

## State-Wide Meeting Next Tuesday

LEADERS of The Methodist Church in Arkansas, both ministers and lay-workers, should keep in mind the state-wide meeting called by Bishop Paul E. Martin for next Tuesday, January 25th. The one major purpose of this meeting is to study and plan for the Advance Program For Christ and His Church. This great program will be continuously before us throughout the remainder of this quadrennium. We should learn all that it is possible for us to know about it if we are to keep step with Methodism in general in this Advance movement.

As announced, Dr. Ralph E. Diffendorfer, Secretary of the Foreign Division of the Board of Missions and Church Extension, is to be our guest speaker in this meeting. There is possibly no man in Methodism more capable of interpreting this movement to us. We are fortunate indeed that Bishop Martin could secure him as the speaker on this important occasion.

While there will be special meetings at other hours of the day in which the Advance Planning Committees of our two Annual Conferences will meet with Bishop Martin and Dr. Diffendorfer for a detailed study of the work, the general, public meeting for all of our leaders will open at 2:00 p. m., next Tuesday, at The First Methodist Church in Little Rock. All of our ministers and leading lay workers are urged to be present. The W. S. C. S. is making a special effort to have a large group of our women in the meeting.

Our General Conference, in session last spring, authorized the Advance Program. However, because of the nature of this program it has been necessary for those charged with the leadership of the movement to do some intensive and extensive planning before the program in general could be presented to the church. To the financial phase of the Advance movement, which is already being presented, we are now ready to add additional activities in this great movement.

## Open Weather For The Past Week

FOR the past week, through Saturday, we have had the most favorable weather for our Circulation Campaign that we have seen for some years. According to press reports, we have been surrounded by some of the most severe winter weather, in some sections of the nation, that we have known for many years.

While the city of Warren suffered the horrors of a terrible cyclone week before last, the blizzards forecast for Arkansas have not materialized as yet and, with the exception of storms centers, Arkansas has experienced an unusually mild spell of weather for this season of the year.

Possibly as a result of this open weather we received more reports from pastors last week on the Circulation Campaign than we have received in former years before the close of Campaign Week. The reports we have received have been unusually encouraging.

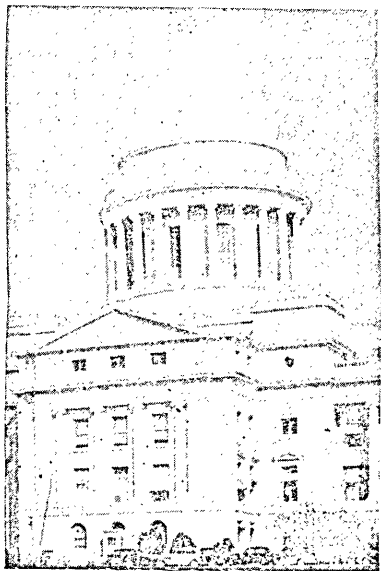
This week we will be tabulating all reports that reach our office by twelve o'clock noon Saturday 22nd. Our first report of the results of the Campaign will be published next week in the issue of the 27th. We are very hopeful that this will be the most successful of the eight Circulation Campaigns we have had.

## The Church's Interest In Good State Government

WHILE the primary emphasis of the church is on character development and spiritual growth, it has a profound interest in good state government as a major, contributing factor in the welfare, the contentment and the prosperity of our people.

Although the Christian church, as such, does not promote the interests of individual candidates in political campaigns, it is interested in the character of the respective candidates and the principles for which they stand.

Because of these facts the church is



always intensely interested when there are changes in the administrative and legislative leadership of our state government. Despite the differences of opinions in the recent state election there seems to be, throughout the state, a general spirit of optimistic expectancy as the newly elected forces of our state government, both administrative and legislative, make plans and begin their work for the next two years.

These forces of government now enjoy, in a very unusual way, the confidence, the respect and the support of the citizenship of Arkansas. For this fact we want to extend to them our sincere congratulations. It is our feeling that this attitude on the part of the general public will continue unless there is real reason for change.

In addition to the interest that all churches of Arkansas have in good state government, The Methodist Church should feel an added responsibility for the manner in which our state affairs have been and are to be conducted. The present Governor and the two Governors preceding him have been and are leading laymen in The Methodist Church of our state. Among the large body of other state officials and their helpers it is quite likely that The Methodist Church has a proportionate number of members.

For successes in state government The Methodist Church may take some pardonable pride. For any failures that have been or may be our church has a definite responsibility.

## The Timeliness Of The Advance

IN the January issue of The Reader's Digest is an article which merits the careful reading by anyone interested in the relationship between religious beliefs and everyday living. The article "God and The American People" is a condensation of an earlier article which appeared in the November issue of the Ladies Home Journal. This original article based on a nationwide survey sponsored by the Ladies Home Journal was the result of an analysis of this survey by three representative theologians of the Catholic, Protestant, and Jewish faiths.

Among several significant facts about Americans and their religious beliefs revealed by the survey is the difference which seems to exist between religious beliefs supposedly held and the ethical behaviour of those professing these beliefs. Stated otherwise beliefs usually result in a certain pattern of behaviour, but the survey would seem to indicate something else. For example, the article suggests that a majority of the American people who profess belief in God, immortality and a certain pattern of moral behaviour fail to relate their religion to their everyday decisions of right and wrong. This article also clearly gives foundation to a statement which this writer has heard proclaimed by many preachers, viz., that American people as a rule are entirely too complacent about their present moral actions and standards.

While certain nation-wide polls and surveys have come into disrepute in recent months there is no reason to doubt the accuracy of the Ladies Home Journal survey, for, again, its findings seem to give added weight to what religious leaders have been maintaining for years. This would seem to indicate a shallowness of belief in the life of the average American. Any belief which ploughs deeply into a person's life results in a conviction which eventually expresses itself in the believer's actions.

For Methodists the publishing of the article and its condensation is indeed timely. Methodism begins this month the great "For Christ and His Church" Advance program, a great part of which will be given to a restudying and laying hold of a deeper faith in God, The Church, Our Ministry and Our Mission. The Article "God and The American People" also reveals how timely is the Advance Program. Methodism as the largest single Protestant denomination is representative of the average American. If the article brings a true indictment against the American people it brings one against the average Methodist. The Advance Program was divinely brought forth for such an hour as this.

## That They May Be Won

THERE has been held during the past two weeks in each of the districts of the North Arkansas Conference an "Evangelistic Institute." These institutes of one day duration were sponsored by the Conference Board of Evangelism and were actively carried out under the immediate direction of the Board's Conference Secretary, Rev. Roy I. Bagley, our pastor at Newport. The district superintendent and district director of evangelism of each district cooperated with the Conference Board in a manner which made possible this series of practical and inspirational meetings.

The Conference Secretary of Evangelism was assisted by Rev. Glenn Sanford, Conway, Rev. Alfred Knox, Tuckerman, Rev. Farrell

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# The Womanhood Of Methodism Will Advance



By MRS. ELOISE A. WOOLEVER, Executive Secretary Organization-Promotion, Woman's Division of Christian Service, Board of Missions and Church Extension

*"Advance, O Church of God, Advance!  
We dare not longer wait  
To share our Christ with all the world."*

(Garland Evans Hopkins)

THE urgency of a world in need impelled the women of Methodism to gather at Columbus, Ohio, in October 1948, to formulate a challenging program for the Quadrennium. There was a spontaneous and representative response, as officers of the six Jurisdictions and of every Conference in the United States, together with

as a whole of \$80.26.

Physical plants need an Advance Program too in order to minister more worthily. There is a school whose buildings have gone through three floods; a Junior College in daily fear of collapse of its chimneys; a 50 year old dormitory practically condemned, but continuing to serve. Over \$107,000 is needed to enrich curriculum, through microscopes, typewriters, audio-visual aids. Nurses' Training Schools are being accused of overcrowding while trying to do their share in preparing a small fraction of the 160,000 more nurses estimated to be needed by 1950.

challenged to capture the enthusiasm of college and high school youth for the work of nation building. Japan presents an unprecedented opportunity; 12,000 villages still untouched by the Christian gospel.

The membership of The Methodist Church in Poland has multiplied several times in the last few years. Missionaries now in Korea report that they feel more welcome and have more freedom in their work than even in pre-war years. Latin America's outstanding need for institutes of higher learning under Christian auspices "inspired and directed by the missionary motive," seeks fulfillment through the Advance Program.

In Malaya new buildings are chiefly taken care of locally, but advance depends on well-equipped educational missionaries being sent at once. The rural center plan projected for the Philippines will place 2 of these centers in territory assigned to Methodism. From these centers workers in religious education, agriculture, home economics and public health will reach out into rural villages.

Forward, then, into a world like this, alight with opportunity. And how?

## The Advance Program

The women of Methodism will cooperate as individual church members loyally, in the total program

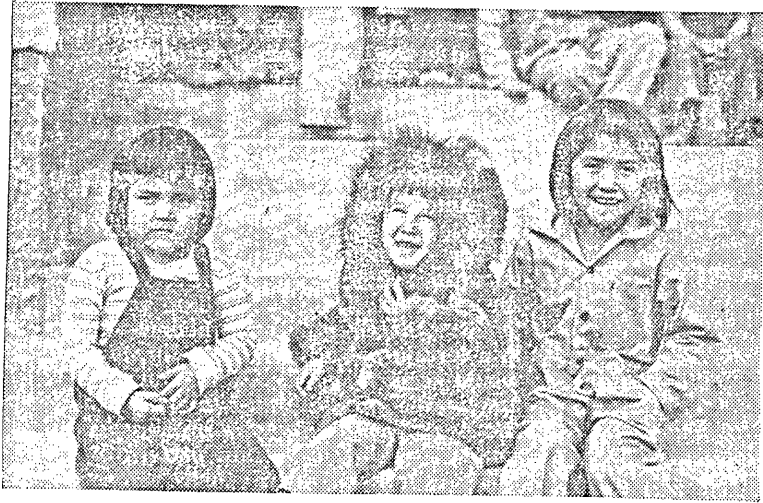
Service Guild. The specific objective for the Quadrennium is an increase of one million members.

Realizing too that anything less than a world community falls short of being a completely Christian aim, every Methodist woman will be needed in studying, for a better understanding and deepened sympathy, in giving, in building and praying, that this ideal may eventually be realized. These efforts will engage all Departments and areas of interest toward the realization.

To enter the doors of opportunity now standing wide open, a minimum of one thousand new missionaries, deaconesses and other full time Christian workers will be needed by 1952, the first 100 of these by June 1949.

Directly related to these three goals, since an increased membership more adequately informed and inspired by the opportunity to maintain the requisite number of new workers, must result in greater financial returns, the fourth goal is the increased giving for the first year of 33½ per cent to the work of the Woman's Division of Christian Service for appropriations.

January 6, 1949—Epiphany—the day commemorating the visit of the wise men to the infant Jesus with their gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh, was appointed as the Day of Advance in all local Woman's Societies. A special bulletin, the



Children of Jesse Lee Home, Seward, Alaska—  
A Home Mission Project.

members of the Woman's Division and staff members, listened to a survey from all Departments, showing the world's need in every area of life. The need for action was apparent at every point. The devastation following war, the necessary program of rehabilitation, the unprecedented opportunities open for new workers in geographical areas and areas of thought, presented a picture which stimulated every woman present to an immediate and increased effort.

## In The Home Field

The challenge here is as varied and vivid as America's widespread acreage. A shepherd's summer school for Navajo Indian boys and girls, paralleling the Government's long-range program for the rehabilitation of this tribe. "It is not a happy sight," says one who has seen them, "to drive across the reservation and see boys and girls in their early teens caring for the sheep, and to know that they have never been in school nor will they ever attend."

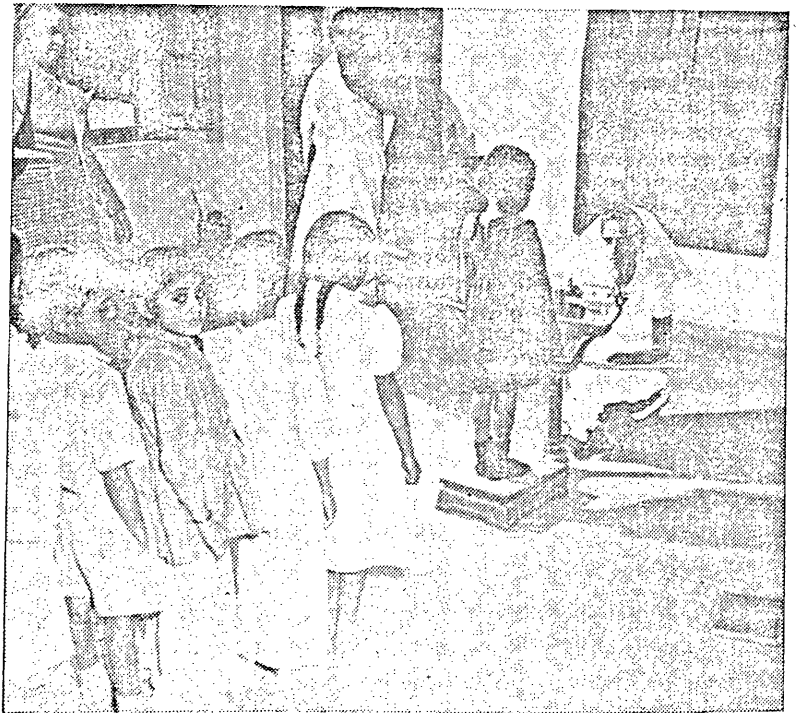
"You have been so long in coming," said a Christian woman of Puerto Rico wistfully, after a Sunday School session in a town where Methodism has the entire Protestant responsibility. Our Negro youth might say the same to those responsible for their education in the ten states where the expenditure per pupil is \$17.04 against an average per capita expenditure for the nation

Replacing a present dormitory by a group of cottages in a Children's Home and building a new Friendship Home in a crowded city to help overcome the handicaps that face Negro young women are two of the many projects for social welfare. From rural areas came requests from 27 Conferences for new rural workers whose leadership will widen the horizon of the local community into a conception of that Christian world community, still vague in outline to many.

## On The Foreign Field

The light of new opportunity shines through a kaleidoscopic picture. The Methodist Church is the only denomination working with the Arab and Kabyle people in North Africa. South of the Sahara, government and business interests are making large scale plans to develop the material and human resources in Africa. The Church can meet the opportunities and dangers of the immediate future only by a greatly enlarged program. Burma's new political freedom presents need for a united approach as well as a denominational one. Burma has 17 million people. At present the Woman's Division's missionaries in the field number only 3.

Never before have so many children and young people in China been trying to enter educational institutions, from kindergarten to university. The Church in India is



Building for Health—India's Coming Generation

of Advance for the Church; but they will also be responsible for the program of the Woman's Division. It is a program too great for less than one hundred per cent approach, and consequently Goal one is the enlistment of every Methodist woman as a member of the Woman's Society of Christian Service, which membership includes the Wesleyan

Advance Clipper, carries word of the Day with a special program and subsequent plans. Through all channels, the women of Methodism will be kept reminded of this, their joy and opportunity. Womanhood's debt to Christ is so great that upon them is a special compulsion to share Him with all the world. "Advance, O Church of God!"

World peace is a shaky thing as long as half of the children in the world are hungry and are searching for the garbage heaps.—Dwight D. Eisenhower, Pres. Columbia Univ. Missions.

Education that does not mold the moral sense of a human being as well as his reasoning powers is lethal poison to the individual and social dynamite to the body politic.—Trained Men, hm, International Cor-

respondence Schools.

Schenleys Distillers reports profits for the year ending August 31, amounting to \$29,524,365.—Survey Bulletin.

Drawing a line between right and wrong is something like drawing a line between daylight and darkness where there are so many intervening hours of twilight.—Swanson Newsette.

# THE DEVOTIONAL PAGE

REV. H. O. BOLIN, Editor

## THE BIBLE SERVES LIFE

The Bible thrusts the Being and Providence of God into human thinking.

It reveals the Fatherhood of God through Jesus Christ, the Son of God and the Son of Man, the Elder Brother of God's household.

It offers the Grace of God in pardon and adoption to every man who will set his face toward home.

It proclaims the Law of God for the individual, the family, and the nation.

It pours the Love of God into the wounds and sorrows of all earth's suffering millions.

It turns the Wisdom of God upon all the hard problems of human life.

It offers the life of God for the cure of all the maladies that work in sinful flesh.

It sheds the Light of God upon the life that now is and the life that is to come.—Bishop Earl Cranston, Selected.

## VALUE OF CONVICTIONS

It was said of a well-known citizen that he thought clearly but that he also thought lightly. He possessed no strong convictions—only an easy-going tolerance towards all. As a contrast think of the historian Macaulay's magnificent tribute to the Puritans: "The deep intensity of their feelings made them tranquil and firm. Death had no terrors for them and worldly pleasures had no charms. Enthusiasm had cleansed their minds from every vulgar passion and raised them above every moral danger and corruption."

Lord, draw us closer into that blessed company of those who have been redeemed and who bravely witness for Thee, Amen.—Christian Herald

## ROOSTER RULES

The Lord used a rooster to convict Peter. Luke 22:60, 61.

The Master will use any Christian following the rules adhered to by the rooster:

1. He rises early and immediately begins his God-given task—crowing.
2. He does not refuse to crow because he is not a beautiful canary.
3. He does the thing never praised, but often criticized. (Whoever heard anyone compliment the crowing of a rooster?)
4. He awakes the sleeper. (Unpopular but necessary.)
5. He is the proclaimer of good news—a new day with responsibilities and privileges has dawned.
6. He is enthusiastic, persistent, and appreciative. He is a splendid advertiser. (He heralds the good work done by his associates.)
7. He never tires doing the same common task, nor does he worry about the future. 2 Tim. 1:6; John 9:4.—A. N. Dundas, in The Union Signal.

Thou shalt neither vex a stranger, nor oppress him: for ye were strangers in the land of Egypt.—Exodus 22:21.

Surely he hath borne our griefs, and carried our sorrows: yet we did esteem him stricken, smitten of God, and afflicted.—Isaiah 53:4.

## WONDERFUL BOOK

*This holy book I'd rather own  
Than all the gold and gems,  
That e'er in monarch's coffers shone,  
Than all their diadems.*

*Nay, were the seas one chrysolite,  
The earth one golden ball,  
And diadems all the stars of night,  
This book outweighs them all.*

*Ah, no, the soul ne'er found relief  
In glittering hoards of wealth;  
Gems dazzle not the eyes of grief,  
Gold cannot purchase health.*

*But here a blessed balm appears  
To heal the deepest woe,  
And those who read this book in tears,  
Their tears shall cease to flow.*

—Anonymous

## Making And Keeping Covenants With God

During the next few weeks this space on the Devotional Page will be used in developing the theme: "MAKING AND KEEPING COVENANTS WITH GOD." The points to be discussed are found on the Covenant Card put out by our Church. You will recall that there are four items listed on the card: the first has to do with devotion, and lists three ways of practicing daily devotion; the second, with reading good books; the third, with winning others to Christ and membership in the church; and the fourth, with assisting in carrying out the program of the church. These items will be dealt with one at a time.

Before going into the subject matter in hand, permit the writer to insist that it is very important to make and keep covenants with God. All spiritual progress has come about in this way. Even salvation itself comes about in this manner. It is a covenant between God and man. Sinful man repents of his sins, puts his trust in Christ as his Savior, and promises God that from here on out he will live for the higher things of life. Church vows are nothing more nor less than a covenant between man, the Church, and God.

The Bible speaks of the Abrahamic Covenant, the Mosaic Covenant, and then it goes on to say that Christ is the Mediator of the New Covenant—the Covenant of Grace.

Some refuse to make covenants. They do so on the ground that they fear they can't or won't keep them. The exercise of that fear has kept thousands from becoming Christians at all, and it has curtailed the helpful service and future reward of thousands of others who have hesitated to launch out into the deep and let down their nets for a greater spiritual draught. It has made religious top-waters out of many who might have been spiritual whales.

Several years ago an article was published in one of the lower school grade readers. It told of a couple of birds that built a nest and hatched four young ones. The time came for the young birds to fly. Three responded with great effort and soon

took to wing. The fourth saw the trouble they were having and refused to make the venture. Do what they could, the parent birds couldn't get this one to exercise his God-given powers. Finally, in disgust all the others flew away and the bird who was afraid to try became a meal for a hungry cat in the community. That is a true parable of life. Only those who will take the chance finally reach the goal. After all, the greatest mistake any one can possibly make is to always be afraid he will make one. That attitude blocks all progress and throttles all activity. Away with these unreasonable fears! We can't fail so long as God is on our side. Let us launch out fearlessly on this four-year program of advance in our great Church.

The first item listed in our observing daily devotion is the reading of at least one chapter each day from the Bible. Surely, this isn't an impossible task. If Christians throughout the world spend one-fifth as much time in the study of their Bible as they do in reading the daily news papers this goal would be more than reached. Then, too, the news recorded in those papers might come to be a bit different from what it is now.

The number one need of the world today is a revival of interest in the higher things of life. We can never have such a revival without the study of God's Word. This Book was written over thousands of years of time and by several different authors. It contains the record of man's search after God and, through Christ, God's search after man. There is no other book in all the world like it. Sir Walter Scott was the author of many books. He was on what proved to be his death bed. He said to his son-in-law, "Bring me the book." He thought Scott was referring to one of his own books. He asked, "What book?" Scott replied, "The Bible, of course, it is the one great Book of the world."

The Bible is to the soul what the material things of life are to the body. To sustain physical life and health, man must have recreation, food, clothes and shelter. To sustain

## A PARABLE

Michael Pupin reports that in perfecting the telephone the greatest difficulty was the elimination of earth noises. This is a parable. The earth noises are the most disturbing to us and must be eliminated. In a telephone conversation from a booth in a crowded hotel lobby, the man at the far end of the line said, "If you will close the door, you can hear me." We need to close the door upon the noise of the world that we may hear God.—Bishop Bruce R. Baxter, in The Union Signal.

spiritual life and health, man must study God's Word. We all remember the temptations of Christ in the wilderness. Satan said to him, "If thou be the Son of God, turn this stone to bread." Christ replied, "It is written that man shall not live by bread alone but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God." In the Bible we have those words. The lower animals can live by the material things of life alone, but when man tries to do that he fails. He becomes something less than man. Many times he becomes more vicious than the lower animals.

Christ himself was a great student of the Bible. The Old Testament was his Bible. The New had not been written. He was constantly quoting from the Bible. He answered the three distinctive temptations mentioned above by quotations from the Scripture. The Gospels record some seven statements made by Christ from the cross and most of them are quotations. He also insisted that the Bible bore witness of him. He said to his enemies, the Pharisees, "You search the scriptures, because you think that in them you have eternal life; and it is they that bear witness to me; yet you refuse to come to me that you may have life."

The great Apostle Paul also insisted that people study the Bible. He admonished his son in the gospel, Timothy, "Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a workman who has no need to be ashamed, rightly handling the word of truth." Paul and Silas were greatly persecuted at Thessalonica. They were sent by the brethren at night to Berea. Paul said of the citizens there, "These Jews were more noble than those in Thessalonica, for they received the word with all eagerness, examining the scriptures daily to see if these things were true."

Considering the importance of Bible study, our Church is certainly not asking too much when it requests that each member make a covenant with God to read at least one chapter a day. The faithful doing of this will assist in a deepening of spiritual interest.—H. O. B.

"The public school is a unifying force. It can be made what the Protestant churches in this country want it to be, even though it is far from being such now. Our strategy is to discover how Protestantism can save the public schools for democracy and freedom of thought." —J. Q. Schisler, executive secretary, Division of the Local Church, General Board of Education.

The eternal God is thy refuge.



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## A WEEKLY MESSAGE

By FORNEY HUTCHINSON

### W. N. BRAGG

When I first knew W. N. Bragg, he belonged to Asbury Methodist Church, in Little Rock, Arkansas, and was a much beloved and highly respected member of the official board of that church for a number of years.

Then, when I went to Oklahoma in 1918, as pastor of St. Luke's Church, in Oklahoma City, I found he had preceded me and had joined that church. He served on the official board for thirty years, and as chairman for two consecutive years. He gave me a warm welcome and I had my first meal as a pastor in Oklahoma with him and his family.

From July, 1918 to July, 1945, when he retired from active business, he was manager of the National Life and Accident Insurance Company, in Oklahoma City. After his retirement he served as financial secretary of St. Luke's Church, rendering unusual service in that capacity up till a short time before his death.

As had been his custom for many years, he was paying an annual visit to the Old Salem Camp Ground, near Little Rock, early in September, 1948, when he was stricken with a severe heart attack. As soon as possible he was taken to his home in Oklahoma City, where he passed away on September 26th. His funeral was held the following day at St. Luke's Church, attended by a large concourse of friends and his body was taken to Little Rock for burial on September 28th.

Surviving are his wife, Arna M. Bragg; two sons, A. LeRoy, of Kansas City, Missouri, and Olin E., of Dallas, Texas; a daughter, Mrs. Beverly Roberts, of Dallas, three grandchildren; three sisters, Mrs. J. A. Russell, of Brookston, Texas, Mrs. J. R. Scott and Mrs. F. L. Schrader, of Little Rock, Arkansas, and a brother, Roy T. Bragg, of Little Rock.

Brother Bragg was a native of Arkansas, born in Saline County, April 13, 1880. He came from a Christian family and left a Christian family to follow him. He was truly a saint of God. His children and other loved ones have every right to be proud of the record he left behind. Our hearts go out to them in their bereavement. May God's grace prove sufficient in this great loss!

Good-will, like a good name, is won by many acts—and lost by one!—Fifth Wheel, hm, Ind. Motor Truck Ass'n.

"The soul would have no rainbow, had the eyes no tears."

## NEWS AND NOTES ABOUT FACTS AND FOLKS

L. S. DUNAWAY of Conway suffered a badly twisted knee and sprained wrist in a fall at Heber Springs recently. Mr. Dunaway was 78 years old on last Tuesday.

MRS. P. D. ALSTON, wife of Rev. P. D. Alston, pastor of the Centennial Methodist Church of El Dorado, has been admitted to the Fincher Clinic for special treatment.

REV. E. D. GALLOWAY, district superintendent of the Prescott District, announces that the Prescott District Conference will convene at 9 a. m. on February 2 at Emmett. Rev. L. E. Wilson is pastor.

ANNOUNCEMENT is made that Miss Ruby Galloway of Delight will become director of Religious Education and church visitor at Winfield Church, assuming her duties sometime before March 1. Miss Galloway is the daughter of the late Rev. Jesse Galloway.

REV. LUTHER K. WILSON, pastor at Plainview, reports: "The Woman's Society of Christian Service at Plainview has installed a Butane system in the parsonage. A fellowship supper for the membership is held at the church each month on the second Wednesday with good attendance."

ALTHOUGH the Feast of the Passover does not occur this year until April, many Jewish families, organizations and synagogues in the United States are already sending Passover food packages to European friends and relatives, and to people in the State of Israel. Packages weighing 22 lbs. may be sent to most European countries. The principal contents are matzoth, matzoth flour, and potato pancake mix.

WORK has begun on the first unit of the Keith Memorial building program which will be the educational building consisting of two stories of tile and brick. Keith Memorial Church has paid all of the askings for the Conference year. The work is progressing nicely on the Youth Fellowship camp on Lake Catherine. Both of these building programs are under the supervision of Rev. Ben F. Fitzhugh, pastor of Keith Memorial, Malvern, and superintendent of the construction of the Youth Fellowship camp on Lake Catherine.

MRS. T. S. LOVETT, of the Little Rock Conference, and Mrs. W. F. Cooley, of the North Arkansas Conference, are urging members of the Woman's Society of Christian Service of the two Conferences to attend the Statewide Rally to be held at the First Methodist Church, Little Rock, on Tuesday, January 25. This rally will be given to a special study of the quadrennial program, The Advance for Christ and His Church. Dr. Ralph E. Diffendorfer, an executive member of the Board of Missions and Church Extension, will be the speaker.

THE Foreign Missions Conference of North America, recently in annual session heard reports from Secretary Wynn C. Fairfield that the more than 100 missionary-sending agencies of more than sixty Protestant churches, which comprise the Conference, are seeking to recruit 3,593 young people within the next few years for missionary service—preaching, medical, nursing, teaching, agricultural and industrial. Included in the needs are about 1,000 medical missionaries and 1,000 rural experts. Technicians are also sought in radio, motion picture, and journalism.

WHAT is said to be "the largest single group of women in the world," the Woman Society of Christian Service of the Methodist Church, now has a membership of 1,455,968, which is a gain of 38,651 over 1947 figures, according to Dr. Albert C. Hoover, of Chicago, statistician of the Methodist Church. The giving of the Society in 1948 was \$17,087,788. An objective during 1948-52 is to increase the membership by 500,000, and that goal is now being worked toward by the 30,000 local societies scattered across America's cities and hamlets. The president of the

society is Mrs. Frank G. Brooks, of Mount Vernon, Iowa.

MRS. W. MURDOCK MacLEOD, of Atlanta, Ga., has been named executive secretary of the United Council of Church Women—an organization representing the active women's group of some eighty-four Protestant churches in the United States—succeeding Mrs. Ruth Mougey Worrell, of Columbus, Ohio, who has retired. Mrs. MacLeod has been prominently identified with the work of church women in Georgia and Tennessee, and has taught school in North and South Carolina. Recently she has been a secretary of women's work in the Presbyterian Church, U. S. A., in Atlanta. She is a graduate of Winthrop College, S. C., and is the widow of Dr. W. Murdock MacLeod, prominent Presbyterian pastor of Pinehurst, N. C., and Nashville, Tenn. Mrs. Worrell was the first executive secretary of the Council, serving from 1942 until this year.

### THAT THEY MAY BE WON

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Jenkins, East St. Louis, Illinois, Rev. H. O. Bolin, Stuttgart, and invited ministers of each district who made practical and valuable contributions in their own district institute. The inspirational preachers were Brother Jenkins and Brother Bolin. Their messages were described as heart warming and spiritually stimulating as they fervently plead for a new zeal in evangelism.

An effort will be made to conserve the heart of these institutes by putting into booklet form the various approaches to evangelism which were lifted up in the district meetings. However, since costs would prohibit a great number of these booklets being printed, arrangements have been made with the Arkansas Methodist for the publication of this material in Arkansas Methodist. Watch for further announcements concerning this matter.

Brother Bagley and the North Arkansas Conference Board of Evangelism have rendered their conference a great service in the holding of these institutes. Time will likely prove that the means and effort spent in holding and attending these meetings will be an investment which will return a hundredfold.

### ADDRESSES IN KOREA

Notice comes from Methodist missionaries in Korea that, because of the transfer of the government of that land from American military control to that of the Republic of Korea, missionaries and other American civilians are no longer entitled to use APO addresses. Thereafter all letters and packages for missionaries should be sent through regular international postal channels to the missionaries at their respective mission stations. The correct addresses of Methodist missionaries in Korea may be obtained from the Board of Missions and Church Extension, 150 Fifth Ave., New York 11, N. Y. First class mail may be sent to the Board for addressing and forwarding if provided with postage for foreign delivery.

### 30,000,000 POUNDS OF RELIEF SUPPLIES

NEW YORK—During the first eight months of 1948, over 30,000,000 pounds of relief and reconstruction supplies were shipped abroad by Church World Service, interdenominational relief agency here. The shipments had a total value of \$9,500,000.

According to Dr. Leslie B. Moss, an official of CWS, the shipments consisted chiefly of food, clothing, medicines, prefabricated churches and other buildings, religious literature, and other supplies to promote the physical and spiritual rehabilitation of war-stricken persons in 37 European and Asiatic nations.

Among the recent shipments overseas was a group of 34 prefabricated aluminum buildings to be used as churches and mission homes in Japan. The structures were valued at \$135,000.

## Second Century B. C. Manuscripts Found In Holy Land

**D**URHAM, N. C.—One of the most exciting and dramatic Biblical discoveries ever to come to light was made recently in war-torn Palestine when four of the oldest Hebrew manuscripts thus far known and estimated to be over 2,000 years old were found in a cave near the northern end of the Dead Sea.

Sharing in the discovery and identification of these priceless scrolls was Dr. William H. Brownlee of the Department of Religion at Duke University, who has recently returned to the campus from the Holy Land where he studied at the American School of Oriental Research in Jerusalem.

New light and interpretation may be thrown on the Old Testament by the discovery of the complete scroll of the prophet Isaiah, including all sixty six chapters of the book with only a few small portions missing. The Isaiah scroll is dated by William F. Stinespring, Professor of Old Testament at Duke University, as Early Maccabean or second century B. C. and is the oldest Biblical document yet to be discovered intact. According to Dr. Stinespring, there was no Isaiah manuscript older than 1000 A. D. before this discovery with the exception of a few tablets and fragments.

The possibility of new meanings for this part of the Old Testament is readily apparent when it is remembered that the events recorded in that period of history were set down by scribes on leather scrolls. As these scrolls were worn out with usage and the passage of time, they were copied by hand. The originals or earliest copies were either lost or destroyed.

Bible scholars point out that the Book of Isaiah, like all of the Bible, came down to us as the result of many copyings by scribes who would make additional scrolls as the old scrolls wore out. Small errors in punctuation, and different shadings in meaning from the original crept into the writings as they were handed down to us through centuries.

The discovery therefore of a complete Isaiah scroll dating back more than a thousand years before the oldest one known, promises scholars an exciting opportunity to seek new meaning from the Bible and to determine by comparison the extent that errors found their way into Biblical manuscripts with the passage of time.

These well-preserved but brittle leather and parchment scrolls miraculously came to light under more dramatic circumstances than a

ious parchments studied and identified at the American School of Oriental Research in Jerusalem. At that time there were only two scholars present: Dr. John C. Trevor, Pasadena, California, (the present Director of English Bible for the International Council of Religious Education) and Dr. Brownlee of Duke University. All others were either enroute to America or away on an expedition into Iraq.

The Americans who were startled by what they recognized to be one

identify. These scrolls are particularly valuable according to Dr. Brownlee because they have words with new meanings rarely used in the Bible.

"We will also learn more about pronunciation of ancient Hebrew as a result of the discovery" said Dr. Brownlee. He points out that Hebrew originally had no vowels, but only written consonants. Since these scrolls have an unusually large number of vowels, there will be new keys to pronunciation.

This discovery then provides a new bridge across the gap between the old and the new testaments, and is especially important since it is the first and only discovery of ancient manuscripts made in Palestine. All other Biblical documents have been found in monasteries scattered around the world, with some doubt therefore as to their origins. Biblical scholars the world over are already hailing this find as a great contribution to our understanding of the Bible.

Dr. Brownlee who was in Palestine several months before and after the Partition Plan was announced saw the Arab-Jewish violence at first hand.

He reports that Americans are treated there with respect as citizens of a mighty world power, and that they like all who profess the Christian faith, wear large crosses in their lapels to identify themselves. Arabs on the other hand wear full native costume to let their fellow Arabs recognize them. Dr. Brownlee believes that there will probably be a Jewish state because world opinion expects it. However, he thinks that the Arab world is so hostile to this that its establishment will depend on support from the rest of the world.

Dr. Brownlee received his B. A. Degree from Sterling College, Kansas in 1939, Th. B. and Th. M. degrees from Pittsburgh-Zenia Theological Seminary in 1942 and 1946, and Ph. D. Duke University in 1947. He joined the staff of the Department of Religion in 1948.



Hollywood plot could conjure, complete with cloak and dagger, smugglers and war.

The story began last winter when Beduins who were engaged in smuggling goods between Transjordan and Palestine hid out in a cave near the Dead Sea. Far back in the cave they discovered pottery jars containing scrolls wrapped carefully in linen, and evidently untouched for over twenty centuries. After consulting some monks in Bethlehem, the Beduins turned their find over to Syrian Monks in Jerusalem who belonged to a Monastic Order of one of the oldest Christian church branches.

As the Jewish-Arab war spread, and the situation became increasingly dangerous in Jerusalem these Monks decided to have their myster-

of the most important Biblical discoveries in history quickly obtained permission from the Syrian Monks to photograph all of the scrolls. These scrolls have now been put away for safe keeping by the Monks in a secret repository somewhere in the Near East.

Dr. Brownless states that it is believed that the Scrolls were left in the cave by a monastic group, probably living in the wilderness of Judea as refugees from persecution by the religious majority and priests in Jerusalem the First or Second Century before the birth of Christ.

The scrolls not only include the Book of Isaiah but the written views of this ancient order and a commentary on Habbakkuk which Dr. Brownlee was first to translate and



## Methodist Gains In Nationwide Summary



**CHICAGO**—Membership in The Methodist Church now stands at 8,651,062 and the denomination's over-all giving last year reached \$196,435,168, according to a nation-wide summary just compiled by the Rev. Albert C. Hoover, director of the Statistical Office. His report, covering the church's 109 conferences in the United States and its possessions, also indicates that the total enrollment of the church schools is 5,655,806—a gain of 312,360 over last year.

Director Hoover pointed out that the church has 24,113 ministers, including 62 bishops. The denomination's Woman's Society of Christian Service, said to be the largest women's group in the world, lists a current membership of 1,455,086—a gain of 38,651 over last year's figure of 1,416,435.

An increase of 223 pastoral charges to bring the denomination's total to 21,826 brought forth the explanation from Dr. Hoover that "this may indicate a trend to break circuits up into separate charges and thus provide more adequate pastoral supervision." It is also the result of the formation of a number of new churches, he said.

The statistics just released are based upon a recapitulation of the latest reports from the church's domestic conferences for the year 1947-'48 and will appear in a forthcoming volume, the General Minutes of The Methodist Church.

Complete statistical report follows, with gains or losses indicated:

Preparatory members—592,675, a gain of 70,504.

Received during year from preparatory membership and on confession of faith—282,136—decrease of 5,664.

Members received by transfer and reinstated—297,189, a loss of 12,166.

Members removed by death—71,610, 2,232 less than last year.

Removed by transfer and otherwise—376,236, 13,531 more than last year.

Total full members, active—7,119,630, an increase of 24,174 over the figure of 7,456 for last year.

Total full members, inactive—1,531,432, an increase of 59,116 over the 1,472,316 figure last year.

Total full members, active and inactive—8,651,062, a gain of 83,290 over 8,567,772 a year ago.

Church School total enrollment—5,655,806, a gain of 312,360 over last year's total of 5,343,446.

Average attendance at Sunday School—2,819,041, a gain of 48,804 over last year's total of 2,770,237.

Total membership, Woman's Society of Christian Service—1,455,086 as over against last year's total, 1,416,435, a gain of 38,651.

Total amount paid by W. S. C. S. for local work—\$11,213,601, a gain of \$1,342,243 over last year's figure of \$9,871,258. With giving to missions included this year's total is \$17,087,778.

Number of preaching places—40,397, 76 more than last year's total of 40,321. (Note: The

figure of 21,826 pastoral charges used in an earlier paragraph is correct and is not inconsistent with the figure of 40,397 preaching places, since often there are several preaching places on one pastoral charge.)

Total indebtedness on church buildings, equipment, parsonages, etc.—\$23,564,184, an increase of \$5,170,037 over last year.

Total amount paid on principal of indebtedness—\$5,617,652, a decrease of \$620,068.

Amount paid on buildings and improvements—\$54,485,106, which represents a gain of \$20,174,896 over last year.

Total amount paid for church school administration, supplies, etc.—\$49,270,210, an increase of \$6,960,325.

Total paid to pastors and associate pastors—\$46,798,765, a gain of \$5,917,763.

Total paid for other ministerial support (district superintendents, bishops, retired ministers)—\$9,962,777, an increase of \$1,448,622.

Total ministerial support—\$56,761,542, an increase of \$7,366,385.

Paid to World Service and Conference Benevolences—\$11,585,049, a gain of \$1,029,466.

Paid to other benevolences—\$16,540,256, an increase of \$1,060,307.

Paid to the Administration Fund—\$781,110, a decrease of \$28,326.

Grand total paid for all purposes—\$196,435,168, an increase of \$32,296,711 over the figures of a year ago.



# THE CHILDREN'S PAGE

ANNIE WINBURNE, Editor



## IN STORYLAND

### BETTER LATE THAN NEVER

The sun smiled good morning to little Joe, as he shut the front door and started down the walk. He had his lunch pail in one hand and a story book in the other. He was smiling inside; and, of course, when one is smiling inside it is bound to come out.

And so when little Joe met old Mrs. Jenkins, his smile was so big that it showed all the empty spaces where his baby teeth had been. Mother said he was going to lose all these teeth some day, but more would take their places. That puzzled little Joe; but why think about such deep things this morning? The sun was shining too brightly, and all the world was too happy, for one to be puzzled about anything.

A squirrel darted in front of him and scampered up a tree. When well out of reach, he hopped to the end of the branch and chattered noisily. It sounded like he was scolding little Joe for interrupting his play.

Joe stood still a minute and watched him. Squirrels were funny little creatures. Almost every time you saw one he was eating. No wonder squirrels were always so fat. And little Joe couldn't figure out why they needed such big tails, unless it was to keep their backs warm in the wintertime.

He mustn't linger too long though to watch the squirrel. He started off on a run to make up for lost time.

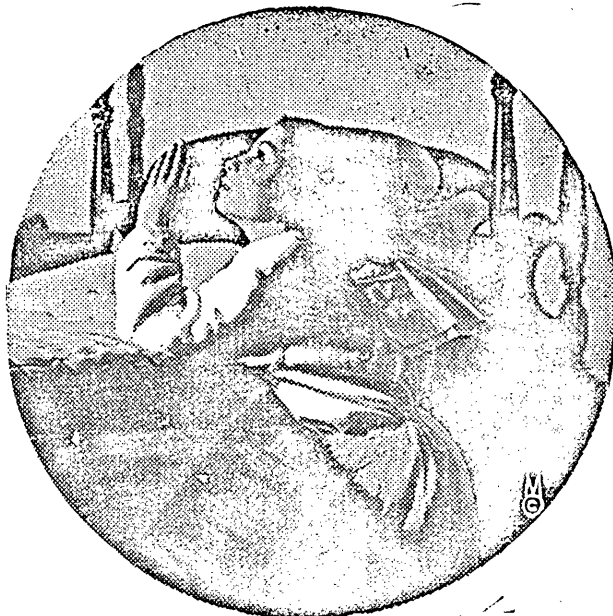
He bounded up the last step just as the bell started to ring, and was in his seat in two more hops, all ready for school to begin.

When noon came Joe and his best pal, Freddy, went out to their favorite spot to eat lunch. As soon as the last sandwich had disappeared they jumped up and joined the rest of their friends. It was time for the noon hour ball game. They were pretty small, but they thought that if they practiced enough, maybe the big boys would let them play with them before long; so they went at their game in dead earnest.

It was little Joe's turn to bat. He ran to the plate and swung at the first ball. The bat and the ball met, and the ball went sailing out over the left side of the field. It went right toward Mrs. Morrey's house—and, what is far worse, it went toward a window—and, worst of all, it went through the window! Little Joe's heart gave a big thump, and then landed down by his toes. What was going to happen now?

All the other boys ran, and so did Joe. They ran until they reached the schoolhouse, and then looked around to see if Mrs. Morrey was coming. The funny thing was that she wasn't—nor did she come all afternoon. But that didn't help little Joe's feelings a bit.

He didn't run home that night, but walked as slowly as he could. His thoughts were back at the ball field, and his heart was still down by his toes. When he opened the front door Mother looked up, and just one glance was all she needed to tell her something was wrong. She called little Joe to her, and



### SLEEPY-HEADS

*When I am tucked in bed at night  
The stars look sleepy, too.  
I see them blink to keep awake  
Exactly as I do.*

*I blink at them—they blink at me.  
I give my head a shake.  
At last I always fall asleep  
With those stars still awake.*

—Religious Herald

### A CHILD'S PRAYER

*"Now I lay me down to sleep  
I pray Thee, Lord, the souls to keep  
Of other children, far away,  
Who have no homes in which to stay  
Nor know where is their daily bread  
Nor where at night to lay their head  
But wander through a broken land  
Alone and helpless—  
Take their hand!"*

(Contained in a printed message of thanks from the German children we found the prayer printed above. We do not know the author's name. It was taken from a printed leaflet printed by Das Hilfswerk, and addressed to "Dear Christians in America, dear helpers big and small."—Methodist Committee for Overseas Relief.)

soon knew the whole story.

Together they decided what was the best thing for them to do. Joe went upstairs to his piggy bank and took out all his savings. He walked all the way back to school, and then farther to Mrs. Morrey's house. Then he knocked on the door; and the door opened, and there stood Mrs. Morrey herself.

At first he couldn't say anything—then he said everything at once. He told Mrs. Morrey what he had done, and gave her the money to pay for a new window. Then he stood waiting for something dreadful to happen.

But it didn't happen. Mrs. Morrey only smiled, patted his shoulder and said, "I'm only glad you owned up, sonny. You'll make a fine man some day."

Then little Joe turned and ran toward home as fast as he could.

## IN THE WORLD OF BOYS AND GIRLS

### A TRUE DOG STORY

By Dr. Karl P. Meister

Years before World War I a little boy named Lee Duncan became a member of the family of the Fred Finch Children's Home (Methodist) at Oakland, California. The Church gave this boy all the home he had. He grew to manhood and when the call of his country came he became a soldier. He went to France and while there he came across two little motherless puppy dogs. When the war was over he made desperate efforts to bring these puppies to America and eventually he succeeded. They were German police dogs.

In New York City one dog became sick and died. The other dog was also sick but Lee Duncan nursed him back to health. That dog became the famous movie star dog—Rin Tin Tin.

In later years Lee Duncan returned with Rin Tin Tin to the Fred Finch Home and in talking to the children he said, "I took care of a little homeless puppy. Now that puppy has grown to a dog that takes care of me."

The Methodist Church takes care of homeless, needy children because long ago a lover of children said, "Inasmuch as you did it unto one of the least of these ye did it unto me." It is possible that the Church which takes care of homeless children may some day find that those children take care of the Church.

### JUST FOR FUN

"How would you classify a telephone girl? Is hers a business or a profession?"

"Neither. It's a calling!"—London Mail.

Small Son: "Papa, what are cosmetics?"

Papa: "Cosmetics, my son, are peach preserves."

"That fellow next door threw a stone through the window while I was playing a piece on the piano."

"Silly fellow! Now he will hear you all the plainer!"

"How far to the nearest town?" inquired the motorist.

"Five miles, as the crow flies," was the reply.

"How far," persisted the motorist, "if the crow has to walk carrying a can of gasoline?"

Bald Headed Man: "You say this is a good hair tonic?"

Drug Clerk: "Very fine; we have a customer who took the cork out of the bottle with his teeth and the next day he had a moustache!"—Top o' the Morning.

A customer came into a cafeteria

His heart was light, and his feet seemed to have wings on them.

"Next time," he said to himself, "I'll own up to it right away—instead of waiting so long and having such a miserable day."—Betty Erdman, in Burning Bush.

### GOLDILOCKS

*I met one day in the long ago  
A dear little maid whose name you know;*

*She'd a ruby mouth, two sapphire eyes,*

*A nice enough nose for a girl of her size,*

*That sweetest of girls*

*But oh! her curls!*

*Had a head of adorable golden curls.*

*The cunningest quirls—*

*Red-gold curls.*

*I fell in love with those golden curls!*

*But I afterward found, to my glad surprise,*

*That neither those curls, nor the nose nor the eyes,*

*Were of this little maiden the very best part,*

*For she had what was better—a golden heart!*

*Heart of gold*

*For young and for old—*

*Golden curls and a golden heart.*

—By Kate Douglas Wiggin, in St. Nicholas.

one day, saying she'd never been there before, and asked how the system worked. The clerk explained that it was self-service.

"Oh, dear," the lady exclaimed, "I wanted a chocolate soda, and I don't know how to make them!"—Ayrograms, hm, L S Ayres & Co.

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"Dear Miss," wrote a particular mother to the teacher, "don't whip our Tommy. He isn't used to it. We never hit him at home except in self-defense."





## THE CHURCH and the COUNTRYSIDE

By GLENN F. SANFORD

### DO WE NEED MORE SMALL METHODIST CHURCHES?

(Rev. Joel Cooper, pastor in the Mountain Home Larger Parish, was asked the question, "Do We Need More Small Churches," and the following article is his carefully prepared answer.)

THERE is a famous slogan "United we stand; divided we fall." And I think, in most cases, that slogan is true. But sometime ago Mr. Leo Rippey called to my attention a truth concerning the growth of churches which I had never fully appreciated. He said that the slogan of the Baptist Church, rather than being "divide and fall" was "divide and multiply." Mr. Rippey set me thinking about this matter of division, and I believe there is a clue in that word.

Of course, if the church divides itself into factions to fight each other, then the factions tend to cancel out each other, and great is the fall thereof. But if the church divides to fight a common foe—call it the devil or some equally demonic phrase—then comes the multiplication. I am not suggesting that large and medium sized churches divide themselves into equal parts, put out new roots, grow, and divide again. This would be most impractical and undesirable. Biologically speaking, this kind of division takes place only in the lower forms of life—the division of those one-celled animals. But there is another kind of biological division. It consists of taking a part of a body, a seed or a cutting, and allowing that part to grow and mature enough for a repetition of the process, and so ad infinitum. For example, a rose bush. Take a cutting from a rose bush, set it out. It grows until a cutting may be taken from it to start a new plant, and on and on. Nature goes to so much trouble to provide for the division of life—to provide for the reproduction of the species. Nature goes to so much trouble that one may infer that such division or reproduction is an essential part of the purpose of any living body.

It is in this sense, then, that the division of the established church is in line with the kingdom of God. The established church in the city or town must divide its spiritual, mental, and physical energy; it must divide its time (and this means more than the time of the pastor); it must divide its finances—if that church itself is to fulfill an important function of its very reason for being.

The opening paragraph of the ritual for receiving members into the church sets this forth. Not only does the church exist for its own sake, i. e. for the promotion of worship and the edification of believers, etc., but it exists "for the conversion of the world." In other words, the church exists for the very purpose of dividing itself that new life might spring forth. Division and then comes multiplication.

This is not a new idea. The early church grew in this manner. Jesus said the Kingdom of God grows this way. Remember his illustration

about the yeast? It was the method of St. Paul and Wesley. It was the method of Thomas Coke and Francis Asbury. It is the very motive behind missions. It was the center of the Crusade for Christ emphasis—evangelism. Division and then comes multiplication. I suppose I could say something about churches like bees need to swarm now and then, but that figure of speech is pretty dog-eared in these circles, and somewhat misleading.

May I say this as an aside, but I think it is important just the same. I have deliberately refrained from the use of the word "sharing" and have constantly used the word "division." The word "sharing" has a connotation of something optional—something which we may choose to do or choose not to do, something which comes out of the bigness of our hearts. But the word "division"—I mean that to suggest that this matter of a church going out to establish new churches it not optional—it is an essential part of its very purpose—its very reason for being.

Now you may point out that this matter of church extension has been the policy and practice of the Methodist church from the beginning. Very true. The Board of Missions and Church Extension, the Town and Country Commission, numbers of individual ministers and laymen are most concerned with this matter. But these are not enough to do the job. The need is too great. Bro. Sanford will tell you that there are hundreds of communities in this conference which are not being touched in any effective way by the church, anybody's church. There are also dozens of city churches which do not have a vision of their task of the direct dividing of their energy, time, and money. Of course, all local churches are doing church extension work. They do it through their World Service giving. And it is the much expected task of the minister to promote World Service giving. Thus, all ministers are doing church extension work. As far as the local church is concerned, there are just two things wrong with this method of church extension. The giving is inadequate and it is impersonal. Local churches are often tempted to try to meet their responsibilities along these lines by paying some agency to do their job, and never fully realize that the work of the agency is of necessity largely promotional and project minded. This is fine as far as it goes, but—and that is why we have them.

The responsibility of the larger church in the town or city for the rural area around it is clear to you and to me, and it must be made clear to all Methodists. Just for the sake of curiosity, next Sunday ask the members of your Sunday morning congregation who united with the church in a community with less than 2,500 population, to hold up their hands. If your church is an average church, you will immediately realize where Arkansas Methodism is getting its life blood. And your people will see it too.

## AN EVANGELISTIC RENASCENCE

THE flame of the Crusade For Christ has consumed neither itself nor the fuel on which it feeds. On the other hand it has been caught up in the tinder of a devotion in the ministry of our Church, and is carrying over from the year of Evangelism into the constant aims of the program. Nobody can be in doubt about this who is able to appraise the institutes of evangelism which have been conducted recently in the North Arkansas Conference.

These institutes commend themselves to the respect of the constituency of the Church. The schedule was long—eleven hours. The preparation was likewise strenuous, so that nobody was asked to give his time to a vacuum. Hard work that went into the making of the plan and into the furnishing of ideas and methods and motives for the task was allied with an emotional attitude, a fervor of devotion, which caught up the groups and carried them forward with a hope almost ecstatic.

Since it is probably true that more people attended these institutes than will read these comments, it is not intended to recount what was done, but to recognize some of the more significant and eloquent features and the implications of the enterprise. Personnel is the first vital element in any project. Without the power to perceive and the capacity to transmit something of the power of an idea there is no movement possible. One got the impression that Roy Bagley had so integrated himself into this task and his associates of the Board of Evangelism that they could not be separated. Reference to the Board of Evangelism meant Roy Bagley, and the name of Roy Bagley meant the Board of Evangelism, as he represented that interest in his capacity of Conference Secretary of Evangelism. The vital energies that flame in this action of stirring and equipping and guiding the leadership of

the Church towards a comprehensive and effective extension of the kingdom of God have the clear marks of the Holy Spirit in the choosing of this secretary; and the work done by those he selected for help in presenting the features of the day carried this same seal. Every man stood in his place helpfully.

Notwithstanding the loyalty to the cause and a fervor in the task which dared a schedule of eleven hours in a day, and which brought to the session undeniable evidence of long and tireless work in preparation, the plans and aims proposed, and the position of the interest as related to the full life of the Church, suffered not the slightest unbalance by enthusiasm.

The simple formula which made up the theme for the sessions was not pressed out of its simplicity, yet it was vitalized by motivation, made romantic by a sense of penalty and rewards and thrust into exciting interest by the variety of means proposed. To "find them," "win them" and "keep them" was not permitted the triteness of phrasing, but the procedure was decorated with the delicate flowering of the possibilities of a reborn personality emerging into abundance of life under the light of the Sun of Righteousness.

This observer is venturing to see in the movement just begun a new balance in the emphasis and energies of the Methodist Church. He has seen the fervor of an enthusiastic mass evangelism lose its pre-eminence to a rising call of world service and the overshadowing influence of the Board of Missions. This missionary activity has not waned, but it has been outstripped in turn by a new and wholesome recognition of the position which education has come to occupy in the Church. Now there is taking place before our eyes a renaissance of evangelism to match the parallel interests and labors of the Church in wholesome balance in its conquest for Christ.—An Observer.

77.8% of the people in Arkansas are rural, i. e. they live in communities of 2,500 population or less. We cannot neglect these people and live. The Catholic church realized that. When immigration was reduced from southern and central Europe, the Catholic Church faced an almost certain decline. Hence its rural strategy.

Now it seems to me that the Town and Country Commission or some other body empowered to act should put forward a local church program of church extension. This is to be a program, not a recommendation of a resolution. Such a program must be made an official part of the local church program, as vital as the collection of World Service Funds or the Advance Specials. Every church should be expected to give birth to another church. The men who formulated the goals for the Church School section of the Crusade for Christ had the right idea. They asked that each Church School accept as a goal the organization of another Church School each year during the Crusade years. Certainly every Methodist Church of station size ought to be required to sponsor the organization of at least one new church, or the reorganization of one abandoned situation during the years of the Advance. Think what this would do to the size of Methodism. Today we

### CLARKSVILLE SUB-DISTRICT MEETS AT OZARK

The Methodist Youth Fellowship Sub-district met January 10, at seven o'clock at Ozark. The Clarksville fellowship gave the devotional program and Miss Louella Sansing and Miss Delores Blackard sang. They were accompanied by Miss Margaret Sybert.

Miss Roiselle Green, the president of the M. Y. F. Sub-district, presided at the business meeting. Hartman, Hays Chapel, Grenades Chapel, Clarksville, and Ozark were all represented at this meeting. There were 73 present at the meeting.

The group retired to the basement of the church for refreshments and recreation.

Other officers of the M. Y. F. Sub-district are: Harold Thomas Ford, Vice-president; Paul Phillip Parker, Secretary; and Betty Johnson, Treasurer.—Reporter.

For the commandment is a lamp; and the law is light; and reproofs of instruction are the way of life.—Proverbs 6:23.

have 5,000 fewer church buildings in America than we had a few years ago. It is high time we settle on a strategy for rural life.

January 9th Through January 16th

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2. Make a report on Monday, Jan. 17th, to the District Superintendent and to the office of the Arkansas Methodist, Little Rock, of the results of the Campaign.
3. Any necessary follow-up work can be reported as soon as complete.

**Watch the Arkansas Methodist in the issue of January 27th for a full report by Districts and by Charges of the results of the Circulation Campaign as received through the week of January 16th.**

**There will be additional reports in later issues of the results of follow-up work. Watch for these reports!**



BISHOP PA

To Ministers And Members  
Methodist Church In Arko

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## NORTH ARKANSAS CONFERENCE BOARD OF EDUCATION NOTES

By Ira A. Brumley

### Vacation Church School Clinic

Plans are being made for a Conference Clinic on Vacation Church School work. The meeting is to be at First Methodist Church, Conway, Friday and Saturday, March 4 and 5. The meeting will begin at 1:00 p. m. on Friday and close at 11:00 a. m. on Saturday.

Each district of the Conference has been invited to send a Kindergarten Worker, a Primary Worker, a Junior Worker, and an Intermediate Worker. Each district superintendent has also been invited to attend. The district team for each district is to direct the sub-district meetings in said team's district.

This plan was followed last year with excellent results. We had more and better Vacation Church Schools, reaching a total of 202 Vacation Schools in number.

This year we have secured the services of Miss Rosemary Roorbach of the General Board of Education, for the Kindergarten unit; Mrs. Waldo Wettengel of West Oklahoma, for the Primary unit; Miss Mary Shipp Sanders of Texas, for the Junior unit. Provision will be made for the Intermediate unit.

It is important that local churches plan at an early date for the Vacation Church School in the local church. We have suggested the last of May and early June as a good time for the school. Some will need to be held much earlier and some schools will come later. Make plans now to give the children of your Vacation Church School.

We will give the list of units to be suggested for the local churches: My Home and Family; Outdoors in Palestine; People Who Lived in Jesus' Day; and O Come, Let Us Worship, these being in the order from Kindergarten to Intermediate.

### Other Training Schools

Since our announcement of training schools given last week for the month of January the following applications have come to our office: Walnut Ridge, Newport and Brinkley.

The Brinkley School is to be a two unit school with the following courses offered:

Christian Beliefs

How to Teach in the Church School.

The Newport School, being held Jan. 31-Feb. 2, will offer three units: Christian Beliefs (a course for adults).

How to Teach in the Church School.

Christian Beliefs (a course for youth only)

The Walnut Ridge School, Jan. 26-28, is to offer four units:

The New Testament in the Life of Today.

The Methodist Youth Fellowship. Church and Home Cooperating for Children.

Church Working for Young Adults.

Two one unit schools are being held this week under the leadership of Miss Lucy Foreman of Nashville, Tenn. She is offering the course on How to Teach in the Church School, Heber Springs, Jan. 16-18; and the course on Church and Home Cooperating for Children, Clinton, Jan. 19-21.

The date of the Fayetteville District Training School has been changed to March 21-25 to prevent conflicts in meetings in the Fayette-

## A Free Translation Of Ephesians 2:14-18

By Charles F. Boss, Jr.

For He (Christ) is our peace—He who has made Russians and Americans one, and in His own human nature has dissolved the "iron curtain" by setting aside laws of nationalism, expressed, as they were in definite political decrees. His design was to unite the two sections of humanity (neither of which is perfect) in Himself so as to form one new man—indeed, one new world—thus effecting peace, and to reconcile Russia and America in one body to God, by means of His cross-slaving by it their mutual enmity. So He came and proclaimed the good news of peace to you who are east of the "iron curtain," and peace to you who are west; because it is through Him that Russians and Americans alike have access through one spirit to the Father.

## NEWS ABOUT HENDRIX COLLEGE

### Dramatic Society Inducts

Ten students were scheduled to be inducted into the college chapter of Alpha Psi Omega, national dramatic fraternity January 16, according to Buddy Ann Hampton of Conway, president of the organization.

Students eligible for membership are Ray King, Perry; Arthur Porter, Morrilton; Joyce Harris, Wynne; Clyde Stephens, Fort Smith; Norman Goodwin, Salem; Wayne Tate, Conway; and Joy Buckley, Pine Bluff. Transferring memberships earned in other colleges are Bill Stocks, Waldo; Eloise Nelson, Little Rock; and Louise Martel, Magnolia.

Membership in this national honorary organization is awarded to those students who have been outstanding in dramatic work on the campus and who have completed certain requirements in either acting or play production work.

### First Semester Ends

Final examinations for the first semester were scheduled to begin January 14 and to continue for a week. Registration for the second semester will be held Tuesday and Wednesday, January 25 and 26.

About twenty-five new students have made arrangements to enter Hendrix for the second semester, according to Miss Elizabeth Poole of the admissions office. About a third of them are former Hendrix students. A number of them are war veterans, Miss Poole said, including one former WAC, Miss Mildred Palmer of Little Rock.

Enrollment figures for the second semester, as usual, will be slightly below the first semester total of about 590. All residence halls will continue to be filled to capacity and a number of women applicants have been unable to obtain accommodations. About 21 seniors expect to complete bachelor's degree requirements by the end of the week.

### Debate Team Begins Activities

The college debate teams will inaugurate an active spring season with participation in an invitation warm-up tournament at Arkansas State Teachers College, January 29.

The varsity debate teams will also participate in the Mid-South tournament to be held at Teachers College February 11 and 12 and in the state

ville District.

The date for the Jurisdictional Recreational Conference, which is to be held at Turner Falls, Oklahoma, has been set for the week of April 25-29. We will be permitted to send a limited number of representatives. Four have requested places already.

tournament at Arkansas Tech at Russellville on March 25 and 26. Tentative plans have also been made for attending the Southern Speech Association Tournament and Convention in Waco, Texas, in April, according to Miss Geneva Eppes, college debate coach.

Among team members are Margaret Jones, Dumas; Bill Dabbs, Robert French and Mimi Cazort, Little Rock; George Shaw and George Hartje, Conway; and Ray King, Perry.

### Varsity Band to Tour

The Varsity Band will make tours into northeastern and southwestern Arkansas February 10 and 11 and February 24 and 25, according to director Ashley R. Coffman.

The Varsity Band is a 30-piece organization selected from the 70-piece Concert Band. Organized last year, it received wide acclaim on its concert tour last spring and a fall tour this year.

The band will play 12 concerts in 11 cities during the four days. An estimated 6,000 persons will hear the programs which will be presented in the high schools.

February 10 the band will appear at Searcy, Walnut Ridge, and Paragould and on February 11 at Jonesboro, Forrest City, Marianna, and Carlisle.

February 24 the band will appear in programs at Hot Springs, Nashville, and Hope. February 25 two concerts will be played at Arkansas high school at Texarkana. — Margaret Pullig.

## TIMELY PHOTO-SPREADS IN CHURCH SCHOOL PUBLICATION HELP WORLD SERVICE

By Earle H. MacLeod

In both the January and February issues of the "Church School," published through the Editorial Division of the General Board of Education of the Methodist Church, there appears double spreads of timely photo pictures devoted to the work of Methodist World Service. This feature is prepared by Dr. Walter N. Vernon, Jr., Editor-in-charge.

This pictorial and editorial assistance to World Service will undoubtedly be effective in helping to lift World Service giving to levels commensurate with contemporary need. The General Conference of 1948 voted to increase World Service askings one-third, and in Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam's presentation of "Objective 1" in "The Second Mile" booklet of the Advance For Christ and His Church, it is stated that, "This vital matter must be cared for by action of the Annual Conference and the necessary educational work to insure acceptance in the local church; and full use should be made of the great missionary conferences. . ."

In Bishop Costen J. Harrell's "Fi-

## LITTLE ROCK CONFERENCE BOARD OF EDUCATION NOTES

By Roy E. Fawcett

### The Arkansas Pastor's School

At a recent meeting of the Board of Managers, the Arkansas Pastors' School was set for the week of July 4. It had been previously decided to reduce the length of the school to the one week. The school will open with two regular class periods on Monday evening and will close with the final message at noon on Friday.

Plans are under way for securing an outstanding faculty and platform speakers who will add to the attraction of the school. The schedule will be announced as soon as the courses can be arranged and the leaders secured.

The following will serve as officers of the Board of Managers:

Chairman, Ralph Hillis  
Vice-Chairman, David Conyers  
Secretary, Charles H. Giessen  
Dean, Roy E. Fawcett  
Registrar, Ira A. Brumley

### Recreation Laboratory

This year's Recreation Laboratory will be held at Turner Falls, Oklahoma, April 25-29. Persons interested in attending should contact the Executive Secretary.

### The Little Rock Training School

The annual Inter-City leadership school for the churches of Little Rock and the surrounding communities will be held at First Church, Eighth and Center Streets, Feb. 14-18. Dr. E. Clifton Rule is the Dean and Rev. Arthur Terry is Chairman of the Board of Managers which is composed of the pastors and general superintendents of the participating churches.

The courses and instructors are as follows:

Teaching Children, Mrs. Ira A. Brumley.

The Use of the Bible with Children, Mrs. W. A. Wooten.

The Child's Approach to Religion, Miss Mary Shipp Sanders.

Guiding Intermediates, Mrs. B. O. Black.

Senior and Young Peoples' Work, Rev. Paul O. Cardwell.

Christian Beliefs (for Young People), Rev. Kenneth Shamblin.

The Work of the Adult Division, Rev. Earl Hoggard.

The Teachings of Jesus, Dr. R. D. Adams.

The Meaning of Methodism, Dr. Gilbert T. Rowe.

nancial Phase" in this booklet it is stated that, "The General Conference made clear that the causes represented in our World Service Funds are basic to the Church's life, and accordingly increased our World Service apportionments 33 1-3%.

Especially emphasis should be placed upon the fact that this 33 and 1-3% increase is merely to be considered a minimum. With respect to this, item 2 under "General Procedure" in Bishop Harrell's "Financial Phase" states, "The increased World Service apportionments are essential to hold the ground we have gained."

It is strongly hoped that World Service giving among our Methodist members will go considerably above the 33 1-3% increase, so that the world-wide benevolence program of our Church through World Service may make a real and worthy advance during the coming quadrennium.

# WOMAN'S SOCIETY OF CHRISTIAN SERVICE

MRS. SUE M. WAYLAND, Editor

## THE MISSIONARY SITUATION IN CHINA

NEW YORK CITY, Dec. 28—The overwhelming majority of foreign missionaries at present expect to remain in China, even though the Communists gain control of the government, a report released here today by the Foreign Missions Conference of North America revealed. The agency with headquarters at 156 Fifth Avenue is comprised of 108 foreign mission boards and agencies, representing major Protestant denominations.

In a report on 16 Protestant groups responsible for the bulk of Protestant mission work in China, the Foreign Missions Conference disclosed that of the 1,758 Christian workers and missionaries, only 137 have withdrawn. A high percentage of this number were described as wives of missionaries with small children and missionaries scheduled for retirement.

Of those remaining, the report continued, 115 are in Communist controlled or immediately threatened areas. Approximately 10 of these are single women.

Except for Lutheran groups, the majority of foreign mission societies included in the report expressed a policy of favoring the continuance of Christian work in China, irrespective of the political outcome of the present struggle.

Dr. Lloyd S. Ruland, secretary of the board of foreign missions of the Presbyterian Church, U. S. A., expressed the general view held by mission boards when he recently wrote to members of his denominations that "True to the highest traditions of the missionary enterprise, even though some personal risk may be involved, it seems essential that we try to maintain our Christian program in cooperation with the Chinese Christians in the areas facing Communist control."

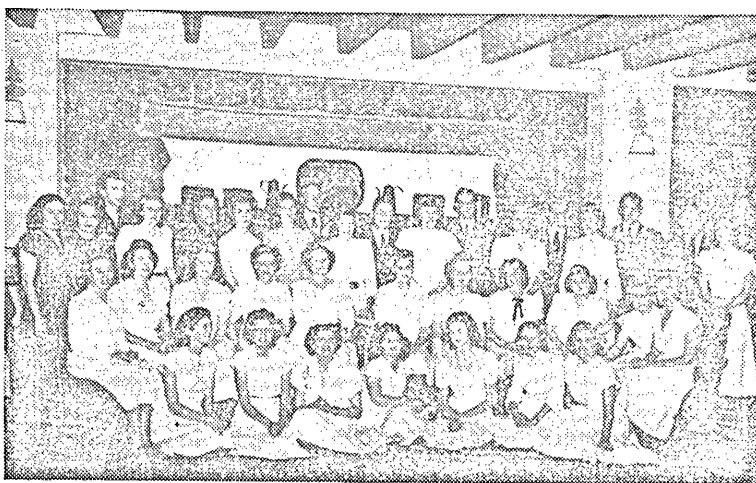
The Lutheran groups in China have adopted a policy of evacuating missionaries from Communist areas, the report stated, and of sending missionaries to the United States, unless they can be found useful in other countries or in China areas not threatened by Communist armies.

Two of the 16 groups covered by the report have taken an active policy encouraging field personnel to remain at their posts. These are the China Inland Missions with over 700 missionaries, about 50 of whom are in Communist areas, and the YMCA with six field personnel in Communist territory.

Several groups have increased their missionary personnel since the launching of the Communist offensive. These include the China Inland Mission, which added 26 missionaries, the Congregational-Christian, the Baptists, the Reformed Church, the United Church of Canada, and the Free Methodists.

One reason a number of missionaries have decided to stay in China, according to Dr. Rowland Cross, executive secretary of the Far Eastern Committee of the Foreign Missions Conference, was a recent statement issued by leading Chinese Christians urging missionaries not to leave China. This statement, he said helped to offset the impression

## NEW WORKERS COMMISSIONED



The above thirty new missionaries for service overseas were recently commissioned by the Board of Missions and Church Extension of the Methodist Church as follows: The Rev. and Mrs. Robert W. Smyres, of Jamaica, N. Y., going to India in evangelistic work; the Rev. and Mrs. George S. Wilson, of Corning, N. Y., to the Philippine Islands, evangelistic work; Miss Blanche L. Beck, of Hazelton, Pa., to Liberia, Africa, social work; the Rev. George T. Kennedy, of Mound City, Ill., and Mrs. Kennedy, of Ludlowville, N. Y., to India, educational and nursing service; Mr. and Mrs. Loyd E. Adair, of Wellington and Winfield, Kansas, to Bolivia, as educators; Mr. and Mrs. Albert W. Hamel, of Long Beach, California, to Sumatra, educational; the Rev. Milton H. Robinson, of El Paso, Texas, to Argentina, educational; Mr. and Mrs. Charles E. Shumaker, of Middlepoint, Ohio, to China, evangelistic; Mr. and Mrs. William B. Smith, of Cleburne, Texas, to Bolivia, educational; Miss Dorothy Edwards, of Lynbrook, L. I., New York, to the Philippines, nurse supervisor; Miss Dorothy Laird, of Fairpoint, N. Y., to the Congo, social work; Miss Maria Swords, of Brooklyn, N. Y., to the Congo, nurse; Miss Florence Wright, of Granville Summit, Pa., to India, medical; Miss Bertha Baker, of Leitchfield, Ky., to Mexico, social work; Miss Marjorie Baker, of Ashland, Kansas, to Angola, Africa, medical; Miss Mary Esther Briggs, of Frankfort, Ohio, to India, educational; Miss Eloise Butler, of Hoxie, Ark., to India, educational; Miss Dorothy Harper, of Stillwater, Okla., to India, educational; Miss Pauline Willingham, Whitmire, S. C., to Mexico, medical; Miss Mary E. Williams, of Mount Vernon, Ala., to India, educational; Miss Alexa McCain, of Shreveport, La., to India, educational; Miss Martha Shelby, of Fort Davis, Texas, to India, educational; Miss Kathryn Kkott, of Middleton, Wis., to India, educational.

The picture above includes six Deaconesses who are not included in the assignments given here.

among many missionaries that their presence might embarrass Chinese coming under Communist control. The names of the Chinese Christian leaders were not disclosed.

The group described by the report as least worried by the Communists are the older missionaries. One of them is quoted as saying: "We have lived through many revolutionary periods and this situation in many respects is no different than the others."

Seven of the groups surveyed have missionaries now in Communist areas. These are the Congregational-Christian with 20; the China Inland Mission with about 50; the YMCA with 6; the Methodist General Board with 10; the Seventh Day Adventists with 10; the Foreign Department of the Women's division of Christian Service of the Methodist Church with 8 single women missionaries, and the Evangelical and Reformed with 11. The Presbyterians are thought to have missionaries in Communist areas, but no accurate report is available.

The majority of these missionaries in Communist areas are described as engaged in medical and educational work.

Mission and Christian groups, and the number of missionaries representing each, included in the report are the Presbyterian Church, U.S.A., 235; The Congregational-Christian, 75; the Reformed Church, 39; Prot-

estant Episcopal, 91; United Lutheran, 20; YMCA, 14; Women's American Baptist Foreign Missionary Society, 37; Methodist General Board, 108; Seventh Day Adventists, 85; Northern Baptist Convention, 57; China Inland Mission, 700; Foreign Department of the Women's Division of Christian Service of The Methodist Church, 150; YWCA, 5 field workers; Evangelical and Reformed, 19; Evangelical United Brethren, 23; and an estimated 100 missionaries connected with the Augustana, Evangelical and Lutheran Free Synods.

## THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE NORTH ARKANSAS CONFERENCE

The North Arkansas Conference of the Woman's Society of Christian Service will meet in Fort Smith, First Church, March 1-3. Mrs. J. E. Critz, the Conference President, will preside during the sessions.

The theme of the Conference will be "Forward Together." The Executive Committee will meet on Monday evening, February 28, and Tuesday morning of March 1st.

Dr. Takuo Marumoto and Miss Wei Thoo Ling are the invited guest to attend the conference as speakers.

We will have more definite announcements on the program and who are to be the delegates from the local societies at an early date.

## PEARLE McCAIN IS STILL IN CHINA

The family of Pearle McCain who live here in Little Rock, had a letter from Pearle, dated as late as December 18th, in which she writes that she is well and is still at the Bible Teachers Training School in Nanking. They are carrying on in their work—even if not quite "as usual."

Pearle says she has no plans beyond the present and the immediate future, other than that it will depend upon what seems best at any time. But for the present at least she is staying on.

## ARTICLE REGARDING THE ADVANCE

On page two of this issue you will find an interesting article from Mrs. Eloise Woolever, Executive Secretary of Organization and Promotion, Woman's Division of Christian Service. Today as we face the great challenge before us, this will be an inspiration to the women of the church.

## SILAM SPRINGS W. S. C. S. MEETS FOR ADVANCE PROGRAM

Approximately 150 women met for a Fellowship Cooperative Supper at 6:30 p. m., December 6th, in the Methodist Church basement, representing four W. S. C. S. circles and the Wesleyan Guild. Members of the latter acted as dining room hostesses, and had arranged attractive centerpieces and led the group in games and songs during the meal. Kitchen Committee was composed of Circle Chairmen and helpers.

The Arkansas Methodist Subscription Drive was emphasized, and after a most bountiful feast, all the ladies went upstairs to the sanctuary for "Advance Program" presentation using the theme "We Offer Unto Thee Ourselves". Miss Floy Dodgen, President of the W. S. C. S., presided.

Mrs. Morris McGee leader, was assisted in the presentation of the four points of Advance, and responsive readings by the following W. S. C. S. and Guild members; Mesdames Hamilton, Cline, Phillip, Sperry, Chandler, Black, Robinson, Davis, McKinney, Harvey, Maples, Groom, Slavens, Oakes, Sweet, Lee, Clark, Goss and Crosby.

Prayers were read to meet our needs: For increased membership and more active workers among women and the giving of our money and ourselves. Mrs. Tom Whiteside, organist, was assisted in choral responses and musical background for service by a sextette of women's voices. The organ meditation was especially beautiful.

The president, Miss Dodgen, gave the Declaration of Purpose and all the women then signed membership cards.

Rev. J. Wm. Watson pronounced the benediction. The old W. S. C. S. members went home with renewed interest and purpose, the new members with new vision of the work to be done by the women of the church. Much credit goes to Mrs. Richard Hodges for the arrangement and execution of plans for this service.—Reporter.



# CURRENT NEWS IN ARKANSAS METHODISM

## HAZEL EDWARDS MEMORIAL CHURCH

On October 21 Rev. and Mrs. A. L. Riggs arrived in Newark from Eureka Springs about 9:30 p. m. A delicious dinner had been prepared at the home of Rev. and Mrs. J. B. Stewart. Plans had been made for them to spend the night in home of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Benson. The women of the W. S. C. S. had spent the afternoon in preparing the parsonage for the new pastor and his wife.

The pastor and his wife have been royally received. They were bountifully showered with lots of good eats from the Newark and extension churches, Sulphur Rock, Pleasant Hill and Oak Grove. Brother Stewart supplies the Oak Grove Church and is the superintendent of the Adult Division of the Hazel Edwards Church. He is also chairman of the Church Board of Education.

The Church School has been reorganized. The attendance has increased 25 per cent. The envelope system has been introduced. The fourth Sunday is observed with a World Service offering.

The Methodist Youth Fellowship has been reorganized with 19 members. These young people with their adult counselor, Mrs. Mary Benson as pianist, and Mrs. Jack Magness, choir director, constitute our choir for the Sunday evening service. Our attendance at the morning service is from 50 to 75 and the evening service from 30 to 50. Church School enrollment is 77 with about 60 per cent attendance.

The entire budget was accepted at the First Quarterly Conference and \$85.00 was accepted on the Wayland Camp project.

The pre-Christmas ten-days' services were well attended with increased interest. The services closed with a very impressive candlelight service rendered by the members of the Church School. All who attended these services were inspired to new interest. Six of the M. Y. F. members accepted Christ as their Saviour. Three young men united with the church. Two babies were baptized at Newark and one at Sulphur Rock.

The Christmas offering for the Methodist Children's Home was as follows: Hazel Edwards Memorial Church, \$25.00; Sulphur Rock, \$13.00; and Oak Grove, \$2.00, total \$40.00. All finances are paid up to date as of January 1.

The new parsonage is progressing nicely. The preacher's family will move in it on January 17.—Reporter.

## FAYETTEVILLE DISTRICT PARSONAGE DAMES

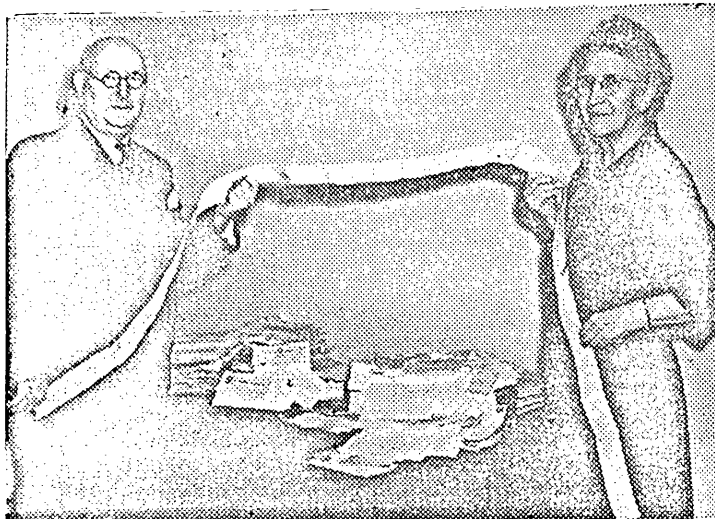
The Fayetteville District Parsonage Dames met at the Huntsville Methodist Church, January 3, at 10:00 a. m. with Mrs. James Randle, retiring president, presiding.

Officers elected for the new year were: President, Mrs. Grace Kaetzel of Springdale; Vice-president, Mrs. Mary Ellen Murray of Gentry; Secretary-treasurer, Mrs. Jean Stewart of Eureka Springs.

During the business session plans were made for the entertaining of minister's wives and lady delegates at the North Arkansas Annual Conference in June.

Covered-dish luncheon was served

## ALL STATES HELP MAKE BIG DAY



*It took nine and a half feet of adding machine tape to record the contributions to Methodist Overseas Relief on what turned out to be the longest list ever to be received in one day, December 21. In the pile of checks and money orders are gifts from all 48 states and Alaska.*

*Bishop Titus Lowe, executive director of the Committee and Miss Olive Hedges, his assistant, are happy because the upswing in generosity will make possible much needed grants to China.*

## MINISTER'S WIVES FELLOWSHIP MEETS

The Ministers' Wives Fellowship of the Pine Bluff District met at the Lakeside Methodist Church, Pine Bluff on Friday at 10 o'clock. The business and devotional meeting was in charge of the president, Mrs. J. L. Dedman. Gifts for the friendship gardens were exchanged. Officers for the new year were elected as follows: President, Mrs. Eldred Blakely, Star City; Vice-president, Mrs. C. D. Wade, Pine Bluff; Recording Secretary, Mrs. Jeff Paul, Gillett; and Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. K. K. Carithers, Pine Bluff.

Rev. J. L. Dedman, district superintendent of the Pine Bluff District, had a meeting with the ministers at the same time.

At the noon hour a bountiful pot luck dinner was served under the direction of the hosts and hostesses, Rev. and Mrs. J. L. Dedman, Rev. and Mrs. Otto Teague, Mrs. J. L. Hoover, Mrs. C. D. Cade, and Mrs. K. K. Carithers.—Reporter.

## DOCTOR WANTED FOR ARKANSAS COUNTY

The Methodist Church is looking for a physician to settle and serve in Newton County, rural northwestern Arkansas, where 10,000 are without a doctor or nurse, and the nearest hospital is twenty-five miles from Jasper, the county seat.

Five years ago the Methodist Church organized the "Newton County Larger Parish," built a stone church in Jasper, and now has two experienced pastors carrying on a program of evangelism, religious education, and community service. The ministers cooperate with the agricultural agent and others in economic betterment, have a farmers' cooperative, etc.

If a doctor can be found for the at the noon hour, Hostesses were Mrs. Mary Mildred Van Zant and ladies from the Huntsville W. S. C. S.—Mrs. Jean Stewart, Reporter.

## SUB-DISTRICT ADULT COUNCIL ORGANIZED

Members of Adult groups for the Southwest Sub-district of the Little Rock District met at Douglasville on Tuesday evening, January 11, and organized a Sub-district Adult Council.

Three churches were represented, Douglasville, Geyer Springs, and Primrose, with twenty-one present, including Ben Williams, District Director of Adult Work; Dr. E. C. Rule, District Superintendent; Rev. R. E. Fawcett, Executive Secretary of the Conference Board of Education; and Miss Margaret Marshall, Deaconess. Officers elected by the Council were R. E. Jay of Douglasville, chairman; H. C. Branstetter of Geyer Springs, secretary; and F. R. Russenberger of Primrose, treasurer.

The membership of the Adult Council will be composed of the following persons from each of the various churches included in the Sub-district: Adult Superintendents, Teachers of Adult classes, and the President of each Adult class or a person elected by the class to represent the class on the Adult Council. The pastors and general superintendents will be ex-officio members. An executive council composed of the adult superintendents, the

community, the Methodist Church will organize community support for the erection of a clinic, with a laboratory and a few beds, and will subsidize the establishment until the practice is built-up. The doctor will reside in Jasper, will be related to public health and school health, and the state will probably supply a nurse.

For further information, write to Dr. M. O. Williams, Board of Missions and Church Extension, 150 Fifth Avenue, New York 11, N. Y. This is one of a large number of calls Dr. Williams has for physicians and nurses in the United States or abroad—some of them as missionaries, some, as above, as a private practitioner.

## MEETING OF SUB-DISTRICT FELLOWSHIP

The First Methodist Church, Batesville, was host Monday night, January 10 for the Sub-district Youth Fellowship meeting with 126 present from the following churches: Asbury, Cave City, Central Ave., Fairview, First Church, Bethesda, Newark, Moorefield and Mountain View.

The group met in the basement of the church where they enjoyed games and singing under the direction of Miss Mary Ellen Smith, Youth Director at First Church, and Ann Wilford.

During the business session which followed, Rev. S. B. Wilford told about a Study Course for young people that will be held at First Church, March 7-12 with Joel Cooper as instructor.

Delicious refreshments were then served after which the group went into the main auditorium for the worship service.

The theme of the program was Prayer and was as follows: solo, Ann Wilford with Dobbs Franks at the organ. A film "Gethsemane" was shown. Narrators were Ann Maxfield and Miss Mary Ellen Smith.

The meeting was dismissed with the singing of the chorus from "Are Ye Able?"

The next meeting will be in the Cave City Methodist Church, February 14.—Marita Burks, Reporter.

## ACTIVITIES OF THE M. Y. F. AT OSCEOLA

The M. Y. F. of the Methodist Church, Osceola, began their Christmas Activities December 6th with a Scavenger Hunt for groceries and clothes for the Goodfellows of their town. They sent \$20.00 to the Methodist Overseas Relief and \$8.00 to the Children's Home in Little Rock.

On Sunday night, the 19th they presented at the church hour a pageant "The Babe of Bethlehem," after which they went caroling to the old folks and shut-ins, ending the evening in the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Lowe who entertained them with a party.

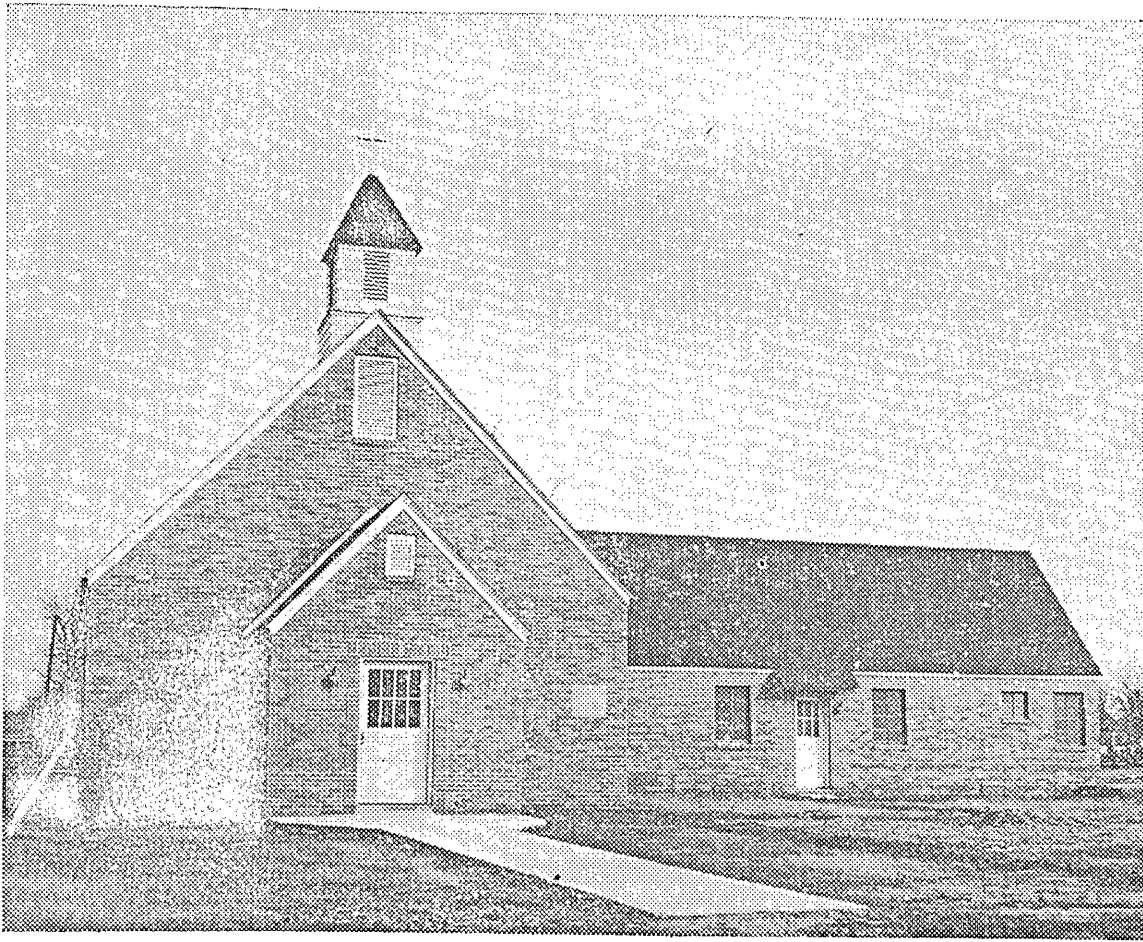
December 31st they were entertained in the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Scott with a Watch Party, going from there to the church for a Watchnight Service, prepared by Clara Carolyn Douglas.

The Community Service Commission collected old Christmas cards sending part to Goldsmith's in Memphis for the Orphans Homes, etc. and part to Instituto Methodista in Brazil.—Reporter.

elected officers, and the Sub-district Director of Adult Work are to plan the programs of the Council which is to meet each quarter. The next meeting will be at Primrose.—H. D. Ginther, Sub-district Director.

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### THE POINSETT COUNTY SUB-DISTRICT

The Poinsett County Sub-district met in Lepanto on December 2. The program opened with an organ prelude by Alicia Ann Bell. A poem was given by Lillian Harvison. The songs, "O Come All Ye Faithful" and "Joy To the World" were sung by the congregation. The scripture was taken from Luke 2, 1-40 and read by Lecna Harvison. A story was read by Marlene Bonds. A sacred picture was shown to us on "The Boyhood of Jesus." Everyone enjoyed the picture very much. The program was closed by the M. Y. F. benediction.

The business meeting opened with President Alicia Ann Bell from Lepanto calling the meeting to order. We discussed the campaign for the cabins for the camp. Every town has brought its amount. The election of our adult counselor was held and Mr. Robert Allen who is English teacher at Marked Tree was elected. The total number at this meeting was 64. We are urging all the towns to participate in these meetings. The next meeting will be held at Harrisburg. There will be a council meeting before the regular meeting in January. We are exchanging Christmas gifts and are having our district superintendent speak to us.

We adjourned to the new education building for prayer, visiting and refreshments.—Shirley Freeman, Reporter.

### REPORT OF SUB-DISTRICT MEETING

The regular monthly meeting of the Greene-Clay Counties Sub-district met at Rector First Church on January 10.

The program was in charge of the host church. They used the theme, "Hymns the Early Christians Sang" arranged by Mrs. J. J. Decker. Highlights of the program included a solo, "Shepherd of Tender Youth" by Miss Wanda Foster and a special by the choir, "May Jesus Christ be Praised", with solo by Miss Gloria Rust. Mac Walker was narrator.

The business meeting was in charge of the secretary, Freda Rockwood, in the absence of the president. A report was given by the president of each M. Y. F. present regarding their respective group's activities.

After the program and business meeting, games and refreshments were enjoyed in the basement of the church.

There were 139 present.—Freda Lockwood, Secretary.

"Please keep your children off this street—the man of distinction may be driving here."—Quoted from a speech of Dr. Daniel Bergsma, Woodbury, N. J.

A person's usefulness to society depends upon the ideas which grip his mind and through it are released to the world.—Selected.

### SPRINGTOWN-HIGHFILL CHARGE

The pastor wishes to express his appreciation for the wonderful response from the Springtown-Highfill Charge to the Arkansas Methodist campaign. The charge had 9 subscriptions last year and it will have 21 this year. The quota for the charge is 13.

The charge's contribution to the Methodist Children's Home was \$20.00 in money and \$10.00 worth of canned fruit and vegetables.

The charge had six present at the Fayetteville District Evangelistic Institute. Rev. E. H. Hook, district superintendent, said that in proportion to the size of the charge, it was first in attendance.

During the month of December three people were taken in by vows.

This is my first pastorate and I am very happy in my work. The people are wonderful and appreciative.—H. W. Jinske.

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## IN MEMORIAM

"—In my Father's house  
are many mansions"

**McALISTER** — Benjamin F. McAlister was born December 9, 1879, in Dallas County and died at his home on October 25, 1948. He was married to Matilda Mae Jones on December 18, 1898. To this union were born eight children. One died infancy. His wife, six sons, Sidney C. McAlister of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma; Oma Bruce McAlister of Fordyce; Woodrow W. McAlister of Little Rock; Ernest A. McAlister of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma; Sterling McAlister of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma; Leo F. McAlister of Bauxite and one daughter, Eunice Mae Palmer; a sister, Mrs. Jennie Bradley of Camden; thirteen grandchildren and two great grandchildren survive.

Mr. McAlister affiliated with Zion Methodist Church and continued a faithful member until God called him home. His only living brother preceded him in death by two weeks. One represented a Methodist Church on the Princeton Charge and the other another church, Zion and Providence, and lived in the same community at the close of life.

Mr. McAlister's funeral was held by the writer on October 26, assisted by Rev. Mr. Denton from Arkadelphia and Rev. John Smith, both Baptist ministers.—H. A. F. Ault.

**FEASTER**—David R. Feaster, 80 years of age, passed away on Sunday morning, December 26 at his home near Thornton, Arkansas. He suffered his attack on Christmas Eve. He had all of his children at home with him for Christmas, and had been visiting with them before he became ill.

Mr. Feaster was a man of great faith in God, and was one of the best loved men of his community. He was a man of prayer. Never was a meal eaten in his home without its first having God's blessings asked upon it and thanks returned to God for it. Each time his pastor called to visit in the home he always asked that the visit be ended with a prayer with all the people present upon their knees.

He was married, at an early age, to Miss Virginia Marks, and they lived together for more than 50 years on the old Marks home place near Fordyce. He is survived by two daughters, Mrs. J. P. May, Thornton, and Mrs. Jimmie Benson, of Horatio, Ark.; two sons, Donald R. Feaster, of Knoxville, Tenn., and John Feaster of Fordyce; four grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. He also leaves behind him four brothers, Jim and Clayton Feaster of Princeton, Charles Feaster of Fordyce, and Rodger Feaster of Kansas City; four sisters, Mrs. Preston Coleman and Mrs. Al Mann of Princeton, Mrs. C. C. Cox of Carthage, and Miss Sue Feaster of Fordyce; two step-brothers P. F. and F. P. Coleman of Princeton; one step-sister, Mrs. Emily Parham of Bearden.

Funeral services were conducted in the home on Monday afternoon, Dec. 27, by his pastor, the Rev. G. C. Bailey, the Rev. James McCammon, and the writer, of whom he had been a life-long friend.

This world has lost one of its truly great men.—W. D. Golden.

**HUFFMAN** — Emmett Thomas Huffman, son of John and Leticia Gould Huffman was born at Rogers, Arkansas, on June 29th, 1881 and

passed away on November 29th, 1948. He was married to Frances Roberts of Bentonville, Arkansas, who preceded him in death on April 8th, 1905.

He was a sincere Christian gentleman, quiet in temperament but widely beloved. He was a life-long member of Central Methodist Church. He retired from civil service work with the post office at Rogers, in 1944, after thirty-two years of continued service. During his spare time he worked with fruits and flowers and was recognized as an authority on roses. His joy was in sharing with others. His was a good life, full of usefulness and satisfaction.

He is survived by a daughter, Mrs. Martha Jo Stubblefield; a brother, Ora O. Huffman, both of Rogers, and a sister, Mrs. Britt Lark of Little Rock, Ark.; also two grandsons, William and Robert Stubblefield of Rogers.

Funeral services were conducted by his pastor, Rev. James Randle, at the Methodist Church at Rogers. Burial was in the cemetery at Bentonville.—F. A. Lark.

**COFFMAN**—Will W. Coffman was born July 17, 1877, in Boone County and passed away in Harrison, Arkansas, October 27, 1948. He united with the Methodist Church at an early age and was one of the most faithful members. He was a member of the Board of Stewards, Board of Trustees, and had served as Sunday School teacher and member of the choir. At one time he made a record of attending Sunday School and church nine years without missing a single service.

He had served as county judge, country treasurer of Boone County, and as postmaster of Harrison. At the time of his passing he was engaged in the drug business in Harrison.

He is survived by his wife, two sons, Raymond of Harrison, and Leonard of Marshall; three brothers, and five sisters. Few men live so long and even fewer live so well. At the close of such a long and good life it was truly fitting for his pastor to say in the funeral service at the conclusion: "Father unto thy hands I commend the spirit of this good man."—E. J. Holifield.

**GLOVER**—Funeral services for Mrs. Julia Cameron Glover, wife of Rev. J. F. Glover of Paris, retired Methodist minister, who died at her home Monday morning, November 15, after an illness of five years, was held at the First Methodist Church, Wednesday afternoon, November 17, with the pastor, Rev. Earle Cravens, officiating. He was assisted by Rev. Cecil R. Culver, Fort Smith, district superintendent of the Fort Smith District. Burial was in the McKendree cemetery.

The unusually sweet service, led by Bro. Cravens, was in keeping with the life Mrs. Glover lived, and in his service Bro. Cravens eulogized her for her patience, loyalty and sweet character saying, "Her presence was like the rays of God's sunshine which drives back the clouds and not only the clouds but the mist as well. She was a source of inspiration and help to her devoted husband, and her going has left a vacancy that cannot be filled."

Special music for the service was

furnished by a choir who sang, "The Sweet Bye and Bye"; and "The Eternal Life." Mrs. Rufus Smith, Jr., sang "Star of the East" by Kennedy. Ralph Zerbe was at the organ.

Mrs. Glover was born on Rich Mountain, south of Paris. She served with her husband 33 years of active ministry before he retired four years ago at which time the Glovers came here to reside. She was very active in the religious affairs of this community until ill health forced her to retire.

The Glovers had resided in the following towns and cities during his ministry, Scranton, Magazine, Adona, Plainview, Imboden, Harrisburg, Mammoth Spring, Piggott, Augusta, Booneville, Tuckerman, Wynne and Cabot. He was superintendent of Sloan Hendrix academy at Imboden four years.

Active pallbearers were nephews of the deceased, J. E. Taylor, Jr., James Frank Taylor, Joe Carter, Jr., Artis Carter, W. O. Carter, Jr., and Charles M. Cameron.

In addition to her husband, Mrs. Glover is survived by two brothers, Robert Cameron of Los Angeles, Calif., and Herman Cameron of Subiaco; and four sisters, Mrs. W. H. Duncan of England, Mrs. Otis Carter and Mrs. Joe Carter both of Subiaco; and Mrs. J. E. Taylor of Fort Smith.—Vela Kinney, Paris, Arkansas.

**THOMPSON**—Mrs. Cora T. Thompson passed to her eternal reward at 8:30 p. m. Tuesday, October 19, 1948, in her home, 1303 Olive, Texarkana, Texas. She was born in Arkansas 61 years ago, and had been a resident of Texarkana for the past 35 years.

Mrs. Thompson had been a faithful and consecrated Christian and member of the Fairview Methodist

Church for many years. The ministry of her devoted life was not only a blessing to her home but also a great inspiration to all who knew her.

She not only loved her local church with all the pastors who came her way, but she loved Methodism and the work of the Lord everywhere. To know her was to feel a little more humble and faithful in God's work.

Though she suffered much in the last few years yet she bore it as a true soldier of the cross. Survivors include her husband L. J. Thompson, three daughters, Mrs. H. H. Fomby and Mrs. Heyl Gardner, both of Texarkana, and Mrs. W. S. Jennings of College Station; four sisters, three brothers, and two grandchildren.

The funeral was held in Fairview Church and conducted by the writer.—Fred L. Arnold.

Temporary refuge quarters for thousands of Koreans who have escaped from the northern Communist-controlled area were established in Taegu, South Korea. The nearby Christian churches invited the people to attend. But they did not come. Then a theological student among the refugees explained to Missionary W. B. Lyons that many of these persons had been well-to-do citizens in their homes in Pyongyang and vicinity, but now with only worn clothes on their backs, they were ashamed to go to the big city churches. So a large tent schoolhouse in Taegu was secured for Sunday services and it is now filled to overflowing every Sunday. Mr. Lyons noticed that while many of the refugees had to flee without their worldly goods, most of them had clung to their well-worn Bibles and hymnals and brought them with them to services.

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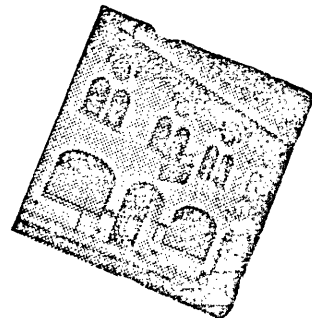
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This has been one of the most bountiful Christmases in the history of the Home. Our children were generously remembered with toys, games, and gifts of all kinds. In addition, each child received many nice gifts of clothing. Many indoor games and a huge box of model airplanes kept the children entertained on days when the could not play out of doors. Boxing gloves, footballs, baseballs, a basket ball and other athletic equipment, wagons, scooters, and a tricycle provided them with exercise and kept them entertained through many happy hours.

Our friends over the state were equally generous in their gifts to the Home. Many nice quilts, blankets, linens, and household supplies were received. We also received a shower of kitchen utensils which included everything needed for the kitchen in one of our new cottages. Our pantry shelves are stocked with a bountiful supply of canned fruits, vegetables, and other foods, including a 30 lb. country ham. We have not had to buy any fresh fruit for the children since before Thanksgiving, because of the many boxes of apples and oranges which we have received. One bakery supplied us with enough cakes for the entire holiday season. Many friends sent boxes of home-made cookies. Others sent candy, nuts, and gum. A bottling company in the city sent four cases of cold drinks to the children. A drug store gave us enough ice cream for all the children for one meal. Even our Christmas trees and most of the decorations were given to us.

So many of our friends wanted to entertain our children in their homes sometime during the holidays that we scarcely had enough children to go around. Those who remained at home had many nice treats, including free picture shows, tickets to a football game, tickets to the opera "Hansel and Gretel," and several parties.

Your superintendent, the members of the staff, and all the children wish to express to you, the friends of the Methodist Children's Home, our most sincere thanks for your many gifts and your many kindnesses to us. We list below the names of the individuals, churches, and organizations who have sent gifts to the Home and to the children since our last report on December 15th.

Mrs. S. M. Worley, Clinton; Mrs. M. A. Talley, Mena; Miss Alma Louise Foster; the W. S. C. S., First Church, El Dorado; the Bayou Meto W. S. C. S.; the Lepanto W. S. C. S.; the Ozark W. S. C. S.; the Tyronza W. S. C. S.; Mrs. J. E. Baugh, DeQueen; the Gentry W. S. C. S.; the Huntsville W. S. C. S.; the Keiser Church School; Mountain View Church; Mr. and Mrs. C. P. Carlin and Mrs. Josie Brown, Roland; Miss Edna Burton, England; the Pochontas W. S. C. S.; the Portia W. S. C. S.; the Harvester's Class, Goddard Memorial Church, Fort Smith; Stanley Baker; Conway Young People's Department, First Church, Conway; the Berean Class, Paris; Mrs. Buren Harris, Paris; Primary and Beginner Departments, DeQueen; Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Bolding, Bolding, Ark; DeWitt Wesleyan Guild; Farmington W. S. C. S.; Mrs. C. C. Rubenstein, Little Rock; Mrs. Allan Mulkey, Little Rock; Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Briggs, Little Rock; Sylvan Hills Church; Children's Department, Capitol View Church;

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the Amsterdam Assembly of the World Council of Churches, will be rewarding and will furnish an intellectual and spiritual background for the preaching and teaching endeavor. The bishop admits the book is heavy reading even though it is accompanied by a helpful study guide. Dr. Mohn realizes it's a heavy book too for figures from the service department show that the 25,000 volumes when packed for shipment will weigh 34 tons and will require 1,100 mail bags and 15 trucks to carry them to the post-office. Bishop William C. Martin of Dallas, Texas is general chairman of the four-year Advance.

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God gives every bird his food but he doesn't throw it in his nest.—Coal Dealer.

## GERMAN PICTORIAL MAZAZINE PORTRAYS AMERICAN METHODISM

Familiarity with the methods and aims of The Methodist Church in the United States was extended to the many thousands of German readers of HEUTE (Today), a 32-page illustrated magazine, when one of its autumn numbers carried a five-page pictorial essay on "Die Methodisten."

A copy of the issue, of which 750,000 were printed and circulated by the U. S. Military Government in Germany, has been received in New York by Methodist Information with acknowledgments of assistance in the project.

So far as could be done in the allocated space, the article effectively illustrates and describes "the present status, history, aims and activities of the largest protestant church of the US." Particular stress is laid upon the democratic nature of Methodist Church government, pointed out, perhaps in contrast to the type of State-Church relationship well-known in Europe. Many of the photographs and much of the text are from the 13½ pages devoted to The Methodist Church in LIFE (November 10, 1947.)

The pictorial magazine is designed to acquaint the German people with America, the rest of the world and Europe's own reconstruction. It is edited by a small staff of Americans and virtually pays its own way.

## 50 YOUNG PEOPLE WANTED FOR INDIA

A call for fifty young men and women to give three years of service each in India or Pakistan, in educational, pastoral, medical, nursing, relief, or in technical services to "newly freed peoples," was issued today by Dr. Ralph E. Diffendorfer, executive secretary of the Board of Missions and Church Extension of the Methodist Church, 150 Fifth Avenue, New York. The call asked for men and women, unmarried, between 21 and 28 years of age, college trained, active members of some church (not necessarily Methodist), and with recommendations as to their Christian character and desire to serve others.

The call by Dr. Diffendorfer was seconded in a statement from Methodist Bishops J. W. Pickett of Delhi, S. K. Mondol of Hyderabad, J. A. Subhan of Bombay, and C. D. Rockey of Lucknow. Said the Bishops: "We want these young folks with their high ideals of youth, international outlook, genuine religious convictions; with their daring, their mistakes, their warm-hearted brotherly love and friendly spirit which will bind them and their Indian co-workers in Christian service."

Most of these young people will be appointed to teaching positions in high schools and colleges, to pastorates in English-speaking churches, to service in hospitals and clinics, and to work in rural and industrial fields throughout India and Pakistan. It is hoped that after three years of such service, some will desire to return to India for lifetime service.

The recruits will have six-weeks of intensive preparation in New York City during July and August. They will sail early in the fall.

In 1948 the Board of Missions recruited, trained and sent to Japan and Korea for three years some 53 young people under similar arrangement as they are now recruiting in India.

## The Sunday School Lesson

By DR. O. E. GODDARD



### THE-TEMPTATION OF JESUS

LESSON FOR JANUARY 30, 1949

SCRIPTURE TEXT: Luke 4:1-13.

**GOLDEN TEXT:** *For we have not a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sinning. (Hebrews 4:15)*

We study today a record of a contest between Jesus and the devil. Contests are very interesting to Americans as is evidenced by the unprecedented attendance at ball games. This contest was not witnessed by human eyes, nor heard by human ears. The only possible explanation is that Jesus told his disciples of the incident herein recorded.

#### The Devil A Real Person

Some people believe that the devil is a myth created by parents and teachers to restrain children from wrong conduct. A person is one who thinks, chooses, loves, and hates. By personal devil I do not mean a creature of hoofs, horns, and spiked tail. There are personalities unnumbered that do not have flesh and blood. Here are three reasons why we believe in a personal devil:

1. The Bible teaches it. All the inspired writers of the Old and New Testament assert or assume the existence of a personal devil. To deny the fact of a personal devil is to repudiate the validity of the Holy Scriptures.

2. The vast amount of devilment we see in the world. A sane person uninfluenced by powers foreign to himself, would not be guilty of the inane and insane conduct so prevalent among men. The devil seems to have entered into all areas of life. A sane business man, in the full possession of his normal faculties, would not surrender his integrity and veracity for "filthy lucre". Alas, in the mad rush for the almighty dollar, some strange power, the devil, causes men to forget their high ideals and increase their profits by illegal ways. The devil has entered, also, the political world. What a travesty on Democracy is a present day election, in our country. Vote buying, ballot stealing, and all other dishonest methods are the direct results of the devil's work. He has the effrontery to cross the sacred thresholds of the home and destroy domestic felicity therein. A fussy and nagging wife is dominated by the devil. A cruel, dominating husband and father is the very devil, himself, incarnate.

Try this test; How much below the ideal you hold for yourself are you living today? This test will demonstrate the measure of the devil's influence upon your life.

3. Personal experience. I heard a great saint on one occasion make this great deliverance, "I know Jesus Christ is alive and active, because I have transacted business with him today." Many devout saints could give a like testimony. All Christians can say they know there is a devil, alive and active, because this day the devil has pestered them. It is a daily warfare to prevent the devil from leading us astray in thought, word, or deed. The historic existence of the devil is as well authenticated as that of Abraham, Moses, Judas, or Benedict Arnold.

#### The Three Temptations

This does not mean that Jesus had only three temptations. He was tempted in all points like as we are, yet without sin. He had all the temptations that any other boy ever had. No doubt he was tempted to steal, fight, be guilty of social indecencies, but being trained in a religious home, where high ideals of moral standards were maintained, having a vague consciousness that he was in the world on a divine mission (As indicated in his visit to the temple), he was enabled to overcome all temptations and reach manhood spotless and pure.

The three temptations were as follows:

1. To use divine power for self gratification. The devil choose an auspicious moment to present the temptation. Immediately after the baptism, when the Holy Spirit descended upon him like a dove, he awoke to the full realization that he was the Messiah. This fact overwhelmed Him and drove Him into the solitude of the wilderness. For forty days and forty nights He neither ate nor slept. So absorbed was He that He was oblivious to the needs of the body. When He had adjusted himself fully to this new relationship, He ceased to struggle and his physical needs became clamorous. His hunger for bread was almost uncontrollable. The devil appeared upon the scene and said that if Jesus was the Son of God and the Messiah, He could command the stones to be turned into bread and eat to his satisfaction. Which thing Jesus could have done. Had He done so, He would have been using divine power for self gratification.

So Jesus resorted to scripture for his defense and said, "Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God." He taught that bread is not the paramount need of man. Man is a citizen of two worlds—heaven and earth. His spiritual or heavenly food is even more important than his physical food. The Bible quotation seemed to defeat the devil at that point.

2. The temptation to use divine power for display. Matthew records this temptation as the devil's taking Jesus up to the pinnacle of the temple and telling Him to cast himself down and thus make an exhibition of God's protecting care. Now the devil tries his hand at quoting scripture; "He shall give his angels charge over thee, to keep thee." You will note that the devil garbed this passage by leaving out the last clause of the verse quoted, "in all thy ways." Now every way of Jesus is a right way but the course proposed by the devil was a wrong way.

Temptation to use divine power for political purposes. This time the devil took Him up into an exceedingly high mountain and showed Him the kingdoms of the world. He showed Him how the Roman empire

had conquered and assimilated all the nations of the world. He told Him how Rome with her seven hills, was the proud mistress of the world, and also that this vast empire was in his hands, and that he had the powers to deliver it to whom he desired (Of course this was false.) The only pay the devil asked was that Jesus would fall down and worship him.

This enraged and outraged Jesus and He turned upon the devil his eye flashing with divine power, and his voice trembling with celestial eloquence, and said witheringly. "Get thee behind me, satan, thou shalt worship the Lord thy God and him only shalt thou serve." This unexpected denunciation on the part of Jesus frightened the wits of the devil and he fled. The devil is a coward and cannot face a hero.

#### Forewarned, Forearmed

Explorers, in unexplored territories, go armed as best they can to meet any ravenous beasts, poisonous serpents, dangerous natives, and infectious diseases. The devil may go about as a roaring lion, or a poisonous serpent, or transform himself into an angel of light, to deceive the very elect.

Let no person imagine that he is old enough, good enough, or wise enough to be exempt from the subtle and fiery darts of the devil. If the devil had the unmitigated effrontery and gall to attack the Son of God, there is no possibility of immunity from him. Therefore it is the part of wisdom to be armed for the conflict against him. St. Paul, the human master-mind of the New Testament, gives interesting instruction about the Christian's needed armor. Please read Ephesians 6:11-18 and endeavor to arm yourself accordingly.

#### A Few Suggestions

1. Avoid the appearance of evil. In my early ministry, I preached that this meant avoid doing anything that looked to be evil even though the thing itself might not be evil. This is what Paul had in mind when he said, "If eating meat will make my brother to offend, I will eat no meat as long as the world stands. However a later study of the meaning of the word "appear" leads me to believe it means to avoid evil when it first appears. "The prudent man forsaketh the evil and hideth himself."

2. Beware of dangerous associations and dangerous places. The newly reformed drunkard should avoid his former drinking friends and the places where intoxicants are sold. Many people have hoped to continue old friendship and associations of their evil life after they have made the start toward right living, only to find the losing battle against them.

3. Beware of secret sinful thoughts. Many people think they can indulge in reveries of sinful thoughts which will never register in their outward conduct. But the Bible says, "As a man thinketh, in his heart, so is he." And again we remember "The countenance is an index to the soul." If a man indulges in the thought of larceny, he is a thief, though he does not commit the act.

4. Study reverently the word of God. In the equipment given by Paul in the above quotation, he said, "Take the sword of the Spirit," or in other words, the Bible. Familiarity with the word of God makes one more alert to the ap-

### STATES FAVOR METHODISTS IN SELECTING GOVERNORS

A survey made by Methodist Information shows that of the 48 governors serving their several states in 1949, 11 are reported as having Methodist preferences.

Episcopalians and Baptists are next with nine and eight governors, respectively. The distribution between other denominations is as follows: Presbyterian, 6; Lutheran, 5; Roman Catholic, 5; Unitarian, 2; Congregationalist, 1; Protestant 1.

States whose governors are reported as members or constituents of The Methodist Church are as follows:

Arkansas, Sid McMath; Iowa, Wm. S. Beardsley; Kentucky, Simon E. Willis; Mississippi, Fielding L. Wright; Missouri, Forest Smith; Oklahoma, Roy J. Turner; South Dakota, George T. Mickelson; Tennessee, Gordon Browning; Texas, Beauford H. Jester; West Virginia, Okey L. Patteson; Wyoming, Lester C. Hunt.

proaches of the devil.

#### A Common Error Refuted

Many people have a delusion that their troubles and temptations are worse than those of other people. An unfortunate wife imagines that she had the most aggravating husband in the world. But there are thousands of other wives thinking the same thing. A husband may sincerely believe that he had the most nagging, impossible wife in the world. But a thousand other husbands are thinking the same thing of their wives. Innumerable sick people think they suffer more than anybody else. They seem to claim a monopoly of their brand of ill and ails, but as a matter of fact there are millions of others agonizing under the same hallucination.

The mighty Paul disillusioned us, "There hath no temptation taken you but such as is common to man: but God is faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able but with the temptation also make a way to escape, that ye may be able to bear it." (I Corinthians 10:13)

Note the exceeding, great and precious promise that we shall not be tempted above that which we are able, but with every temptation God will provide a way of escape.

Mark I Corinthians 10:13 as your spiritual storm house, and when temptation comes flee to it.

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