

## Two-Fold Meeting At Buck Hill Falls

OPENING Thursday, December 2nd and running through Friday, December 10th, we are to have a meeting of the Council of Secretaries and of the Board of Missions and Church Extension of our church at Buck Hill Falls, Pennsylvania.

The meeting of the Council of Secretaries will open on Thursday, December 2nd and run through Saturday of that week. The annual meeting of the Board of Missions and Church Extension will follow the session of the Council of Secretaries and continue through Friday, December 10th.

Editors of Methodist publications have been invited to attend both of these meetings. The Arkansas Methodist will be represented by the senior editor. Members of these two groups, the Council of Secretaries and the Board of Missions and Church Extension from our two Arkansas Conferences who will be in attendance are: Bishop Paul E. Martin, presiding bishop; North Arkansas Conference, Dr. J. Q. Schisler, Dr. A. W. Martin, Mrs. George Dismukes and Miss Sue Osment; Little Rock Conference, Mrs. H. King Wade.

The Council of Secretaries is composed of the Secretaries of all of the General Boards of our church and Secretaries of general divisions of the Boards. It is the business of this Council to give united support to World Service giving and to so coordinate the work of the various Boards as to reduce to a minimum overlapping and duplication of efforts.

It is our feeling that the General Boards of our church are rendering the rank and file of our church membership a real service in making it possible for the editors of Methodist publications to be present in so many of their meetings. While these Boards have employed publicity experts who give an excellent coverage of their activities for the press, it is of importance that the editors have some first-hand knowledge of the work of the Boards if they are to be able to properly present the material furnished for publication and especially if they are to make helpful, understanding, editorial comments on the work the Boards are promoting.

## Our People's Response To World Service Askings

THE first phase of our quadrennial program, the Advance For Christ and His Church, is found in the emphasis on World Service giving. The program of our General Conference calls for a thirty-three and one-third increase in the askings for World Service.

In Arkansas our Annual Conferences have accepted this increased askings. It has been apportioned to the individual charges. The final success of the plan, however, depends on the reaction in the local charge to this increased asking.

With our Annual Conferences being held in the fall as they were this year, it was necessary for our leaders, both clerical and lay, to present this increased asking to our quarterly conferences without much advanced preparation. The response, however, has been little short of marvelous. Arkansas Methodism is on the march and is evidencing a readiness to join the church general in any worth-while plan to promote the work of the kingdom. There is a harmony, a unity and a purposefulness in Arkansas Methodism today that it seldom, if ever, has enjoyed before.

## The Messiah Of Prophecy

Through December, the Christmas Season, we plan to discuss, in this column, some questions regarding the Messiah who came to earth as the Babe of Bethlehem.

In this article we are discussing "The Messiah of Prophecy." In the concordance of an Oxford Bible, before us as we write, there are more than two hundred passages of scripture selected from the Old Testament that have been tabulated by Bible students as prophecies relating to Christ or as references of some character relating to him.

We realize of course that these tabulated concordant references consist merely of scripture verses which, in the judgement of comparatively modern Bible students, refer to the Christ of the New Testament. While the tabulated list before us in our Bible may be correct in every instance and could possibly be

Surely he hath born our griefs, and carried our sorrows: yet we did not esteem him stricken, smitten of God afflicted. Isaiah 53:4.

complete, we must keep in mind that other Bible students have made other lists of Old Testament passages, which they believe refer to the promised Messiah, which may not correspond in every instance with the concordance of our Bibles. However, we must all be careful not to confuse the authoritative statements of Holy Writ with the varying opinions different Bible students may have as to their meaning.

With the full knowledge of the New Testament revelation before us, it is not difficult to find numberless passages of scripture in the Old Testament that apparently fit into the facts of the New Testament like the hand fits a glove.

Whether our interpretation of all of these passages of scripture is in accord with the original intent and purpose of the writer we may never know until the light of a more perfect revelation in another world shines upon them. This, however, we do know that one cannot read the prophets and poets of the Old Testament and escape the evident fact, throughout, that Israel was looking for a Leader, a Messiah who was to bring freedom and full salvation to the Jewish people. Like Simeon of Luke's Gospel, the whole Jewish nation was "waiting for the consolation of Israel."

While Old Testament references to the Messiah apparently are numerous they did not present for the Jewish people a very clear picture. While some spoke of Him as One whose kingdom would be universal and eternal, another spoke of the suffering Servant, despised and rejected of men. We should not be surprised that some did not recognize Him when He came. We should be thankful that we have the light of New Testament revelation which enables us to see how He could be both King Eternal and Suffering Servant.

## The Layman's Opportunity For Real Spiritual Growth

THE Arkansas Methodist has taken the position editorially several times; that no part of the local church program is more important than the program of lay activities. Only recently it was stated that, in our opinion, more and more laymen are accepting greater responsibility in the Methodist program. (Methodism Reverts To Type, November 11.) The extent to which laymen in numbers actively respond to the leadership of the minister is one measure of the effectiveness of that minister's leadership. Any local church which has a large proportion of its laymen busy at the job is enjoying good health. If for any reason these same laymen lose interest in the opportunities their church affords, both the church and the laymen are losers.

One area of active lay participation which should challenge every layman to a greater degree is the simple matter of attendance at the worship services provided by the church. An active layman is a church-going layman. To deny one's self the opportunity of public worship is a reflection first of all upon one's self and not the minister as often times supposed. The minister has laid down his life for his fellowmen to help them realize the abundant life, and the chances are he is making his supreme effort to be of help as he leads his people in the holy experience of worship. The layman who frequently absents himself from the church's worship services is denying himself one of the greatest means of personal enrichment.

Several weeks ago the writer visited a morning worship service of a Little Rock Methodist Church when every member save one of the Official Board of that church was present. The absent member was publicly excused as he had wired his pastor he was then en route home after a trip to a distant city. The pastor of this church later informed the writer that a special effort had been made to secure a full attendance for that particular service and that a large percentage of the Official Board was always in attendance at the church's services. This particular church has enjoyed an unusual, stable growth during recent months, and this can be attributed at least in part to the response by the laymen to the opportunities of public worship. The best tonic any preacher can have for improving his preaching is a full attendance at the worship services. Any Official Board which "forsakes not the assembling" of itself at congregational worship will encounter little difficulty in leading others as it discharges its first responsibility — promoting the program of the church.

## The Difficulty Of Separating Facts From Fiction

NO one who has any general knowledge of the international problems that confront us would be inclined to minimize the dangers involved. For the average American citizen, however, there is a problem closer home that challenges our faith and our patience; it is the problem of separating facts from fiction in the reported complications of our international relationships.

Mr. John Doe, in America, often is made to feel that he is being treated like a child, if not being played for a sucker, as a result of some of the barrages of propaganda which blow both hot and cold and to which he is supposed to

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# "I Was A Methodist, Too"



By THOBURN T. BRUMBAUGH

"AND I was a Methodist too," said Dr. Syng Man Rhee, now President of the government recently established in the ancient Capital city of Seoul, and regarded by most of his people as the George Washington of the new and free Korean nation.

We were sitting in the reception room of Dr. Rhee's modest home in Seoul in the summer of 1947. His gracious Austrian wife had invited three of us who were visiting Ko-



Dr. Syng Man Rhee, 74 year old President of Korea, and a graduate of Pai Chai Methodist boys' school.

rea as representatives of the Methodist Board of Missions and Church Extension and before luncheon was announced, we were getting acquainted.

Not long before, we had met Dr. Phillip Jaison whose Korean name was Saw and who, back before 1900 had been an agitator for Korean independence from Chinese suzerainty. It had been pointed out to us that even the Christian movement in Korea was a strong bulwark of the spirit of independence in Korea. In 1902 Saw, a recent convert, along with others, following Japan's defeat of China and in celebration of Korea's release from the payment of an annual tribute to China, erected the Independence Arch, which stands in one of Seoul's main thoroughfares. Of this we were talking with Dr. Rhee and questioning what it was in Christianity that throughout history has produced such passion for freedom in the hearts of oppressed nations and peoples.

Thus the subject turned to Methodist missions and the Methodist church in Korea which have always been recognized as strong supporters of the Korean Independence movement. We know of course that Syng Man Rhee had also been one of those vigorous idealists who, like Saw, had been forced to leave Korea after Japanese occupation and annexation in 1910. We were not then aware, however, of all Dr. Rhee's Christian relationships, and were therefore surprised and pleased at his complete identification of himself with Saw's Christian and Methodist connections.

Later we learned that back as early as 1896 he and Saw (or Jaison as the latter has long been called in the United States), had organized

what was known as the Independence Association and were publishing a newspaper called "Independence". Later too we learned that Rhee was a graduate of Pai-Chai, the old Methodist Boys' School in Seoul. It seems also that, when after his graduation he had become a prisoner of the reactionary forces of his day, the principal of Pai-Chai, the late Rev. D. A. Bunker, had been permitted to distribute New Testaments among the political prisoners at that place. Thus they read separately by day and at night discussed together by candlelight what they had read, Rhee and the entire group of those imprisoned became Christians. Rhee then became a secretary of the Y. M. C. A. and when he left Korea it was ostensibly to attend a Methodist conference in Honolulu of which he had been elected delegate.

This was in 1915, and some time thereafter Rhee attended Princeton University where he received the doctor's degree, the title of his thesis being "Neutrality." America's neutrality in Japan's war with Russia, and our tacit neutrality even when our 1882 treaties had pledged the United States to defense of Korea's integrity, are still issues which Dr. Rhee likes to deal in conversations with his American friends.

It is not surprising therefore that, from a position of vantage in the United States, Syng Man Rhee gave himself largely and in later years almost exclusively to the movement for Korean liberation and restoration of national unity as this might be organized and promoted from Washington, Shanghai, and other world centers of political and social ferment. Though equally a lover of his native land, Jaison, however, applied himself to achieving distinction in the profession of medicine and surgery. Not until Japan's defeat in 1945 and an invitation from the American army of occupation did the latter set foot again on native soil. Rhee, however, returned to Korea during World War I when there seemed assurance of Japan's commitment to Woodrow Wilson's proposal of self-determination of nations and peoples. When this hope was speedily proven vain and with the outbreak of open rebellion in Korea in 1919, Rhee was forced again to take refuge abroad. From then on he busied himself with the establishment of the forms and personnel of a government in exile which could move back promptly to assume the leadership when Korea's day of emancipation should come.

In all this agitation and in the preparation for independence Christianity and the Methodist Church played an important role. This was openly charged by Japan during the 1919 rebellion, for its leadership was traced to the doors of Christian and very definitely of Methodist churches and homes. Consequently, persecution of Korean Christians and their churches was very severe throughout this period and indeed until Japan's recent defeat. In an article in Harper's Magazine of May, 1920, Nathaniel Peffer tells how he found himself at the center of the Korean independence movement in a Methodist annual conference where a Korean clergyman said, "In this room there are sixty Koreans,

all pastors or evangelists. About forty of them have been in prison. There are about twenty-five who ought to be here but who are still in prison." And of such leadership, which Peffer says was far from that usually spoken of as "professional agitators," he remarks in conclusion: "No picture of the independence movement or of Korean life in any aspect is adequate that does not include the church as one of its high lights."

Against all this Japan contended vigorously, and thus it was that there were in various lands those who aspired to leadership in the government which, it was hoped, the allied powers would quickly establish in Korea at the victorious end of World War II. Thus it was too that the United States, as an ardent advocate of Korean independence, invited Dr. Rhee and other similarly minded Korean patriots back to Seoul to help establish such a government.

Soviet Russia, however, had other plans, and indeed had another bank of Korean agitators ready to move into North Korea and to claim leadership of the entire peninsula. Long months of military occupation, in the north by Russia and in the south by the United States, together with such negotiation between the two powers as well as by representatives of the United Nations have, however, failed to reach accord be-

identify him somewhat with socialism. Yet Syn Man Rhee's gospel of social and economic reform for Korea is distinctive: it smacks both of the nationalism which years of persecution of himself and his people have inspired, and of the Christian teachings of which he imbibed so freely in his earlier years.

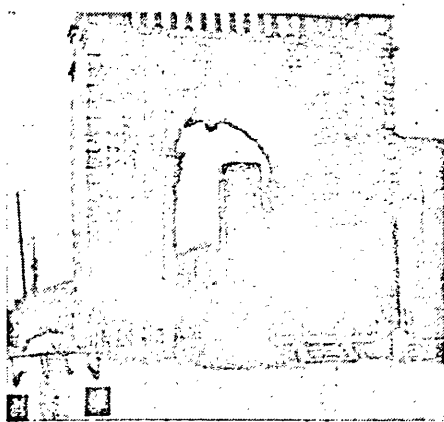
Little is known concerning conditions in North Korea, except as refugees of the middle, upper and professional classes migrate southward and tell of Communist repression. It is clear, however, that there are those on both sides of the 38th parallel who would favor Soviet forms of political and economic life; and it is even more clear that south of the "line" there are hosts of Koreans who desire more moderate forms of social and economic reform. Almost all of these are agreed that Korea must be free of both Communist and Capitalist domination. In addition, there seems practical unanimity in the conviction that if the United States and Russia would each remove both their military and their economic obstacles to Korean unity, the Korean people would get together in some rather highly socialized form of self-government. Dr. Rhee's supporters, which include almost one hundred percent of the Korean Christians, believe such a government would ultimately be about that which his peculiar mixture of democracy, socialism and Christianity prescribes.

In the meantime, the forces of democracy are having opportunity to train the populace of South Korea along the established lines of Christian citizenship and international good behavior. It is said that fully 20 percent of the responsible leaders of Dr. Rhee's government are either Christians or have been exposed to Christian influences in church-sponsored institutions or in America.

Christian missionaries are welcomed back into the Land of the Morning Calm, and their institutions are again becoming a powerful influence throughout the land. Along with the Catholics which wield a significant influence through their close-knit organizational fabric as well as through their schools, though not in numbers of adherents, the Presbyterians and the Methodists are the largest bodies of Christians in Korea. With the transfer of political responsibilities from the American military authorities to Dr. Rhee's government, he and his fellow-administrators have made clear their hope that Christianity and all its institutions may have a free hand to lay claim to the hearts, minds, and hands of the people of all Korea in the years immediately ahead.

The Pastors' File in Chicago keeps up-to-date addresses of all the ministers of The Methodist Church. Mid-conference year changes in addresses average more than 150 per month in addition to the numerous changes at conference time, according to Miss Esther Holley, who is in charge of the Pastors' File.

What shall it profit a nation if it lifts its skyscrapers and loses its soil? What shall it profit man, any man, if he gains the world and loses his soul?—Washington Star.



"Independence Arch," erected by Patriots in streets of Seoul in 1902.

ween the mutually exclusive political philosophies held in the two camps. The outcome to date is the temporary expedient of a government in North Korea dominated by Russia, and one in South Korea sponsored by the United States and the United Nations. In the South, where two-thirds of Korea's entire population now resides, in elections at which 90% of the eligible population participated, leadership was decisively given into the hands of the factors long identified with democratic political procedures and the Christian conceptions of national independence and integrity. In turn Syng Man Rhee, now 74 years old, was elected president of this government and thus became the first president of Korea.

Few who have known Dr. Rhee have referred to him as altogether a democrat. Some regard him as a potential dictator. All recognize him as a great patriot and many find in his principles, and indeed in the platform of the party of which he is the undisputed head, such a pronounced leftish emphasis as to

# THE DEVOTIONAL PAGE

REV. H. O. BOLIN, Editor

## THE TESTING TIME

About eight years after a certain blacksmith had given his heart to God, he was approached by an intelligent unbeliever with these questions: "Why is it that you have so much trouble? I have been watching you. Since you joined the church and began to 'walk square' and seem to love everybody, you have twice as many trials and accidents as you had before. I thought that when a man gave himself to God his troubles were over. Isn't that what the parson tells us? That is what I understand from all his talks."

With a thoughtful but glowing face, the blacksmith replied, "Do you see this piece of steel? It is for the springs of a wagon, but it needs to be 'tempered.' In order to do this I heat it red-hot then cool it with water. If I find that it will take a 'temper,' I heat it again; then hammer and bend it and shape it so that it will be suitable for the wagon. Often I find the steel too brittle, and it cannot be used. If this is so, I throw it on the scrap heap. Those scraps are worth less than one cent a pound; but this wagon spring is valuable."

He paused a moment, and his listener nodded. Then the blacksmith continued: "God saves us for something more than to have a good time. At least, that is the way I see it. We have a good time, all right, for the smile of God means Heaven. But He wants us for service, just as I want this piece of steel. And He puts the 'temper' of Christ in us by the testings and trials which come our way. He also supplies the strength to meet these testings."

"Since I have learned this, I have been saying to Him: 'Test me in any way that you choose, Lord, only don't throw me on the scrap heap.'—World Conquest.

## THAT IS DEADLY

"Woe unto them that call evil good, and good evil; that put darkness for light, and light for darkness; that put bitter for sweet, and sweet for bitter!" Recently a fine young man of my acquaintance was rejected by the Navy because he was colorblind. Since he could not tell a green light from a red, he could not be used.

But it is far more dangerous both to ourselves and to others to be morally colorblind. Yet it is possible so to trifle with conscience that we find it next to impossible to tell right from wrong. Thus we often reach the place where we fancy that we can reverse the laws of nature and gather grapes from thorns and figs from thistles. That is deadly.

Grant, O Lord, that we may so live up to the light that we have, that our light may shine more and more unto the perfect day. Amen.—Christian Herald.

At the 1st cup man drinks wine;  
at the 2nd cup wine drinks wine;  
at the 3rd cup, wine drinks man.—Japanese Proverb.

Things which never could make a man happy, develop a power to make his strong.—Brooks.

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

### A METRICAL VERSION

Tune: Manoa. The Methodist Hymnal No. 378

Our Father, Who in heaven art,  
Most Holy be Thy Name.  
Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done,  
In heaven and earth the same.

Give us, today, sufficient food  
For body, soul and mind.  
Forgive our sins, as we forgive  
Trespass of every kind.

And when temptation comes to draw  
Our souls from Thee away,  
Deliver us from evil's lure,  
Before we go astray.

—Selected.

## "IF 50 PEOPLE WOULD PRAY"

### —AN EXPERIMENT IN PRAYER—

By John Hoon, Pastor Wesley  
Methodist Church, Springfield, Mass.

Mrs. Alice Helberg was suffering the results of a serious operation. In the course of her pastor's visit, she exclaimed: "If 50 people of Wesley Church would pray for me I know I would get well." The pastor felt a Presence and a Power in the hospital room that afternoon. The words kept running through his mind, "If 50 people would pray for me." At the Thursday evening service, the pastor told of his visit and of her statement, "If 50 people would pray for me."

The Prayer Band started that Thursday evening, and has been operating now for five months. On the Prayer List 92 names have been placed. These names are read each Thursday night during the Prayer Circle which begins promptly at 8:30 after 45 minutes of singing, Bible study, and spiritual guidance. Persons whose names are on the list are urged to join in prayer at 8:30 also, the same time the Prayer Circle is praying. Members of the Band not present are asked to join in prayer at 8:30 wherever they are.

Of the 92 names on the Prayer List seven have recovered, some in a most amazing way. The doctors said one man would not pull through, but he's back at work now. A young woman and her husband came on Thursday night and asked to have her mother's name placed upon the prayer list. The following Thursday night they testified that, though the doctors had been dubious, the mother had gone through the operation in another state and was then on the road to recovery. A three weeks' old baby was in the hospital for weeks without improvement. On a Thursday afternoon the doctors had decided to take the baby to Boston for special treatment, but that very night the baby took a decided turn for the better, and never did go to Boston. She is now home, well and gaining in weight and growing.

Twenty-one persons on the Prayer List are definitely improving. Ten are not showing any improvement as yet, but we are praying for God's guidance and for His power to reach

through the channels of faith for the improvement in body, mind, and spirit of these persons.

Eight of the persons prayed for have been translated into the very presence of God. Their suffering has ceased; they are "at rest" in God's love and care. Does the Prayer Band consider this a defeat? We do not! In every case there was a signal victory. "These all died in faith," and what a faith they demonstrated during their suffering! Their facing the Unknown without fear has given us all courage.

This experiment in prayer is doing something to the church and community. The newspapers have been greatly interested. Each week there have been letters and telephone calls of inquiry, or communications bearing witness to the effects and results of prayer—for example, a woman alcoholic has been definitely helped through prayer, and her husband has sold his liquor business which was largely at the bottom of their distress and unhappiness.

Part of the experiment has been the study and application of sound psychological principles to the area of faith, mental attitudes, worry, anger, excitement, prejudice, sensual desire, etc. We have studied the miracles of Jesus each Thursday night for a number of weeks. Counseling by the pastor has been an important part of the program. Letters and booklets are sent to the people on the Prayer List and the Prayer Band has voted to send *The Upper Room* to the folks on the Prayer List.

Through these months our experience in prayer has strengthened both pastor and people in the Christian life. In prayer we have found a genuine ministry which reaches people at the core of their greatest needs. It is amazing how responsive and grateful people are for this ministry. So often it is said in one way or another, "We've tried everything. The only thing left open to us is prayer."

It may be that through prayer and prayer groups God is preparing his people for a great revival of religion with power. A new world may be dawning and the Kingdom of God may be at hand!—Shepherds.

## OBSERVE COVENANT SUNDAY—JANUARY 2

by Geo. H. Jones,  
Editor, *Shepherds*

The first preaching Sunday in January is observed annually as Covenant Sunday in Methodist churches. This Covenant Sunday is sponsored each year by the General Board of Evangelism for greater individual spiritual consecration and for the promotion of the program of the Church for the calendar year.

There is no more fitting time for each church to observe Covenant Sunday than its first preaching Sunday in the new year. The new year is the natural time for "resolutions" to be made—and likewise for new "covenants" with God. Covenants are more significant than resolutions; they have deep and abiding religious and spiritual significance.

Covenant Sunday is planned this year to aid the new quadrennial program of the "Advance for Christ and His Church." Four years ago this Sunday was a great inspiration in starting off the Crusade for Christ as a mighty spiritual movement (pastors then ordered 990,000 covenant cards), and it should prove no less an inspiration this year to the "Advance for Christ."

The four major emphases of the covenant card are significant:

(1) To observe daily devotions by the reading of the Bible, and to observe a quiet time listening to the voice of the living Lord to know His purpose and will. The doing of this daily should deepen the spiritual lives of Methodists immeasurably.

(2) To endeavor to read books about Christ, His Church, and the Christian life. This links itself definitely with the first year of the Advance which emphasizes "Our Faith."

(3) To endeavor to win at least one person to Christ on profession of faith and to church membership. This is Christianity in earnest, the real purpose of Christian discipleship. The doing of this will assure the attainment of the General Conference goal of 400,000 on confession of faith this year.

(4) To take some active part in the program of the local church under the direction of the pastor. Is there anything that many church members need to do more than this, to get busy in local church and kingdom activities?

Covenant Sunday can be a great spiritual movement throughout the Church. Covenant Sunday can bring "Spiritual Advance" to a person, a church, and a community. *Fail not to observe Covenant Sunday.*

Sufficient Covenant Sunday cards should be ordered at once for every member (from Tidings, 1908 Grand Ave., Nashville 4, Tenn.,—\$2.00 per 100—in triplicate form, chargeable to a church in the name of a church treasurer or pastor) and plans should be inaugurated and prayers launched for it at once. The cards are printed in two colors and in three sections. The member will keep one section, he will turn another section in to his pastor, and mail the third section to Tidings and receive a free booklet to help him  
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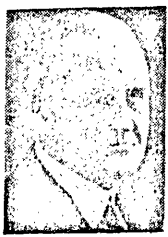
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## A WEEKLY MESSAGE

By FORNEY HUTCHINSON

### A RETIRED SAINT

One summer I went from Vanderbilt University to Fordyce to supply the place of Reverend C. J. Greene, who was spending the summer in preparation for teaching at Hendrix College.

I didn't know any one in Fordyce before going there, but quickly became acquainted with a retired minister by the name of Tucker. His son had taken the place of Mr. J. D. Clary, and at the time of my going was principal of the Fordyce Academy. Brother Tucker was a fine man and a choice saint. He gave me the heartiest sort of welcome and helped me in every possible way.

We used to walk down the streets together and meet the men informally. He would stop and say, "Brother, do you go to church regularly?" Sometimes the man would honestly say, "No, Brother Tucker, I'm afraid not." "Well," he would say, "You ought to. I'm going to look for you next Sunday." Generally the man would be present at the next Sunday's services and Brother Tucker would give him a most cordial welcome.

While I was at Fordyce we had a great revival. Many of the young people attending the Academy were thoroughly and happily converted. Brother Tucker was in his element at such meetings. One night as I passed along by him, I overheard a conversation between him and one of the young ladies from the Academy. He said, "Flossie, don't you want to be a Christian?" She promptly replied, "I am one already." Brother Tucker bubbled over with joy and said, "Well, I thought you had a little of what I have had for many years."

He was a source of great satisfaction to me. I am glad I came to know him in my early life as a minister. I hope to meet him again "where the day breaks and the shadows flee away." Brother Tucker will have a good time in heaven.

### NEW W. S. C. S. TREASURER FOR CONWAY DISTRICT

Mrs. James R. Berry is the new treasurer for the W. S. C. S. in the Conway District. Mrs. Berry's address is Conway, Arkansas.

PITTSBURG—(RNS) — Religious subjects dominated the exhibition presented here by the 39th annual convention of the Stained Glass Association of America.

Many of the delegates to the convention seemed to think that as more artists join the industry more secular subjects will result.

## NEWS AND NOTES ABOUT FACTS AND FOLKS

MRS. FRED LIGON writes: "Our church, the Ebenezer Church on the Aubrey Charge, Helena District, has paid all claims for this year."

DR. M. LAFAYETTE HARRIS, president of Philander Smith College, Little Rock, is at the Mayo Clinic, Rochester, Minn., and is reported as improving.

BISHOP PAUL E. MARTIN announces the following appointments in the Conway District: Rev. Edward Coley to the Dardanelle Circuit; Rev. Albert Oliver to Plumerville and Rev. Thomas Kinslow to Centerville Circuit.

THOMAS WEBER, JR., organist of the Idlewild Presbyterian, Memphis, Tenn., will play an organ concert at the dedication of the Hammond Organ at the Robinson Memorial Auditorium, Little Rock, on Sunday, December 5, at 3:30 p. m.

BISHOP CHARLES C. SELECMAN of Dallas, Texas, has been notified by the Board of Hospitals and Homes of his election as President Emeritus and Founder of the Golden Cross Society of the Methodist Church at its organizational meeting on July 8.

WORD comes of the death of F. C. Nolen of Holly Grove on Saturday, November 27 at his home. Mr. Nolen was a member of the Board of Stewards of the Methodist Church, school district steward and had served as Sunday School superintendent until about a year ago. Funeral services were held by his pastor, Rev. John M. Harrison.

THE Presbyterian, the Methodist and the Holiness churches in Korea are working together under the auspices of the Inter-Produce Cooperating Committee of Korea to produce a union hymnal which will contain all the hymns now in three separate books of these churches and a few new ones written and composed in Korea. The new books will contain both music and words; some will be translations of English and European hymns, but many will be the writings of Korean hymnologists and will use adaptations of Korean and other Asiatic tunes and folk songs.

REV. CLAUDE L. GRIFFITH of Lake Worth, Florida, in sending in his subscription for the Arkansas Methodist, writes: "It might be of interest to you to say that I first subscribed for the Arkansas Methodist just fifty-two years ago this month when I was a young preacher in the Arkansas Conference of the M. E. Church, South. Later I went north and attended school at Depauw University and Garrett Biblical Institute. I then joined the Indiana Conference of which I am a retired minister at the present time. I thought I would take the Arkansas Methodist awhile to see how the church is prospering in the old beloved state, and to refresh memory about places and events."

DR. EDMUND D. LUCAS, noted Presbyterian missionary to India, and son and grandson of noted missionaries, is in charge of Church World Service (American, interdenominational) relief to India and Pakistan. He sends the following message to the church people of America: "Nature and man seems to have conspired against India and Pakistan. And yet they have not declared war, they both are struggling for a peaceable settlement, and there is hope of better days. The great and generous help given by the American churches has been very deeply appreciated. It is this Christian spirit of sharing that is holding a disintegrating world together. Don't let anyone fool you into believing that your work is not of the most urgent character."

FORTY carloads of wheat contributed in Ohio, and 56 carloads of wheat and four of powdered milk contributed in Kansas, made up two trains recently gathered by Lutheran World Relief, Church World Service, and the Catholic Rural Life Conference from the rural areas of these two states and now en route to Europe and Asia to help the hungry peoples of Germany, Austria, Czechoslovakia, Hungary, Finland, Po-

land and Japan. A number of other trains are now being made up in other middle western and western states and in the south for shipment overseas before Christmas. Among the products solicited are cotton, corn, wheat, wool, milk, livestock and soy beans. The three agencies are working together in appealing for gifts, but donors may designate which of the agencies and which of the countries they wish to receive their produce. In Europe and Asia these CROP gifts are administered through church agencies and it is reported that millions are kept alive by this produce of American farms.

### CHINA MISSIONS REMAIN OPEN

A cablegram, dated November 19, from Bishop Ralph A. Ward, in Nanking, China, to the Boards of Missions and Church Extension, reads:

"The situation is temporarily stabilized here. The Mid-China Conference is well attended. There is inspiration, courage, vision. All institutions are remaining open. Most Methodist men and most women (missionaries) are remaining for the present. Mothers with children have removed to Shanghai."

Says Dr. Frank T. Cartwright, associate secretary of the Board, administering work in China, "The tone of this cablegram reflects the statement by even United States Army observers in China, that the Communists have suffered a serious setback at Hsuehchow, and have retired 'for re-grouping and fresh supplies.'"

### TWO PROGRAMS MARK CHRISTMAS ON "THE GREATEST STORY EVER TOLD"

Two programs, on Sunday, December 19, and Sunday, December 26, will mark the dramatization of Christmas on "The Greatest Story Ever Told," heard Sundays at 5:30 p. m., CST. The December 19 program will be the story of the Nativity, "Unto You This Day," from Luke 2:1-17. It is the story of Joseph's and Mary's arrival in Jerusalem, their search for a place at the Inn, and the birth of Christ in the manger.

On the following Sunday, the program will be "Star of Peace," based on Isaiah 9:6, the story of the Three Wise Men searching for the Christ Child, finding Him, and then being told in a vision to go back to their homes by other routes so that Herod might not find the Saviour.

The December 26 broadcast is especially applicable to the problems of the world today. The search for peace which Bakhasar begins, takes him by devious ways to the Prince of Peace. The obstacles he meets on the way; the people who deal with him, and the companions who go along with him, portray a lesson that the world needs badly today.

### THE DIFFICULTY OF SEPARATING FACTS FROM FICTION

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react according to plan.

Mr. Average Citizen has a big stake in a free America. It is our feeling that, as a member of the firm, his reactions would be normal and proper if he were given more of the facts of the situation and less simon-pure propaganda. So long as we are unable to separate facts from fiction, just so long will the response of our American citizenship be watered down until it will have little positive value in helping to determine our national policies. Whether our national leaders realize it or not, an informed citizenship could be very helpful in determining the course our nation should follow.

### SEOUL POLICE CHIEF IS A CHRISTIAN

The new chief of Metropolitan Police in the city of Seoul, Korea, under the new Republic, is Kim Tai Sun, a 47-year-old Christian born in north Korea. The chief is a graduate of Union Christian College in Pyongyang; has a bachelor's degree from Northwestern University and received his Master of Arts degree from Boston University. He was a chief of detectives under the Military Government since 1945.

# Program For Local Church Division Of Board Of Education

By FRANK C. TUCKER

THE goals before us are the result of observed need and opportunity. They have emerged from the thinking of pastors and laymen workers in the field and staff members. They are an answer, a partial answer at least, to the question, What ought the church to do in a day like ours? They are worthy of the best effort of a great church.

Two of them, 1) the addition of 1,700,000 new Church School members and, 2) the winning of 1,000,000 persons to Christ during this quadrennium are the logical continuation of the thrilling progress made in the Crusade for Christ during the last quadrennium.

The others, the challenge to and teaching of families to be Christian; teaching the facts about beverage alcohol and securing total abstinence pledges from 1,000,000 youth; the elevation of the stewardship ideal by systematic education in all classes of the school strengthening the rural church; education concerning the implications of Christian teachings for the social order; and the commitment of teachers and lay workers to the necessity of being evangelists, are manifestly pointed toward the more glaring defects in modern life. Adopted by the General Conference and approved by each of the Jurisdictional Conferences, they are before us for implementation.

Our attitude toward them will be determined by what we see in them. Each of us will view them and evaluate them in terms of one's own imagination and discernment. I suggest four things I see in them.

1. They are our response, to the challenge of our time. If in them and beyond them we can see persons in urgent need of their values and benefits. It is not the problems of our time, acute and often baffling as they are, that should disturb us so much as it is persons caught in the web of these problems, desperately and often hopelessly struggling with them. Our time has a distinct and definite characteristic in the number and variety of its problems. It is also conspicuously characterized by the number and variety of forums, classes, discussion groups which intently consider and analyze the problems of the day and never see or comprehend that individual men and women are the products or victims or slaves of these problems and are the crux of each one of them. There is in my city a society known as the Public Questions Club. For years this group has been meeting regularly considering and discussing problems of local and national scope. In an academic fashion they are quite well informed and perhaps give glib answers to profound questions. But nothing has ever happened in that group—but talk. They have never seen the predicament of single men wrestling in pathetic loneliness as the victim or slave of one of these problems. They have never seen these problems in terms of human loss and pain and hope. A talk about the statistics on drinking can view of many persons who are afflicted by the drink and alcohol.

The modern man is always in the individual face that is not so much concerned with the fact of sin as he is with a man in the

toils of sin. His redemptive work in Christ was for a man rather than to solve the problem of human sin. These goals will have neither relevance nor compulsion if we do not see them in relation to the needs of persons.

2. If we can see persons—men and women, boys and girls of our own churches and communities—we will see the second important aspect, the urgency of these goals.

Time is always running out. It is always five minutes to twelve. The story of all human societies is the story of the breathless race against dissolution and destruction. The creative and constructive forces are

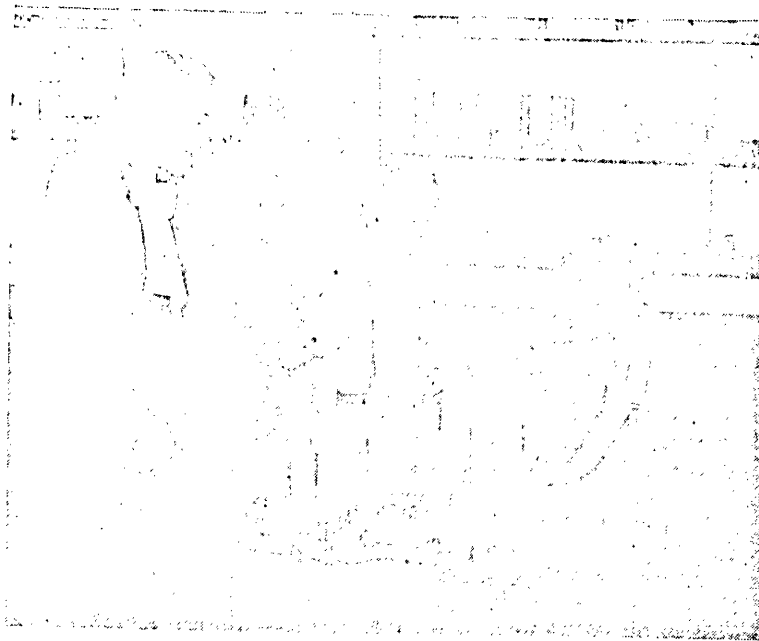
never more than a short step ahead

of the forces of disintegration and death. To change the figure of speech, we build ever higher the crest of the levee only to discover that the flood water rises too and is never but a few inches below the crest. This is, of course, the constant incitement and stimulus in our human societies.

them is to save them.

Or look upon the spiritually impoverished close about us. We weep over the destitute of war torn lands, and raise funds, really vast in the aggregate, for their relief because we can visualize their hunger and weary faces. Within arm's reach of each one of us are scores of persons spiritually starving—who are not fed but could be fed and nourished and restored to normal spiritual well-being if only we moved swiftly. If we can add 1,700,000 to our Church School classes some of them, at least, will come from this starving multitude.

The religiously illiterate and the



spiritually impoverished are the weak spots in the fabric of modern society. The fabric cannot long hold unless these spots be strengthened.

3. This leads me to the next thing I see in these goals—the strengthening of society through the upbuilding of the church. To an extent the secular minded never imagine, the fate of modern society is determined by the growth or decline of the Christian church.

The secularism we best know is a bewitching siren. Our modern secularism is winsome of face and luring of voice. This siren bewitches and betrays by persuading men to believe that education of the masses, the advancement of science in the application of its powers to the affairs of life, the intelligent regulation of society—are quite sufficient for sustaining organized human life. But we know that the only safe man for this world's living is the morally redeemed and transformed man. For the strain of bearing the weight of our civilization and its multiplying political and economic institutions has become so great that it can be borne safely only by those whose lives are founded upon the rock of faith in God.

To the degree that we win persons to the church, and teach them the Truth and the Way and inspire them to live as Christians in all of life's relationship, to that extent we strengthen modern society.

Is not the one special issue facing us today that of the survival of modern society? And is not our greatest fear that if our society ceases it will fall from inner decay and not from outer assault? Surely we must regulate the present, and use all tools and skills science may give us. But the issue will not be

decided by them. It will be decided by the extent, or lack of it, of moral apprehension and spiritual power. These goals, if pressed for with resolution and courage, can enable the church to deliver its full strength in this decisive movement.

4. One other thing I see in these goals for men and women and youth. I see the lure of the completed and fulfilled life. Perhaps the chief difference between our view of any man and the view of Jesus took of those he saw is this: We see a man as he is—often unpromising and sometimes repulsive. Jesus saw every man as he could be, whole, complete, self-fulfilled. This is really the basic principle underlying all these goals—that persons might realize the possibilities of their highest development. Every man is a child of God. From some the divine likeness to the Father seems to have vanished. On the faces of others the image has become dim. The lost likeness can be recovered and the dim image traced again.

A woman attending the auction of household goods of a family the last member of which had died, discovered in a box into which odds and ends had been tossed, a metal table piece that caught her eye. The dish was black, dusty, crusted with the soil of abandonment. In time it was put up for sale. She was the only bidder and bought it for a small price.

When she returned to her home her husband teased her for "bringing home some more junk." She said, "Just wait and you will see!" She took the dish to the kitchen and washed it clean. Then with polish she set to work on it. After an hour or so of cleaning and polishing, she took it into the living room to show it to her husband. She held out to him an exquisite sterling compote beautifully wrought and shining with the brightness of new silver. It was so fetching the husband took it from her and could only say, "How beautiful."

The end of all these goals is to take from the great box of life the persons cast there along with odds and ends, to cleanse them, polish them so that they may gleam again with the beauty of self-fulfillment.

If in our pursuit of these goals persons can be reached and helped and lifted to their best this can be for us our "finest hour." These goals may eloquently testify to our courage, our faith and our determined will.

## WHY THEY ADVERTISE

It is the announced purpose of the liquor interests to speed up their program of "more and heavier drinkers." Recently the editorial director of "Liquor Publications, Inc." said:

"In artistic beauty and cleverness of appeal, no industries excel the advertisements of liquors, wine and beers. The immediate purpose of this advertising is to create good will for the industry, lead people to believe that social standing depends on the use of beverage alcohol, to associate it with that which is graceful and noble in life. The ultimate purpose is to get those not drinking to drink, those now drinking to drink more."—VOICER, Sept. 1940.



# THE CHILDREN'S PAGE

ANNIE WINBURNE, Editor



## IN STORYLAND

### TACKS AND THIMBLES

By Gladys Fordham

"It's a little rough, though, on the bottom," remarked Fred as he came back up the long hill with the wagon—he and John had just finished making.

"Let's get a pillow or something to put into it," John suggested.

"All right. But then, a pillow's pretty big—here's the very thing! We'll borrow Helen's doll quilt. It won't hurt it a bit." And the boy pounced on a pink satin quilt from the doll carriage.

After the wagon had made a few trips, the little quilt was badly soiled. And it was so hard to keep in place, that the finally decided to tack it down at the corners. They tacked it very carefully, so the cloth would not tear.

"That little bit of dirt will come out in the washing machine," they said—not knowing that dainty satin quilts never look the same even after most careful washing.

"Ho! Ho!" screamed a playmate, catching sight of the quilt in the bottom of the wagon. "Just-look, fellows, at the 'Dolly Quiltie' that Fred and John have in their wagon."

And he snatched up the quilt so vigorously that the corners where the tacks had been were badly torn.

The boys gasped. What would Helen say—and Mother? They took the quilt and carefully put it back in the carriage where they had found it, and sneaked away to the garage to wait until it was discovered.

Soon they heard a call: "Fred! John! come here to the house instantly!"

Dragging themselves up from the cool cement floor, they slowly walked into the house.

"What does this mean?" asked their mother, holding up the ruined doll quilt.

"We didn't mean to hurt it—we were just using it to make our wagon softer to ride in—and one of the boys grabbed it, and it tore," explained Fred.

"But, boys, you surely must know that you can't play with something as dainty as this, without hurting it—and besides, it's dirty," said Mother.

"Yes, Mother; but we didn't think of that when we took it," said John.

"Well, you must learn to think. And right now is a good time to begin. How much money have you in your banks?"

"I have thirty-six cents," said Fred.

"And I have forty," added John.

"That will be just about enough. You may take this quilt to the department store and buy one yard of satin to match it. Then go to the dime store and get two thimbles, one to fit each of you."

Mother said no more, but walked quietly out to the kitchen and left them staring at each other.

"What do you suppose she'll do with us?" they wondered.

They went to the store and bought the satin. At the ten-cent store, amid many amused glances from the other shoppers, they bought two thimbles. They returned home with



### TO SANTA CLAUS

Dear Santa, if you plan this year  
A lot of things for me,  
I'm asking that you bring a few,  
Just maybe two or three.

There are so many girls and boys  
I hope that you'll remember,  
They'll all be looking for you  
On a night in December.

So please see that every girl  
And boy the whole world 'round  
Knows some of the happiness  
That at this time is found.

—A.E.W. in Arkansas  
Methodist of December 16, 1943.

only seven cents of their carefully hoarded nickels and dimes.

"Here are your things, Mother," they said, as they laid the parcels on the kitchen table.

Just as they turned to go, she called them back.

"Now, boys," she said, "You are going to learn right now that carelessness always costs something. Here is an old dish towel. You may practice on this. And then you are going to make a quilt for Helen—just like the one you spoiled!"

"But, Mother, we can't sew!" cried John in dismay. "How can we make a quilt?"

"I am going to teach you. All the seams are straight, and the tying is simple. So we'll begin right now."

Soon the "dishtowel quilt" was cut out, and the boys' awkward fingers were learning to make a seam. Mother watched them most carefully and made them take out the seams every time the stitches were untidy. They soon saw that they must learn to do it right, so went at it with a will.

Several hours were spent in sewing and tying on the old dishtowel,

### JUST FOR FUN

Charles had just returned from a visit to the country, where he had assisted in the performance of the farm chores. One responsibility of the youngster was to gather the eggs and mark each with the date it had been laid.

"Well, Charles," father inquired, "how did you like the farm?"

"Very well, father," the boy replied, "except I didn't care very much about being secretary to a bunch of old hens."

until Mother finally said they could begin on the satin.

How carefully she made them wash their hands! And how strictly she watched every stitch! With nervous fingers they toiled away.

When the quilt was finally finished to Mother's satisfaction, Fred declared emphatically, "Look here, John, this is the last time we ever do anything without first stopping to think how hard it is to make a satin quilt!"—Burning Bush.

## IN THE WORLD OF BOYS AND GIRLS

### THE FIRST, BEST CHRISTMAS NIGHT

Like small curled feathers, white and soft,  
The little clouds went by,  
Across the moon, and past the stars,  
And down the western sky:  
In upland pastures, where the grass  
With frosted dew was white,  
Like snowy clouds the young sheep lay,  
That first, best Christmas night.

The shepherds slept; and, glimmering faint,  
With twist of thin, blue smoke,  
Only their fire's crackling flames  
The tender silence broke—  
Save when a young lamb raised its head,  
Or, when the night wind blew,  
A nesting bird would softly stir,  
Where dusky olives grew.

With finger on her solemn lip,  
Night hushed the shadowy earth,  
And only stars and angels saw  
The little Saviour's birth;  
Then came such flash of silver light  
Across the bending skies,  
The wondering shepherds woke, and hid  
Their frightened, dazzled eyes!

And all their gentle, sleepy flock  
Looked up, then slept again,  
Nor knew the light that dimmed the stars  
Brought endless peace to men—  
Nor even heard the gracious words  
That down the ages ring—  
"The Christ is born! the Lord has come,  
Good-will on earth to bring!"

Then o'er the moonlit, misty fields,  
Dumb with the world's great joy,  
The shepherds sought the white-walled town,  
Where lay the baby boy—  
And, oh, the gladness of the world,  
The glory of the skies,  
Because the longed-for Christ looked up  
In Mary's happy eyes!

—Margaret Deland, in "The Old garden and Other Verses."

### COCOONS

If you have not already done so, why not look about for some cocoons. This is a splendid time to find them. The leaves have fallen off the bushes in the gardens and if you look perhaps you can find some cocoons.

Don't pick off the cocoon, but break off the little branch to which it is attached. This can be stuck in the dirt of one of Mother's house plants without spoiling the plant one bit. Then when the plant is watered, pour a little over the cocoon, too.

Then in the spring when the cocoon opens, the butterfly will be among the flowers and just where he belongs and wants to be.

There may be many ways to keep cocoons during the winter, but I have as many as eight on plants and they never fail me for they have always opened. I think the water helps to keep it from getting too hard.—Margaret G. Wilson in The United Church Observer.

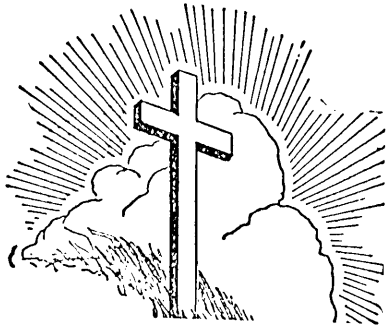


## "Because I Live Ye Shall Live Also"

(Message given at Rev. Bailey E. Robertson's funeral held in First Methodist Church, Ft Smith, November 16th, 1948, by Rev. Cecil R. Culver, District Superintendent.)

WE come together today as a group of Christian people in a very sacred place to perform a very sacred rite of our Christian heritage. One whom we have loved, appreciated and had the privilege of joining hands with in the work of the Church has received his last assignment in his itinerant ministry. This appointment he has received is not for a year as is an appointment in the Methodist Church, rather is it for the countless ages of eternity. This appointment is the one appointment that every true servant of God desires to receive at some time. Brother Robertson found great joy in filling many of his pastoral assignments but the appointment he now fills will bring to him complete, undisturbed and unbroken joy, yes that which passeth all understanding.

menial, no job too small when it afforded an opportunity to serve human life. The words of Jesus must have meant very much to Brother Robertson, "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me." His life was a life filled with the spirit of love. Brother Robertson loved God. All true and great love begins with love for God. He loved his family deeply; his companion and wife, who survives him, each one of his children. How much joy and satisfaction he found in the goodness that lives in his children!



He loved his fellow ministers and found great joy in having fellowship with them. He loved the members of his churches and rejoiced in seeing those in his own flock growing spiritually. Brother Robertson loved people; people of high estate, people of low estate, educated people, uneducated people, good people and bad people. No one time in the two years of close fellowship with him as we worked together in the Church did I hear him say an unkind word about any person, but many were his expressions of love, appreciation and concern for people. The beautiful life that he lived fills us with the spirit of victory. It is great to hold in our hearts memories of the deeds done by this noble soul. We know that the deeds of such a life will go on in the lives of others and that is victory.

The second thing that fills us with the spirit of victory and hope is the faith that we hold in our hearts. One of the guarantees of the Christian gospel is eternal life. To live nobly upon earth, that is, to fill one's soul with the beautiful and

the right, to use one's high capacity to love and then because of certain physical laws that operate in our universe to cause one's physical body to deteriorate until death comes and then have all conscious existence completely blotted out, would spell in capital letters to every human soul, DEFEAT. Thank God, it is not so. Man never dies.

I want to think that the hopes, aspirations and dreams that were deep in the heart of Brother Robertson will sometime be fully and completely expressed. No doubt Brother Robertson never preached his greatest sermons or performed his finest deeds. We never do. Here on earth we are handicapped with all human limitations, but our hope is that "over yonder" limitations will be removed and the finest and best will be expressed.

I want to think of the intimacies that Brother Robertson so cherished here upon earth being his to enjoy during the aeons of the future. His power to love, developed here upon earth, will be unlimited now and someday his love for family and friends will be perfectly revealed. Our faith gives us that kind of hope in face of death. A God who created us with these powers would not destroy them. They belong to eternity.

Christ gives us hope. His glorious triumph over death guarantees us that same victory. His words bring hope to our souls. "Because I live, ye shall live also." "Whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die." "In my Father's house are many mansions. If it were not so I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you and if I go and prepare a place for you I will come again and receive you unto myself that where I am there ye may be also."

A man of God has ended his earthly career. But, thank God, as Christians we face the future assignment of Brother Robertson with the spirit of hope and victory in our souls.

*Servant of God, Well done;  
Thy glorious warfare's past;  
The battle's fought, the race is won,  
And thou art crowned at last.*  
(Charles Wesley)

## UNIVERSAL BIBLE SUNDAY DECEMBER 12

The voices of eminent leaders of the religious life of America will introduce Universal Bible Sunday with programs over four major networks. Universal Bible Sunday, which falls on the second Sunday in December, is sponsored annually by the American Bible Society in connection with its Worldwide Bible Reading Program, which runs from Thanksgiving to Christmas.

Dr. Takuo Matsumoto, principal of the Methodist Girls High School, and well-known Bible scholar of Hiroshima, Japan, the only religious leader who survived Hiroshima who has come to America, together with Dr. H. C. Tucker, veteran missionary pioneer in charge of the Bible Society's work in Brazil for 47 years, will be interviewed over the National Broadcasting Company on Saturday, December 11 on the popular program, "Public Affairs," at 11:15 a. m., CST, by Dr. James V. Claypool of the American Bible Society. Of the nine hundred girls enrolled in the Hiroshima School, three hundred and fifty were killed. The school is functioning again, classes being in barracks, with an enrollment of 1,600. The Christian influence of the girls, Dr. Matsumoto, declares, has enhanced the popularity of the school.

On Saturday afternoon, from 2:30 to 2:45 CST Mutual Network will present Miss Helen Kenyon, first woman moderator of the Congregational-Christian Churches and Dr. Douglas Horton, minister of the General Council of the same communion. They will discuss the greater use of the Bible in our American homes and increasing the Christian's sense of responsibility in furnishing Bibles in foreign languages to war-impooverished countries.

Dr. Elmer J. F. Arndt, professor at Eden Theological Seminary, Webster Groves, Missouri, will be presented by the Columbia Broadcasting System's Church of the Air, speaking on Sunday, December 12 from 9 to 9:30 a. m. CST on the subject, "The Religion of the New Testament."

On Sunday afternoon from 4 to 4:15 CST the American Broadcasting Company has arranged an interview between the Chief of Chaplains of the U. S. Army, Chaplain Luther D. Miller (Major General), and a representative of the Chief of Chaplains of the U. S. Navy, Chaplain Thornton C. Miller, with Dr. Frederick W. Cropp of the American Bible Society. The topic under discussion will be the use of the Scriptures and religious cultivation in connection with the new peacetime recruits of the armed services.

Hundreds of local stations, throughout the country, will also join in the celebration of the Society's program.

Universal Bible Sunday will be observed in thousands of churches in this country, according to information received by the American Bible Society. Many churches, throughout the world, will hold a similar celebration, where the promotion of the program is under the direction of the foreign agencies of the Society.

The theme on which the services for the day will be based is "The Book of All Nations," a timely topic in these days when the right to freedom, spread by the Bible's teachings, is being so seriously challenged.

Dr. James V. Claypool, of the  
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## "The Carpenter Knew What He Was Talking About"

By PETER HALL, Melling,  
Liverpool, England

(This story was told to the American Mission to Lepers by one of the six British soldiers who returned from service in the Far East with reported cases of leprosy.)

IN my Father's House are many mansions." Indeed there are, for I have dwelt in some of them. Desolation, Despair, Frustration and on to Supreme Happiness.

I had not been by any reckoning a religious man, but things happen along life's highway, convincing enough that the Carpenter of Nazareth, He who dragged a weary body, laden with a heavy cross up that dusty hot road to die a horrible death, certainly knew what He was talking about.

For three years I lived up in the mountains overlooking the sea, desolate in my outlook, and with a certain amount of despair in my heart. With ample time to while away, and going blind, I would peer into

the mists overlooking the bay to picture as best I could, what might have been. The picture was always the same. Somewhere down in the pleasant valley there was a garden with plenty of flowers, a few animals, a greenhouse, all tended by me, who had no previous experience of such things.

Came December, 1946, and I found a garden. A whole acre of it. Years of neglect had produced millions of weeds, and with none being harvested they had grown deep. In the first few months of 1947, the land was frozen hard. Blindness came, so did mutilation of hands and, so they told me, disfigurement. My very good doctor and friend said nothing, but I sensed the grimness in his voice. The good lady who cares for me, coming as she does from a long line of German pastors, never faltered. My one contact with the outside world was the radio.

One Sunday night, in a program, "What Are the Churches Doing?" the broadcaster told of work among leprosy patients, much of which was my experience, so I had a letter written which told him so. Almost by return of post came a letter from the Mission to Lepers. Could they help? And a new hope was born. I didn't need money to live, but there are many friends now, and a neat little orchard to remind me I no longer am alone. A cheerful, and most welcome, visitor comes along now and then, and I moved out of the mansions of Desolation and Despair.

Uncle Sam has always been a byword in my family. My grandfather went adventuring for him, and my father knew Lincoln's famous speech by heart, so I bethought myself of a leprosarium and wrote for news of new treatment.

I received a charming vital letter, not only telling me of a new drug,  
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## THE CHURCH and the COUNTRYSIDE

By GLENN F. SANFORD

### HARVEST FESTIVAL AT PARKS

THE annual "Harvest Festival" for the churches of Scott County was held at Parks, October 31. It was a glorious event for all those who attended. Rev. Cecil R. Culver, district superintendent of the Ft. Smith District; Mrs. J. E. Critz, conference president of the Woman's Society of Christian Service; Mrs. E. H. Hook, president of the Deaconess Board of the North Arkansas Conference; and Rev. Glenn F. Sanford, executive secretary of the Town and County Commission, were among the visitors attending the festival. The host pastor, Rev. Felix Holland, made every one feel that it was good to be there.

In the midst of glorious surroundings the little church was made beautiful with many natural decorations. The altar was beautifully adorned with many kinds of fruits, vegetables, and a large variety of field products, all of which was given to the Methodist Children's Home. It was in good favor that Judge Davidson of Waldron conveyed the gifts to the Children's Home in Little Rock.

The decorations helped to make all phases of the program exceedingly helpful. The morning and afternoon preaching services were conducted by Rev. Glenn F. Sanford and Rev. Elmo Thomason. These

two services revealed the marvelous spirit of giving which was made real by the beautiful gifts which had been placed upon the altar. A deep sense of humility filled the hearts of each one as they worshipped God in the presence of His bountiful goodness.

A helpful period of informal fellowship was enjoyed by everyone during the noon hour. A great dinner - on-the-ground, composed largely of products from their own farms, was typical of these festival celebrations.

Possibly the most helpful part of the entire day came when a youth from each church, Parks, Mt. Pleasant, Cauthron, Square Rock, Bird's View, and Waldron, presented their gifts at the altar with beautiful and appropriate statements. Every one in the house was led to think of the sacrificial spirit of Christ.

The Scott County Group Ministry is working splendidly in many helpful ways. The two pastors and Miss Estelle McIntosh meet regularly for fellowship and planning. The Scott County Methodist Council, composed of representatives from each local church, meet regularly to plan all the cooperative programs, such as the Harvest Festival and other special day programs; youth work, the reaching of new communities, and to carry Methodism everywhere throughout the county. The Group

### WORLD DEMAND FOR SCRIPTURES

Among important items shipped by the American Bible Society, in the promotion of its World Emergency Program recently have been:

40,000 Gospels (St. Luke and St. John) in Serbian to the office of the British and Foreign Bible Society in Belgrade, Yugoslavia.

Shipments of 800 Ukrainian, 800 Russian and 200 Spanish Bibles, 500 Russian Testaments and Psalms, and 1,500 Polish Gospels to the Belgian Bible Society, a reminder of the large number of displaced persons who are at work in the Belgian mines.

Purchase of 230 tons of paper costing \$53,045 for the Japan Bible Society, which should produce some hundreds of thousands of Testaments and Gospels.

To Japan 90,000 finished New Testaments printed in the U. S. A.

To the Armed forces, principally in China for new recruits 50,000 Testaments and nearly 9,000 Bibles.

\$10,000 of raw material for Bibles and Testaments in Germany.

To Korea 13,000 New Testaments.

The conditions under which the Union of German Bible Societies has been working at increased production and distribution in Germany have become more difficult for the time being due to the drastic revaluation of the German currency. Funds which they had on hand have dropped to one-fifth their value. Also from their small cash margins fewer Germans are able to buy Bibles. It is to be hoped that an improvement in economic conditions will ultimately result but in the meantime aid must be given.

Production in Japan is increasing but the demand continues very strong and outside aid for raw materials and probably for finished books is necessary.

We are thankful that the Christmas season thus emphasizes the supernatural origin of our holy faith. — Watchman-Examiner.

Centuries before Jesus was born, angels and seers anticipated his birth and the rise and culmination of his kingdom in the City of God. — Bible Index.

### MILWAUKEE CHURCH WOMEN SERVE NEEDY

The Protestant Business Women's Council is the "evening section" of the Milwaukee County (Wisconsin) Council of Church Women, in which members of the Wesleyan Service Guild (Methodist) are associated. While the parent body meets during the day, the evening section is composed of employed women who still are concerned with the interests of the church. Mrs. Erma Romanik is president of the evening group which is now three years old. Among the many activities of the P. B. W. C. are the giving of small gifts and favors to the patients and staff of the Veterans Hospital at Thanksgiving, Christmas, and Easter; giving of toys, books and other articles each Christmas to the children in the County Hospital Pediatric Ward; and the teaching of weaving, knitting, crocheting, in a mental hospital.

"The Advance for Christ and His Church is one more evidence of the vitality of our Christian faith to face and cope with evil forces that beset mankind and threaten the best in modern life" — Dr. E. Harold Mohn, executive director.

Ministry Plan of work develops a missionary spirit by helping the people to forget self and think in terms of serving others. This is the mind and spirit wrought through the Group Ministry Plan of work in Scott County. We commend it to each and every county in our great conference.

(The above statements were taken from a letter written by Rev. Elmo Thomason.)

### NEW BUILDINGS AT S. M. U.

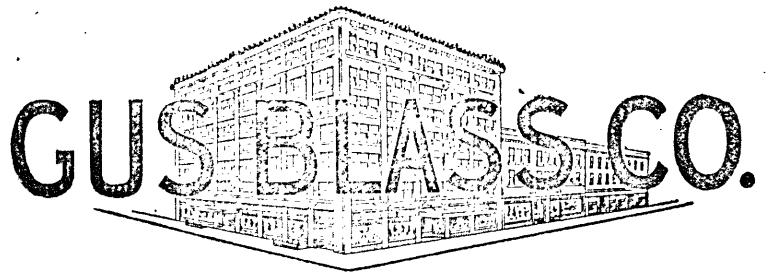
Construction work on new buildings for the Perkins School of Theology at Southern Methodist University is scheduled to begin immediately. Dr. Umphrey Lee, president of SMU, has announced following signing of a contract with the Henger Construction Co. of Dallas. When completed, the new school quadrangle will contain six buildings; a chapel, a library, a classroom and administration building, and three dormitories. — Campus News.



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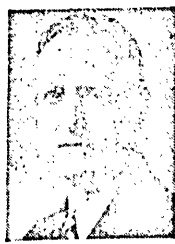
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# On A Wide Circuit

By W. W. REID

## RACHEL



THERE are undoubtedly more heroes and heroines of life—and of war—without medals, and ribbons, and titles, than with them. One unsung heroine of life and of World War II is

Rachel . . . .

I met Rachel just ten years ago this month. She was cook in the hospitable home of the Rev. and Mrs. Marmaduke Dodsworth, missionaries in Penang, the Malay Peninsula, where I was a guest a few days en route to and from Sumatra. A Negress of uncertain age, of few words, and, one might have thought from her reticence, of few ideas, Rachel's great joy in life was to cook—and she could cook. Born in South Africa, widowed years ago, she had been taken by an English family to Malaya and had never returned home. Whether or not she professed formal Christianity, I do not know. I twitted Rachel a number of times about feeding me too much, and once she replied with the longest sentence I had heard her speak: "When a man is away from his family and lonesome, I know he needs more to eat than at other times." Apparently that subdued me . . . .

When the Japanese army landed in Malaya just north of Penang a couple of years later, the missionaries were not there. But I often wondered what happened to Rachel. The other day I heard the story from a missionary:

The Japanese took the Dodsworth residence as quarters for some of their officers. Rachel was in charge, and they ordered her out. "I can't go," she told them. "It's the only place in the world I have to live." They argued it back and forth for a while, and her freedom, if not her very life, seemed in danger. Finally, the military agreed that Rachel could remain in the premises if she

would help cook for the Japanese . . . . She agreed. They relegated her to one room in a tier of small buildings, former servants' quarters, outside the main house. And Rachel cooked acceptably to their taste . . .

Pretty soon the Japanese began taking many prisoners among the outnumbered British troops. The row of buildings in which Rachel had a corner was used as a prison for some of the higher officers; then as a torture chamber for those from whom information was wanted. Some were beaten, some were driven mad, all were starved.

But Rachel was not accustomed to letting men go without food—whether prisoners, or only away from their families. Food was at the core of her philosophy of life. She kept her counsel well; but night after night, when the guards had relaxed their vigil, Rachel stole silently from her quarters and slipped food and drink to the starving men. It is a miracle that never once was she caught or suspected of carrying on this dangerous ministry; discovery would have meant certain death. . . . .

Finally came the end of fighting . . . . the release of prisoners . . . their return to British lines and home . . . . Rachel's return to cooking for travel-weary missionaries and their guests.

Since then this quiet and aging woman—who saw and heard more than she will ever reveal, and whose every word conveys honesty and integrity—has been the Government's star witness against the perpetrators of war atrocities in Penang and Malaya. But more than that: every once in a while some high-ranking British officer, returned in health to his post, visits the Dodsworth home to pay his respects and thanks to Rachel and to give her a present: she had saved his life and the lives of many of his fellows by her insistence that men must be fed!

To every one of these torture chamber survivors and to their families, Rachel is one of life's and of war's great heroines. We join in their salute to her!

## WILL POWER vs. WAR

War some day will be abolished by the will of man. This assertion does not in any way invalidate the truth that war is fundamentally caused by impersonal, political, economic and social forces. But it is the destiny of man to master and control such force, even as it is his destiny to harness rivers, chain the lightning and ride the storm. It is human will, operating under social forces, that has abolished slavery, infanticide, duelling, and a score of other social enormities. Why should it not do the same for war?—John Haynes Holmes, If This Be Treason.

## OBSERVE COVENANT SUNDAY—JANUARY 2

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## SEMINARY LEADERS DISCUSS THEOLOGICAL TRAINING

Chicago—Report of an intensive survey of Methodist theological training was the highlight of a three-day conference which met here Nov. 20-22. The conference was made up of the deans or presidents of the ten seminaries, two faculty members from each, and the executive officers of the general Board of Education. It was their sixth annual meeting.

The three men who directed the survey were Professor Stanley H. Martin, Boston University School of Theology, Dr. Henry M. Johnson, Candler School of Theology (Emory University), and Dr. W. McFerrin Stowe of the general Board of Education. They survey included detailed questionnaires which were answered by 1,510 pastors, most of whom graduated from seminary in the past 20 years. Their answers will be used as a basis of study for continued improvement of theological training.

In addition to the survey, the group discussed two other phases of their work, "Testing the Effectiveness of Christian Education," and "The End Product of Christian Education." Speaking on the former subject, Dr. Henry M. Bullock, pastor of First Methodist Church, Gulfport, Miss., declared, "We must recognize in our approach that we are a minority movement—we must stop assuming that we can move with the mores of the community and remain Christian. Like Mr. Dewey we are being defeated by our assumptions." He also pointed out the need of using men teachers in the Sunday school. He said, "Our boys and girls are growing up thinking religion is a petticoat proposition."

Dr. L. B. Hazzard, professor at Illinois Wesleyan University, spoke on Christian education in the church college and Dr. Fred G. Holloway, president of Drew University, delivered a paper on "How Effectively

Has the Entire Program of Christian Education Been Integrated?" A discussion period followed the talks.

At the closing session Dr. S. Paul Schilling, professor at Westminster Theological Seminary, spoke on "Christian Education Workers and Theology," followed by talks on "The End Product of Christian Education" by Dr. Fred D. Stone, former publishing agent of The Methodist Church, and Bishop J. Ralph Magee of the Chicago Area. Bishop Magee declared, "Education does not change very much the basic capacities of men, but simply develops them . . . We have today a better qualified ministry than we have ever had, but we must continue to improve it to keep abreast of other professions and the people we serve."

Dr. Edward R. Bartlett, dean of Iliff School of Theology (Denver University), and Dr. Lester A. Welliver, Westminster Theological Seminary, gave the concluding talks on "Examining the Possibilities of the Conference."

Presiding officers of the sessions were Dr. Walter G. Muelder, dean of Boston University School of Theology, Dr. H. B. Trimble, dean of Candler School of Theology, Dr. H. E. Spence, professor at Duke Divinity School, and Dr. Horace G. Smith, Garrett Biblical Institute. Devotional leaders included Dr. Harvey V. Richardson, Gammon Theological Seminary, Dr. E. B. Hawk, Perkins School of Theology (Southern Methodist University), and Dr. Harvey Seifert, University of Southern California School of Religion.

These three, beauty, goodness and truth, have much to do with Christmas. But the greatest of these is truth. The others are forlorn without it. The beauty and goodness are reared on the foundation of Christmas fact. If there is no fact, there is no Christmas.—The Presbyterian Tribune.

Every little child in the world has been a little safer since the coming of the Child of Bethlehem.—Christian Advocate.

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## NORTH ARKANSAS CONFERENCE NOTES

By Ira A. Brumley

### Important Dates

Requests are coming to our office for information about calendar of events being planned in the North Arkansas Conference. We are giving a list of activities, which is only a partial list as we do not have district conference dates for all the district conferences and certain other important dates, which have not yet come to our office. The following list we hope will be valuable to those reading it:

- December—Offering for Methodist Home.
- December 9—Searcy Christian Education Institute.
- December 15—Pocahontas Christian Education Institute.
- December 16—Marmaduke Christian Education Institute.
- December 19—Christmas Sunday.
- December 26—Student Recognition Day.
- January 9-16—Arkansas Methodist Campaign.
- January 17—Northeast Arkansas Church School Superintendent's Conference, Jonesboro.
- February 7-10—Minister's Week, S. M. U.
- February 13—Race Relations Day.
- February 14-18—Searcy District Training School.
- February 20-27—February Special.
- February 21-25—Jonesboro District Training School.
- February 28—Layman's Day.
- February 28-March 1—Town and Country Commission Meeting.
- March 6—Commitment Sunday.
- March 7-11—Ft. Smith Training School.
- March 15-16—Vacation Church School Conference Clinic.
- March 20—Dedication Day.
- March 21-23—W. S. C. S. Conference Meeting, Ft. Smith.
- March 28-29—Camping Conference.
- April 3—Church School Day.
- April 17—Easter Sunday.
- April 22-24—Methodist State Student Conference.
- April 25-29—Area Meetings on Adult Work.
- April 25-29—Jurisdictional Recreation Conference.
- May 1-8—Christian Family Week.
- May 1-8—Golden Cross Enrollment.
- May 29-June 10—Vacation School Period.
- June 6-10—Youth Conference-Wide Assembly.
- June 15-19—Annual Conference Session.
- June 27-July 1—W. S. C. S. State School of Missions.
- July 4-14—Mt. Sequoyah School of Missions.
- July 11-14—Missionary Conference, Mt. Sequoyah.
- July 18-22—Helena District Intermediate Assembly.
- July 18-29—Mt. Sequoyah Leadership School.
- August 9-19—Jurisdictional Youth Conference.

### Student Recognition Day

Sunday, December 26 has been designated as Student Recognition Day. This is the time at which the local church recognizes its young people who are attending college and the young people who are in

their Senior year in high school.

There has gone out to the pastors throughout the Conference a copy of the Student Recognition Day program. Additional copies of this program may be secured from Department of Student Work, Board of Education, The Methodist Church, 810 Broadway, Nashville 2, Tennessee.

It is hoped that many of our churches will make the best possible use of this opportunity to give proper recognition to its young people.

### Conference On Adult Work

A state-wide conference on Adult Work was held in Conway, November 22-23. Each of the eight district superintendents and the eight district directors of Adult work of North Arkansas Conference together with additional workers from our conference and a splendid group from the Little Rock Conference attended this meeting. Our delegation was as follows: S. B. Wilford, J. Clarence Wilcox, Raymond Dorman, E. H. Hook, Alf A. Eason, J. J. Clark, Cecil R. Culver, Robert Bearden, Jr., Elmo Thomason, Ethan Dodgen, E. B. Williams, Maurice Webb, S. O. Patty, A. N. Storey, Harold Spence, Coy Whitten, R. E. Connell, Glenn F. Sanford, Matt L. Ellis, Ira A. Brumley.

Bishop Paul E. Martin was with us for the second day of the Conference.

Rev. Robert S. Clemmons, Director of Young Adult Work, General Board of Education, directed this work, rendering an excellent service as leader of the group. There was unanimous approval of his excellent leadership. We hope to have him in the North Arkansas Conference for a week in April.

The cooperation of the Little Rock Conference under the leadership of Rev. Roy Fawcett helped to make this meeting the success it was.

### Batesville District Training Program

The Batesville District under the leadership of Rev. S. B. Wilford has planned an aggressive program of leadership education. The following training schools have already been planned.

- Desha, November 29-December 1, S. B. Wilford.
- Tuckerman, December 1-3, J. T. Carlyon.
- Melbourne, December 8-10, Roy Bagley.
- Cedar Grove, December 13-15—S. B. Wilford.
- Mountain View, December 13-15, Alfred Knox.
- Ash Flat, January 3-5, J. C. Wilcox.
- Cave City, January 19-22, Raymond Franks.
- Bethesda, January 17-19, J. H. Hoggard.

Three area schools are being planned for the district to be held at Newport, Batesville and Cotter.

One-unit schools are being planned at Salem, Norfolk, and Grange. This plan of having a large number of one-unit schools makes it possible to get training opportunities within reach of many of our small churches.

Last year Methodist hospitals in the United States had a record of

### "CHRIST ABOVE ALL"

"Christ above all" is the theme that Wesley Foundation at the University of Arkansas in Fayetteville has taken for this year's work to stress personal development through Christianity, and thus, to attain a full, well-rounded life.

Wesley Foundation offers opportunity for worship, work, recreation, and Christian service. Through work with the various committees, a person can develop his talent in the phase in which he is most interested.

A vital part of Wesley Foundation's program centers around worship. These services are planned by the students who work with the Program Planning Committee, which is headed by the vice-president. The Music Committee is part of the Program Planning Committee.

The World Friendship Committee has for its goal, world-wide friendship and better relations on the campus.

Three goals have been set by the Publicity Committee. First, to tell Methodist students on the campus about Wesley Foundation's activities by cards, letters, posters, and newspaper stories. Second, to tell the Methodist people in Arkansas about Wesley Foundation, and to establish better relations with Wesley Foundation in Fayetteville and other Wesley Foundations in the state.

Recreation has part in the development of a well-rounded personality by learning co-operation through fun and fellowship with fellow classmates. The Recreation Committee plans activities for an hour each Sunday evening.

The Social Committee plans parties which Wesley Foundation has every month. This semester there has been a welcoming party for new and old students in September, the annual picnic at Ghost Hollow in October, and a football party in November. Plans are being made for the Christmas party, December 10.

Small churches or groups that wish to have programs or worship services given by some special group may obtain this from the Deputations Committee.

The "Arkansas Wesleyan" is the worship bulletin for Sunday morning and evening services, and announcements. It is printed every week, and makes the services run smoothly.

For the first time Wesley Foundation is entering intermural sports. It has already participated in the football season, and is preparing to enter in volleyball and basketball. The football team improved as the season progressed, and in its final game, Wesley Foundation defeated the second place team in the league. Wesley Foundation is noted for being the best sports and the cleanest playing team in the league.

Mrs. J. E. Harris, counselor and director of Wesley Foundation, Rev. D. L. Dykes, pastor of Central Methodist Church, and Raymond Fisher, assistant pastor, work with Wesley Foundation. — Shirley McConnell, Publicity Committee, Wesley Foundation.

### YOUTH FELLOWSHIP ENTERTAINS

The Youth Fellowship of Timothy Church entertained the youth group of West Side and Buena Vista at their regular Sunday night program November 2. A delicious dinner was served to over a hundred young people and adults by the women of the W. S. C. S. group of Timothy. An interesting program was given consisting of talks by Miss Julia Ann Keith, Mr. Finis Boosa, Jr., and Mr. Granville Jester. The program was opened with a prayer by Mr. Don White and the scripture reading by Miss Frances Nell Brasher. A dramatization was given by the Primary and Junior group. An interesting reading was given by Miss Melba Shirey. The program was conducted by Mr. Charles Rampley, President of the Timothy group. The choir was under the direction of Mr. D. O. Wilson with Mrs. Sally England accompanying. Among the many guests were District Superintendent Fred Harrison, and Rev. and Mrs. N. R. Nabors from Chidester.—Reporter.

### CHRISTMAS PARTY FOR SUB-DISTRICT

The Sub-district for Older Youth, including young people between the ages of 18-23, will hold a Christmas party and turkey dinner in the dining room at First Methodist Church, Little Rock, Monday night, December 13, at 6:00 o'clock. Each person who attends is requested to bring a gift valued at approximately 50 cents, and these will be given to other members who attend. Sue Ella Anderson will be in charge of the program.

Those on the committee in charge of tickets are: Jean Dodds, chairman, Lynette McKenzie, Leroy Rackley, Mary Frances Brown, John Hunt, Bob Smith, James Minor, Mary Parker, Betty Branton, Dorothy Wreyford, Margaret Ward, Bill Lee, Reta Cheatham, Jenelle Kemp, R. J. Wills, and Herman Johnson. Jane Loomis and Margie Branton were appointed to serve on the poster committee with Barnett Stancil, president of the sub-district. Members of the Young People's Department of First Methodist will serve as hosts, with Mrs. Earl Cotton and Mrs. H. I. Anderson in charge of food. Tickets will be available in all churches soon, and may be bought for 50 cents from any of the members of the ticket committee.—Reporter.

### UNIVERSAL BIBLE SUNDAY

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Bible Society, in charge of the program reports that approximately 148,000 packets of material, were mailed by the Bible Society to ministers of more than 70 denominations, to Chaplains of the U. S. Army, the U. S. Navy, Veterans Administration and to Chaplains serving in Federal Penitentiaries. Indicative of the wide use the churches are planning, is the fact that over two million copies of an attractive Church Bulletin, to be distributed at the church services, have been mailed in response to requests, Dr. Claypool has said.

3,910,050 patient-days of service in 11,563 beds.

# WOMAN'S SOCIETY OF CHRISTIAN SERVICE

MRS. SUE M. WAYLAND, Editor

## NARCOTIC EDUCATION PROGRAM PROGRESSES

The program of Narcotics Education in the public schools of Arkansas has marched well into its second year. Miss Mae Wilhelm of Stuttgart is the teacher or Consultant. The work is sponsored and supported by a Narcotics Education Committee, composed of a representative of each of the groups which are cooperating. The Little Rock and North Arkansas Conference W.S.C.S. belong to this Committee. Financial support is raised as a 10c per member contribution. Other member organizations are Women's Societies of the Southern Baptist Church, Missionary Baptist Church, Christian Church, Presbyterian Church, U. S. A., Nazarene Church, Southern Presbyterian Church, and the Woman's Christian Temperance Union.

The Narcotics Education program is in cooperation with, and approved by the State Department of Education. It is in harmony with Act 168 of the State Legislature, passed March 3, 1937, which is "An act providing for teaching the effects of alcohol and other narcotics on the human system; providing for the necessary textbooks and equipment for teaching same in the public schools of the State of Arkansas."

Miss Wilhelm is well qualified for her work with a B. A. degree, some hours credit toward her M. A. degree, a summer's study on the effects of narcotics on the human personality and health, and several years of successful teaching experience in the public schools. She has prepared, with approval of the State Department of Education, units of instruction correlating material on narcotics. In the Primary grades it correlates with Health; Intermediate grades with Health; Junior High School with Health and Science; Senior High School with Biology as it relates to Health and Physical Education.

Response to this approach, by teachers and students, as Miss Wilhelm goes from one school to another introducing the subject, has been most appreciative and encouraging. Her address is 406 W. 10th St., Stuttgart.—Ethel K. Millar.

## SALEM WOMAN'S SOCIETY

The Woman's Society of Salem church, in the Conway District met October 12 in the home of Rev. and Mrs. A. E. Goode, for an all day meeting to complete the study of the book, "Newness of Life."

Mrs. Charles V. Muse, leader for the morning program gave a study of the sixth chapter, "The Healing of the Man Born Blind." Mrs. W. T. Johnson closed the service with a prayer.

A delicious pot lunch was served at the noon hour. Mrs. W. M. Watkins leader, opened the afternoon session with the group singing "Higher Ground" and led the study for the final chapter "Raising of Lazarus."

The meeting was closed with the twenty-one members and guests singing "Blest Be The Tie That Binds" and a prayer by Mrs. J. P. Akridge. This was a wonderful book thoroughly enjoyed and appreciated by each one in attendance. This

## THE SHEPHERDS SPEAK

John Erskine

*Out of the midnight sky a great dawn broke,  
And a voice singing flooded us with song.  
In David's city was He born, it sang,  
A Saviour, Christ the Lord. Then while I sat  
Shivering with the thrill of that great cry,  
A mighty choir a thousand-fold more sweet  
Suddenly sang, Glory to God, and Peace—  
Peace on the earth; my heart, almost unnerved  
By that swift loveliness, would hardly beat.  
Speechless we waited till the accustomed night  
Gave us no promise more of sweet surprise;  
Then scrambling to our feet, without a word  
We started through the fields to find the Child.*

## BRINKLEY ORGANIZES NEW GUILD

An organizational meeting of the Brinkley Wesleyan Service Guild was held at the parsonage on Monday evening, November 22, with Mrs. Jesse Johnson as hostess.

Mrs. Ted McCastlain, Brinkley W. S. C. S. president, was present and assisted with the organization of the new Guild.

Miss Virginia Hine, District Secretary, presided and opened the meeting with a devotional. The Rev. Jesse Johnson, pastor host, led the group in prayer.

Following some explanatory remarks concerning Guild organization, officers for the new unit were elected as follows: President, Miss Agnes Williamson; Vice President-Program Chairman, Mrs. Harold Blessing; Promotion Secretary, Mrs. Ann Baldwin; Recording Secretary, Miss Elizabeth Hurst; Treasurer, Mrs. Clyde Orem.

Miss Williamson then appointed her Committee Chairman, who are: Spiritual Life, Mrs. Edgar Henderson; Missionary Education, Mrs. Gordon Midkiff; Christian Social Relations, Mrs. Dick Midkiff; Recreation and Supplies, Mrs. Jesse Johnson; Status of Women, Mrs. Paul Wagner; Publicity, Miss Elizabeth Hurst; Music, Mrs. Harry Hurst; Telephone, Mrs. Vera Swan; Transportation, Mrs. Louise McCreight.

Materials were distributed and the group decided to meet on the first Monday evening of each month. Mrs. Edgar Henderson will be hostess for the December meeting to be held on the night of the 6th.

At the close of the evening, Mrs. Johnson served light refreshments to the 14 ladies present.—Virginia Hine, District Secretary.

## DEACONESS VISITS GREENWOOD GUILD

Miss Estelle McIntosh from Waldron was the guest speaker November 16th at the regular meeting of the Wesleyan Guild. Mrs. O. D. Peters was in charge of the program, a very inspiring devotional was given by Mrs. Dick Ware, a special vocal number was by a group of high school girls.

Delicious refreshments were served by the hostess, Mrs. C. O. Bell, assisted by Mrs. Earl Dodd. There were twenty-six present, including five new members: Mrs. Era Walker, Mrs. Lois Moore, Mrs.

study was directed by Mrs. J. B. Reeves.—Reporter.

## PRAYER RETREAT PROGRAM

The closing meeting of the Week of Prayer observed by the Woman's Society of Newport First Church was a prayer retreat, attended by women from the most of the churches in that area.

The McDonald Club house on the beautiful White River near Weldon was a perfect setting for this unusual occasion. Mrs. A. E. Sartor was the leader for the program, which opened with a silent prayer and Meditation. Mrs. Sartor then talked on Prayer, selecting her materials from Lauback and Shoemaker, and from possibilities of prayer by Edward Bounds. All present derived great benefit from this talk.

Madams Bagley, Knox and Wilson, minister's wives from Newport, Tuckerman and Swifton were presented with other personal presents from their churches. Mrs. Alice Graham Mack of Tuckerman, expressed the thought that she had looked forward to the time when they could have a area retreat.

A delicious lunch was served at noon. During this time an offering was taken and the group voted to have this channelled through the Weldon society. All felt at the close of this meeting that it would be good to make this an annual affair.—Reporter.

## RISON WEEK OF PRAYER PROGRAM

The W. S. C. S. of Rison Methodist Church observed Week of Prayer and Self Program Tuesday, October 26. Luncheon was served at noon. During this time Mrs. Calvin Walker, pianist, played softly while Mrs. John D. Mitchell read a story and psalms on "Service to Humanity."

For the afternoon program the group was inspired by the setting of the Worship Center. The altar was arranged with an open Bible with white candles in white holders burning on each side. Ferns were placed on each side of the altar.

Mrs. Robert Searcy led the program with Miss R. C. Carmical, Mrs. L. F. Williams, Mrs. Bryan Stephens, Mrs. Layton Whitaker and Mrs. John D. Mitchell taking part. Mrs. Walker was at the piano.—Reporter.

Loretta Rosenbaum, Miss Barbara Heartsill and Miss Josephine Maestri.

Mrs. Felix Holland, Mrs. Marie Hoover, and Miss Helen Taft were guests from Waldron.—Reporter.

## SEARCY DISTRICT SEMINAR

The Woman's Society of Christian Service of the Searcy District held their Seminar at Valley Springs at the Methodist Church.

The group opened the meeting with the singing of the hymns "We've A Story to Tell To the Nation" and "A Charge To Keep I Have." After which Miss Dora Ellen Smith, Youth Worker of the Harrison Methodist Church, gave the morning devotional. Her theme being "The Kingdom Of Love."

Mrs. P. B. Davidson, President, reviewed the study program for the coming year, naming the approved studies, type of studies, special Jurisdiction, Recognition, Joint Study, and last, the Informal Study.

"America's Geographical Frontiers" was beautifully presented to the group by Mrs. Arthur Lewis, of Clinton. She told of the material one may obtain and the maps to order and what books to use in connection with this study.

Reports were given by the following:

Mrs. Don Holmes, Harrison, and Editor of our News Sheet.

Mrs. Troy Brand, Harrison, and Study Leader for the Searcy District.

Mrs. R. L. Smith, Harrison, Status of Women.

Each told of their work and asked that the district cooperate in all phases of this work.

The President then presented to the group our Promotional Secretary of the Searcy District, Mrs. H. H. Fullbright, who told the group of the work to be done for the coming year, and also explained the changes to be made in the work of the W. S. C. S.

Mrs. Jesse Johnson, McCrory, Recording Secretary, called the roll for the morning, after which we were dismissed for lunch. The ladies of the Valley Springs Church served a most delightful meal. And everyone enjoyed the fellowship at the noon hour.

The afternoon session was opened with the singing of a hymn. The president then told the group that the new Youth Worker for the Searcy District was to be Mrs. John Griffin of Cabot.

Mrs. L. W. Sturdivant of McCrory presented to the group "The Bible and Human Rights." She informed the group of what books to use and what material one could obtain in presenting this course back home in our respective churches.

Mrs. Jesse Johnson, in the absence of Mrs. Vance Thompson, presented to the group in Book Review form "The Newness of Life" or "The Growth of Spiritual Life." She had on display the posters in which to carry out the Seven Signs characterized in this most helpful book.

Mrs. Walter Jimerson, Augusta, talked on Program Building and of the new Program and Material Books for the next few months.

Miss Grace Badgett closed the afternoon session with a most helpful message using as her theme "Human Needs." After which she dismissed the group with prayer.—Reporter.

The love of God can transform a stable and a manger.—Christian Advocate.



# CURRENT NEWS IN ARKANSAS METHODISM

## ORGAN DEDICATED AT FIRST CHURCH, ARKADELPHIA

Several hundred people heard Bishop Paul E. Martin deliver the sermon and dedicate the new \$20,000 organ at the First Methodist Church in Arkadelphia Sunday morning, November 7. The organ, made by the Kilgen Organ Co. of St. Louis, was a gift to the church from the late Mrs. S. R. McNutt and her sister, the late Miss Ella Miller. Mrs. McNutt and Miss Miller had hoped to see and hear the organ which was ordered three years ago. Due to shortages of materials, however, the organ was not completed until late last summer. It was installed in October at which time the sanctuary of the church was redecorated.

In order to house the pipes and machinery two organ chambers were built on the north side of the church back of the choir loft. Walnut grillwork and panelling, made to harmonize with other woodwork in the sanctuary, was used to separate the organ chambers from the choir loft. The woodwork with a large oval stained glass window forms a beautiful background for the splendid choir of 30 voices which is directed by the organist and choirmaster, Mrs. H. Grady Smith, head of the Music Department at Henderson State Teachers College.

During the worship service on the day of dedication Mrs. Smith played as a prelude Noble's "Solemn Prelude" and the Toccata on "St. Anne" arranged by Coke-Jephcott. The choir sang two anthems, "Gloria In Excelsis" from Mozart's 12th Mass and "Thou Purple Morn Rejoice" by R. Deane Shure.

Rev. John B. Hefley, pastor, presided and Rev. R. B. Moore, superintendent of the Arkadelphia District, assisted in the service and led the morning prayer.—Martha Greene.

## THE WORK AT HARDY

On November 5th, wife and I left our home at Hope Hill Farm, near Quitman, and drove through to Hardy. In acceptance of a call from Rev. A. N. Storey, district superintendent of Paragould District, I assumed the pastorate of the Methodist Church here.

Hardy is a delightful little city in the Ozark hills. Through it runs Spring River, its clear waters having their origin just a few miles north of here at Mammoth Spring. The Methodists of Hardy and their friends have built a beautiful rock-veneered church, and its bell summons the people of Hardy to the services of the church.

We have been received with a very cordial welcome not only by the Methodists, but by members of other denominations as well; and last Friday night we were the recipients of a very fine and bountiful "pounding".

During the summer Hardy is the gathering place for many different assemblies, as well as a pleasure resort for those who seek a place where beauty and recreation are combined. We trust visitors will find their way to the Methodist Church and parsonage with the same ease as they find the highway.

And the name shall be called modern.

## BISHOP AND MRS. MARTIN VISIT STEPHENS CHURCH

Sunday, November 14, was a great day for the Methodists at Stephens when Bishop and Mrs. Paul E. Martin were our guests. The sanctuary was filled with worshippers at the morning hour to hear Bishop Martin preach and to join with him in dedicating the new organ.

At the close of the service the church presented him with Sallman's picture of Christ to be used with the worship center in Bishop Martin's Little Rock office.

Rev. and Mrs. Fred R. Harrison were with us and Brother Harrison participated in the service.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Keith were noonday hosts to Bishop and Mrs. Martin, Rev. and Mrs. Fred R. Harrison and Rev. and Mrs. Alfred I. Doss.

The church was filled again at the evening hour to hear Mrs. Conrad Farrell in a program of organ music. Mrs. Farrell is organist at Christ Church in Little Rock.

The Stephens people were delighted with these "Mountain Moments" and will be referring to them many times as the days go by.

On Tuesday evening, November 30, the church will engage in a Thanksgiving program with a turkey dinner and an address by Senator John L. McClellan.

The church has undergone extensive repairs and improvements. The following projects are complete and paid for amounting to \$10,000: Sanctuary redecorated; fourteen art glass memorial windows; a new Hammond organ; Fellowship Hall redecorated; kitchen modernized with new silverware, dishes, cooking utensils, steam table, cabinets and water fixtures, both hot and cold; nine portable dining tables and the parsonage repaired and redecorated.

The Board of Stewards and the Woman's Society have worked together in these projects. Mr. Walter Keith has given leadership and direction in a sacrificial way.

Mrs. Doss, the children and I have found a warm welcome here. We find the people ready to cooperate and our hopes are for a great year.—Alfred I. Doss, Pastor.

## LOCKESBURG

The generous reception we have received at Lockesburg is characteristic of the fine Christian spirit that prevails throughout the charge. On Wednesday night of our second week here a very beautiful reception was held by the membership of Lockesburg Church in the fellowship hall for the pastor and family. The shower of gifts was abundant in the nature of an old fashioned pounding. The churches representing the afternoon appointments have also given poundings to the parsonage family. For these expressions of love we are deeply thankful.

The attendance at the worship services is growing rapidly. At service Sunday the sanctuary was filled to capacity. There is a noticeable increase in the Church School attendance. Our young general superintendent, Mr. Raymond Tollett, together with all staff of capable workers are working hard, and we feel that great things are going to happen in the Church School this

## FALL TRAINING COURSE AT ARKADELPHIA

The First Methodist Church of Arkadelphia held its fall training course on November 7, 8, and 9, at which time Dr. A. W. Martin of the Perkins School of Theology, Southern Methodist University, presented six lectures on the "Great Christian Teachings."

Following the first lecture which was delivered at 5 o'clock, Sunday afternoon, November 7, eighty-five young people and adults had supper together in the social hall of the church. Dr. Martin talked again at the regular 7 o'clock Sunday evening service and again on Monday and Tuesday evenings at 7 o'clock. Each session of the study was attended by a large crowd.—Reporter.

## SURPRISE FOR PASTOR AND FAMILY

Rev. Edwin Keith and family of Bradley were very much surprised on Wednesday evening when the whole congregation accompanied them home after the regular Wednesday evening prayer service. They were even more surprised to find themselves the recipients of a pounding at which they received many and varied parcels of groceries.

After the pounding games were played. The W. S. C. S. served hot chocolate and cookies to the crowd.—Aletha Hamiter.

## WINTHROP PASTOR GIVEN POUNDING

Rev. M. T. Rose, our new pastor, was given an old fashioned pounding last Thursday night. Butane gas has been installed in the parsonage.

Brother Rose is giving the study, "The Bible and Human Rights," in the Woman's Society of Christian Service. Each one is being benefitted by these lessons. We are hoping for a good year.—Reporter.

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year.

There is a splendid M. Y. F. organization. In a meeting held here at Lockesburg plans were made to organize a Sub-district meeting, which meeting will be held at Foreman on Dec. 1st. By the request of the pastor the young people compose the choir at the evening hour which is a very interesting feature of the evening worship.

It is an inspiration to be among and work with the different departments of this church. With prayer, faith, and work we expect great things to happen on the charge this year.—Forney Harvey, Pastor.

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SET-UP MEETING OF ARKADELPHIA DISTRICT

The set-up meeting for the Arkadelphia District was held at the First Methodist Church in Malvern, on Thursday, November 18th. Rev. R. B. Moore, district superintendent, presided over the meeting. This was the best meeting of the kind that the writer has attended since he came into this district.

Brother Moore had his program well planned. He had someone to speak in the interest of every cause of the church. Every speaker seemed to realize the nature of the program. No one used more time than was necessary.

Rev. J. A. Wade outlined his program for evangelism in the district. His committee has arranged for a district evangelistic retreat to be held in Hot Springs on February 18th. Dr. Harry Denman will be the principal speaker at the meeting.

J. S. M. Cannon thanked the people in the Arkadelphia District for their generous support of the Children's Home last year. The Christmas offering for the home last year from this district totalled \$4,609.13. This was the largest amount this district ever contributed to the support of the home in one year.

Rev. Ewing Wayland announced that there are over 20,000 people in Arkansas taking the Arkansas Methodist. He asked the ministers to help them put the Methodist in the homes of our people, and then he promised that the paper would help the minister with his program. The date for the subscription campaign is January 9th to the 16th.

Rev. Dan R. Robinson spoke in the interest of the campaign for funds for an endowment for retired ministers. He also spoke in the interest of the work of the young people in our district. He urged the ministers to make it possible for the young people to attend the watch-night program to be held in Malvern New Year's Eve.

T. W. McCoy compared the laymen in the church program to a football team. He said that the minister is the captain, and that when he called the correct signals the team would advance the ball.

Dr. Matt L. Ellis gave us a splendid report on the work being done at Hendrix College. He indicated that work was to begin soon on one of the new buildings to be erected on the campus. He stated that they had been able to make some helpful additions to the faculty. And he stated also that the Methodists in the state are only \$17,000.00 short of the goals set for them in the million dollar campaign.

Rev. R. E. Simpson gave us a detailed report on the work being done in our hospital at Hot Springs. His report was very encouraging. Yet, he let us understand that we should give the hospital more financial aid than we have been doing. Mother's Day will be Golden Cross Sunday. At that time every Methodist in our conference should make a financial offering toward the support of our hospital.

Rev. Roy E. Fawcett, Mrs. E. E. Fohrell, and Mrs. J. R. Knocks represented the interest of the Board of Education and missionary education in the Sunday School. Brother Fawcett stated that the Board of Education was simply interested in teaching more people with a better type of Christian teaching.

Mrs. E. D. Galloway, conference president of the W. S. C. S., was introduced. Mrs. H. King Wade spoke on the four-fold program of the

ALPENA CHARGE

We are glad to be on the Alpena Charge. When we arrived shortly after Conference we found the ladies had met and cleaned up the parsonage and supper was on the table. We appreciated this very much. We received a wonderful pounding at the close of the Sunday evening service a short time later.

We have a very active Woman's Society of Christian Service. They have their regular monthly meeting and give their program. Besides this they meet each Tuesday and quilt. They have also observed the Week of Prayer. It has been largely through their efforts that a parsonage has been bought and paid for within the last three years. They plan to put gas in the parsonage soon.

We had a fellowship supper at our church on November 16 followed by our first Quarterly Conference. The pastor's salary was increased 20 percent over last year. We accepted a 50 percent increase in World Service. We plan to pay all our Conference claims by Christ-

W. S. C. S. in the Advance movement.

Rev. Ed Dunlap, conference missionary secretary, brought us a splendid message on the Advance as it related to world missions. Everyone present agreed that he got something out of the meeting at Columbus, Ohio.

Brother Moore urged the ministers to be prepared to answer two new questions in their first quarterly conference reports. How many members were received into the church last year on profession of faith? How many do you expect to receive on profession of faith this year?

The meeting adjourned at 12:30 for lunch. The ladies of Keith Memorial Methodist Church served a delicious dinner in the dining room of the church in which we were meeting.

After the meal was concluded the people present divided into three groups. Brother Moore met the ministers and the laymen in the church auditorium. There they made plans for carrying on the work of the church in the district.

The women interested in children's work met with Mrs. E. E. Fohrell and Mrs. J. R. Knocks. They made plans for the special missionary unit on China to be conducted through the Sunday School.

Women especially interested in the W. S. C. S. program met with Mrs. W. G. Herrington and Mrs. E. D. Galloway. They made a thorough study of the new program for the women. They were reminded of the change in their calendar, and the increase in their budget.—John B. Hefley.

RECEPTION AT PULASKI HEIGHTS CHURCH

A reception honoring Rev. J. Kenneth Shamblin, recently appointed to Pulaski Heights Church, Little Rock, and Mrs. Shamblin, was held at the church on Tuesday evening, Nov. 23, from 8 to 10 o'clock.

In the receiving line with the honor guests were J. F. Stroud, chairman of the Board of Stewards and Mrs. Stroud; E. W. Copeland, superintendent of the Church School and Mrs. Copeland; Mrs. W. H. Lyon, president W. S. C. S. and Mr. Lyon, and Mrs. E. B. Matkin, chairman Board of Christian Education.

Bronze and yellow chrysanthemums were used throughout the dining room. Large white mums were used on the table where the guest book was signed. Music during the evening was under the direction of Mrs. Clinton M. Owen, Director of Music.

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mas. We have accepted a quota of twelve to be reached on profession of faith. We feel sure we can reach this quota as there is a number of unsaved people here.

We are looking forward to a great year for Christ and His church. Pray for us.—Woodrow Woods, Pastor.

were Mrs. John Buxton and Miss Mary Frances Morgan, during the second hour Miss Morgan and Mrs. Lynn Wilson.

Young people assisting in the dining room were Mable Neely, Dorothy Baber, Silvia Milwee, Joyce Lee Rheinart, Sara Steele, Jean Dodds, Eileen Dodds, Mary Rose Story, Mary Ann Kincannon, Nell Little, Bob Smith, Louis Sanders, Perry McKinney and Don Chrismer. Mr. and Mrs. James N. Dowell and Mr. and Mrs. Wm. C. Yarbrough were in charge of the guest book. Mrs. Herbert Smith was general chairman for the reception assisted by Mrs. F. D. Chastain.—Reporter.



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## MISSIONARIES ADVISED TO EVACUATE NORTH CHINA

American missionaries in North and Central China have been "advised" by American consuls to leave these areas "while communications are open," because of communist military advances and the uncertainty of future events.

Advices reaching the Board of Missions and Church Extension in New York from the four Methodist bishops in China and from individual missionaries indicate a varied response to the advice. The bishops have generally advised temporary evacuation, but are leaving the final decision to each missionary's view of the situation, and the particular family or health condition in which each finds himself or herself. Some are planning to go, at least temporarily, to Shanghai; some will probably return to America—principally mothers with small children; and some are electing to remain at their posts at least until they can learn what conditions will be like for Christian work under a communist regime.

A cablegram from Bishop Ralph A. Ward (Nanking) said: "No Methodist missionaries yet evacuating this episcopal area. Work is proceeding normally despite uncertainties, startling rumors, and new developments. Most North China Methodist missionaries, except from Yenching, are reported coming to Shanghai."

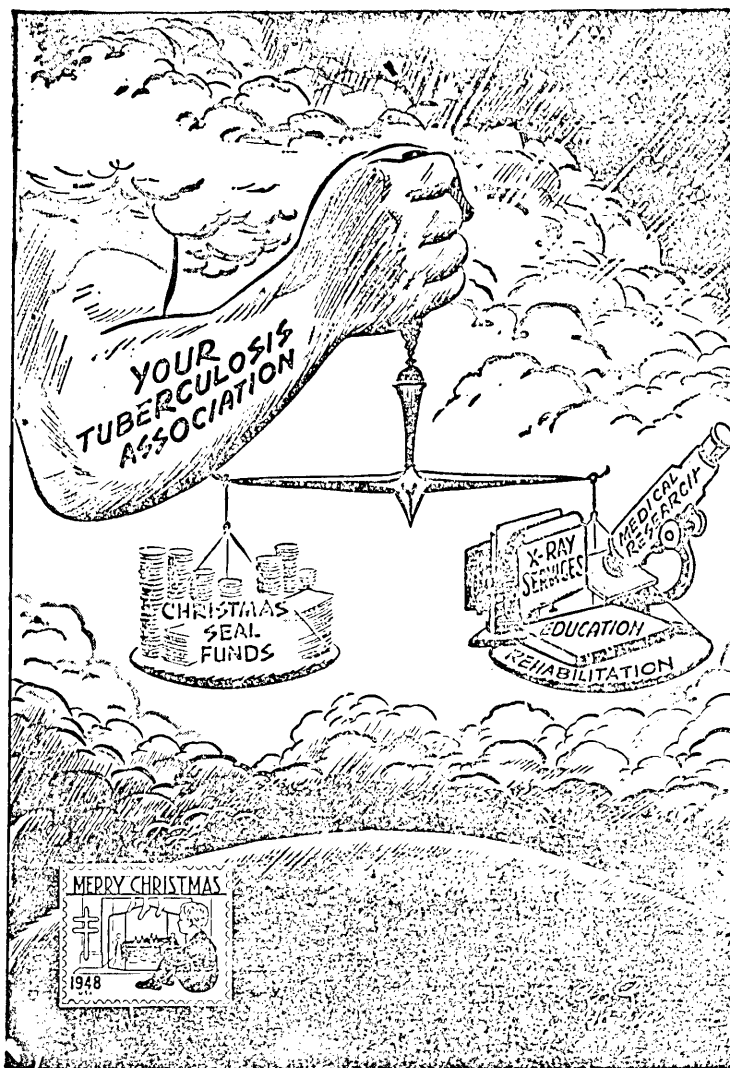
Later, from Shanghai, where the Adinterim Committee of the Central Conference of China was in session, Bishops Ward, Chen, and Lacy cabled: "Many North China and mid-China missionaries are hastening to Shanghai. The political situation is serious, but not yet clear. Chinese Methodists are determined to maintain current work under whatever regime there is. Duly qualified missionaries so volunteering should remain for the extended present. Others—especially mothers and children—should evacuate to America."

A letter from Bishop Z. T. Kaung, of Peiping, North China (dated November 8) says: "I was in Tientsin last week holding a series of meetings for our youth and other workers. It happened while I was there that a notice came from your (American) consul advising the missionaries to evacuate while communications are possible here in North China. So I had a meeting with the missionaries. After prayerful consideration the decision was made to have the missionaries evacuate first to Shanghai and there await further instructions from the College of Bishops. The same kind of meeting was held here (Peopong) last night, and the same decision was made. The situation is such that it seems it is the wise thing. Of course, you will find a few exceptions among the missionaries."

"The College of Bishops will have a meeting in Shanghai. I was asked to be present, but, owing to the critical condition here in North China, I have decided not to go. Plans are being made for the evacuation of missionaries here to Shanghai. We have no idea how much longer the present regime will hold out. It looks as if the communist forces are gaining the upper hand, so your consul general in Shanghai has served notice to missionaries in Kiangsu and Anhwei, too."

"It looks dark, and in a sense is dark; but with the kind of faith we have in God, we somehow or other feel that God is only allowing this to happen to China for her ultimate

## Keep the Scales Balanced



## "HE FOLLOWED THE BOTTLES HOME"

Dr. Louie D. Newton directs attention to a story carried a little while ago in the South Bend "Tribune." J. E. Webb, operator of a large drug store in St. Petersburg, Florida, followed some of his liquor bottles to the buyers' homes. As a result, on July 1, 1948, he stopped the sale of liquor.

The druggist gave as his reason: "Although I made \$10,000 profits on the sale of liquor the past year, I have quit the business of selling it, because I followed the bottles home, observed how much misery and poverty and crime they were responsible for." Dr. Newton rightly remarks: "If this decision . . . could be brought to the attention of all the people who are making and selling liquor, it would, I firmly believe, result in many others quitting business."

We agree! Surely, if even the hardest hearted man could glimpse the awful results, he would repent. Take a glimpse at the homes, and then turn your eyes down the way yonder—to eternity—when you will have to answer to God for your share in the ruin, and decide, neighbor, whether you want to stay in the business. "Know thou, that for all these things, God will bring thee into judgment."—From "The Western Recorder."

On the walls of an ancient temple was found this picture: A king forging from his crown a chain, while near by, a slave was making his chains into a crown underneath was written, "Life is what man makes of it, no matter of what it is made."—Ralph C Smedley, "Illuminate the Speech," Toastmaster.

good. I am here to help the workers carry on the work as much and as long as possible. Maybe this is a chance for the Chinese to prove their loyalty to Christian truth and their understanding of the principles of service. If this would deepen our Christian lives, then it would be for our good and for the good of others. We cannot counteract their atheism, their materialism, by argument, but by the kind of Christian lives we live. Possibly mixing ourselves among them, we may yet be able to lead them to accept the Christian concept of God, man, and service.

"Lately they seem to have changed their policy somewhat. They are not molesting Christians and other people as much as they have done in the past. In some places they even issue orders protecting the churches and schools. If this change is genuine then a turn has come about. We will not know whether it is genuine or not until we have contacts with them. God is teaching us to restudy our methods of approach. With the abundant life of Christ in us and with the mighty mission of love, we have something in our hands to convince even our communist friends."

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## THE CARPENTER KNEW WHAT HE WAS TALKING ABOUT

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but also of the American Mission to Lepers. My doctor lost no time in obtaining supplies, and the American Mission to Lepers was just as prompt.

Soon my eyesight was restored, ulcers healed, lesions vanished and now there is no sign of disfigurement. I was now able to see my millions of enemies, for weeds were three feet high. I began to dig, but my muscles were so wasted, and the weeds so strong it almost broke my heart. I bought four goslings, and two young pigs, all of whom became my faithful companions.

I mentioned the weeds to Mr. Currier, who most generously set to work to provide me with a tractor and implements, and so remembering our cry in 1940, "Give us the tools and we'll finish the job," it was once again up to us.

Today what? The land is clean and cropping. The goslings are up and doing, producing young. Norman, one of the pigs, became a badly needed fat ration; the other Sonia expects young in June. A nice mongrel pup keeps watch, and the fruit trees show promise of a grand harvest. I haven't put a spade wrong, so to speak.

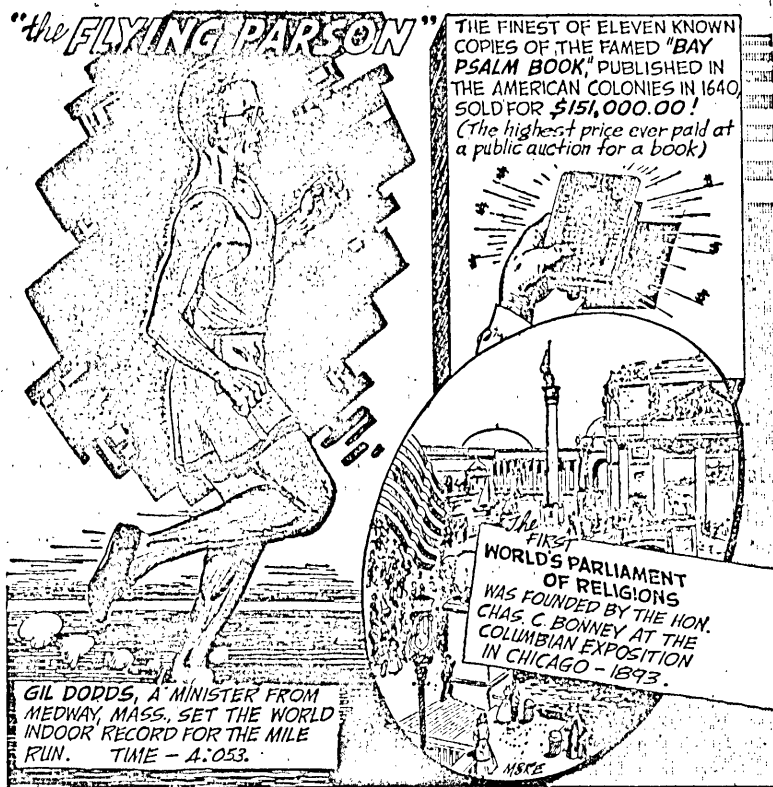
By the gift of a tractor, I have been able to build Sonia a first class maternity home; a 100 ft. x 10 ft. greenhouse should be up by early May; and somehow when I contacted the Missions to Lepers everything came right. Without seeking I get letters from unknowns; kindly, friendly letters they are too.

At night, so tired I can hardly crawl up the stairs to my bed, there is song in my heart, and during the brief moments before I sleep I see kindly hands beckoning me, happily smiling faces too, along the picture rail of my bedroom. I wake to the cackle of geese, a friendly welcome from Strulch, and Sonia.

My one regret is that I cannot find words to express to Uncle Sam's Mission to Lepers, my deep sense of gratitude, nor the poems the "chug chug" of my trusty tractor chants, nor the song the soil

## LOOKING AT RELIGION

By DON MOORE



## METHODIST MISSIONARY HONORED FOR OREGON PIONEERING

A Methodist Home Missionary, Jason Lee, is pictured on the recent commemorative Oregon Territory Centennial postage stamp. Ordained by the New England Conference in 1834 for service among the Flathead Indians, he was commissioned by the Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church to make a coast-to-coast covered wagon trek over the Oregon Trail to the Columbia river country.

Recognized by the State of Oregon as its founder, this athletic, six-foot-three son of an American Revolutionary soldier, established the first permanent settlement in Oregon, preached the first Protestant sermon west of the Rockies, set up the first Christian home, dedicated the first church, started the elementary school system and the first institution of higher learning, Willamette University. He also drafted the first petition from Oregon to Congress to extend the government of the United States to include the Northwest.

An appealing letter, published in

sings as the greyhound plough gracefully turns it over. The Carpenter, however, knows what is in my heart.

Christian Advocate, with which Zions Herald was at the time combined, led President Wilbur Fisk of Wesleyan University to agitate and underwrite Lee's expedition. The writer told of the desire of the Flathead Indians for knowledge of the "White Man's Book." Four of their number had come 2,000 miles to St. Louis to make their plea.

In 1934, a century after Lee's historic journey, a covered wagon caravan, this time on rubber tires and motor-propelled, made a commemorative pilgrimage over the Oregon Trail. The Rev. Jay S. Stowell and others spent the same number of days enroute as it took Jason Lee to travel from Boston

## PIGGOTT YOUTH ORGANIZE

The M. Y. F. was organized in the Piggott Methodist Church, Sunday evening, November 7th., under the direction of Andrew Wheeler, Church School superintendent, and W. O. Scroggin, Jr., pastor. The following were elected as officers: Secy.-Treasurer, Judith Brannan; Program Chairman, Faye Lewis; Reporter, Eddie Wheeler.

The M. Y. F. will meet each Sunday evening at 6:30 for games, business, and worship. Plans are being made to hold a youth night for fun and fellowship, each week in addition to the Sunday evening meeting.

A party was held in the basement of the church for the M. Y. F., Friday evening, November 12th., with 22 young people attending.

Plans were made by the young people to furnish the Sunday evening choir for the church. Our church has a church orchestra, made up of the young people, and directed by Robert Head, church organist. This orchestra will also be used in the Sunday evening church services.

Nineteen members of the M. Y. F. attended the Sub-district meeting at Paragould, Monday night, November 8. President Jim Richardson invited the December Sub-district meeting to Piggott.—Eddie Wheeler, Reporter.

Common to Salem, Oregon. They used the time saved by their modern vehicles to hold meetings, pageants, and demonstrations. Governors, mayors, and churches along the way cooperated in appropriate ceremonies and observances and the Oregon State Fair Grounds were decorated for their re-enactment of the arrival of the original pioneers.

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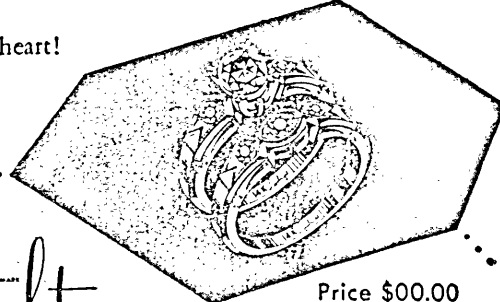
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### LETTERS IN THE BIBLE

LESSON FOR DECEMBER 12, 1948

SCRIPTURE TEXT: *Philippians; I. Timothy; I. John.*

GOLDEN TEXT: *I write this to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, that you may know that you have eternal life. I. John 5:13.*

Twenty-one of the twenty-seven books of the New Testament are letters. Paul is credited as the author of thirteen (Modern scholarship denies that Paul wrote Hebrews.) John wrote three. Paul, nor John, nor Peter, nor James, nor Jude, knew that his letters would become a part of the Bible. Anyone of the three would have thought it preposterous had anyone said to any of these writers, "Your letters will be read a thousand years from now as a part of the Bible just as Moses' and Isaiah's are," he would have been astounded. These writers were making a contribution to humanity that would go on and on until redemption's work shall have been completed. No Church worker today knows what his simple labors in Christ may be worth to future generations. Let us sow beside all waters.

#### Letters Have Played A Large Part In History

No sooner had the art of writing been known, than men began to write on scrolls, some of which soon were lost, some were sent on temporary missions, others filed in the archives and preserved for future times. How many letters today are written concerning international correspondence? How many daily letters by church people relating to church matters today? How many family letters, business letters, sacramental letters are written daily? It would be a conservative guess to say that a million letters are placed in the mail daily—some to comfort, some to blame, some to make happy, some to crush. How many kind messages have you sent through the mails this month? How many letters of thanks do you owe to those who have extended favors to you? Use the mails to bring about a happier world.

#### A Thank You Letter

Paul loved the people in the church at Philippi. Here he had his first experience in European work. Here he saw the Philippian jailer converted. Here he was the guest of Lydia. Here a church grew out of the meeting of some devout women in a place where prayer was wont to be made.

Paul now in jail receives something—presumably money, and he sits down to write a note of thanks. (How many of you have written all your "thank you" notes?) To be remembered by his first European Church touched Paul deeply and he started out to thank them, but his great head and heart were so full he could not stop. At the close of the second chapter he brings a concluding paragraph finally expecting to sign off, but torrents of thought pushed him on and the "finally" with which the third chapter begins is not the end. He continues on for two more chapters.

#### God Moves In A Mysterious Way

One would first think how un-

fortunate that the mighty Paul, upon reaching Rome, the world's center, could not have had the Colosseum in which to preach to the multitudes. But he was a prisoner. Out of a rich heart and a profound mind, he wrote while there four great books: Ephesians, Philippians, Colossians, and II Timothy. These books have done more good than preaching to the throngs of people nightly for the two or more years. Each one of these books is a priceless gem. God this did more to redeem the world by allowing Paul to be held a prisoner, than if Paul had been free. Depend upon God always to make the most of every local situation.

#### High Points In The Book Of Philippians

Paul sets forth a high ideal. "Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus." Think like Jesus thought, love like Jesus loved, choose like Jesus chose.

The Exalted Christ. "Wherefore God also hath highly exalted him, and given him a name which is above every name: That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth; and that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father." Put Christ in all, over all, above all, at all times, everywhere. An infallible worry cure. "Be careful for nothing; but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God. And the peace of God, which passeth understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus." Follow this advice and say goodbye to worry. The letter to the Philippians is one of the great masterpieces in literature.

#### First John

The Apostle John, often called the Apostle of love, is credited with having written these epistles.

Love the Essence of Religion. The real test as to whether a man is really a Christian is not, is he orthodox. Orthodoxy, good as it is, is no test as to whether a man is a Christian. If he can recite the creeds from A to Z, if he believes the Old Book from cover to cover, if he hates heresy as if it were hydrophobia, if he is a good neighbor, and gives to the poor, yea, if he gives all his goods to feed the poor, and has no love, he is not a Christian. Hatred and love are utterly incompatible. They never dwell simultaneously in the same heart.

There is something about letters to persons or groups different from history, poetry, theology, or sermons. It is that personal note. Letters breathe an atmosphere that no other kind of literature has or ever can have. Neither Paul nor John could have said in such an intimate, sacred, touching way the

### UMSTEAD MEMORIAL CHURCH

On October 21st we moved into the Umstead Memorial parsonage. We find here a fine congregation of Christian people with which to work. Every department of the church is well organized and the members seem to be loyal. The church is growing right along.

Brother Clint Massey, our Church School superintendent, has his work well in hand and the program is being carried out in splendid shape.

Brother W. C. Clark is chairman of the Board of Stewards. Brother Joe Brown is secretary-treasurer and with all the other stewards working harmoniously there is no reason why this church should not grow.

They gave us a pounding with a lot of good things to eat too numerous to mention.

We feel that the financial and spiritual state of the church will be carried out in full.

We have a fine W. S. C. S. They are doing a most excellent work with Mrs. Ben Torian, president.

We are very happy in the work and trust we will have a successful year.—J. M. Hughes, Pastor.

things they wrote in personal and group letters.

A letter from a parent, a child, or friend, warms the heart and cheers the soul. Write to your loved ones very often. My mother used to count time by the letters her children in different states wrote her. When I would go to see her she would say that it had been four days since she had heard from Sam; five days since Annie's letter came; eight days since Herbert last wrote; and on counting the days since each one of the absent children had sent a message home.

Do not be too economical with your postage stamps! Comfort your dear ones with affectionate letters frequently.

Let us ease up a little on the worry and cost of Christmas, and keep the best holiday of the ages in the old spirit of unostentatious charity and the exercise of mirth and good will that refreshes and does not weary.—Charles Dudley Warner.

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### NEWS FROM FIRST CHURCH, LITTLE ROCK YOUNG PEOPLE

Members of the Intermediate Department of the Methodist Youth Fellowship at First Church, Little Rock will sponsor a display of old and unusual Bibles in their department on Universal Bible Sunday, December 12. This will climax a study of the Bible, and will follow a drive for dollars for Bibles for the American Bible Society. Members of the worship committee, with Betsy Benson, chairman and Mrs. T. J. Thomas, counselor, will arrange and collect the display, which will be open to the entire church membership and visitors on that day.

Officers of the Youth Division at First Methodist Church, Little Rock, are: President, Miss Joan Glasgow, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Glasgow; vice-president, Jack Mitchell, son of Mr. and Mrs. Olin Mitchell; and secretary, John Hogue, son of Mr. and Mrs. Garland Hogue.—Reporter.

"We earnestly urge the Allied Governments in World War II to expedite the writing of peace treaties between the combatants at the earliest opportunity"—action recently taken by the Commission on World Peace of The Methodist Church.

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