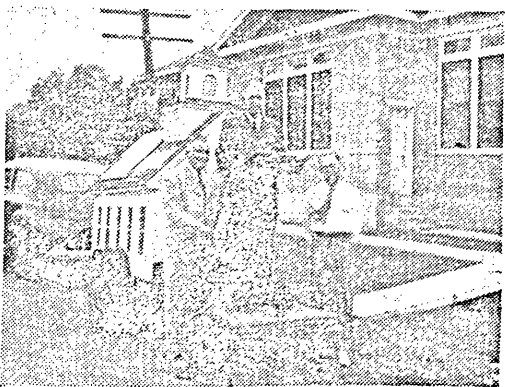


L. to R.: Rev. J. A. Gatlin, Rev. Irl Bridenthal and Bishop Paul E. Martin at Lepanto Cornerstone Service.

and Mrs. Paul E. Martin at the dinner. Dr. Schisler gave the main address at the dinner and inspired all present with a most splendid message on the Fundamental Bases of a Christian Life. He is held in high esteem by the people of his own section and it was a high privilege to have him back for a little while.

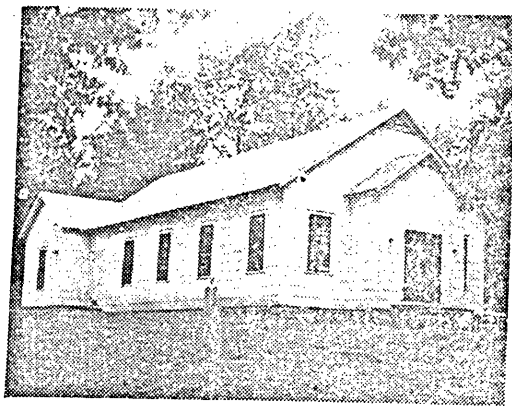
At 8:00 p. m. Bishop Martin addressed a great rally composed of pastors and laymen from all over the district. He brought a great message on the Advance Program for the coming quadrennium.

On Saturday Bishop and Mrs. Martin, accompanied by the district superintendent made official visits to new building projects at Leachville where under the leadership of Rev. E. H. Hall, who is in his eleventh year at Leachville, a most thorough job has been done in building a new educational building and complete rebuilding of the old church. A beautiful new brick church now stands at a prominent place on Leachville's busy thoroughfare. We went



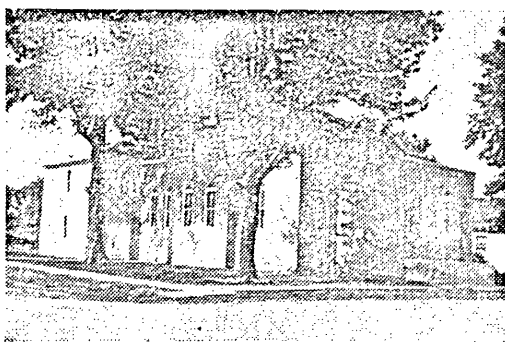
L. to R.: Rev. J. A. Gatlin, Bishop Paul E. Martin, Rev. Lee Anderson with Mobile Chapel

to Manila for dinner with Rev. and Mrs. Martin Bierbaum and Joy Margaret. Bishop Martin was delighted with the new educational building just completed at Manila this year. It is a two-story building with large fellowship hall, spacious departments for children and youth, and all modern conveniences. At Lepanto in the afternoon at 3:30 under the direction of Rev. Irl Bridenthal and Rev. Lee Anderson, pastor of the Wesley Mobile Chapel, Bishop Martin brought a challenging and most appropriate message to a great throng of people on the streets of Lepanto from the platform of the mobile chapel which is probably the most traveled church in the world. The service was opened by an introductory address by Fred Stuckey, a prominent laymen of Lepanto, who was high in his praise of the Bishop for coming to the down town section for a service. After this



Pleasant Grove Church

basket dinner was enjoyed at the noon hour. This building was constructed with the idea in mind of better serving all of the needs of the people. It has a fellowship annex which will be enjoyed by the entire membership of the church. On Sunday afternoon at 3:30 the cornerstone was laid for the magnificent structure in process of erection at Osceola. More than \$200,000 will be expended in construction of this great cathedral. It will be one of the outstanding church edifices in the State from the standpoint of architectural appointments and usefulness. Rev. H. J. Couchman and the good



Leachville Church

people at Osceola are looking forward to greater days in their church life.

The itinerary was ended at Marked Tree with the evening meal in the home of the Womacks who are enjoying one of the most



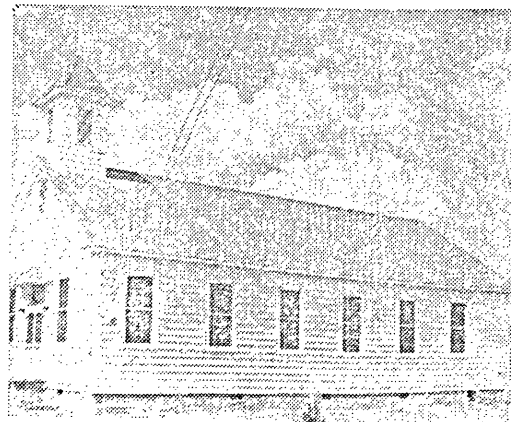
New Educational Building at Manila.

beautiful and convenient parsonages in the Conference. It is the fulfillment of a dream of years. The great appreciation of the people for the pastor and his wife is manifested in the building of the house. At 8:00 p. m. the Bishop



DR. J. Q. SCHISLER

Watson, Charles Stuck, and W. R. Willis, district and Associate Lay Leaders, was climaxed by a great address by Dr. Matt Ellis, Conference Lay Leader and President of Hendrix College. Dr. Ellis brought an inspiring message to the laymen upon their privileges and responsibilities as men of God and helpers in His Kingdom.



New Methodist Church at Dyess.

The laymen's relationship to the pastor as a friend and helper, not apart from the church program, but as an integral part of it, was stressed.

There are other building projects that time forbade the Bishop's visiting at this time, but he will visit them as soon as they are completed and schedule can be arranged for dedication or personal inspection.

As this district superintendent comes to the end of the six-year period on the Jonesboro District, which has seen the beginning and completion of the Crusade, practically all of the war period as related to our Nation, economic and civic stresses, he is grateful to the Heavenly Father for all of the opportunities for service and help to a great group of Methodist preachers and laymen. Many have been the victories, and mixed with them has been the experiences of sorrow and heartache, but the presence of the Master and the fellowship of the brethren have brought blessings far in excess of any shadows along the way.

To the great people led by great preachers I say thanks, and thanks again, adieu and good sailing through all waters until the pest is reached at last.

NEWS ABOUT HENDRIX COLLEGE

Dining Hall Plans Complete

Plans and specifications for the proposed dining hall-student center were completed this week by Wittenberg, Deloney and Davidson, Little Rock architects, and contractors have been asked to submit bids for the structure.

The Board of Trustees will meet at the college October 26 and will consider the bids at that time. Meeting with the trustees will be the committee of fourteen ministers and laymen which has been specially in charge of plans for the building program.

According to President Matt L. Ellis, if the trustees find a bid that is acceptable, construction should begin at once. Plans for the second contemplated structure, a chapel and fine arts building are being pushed to completion.

Homecoming Festivities Planned

Homecoming festivities will be held on the campus November 13, according to Miss Elizabeth Poole, alumni coordinator.

The Warriors will meet Arkansas College on the football field at 2 p. m. and crowning of the homecoming queen will take place at 8 p. m. in the gymnasium. Homecoming queen will be elected soon by the members of the football team.

Board of governors and officers of the Alumni Association will meet October 5 to plan activities which will be climaxed with the Homecoming celebration. Among events scheduled are dinners for Hendrix alumni and friends at the North Arkansas Conference of the Methodist Church in Fort Smith October 16, for the Little Rock Conference in Little Rock October 22, and for the Arkansas Education Association meeting in Little Rock November 11.

Annual Art Exhibition Announced

The fourth annual exhibition of Arkansas art will open here November 1, according to Frank Govan, assistant professor of art. After a week's showing on the campus, the best of the works will begin a tour of the state.

A special attempt is being made this year to interest untrained painters of Arkansas scenes, Mr. Govan said.

In last year's traveling exhibition, thirty-five of the best works in the display were shown at Little Rock, Hot Springs, Pine Bluff and twenty other Arkansas towns under the auspices of various civic groups.

Any person who is now a resident of Arkansas or who was born in Arkansas and now lives elsewhere is eligible to enter work in the exhibition. An entry fee of one dollar per entry is charged.

Classifications of art to be shown in the exhibition will be water color, oil, sculpture, drawing, and graphic

arts. Entry blanks may be secured by writing Frank Govan, Department of Art, Hendrix College, Conway, Arkansas. The deadline for entries has been set at October 27.

Freshmen Elect Officers

Final tabulations in the freshman election held last week give the presidency to Bill Dabbs of Little Rock and the senatorship to Jim Buckley of Gurdon.

Dabbs and Buckley, winners over five other candidates, will represent their class in the student senate. This group, headed by Harry Buckanan of Paragould, directs the student government at Hendrix. Representatives of the other classes were elected at the close of last year.

King To Head Spokesman

Ray King of Perry will head this year's list of officers for the Spokesman group, formerly known as the Debate Club. Other officers are Allan Stokes of Little Rock, vice-president; Gladys Blakney of Little Rock, secretary; and L. D. Roth of Stuttgart, treasurer.

Miss Geneva Eppes, assistant professor of speech at the college, is faculty sponsor of the group. Dr. O. T. Gooden of the economics department and Miss Eppes were made honorary members this year.

Purpose of the organization is to increase interest in forensics on the campus and to give its members training in the fields of debating, extemporaneous speaking, poetry reading, and other aspects of public appearances.

Booster Club Fills Quota

Election of four students to membership in the Booster Club completes that organization's membership for the year.

Those elected are Warren Kimbrough, senior from Ozark; James Christopher, senior from Conway; John Workman, sophomore from North Little Rock, and Joan Pollard, sophomore from Stuttgart.

Purpose of the thirty-member club is to promote student interests particularly in the field of athletics.—Margaret Pullig.

NORTH ARKANSAS CONFERENCE NOTES

(Continued from page 10)

years to have a dinner for the members of the Training Council, some evening during the session of the Annual Conference. This dinner has been arranged for Thursday evening, 5:30 o'clock, October 14, First Church, Ft. Smith.

The Training Council is composed of all persons certified as training course instructors or as deans together with certain other persons who are members by virtue of the office held.

Letters have gone out to all members of the Council inviting them to be the guests of the Board of Education. Persons planning to attend should return the enclosed card, which was sent with the letter of invitation.

Board Report

The North Arkansas Conference Board of Education is to report at 10:00 a. m., October 14. An hour has been designated for this report. Certain representatives of Christian education are to be heard at that time along with the reading of the report of the Board of Education.

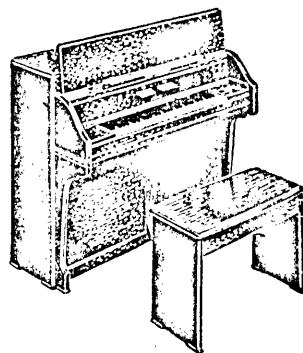
The meeting of the old Board of Education will be held at the close of the conference session on Wednesday afternoon, October 13.

The new Board of Education will meet on Thursday afternoon for its organizational meeting and beginning of its work.

Church School Day Offerings

The reports on Church School Day offering through September 29 make a total for this conference year above that of any previous year since 1930.

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LAW IN THE BIBLE

LESSON FOR OCTOBER 17, 1948

Scripture Text: Leviticus 19:1-18; Deuteronomy 5:6;

Matthew 22:34-40.

Golden Text: 22:37-39.

We live in a universe of law. Laws that regulate life, growth, and death in the physical realm. Law is also prevalent and predominant in the mental realm. This is also true in the spiritual realm. Years past Drummond wrote a great book on, "Natural Law in the Spiritual World." God the Creator and Upholder of the universe is a God of law.

God not only places us under laws to obey Him, He also regulates our conduct toward our fellowmen, requiring us to do many good deeds for them and prohibiting our doing them any wrong.

All moral obligations root back to the commandments given us in the Decalogue.

God Gave Moses The Decalogue

They had no written moral law during the time they were in Egyptian bondage. When they escaped from Egypt and had journeyed as far as Sinai, they halted to hear what God had given to Moses on the tablets of stone. (Read Exodus 20:1-17)

Teach The Law To Children

"And when thy son asketh thee in time to come, saying, What mean the testimonies, and the statutes, and the judgements, which the Lord our God hath commanded you? Then thou shalt say unto thy son, We were Pharaoh's bondmen in Egypt; and the Lord brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand: And the Lord showed signs and wonders, great and sore, upon Egypt, upon Pharaoh, and upon all his household, before our eyes: And he brought us out from thence, that he might bring us in, to give us the land which he swore unto our fathers. And the Lord commanded us to do all these statutes, to fear the Lord our God, for our good always, that he might preserve us alive, as it is at this day. And it shall be our righteousness, if we observe to do all these commandments before the Lord our God, as he hath commanded us. (Deuteronomy 6:20-25)

Hebrew parents were required to teach the Law of God to their children. The Jews then and now spend much time and money to teach the Law of God to their children. Recently I read that the Jews spend more money per capita for religious education than do the Christian for the education of their children. All Christian children should be rooted and grounded in the Bible truths long before they enter the public schools.

Teachers in our Church Schools ought to teach as much Bible truths to our kindergarten department children. The Book of Leviticus brings to us some interesting rules in human relationships. "And when you read the harvest of your land, thou shalt not wholly reap the corners of thy field, neither shalt thou gather the gleanings of thy harvest. And thou shalt not glean thy vineyard, neither shalt thou gather every grape of thy vineyard; thou shalt

leave them for the poor and stranger: I am the Lord your God. Ye shall not steal, neither deal falsely, neither lie one to another. And ye shall not swear by my name falsely, neither shalt thou profane the name of thy God: I am the Lord. Thou shalt not defraud thy neighbor, neither rob him: The wages of him that is hired shall not abide with thee all night until the morning. Thou shalt not curse the deaf, nor put a stumbling block before the blind, but shalt fear thy God: I am the Lord. Ye shall do no unrighteousness in judgement: thou shalt not respect the person of the poor, nor honor the person of the mighty: but in righteousness shalt thou judge. thy neighbor. Thou shalt not go up and down as talebearer among thy people: neither shalt thou stand against the blood of thy neighbor: I am the Lord. Thou shalt not hate thy brother in thine heart: thou shalt in any wise rebuke thy neighbor, and not suffer upon him. Thou shalt not avenge, nor bear any grudge against the children of thy people, but shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. I am the Lord." (Leviticus 19:9-18)

Jesus Summarizes The Whole Law

"But when the Pharisees had heard that he had put the Sadducees to silence, they were gathered together. Then one of them, which was a lawyer, asked him a question, tempting him, and saying, Master, which is the great commandment in the law? Jesus said unto him, Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it, Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets" (Matthew 22:34-40.) Love God and act accordingly, love your fellowman and act accordingly is all that is required, but all this is required. To love God and act accordingly means to do all God requires us to do, and to refrain from doing all that God forbids. If you really love God and are conscious of his presence, we will not do, say, or think anything displeasing to him. To think, speak, and act so that we please God, is a holy desire. Why not try it??

Jesus elevated "Love Thy Neighbor" to the same rank as "Love Thy God." Love thy neighbor as thyself is not found in the original Ten Commandments. It is found in Leviticus 19:18, enmeshed with other matters not so important. But Jesus takes it out of that category and puts it on a par with loving God. This he did to emphasize human relationship. No man can love God and be mean to his neighbor. If a man loves not his neighbor whom he has seen, how can he love God whom he has not seen??

The Bible The Best Law Book

There were among other codes

made in ancient times Solon's, Draco's, Confucius's, Hammurabi's, and others most all of which were fine. But there is something in the Bible code so remarkable, so helpful, so in keeping with humanity's best interest, as to make it altogether unique. It has a moral tone and a literary finish not found in the other codes.

Obedience

The best of codes are useless if not obeyed. Bible law, with all its beauty, is useless if not obeyed. Law has merit as it is obeyed. Parents, public school teachers, Church school teachers, officers of the law, and all other good citizens, ought to combine in teaching the oncoming generation obedience.

Disobedience in the home, in the school, in society, results in landing the rebel in the penitentiary. Most of all the one hundred thousand convicts incarcerated today will acknowledge that they began to be disobedient in the home, and in the public school. We need obedience, old-fashioned, down-right, unright, outright, obedience in the home, church and state.

Does It Pay To Obey The Law?

It pays to obey the laws of nature in eating, exercising, relaxing. Many people are in their graves who would be active and useful today had they obeyed nature's laws. Much of our illness, and many of our foibles grow out of disobedience

to the laws of health: "Be sure your sins will find you out," applies to natural laws as well as to spiritual laws. I knew a man who would over-eat, then tell me, "I inherited my weak stomach from my mother." His mother was not to blame in any wise.

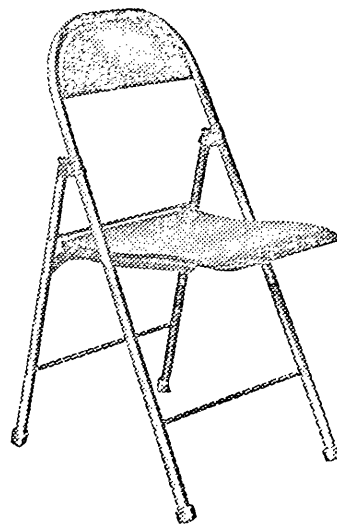
A very distinguished clergyman was told by his physician that he was suffering from "hypernutrition." This big word sounded big to him and he had a great satisfaction telling his friends that a very distinguished specialist had told him of his condition. One friend laughed in his face and told the minister that his doctor had used a very polite word for "glutton." We need to beware, and obey the laws of dietetics.

We need to obey the civil and criminal laws of our country. I never preached in a jail or penitentiary that I did not think, "The way of the transgressor is hard." I never conducted a funeral service for a man who had lived and died in disobedience, that I did not think of the passage, "The wages of sin is death." God does not promise to give you prosperity, health, and peace, if you obey his laws, but these things usually come as a consequence of obeying God's laws.

We have a wonderful collection of social laws in the Holy Bible. Let us learn these laws and obey them implicitly.

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