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## Little Rock Conference Votes For June Session

THE proposal to change the date for holding the annual session of the Little Rock Conference was brought before the conference session in Little Rock last week.

When the matter was first presented, after various amendments and a general discussion, the conference voted to recommend to the bishop to fix the next session of the Conference in early September.

On Saturday the conference voted to reconsider the action taken recommending the September meeting. After a rather lengthy debate the conference voted, by a somewhat substantial majority, to recommend that the next session of the conference be held in June.

If Bishop Martin follows the recommendations adopted by our two Annual Conference in Arkansas, the next session for each of the conferences will be held in June of next year.

As a result of the action of our two conferences on this matter, we are to have the opportunity to test the spring conference in Arkansas. In all probability it will prove as satisfactory as it advocates have argued that it would. This is a question that could never have been satisfactorily answered without a trial. That, the bishop willing, we are now to have.

We well know now, by experience, the handicaps and the advantages of the fall conference. As late as 1929 the North Arkansas Conference opened its session on November 27 and closed December 1. Before that time it was not unusual for the conference date to include early days in December. Since 1929, one or the other of our conferences has tried every week from the last week of November to the middle of October. We have right well run the gauntlet of advisable fall dates. When we have had a thorough trial of the June session we will then be in a position to judge by experience as to the best date for our conference sessions.

Because of the large number of changes made in appointments each year, the season of the year in which our preachers move is very important. Other matters also make it necessary to select the time of the session with care. We feel sure that all Methodist Churches in Arkansas will be in sympathy with the sincere effort being made to determine the most satisfactory time to hold our Annual Conferences.

## We Are In The New Quadrennium

WITH the adjournment of the North Arkansas and Little Rock Conferences, Arkansas Methodism enters the new quadrennium with its "Advance for Christ and His Church" program.

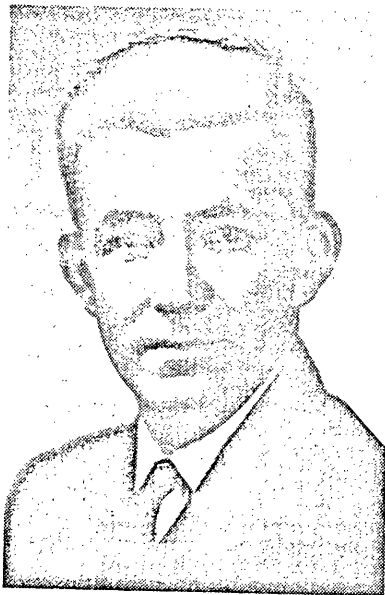
The never-to-be-forgotten Crusade for Christ of the past quadrennium was truly a historical movement that opened the way for a reshaping of the mind of Christendom as to the possibilities of united action by the church in our troubled world. That movement became a pattern for similar movements in practically all of our larger Protestant bodies.

While the "Advance for Christ and His Church" program will naturally follow a somewhat different pattern, those who are familiar with the plans feel that it has even deeper significance and more far-reaching possibilities than the program of the past quadrennium. Methodism is on the march and it will never be content to go back to the more conservative activities of earlier days.

## The Associate Editor Becomes An Editor

At the recent session of the North Arkansas Conference, Bishop Paul E. Martin, acting on the recommendation of the Joint Commission of The Arkansas Methodist of the Little Rock and North Arkansas Conferences, appointed both E. T. Wayland and Ewing T. Wayland as editors of the Arkansas Methodist, in the words of the Commission, "to share jointly the responsibility as editors and business managers of the Arkansas Methodist."

In writing for the editorial page for the past two years, the editor, and associate editor have written editorially



without "earmarking" our editorials. As editors we shall continue to follow the same policy. Feeling, however, that our readers generally would like to be better acquainted with the newly appointed editor, the "elder" editor assumes responsibility for this bit of an introduction.

Rev. Ewing T. Wayland was licensed to preach in 1937; he was admitted on trial in the Annual Conference in 1941 and was admitted into full connection in 1943. He is a graduate of Hendrix College and of The School of Theology of Southern Methodist University. While in Hendrix he received his first appointment, the Springfield Circuit in the Conway District. At Dallas he served a charge for two years in the North Texas Conference. Completing his work in the School of Theology, he was appointed pastor at Prairie Grove in the Fayetteville District of the North Arkansas Conference. After three years he was appointed to Central Avenue, Batesville.

While there he entered the service and spent fifteen months in the United States Navy as a Chaplain. Since his return from the navy he has been serving on the staff of the Arkansas Methodist as associate editor. At the recent Annual Conference in Fort Smith he was given added responsibility, not only by being appointed an editor of the Arkansas Methodist, but also by being elected Secretary of the Conference for the new quadrennium.

## Meeting Of The Little Rock Conference

OPENING at 10:00 o'clock Wednesday of the past week and closing with the reading of the appointments at the close of the morning service Sunday, the Little Rock Conference held an annual meeting that was not only progressive and forward-looking in its spirit but was also intensely interesting from the beginning to the end.

Although he had just held the North Arkansas Conference the week before, with all of the exacting demands on the mental, physical and spiritual powers of a bishop that an Annual Conference makes, Bishop Martin seemed to direct the affairs of the conference with the same courteous, considerate, efficient manner that he might have exercised had he just returned from a period of undisturbed rest.

The reports of district superintendents and the various Boards and other agencies of the conference indicated that the Little Rock Conference had enjoyed unusual success in the year's work. Rev. Otto W. Teague delivered a helpful, inspiring message at the Service of Commemoration. Rev. Fred R. Harrison conducted the devotional services each morning at which time he gave a gripping, stimulating report of the World Council of Churches which recently met in Amsterdam, Holland. Dr. Kenneth Pope, guest conference preacher, delivered a series of dynamic sermons that stirred the hearts of his hearers. Bishop W. C. Martin, of the Dallas Area, spoke at the Advance for Christ meeting on Friday evening. His message was both a stirring revelation of the meaning of the movement and a prophecy of the widespread good that will follow the successful culmination of such a program. The sermon by the presiding bishop Sunday morning was a fitting climax to these spiritual experiences of a great Annual Conference.

The conference voted to hold its next session at the First Methodist Church in Hot Springs.

## Act No. Two Practically Destroys Local Option

THE editor recently read an editorial by a publicly confessed opponent to prohibition. In the editorial the writer was explaining the simplicity of Act Number 2. According to the writer it "would simply require that local option elections shall be held on the regular general election date, which is always the second Tuesday in November of even-numbered years." And then the "punch line" stated "Act Number 2 is just as simple as that."

The purpose of Act Number 2 is "just as simple as that." If anyone with a reasonable understanding of the English language is having any trouble understanding the purpose of Act Number 2 we have not heard about it. The thing that no anti-prohibitionist would publicize just now is the reason for Act Number 2 as a liquor-sponsored measure.

It is the reason for Act Number 2 that alarms the soberminded citizenship of Arkansas. If anyone thinks the supporters of the liquor traffic are out tearing their shirts and spending their ill-gotten gains for the simple purpose of consolidating elections, with no ulterior motives, he does not know the first letter of the alphabet regarding the motives that prompt dealers in the liquor business.

It is common knowledge among those familiar with the liquor business.  
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## Individual Reports Of Pastors--Little Rock Conference

**BRYANT**—Rev. O. L. Daniel, pastor. Members received by transfer 8 and on profession of faith 17. Salaries and World Service Askings paid 100 per cent.

**GILLET**—Rev. Jeff P. Paul, pastor. Members received by transfer 9 and on profession of faith 6. Salaries and World Service acceptances 100 per cent. Amount raised for building parsonage \$836.

**HORATIO**—Rev. Giles B. Pixley, pastor. Members received by transfer 3 and on profession of faith 23. Salaries and World Service Askings paid 100 per cent. Amount raised for church improvements \$600, and for building fund \$200. Increase in church school attendance 10 per cent.

**HATFIELD**—Rev. C. E. Laurence, pastor. Members received by transfer 8 and on profession of faith 17. Salaries and World Service Askings paid 100 per cent. Increase in church school enrollment 15 per cent, and in church school attendance 25 per cent.

**DELIGHT CT.**—Rev. Osborne White, pastor. Members received by transfer 5 and on profession of faith 4. Salaries and World Service Askings paid 100 per cent. Amount raised for church improvements \$195, and on the parsonage \$1000, and for debt retirement \$250.

**DALARK**—Rev. R. L. Diffie, pastor. Members received by transfer 5 and on profession of faith 4. Salaries and World Service Askings paid 100 per cent. Amount raised for improvements on church \$1200, and raised for parsonage \$400. Amount raised for debt retirement \$200.

**ASHDOWN**—Rev. C. M. Atchley, pastor. Members received by transfer 6 and on profession of faith 17. Salaries and World Service Askings paid 100 per cent. Amount raised for building purposes \$2000. Increase in church school enrollment 20 per cent.

**FOUNTAIN HILL**—Rev. J. C. Van Horn, pastor. Members received by transfer 2 and on profession of faith 7. Salaries and World Service Askings paid 100 per cent. Raised for improvements on church \$200. Increase in church school attendance 10 per cent.

**SPRINGHILL**—Rev. S. L. Durham, pastor. Members received by transfer 1 and on profession of faith 20. Salaries paid 100 per cent. World Service paid \$175. Amount raised for church improvements \$190. Increase in church school enrollment 35 per cent.

**WASHINGTON**—Rev. W. C. Lewis, pastor. Members received by transfer 2 and on profession of faith 22. Salaries and World Service Askings paid 90 per cent. Amount raised for parsonage improvements \$700. Increase in church school attendance 15 per cent.

**FRIENDSHIP CIRCUIT**—Rev. Hollis Simpson, pastor. Members received by transfer 4 and on profession of faith 3. Salaries and World Service Askings paid 100 per cent. Amount raised for church improvements \$200. Amount raised for building fund \$3500.

**PIKE CIRCUIT**—Rev. A. N. Youngblood, pastor. Members received by transfer 1 and on profession of faith 1. Salaries and World Service Acceptances paid 100 per cent. Increase in church attendance 10 per cent and in church school enrollment 10 per cent.

**TEOLA**—Rev. J. R. Diffie, pastor. Members received by transfer 2 and on profession of faith 1. Salaries and World Service Askings paid 100 per cent. Amount raised for church improvements \$505, and parsonage \$30. Increase in church school enrollment 35 per cent and increase in church school attendance 45 per cent.

**DERMOTT**—Rev. W. D. Golden, pastor. Members received by transfer 11 and on profession of faith 12. Salaries and World Service Askings paid 100 per cent. Amount raised for church improvements \$1181, and for the parsonage \$766. Curtis Air Conditioner has been installed in the church.

**RICHMOND**—Rev. G. C. Bailey, pastor. Members received by transfer 8 and on profession of faith 11. Salaries and World Service Askings paid 100 per cent. Amount raised for church improvements \$150, and on the parsonage \$200. A new church, Wade Chapel, was dedicated October 10th.

**FORESTER CT.**—Rev. E. T. McAfee, pastor. Members received by transfer 6 and on profession of faith 22. Salaries and World Service Acceptances paid 100 per cent. Amount raised on church improvements \$50. Increase in church school enrollment 40 per cent, and in church school attendance 40 per cent.

**DUCKNER**—Rev. Myron C. Pearce, pastor. Members received by transfer 5 and on profession of faith 7. Salaries paid in full. World Serving Askings paid 104 per cent. Amount raised on church improvements \$154. Increase in church school enrollment 30 per cent and in church school attendance 30 per cent.

**CARTHAGE**—Rev. W. I. Small, pastor. Members received by transfer 8 and on profession of faith 4. Salaries and World Service Askings paid 100 per cent. Amount raised for church improvements \$3250, and on the parsonage \$750. Increase in church school enrollment 12 per cent.

**ALTHEIMER-WABBASEKA**—Rev. G. W. Robertson, pastor. Members received by transfer 13 and on profession of faith 18. Salaries and World Service Acceptances paid 100 per cent. Amount raised for church improvements \$650, and on the parsonage \$12000.

**WILTON**—Rev. S. W. Mooty, pastor. Members received by transfer 7 and on profession of faith 18. Salaries and World Service Askings paid 100 per cent. Amount paid on church improvements \$250, and on parsonage \$300. Increase in church school enrollment 25 per cent and church school attendance 25 per cent.

**WILMAR CIRCUIT**—Rev. Howard Scott, pastor. Members received by transfer 3 and on profession of faith 21. Salaries and World Service paid 100 per cent. Amount raised for church improvements \$200, and raised for the parsonage \$50. Increase in church school enrollment 22 per cent and in church school attendance 19 per cent.

**MENA**—Rev. Mark F. Vaught, pastor. Members received by transfer 39 and on profession of faith 25. Salaries and World Service Askings paid 100 per cent. Amount raised for church improvements \$16,595. Increase in church school enrollment 5 per cent and church school attendance 12 per cent. Constructed a new educational building valued at \$25,000.

**PRINCETON**—Rev. H. A. F. Ault, pastor. Members received by transfer 2 and on profession of faith 6. Salaries and World Service Askings paid 100 per cent. Amount raised for church improvements \$600. Increase in church school enrollment 10 per cent, and in church school attendance 10 per cent. Total raised and paid on all purposes \$3122.00.

**JUNCTION CITY**—Rev. W. B. Savage, pastor. Members received by transfer 3 and on profession of faith 11. Salaries and World Service Askings paid 100 per cent. Amount raised for church improvements \$1000, and on the parsonage \$200. Increase in church school enrollment 15 per cent and in church school attendance 10 per cent.

**PINE BLUFF FIRST CHURCH**—Rev. Kenneth Spore, pastor. Members received by transfer 59 and on profession of faith 49. Salaries and World Service Askings paid 100 per cent. Amount raised for church improvements \$6000, and amount paid on parsonage \$2000. Increase in church school enrollment 10 per cent, and in church school attendance 20 per cent.

**STAR CITY**—Rev. Eldred Blakely, pastor. Members received by transfer 5 and on profession of faith 6. Salaries and World Service acceptances paid 100 per cent. Amount raised for im-

provements on church \$1966, and on parsonage \$205. Increase in enrollment in church school 85 per cent, and increase in church attendance 20 per cent.

**MONTICELLO**—Rev. Roland E. Darrow, pastor. Members received by transfer 24, and on profession of faith 13. Salaries paid 100 per cent. World Service Askings paid 120 per cent. Amount raised for improvements on church \$1000. Increase in church school attendance 10 per cent and in church school enrollment 10 per cent. Plans have been drawn for a new church building, estimated to cost \$100,000.

**MURFREESBORO**—Rev. Noel Cross, pastor. Salaries and World Service Askings paid 100 per cent. Amount raised for improvements on church \$600, and on the parsonage \$9,500. Amount raised for building purposes \$10,000. Increase in church school enrollment 10 per cent and in church school attendance 5 per cent. Raised for recreational equipment \$600. There will be a substantial raise in salary for next year.

**GRAND AVE. HOT SPRINGS**—Rev. S. T. Baugh, pastor. Members received by transfer 31 and on profession of faith 19. Salaries and World Service Askings paid 100 per cent. Amount raised for church improvements \$500, and amount for parsonage \$3,500. Amount raised for debt retirement \$3,500. Increase in church school enrollment 10 per cent, and in church school attendance 10 per cent.

**OAKLAWN HOT SPRINGS**—Rev. J. A. Wade, pastor. Members received by transfer 48, and on profession of faith 47. Salaries and World Service Askings 100 per cent. Raised for improvements on church \$1,750.00 and on parsonage \$390.00. Raised for building purposes \$3,000.00. A twenty-four per cent increase in Church School attendance. Eighteen babies baptized. Lot for new parsonage purchased and half the money raised for building.

**ARKADELPHIA CT.**—Rev. David M. Hankins, Jr., pastor. Members received by transfer 3 and on profession of faith 26. Salaries and World Service askings paid 100 per cent. Amount raised for improvements on parsonage \$300. Increase in church school enrollment 5 per cent. Have acquired three Communion Sets for use over the Circuit. Have erected four altars, and started a nice library at Hollywood church with almost 100 books in it. It has been a great three years with these lovely people.

**LOCKESBURG**—Rev. L. Gray Wilson, pastor. Members received by transfer 12 and on profession of faith 20. Salaries and World Service Askings paid 100 per cent. Amount raised for church improvements \$800, and for the parsonage \$35. Amount raised for building purposes \$1500. Increase in church school enrollment 10 per cent, and increase in church school attendance 10 per cent. A new church has been organized at Kingree Chapel. Rev. S. M. Stallard has been a great help in making this report possible.

**HERMITAGE**—Rev. Robert L. Riffin, pastor. Members received by transfer 6 and on profession of faith 9. Salaries and World Service Askings paid 100 per cent. Amount raised for church improvements \$713, and on the parsonage \$130. The amount raised for building purposes \$843. Increase in church school enrollment 10 per cent, and in church school attendance 20 per cent. One church was redecorated on the inside. Four vacation church schools were held and there were seven meetings on the charge during the year.

**MOUNT IDA**—Rev. W. S. Cazort, pastor. Members received by transfer 6. Salaries and World Service Acceptances paid 100 per cent. Amount raised for improvements on parsonage \$110, and raised for building purposes \$19500, and for debt retirement \$150. Increase in church school enrollment 4 per cent, and in church school attendance 6 per cent. The church is building a beautiful native stone church. They have spent \$19500, and will spend \$20,000 more during the next twelve months.

# THE DEVOTIONAL PAGE

REV. H. O. BOLIN, Editor

## SOME REVEALING FIGURES

I have some figures this morning that I am going to pass on to you. They were compiled by the Youth for Christ office in Chicago. I know that they will cause you to gasp as you hear them. We generally speak of our country as a Christian nation. Here's the picture. You draw your own conclusions:

15,000,000 sex magazines read monthly by one-third of the nation.  
More barmaids than college girls.  
1,000,000 girls infected with social disease.

Three times as many criminals as college students.

100,000 girls entering white slavery each year.

1,000,000 babies born in illegitimacy yearly.

One in five marriages ending in divorce.

One murder every forty minutes.  
Approximately sixty suicides every day.

One major crime every twenty-two seconds.

100,000 unapprehended murderers walking the streets; and believe it or not, seventeen years of age represents the largest criminal group.

That's the moral picture. How do these figures strike you? To me they are most disturbing. Without the mention of another thing, these figures should drive everyone who names the Lord Jesus Christ as Saviour to get down and search out his heart and find out why we have failed. Perhaps someone is saying, "That's pretty hard talk, laying the blame at our front door." I think so. Those other figures I gave you painted a moral picture all right; let me give you the figures which will paint the religious picture:

10,000 villages without churches.  
27,000,000 under twenty-one received no religious training.

30,000 villages have no resident pastor, and rural churches are dying at the rate of one thousand per year.

Only 68,000,000 people of our total population profess any kind of religious belief.

Only twenty-eight per cent of the people ever attend church.

Morning church attendance, eight per cent of the population.

Evening church attendance, two per cent of the population.

And this next and final figure to me is absolutely appalling; \$750.00 spent on worldly pleasures for each fifty cents on religion.—God's News Behind the News.

## INVESTING FOR GOD

One day a man figured the increase of a dollar at compound interest, and found that in less than two hundred and forty years it amounted to more than two and one-half million dollars. He said, "I thought to myself that surely God would make a dollar invested for Him grow as rapidly as it does by the laws of trade."

We do not lose when we invest our money for God. Some day we will receive, with interest, all that we have given to Him; for He delights to give in return to us more than we invest for Him.—High School Christian.

He also that is slothful in his work is brother to him that is a great waster.—Proverbs 18:9.

## THE TIME TO TRUST

What is the time to trust?  
Is it when all is calm,  
When waves the victor's palm,  
And life is one glad Psalm  
Of joy and praise?  
Nay; but the time to trust  
Is when the waves beat high,  
When storm clouds fill the sky  
And prayer is one long cry,  
Oh, help and save!

What is the time to trust?  
Is it when friends are true?  
Is it when comforts woo.  
And in all we say or do  
We meet but praise?  
Nay; but the time to trust  
Is when we stand alone,  
And summer birds have flown,  
And every prop is gone,  
All else but God.—Sel.

## GOD COMFORTS HIS PEOPLE

There is always a need for comfort. The problems and trials of life are too much for man in his own strength alone. There comes a time in every person's life when he needs to look to some one stronger than himself for help, guidance and sympathy. The poet was thinking of this need when he wrote the song, "Leaning On the Everlasting Arms." We often hear people who are passing through great difficulties remark, "I couldn't stand this were it not for the help of God."

God, knowing the universal need of the human family, has made ample provision in this matter. In Isaiah 66:13 we read, "As one whom his mother comforteth so will I comfort you." To get at once to the heart of the subject we might raise the question, "How does God comfort us?"

God comforts us with his power. We see the manifestation of that power on every hand. God has created a great universe. No finite mind can fully grasp the immensity of the universe. We are told that there is no end to space and that all space is filled with something. Some say that there are other solar systems like our own with their separate suns and with numerous planets floating about them as they float about our sun, all held together and directed in their orbits by a great force which we call the law of gravity. As we come more and more to realize the immensity of the universe our conception of the power of God ever increases. Science hasn't taken God away from us as some feared it would, it has rather helped us get a truer conception of his omnipotence. It takes a great God indeed to create and sustain this universe. We find great comfort in this power. We know that a Being like this can take care of his own under all circumstances.

Then, God comforts us with his wisdom. He might be ever so powerful but if he lacked wisdom to direct that power it might amount to nothing or even worse than nothing. Power undirected by intelligence often becomes a dangerous thing. We read with much appreciation God's own statement: "As far as

the heavens are above the earth so are my ways above your ways and my thoughts above your thoughts." We see the manifestation of God's wisdom in the order and precision of things all about us. Man builds a watch for the keeping of time and we wonder at the intelligence that made it, but there could be no proper division of time were it not for the precision with which God operates in his universe. An astronomer predicts the eclipse of the sun or the coming into view of a planetary body. He sets the year, the day, the hour, the minute when the event will take place. Years roll on and the predictor goes back to the dust from which he was created. The time for the event arrives and yonder it is not one second late. God's great wisdom is further revealed by the adaption of means to ends. There is light for the eye and the eye for light. There is food for the body and bodies to consume it. Then, too, the operation of the law of cause and effect is seen on every hand. In our universe there is a cause for every effect. Things do not happen by accident. Other things being equal, a certain cause will always produce the same effect. This makes it possible for man to study the universe and harness its powers to do his work. God turns the great wheel always the same way and man can fling around it the belt of his own ingenuity and thus the work of the world is accomplished.

Not only does God comfort us with his power and his wisdom which direct it into purposeful channels, but he consoles us with his presence. He might be ever so powerful and ever so wise but if he were millions of miles away: far removed from our struggles in this life he could not help us. The great poet Browning said, "God is in his heaven and all is right with the world." He made two errors here; all is not right with the world and God is not only in heaven he is in his world. He is not only far above us, he is also all around us and within us. The poet Tennyson was right when he said, "Speak to him now for he hears."

## IT TAKES COURAGE

To refrain from gossip when others about you delight in it.

To stand up for an absent person who is being abused.

To live honestly within your means and not dishonestly on the means of others.

To be a real man, a true woman, by holding fast to your ideals when it causes you to be looked upon as strange and peculiar.

To be talked about and yet remain silent when a word would justify you in the eyes of others, but which you cannot speak without injury to another.

To refuse to do a thing which is wrong, though others do it.

To dress according to your income, and to deny yourself what you cannot afford to buy.

To live always according to your convictions.—The Trumpeter.

And Spirit with spirit can meet;  
Closer is he than breathing;  
And nearer than hands and feet."

Last, and most important, God comforts us with his love. We say it very reverently but without this attribute of God these other attributes might be dangerous rather than helpful. Power that is not seasoned with love might produce havoc. Wisdom that is not guided by love might prove our undoing. The proximity to us of a powerful, wise Being whose chief attribute was not love could never make for our safety. More than on any other attribute in the personality of God; we pin our hopes on his love. The greatest revelation of God ever made to man came through Christ and the chief point of that revelation is the fact that God is a loving, heavenly Father. Like any good father, God loves us when we do right with a love that makes him glad, but when we do wrong he still loves though it is with a love that breaks his heart; that makes him sad. Because of God's great love for us, we can count on his power being used for our wellbeing; his wisdom to plan for our highest good; and his presence to enable us to carry out the purpose he has for us.

God comforts us with his power, his wisdom, his presence and his love. He can care for us in the face of all our enemies. He is too powerful to be overcome; too wise to make a mistake; too near not to be able to protect us and too loving to do anything except that which is for our eternal good. His voice rings loud and clear across the ages: "As one whom his mother comforteth so will I comfort you."—H. O. B.

## CHURCH ATTENDANCE

An old farmer who attended a church conference commented: "You amuse me, for you have papers and discussions on how to get people to come to your meetings. I have never heard a single address at a farmer's meeting on how to get cattle to come up to the rack. We put all our time on the best kind of feed." — Harold Shelly, Sunday School Times.

Many wise words are spoken in jest, but they don't compare with the number of foolish words spoken in earnest.—Sunshine.



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## A WEEKLY MESSAGE

By FORNEY HUTCHINSON

### A HEART-BREAKING EXPERIENCE

In my ministry I have witnessed many sad experiences, but I think the saddest one I have ever known, as a pastor, came to me in one of my very first pastorates.

It was a modest Christian home and I was making my initial visit to the aged father and mother. As we sat talking about generalities, I heard a fumbling at the front door and saw a startled look in the faces of the old father and mother with whom I was visiting. Then the door opened and the grown son of the household came staggering in. It was easy to see at first glance that he was maudlin drunk. His parents sought to introduce him, but he was hardly at himself enough to be courteous. He made an attempt to be funny, which made bad matters worse. At the first opportunity, I ended my visit, told them goodbye, and left the house. I was ashamed for him and embarrassed for them. Barring the hope of reformation, death itself would have been preferable.

On other visits they made no reference to my initial experience in their home, and, of course, neither did I. As to the final outcome, I do not know, but the impression left on my mind was no less than a downright tragedy. May God save all parents who read this from such an experience!

And yet, the victim in this story is not altogether to blame. Those who create the temptation—the barkeeper, the pretended friend who offered the drink, the state or government which authorizes the sale of the deadly poison and profits by making victims of its citizens—all who in any way participate in the murderous traffic, are involved. May God pity all from victim to voter, who have any part in the hellish business!

### ACT NUMBER TWO PRACTICALLY DESTROYS LOCAL OPTION

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iar with the prohibition movement in Arkansas—and no one knows it better than the dealers in liquor—that the liquor interests have been whipped to the ground, with a very few exceptions, in practically every local option election held in Arkansas since the present local option law was adopted.

Arkansas is drying up so rapidly under the present laws that the liquor interests want to get out from under the clubbing they have been periodically suffering in these local option elections. While they readily declare the "simple" purpose of Act Number 2, to limit local option

## Individual Reports Of Pastors -- North Arkansas Conference

**POTTSVILLE**—Rev. Frank Shell, pastor. Members received by transfer 2 and on profession of faith 4. Salaries and World Service Askings 100 per cent.

**ALPENA**—Rev. Chas. Wages, pastor. Salaries and World Service Askings 100 per cent. Raised for debt retirement \$400.00. Percentage of increase 10 per cent.

**BONO-TRINITY**—Rev. M. A. Graves, pastor. Members received by transfer 9 and on profession of faith 16. Salaries and World Service Askings 100 per cent. Raised for improvements on church \$150.00 and on parsonage \$65.00.

**MT. CARMEL**—Rev. Wm. C. Hightower, pastor. Members received by transfer 5 and on profession of faith 9. Salaries 100 per cent and 85 per cent on World Service Askings. Raised for improvements on church \$500.00.

**SMITHVILLE**—Rev. Clarence Wilcox, pastor. Members received by transfer 2 and on profession of faith 8. Salaries and World Service paid in full. Increase in Church School enrollment 30% and Church School attendance 30%.

**YELLVILLE**—Rev. Glenn Bruner, pastor. Members received by transfer 5 and on profession of faith 6. Salaries 100 per cent and World Service Askings 105 per cent. Raised for improvements on parsonage \$75.00. Raised for building purposes \$75.00.

**RUSSELLVILLE**—Rev. W. F. Cooley, pastor. Members received by transfer 53 and on profession of faith 21. Salaries 100 per cent and World Service 133 1-3 per cent. Raised for improvements on church \$5,000.00 and on parsonage \$725.00.

**RAVENDEN SPRINGS**—Rev. W. G. Conner, pastor. Members received by transfer 11, and on profession of faith 3. Salaries and World Service paid in full. Raised for church improvements \$200. Increase in Church School enrollment 20 per cent.

**SALEM**—Rev. Luther K. Wilson, pastor. Members received by transfer 4. Salaries 100 per cent and World Service Askings 52 per cent. Raised for improvements on church \$275.00. Raised for debt retirement \$600.00. A 10 per cent increase in Church School enrollment.

**GREEN FOREST**—Rev. J. J. Clark, pastor. Members received by transfer 4, and on profession of faith 13. Salaries and World Service paid in full. Amount raised on church improvements \$100, and on parsonage \$150. The church services are well attended at both morning and evening services.

**QUITMAN**—Rev. R. B. Howerton, pastor. Members received on profession of faith 14. Salaries and World Service Askings 100 per cent. Raised for improvements on church \$100.00 and on parsonage \$50.00. A 10 per cent increase in Church School enrollment and a 5 per cent increase in Church School attendance.

**WYNNE**—Rev. Oscar J. Evanson, pastor. Members by transfer 11 and on profession of faith 17. Salaries and World Service 100 per cent. Raised for improvements on church \$400.00 and on parsonage \$300.00. A 5 per cent increase in Church School enrollment and a 2 per cent increase in Church School attendance.

**KIBLER-MOUNTAIN VIEW**—Rev. Woodrow Woods, pastor. Members received by transfer 4 and on profession of faith 13. Salaries

elections to general elections which are held only every two years, they put the heavy, hush, hush on the reason for this "simple" change. They have learned to their sorrow that a local option election on the liquor question that stands on its own merits, unencumbered by the numberless, conflicting interests incident to a general election means defeat for liquor. That is the reason they introduced Act Number 2. It must be defeated.

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**TRUMANN**—Rev. O. M. Campbell, pastor. Members received by transfer 6 and on profession of faith 10. Salaries and World Service paid in full. Raised for church improvements \$788 and for the parsonage \$500. The church had a very fine Vacation Church School. There is also a fine Men's Fellowship.

**HOLLY GROVE**—Rev. J. M. Harrison, pastor. Members received by transfer 4, and on profession of faith 8. Salaries and World Service paid in full. Increase in Church School 10 per cent and in Church School attendance 10 per cent. The parsonage has been painted and electric fans have been installed.

**HARTFORD**—Rev. Clyde E. Crozier, pastor. Members received by transfer 7 and on profession of faith 6. Salaries and World Service Askings 100 per cent. Raised for improvements on church \$50.00 and on parsonage \$500.00. A 38 per cent increase in Church School enrollment and a 10 per cent increase in Church School attendance.

**MAYNARD**—Rev. Dale Dorsey, pastor. Members received by transfer 4 and on profession of faith 18. Salaries and World Service Askings 100 per cent. Raised for improvements on church \$600.00. A 25 per cent increase in Church School enrollment and in Church School attendance. Three men have been licensed to preach.

**JONESBORO FIRST CHURCH**—Dr. W. Henry Goodloe, pastor. Members received by transfer 74 and on profession of faith 37. Salaries 100 per cent and World Service Askings 185 per cent. Raised for improvements on church \$3,808. Percentage of increase in Church School enrollment 25 per cent. A 30 per cent increase in Church School attendance.

**MANSFIELD**—Rev. James R. Chandler, pastor. Members received by transfer 2 and on profession of faith 19. Salaries 100 per cent and World Service Askings 101 per cent. Raised for improvements on church \$926.00 and on parsonage \$300.00. A 23 per cent increase in Church School enrollment and a 17 per cent increase in Church School attendance.

**TURRELL-GILMORE**—Rev. Lester Weaver, pastor. Members received by transfer 6 and on profession of faith 18. Salaries and World Service Askings 100 per cent. Raised for improvements on church \$699.00. Raised for debt retirement \$351.00. A 23 per cent increase in Church School enrollment and a 3 per cent increase in Church School attendance.

### DEATH OF REV. J. A. HENDERSON

Rev. J. A. Henderson, aged 87, retired minister of the Little Rock Conference, died suddenly in Little Rock on Wednesday of last week while he was attending the Little Rock Annual Conference.

Brother Henderson had served as a minister for 53 years and was at one time district superintendent of the Little Rock District. He had served in six of seven districts of the Conference. For the past several years he had made his home in Arkadelphia and had taught a Bible class at the First Methodist Church.

He is survived by his wife, two daughters, a son, two sisters and a brother.

Funeral services were conducted on Friday in Arkadelphia by the pastor of the First Methodist Church, Rev. J. B. Hefley, and Rev. S. T. Baugh of Hot Springs.

# ✻ District Superintendent Reports, Little Rock Conference ✻

## ARKADELPHIA DISTRICT

R. B. Moore,  
District Superintendent

The Arkadelphia District has enjoyed another gracious year in the service of our Master and His Church. A brotherly and co-operative spirit has prevailed among the pastors, their families and the membership of the churches and we have been blessed with splendid results, as this report will indicate.

There are many fine experiences and achievements which lie back of and within these results which can not be reduced to figures. We give thanks for them, also.

There are 23 pastoral charges with 70 churches or preaching places in the district. The total membership is 11,630. We have added to our rolls this year, 338 by profession of faith and 360 by certificate, for a total of additions of 698 persons. 109 infants and 157 adults have been baptized at our altars. Dr. J. A. Wade, our pastor at Oaklawn, Hot Springs, has given excellent leadership in the district as director of evangelism and has had fine results in his own church.

We have 62 Church Schools with 8020 enrolled. These schools have given great effort in reaching their Crusade goals. A few have fallen short, but many have gone far beyond the goal. We are grateful to Mrs. E. E. Fohrell, of Sparkman, director of Children's Work, and her assistants for their achievements among our Children's Divisions. Brother Dan R. Robinson, pastor at First Church Malvern, has given us a M. Y. F. program in the district and sub-district groups is second to none and the accrued zeal and enthusiasm has spread into the total program of the local churches. Our largest advancement is in the Adult Division, in which we have large active adult classes and departments at work.

The Woman's Society has 28 societies with a membership of 1204 and 4 Wesleyan Guilds with a membership of 104. Mrs. W. C. Harrington of Malvern and her excellent officers are carrying forward their work with splendid zeal and consecrated enthusiasm.

Our financial program continues to increase. We have had a 10 per cent increase in World Service and Benevolent giving and 10 per cent increase in salaries over last year. The charges paid \$3198 on the Golden Cross offering, \$4481 for the Children's Home and responded well in the offerings for the Camp, World Communion and other specials.

The district has subscribed for 1089 Arkansas Methodists. More are reading the literature of the church, the Christian Advocate, (183 subscriptions) World Outlook, Methodist Woman and other fine periodicals.

There are 20 parsonages, including the district parsonage. Two new ones have been built this year, one at Grand Avenue in Hot Springs and the other at Bismark on the Friendship Circuit. These two homes represent sacrifice and hard work. They are excellent homes and we rejoice in their completion.

Considerable repairs and new furnishings have been added to our parsonages and churches, making them more serviceable and usable.

Under the leadership of Rev. S. T. Baugh, the ministers and members of Grand Avenue in Hot Springs, a new church has been built at Piney Grove to replace the one lost

## CAMDEN DISTRICT

Fred R. Harrison,  
District Superintendent

The report which I am privileged to make of the Camden District for the Conference Year 1947-48, is a picture of the loyalty and cooperation of the 16,369 laymen and laywomen and youth in 74 churches and the leadership of 26 earnest and energetic ministers.

### I. Membership

Members received: By faith, 393; by letter, 439; total 832.

Two or three charges will show a total decrease in membership, due to the removal of names of persons who have died or joined other churches, whose names have not been so marked on the church records.

### II. Training Program

Seventeen Christian Workers' Training programs have been held in the District in which 27 churches participated and 154 received credit. A District Christian Vocation Clinic was held in February for young people and 15 volunteered for full-time Christian service, 5 of whom were for the ministry. Another such Clinic is planned this year under the direction of Rev. James Upton and a youth group from Hendrix College. Eleven Fifth Sunday Crusade Clinics were held.

### III. The Church School

At District Conference the report showed that on an enrollment goal of 9001 for the Church School in the Crusade Year, we had 8331 enrolled. The Conference report will show that goal nearly reached. Three new Sunday Schools have been organized this year. Thirty Vacation Church Schools were held.

### IV. Youth Work

There are three sub-district MYF, with Rev. Charles H. Giessen as District Director. A district youth rally was held in First Church, El Dorado, Sept. 20. At the Conference Youth Camp there were 50, and 61 attended the district Christian Adventure Assembly.

### V. The W. S. C. S.

There are 40 societies and 6 Wesleyan Guilds; W. S. C. S. membership, 1726 and Guild membership, 152. Total receipts for missions, \$10,801.87 and for local work, \$7,188.05. Every charge in the Camden District has at least one W. S. C. S.

in a fire earlier in the year. The Grand Avenue church assumed responsibility for the Percy Circuit this year and has done excellent work. Brother W. I. Small reports the building at Carthage nearing completion.

We report the death of Rev. J. E. Fulkerson, who was pastor of the Pullman Heights Church in Hot Springs. He passed away last April 23. The district superintendent conducted his funeral in St. Louis, Missouri, in the family lot.

As we close our records on the passing year 1947-48, we give humble thanks to God, through Jesus Christ. We well know that only by His power, grace and presence could all these good things be. We also express our gratitude to every parsonage home, local church and the communities for their love and diligent labors in the making of this a great year in service.

## LITTLE ROCK DISTRICT

E. C. Rule,  
District Superintendent

The Little Rock District reports a total of 1723 additions to the Church this year, 745 of these are by profession and vows. We have baptized 288 adults and 296 infants.

Our Crusade goal for Church School attendance was 12,104. Although since the goal was made, we have changed from a cumulative to a present enrollment system of accounting. We have now 12,903 enrolled in Church School. We have had 337 vacation schools with a total of 2057 in attendance. There have been 373 training credits in the local churches and our youth have taken 47 credits, making a total of 420 credits. We have paid \$883.00, Church School Day Offering.

We have 32 Woman's Societies of Christian Service with 2268 members and they have raised \$24,458.73. There are 15 Wesleyan Guilds and 451 members and they have raised a total of \$3,327.73, giving a total of 2718 women enrolled and \$27,786.00, raised.

We have 1489 subscribers to the Methodist, 320 to World Outlook and 337 to the Advocate.

Our financial report shows \$11,714.00, Conferences Claimants, \$24,400.00, for World Service and Conference Work, \$6522.08, for The Children's Home, \$2,635.00, for the Methodist Hospital, \$2,641.00, for Hendrix Ministerial Education Special. We have paid \$123,246.00, on the Hendrix College Campaign; \$118,731.00, has been paid for church and parsonage building and improvements and there is on hand for building purposes \$271,000.00. The total amount raised in the District during the current year is \$313,027.00.

During the year four young men have been licensed to preach and another has been recommended. We have in the District eight Life Service Volunteers. An outstanding record in the respect of Life Service has been made by the Pulaski Heights Church with three men licensed to preach and eight Life Service Volunteers in the past two years.

In the matter of building enterprises, Bauxite has made additions to its church school provision; Salem Church has erected a building for church school and remodeled its church; DeValls Bluff has made extensive improvements in its church; Douglasville has about completed a handsome new parsonage. Before the Douglasville-Geyer Springs work was divided into two charges, the Reverend Gerry Dean built a beautiful new parsonage at Geyer Spring, and now has almost completed the new one at Douglasville.

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## MONTICELLO DISTRICT

T. T. McNeal,  
District Superintendent

It is a high privilege to present this report for the ministers and the Methodist people of the Monticello District. Whatever measure of success has been attained is due to the labor and leadership of the pastors and the loyal cooperation of the people.

We have 20 pastoral charges in the District with a total membership at the beginning of the year of 9494. There are fifty-three preaching places and fifty Church Schools with an enrollment of 5078 as of October 10th. Four hundred and sixty-four people have been received into the Church; three hundred and two on profession of faith. One hundred and twenty-four babies have been baptised and placed upon the preparatory rolls of the Church. Twenty

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## DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT REPORTS, LITTLE ROCK CONFERENCE

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Vacation Church Schools were held with an enrollment of 875. A total of 178 Training Credits were received.

The pastors' reports show twenty-seven Woman's Societies of Christian Service organizations in the District with a substantial increase in membership over last year. The women have raised for local work, \$6487, an increase of \$700.00 over last year. They have sent to the Conference Treasurer, \$5,151.00, an increase of more than \$1000.00 over the previous year. The women have also raised more than \$1200.00 for Rural Work within the District.

We have had a splendid advance in our Youth Work. 267 children and youth were enrolled in Camps the past summer. The District held a Junior Camp at Keener, the first Junior Camp to be held in the Conference. To implement our youth work, a number of new buildings were constructed at Camp Keener, including a Chapel and some additional cabins. One of the highlights in the District this year was the dedication of Camp Keener by our own Bishop Martin on October 10th. We have a beautiful Camp, adequately equipped, valued at \$50,000.00 and free of debt. More than twelve hundred campers were enrolled at the Camp the past season.

On an apportionment of \$9,656.00 for World Service, the District paid \$10,080.00 or 104 per cent. Special Gifts to World Service, including Overseas Relief and Care Packages, totalled more than \$2,100.00. There has been a substantial increase in pastors' salaries with a corresponding increase for Conference Claimants. \$3,700.00 has been paid this year on the Hendrix College Million Dollar Campaign and \$1000.00 for Hendrix Ministerial Education.

More than \$100,000.00 has been raised this year for building purposes. Three new churches are now under construction. The one at Lake Village is nearing completion. This stately edifice on the shore-line of beautiful Lake Chicot gives to the people of Lake Village one of the most beautiful and best equipped Church Plants in the Conference. We hope to dedicate this building next month. Words are inadequate to express the marvelous leadership of the pastor, J. Ralph Clayton, in the achievement of this project.

The new church at Crossett is well underway and it is expected to be completed not later than Easter. The pastor, O. E. Holmes, has led out in a splendid way in getting this project under construction. Construction on the new Sanctuary at Warren has just begun. Most of the credit for getting this structure underway is due the pastor, Hal Pinnell. These three buildings when completed will have a value of more than \$400,000.00.

Other new churches are contemplated in the near future. Monticello will begin work on a new church soon after Conference as will Wilnot and Montrose. Two new parsonages will soon be constructed: one at Lake Village and one at Parkdale. The buildings now under construction with those contemplated in the near future will entail an outlay of more than one-half million dollars.

The District Conference authorized the District Trustees to either secure or build a new District Parsonage. This we hope to accomplish

## PINE BLUFF DISTRICT

J. L. Dedman,  
District Superintendent

It has been a joy to work in the Cabinet of Bishop Martin and with the pastors and laymen of the Pine Bluff District. A spirit of unity has been evident in the entire program of the Church.

We have a small increase in enrollment of the Church of 298.

The District had in its training departments 298, 186 of these in Sub-District training schools, 94 in youth camps, Couchdale and Camp Keener; 6 in the W. S. C. S. School of Missions. The total credits issued in all these training departments were 221. We had vacation schools in every charge, and very large enrollment.

Infants baptized 122; children and adults received by vows 387; certificate 387, making a total received 775.

For all purposes we have raised \$194,852.00. The regular budget of each charge is paid in full. \$16,000.00 has been paid on pledge to the Hendrix Million Dollar Campaign, making a total of a little more than \$67,000.00. For repair and buildings we have raised \$32,851.00. For Golden Cross \$3350.00, Arkansas Methodist Children's Home \$5182.00.

It goes without saying that the W. S. C. S. is our pride and joy because of their excellent activities and cooperation with the District Superintendent and pastors. We have a number of family night groups and men's clubs throughout the District sponsored by our District Lay Leader Sidney L. Good and the many active laymen.

Many of our charges have already accepted the one-third increase in benevolences, and the salaries of circuits have been raised to \$1500.00 and up for full time pastors. Some of these circuits have \$1,800.00 as a minimum goal. In many instances this has been achieved by the district superintendent agreeing to help share in the payment of these increases and using other money provided by the Conference.

A number of Quarterly Conferences asked for the return of their respective pastor, and I always asked them to include the District Superintendent before calling for the vote. In this balloting I always cast a vote for the pastor and myself.

## PRESCOTT DISTRICT

Vann W. Harrell,  
District Superintendent

It is both a pleasure and a privilege for this district superintendent to make this report for the Prescott District. Despite a slow start and some other hindrances, we have enjoyed an unusually good year in the District. At the beginning of the year, two of our fine circuit charges were left without a pastor, Amity Charge and Prescott Circuit. We persuaded one of our retired men, Rev. Roscoe C. Walsh, to take over on the Amity Charge. He has done a magnificent job, even to the building of a new church which will soon be ready for occupancy.

Then we had the Prescott Circuit open, six churches without a pastor. Bro. Ray Hozendorf and the district superintendent filled in on this charge until early in May, when Rev. Charlie Mashburn came to us

in the immediate future.

If time permitted, special tribute could be paid to each pastor and each congregation for splendid work throughout the year.

from West Oklahoma Conference to take over. Bro. Mashburn has done a fine piece of work, and each church will meet its financial obligations in full.

As we come to the year's close, we are glad to report that we have two more charges than we started with, Pike and Caddo Circuits formed this year, and a pastor for each charge in the District.

We have licensed two men to preach this year, and another will be ready for license sometime soon. The District now has 23 charges and 80 preaching places. We have a total membership of over 10,000.

Sunday, September 26 was a high day in the District. Bishop Martin dedicated three lovely churches that have recently been built, McCaskill and Bethel Churches on the Blevins Charge. These churches were built during the past 12 or 15 months under the supervision of the pastor, Rev. R. W. Core. Then at Antoine, on the Delight Charge, a beautiful and adequate little church was dedicated by our Bishop. This church was built during the pastorate of Rev. A. N. Youngblood, and made debt-free this year under the pastorate of Rev. Osborne White.

Three other churches are nearing completion, one at Amity, one at Okolona, and another at Mt. Ida. All will soon be ready for dedication. Pisgah church on Pike Circuit, and Grant's Chapel on Caddo Circuit are free of any indebtedness and ready for dedication services. Rev. Geo. E. Reutz and his people in Gurdon are rapidly completing a new and modern Educational building. A brand new parsonage has been completed and occupied by the parsonage family, the Noel Cross's at Murfreesboro. This parsonage is debt free and ready for the Bishop's blessing. (Bishop, maybe I'm lining out too much work for you—)

Emmett Church is planning the erection of a new education building. Under the leadership of Bro. Hozendorf of Prescott, the parsonage has been completely gone over and modernized, and the church sanctuary has been redecorated and beautified. New pulpit furniture has replaced the old in both the Prescott and Hope churches. Extensive repairs have been made on the church and parsonage property at Mineral Springs. All the charges in the District now have good parsonages homes with modern conveniences, and the church buildings are in a good state of repair. There is very little indebtedness in the district, and this new year should make all church property free of debt.

Good revivals have been held in all charges this year. Bro. T. M. Armstrong, District Evangelist, has been most helpful in leading in this vital work. 499 new members have been added to the church rolls; 260 on profession of faith, and 239 by certificate of transfer. 103 adults have been baptized, 38 children and 44 infants.

Church Schools in the district number 60, two of them newly organized. The total church school enrollment will number around 5000, with average attendance over 2800. 105 training credits have been issued, and 27 Vacation Schools have been held, with attendance around 500. There are 21 W. S. C. S. organizations, and this year under the capable leadership of the District President, Mrs. H. M. Stephens, Jr. These organizations have made splendid progress. The societies have raised a total of \$5,963.00, \$2512 for Conference work, and \$3451 was spent locally.

Pastors' salaries have materially advanced, some charges more than doubling the salaries the past two or three years. (There is still room however, for some improvement on 2 or 3 circuit charges.)

All other finances will be met in full this year. World Service will be about the same as last year. During these 6 years, World Service has more than doubled. We have paid this year on Specials, the following: Hendrix College, \$4,092; Methodist Hospital, \$1573.00; to the Methodist Home, \$1720.00. We have over 1000 subscriptions to the Arkansas Methodist.

Prescott Charge was voted to meet the advance of 33 1/3% on World Service, while Hope will go well beyond that asking. Hope will pay next year on Benevolences and World Service, \$2700.00. Other charges in the district will rally to the call of our great church in this important matter.

What more shall I say?

Bishop, I've come to the end of this report, but I realize full well that it but poorly reflects the fine spirit and work of the pastors and laymen of the district. No district superintendent has ever worked with a finer group of ministers and laymen than has this district superintendent, this year. They have been fine and loyal, faithful in every good work, and this district superintendent finds only praise for them, and gratitude in his heart for their splendid labors.

In conclusion, I wish to express my personal appreciation to several of the pastors who, during the past 60 days have done extra duty in helping me to make possible this report: Ray Hozendorf, J. E. Cooper, Geo. Meyer, Robert Core, L. O. Lee and Osborne White, all of whom, in these closing days of the Conference year have rendered a most valuable service to me and to the district. (If you need, Bishop, nominations for the job of District Superintendents, any of the above-named men will abundantly qualify)

Personally to you, sir, (Bishop Martin), it has been a grand experience for me, a privilege and an honor to have been a member of your cabinet. I only hope that I have been able to render some service to the Kingdom of God; and it is to Him do we give all the praise and glory.

## TEXARKANA DISTRICT

J. M. Hamilton,  
District Superintendent

It is a privilege for me to give the report for the Texarkana District. This has been a highly successful year in many ways. The pastors, with their laymen, have done an excellent job.

We find a goodly number of tithers in the district, and that, coupled with the fourth Sunday offering for World Service, is bringing before our people the idea of worldwide missions. This is a growing interest in the district.

There are 22 charges and 69 preaching places in this district, with a membership, active and inactive, of approximately 10,000.

Approximately 461 people have been received into the church in this district this year; 260 on profession of faith, 231 by certificate.

There are a few outstanding pledges on the Hendrix College campaign, but most of the churches have paid in full.

There are 22 Woman's Societies of Christian Service in the district:

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## AFRICAN VILLAGERS REBUILD BURNED DISPENSARY

Lightning struck and burned down an out-village dispensary of the Methodist Hospital in Kapanga, Belgian Congo, recently. It was in the village of Tshitazu, 150 miles out from Kapanga.

"A bicycle messenger was sent down to tell us of it, arriving two days after the burning," says Miss Ruth B. Piper, Kapanga nurse. "We were heartsick to hear the news. The building had been built by voluntary labor of the villagers. It was a lovely medical center and we were proud of it. Part of the equipment and medicines to run it had been bought with 'special gifts' given by the young people's group of Trinity Church, East Lansdowne, Pa.

The natives rallied to a villager. The tale is told that while women and children carried out tables, chairs, medicine cabinets, the men were knocking out door frames, window-frames, etc., and others were on the roof pulling out grass and trying to extinguish the fire. But it had rained so hard the top grass was soaked and so the flames burned from the underside where the grass was dry. Not a thing remained in the building to burn. The roof structure finally crumpled in, and by evening only the charred walls remained.

"The next morning at dawn, all the men, women and children were summoned to head out for the woods — men to gather poles for roof structure, women and children to gather grass and bark rope. Within a week's time, the building was rebuilt and they were starting on the inside white-washing and cleaning up! By the end of the month, they hoped to have everything in shape so as to be moved back in. Their tears as they saw 'their' dispensary go up in flames, have since been replaced by smiles. They are a deserving and worthy group.

"Isolated 150 miles from the mission, seldom did any of them ever get the benefit of hospital or medical care. So when they finally were enabled to have their own little dispensary center, happier people couldn't have been found anywhere. Their efforts were united to build the unit. Their determination and efforts to rebuild the unit after the disaster will truly unite them as never before in their common interest. Father (Dr. Piper) and I hope that the flooded rivers will soon subside enough to permit motor travel up into that section so that we may go up to spend a few days with those folks."

A nursery school teacher got a nasty jolt the other day. For years she has been telling the story of "The Little Match Girl." It always goes over big, sometimes moving her audience to tears. This time, though, one dry-eyed 4-year-old broke in. "She did not have to starve," she said. "Couldn't she get social security or unemployment insurance?"—PM.

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## DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT REPORTS, LITTLE ROCK CONFERENCE

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3 new ones have been organized this year. These societies, as their report will show, are doing a great work locally and abroad.

The askings for World Service were accepted and have been paid in full.

Our quota for the Arkansas Methodist was over-subscribed by about 20.

Three new preaching places and five Sunday Schools have been organized.

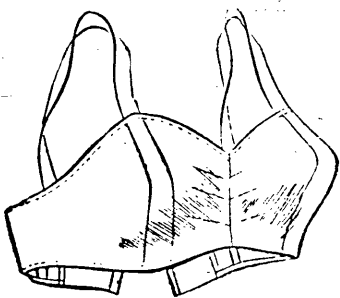
The responses to the financial program of the church have been excellent. Eleven of our charges have increased the salary for 1949.

Two new educational buildings have been completed: one at Mena and one at Lewisville costing approximately \$25,000 each. One new church has been completed, on the Lockesburg Circuit. A new parsonage has been completed at Bradley. The parsonage at Taylor was finished this year. The new educational building for Shady Grove will soon be ready for occupancy. Other churches are planning educational buildings. The entire cost for building and improvement in the district this year is about \$80,000. Three new Hammond organs have been purchased: one at Fairview Church, one at Foreman, and one at Lewisville. First Church, Texarkana, has contracted for the purchase of a new organ. A new church has been dedicated on Cherry Hill Circuit at Highland. The church at Wade's Chapel on Richmond Circuit was recently dedicated.

The Young People's Work in this district is growing rapidly. This year in the Texarkana District has been a great one because of the spiritual growth and interest of our people.

## DRINKING

The study of alcoholism is a new science and the statistics are meager but such statistics as are available indicate that the majority of America's 3,750,000 excessive drinkers and 750,000 chronic alcoholics began their drinking as children. The Grapevine, organ of Alcoholics Anonymous, recently distributed a questionnaire to its readers. Of those replying, 65.3% confessed that they had become drunk for the first time between the ages of 15 and 19; 6.1% between the ages of 10 and 14; and 1% under the age of 10. This means that more than 70% of the alcoholics replying began drinking heavily before they were out of their teens. —Scientific Temperance Journal.



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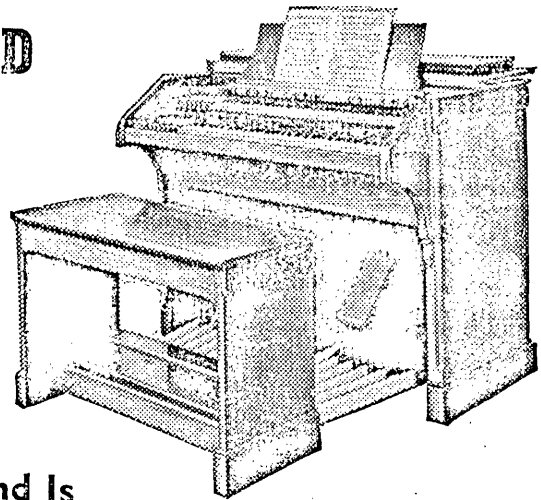
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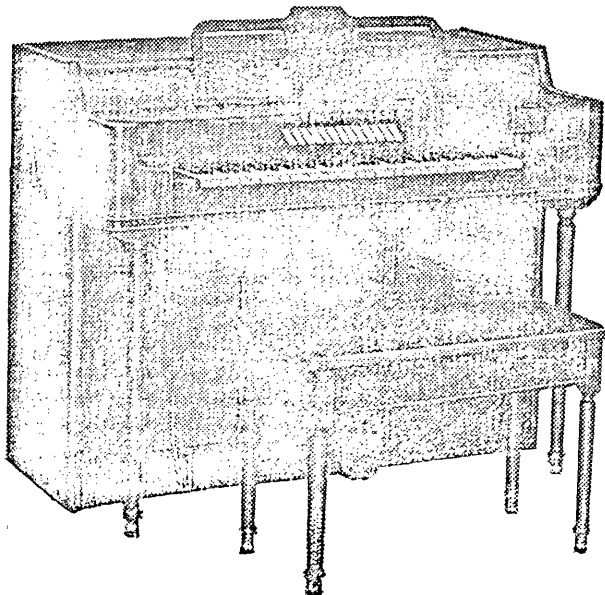


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## ARKADELPHIA DISTRICT

R. B. Moore, District Superintendent 3  
 Arkadelphia, John B. Hefley 4  
 Arkadelphia Circuit, Horace Grogan 1  
 Benton, A. J. Christie 2  
 Benton Circuit, To be Supplied  
 Carthage-Tulip, David Hankins 1  
 Couchwood Circuit, Raymond Coulson 2  
 Dalark Circuit, Rayford L. Diffie 2  
 Fountain Lake, Friendship Circuit, Hollis Simpson 1  
 Holly Springs Circuit, C. B. Holiman 1  
 Hot Springs Circuit, Albert Burroughs 2  
 Hot Springs Churches—  
 First Church, Francis A. Buddin 3  
 Grand Avenue, C. Ray Hozendorf 1  
 Oaklawn, J. A. Wade 2  
 Pullman Heights, H. R. Holland 2  
 Tigert-Morning Star, C. C. Vanzant 1  
 Jones Mill-Piney Grove, J. D. Baker 1  
 Leola Circuit, J. R. Diffie 2  
 Malvern Churches—  
 Keith Memorial, B. F. Fitzhugh 1  
 First Church, Dan R. Robinson 3  
 Princeton Circuit, H. A. F. Ault 3  
 Sparkman-Sardis, Charles B. Wyatt 2  
 Traskwood Circuit, R. M. Crain 1  
 Supt. Methodist Hospital, R. E. Simpson  
 Professor Emory University, Robert C. Rhodes  
 Director, Arkansas Methodist, C. Ray Hozendorf  
 District Missionary Secretary, John B. Hefley  
 Director Evangelism, J. A. Wade

## CAMDEN DISTRICT

Fred R. Harrison, District Superintendent 2  
 Bearden, Robert W. Core 1  
 Camden Churches—  
 Fairview, Charles H. Giessen 1  
 First Church, W. Neill Hart 2  
 Timothy-West Side, To be Supplied  
 Chidester Circuit, Joe H. Robinson 1  
 Dumas Memorial-Callion, Ralph Mann 1  
 El Dorado Churches—  
 Centennial, P. D. Alston 13  
 First Church, Connor Morehead 4  
 Vantrease Memorial, J. D. Montgomery 2  
 Emerson Circuit, Elbert Jean 2  
 Fordyce, R. A. Tector 2  
 Hampton-Harrell, C. O. Hall 1  
 Harmony Grove, H. R. Nabors 5  
 Huttig, S. B. Mann 4  
 Junction City, W. Braska Savage 2  
 Kingsland, Louann, L. R. Sparks 2  
 Magnolia Churches—  
 First Church, John M. McCormack 3  
 Jackson Street, W. R. Boyd 1  
 Magnolia Circuit, C. B. Harris 3  
 Marysville Circuit, O. W. Hoover 2  
 Norphlet, W. I. Small 1  
 Parker's Chapel-Pleasant Grove, O. C. Birdwell 4  
 Smackover, W. L. Arnold 2  
 Stephens, Alfred I. Doss 1  
 Strong, Joe B. Roe 1  
 Thornton Circuit, George C. Bailey 2

1 Village Circuit, Dewey L. McCauley 1  
 Waldo, J. Wayne Mann 1  
 Instructor, S. M. U. Dept Religion, Francis Christie  
 Student, Hebrew Union College, Charles W. Baughman  
 Student, Yale Divinity School, James Robert Scott  
 District Missionary Secretary, W. L. Arnold  
 Director of Evangelism, Alfred I. Doss  
 Director Arkansas Methodist, W. R. Boyd  
 Director Golden Cross, E. G. Powlidge

## LITTLE ROCK DISTRICT

E. Clifton Rule, District Superintendent 5  
 Austin Circuit, G. B. Pixley 1  
 Bauxite-Sardis, Orrie L. Thompson 1  
 Bryant Circuit, J. R. Martin 1  
 Carlisle, Richard Perry 3  
 Carlisle Circuit, Des Arc-New Bethel, A. C. Rogers 1  
 DeValls Bluff-Pepper's Lake, John Butler Hays 1  
 Douglasville, Gerald C. Dean 2  
 England, Fred Schwendimann 4  
 Geyer Springs, Clyde Parsons 2  
 Hazen, Harold D. Sadler 1  
 Hickory Plains, Keo-Tomberlin-Humnote, Wesley Reutz 1  
 Little Rock Churches—  
 Asbury, Arthur Terry 2  
 Capitol View, A. C. Carraway 4  
 First Church, Aubrey G. Walton 5  
 Associate, Charles W. Richards 3  
 Forest Park, Ralph Sewell 3  
 Henderson, Kirvin A. Hale 1  
 Highland, J. L. Tucker 3  
 Hunter Memorial, C. H. Farmer 2  
 Oak Forest, D. Mouzon Mann 4  
 Pulaski Heights, Kenneth Shamblin 1  
 St. Marks, To be Supplied  
 Scott Street, R. F. Sorrells 2  
 Twenty-eighth Street, S. T. Baugh 1  
 Winfield, Paul V. Galloway 1  
 Lonoke-Eagle, J. E. Dunlap 3  
 Mabelvale, Alfred DeBlack 6  
 Mountain View, Omma L. Daniel 1  
 Primrose Chapel, H. D. Ginther 1  
 Pulaski Circuit, To be Supplied  
 Roland Circuit, To be Supplied  
 Executive Secretary, Board of Education, Roy E. Fawcett  
 Student Perkins School of Theology, Virgil Bell  
 Student Perkins School of Theology, Howard Williams  
 Chaplain U. S. Navy, John W. Hammons  
 Chaplain Veteran's Administration, Earl R. Lewis  
 Missionary to Japan, William M. Elder  
 Deaconess, City Missions, Margaret Marshall  
 District Missionary Secretary, A. C. Carraway  
 Dist. Director of Evangelism, J. L. Tucker  
 Director Arkansas Methodist, Fred Schwendimann

## MONTICELLO DISTRICT

T. T. McNeal, District Superintendent 4  
 Crossatt, O. E. Holmes 3  
 Dermott, Clinton M. Atchley 1  
 Drew Circuit, George L. Glasgow 2

Dumas, Louis W. Averitt 1  
 Eudora, R. O. Beck 3  
 Fountain Hill Circuit, J. C. Van Horn 3  
 Hamburg-Snyder, R. L. Long 3  
 Hermitage, Robert L. Riggin 2  
 Lake Village, J. Ralph Clayton 3  
 McGehee, M. W. Miller 4  
 Monticello, Roland E. Darrow 3  
 New Edinburg Circuit, C. R. Andrews 1  
 Parkdale, D. James McCammon 1  
 Portland-Montrose, Clem Baker 4  
 Tillar-Winchester, James Edward Christie 1  
 Warren, H. H. Pinnell 3  
 Watson-Kelso, William T. Bone 3  
 Wilmar Circuit, Harold Scott, 2  
 Wilmot-Miller's Chapel, Robert McCammon 5  
 Student Perkins School of Theology, Jefferson E. Davis  
 District Evangelist, Curtis Williams  
 District Missionary Secretary, Roland E. Darrow  
 Director of Evangelism, O. E. Holmes  
 Director Arkansas Methodist, H. H. Pinnell

## PINE BLUFF DISTRICT

J. L. Dedman, District Superintendent 2  
 Almyra, H. B. Bailey 2  
 Altheimer-Wabbaseka, George W. Robertson 2  
 Bayou Meto Circuit, Palmer Garner 2  
 DeWitt, Van W. Harrell 1  
 Gillett, Jeff Paul 2  
 Good Faith, K. K. Carithers 2  
 Grady-Gould, A. W. Hamilton 2  
 Humphrey, Joe W. Hunter 1  
 Lincoln County Circuit, James B. Swain 2  
 Little Prairie Circuit, W. C. Onstead 2  
 Pine Bluff Churches—  
 Carr Memorial, John L. Hoover 3  
 Hawley Memorial, C. D. Cade 5  
 First Church, Kenneth L. Spore 1  
 Lakeside, Otto W. Teague 4  
 Pine Bluff Circuit, W. E. West 4  
 Plainview, Mrs. K. K. Carithers 1  
 Rison, Bryan Stephens 2  
 Roe Circuit, S. W. Moody 1  
 Associate, Mrs. S. W. Moody 1  
 Rowell Circuit, H. W. Worthey 2  
 Sheridan-New Hope, George W. Warren 2  
 Associate Pastor in charge of Sheridan Circuit, W. R. Davis 1  
 Sherrill-Tucker, A. E. Jacobs 1  
 St. Charles Circuit, R. H. Richert 2  
 Star City, Eldred Blakeley 2  
 Stuttgart Churches—  
 First Church, V. D. Keeley 4  
 Grand Avenue, H. O. Bolin 4  
 Swan Lake, Claude R. Roy 2  
 Whitehall-Redfield, Ed Hollenbeck 1  
 Student Perkins School of Theology, Everitt M. Vinson  
 District Missionary Secretary, Otto W. Teague  
 Director Arkansas Methodist, H. O. Bolin  
 Director of Evangelism, Virgil D. Keeley

## PRESCOTT DISTRICT

E. D. Galloway, District Superintendent 1  
 Amity Circuit, C. V. Mashburn 1  
 Bingen Circuit, J. R. Callicott 2  
 Blevins Circuit, L. C. Gatlin 1  
 Center Point Circuit, To be Supplied  
 Caddo Circuit, W. H. Watson 2  
 Delight Circuit, Osborne White 2

Dierks Circuit, John W. Rushing 3  
 Emmett Circuit, L. E. Wilson 1  
 Forester Circuit, E. T. McAfee 3  
 Glenwood, Robert S. Beasley 2  
 Gurdon, George E. Reutz 3  
 Hope, J. E. Cooper 3  
 Langley Circuit, George Townsend 9  
 Mineral Springs Circuit, L. O. Lee 2  
 Murfreesboro, Noel Cross 3  
 Mt. Ida, W. S. Cazort 9  
 Nashville, George G. Meyer 2  
 Okolona Circuit, C. D. Meux 1  
 Pike Circuit, To be supplied  
 Prescott, W. R. Burks 1  
 Prescott Circuit, W. F. House 1  
 Springhill Circuit, S. L. Durham 2  
 Washington Circuit, W. C. Lewis 2  
 Student Perkins School of Theology, Cagle E. Fair  
 District Missionary Secretary, George G. Meyer  
 Director of Arkansas Methodist, W. R. Burks  
 Director of Evangelism, J. E. Cooper  
 District Rural Worker, Miss Ary Shough

## TEXARKANA DISTRICT

J. M. Hamilton, District Superintendent 2  
 Ashdown, W. D. Golden 1  
 Bradley-Garland, J. Edwin Keith 2  
 Buckner Circuit, Myron C. Pearce 2  
 Cherry Hill Circuit, To be Supplied  
 Columbia Circuit, L. G. Wilson 1  
 DeQueen, Doyle T. Rowe 4  
 Doddridge Circuit, To be Supplied  
 Foreman, George Kerr 2  
 Hatfield Circuit, C. E. Lawrence 3  
 Horatio Circuit, E. T. Miller 1  
 Lewisville, James A. Simpson 3  
 Locksburg Circuit, Forney Harvey 1  
 Mena, Mark F. Vaught 3  
 Richmond Circuit, To be Supplied  
 Shady Grove, To be Supplied  
 Stamps, M. E. Scott 1  
 Taylor Circuit, W. D. Barron 1  
 Texarkana—  
 College Hill, R. H. Cannon 2  
 Fairview, Fred L. Arnold 6  
 First Church, Edward W. Harris 4  
 Texarkana Circuit, C. H. Gilliam 1  
 Wilton Circuit, To be Supplied  
 Winthrop, M. T. Rose 1  
 District Missionary Secretary, Edward W. Harris  
 Director of Evangelism, Fred L. Arnold  
 Director, Arkansas Methodist, Doyle T. Rowe  
 Transfers Out—  
 George L. Cagle, Louisiana Conference  
 Wm. E. Brown, Louisiana Conference  
 Clyde N. Swift, East Oklahoma Conference  
 Coy E. Whitten, North Arkansas Conference  
 I. A. Love, Louisiana Conference  
 Transfers In—  
 Paul V. Galloway, North Arkansas Conference  
 Jeff Paul, Louisiana Conference  
 Kenneth Shamblin, North Arkansas Conference  
 Carl Patton, Jr., Peru Provisional Conference

Some people have a veneer that comes off easily with a little alcohol.—Selected.



# Condensed Minutes Of Little Rock Conference

## The Business of the Annual Conference

The Minutes of the Little Rock Annual Conference of The Methodist Church, held in Little Rock, Arkansas from October 20, 1948 through October 24, 1948. Bishop Paul E. Martin, presiding.

### Part I. Organization and General Business

1. Who are elected for the quadrennium: Secretary? Robert B. Moore, Arkadelphia, Ark. Statistician? Louis W. Averitt, Dumas, Ark. Treasurer? C. E. Hayes, 417 Donaghey Bldg., Little Rock, Ark.
2. Is the Annual Conference incorporated? No.
3. a) What officers handling funds of the conference have been bonded, and in what amounts? C. E. Hayes, \$10,000; J. S. M. Cannon, \$6,000; Otto W. Teague, \$7,500; James H. Johnson, \$5,000; Fred Gantt, \$5,000; C. M. Atchley, \$500; L. C. Elliot, \$500.
- b) Have the books of said officers or persons been audited? Yes.
4. Have the boards, commissions, or committees been appointed or elected?
  - a) Board of Ministerial Training and Qualifications? Yes.
  - b) Committee on Conference Relations? Yes.
  - c) Committee on Accepted Supply Pastors? Yes.
  - d) Committee of Investigation? Yes.
  - e) District Boards of Location and Building? Yes.
  - f) Board of Trustees of the Annual Conference? Yes.
  - g) Conference Commission on World Service and Finance? Yes.
  - h) Town and Country Commission? Yes.
  - i) Conference Deaconess Board? Yes.
  - j) Conference Board of Missions and Church Extension? Yes.
  - k) Conference Board of Education? Yes.
  - l) Conference Board of Temperance? Yes.
  - m) Conference Board of Lay Activities? Yes.
  - n) Conference Board of Hospitals and Homes? Yes.
  - o) Conference Board of Evangelism? Yes.
  - p) Board of Conference Claimants? Yes.
  - q) Commission on Christian Vocations? Yes.
  - r) Conference Woman's Society of Christian Service? Yes.
  - s) Committee on Proportional Payment of Ministerial Support? No.
  - t) Other committees, commissions, or boards? See Journal.
5. Have the secretaries, and statisticians kept their respective records upon and according to the forms prescribed by The Methodist Church? Yes.
6. What are the reports of the district superintendents as to the status of the work within their districts? See Conference Journal.
7. What is the schedule for minimum support for pastors? \$1300.
8. What is the plan and what are the approved claims for the support of the district superintendents for the ensuing year? District Stewards approve the salary based on percentage of pastors' salary (see standing rule in Journal).
9. What amount has been apportioned to the pastoral charges within the conference to be raised for the support of conference claimants? 7 per cent to 14 per cent of amount

paid for pastor's salary.

10. What are the apportionments transmitted by the General Commission on World Service and Finance to this conference:

- a) For World Service \$56,221.00.
- b) For Episcopal Fund? Amount equal to 1 1/4 per cent of cash salaries of pastors of current year.
- c) For General Administration Fund? \$2,970.00.

11. What amount is apportioned to this conference for the Jurisdictional Administration Fund? \$3,060.

12. What are the reports, recommendations, and plans of the boards of the conference:

- a) What is the report of the Board of Conference Claimants, and what appropriations for conference claimants are reported and approved? See Journal.
- b) What is the report of the Conference Board of Missions and Church Extension of disbursements of missionary aid within the conference? See Journal.
- c) What is the report of the Conference Commission on World Service and Finance? See Journal.
- d) What is the report of the Commission on Christian Vocations? See Journal.
- e) What are the other reports? See Journal.

13. What Methodist institutions or organizations are approved by the conference for annuity responsibility? None.

14. What date is determined for Golden Cross enrollment? Mother's Day, May 9, 1949.

15. a) Who is elected conference lay leader? T. W. McCoy.

b) What is his report? See Journal.

c) Who are elected district and associate district lay leaders? Arkadelphia District: Lay Leaders, Roy Danuser, Malvern; Associates: R. L. Keith, Hot Springs; Horace Taylor, Sparkman; Horace Fisher, Malvern; B. Murray, Arkadelphia.

Camden District: Lay Leader, Charlie Wilkins, Magnolia; Associates: H. G. Williamson, El Dorado; E. G. Powledge, El Dorado; Walter Keith, Stephens; Horace Everett, Fordyce.

Little Rock District: Lay Leader, Roland Shelton, Little Rock; Associates: J. S. M. Cannon, Little Rock; Clarence Richey, Lonoke; Alton B. Raney, Little Rock; Ernest L. Tabor, Alexander, Route 2.

Monticello District: Lay Leader, T. A. Prewitt, Tillar; Associates: J. E. Stewart, Warren; Fay Joyner, McGehee; L. T. Barnes, Hamburg; R. B. Newcombe, Portland.

Pine Bluff District: Lay Leader, Sidney Good, Pine Bluff; Associates: Coates Mitchell, Sheridan; Jerry L. Patterson, Pine Bluff; C. L. McNutt, Stuttgart; B. S. Hundley, Star City.

Prescott District: Lay Leader, H. M. Stephens, Blevins; Associates: Marvin Boyd, Emmett; Chas. G. Stephens, Gurdon; D. C. Humphrey, Delight; Burin Hardin.

Texarkana District: Lay Leader, Fred Gantt, Foreman; Associates: K. H. Skinner, Mena; H. L. Evans, Ashdown; L. J. Thompson, Texarkana; W. B. Wilson, Lewisville.

### Part II. Pertaining to Ministerial Relations

16. Who constitute the Conference Committee of Investigation? Virgil D. Keeley, George Reutz, Doyle Rowe, R. A. Teeter, Fred Arnold, Reserves: W. Neill Hart, A. J. Christie, J. E. Cooper.

17. Who are the accepted supply pastors? Albert Burroughs, Rayford Diffie, L. Gray Wilson, W. I. Small, W. E. West, Coy Rodgers, P. D. Alston, Claude O. Hall, C. B. Harris, Ralph S. Mann, J. R. Martin, H. R. Nabors, Howard Cox, J. E. Joiner, Zane Williams, Forney Harvey, J. C. Van Horn, Harold Scott, Hursel Richert, James B. Svain, Geo. Townsend, Jay R. Callicott, E. T. McAfee, W. C. Onstead, Mrs. K. K. Carithers, R. M. Crain, D. L. McCauley, C. E. Lawrence, George Lee Glasgows, Raymond Caulson, C. V. Holiman, Hollis Simpson, Claude Stone, Thomas Christie, Elbert B. Jean, C. V. Mashburn, Bruce Bean, W. H. Watson, W. W. Barron, John P. Miles, John Butler Hayes, Albert Oliver, J. E. Joiner, J. R. Martin, Myron Pearce.

18. What accepted supply pastors now under full-time appointment are taking the conference course of study:

a) In the first year? Mrs. Rose P. Carithers (2); J. C. Van Horn (7); Harold Scott (1).

b) In the second year? A. H. Burroughs (8); W. E. West (7).

c) In the third year? Rayford L. Diffie (4).

d) In the fourth year? R. M. Crain (6); C. V. Mashburn, L. Gray Wilson.

19. What preachers, coming from other churches, have their orders recognized:

a) As local deacons? None.

b) As local elders? None.

20. Who have been received from other churches as traveling preachers (persons named here should not be included under 21-30):

a) As members on trial? (1) Deacons? None.

(2) Elders? None.

b) As members in full connection? (1) Deacons? None.

(2) Elders? None.

21. Who are received on trial:

a) In studies of the first year? Barry Bailey.

b) In studies of the third year under the seminary rule? None.

c) Exempt from course of study under the seminary rule? James Robert Scott, Jefferson E. Davis, Virgil C. Bell.

22. Who are continued on trial:

a) Continued in studies of the first year? David Hankins, Oliver Wendell Hoover.

b) Advanced to studies of the second year? William Elder.

c) Continued in studies of the second year? William Elder, Robert L. Riffin, Howard Williams.

d) Exempt from course of study under the seminary rule? None.

23. Who on trial are discontinued? None.

24. Who are admitted into full connection? Gerald Dean, Cecil Alfred DeBlack, Osborne Elverne White, Joseph Wiley Hunter, Everett Mosley Vinson.

25. What full members are in studies:

a) Of the third year? Cecil Alfred DeBlack, Osborne Elverne White, Gerald Clyde Dean, Cagle Eugene Fair, Joseph Wiley Hunter, Everett Mosley Vinson.

b) Of the fourth year? Francis Christie, Omma L. Daniel, James Edward Christie, Donald James McCammon, Clyde Parsons.

26. What full members have failed to complete the studies:

a) Of the third year? None.

b) Of the fourth year? None.

27. What full members have completed the studies of the fourth year? None.

28. Who have been elected deacons:

a) As local preachers? Charles Vanus Mashburn.

b) As members on trial in the course of study? Osborne Elverne White, Joseph Wiley Hunter, Cecil Alfred DeBlack, Everett Mosley Vinson.

c) Under the seminary rule? Cagle Eugene Fair.

d) Under the missionary rule? None.

29. Who have been ordained deacons? Joseph Wiley Hunter, Cecil Alfred DeBlack, Everett Mosley Vinson, Osborne Elverne White, Charles Vanus Mashburn.

30. Who have been elected elders:

a) As local preachers? None.

b) As local deacons who have been received on trial? Dewel Leonard McCauley, Robert Hursel Richert.

c) As conference members in the course of study? Herston Ruby Holland, William Braska Savage, Charles William Baughman, Kirvin Alexander Hale.

d) Under the seminary rule? None.

e) Under the missionary rule? None.

31. Who have been ordained elders? Herston Ruby Holland, Charles William Baughman, William Braska Savage, Kirvin Alexander Hale, Dewel Leonard McCauley, Robert Hursel Richert.

32. Relative to accommodation transfers for ordination and reception: None.

33. Who are readmitted:

a) As deacons? None.

b) As elders? None.

Who have been received by transfer? Paul V. Galloway, North Arkansas Conference, October 20, 1948; Jeff Paul, Louisiana, October 20, 1948; Kenneth Shamblin, North Arkansas, October 20, 1948; J. Edwin Keith, North Texas Conference, October 20, 1948; Carl Patton, Jr., Peru Provisional Conference, October 20, 1948.

35. Who have been transferred out? George L. Cagle, Louisiana Conference, October 20, 1948; Wm. E. Brown, Louisiana Conference, October 20, 1948; Clyde N. Swift, East Oklahoma Conference, October 20, 1948; Coy E. Whitten, North Arkansas Conference, October 20, 1948; Ira A. Love, Louisiana Conference, October 20, 1948; James E. Major, Chile Provisional Conference, October 20, 1948.

36. Who have had their conference membership terminated:

a) By voluntary location? Carl Patton, Jr.

b) By involuntary location? None.

c) By withdrawal? (State if under complaints, under charges, or for what reason.) None.

d) By judicial procedure (expelled)? None.

37. What ministerial members have died during the year? Joseph E. Fulkerson, L. E. N. Hundley.

38. Who are the supernumerary ministers, and for what number of years consecutively has each held this relation? None.

39. Who are granted sabbatical leave? None.

40. What ministers have been retired:

a) This year? Thomas D. Spruce, J. A. Newell, T. M. Armstrong, A. N. Stonecipher, A. N. Yountblood (accepted supply).

b) Previously? H. A. F. Ault, J. D. Baker, M. O. Barnett, S. K. Barnett, F. C. Cannon, T. P. Clark, J. L. Criswell, C. B. Davis, F. P. Doak,

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## THE HENDRIX FELLOWSHIP TEAM

The Hendrix Fellowship Team made its second successful trip for this school year going to Vilonia Methodist Church, George Martin, pastor, on Sunday, October 10. Bro. Martin is a student at Hendrix College and also president of the North Arkansas Conference M. Y. F.

The purpose of this trip was to give the youth a better understanding of their church, its purpose, their responsibility to the church, and to help them to understand better their own M. Y. F. program. All of the church members were included in this meeting. Rev. James S. Upton, counselor for the team, talked to the adults on their responsibility as adults to the youth of their church. He was assisted by Martha Love. The youth department was led by Rev. Thomas Kinslow and Francis Kelley for the Intermediates, and by Allan Hilliard and Lola Featherston for the Senior and Young People.

The children were led in games, songs, stories, Sunday School lessons, and other things by Hettie Lou Wilson and Nancy Sanders. Hattie Lou was also recreation director for the team.

At the regular Sunday School hour the different team members led their respective groups in discussions covering the purpose of the team. After Sunday School, Bro. Martin preached at the morning worship service. Following the services dinner was served at the church by the W. S. C. S. for the church members and the team.

For two hours in the afternoon the fellowship team and some local youth divided into three visitation teams; during which time the three groups visited sick people, old members, inactive members, youth and children of the community inviting them to the services of the church. Over twenty-five homes were visited in this time.

At 6:00 p. m. a fellowship supper was served followed by a period of recreation where new games and songs were presented. After recreation everyone was led in singing Negro spirituals which led up to the evening worship service.

Bro. Kinslow brought the evening message, taking as his text the words from St. John 3:9, "How can these things be?"

Following the worship service the members went back to their regular classes as in the morning period to continue the discussion on how to improve their church and themselves spiritually and physically.

Martha Love led the congregation in the closing devotion, challenging everyone to come forward to renew this life and to grow into a fuller and richer Christ-like life.

The team was helped by the use of the Gospel Wagon which has been a project of Rev. R. E. Connell, the Conway District superintendent. —Allan E. Hilliard, Co-Chairman of the Hendrix Fellowship Team.

## SOME FINE RECORDS



CAROL NELL PERKINS

Sunday, September 26th, marked the end of a very successful year for the Church School of the Carlisle Methodist Church. There has been a 34 per cent increase in total enrollment with an average attendance of 167. The school has a record of perfect attendance that has not been reached in previous years. Twenty-four persons, young and old, received special attendance awards for their perfect attendance record. Twelve had a record of one year each; four, two years each; four, three years each; one, four years;

one, five years; and one, eleven years. Several others only missed one or two Sundays during the year and this because of illness. Of the above number in perfect attendance, three deserve special mention.

Carol Nell Perkins started to Sunday School when she was six months old and has not missed a Sunday since. She is five and a half years old and is looking forward to more years of perfect attendance. She says she likes to go to Sunday School and looks forward to it each Sunday. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Earl E. Perkins. Both Mr. and Mrs. Perkins are active in church work. Mr. Perkins is chairman of the Official Board of the church and has missed only one meeting in two years.

The second person of special mention is Miss Malene Huff who has a perfect attendance record of eleven years. She is the daughter of Mrs. Hubert Huff who is the Home Nursery Department Superintendent. Mrs. Huff has been a very faithful worker in the church for several years.

Charlie C. Perkins has a record that few will be able to equal. With the exception of two Sundays, he has a perfect record of 33 years. He has spent almost half of the Sundays of his life in Sunday School. Mr. Perkins held a record of 29 years when he had to go to bed for two Sundays with the flu. Since that time he has a four-year record. He is a great uncle of Carol Nell Perkins.

## MEETING OF UNION COUNTY SUB-DISTRICT

The Union County Sub-district of the Methodist Youth Fellowship met with the youth of Parkers Chapel in their church on October 4, 1948. There were approximately 100 members attending.

The meeting was called to order by the president, Howard Childs. The minutes were read and the roll called by the secretary pro tem, Virginia Pickering.

The various commissions met and the work of each commission was planned for the following month. They are as follows: Recreation, have a halloween party; World Friendship, write a youth in Europe; Community Service, improve the room where you have League; Worship and Evangelism, have a program around the life of a prophet.

Reports were given by the individual churches. The M. Y. F. banner was won by the Marysville Senior group and the Norphlet Junior group.

The youth of Parkers Chapel entertained with an inspiring program. Peggy Hinson and Howard Childs told of their experiences at youth camps they attended the preceding summer. Mrs. Jack Britt made a short talk.

The next meeting will be held at Dumas Memorial Church. The meeting was closed with M. Y. F. benediction.

After the meeting refreshments were served in the basement of the church.—Janice Powledge, Reporter.

## MEETING OF POLK COUNTY M. Y. F.

The Polk County M. Y. F. met at the Hatfield Methodist Church, Monday evening, October 4, with the Hatfield Fellowship in charge of the program.

A sermon pantomime, "Jesus Saves" was presented by Kathleen Griffin, Bettye Burgess, Opal Griffin, Helen Britton and Mary Jo Barnett with Peggy Enlow and Aldena McCafferty as soloists. John E. Hinson read the scriptures.

The business meeting followed with Kelly Simpson of Shady Grove, county president, presiding and Marie Dagenhart of Cove, county secretary, reading the minutes. The attendance count was taken, the total being 98. Shady Grove won with most miles traveled. A vote was taken to change the meeting time during the winter months from 8 o'clock to 7:30.

John E. Hinson introduced the officers of Hatfield's newly organized Intermediate M. Y. F. They were Ella June Britton, president; Ralph Joe Edwards, vice-president; Alice Williams, secretary and Kent Burgess, treasurer.

The recreation was led by Mrs. Bonita Musgrave with groups competing for prizes in various games of skill, all four groups winning by virtue of good performances. Judges were Mrs. Vest of Hatfield and Mrs. Charles Simpson of Shady Grove.

Refreshments were served by the Hatfield group. The next meeting will be at Wickes Methodist Church Monday evening, November 2, at 7:30 o'clock.—Mrs. Ralph Edwards, Reporter.

## LITTLE ROCK SUB-DISTRICT HOLDS WORKSHOP

A workshop sponsored by the Little Rock Sub-district was held at Aldersgate on October 8 and 9. The officers of the sub-district are: President, Mary Ann Kincannon; vice-president, Paul Speirer; Secretary, Barbara Carter; Treasurer, R. J. Wills; Publicity, Nancy Bylander, Jeanne Coe.

Commissions are: Worship and Evangelism, Mabel Neely; Community Service, Pat Wilson; World Friendship, Marlyn Fraser; Recreation, Marion Sorrells, Bob Hale. Counselors are: Miss Margaret Marshall, Mrs. V. B. Story, Mrs. Walter Newton, Mrs. J. B. Brown, Rev. Rufus Sorrells.

The workshop was held to acquaint the officers and counselors of the local churches with the program and their responsibilities.

The general officers and counselors were led by Mrs. C. E. Nelson of Winfield. The commission chairmen were led by Mrs. V. B. Story, Pulaski Heights, Miss Margaret Marshall, Little Rock Methodist Council, Mrs. J. Gordon Wilson, Asbury, and Miss Sue Pattillo of First Methodist Church.

A highlight of the workshop came on Friday evening when Rev. E. D. Galloway, pastor of Pulaski Heights Church, challenged the youth to make "Jesus' Way — Our Way."

The M. Y. F. sub-district calendar reads as follows:

October 12, party, Y. M. C. A. - November 15, Booth Festival, Winfield.

December 20, Christmas Worship, Pulaski Heights.

January 24, Pastors' Night, Scott

## THE BEN FEW SUB-DISTRICT MEETS

The Ben Few Sub-district of the Methodist Youth Fellowship met at Tulip Methodist Church Monday night, October 4.

The program consisted of hymns and talent numbers given by the young people from the different churches.

To award the loving cup a "beauty contest" was held between the women sponsors of each M. Y. F. Mrs. Crowder won the contest. A contest was also held between the preachers from each church to choose the "most handsome." Brother Small of Carthage won.

The loving cup was awarded to the M. Y. F. of the Tulip Church on Carthage Charge.

Brother Small asked that we remember Rev. J. A. Newell, former pastor at Sparkman, by sending him "get-well" cards.

John Kaufman, vice-president, presided over the meeting. The count was taken, 114 were present including sponsors. The next meeting will be at Manchester, Monday night, November 1.

The meeting closed with everyone joining in hands in a fellowship circle and prayer was led by Rev. Dan Robinson.—Bobbie Jane Hunter, Reporter.

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MRS. SUE M. WAYLAND, Editor

## CHINA HAS GROWING INTEREST IN THE CHURCH

By C. Bertram Rappe  
Chungking, West China

The deep interest shown in the work of the Methodist Church in Szechwan Province, and the wonderful opportunities for service and for the spread of the Gospel that confront us everywhere: these are the two things that have greatly impressed me since my return to China.

Since arrival, I have had the privilege of preaching in three of our churches in this city and have been much encouraged to find far larger congregations and more dignified services than before or immediately following the war. At one service where I had charge of the Holy Communion, more than two hundred persons partook of the sacrament. In the city of Kiangpeh, where we had our first Christian martyr—a minister murdered at the altar many years ago—and where work has been most difficult ever since, I preached to a full house and found deep interest. On one Sunday, forty-one persons received baptism in Wesley Church, and thirty-five in Grace Community Church. At our High School and Commercial College there is a very active Christian Student Fellowship and the interest is so great that we have decided to remodel a warehouse put up by the American army and make it into a student church. This project is well under way and will soon be ready for dedication. Such a Christian center ought to mean much in the religious life of the school hereafter.

Shortly after our arrival, I took over the superintendency of the Methodist Hospital in Chungking. I did not want the position, but in this period of transition and readjustment, there are many things that a foreigner can do more easily than can a Chinese. Our object is not only to make the Hospital minister efficiently to the physical needs of the patients, but also to bring them the message of salvation and thus make it a really Christian institution. Fortunately there is a closer connection between the work of this institution and the church than I have known for years. Last Sunday eight of our nurses were baptised and received into membership in the church. At one of our welcome receptions a group of forty nurses sang a refrain to their song which ran,

"Is there anything that we can do for you?  
We'll do the best we can.  
We'll stand by you to a man."

That seems to be the spirit and attitude of the entire staff and so we are looking forward to a good year. The Hospital was bombed six times and suffered greatly in the way of buildings and equipment. Owing to lack of materials and the inflation, it would be unwise to try to build just now, but we are hoping and praying for a new plant and new equipment in the near future.

While political and economic conditions continue to grow worse in China as a whole, there are many reasons why we here in the far interior should be thankful. We

## HOLD HIGH THE TORCH

Hold high the torch!

You did not light its glow—

'Twas given you by other hands, you know.

'Tis yours to keep it burning bright,

Yours to pass on when you no more need light;

For there are other feet that we must guide,

And other forms go marching by our side;

Their eyes are watching every smile and tear

And efforts which we think are not worthwhile,

Are sometimes just the very helps they need,

Actions to which their souls would give most heed;

So that in turn they'll hold it high

And say, "I watched someone else carry it this way."

If brighter paths should beckon you to choose,

Would your small gain compare with all you'd lose?

Hold high the torch!

You did not light its glow—

'Twas given you by other hands, you know,

I think it started down its pathway bright,

The day the Maker said: "Let there be light."

And He, once said, who hung on Calvary's tree—

"Ye are the light of the world." . . . Go! . . . Shine—for me.—Selected.

## MONTICELLO DISTRICT FALL SEMINAR

The Monticello District held its Fall Seminar on September 17, in Crossett. Mrs. Whit Brooks, District Secretary on Missionary Education, opened the meeting and introduced Mrs. Eric Jensen of Stuttgart, Conference Secretary of Missionary Education, who held an informal discussion on the recent changes made in the work of the W. S. C. S.

The four studies were presented to the groups. Mrs. J. S. Hutchinson, Mrs. Perry Herring, and Mrs. Bob McCammon presented America's Geographical Frontiers; Mrs. T. T. McNeal presented "The Bible and Human Rights"; Mrs. Eric Jensen presented "China In the Asia of Today"; Mrs. Whit Brooks presented "Growth of The Spiritual Life."

Potluck lunch was served at noon by the Crossett society.

Mrs. A. T. Prewitt gave a very helpful devotional in opening the afternoon session. She used as her subject "The Good Shepherd," which was followed by the group singing "He Leadeth Me."

Mrs. Jensen, Mrs. B. E. Pace, Miss Ruth Peacock, Mrs. O. D. Campbell, Mrs. Ralph Clayton and Mrs. Martine Harper representing a program committee took part in a panel discussion on Program Building.

Mrs. Hal Pinnell closed the Seminar with a worship period. Her theme was "By His Light Shall The Nations Walk." Mrs. Wade Tull sang a special number, "Sweet Little Lord Jesus."—Mrs. Whit Brooks.

are far removed from the civil war and it is quiet here. Then this being almost wholly an agricultural area, we have not been influenced greatly by conditions that plague the most of the country. Hence normal business and administration are rapidly being restored and the cost of living is far less than in most provinces.

It is a pleasant thought that when you help a fellow up a steep hill, you get nearer the top yourself.—Ayrograms, hm, L. S. Ayres & Co.

## FAYETTEVILLE DISTRICT GUILD MEETS

The Quarterly meeting of the Wesleyan Service Guild of the Fayetteville District was held in Rogers September 26.

Mrs. Geo. D. Taylor, District Secretary, presided at the meeting. The devotional "By His Light" was given by Siloam Springs Guild. A question and answer forum was conducted by Mrs. Taylor.

A sketch of the life and work of the three Guild supported missionaries was given. They are as follows: Mildred Ann Paine, Japan, Fayetteville Guild; Mable Ruth Nowlin, China, Bentonville Guild; and Lena Knapp in South America, Prairie Grove Guild.

The District was delighted to know that they were to have a fourth missionary from the district soon, a Negro girl from Bennett College, who will go to China.

Mrs. Roxie Dismukes, South Central Jurisdiction secretary of Guilds, instructed the different officers on making quarterly reports. She said at the last meeting at Omaha, it was suggested that a free packet of literature be given to new Guilds. She also urged the observance of Week of Prayer by the Guilds.

Mrs. Sam McNair, District President, explained the different Life Memberships, and told what the funds these Memberships were used for. Mrs. Dan Andrews, District Study Leader, spoke on the Studies for the new year.

During the business meeting the following societies answered the roll by making reports from their churches: Bentonville, Fayetteville, Lincoln, Prairie Grove, Rogers, Siloam Springs.

Other district officers attending were Mrs. Harold Womack and Mrs. Martha Weaver. Mrs. Andrews dismissed the meeting with prayer.—Reporter.

We cannot merely eliminate prejudice, leaving nothing in its place. Something else must be substituted, or else new prejudices will arise. That thing is love.—Stanwood Cobb. "Why Can't We Be Friends?" World Order, 9-48.

## FORREST CITY MEETING

A Fall meeting of Wesleyan Service Guilds of the Helena District was held Sunday, October 10, in Forrest City, with Miss Virginia Hine, District Secretary, in charge of arrangements.

Approximately thirty ladies attended the meeting, which began with the morning worship service at the church, followed by luncheon served by members of the St. Agnes Guild at the Episcopal Church, and the afternoon session at 2 o'clock in the Methodist Church.

Mrs. Ethan Dodgen gave the devotional for the afternoon. Mrs. James Burkett of Marianna, Conference Secretary, talked about the changes in the Guild program of work and highlights of the Guild Week-end at Sequoyah, and Mrs. William Humbarger, W. S. C. S. District President, spoke about the new approved studies and other topics pertinent to the Guild and W. S. C. S. program of work.

There was a short question and answer period and the meeting was adjourned with prayer led by Mrs. Bessie Fletcher, president of the Forrest City unit.—Reporter.

## PARAGOULD DISTRICT SEMINAR

The Corning Methodist Church was hostess to the Paragould District Seminar on September 28. The meeting was presided over by Mrs. E. C. Cox with Mrs. A. L. Wright as secretary.

Mrs. H. F. McDonal welcomed the visitors. Mrs. W. J. Spicer presented America's Geographical Frontiers and Mrs. E. C. Cox, China in the Asia of Today. Mrs. J. F. Arnold, Jr., sang a solo. Dr. J. T. Carlyon of Dallas, Texas, addressed the group on Church History. Announcements were made by Mrs. T. C. Chambliss.

Luncheon was served to eighty at the Home Economics Cottage by high school girls, supervised by their instructor.

In the afternoon session, the Bible and Human Rights was given by Mrs. John Thiel and Mrs. N. C. Harrington. Growth in the Spiritual Life was brought by Mrs. A. G. Craver. Mrs. W. H. Goodloe discussed Program Building. It was noted with interest that Maynard, the newest society had a delegation of twelve members at the meeting.

Mrs. T. C. Gallegly closed the day with a very impressive devotional.—Mrs. E. C. Cox, Reporter.

## NEW SOCIETY ORGANIZED

Mrs. J. P. McNealy, district president of the Batesville W. S. C. S. assisted by Mrs. S. B. Wilford, wife of the district superintendent organized a new society at McHue October 12.

The new officers elected are as follows: President, Mrs. Clyde Stewart; Vice-president, Mrs. O. B. Kever; Recording and Promotion Secretary, Mrs. H. A. Stewart; Treasurer, Mrs. S. M. Massey; Literature and Publications, Mrs. C. W. Presley; Supplies, Mrs. Ray Patterson; Spiritual Life, Mrs. H. A. Stewart. We welcome this new group into the great organization of the Women's work.—Reporter.



# CURRENT NEWS IN ARKANSAS METHODISM

## CAMDEN DISTRICT METHODIST YOUTH FELLOWSHIP

Two hundred seventy-three young people and adult workers of the Camden District Methodist Youth Fellowship attended a district meeting at the First Methodist Church, in El Dorado, Monday evening, September 20. Representatives throughout the district and all-district officers attended.

The young people assembled in the spacious dining hall for sandwiches, cookies, drinks and ice cream, which were served by the ladies of the host church. A very pleasant fellowship was had for a brief time and all were directed to the auditorium for Fellowship Meeting.

After an inspiring devotional, Rev. Charles H. Giesson told the group about the tract of land which has been purchased joining Couchdale. Plans have been made for the members of the local M. Y. F.'s to help in securing funds to make the camp site suitable for use another year. The young people are very interested in this project and want to help in every way we can to help promote this work.

A great religious message was given the group in the picture, "Beyond Our Own." It was truly a great film, the kind which will help the youth of our country sustain a higher spiritual level. I think each one left with the feeling of having gained something by attending.—Camden District Reporter.

## LITTLE ROCK DISTRICT PARSONETTES

Mrs. Arthur Terry, Mrs. Alfred Doss and Mrs. W. R. Burks entertained "The Parsonettes" of the Little Rock District with a delicious luncheon in the Hostess Room of the Wonder Bread Bakery, Little Rock, October 14th. Favors and decorations for the tables carried out the Halloween motif. The invocation was given by Mrs. E. C. Rule. Twenty-two members and two guests were present. Guests were Mrs. Clara Fritts, mother of Mrs. Doss, and Mrs. G. F. James. During the luncheon, Mrs. James sang two lovely solos. Mrs. Paul V. Galloway was welcomed as a new member of the group.

Mrs. John L. Tucker, president, presided over a short business session, when announcement was made of the luncheon for ministers' wives to be held at Winfield Methodist Church on Saturday, October 23rd.

During the social hour which followed, members enjoyed a contest, Mrs. Paul Galloway being awarded a prize. As a special Halloween feature, each member told of some superstition she had heard.—Reporter.

## RECEPTION AT CONWAY

Members of the First Methodist Church, Conway, and students from Hendrix and A. S. T. Colleges met at the church Thursday night, October 14, to honor with a reception Rev. and Mrs. Carl Keightley and their daughter, Michel Ann. Gifts were presented to each member of the family in recognition of the outstanding service which this young

## NEW PARSONAGE AT BRINKLEY

Under an eight-year pastorate the following things have been accomplished:

An embarrassing debt has been liquidated. A Hammond Organ has

been installed and paid for. Organ

chimes were given to the church by a family of the church. There has been a substantial growth in the membership of the Church School and of the church. Some

needed repairs have been made on the church building. The salary

will be doubled for the coming year from what it was at the beginning

of the pastorate. A splendid brick-veneer parsonage has been built and

practically paid for.

The following rural work has been

done by the pastor near Brinkley:

The Choctaw Methodist Church

has been organized in the Allendale community.

A Methodist Church was organ-

ized at White Church on Cypress

Ridge road with twenty members.

The old building was bought and

paid for from another denomina-

tion. We have just about enough

money to make needed repairs.

Electric lights have been placed in

the church.

The pastor has reached the age of

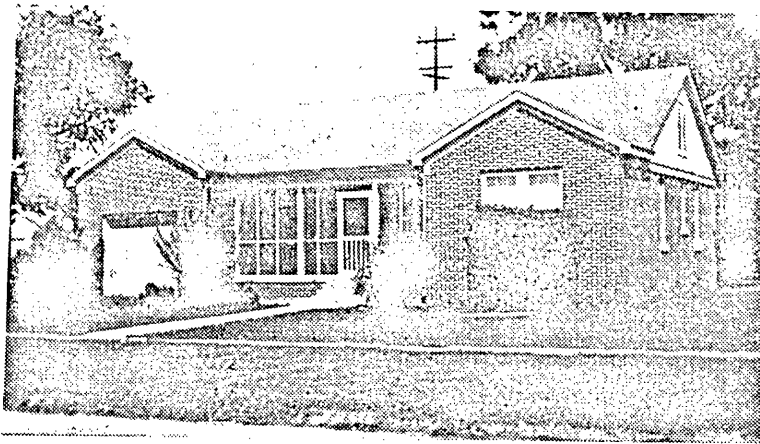
retirement but expects to take a

work next year.

The Brinkley Church is facing the

future with faith and courage.—

B. L. Wilford.



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## A COOPERATIVE DINNER AT VINEY GROVE

A cooperative dinner in honor of Rev. Ivan Wilson and family was held last Monday evening at the community house. A large crowd numbering nearly seventy was in attendance and a bounteous feast was spread. Out of the community guests were Mr. and Mrs. Bert Russell, Lee Jones, Mr. and Mrs. Orlan Crawford, Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Jones, Mr. Garrett and Mr. and Mrs. Harvey White of Prairie Grove and Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Thomas and daughter, Nadine, of near Lincoln.

After the dinner a very enjoyable song service was held with Mr. Jones, Mr. Russell, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas and Nadine alternating as leaders. Several special numbers were given by the above mentioned people which were enjoyed very much. Brother Wilson gave a little talk expressing his appreciation not only of this meeting, but he mentioned other courtesies and kindnesses for which they were deeply grateful. The audience was dismissed with prayer by Mrs. Wilson.

Brother Wilson has been pastor of this charge for the past three years, and is leaving it in better condition both spiritually and materially than when he came. He leaves this week for Magazine Charge. Brother Walter Pennell of Morrow will replace him.—Mrs. Henry Smith, Reporter.

couple has rendered to First Church during the fourteen months spent there. Brother Keightley has been transferred to Dallas, Texas, as an assistant pastor at Highland Park Church.—Reporter.

## A REPORT FROM MAGNOLIA FIRST CHURCH

On September 10 at 6 p. m. the ground-breaking ceremony was conducted on the lot west of the present building on which the new sanctuary is being erected. The lot was purchased last year. Three men who have been members of the church for half a century took part in the ceremony. They are Guy Wilson, C. W. Martel and Henry Stevens. They handed the shovels to three young people, Charles Martel, Jack Walker and Miss Ruby Russell, who turned the shovels of dirt. The contract was let to Bennett and McGowan, contractors in Magnolia. The architect is Ginnocchio and Cromwell of Little Rock. Part of the foundation has already been poured and work is underway for the construction of the \$200,000.00 church. It will be of Colonial type and will seat 700 people. A wing of the educational building coming across to join our present educational building, will be built.

The Wingfield country church reopened last year and has built two new Sunday School rooms this summer. They have built a beautiful altar, have a new walnut pulpit, a new choir loft with hardwood oak floors, have electric lights and they have an average of 70 in Sunday School. The church has been painted and a new roof put on. Rev. C. B. Harris, local minister, is the pastor and is leading in a revival there this week. So many people were present last Sunday night for the official opening of the church after being remodeled that they could not all get in. The other three country churches reopened last year and they are also doing

## REPORT FROM THE DODDRIDGE CHARGE

We have enjoyed our work this year. It has been a pleasure to serve the good people of Doddridge Charge.

We have organized one Church School, one M. Y. F., one W. S. C. S., painted one church, re-established the old Concord Church which has had no services for ten years and started them with twenty members.

We have doubled the Arkansas Methodist on the charge. Have received 24 members this year, salaries all paid, claims all paid.

We have had a good time on the Doddridge Charge this year.—R. M. Crain, Pastor.

good work under the leadership of Brother Harris.

The Sunday School of First Church has passed the 700 mark and the highest attendance of the year was a hot July Sunday with 455 present. The church has purchased new upholstered chairs for the Sunday School rooms which are used to seat the congregation. A loud speaker system has been installed so the congregation sitting in these rooms can hear more adequately. A new electric cross and chimes have been given by Mrs. D. D. Goode as a memorial to her husband. The cross was erected by the church in memory of Mrs. S. O. Couch.

Miss Burrow, voice teacher at the college, is directing the youth choir singing each Sunday evening. R. O. Oliver, band director at the college is directing our senior choir in the absence of Mrs. R. C. Green, our regular director. Mrs. Herman Christie is organist for the evening service and Mrs. Dave Futch for the morning service. The church gave a banquet for the choir on October 6.

There are 170 Methodist students at the A. and M. College this year. The Wesley Foundation is organized with the new officers as follows: President, Louise Fincher; Vice-president, Lewis Teeter; Secretary, Paula Coffield; Treasurer, Joyce Nutt; Reporter, Ruby Russell; Publicity Committee, Patty Lois Sewell and Betty Hart; Program Committee, Mary Lynn Rivers, Don Eaton, Pat Bennett; Social Committee, Al Smith, Norwood Eaton, Lillian Shirley. Mr. and Mrs. Bert Thompson from First Church meet with the Wesley Foundation as a connecting link with the church and the college. Regular meetings are held in the college each Wednesday evening.—John M. McCormack, Pastor.

The more of self we satisfy the less of God we glorify.—Ex.

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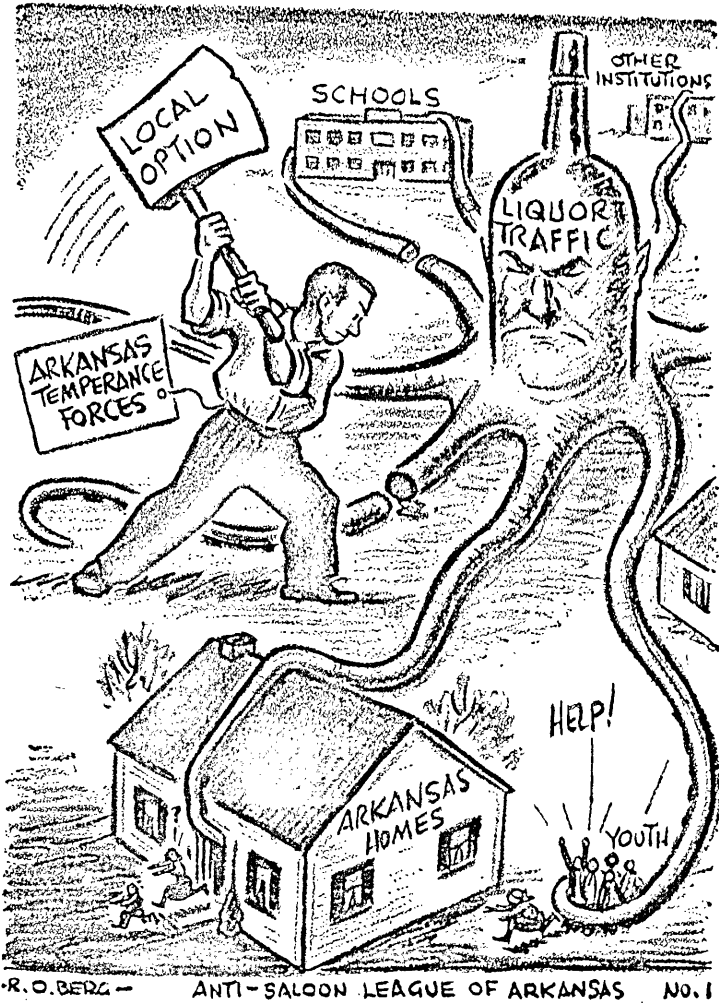
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4. Now, Act No. 1, which was initiated in 1942, changed that law, so that local option elections can be held at any time. All provisions of Act No. 1 (our present law) have been upheld by the Supreme Court. Act No. 2 would destroy local option in Arkansas.

## WETS' DECEITFUL CLAIM

The liquor people pretend to be distressed over the cost of local option elections. They are deceivers. Here's proof. They themselves petitioned for and got local option elections in four different dry counties (Independence and Baxter and Benton and Crawford), and smaller areas, trying to vote them back wet.

And that total majority vote in those four counties to stay dry was more than five times as large as the total majority when they voted to go dry. After four failures in succession, it dawned on the "booze barons" that they would have to try some other trick. And behold, they discovered that local option elections "cost too much!"

## Further Proof Of Deceit

Even if every county in Arkansas were to have a local option election every year, (which, of course, they would never do), and if such elections should cost a total of \$100,000.00 each year, it would take five hundred and twenty years to spend as much that way as was spent for beer, wine and whiskey in Arkansas in 1947—one year! The liquor bill in this state last year was \$52,400,000 plus. That's what the liquor people are eager to hold on to—the enormous profits they are making in their home-wrecking, soul-destroying traffic! Honest voters, both wets and dries, should vote against Initiated Act No. 2 on November 2nd.

### METHODISTS NAME DIRECTOR OF FOUR- YEAR ADVANCE

COLUMBUS, OHIO—The election of the Rev. Dr. E. Harold Mohn of Warren, Ohio, as executive director of the new quadrennial plan of The Methodist Church—"The Advance for Christ and His Church"—was announced here October 8, by Bishop William C. Martin of Dallas, Texas, chairman of the Advance Committee.

Called to the leadership of the new movement from the pastorate of one of the largest Methodist congregations in the state, First Church in Warren, Dr. Mohn will assume his responsibilities as executive director immediately and will in the near future open national headquarters for the Advance at 740 Rush street, Chicago.

The Advance program has a two-fold purpose: to deepen the faith and spiritual life of Methodism's eight and a half million members through a world-wide teaching and preaching mission and to promote an over-all increase in giving to missions and overseas relief.

In announcing the selection of the new director, Bishop Martin said: "It gives to all of us who have leadership responsibility for this Advance a sense of confidence in its success in having as executive director a man of such widely recognized ability as a creative organizer."

Dr. Mohn was named to the post, Bishop Martin said, because of "his enthusiastic commitment to the cause of world evangelization and his ability to formulate a program of activity and secure the cooperation of others in carrying it to a successful conclusion."

A native of Ohio, Dr. Mohn has served for over 30 years in that state as a minister of Methodist churches, including a six-year term as Superintendent of the Canton District. He was a chaplain in the U. S. Army in World War I. His appointments have included churches in Kinsman, South Euclid, Canton and Wooster. He has been pastor of the Warren church, which has a membership of 2700, since 1943.

The new director is a graduate of Ohio Wesleyan University and Boston University School of Theology. He also did post-graduate work at Boston University and the University of Jena in Germany. Ohio Wesleyan honored him with the doctorate in divinity.

Dr. Mohn is a member of the Board of Missions and Church Extension, president of the board of

### M. Y. F. PRESIDENTS AT CLARKSVILLE



Top—Ann Revis; Bottom, Joanna Sue Garner;  
Right, David Emerson

David Emerson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Emerson was elected president of the Clarksville M. Y. F. at a business meeting on September 19. He is a senior in the Clarksville High School.

A newly organized Junior-Hi Fellowship group began its work in the church on September 5 and elected as its leader Miss Joanna Sue Garner, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jimmie Garner. This group is very active and the church is very proud

of them. Mrs. Johnnie Howell is counselor. This age group is 12 years through 15 years.

Miss Ann Revis was elected president of the Ft. Smith-Fayetteville District at the Methodist Youth Camp held August 21-22 at Camp Sequoyah, Fayetteville. A senior in Clarksville high school she is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Eldon Revis of Clarksville. She is very active in church school and social affairs.

trustees of the Elyria Home for the Aged, Elyria, Ohio, and a trustee of Ohio Wesleyan.

Mrs. Mohn is the former Edith Frances Walker. The Mohns have two married daughters.

How many times have we heard, "Why I've given him the shirt off my back and now look what he has done to me," or "I've given him the best years of my life and look what I get in return." If we bestow a gift or a favor and expect a return for it, it is not a gift but a trade.—Chas. A. Chamberlain, "The Law of Giving," Science of Mind, 10-48.

Believe men are friends and in the long run they will be.—Mutual Moments.

Children are not miniature copies of adults; they are themselves people.—Josephine Poynter, American Home.

The happiest people are less forgetting and more forgiving.—Charleston (N. C.) Daily Mail.

### OPEN-AIR SERVICES AT- TRACT IN BRAZIL

Under the leadership of the Rev. Charles W. Clay, Methodist missionary in Vitoria, Espirito Santo, Brazil, regular open-air evangelical services are being held on Sunday mornings at one of the city's market places. The young people of the Vitoria Methodist Church sponsor these services. Says Mr. Clay:

"We go in the jeep, stripping off the top and using it as pulpit and platform; we use a portable phonograph to help with the music. A crowd usually gathers immediately—fishermen, drunkards, gamblers, shopkeepers, servants, policemen, soldiers, and a sprinkling of wealthy men and women who have come for their Sunday marketing. Most people usually stay through the entire service, listening reverently to every word. An occasional drunkard will create a commotion, but the crowd usually sees to it that he is removed to the background if a few kind words on my part do not calm him down a bit. The few scoffers oftentimes end as admirers and seekers after truth. Almost everyone reaches for the gospels and leaflets, which we distribute at the close. It is really an inspiring sight to see how these people hunger and thirst for the Gospel of Christ."

Even the youngsters are developing a social consciousness these days, it would seem.

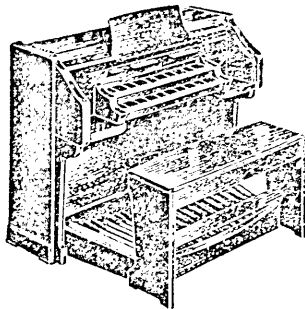
I've just heard of a little girl, out walking with her mother, and passing a church of another denomination from the one they attended.

Thoughtfully the little girl told her mother: "When our church goes on strike, let's go to church there."—Eleanor Clarage, Pastor's Wife.

The difference between Christ and King Herod is that Herod was interested in purple while Christ is interested in people. Our modern society is too much like Herod.—Rev. Roger Imhoff, Fanner Memorial Lutheran Church, Louisville, Ky.

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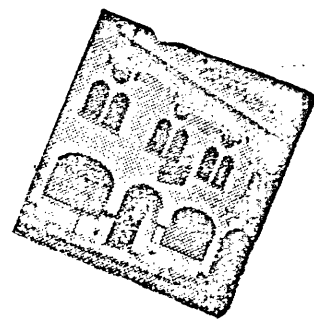
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CONDENSED MINUTES OF  
LITTLE ROCK CONFERENCE

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S. L. Durham, Roy E. Fair, E. D. Hanna, W. T. Hopkins, J. L. Leonard, J. W. Nethercutt, T. W. Nunn, J. B. Pickering, R. J. Rail, J. T. Rodgers, J. L. Rogers, J. B. Sims, L. R. Sparks, J. W. Thomas, C. M. Thompson, Doyle L. Wilcox, J. M. Workman.

41. Who are left without appointment to attend school? Charles W. Baughman, Hebrew Union College; James Robert Scott, Yale Divinity School; Virgil Bell, Howard Williams, Jefferson E. Davis, Everett M. Vinson, Cagle E. Fair, Perkins School of Theology.

42. What is the number of:

a) Pastoral charges? 177; Received on trial? 4; Transfers in? 5; Received from other churches? 0; Discontinued? 0; Accepted supply pastors? 45; Received into full connection? 4; Transfers out? 5; Readmitted? 0; Withdrawn? 0; Expelled? 0; Deceased? 2; Located? 1.

b) Ministers:

(1) On trial:

(a) As pastors? 12

(b) Under special appointment? 2

(c) Left without appointment to attend school? 5

Total on trial? 19

(2) In full connection:

(a) Effective:

(i) As pastors and district superintendents? 123

(ii) Under special appointments? 5

(iii) Left without appointment to attend school? 1

## SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

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Him, as was Paul. "I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh, I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me." (Galatians 2:20)

The book of Job raises the question of why suffering? It answers in part that not all sufferings come from the sins of the sufferers. In the Cross in the New Testament, we learn that the whole plan of redemption is a program of vicarious suffering to redeem a lost world. The millions who suffer must not be haunted with the thought that God is penalizing them. Sin brought suffering to all mankind. Suffering will exist until sin with all its consequences is abolished. Let us learn to suffer and be strong for Christ's sake.

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(iv) On sabbatical leave? .....	0
Total effective? .....	129
(b) Retired? .....	29
(c) Supernumerary? .....	0
c) Total of all ministers? (Add total on trial, total effective, retired, and supernumerary). .....	177
43. What other personal notation should be made? None.	

Part III. Concluding Business  
44. What is the report of the conference treasurer? See Journal.  
45. What is the report of the conference statistician? See Journal.  
46. What are the detailed objectives of this conference for the coming year? See Journal.  
47. Where shall the next session of the conference be held? Hot

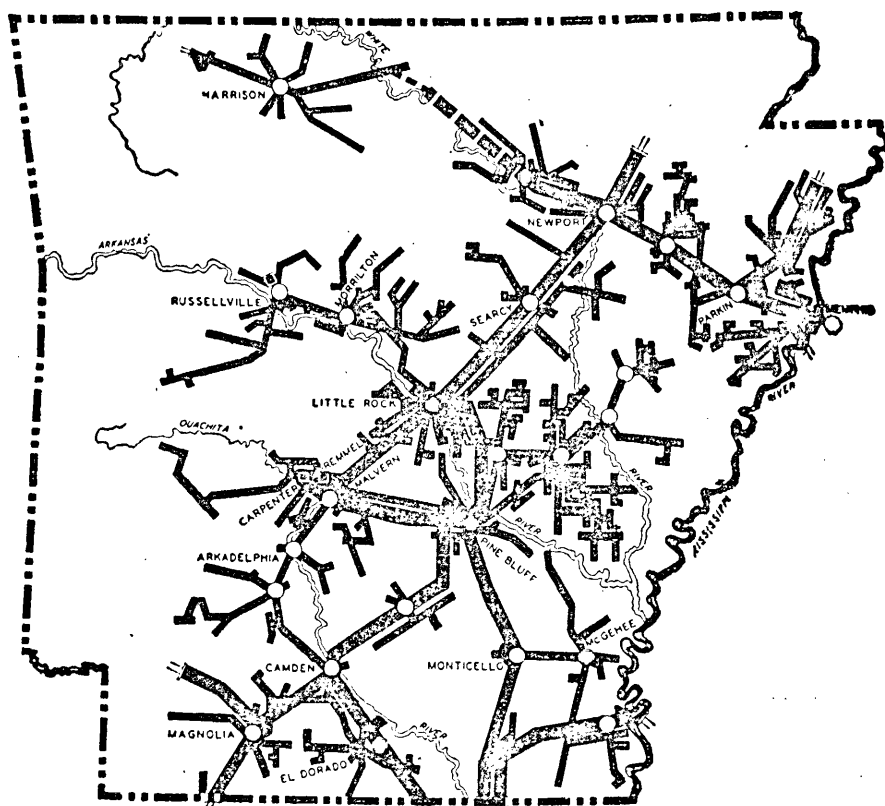
Springs, Arkansas.

48. Is there any further business? None.

49. What changes have been made in appointments since last Annual Conference session? See Appointments.

50. Where are the preachers stationed for the ensuing year? (See list of appointments.)

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### DRAMA IN THE BIBLE

LESSON FOR NOVEMBER 7, 1948

SCRIPTURE TEXT: *The Book of Job*

GOLDEN TEXT: *He knoweth the way that I take; When he hath tried me, I shall come forth as gold. Job 23:10.*

The Book of Job. Is it poetry, history, or drama? It is all these and more. Victor Hugo said it was one of the greatest pieces of literature in the world. Tennyson calls it one of the greatest poems in the English language. Were I to designate it, I would say it is a great epic poem with Job as the hero, grappling with the problem of human suffering.

We do not know who wrote it or when it was written. It was evidently produced during patriarchal times. Job was a rich patriarch with a large and happy family. God was proud of Job. "Now there was a day when the sons of God came to present themselves before the Lord, and Satan came also among them. And the Lord said unto Satan, Whence comest thou? Then Satan answered the Lord, and said, From going to and fro in the earth, and from walking up and down in it." And the Lord said unto Satan, "Hast thou considered by servant Job, that there is none like him in the earth, a perfect and an upright man, one that feareth God, and escheweth evil?" Then Satan answered the Lord, and said, "Doth Job fear God for naught? Hast not thou made a hedge about him, and about his house, and about all that he hath on every side? Thou hast blessed the work of his hands, and his substance is increased in the land. But put forth thine hand now, and touch all that he hath, and he will curse thee to thy face." And the Lord said unto Satan, "Behold, all that he hath is in thy power; only upon himself put not forth thine hand." So Satan went forth from the presence of the Lord." (Job 1:6-12)

The devil does not believe in the goodness of any man. The man who says there are no honest men in the world, is a self-confessed rascal. The woman who says there are no pure women in the world, is not herself pure, according to her own statement. Wholesale condemnation of humanity is engaged in only by misanthropes and degenerates.

Let us learn to discover the good in all folks, and to talk of that goodness, rather than condemning them on suppositions.

#### A Hearsay Religion Exploded

When Job's friends (?) came and saw Job on the ash heap, they were so overcome that they stood speechless for seven days and seven nights. (This is perhaps a poetical exaggeration). The wealthiest and most honored citizen of the city, to be cast outside the walls and left on a pile of ashes! This overwhelmed them. Eliphaz, Bildad, and Zophar, were learned men. But they held the commonly accepted view that suffering was due to the sins of the sufferers.

Job, robbed of all wealth, all health, and all his splendid family, was an extremely pitiable object. These eloquent, learned men felt sure they could convince and convert Job that his troubles were due to some sin or sins of which he was

guilty. Job's integrity emboldened him to answer each one, utterly demolishing the arguments of the accuser in each case. This was one of the masterful debates of history. When Job had vanquished all of them in continued rounds of debate, Elihu, a smart aleck, a cock-sure upstart, unloaded his verbiage upon Job.

Job was so disgusted with Elihu's verbosity and pomposity, and being quite sure he had smashed all the false premises of the three, treated Elihu's effusion with silent contempt. Job had won by argument and by silently ignoring the windy Elihu. The false premise that only guilt brings suffering was exploded. The silence of his would-be comforters left Job master of the situation. He had outwitted all his opponents and maintained his statement of innocence.

#### Was Job Elated?

Perhaps he was. A poor, sick, old man, to "wipe up the earth" with these sleek, forensic experts was enough to make any man proud of himself. He may have waved his festering hands and said, "If you have any other defense of your false notions, trot them out and I will meet them as I have the others you have presented."

#### God Is Heard

God did not appear on the scene in physical form, but his voice was heard in the whirlwind. "Then the Lord answered Job out of the whirlwind, and said, Who is this that darkeneth counsel by words without knowledge? Gird up now thy lions like a man; for I will demand of thee, and answer thou me. Where wast thou when I laid the foundations of the earth? declare, if thou hast understanding Who laid the measures thereof, if thou knowest? or who hath stretched the line upon it? Whereupon are the foundations

thereof fastened? or who laid the cornerstone thereof?" (Job 28:1-6)

#### Job Conquered

God refuted Job's arguments as completely as Job did the arguments of his would-be comforters. But God did not answer the question, "Why do the innocent suffer?" After confessing his ignorance Job said, "Hear, I beseech thee, and I will speak: I will demand of thee, and declare thou unto me. I have heard of thee by the hearing of the ear: but now mine eyes see thee. Wherefore I abhor myself, and repent in dust and ashes. And the Lord turned the captivity of Job, when he prayed for his friends: also the Lord gave Job twice as much as he had before." (Job 42:4, 5, 6, 10)

Job found comfort in the vision of God and a deep sense of the Father's presence. He ceased to worry about the innocent suffering and felt such an infilling of the divine presence, he could trust the Father even though he should slay him. A perfect realization of God's unfailing goodness gives us patience to endure things we do not yet understand. Jesus had much he would like to say to his disciples, but the plan of salvation had not yet gone far enough in its development to enable the disciples to understand.

#### Isaiah Portrayed A Suffering Savior

Who hath believed our report, and to whom is the arm of the Lord revealed? For he shall grow up before him as a tender plant, and as a root out of a dry ground: he hath no form nor comeliness; and when we shall see him, there is no beauty that we should desire him. He is despised and rejected of men; a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief: and we hid as it were our faces from him; he was despised and we esteemed him not. Surely he hath borne our griefs, and carried our sorrows: yet we did esteem him stricken, smitten of God, and afflicted. But he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed. All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way; and the Lord hath laid on him the iniquity of us all. He was oppressed, and afflicted, yet he opened not his mouth: he is brought as a lamb to the slaughter, and as a sheep before her shearers is dumb, so he opened not his mouth. He was taken from prison and from judg-

ment: and who shall declare his generation: for he was cut off out of the land of the living: for the transgression of my people was he stricken. And he made his grave with the wicked, and with the rich in his death; because he had done no violence, neither was any deceit in his mouth. Yet it pleased the Lord to bruise him; he hath put him to grief: when thou shalt make his soul an offering for sin, he shall see his seed, he shall prolong his days, and the pleasure of the Lord shall prosper in his hand. He shall see the travail of his soul, and shall be satisfied: by his knowledge shall my righteous servant justify many; for he shall bear their iniquities. Therefore will I divide him a portion with the great, and he shall divide the spoil with the strong; because he hath poured out his soul unto death: and he was numbered with the transgressors; and he bare the sin of many, and made intercession for the transgressors." (Isaiah Chapter 53)

A suffering Saviour could not be comprehended by the Jews, and the Gentiles today do not understand it. Shocking as it sounds to some people, the Saviour Christ suffered and suffers now. Jesus wept, and today he weeps over a sinful world. The Holy Spirit is grieved at every sinful deed, word, or thought of the Christian. Men became so sinful in the anti-deluvian age that it repented God that he had made man. "And God saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every imagination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually. And it repented the Lord that he had made man on the earth, and it grieved him at his heart." (Genesis 6:5-6) A Father who could not suffer would be no Father to me.

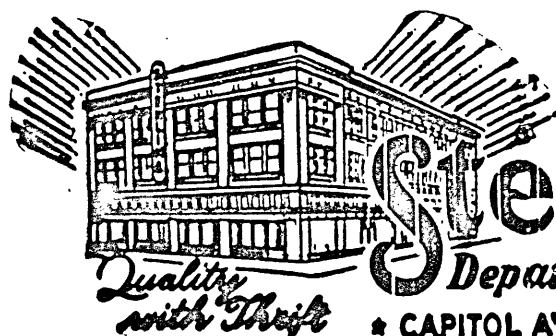
I was enrolled once in a class of preachers, taught by a distinguished university professor. When some one asked the question, "Can God suffer?" The teacher paused and said, "I am teaching my last lesson for this session. I am coming back next year to teach in this school. We will go into that matter next year." There was present one young preacher who wanted very much to say, "God can and does suffer!"

#### The Triune God Invites Us To Suffer

The cross is the explanation and interpretation of redemption. "Without the shedding of blood there is no remission of sins." A suffering Christ invites us to be crucified with

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