



To Your Altars, Methodism



By PAUL B. KERN, Bishop of the Nashville Area

DEEP in the heart of The Methodist Church there is something fine and reassuring. It is not always evident in our actions and attitudes, but we cannot long be content if its manifestations are not found in our life. It is the experience of God in the inner life of the believer.

It is for the lack of his mind that we grope in darkness. It is the denial of his love that breaks the circles of our human brotherhoods. Mistake it not—what God wants with this Methodism of ours in this generation is to use it as a free and unobstructed channel for his grace. Are we willing to let God use us to save a world? Not use our money, or our brains, or our human strategies—but us—all we are and all that, by his grace, we can become. Are we willing? That is the real question.

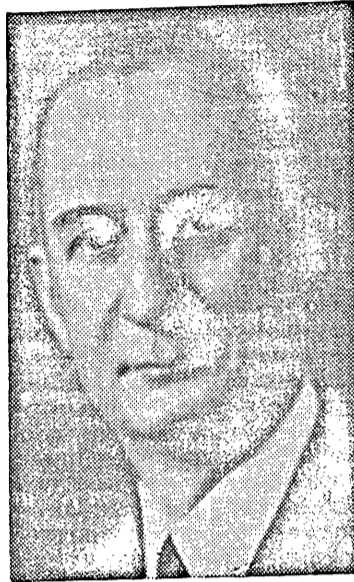
The Week of Dedication comes this year Mar. 13-20. This week is the culmination upon the part of pastor and people. Nothing else should intrude upon these sacred days. We are to turn again to our altars and seek the Lord.

We shall give ourselves to prayer and witnessing. We shall seek the unsaved. We shall search our own hearts, to discover what God's will may be for us.

This is not a week of preaching by the pastor, but a time when laymen—both men and women—shall be given a chance to testify. The young people are to share in the experience. There should be frequent meetings centered around the quest for a deeper religious experience. Every church, on every charge and circuit, should have services.

Our laymen are ready to fill pulpits and

conduct meetings. On Sunday, March 20, it is hoped there will be a service in every Methodist church in America. The pastor and the charge lay leader have received full directions for the



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observance of this Week of Dedication. There is no rigid pattern, but there will be one great spirit moving throughout the length and breadth of our church, and it will all be to the glory

of God and his kingdom.

When we seek for channels through which to express this deepened devotion, it is natural that we should turn to needy spots in our world where we can help to lift the burden from tired and overborne shoulders. So, on the closing Sunday, Mar. 20, there will be a free-will offering in every church for great projects in mission fields abroad and in needy spots at home.

It will not be for ourselves, but for others. It will go for definite nonrecurring items, carefully chosen and each one approved by the executive committee of the Advance for Christ and His Church. Overseas Relief will come first; then a hospital in Central Congo; then a social settlement building in South America. Alaska and Puerto Rico, the Philippines, churches for our Negro congregations will follow—and so on and on. It is earnestly hoped that there will come to these desperately needy projects more than \$1,000,000.

There are no quotas. There are no credits on anything. You must give what is in your heart. It is between you and God, and it will all go at once to a place and a project in Christ's kingdom to which help could come in no other way.

There is a lot of our money that God wants and needs. Or is it our money? Maybe we have been keeping too much of his money for our own use.

Let us enter the Week of Dedication with gladness of heart, rejoicing in the chance to pause long enough in these busy days to catch a fresh vision of his face.



The Advance Special



By COSTEN J. HARRELL, Bishop of the Charlotte Area

WE will not soon forget the achievements of the Crusade for Christ and the blessings which attended it. In a desperate hour our people were asked to contribute \$25,000,000, over and above our regular budgets, to support the manifold and extending ministries of The Methodist Church. Loyal they have responded with more than \$27,000,000.

This achievement has inspired in us a new appreciation of the strength and mission of united Methodism. Those of us who for more than five years have met with the committee whose responsibility it is to dispense Crusade funds have often wondered what would have happened to our work if these funds had not been available. Through their use we have been a Good Samaritan to hundreds of thousands along the Jericho road. Destroyed institutions have been rebuilt; other churches, schools, hospitals, in America and overseas—weakened and depleted by war—have been revitalized. Out of these funds we have been able to send new missionaries, near and far, and to bring hundreds of promising young men and women of other lands to our colleges and universities to prepare themselves for service among their own people.

But the Christian conquest of the world is long and difficult. The church has been at work for nearly 2,000 years, and still our unfinished task is larger than our achievements. If we have the Spirit of Christ, we do not consider things accomplished to be the end of our endeavors, but rather a vantage ground from which to advance to larger tasks. We go on "from Crusade to Conquest."

The General Conference was convinced that our Methodist people desired and expected that their church would open for them effectual channels by which in yet larger ways they might minister to mankind in our Saviour's name. As a result, the Advance for Christ and His Church came into being.

The method and the appeal are different. Rather than appeal for a large sum of money to be administered by a central agency, we seek to individualize and personalize the causes

to which we contribute. By means of Advance Specials, we propose to connect 40,000 Methodist churches with more than 40,000 specific needs at home and abroad. The Advance calls to every Methodist church, however small its membership, to make, in addition to its regular benevolence offering, a special free-will gift to some particular person or situation in the worldwide ministry of the church. Advance Specials may be had in any amount, ranging from a few dollars to many thousands.



Church budgets will always be necessary. Our World Service funds are essential to the church's life and work. Without them our whole structure would fall to pieces. But if, in addition to these basic needs, each church is asked to assume a particular ministry in some place of need, warm Methodist hearts will respond joyfully—and "God loveth the cheerful giver." Advance Specials assumed in large numbers by our churches will revitalize the missionary life of the whole church. We wonder whether we have not lost something out of our missionary appeal by our constant emphasis on large missionary budgets. Our Lord came to save the world, but he specialized in individual persons—a blind man, an epileptic, some fishermen, a woman who was a great sinner and a robber in the pangs of death.

When a congregation takes on its heart a

particular need and of its own accord reaches out its hand to relieve that need, the people experience a resurgence of spiritual life. And when that congregation hears directly of what their gifts are doing, as is the plan with every Advance Special, and the whole missionary program of the church begins to throb with life. A very wise man has said that nothing is real until it becomes local.

The Advance Special offers the further advantage of a continuing program. Heretofore we have resorted largely to campaigns to raise large sums of money. We have set definite goals, and reached them. This has been great gain, but too frequently we have been inclined to consider our task completed when the goal had been reached. We have said to ourselves, "Well done, good and generous servants," and a period of lagging missionary passion has followed.

The Advance program has only a minimum goal. Its purpose is to keep before our people the tragic needs of a lost world, and to persuade them year by year to assume a definite share in the ministry of redemption. As long as the need remains, Specials will be in order. We look forward to the time when Specials from churches and individuals will provide for our current missionary needs, and leave other income for expansion an dcapital investment.

By means of these Specials and directed ministries, reaching across seas and continents, the whole church will more and more be bound together in the fellowship of faith and understanding, and we shall become one body. May God guide us as we take the upward and onward way!

OLYMPIC CHAMPIONS ARE ABSTAINERS

There are more teetotallers in the athletic world than in any other walk of life. I could go through the whole list of British and world Olympic champions and would find that 99 per cent were teetotallers.

—Duncan Wright, British Empire Champion Marathon Runner.

THE DEVOTIONAL PAGE

REV. H. O. BOLIN, Editor

EARLY START

A cartoon depicts a man racing across a station platform, only to see the train pulling out. Remarked a Negro bystander, "You didn't run fast enough, boss!" The man said, "I ran fast enough. The trouble was I didn't start soon enough." How much a fine early start contributed to Samuel's great career as God's prophet! The restored prodigal—an Augustine or a Bunyan made earnest and humble by memory of a wasted youth—is not the ideal type. "When a mere lad," writes Dr. John R. Ewers, "I read this: 'It is the Samuel reared in God's house, who never sowed any wild oats, that God called to be his prophet.' I could not forget the sentence. It guarded my youth like a sentinel." What serenity, continuity, and charm there is about a life that has grown from childhood in the love and service of God!—Evangelical Messenger.

AN INVITATION TO PRAYER

*Come to the morning prayer,
Come, let us kneel and pray;
Prayer is the Christian pilgrim's staff
To walk with God all day.*

*At noon, beneath the Rock
Of Ages rest and pray;
Sweet is the shadow from the heat
When the sun smites by day.*

*At eve, shut to the door,
Round the home altar pray;
And finding there "the house of God"
At "heaven's gate" close the day.*

*When midnight seals our eyes,
Let each in spirit say,
"I sleep, but my heart waketh, Lord,
With thee to watch and pray."*

—James Montgomery, In Poem With
Power To Strengthen the Soul.

A PRESENT HELP

If, now, America were to return to the Bible—the source book of American freedom—we would no more find a blueprint for the tasks before us than our forbears did. But we might find, as they did, those basic and changeless values to which the plans we make must conform. And beyond that, a return to the Bible might revive in us, as it released in them, a quality of faith and vision to match the opportunities that confront us.—Stanley High, In Ex.

and absolute power is absolutely corrupting." Of course, the author of the statement has in mind the power one seeks to advance his own self-interest. John Wesley was once rebuking one of his preachers who had been bitten by the power bug. He said to him, "You seek to be great and I seek to be small." It is well enough for people to be in places of authority and responsibility. Such positions have to be filled. John Wesley occupied such a position. But in such cases the higher authority and responsibility should make the individual more humble; and places of this type should always seek the individual in the place of him seeking them. If Christ is to increase in any life the lust for power must decrease.

Then, if Christ is to increase in the life of the individual, love for material things must go. Christ was always insisting upon this point. He saw people putting second things in life first and he warned them of this great danger. The beloved Apostle John admonished, "Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world; if any man love the world, the love of God is not in him." We live in physical bodies in a material world and we must use it. But one of the greatest lessons all need to learn is how to use the world without loving it.

Last, if Christ is to increase in the individual's life worldly pleasures must decrease. Literally, thousands of church members are participating in activities that are killing their influence for good, destroying their joy in salvation, and making impossible the consciousness of the presence of Christ in their lives. If all members today who do petty gambling, or social drinking, or who are in any way connected with the sale of intoxicants, should drop out of the church, our numbers would be greatly depleted.

John the Baptist said, "He must increase but I must decrease." May all Christians of our troubled time so live that the world can see Christ in them.—H. O. B.

The Methodist Church and its church schools are sincerely devoted to the cause of peace. They work at the fundamental job of keeping alive the love of peace in human hearts. Through its Commission on World Peace our church makes its opinion known and respected throughout the nation, including Washington, D. C.

What improvements have you made in your church school program for children—for youth—for adults?

OPPORTUNITY UNLIMITED

All power is God's power. The man who paints a great picture or writes a good book does it by the power of God. The man who builds a worthwhile home or a successful business does it by the power of God. If we give ourselves in love or service to others, we do it by the power of God.

Life becomes ineffective in one or both of two ways: either when we do not give ourselves fully to become the channel of this power, or when we use what God gives in the wrong way. The weakness of life is due to unappropriated power. The tragedy of life is power misdirected and misused.

If only our lives could become fully open to God's power and to His guiding what might not be accomplished? Jesus could see no limit to what might be done. "With God," he said, "all things are possible."—James Reid, In The Union Signal.

DO LIKEWISE

A recent young convert was asked if he had done anything for Christ since he believed.

"Oh, I am a learner," he replied. "Well, when you light a candle, do you do it to make the candle more comfortable, or to give light?" His friend asked.

"To give light, of course."

"Do you expect it to give light after it is half burned, or when you first light it?"

"As soon as I light it."

"Very well; go and do likewise. Begin at once."

Shortly afterward, there were many more Christians in that town as a result of the young man's testimony.—Bible Expositor.

A PRAYER

Aid us, O Lord, to put aside things of lesser value that we may obtain that which is most worth while. Save us from a muddled existence. Help us to be clear-cut, out-and-out for Christ. Strengthen us to resist sin's temptations, and lead us into the peace and joy of true sons of God. In the name of our Redeemer we pray. Amen.—Evangelical-Messenger.

WHEN DECREASE BECOMES GAIN

Ordinarily we think of decreasing as losing out in the battle of life. When a person decreases in his material possessions, he is less wealthy. When he decreases in the matter of health he is less healthy. When he decreases in his friendships he has fewer friends. On and on one could go showing that in nearly all cases decrease makes for loss. On the other hand there is a decrease that makes for gain.

In speaking of Christ, John the Baptist said, "He must increase but I must decrease." John was the forerunner of Christ. He came to prepare the way for him. The crowds were leaving John to follow Christ. John's disciples seem to have become jealous over it. They came and reported the situation to him. He reminded them that he had told them all along that he was not the Christ. He was perfectly contented to take a back seat in order that Christ might be in the spotlight.

This passage might apply to our lives, though in a little different way. Christ is able to increase in any life only to the extent that the individual in question is willing to decrease. Our Lord was thinking of this matter when he spoke one of the great paradoxes of life: "Then said Jesus unto his disciples, If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me. For whosoever shall save his life shall lose it: and whosoever will lose his life for my sake shall find it." If Christ is to increase in our lives, we must decrease.

We must decrease in our self will. All religions, worthy of the name, require that their votaries give up the desire to live as they please and seek to do the will of God. Christianity promises freedom by so changing the individual's nature that he will do the will of God by free inward choice rather than outward compulsion. This changed nature makes the yoke of Christ easy and his burden light. Buddhism carries this matter of self-surrender to the point that it insists that the individual give up the desire to live at all as an individual. It feels that the greatest good comes when one loses his individuality; his distinct conscious existence flows back

into God who is the source and origin of all life. Christianity does not insist that one give up the desire to live as an individual. It teaches conscious immortality, but it does require that one give up the will to live as he pleases. His self-will must decrease in order that the will of God in his life may increase.

Alfred Tennyson in his poem "In Memoriam" was thinking of the surrender of one's will to the will of God when he addressed these beautiful words to Christ:

*Thou seemest human and divine,
The highest, holiest manhood,
thou.
Our wills are ours, we know not
how;
Our wills are ours, to make them
thine."*

The Prophet Jeremiah was also thinking of the surrender of the human will to the will of God when he used the illustration of the Potter and the clay. Inspired by this event the poet sang:

*"Have Thine own way, Lord!
Have Thine own way!
Thou art the Potter;
I am the clay.
Mold me and make me
After Thy will,
While I am waiting,
Yielded and still."*

Again, if Christ is to increase in the life pride must decrease. There are two types of pride. One is wholesome and the other is bad. One leads to self-respect while the other leads to self-conceit. In one the individual properly evaluates himself and thus avoids the blight of an inferiority complex; while in the other the individual oversells himself to himself and thus becomes filled with egotism. The Pharisee who thanked God that he was better than other people was filled with religious pride. The publican, who in humility confessed his faults, permitted Christ to increase in his life.

Yet again, if Christ is to increase in the life of the individual, lust for power must decrease. There is a quotation that is going the rounds just now: "All power is corrupting

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A WEEKLY MESSAGE

By FORNEY HUTCHINSON

A SERIES OF EPITAPHS

A study of old cemeteries is always full of interest. Epitaphs on old monuments oftentimes carry worthwhile lessons.

The first I wish to consider is that of Noah. It is found in Genesis, 6-9, and with slight modification, reads as follows: "Noah was perfect in his generation." The last clause saves the situation, for in many generations he would fall far short of perfection. It will be recalled that immediately after coming off the ark, he planted a vineyard, made wine from the first ripe grapes, and got maudlin drunk. The result to his family was tragic and disastrous; many times since a drunken father has been a curse to his children. I am glad to say that Noah would not qualify as being perfect in our day. His example was not only imperfect, but a menace.

It reminds me of an epitaph in an old New England cemetery, which reads after this fashion: "Here lies Hannah Smith. She averaged well for this community." That is about all we could say for Noah. He was perfect in his generation and Hannah averaged well for her community.

In England, near the village of Leamington, in a small churchyard, stands a tombstone on which is written this inscription:

*"Here lies a miser who lived for himself,
And cared for nothing but gathering pelf.
Now, where he is, or how he fares,
Nobody knows, and nobody cares."*

In marked contrast to this inscription, may be read on a plain sarcophagus in St. Paul's Cathedral, in London, a tribute to a life of humility and service:

*"Sacred to the memory of General Charles
George Gordon, who at all times gave his
strength to the weak, his substance to the
poor, his sympathy to the suffering, and his
heart to God."*

Perhaps the last is the most meaningful of all:

*"Here lies a soldier whom all must applaud,
He fought many battles, at home and
abroad;
But the hottest engagement he ever was in,
Was the conquest of self in the battle of
sin."*

It seems to me that from these epitaphs come lessons for us who are still living. Looking forward, we ought to try to live up to the epitaph under which we want finally to sleep.

NEWS AND NOTES ABOUT FACTS AND FOLKS

REV. D. L. DYKES, pastor of the Central Methodist Church, Fayetteville, was the speaker at the meeting of the Men's Club of the First Methodist Church of Ft. Smith on Wednesday, February 23rd.

REV. ETHAN DODGEN, district superintendent of the Helena District, announces that Rev. B. M. Sullivan has been appointed to the Colt Charge. He was formerly pastor at Grange in the Batesville District.

MISS AKILLA ZAIDI, an Algerian Christian, who recently was awarded the degree of master of religious education by Scarritt College, is completing training in agriculture and home economics at Cornell University. She will return soon to Algeria, North Africa, to teach in Il Maten Girls School of the Methodist Church.

WORLD Day of Prayer services in thousands of communities on Friday, March 4, under the United Council of Church Women, will be the occasion for the raising of gifts in support of Christian school and church work among sharecroppers, migrants, and neglected Indian tribes; support of religious work in eight women's colleges in China, India, and Japan; and distribution of Christian reading matter to millions of mothers and children in mission fields.

G. L. BAHNER of Conway has presented to Hendrix College a \$5,000 insurance policy on his life, naming Hendrix as beneficiary. The policy has been in force for a number of years, according to E. W. Martin, college treasurer, and proceeds are directed to the benefit of the endowment fund. Mr. Bahner is a 1900 graduate of Hendrix. He is past president of the Alumni Association and has been treasurer of both the Board of Trustees and the college.

BISHOP PAUL E. MARTIN dedicated the new Christian Education building at Lepanto at 11 a. m. on Sunday, February 20. He was assisted by Rev. E. B. Williams, district superintendent, and Rev. Irl Bridenthal, pastor. The pastor assisted in drawing the plans for the building and all funds were raised during his pastorate except one deposit made a few years ago. The building is valued at approximately \$20,000. It includes Sunday School rooms, modern Youngstown kitchen, large dining and Fellowship Hall. It was constructed in 1948.

MISS EDITH E. LOWRY, secretary of the Home Missions Council of North America, announces that a nationwide interdenominational "Home Missions Congress" will be held in Columbus, Ohio, January 24 to 27, 1950. The Congress will re-examine the mission program for the decade to come in the light of these new situations in American life: post-war population shifts, integration of foreign-speaking groups; revision of city church programs for changing neighborhoods, integration of displaced persons into national life, increased juvenile delinquency, and need for new churches.

MARTIN LUTHER'S idea that he should feed good soup to an undernourished friend while he was also praying for his return to good health, is demonstrated dramatically by the Woman's Society of Christian Service of the South Ashland (Kentucky) Methodist Church, which in 1948 organized a "Pray and Work for Peace" group. At each meeting they prayed for world peace, then set to work and made some 75 quilts to send to Europe through the Methodist Committee for Overseas Relief as a demonstration of their willingness to serve less fortunate brothers and sisters. "This is a way to promote goodwill and brotherhood," says Mrs. J. C. Hager, the Society's leader.

THE Chapel Choir of Hendrix College which consists of twenty-six voices will leave on March 5 for a week's tour in northwestern Arkansas. The choir, under the direction of J. Glenn Metcalf, will give programs of both sacred and secular music to church and school audiences in ten towns in that part of the state. On the itinerary of the choir are Paris, Springdale, Ft.

Smith, Fayetteville, the University of Arkansas, Rogers, Eureka Springs, Harrison, Yellville, Mountain Home and Clinton. On February 28, the choir will present an afternoon program for the students and faculty of the Arkansas School for the Blind in Little Rock. In the evening the choir will appear at the Robinson Memorial Auditorium in a program sponsored by the Little Rock Musical Coterie.

AT the request of various governments, and under the auspices of the Committee on World Literacy and Christian Literature of the Foreign Missions Conference of North America, Dr. Frank C. Laubach, his son Robert, and an artist couple, Mr. and Mrs. Philip Gray, are now on a six-months' tour of Siam, India, Australia, New Guinea and Korea on a program of teaching new tribes and language troupes to read and write. The Laubachs are the experts in the phonetic-picture method language instruction; the Grays are the artists who make the pictures and design phonetic charts. "The illiterates of the world are fast coming to the state where they want to read as much as a blind man wants to see," says Dr. Laubach. By methods he has developed for more than 50 languages, about 20,000 illiterates are being taught each year to read.

BECAUSE many hundreds of foreign students now in this country, especially those from China and elsewhere in the Orient, are "stranded and nearly penniless" because of the deteriorating financial conditions in the lands from which they have come, church leaders of several denominations are urging church members to write their senators and congressmen in approval of pending legislation which would make available an emergency appropriation of \$2,500,000 to carry needy foreign students in school until June 1949. They point out that such a step would go a long way toward helping foster international goodwill. Meanwhile Methodist Church educational leaders are urging their church members to develop in college towns and cities throughout the country projects of housing as well as increased scholarships and support for such students from overseas mission areas.

BISHOP GARBER IS SAFE

In response to numerous inquiries, the Board of Missions and Church Extension of the Methodist Church has issued announcement that Bishop Paul Garber is not personally involved in the recent arrest of fifteen Protestant leaders in Bulgaria, and that he was in Switzerland at the time of arrests in Bulgaria.

There was no indictment of Bishop Garber. Some of the fifteen arrested had been in contact and communication with the Bishop concerning matters of Methodist church administration and relief activities there; this seemed to be the facts behind the charge of "political connection" with "American spies."

Neither can anything be done to affect the person of Bishop Garber, to remove him to Bulgaria, or to have him testify at the forthcoming trial of the fifteen, says the Board.

METHODISTS OF ARKANSAS HAVE DONE IT AGAIN

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state. More than twenty-one thousand of these papers go to homes within our state. With such a coverage of the Methodist homes within the state, The Arkansas Methodist is in a position to render a vital service to our church in Arkansas. For this wonderful opportunity we again express our sincere thanks to those who have made it possible.

A man said to Stanley Jones, "My church is the Church." Replied the tolerant and noted leader, "Go fill your bath tub, put some salt in it, and call it the ocean."—Rev. Clinton C. Cox, Drexel Park Presbyterian Church, Chicago.

Look . . . The Fields

By RALPH E. DIFFENDORFER

WE are not ashamed to ask our fellow Methodists to make generous special gifts to foreign missions through the Advance for Christ and His Church, because we believe that the foreign missions advance is the most significant way to bring to bear upon the needs of mankind the gospel of Christ, which is the power of God unto salvation to everyone that believes.

In our generation we are witnessing the struggle of the world for a new birth, a struggle in which many social arrangements, and political and economic systems are clashing as they offer themselves as a remedy for the ills of the world. The Christian mission has a more profound message than man-made systems. It challenges people at the point of their deepest need—the necessity of reconciliation with God their creator and with their fellow men. Christianity dares to face the reality of sin which separates man from God and man from man and offers, as the only adequate remedy, the love and power of God.

The missionary movement is both an uplift and a reform movement, though it is not Lady Bountiful condescending to distribute largesse to the poor out of her superfluity, and, it is much more, with a deeper motive God has loved us and given his Son that we might be saved. Jesus Christ went about doing good and suffered and died to show us God's love. In his risen power he commands us to go into all the world making disciples, baptizing, and teaching everything that he commanded us. As we do this, we discover the reality of his everlasting presence. It is he who is working in the mission fields, through the humble witness of missionaries and ministers of every nationality and countless devoted Christians.

In this spirit the work of missions is being carried on by every conceivable method. Hospitals, clinics and public-health programs are maintained in the spirit of the Great Physician; schools are conducted following the example of the Great Teacher; and the gospel is proclaimed from pulpit and broadcasting station and by the printed word as we remember that Jesus came reaching the good news of the kingdom of God.

Believing that this missionary work is the most important task of our generation, the General Conference has challenged every Methodist, every church and every Annual Conference to make special gifts to missions. On the first day of the month after these gifts are received in the office of the treasurer of the Division of



DR. RALPH E. DIFFENDORFER

Foreign Missions your gifts is started on its way to the work for which it is designated (unless, of course, it is for a project such as a building where the total amount must be accumulated before it can be used). Through special gifts you can help cure a child in a hospital, give a chance to a boy in school, or bring to a soul bound by selfishness and hatred and fear, the releasing power of the gospel.

The reason why it is possible for your gifts to work so quickly and effectively is that for generations life and energy and devotion have been poured out to build up in every country a

Christian church continually witnessing to Christ and ministering to human needs. Christian missionaries have ventured into distant lands, have mastered little-known languages, have adapted themselves to strange customs, have preached the gospel and helped people in the name of Christ, and have endured persecution, suffering and death for their Lord.

In all this process they have built up good will and confidence and expectancy in the people among whom they lived. They have erected hospitals and schools and churches and have started agricultural centers in the villages and social settlements in the cities.

We are the inheritors of the resulting Christian fellowship which God has brought together by means of the labors and sacrifices of devoted souls. It is through this great fellowship and heritage that your gift ministers to people all over the world in the name of Jesus.

For many years individual Methodists and many Methodist churches have been making special gifts to foreign missions. Now the General Conference has suggested that whole Conferences may make special gifts. A Conference project can be large enough so that at the end of four years, the people of the Conference can really see and measure the work done in terms of buildings erected, of people who have heard the gospel, who have obtained an education, or who were healed in those buildings.

Think what it will mean for the rebirth of vital Christianity in Europe, when the three Indiana Conferences have finished rebuilding and equipping The Methodist Publishing House in Germany and a stream of evangelical literature full of vital Christian ideas starts flowing into the minds of the people of Germany! Imagine what it will mean for the Methodist movement in Cuba, to have Florida Conferences solidly behind it with their prayers, their interest and their special gifts.

Relationships are being established and channels opened which will weave bonds of Christian fellowship around the world and open up the way for the power of God to work in the world to his glory and the salvation of mankind. Let the Advance spread throughout the church!

Invincibility In Advance

By FRED P. CORSON, Bishop of the Philadelphia Area

THERE are some movements and institutions which live only as they go forward. For them, to remain static is to die.

The church, which is Christianity's organized form and expression, is such a movement and such an institution. To have Christ signing in the heart and lifting all of the levels of life, we must constantly go forward, do more and extend our outposts in his name.

The Grand Army of France in Napoleon's day was said to sense this necessity for their use and to possess what was called an "invincibility in advance." They were magnificent when they went forward to the attack. They stood ground when they sought only to hold what they had gained.

We need to understand this as the strategy of our warfare and the price of our victory for Christ and His Church. For the Christian and the way of living there is invincibility only in advance.

The Advance for Christ and His Church sets up this central idea for successful Christian living, making it both our marching order and battle cry. It also presents us with a workable plan for its accomplishment. On the personal side it opens the way to the conquest of these unexplored spiritual realms within every soul by the deepening and strengthening of our faith through the understanding of it and a commitment to it.

Beyond ourselves the Advance offers us a comprehensive program for the world which establishes Christ more securely where his work is now being done and offers him to the wider world of those whose lives have not been touched

by his.

For this we are asked to lift our World Service giving 33½ per cent above the apportionments made for World Service in 1944. When



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we do this we will have given the church only the power to maintain the mission program at home and in the foreign field which was in operation in 1944. This advance we must make to hold our own.

Beyond this, in special gifts and by means of the Week of Dedication offerings, we are

asked to give in this quadrennium an amount equal to about 75 per cent of the \$25,000,000 goal of the Crusade for Christ—\$18,000,000. These special gifts make possible extra missionary and Christian relief projects at home and abroad. The donors, either individual, church or Conference, can select the projects to which they wish their special gifts to be applied from approved lists prepared by the Division of Home Missions and Church Extension, and the Committee for Overseas Relief. The total fund to be raised through Specials, in so far as is practicable, is to be divided in the following manner: 60 per cent to the work of Foreign Missions, 30 per cent to the work of Home Missions and Church Extension and 10 per cent to Methodist Overseas Relief.

These "Specials" constitute our power to advance.

In them is the strength of the church's invincibility. Through them we have a plan, based upon the ability of the church to meet the pagan challenge of our times. By them we go forward the second mile in our crusade to make the world Christian.

FEAR

Many people are slaves to their fears. The greatest liberator from the enslavement of fear is faith.

Like Sancho Panza in Don Quixote, who hung all night with fear from the ledge of a window and found by the light of day that his toes were about an inch from the ground—we, too, are nearly as foolishly fearful. We tremble when we should be trusting.—Rush Glenn Miller, Pulpit Preaching.



THE CHILDREN'S PAGE

ANNIE WINBURN, Editor



IN STORYLAND

WINNIE UNEARTHS A STORY

Winnie picked up the bit of broken china. It was the prettiest piece she had ever seen, creamy white with a gay pattern of softly colored field flowers, dull blue and deep yellow and lavender, and warm rose. She rubbed it against her pinafore and got off the last particle of sandy soil. She turned it over. On the back was a queer-looking signature and a date, "1826."

"Why, that's a hundred years old!" said Winnie. "I'd like to know whose it was, a hundred years ago." She left the new playhouse and went to show it to mother.

Mother turned it in her hands with a curious smile. "Did you find this under the dogwood trees?" she asked.

"Yes, mother, when I was sweeping the dead leaves away to make a playhouse. See, it's a hundred years old! Who do you reckon it belonged to then?"

"It belonged to your great-grandmother, dear Winnie," said mother. "When she was married her brother in France sent her six of these plates. Fine china was rare and costly then, and she was very proud of them. She kept them all until she was old, then she gave one of them to each of her six daughters. My mother used hers for a cake plate. And she always let me pass the little iced cakes when she had a tea party. And I held that plate very carefully too, I can tell you!" Mother laughed softly. "I always wanted it for my playhouse, more than anything in the world! I never had a real tea set like yours, only bits of china that had been broken."

For the first time Winnie realized that once mother was a little girl herself. "Where was your playhouse, mother?" she asked eagerly.

"Come on," said mother, "I'll show you!" She took Winnie's hand, and together they went out through the backyard gate. They followed the small beckoning path down the little hill until they came to the brook. It was a noisy little brook, always in a hurry, and on the banks beside it grew blue and white violets and starry pink crow's-feet. They stepped across it and climbed the steep bank beyond and came to the sweet dogwood thicket.

"Right here's where I found it," said Winnie.

Mother nodded with that curious little smile on her lips again and a far away look in her eyes. "It's where my playhouse was," she whispered. They sat down side by side.

"But how did you get the plate, mother?" persisted Winnie. "You never did tell me."

"I was so busy remembering things that I forgot it," said mother. "Well, one day mother was having a big tea party for the minister and his wife. They were going to China. He was a big, tall man, very gentle and kind and very near-sighted and awkward. Mother let me wear my red cashmere dress that day and my white apron with its ruffle all starched and fluted. I was going to pass the cakes as usual. I was much excited. And I loved to hear the

ladies telling each other that I was 'Such a helpful child!' 'So graceful!' 'A perfect little lady!' I was making my way among the guests, and the minister was standing by the fireplace. But as I came up behind him, he turned to sit down, his foot caught in the hearthrug, and he fell sprawling, knocking me down at the same time. I got up, not hurt at all. He got up and said he wasn't hurt either, but terribly outdone, of course. But the lovely plate was broken into thirteen pieces!"

"Oh, dear!" cried Winnie. "I bet you were glad the preacher did it!"

"I was, dear Winnie!" said mother, laughing. "Of course no one could scold the minister. It was just laughed off, as if it were nothing. But when everybody had gone home, mother cried a little and gave me the pieces for my playhouse." Mother looked around her as if she were coming back from a far-away place. "And this is the very spot. Of course the trees were little then, and the ground was not so shaded, so grass and wild flowers grew under them. I had a board between those two trees for my china cupboard, and there I kept the broken plates."

"Mother," said Winnie curiously,



A FRIENDLY SMILE!

*I had a friendly smile,
I gave that smile away;
The milkman and the postman
Seemed glad of it each day.*

*I took it to the shop
I had it in the street;
I gave it without thinking
To all I chanced to meet.*

*I gave my smile away
As thoughtless as could be;
And every time I gave it
My smile came back to me.*

—Trinity, Waycross, Bulletin.
In the Wesleyan Christian
Advocate

IN THE WORLD OF BOYS AND GIRLS

WHY MR. HORSE AND MRS. GIRAFFE ARE ENEMIES

Long, long ago Mrs. Giraffe and Mr. Horse were fast friends. But Mr. Horse became so boastful about his fast running that Mrs. Giraffe grew weary of hearing him boast.

"I can run faster than any other animal," Mr. Horse told Mrs. Giraffe.

"You cannot run faster than I," challenged Mrs. Giraffe.

"Ho, ho, haw, haw," laughed Mr. Horse. "I can run much, much faster!"

At this Mrs. Giraffe became very, very angry and pulled out a long hair from Mr. Horse's mane and two from his tail and swallowed them, no easy feat, as they were several feet long.

"Well, friends," Mr. Camel spoke up, "suppose tomorrow at nine o'clock you run a race, and that will settle the argument."

"Very well," Mrs. Giraffe agreed, "we shall run a race, and we shall see what we shall see."

"I will win this race by several miles," Mr. Horse boasted.

At this remark Mrs. Giraffe sat back on a big rock and laughed till the tears ran down her long neck.

"Look here, old Spotted Face," Mr. Horse scolded, "you laugh too soon!"

The next morning at exactly nine o'clock Mr. Camel, Mrs. Giraffe, Mr. Horse and many of their friends met for the race.

When Mr. Camel said "Go!" Mr. Horse and Mrs. Giraffe started. They were both very swift. Mrs. Giraffe always gained, however, when they came to broken ground and rocks, as she could hop over these like a huge frog. When she was ahead she would turn her long neck and laugh and laugh at Mr. Horse.

This made Mr. Horse angry and he would run faster than ever.

All the animals were excited over the race. The ones who were friends of Mrs. Giraffe wore large blue ribbons, and the friends of Mr. Horse wore scarlet ribbons.

Toward the end of the race there was much yelling and cheering for the two runners.

Faster, faster, faster they came! All the animals were wondering who would win.

They had almost reached their goal! The animals were pushing to get a good view of the best part of the race. Mr. Horse was running as fast as a horse ever ran since the world began, and Mrs. Giraffe was leaping as she had never leaped before.

They came faster, faster, faster! But my, my, my, neither one was ahead! They were side by side. The animals were very much worried.

"It will be a great disappointment to all of us," Mr. Camel said "we want a winner."

Faster, faster, faster came Mr. Horse and Mrs. Giraffe! At last they reached the goal, but they were still side by side. Neither had won.

Mr. Camel was ready to call the

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JUST FOR FUN

Amid the silence of an awed house, the juggler reached the climax of his performance. While balancing a ball on top of a stick on his nose and keeping three more balls in the air, he also whirled a ring around one foot.

The silence was shattered by a little girl who piped up: "He couldn't do that if he was whirling a ring around his other foot as well." —Daily Telegraph. (Great Britain)

"I want some magazines several years old," said the young man to the clerk. "I'm a doctor, and I want them for my waiting room."

"Of course, you're joking?"

"Not at all. Why should everybody know I just started to practice yesterday?"

"truly, weren't you kind of glad he broke it?"

"I'm afraid I was," admitted mother, "but I didn't let mother know it until he sent her a very beautiful new one from China!" —Christian Observer.

Advance In Church Schools

By JOHN Q. SCHISLER, Board of Education

FAITH FIRST, THEN "WORKS"

By Harry Denman
Board of Evangelism

THE quadrennial church-school goals and emphases, which were adopted by the General Conference outline the plans which we are making to realize listed objectives. "Briefly stated these are: (1) Reach the people by increasing membership and attendance in the church school. (The goal for the entire church is an increase of 1,700,000 in the quadrennium.) (2) Win all church-school pupils for Christ and membership in the church. (The goal for the quadrennium is 1,000,000 for the entire church.) (3) Enlist young people and young adults in life service vocations. (4) Study the Christian program. (5) Challenge and teach families to be Christian. (6) Teach the facts about beverage alcohol. (7) Elevate the stewardship ideal in the church school. (8) Strengthen the church schools in rural churches. (9) Educate for a Christian social and world order. (10) Cultivate commitment to teaching Christ in all life's relationships. . . .

"We would like also to offer our services in carrying forward the entire Advance program thus:

"1. To provide leadership through

the Division of the Local Church for the meetings of teachers sched-



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uled as part of the program of the preaching mission,

"2. To assist in the preparation of

study discussion guides for use with the study units in each area.

"3. To encourage a wide use of these materials in our church schools and leadership training schools.

"4. To encourage youth groups to study in these areas, especially in camps, institutes and assemblies.

"5. To assist in setting up coaching conferences and leadership training classes for those who will teach courses in the four areas in local churches.

"6. To make careful plans for the Board of Education's share in carrying out the emphases on Our Church from October, 1950 through January, 1951.

"7. To continue to encourage increased support for World Service and Conference benevolences through the Fourth Sunday offerings.

"8. To maintain and strengthen the support of the Methodist Youth fund, which is proving so significant in the youth and mission programs.

"9. To counsel with the program committee of the Advance in each Annual Conference relative to the placement of 'Specials' in church schools."

The last night he was here in the flesh, Christ said, "He that believeth on me, the works that I do shall he do also, and greater works than these shall he do, because I go to my Father." The only thing that limits Christ from working today is the lack of our faith in him. The Advance for Christ and His Church is beamed to the church members to increase their faith in Christ. We hope to see every member who has sufficient faith in Christ telling others of him.

The General Board of Evangelism is following the leadership of the Council of Bishops and the Committee on the Advance for Christ and His Church by helping to train preachers and laymen to do evangelistic work.

During the period of Advance the board proposes to train in visitation evangelism two ministers of each district who have been nominated by their district superintendents. These ministers will, in turn, help to train 20,000 ministers and 500,000 laymen who will visit in teams of two and win 2,000,000 persons on the profession of faith for Christ and His Church.

It is our desire to help the man in the pulpit to give the invitation to the unbeliever after he has preached to him about Our Faith. We hope that every minister who has proclaimed his faith from the pulpit will give an invitation to the unconverted to confess their faith in Christ and unite with the church. We hope to train 300 young men how to preach evangelistic sermons, how to give the invitation, how to deal with the penitent, and how to help them grow in Christian faith.

It is our purpose to ask the families of Methodism to confess their faith in the living Christ by worshipping him daily in their homes as families, and by worshipping him on the Sabbath day in the sanctuary also as families.

We expect to tell the multitudes of unconverted and unchurched about Our Faith. We hope we can tell them over the radio, through the printed page, by television, and on billboards. We hope we can tell them on the streets, in the shop and store, and on the farm. We want an inner compulsion and a consuming passion for souls to drive us.

We would like for The Methodist Church to see what God could do with one church. Do we, as a church, believe in Christ enough to abide in him and let the Holy Spirit work through us to win men and women, boys and girls?

Lord, we desire a faith of life that will be full of the works of Christ.

Promoting The Advance In Our Colleges

By JOHN O. GROSS, Board of Education

THE re-assertion of our faith and a renewal of the practices it produces is a stated aim of the Advance for Christ and His Church. Now more than ever the church must recognize that, if Christianity continues, it must be surrounded by an environment made by Christian leaders. Since leadership largely rests with statesmen, scientists, educators, editors, actors, and writers, the church will not be able to realize its hopes for a Christian world order unless it gives attention to the education of Christian leaders.

For this reason the church dare not shift its ministry to students into an eddy apart from its main stream. It must move with increased concern into the nation's educational centers and commit future leaders to the church's forward program.

A militant church, like an advancing army, needs continuous reinforcements. Within the next few years The Methodist Church will need 875 ministers annually and more than 500 for new work and replacements in the mission field. These will come from the church's own institutions—its colleges and

theological schools.

The Methodist tradition about the need for youth training has been confirmed by years of experience.



DR. JOHN O. GROSS

Any shortcomings identified with the program have sprung from lack

of close associations between the church and its institutions. In some instances the church has charged that those responsible for religious trusts have been indifferent to the needs of the church. On the other hand, the institutions, because of inadequate support, have sought help and favor from persons without religious convictions who supported education out of a sense of social obligation.

But fortunately now in this time of advance the influences that have inhibited the development of close working relations have spent their force. The movement in educational circles is toward a rediscovery of values and the spiritual emphases that undergird them.

Across the country now Annual Conferences are increasing both their interest in and support of our educational enterprises. The number of pre-ministerial students in our colleges and in our theological seminaries is greatest in the church's history.

Now in the Advance for Christ and His Church, the educational institutions are united with the church to fulfill their historic role in society.

American groceries and dry goods. The Methodist parsonage is very nice and screened and has running water and lights. It is to the rear of the church in Nueva Gerona the capital city of the island. It has ample grounds and a garage. There are telephone and telegraph connections to Havana.

The two small congregations of Anglo-Saxons on the island, one in Nueva Gerona and the other in Santa Barbara are mostly Americans, English and Canadians. These are Methodism's two congregations of Americans, or English-speaking people.

There are Lutheran congregations

on the island, and there are Pilgrim Holiness and Church of God congregations. Then there are twenty-two congregations of Cuban Methodists on the Isle of Pines. As soon as the missionary can learn enough Spanish to conduct services among them, the Board would like for him to assist some of these congregations. Eighteen of the congregations are without a pastor and without spiritual leadership.

There is a Methodist day school in Nueva Gerona. There is also an American school for American and other English speaking children in the island.

PASTOR WANTED ON ISLE OF PINES

The picturesque and storied Isle of Pines lies sixty miles south of Cuba in the Carribean Sea—a 37-minute plane trip from Havana, and a bit longer by boat. Here there are no less than twenty-two congregations of Cuban Methodists.

The Board of Missions and Church Extension (150 Fifth Avenue, New York City) is seeking a minister and his wife, preferably with some years of experience in America, to serve as pastor and supervise two English-speaking Methodist churches on the Island. "This", says Dr. M. O. Wil-

liams, personnel office of the Board, "is a very challenging appointment, especially for a missionary minded couple who would like to learn Spanish." Anyone interested should write Dr. Williams at once.

The Isle of Pines has mountainous hills rising up from many parts of the land, and the bathing beaches are fine. It is 35 or 40 miles in its greatest dimensions and is well drained. Oranges and grapefruit and winter vegetables and melons provide the chief sources of income. It is a healthful island, and well drained. Farm produce is plentiful and good. Stores in Nueva Gerona are able to supply a good line of

**BRINKLEY ORGANIZES
METHODIST MEN'S
FELLOWSHIP**

On Thursday evening, January 27, there were fifty men of the Brinkley Methodist Church gathered in the fellowship hall of the church for a delicious supper prepared and served by the ladies of the Woman's Society.

Rev. Ethan Dodgen, district superintendent, gave the invocation. After the meal, Dr. Matt Ellis, President of Hendrix College, and Conference Lay Leader was presented to the group, and he gave a very interesting and inspiring address on "The Place Of Laymen In the Program Of the Methodist Church."

Following the address, the Charge Lay Leader, Charley Wilkin, presided and the following men were elected as officers of the Men's Fellowship organization: President, Fred L. Simmons; Vice-president, E. E. Whitehurst; Secretary-Treasurer, Harvey Midkiff. The group voted to meet regularly on the 4th Thursday night of each month.

In addition to Dr. Ellis and Bro. Dodgen, other guests present were Rev. R. E. Connell, district superintendent of Conway District and Rev. E. C. Hance, pastor at Wheatley. It was the general opinion of all the men present this night of fun and fellowship was among the best experienced in a long time. Rev. Jesse L. Johnson is pastor.—Reporter.

**HENDRIX FELLOWSHIP
TEAM**

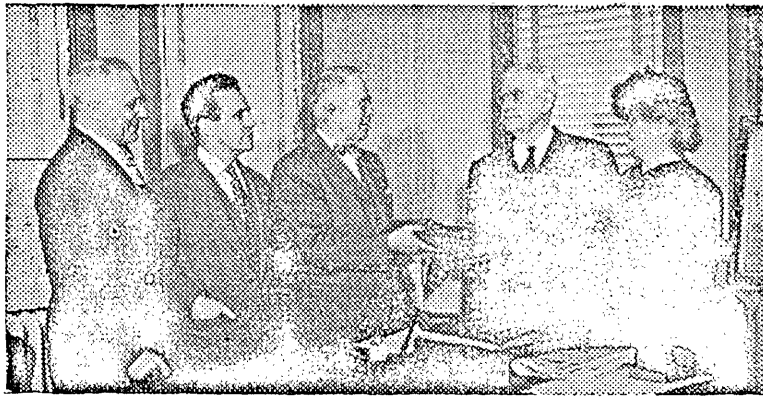
A Methodist Youth Fellowship Team from Hendrix College came to the Havana Methodist Church Sunday, February 6, for the purpose of interesting our young people in organizing a local M. Y. F.

The team was composed of Sue Plummer, Mary Mitchell, Connie May, Hettye Lou Wilson, Howard Cox, Wendell Evanson, Ashley Ross, Pryor Cruce, and Rev. James S. Upton, Professor of Religion.

Wendell Evanson led the devotional and introduced the group preceding the 11 o'clock sermon, which was delivered by Pryor Cruce.

At the afternoon session, Wendell Evanson led the group singing of hymns. Sue Plummer and Connie

RETIRED BOARD SECRETARY HONORED



CHICAGO—A bound volume containing letters of appreciation from church leaders all over the nation was presented recently to Dr. George L. Morelock, executive secretary emeritus of the General Board of Lay Activities of The Methodist Church. The presentation was made by Ray H. Nichols of Vernon, Texas, president of the board, in recognition of Dr. More-

lock's 26 years of consecrated leadership in men's work in Methodism. Shown in the picture are, left to right: Henry V. Loeppert, Chicago, assistant treasurer of the board and lay leader of the Rock River Conference; Chilton G. Bennett, Dr. Morelock's successor as executive secretary; Mr. Nichols; and Dr. and Mrs. Morelock. (MacLeod Photo)

May discussed different phases of the work of a M. Y. F. Hettye Lou Wilson taught and led the group in singing a number of spirituals. The recreation program was directed by Howard Cox. Rev. James Upton spoke to the adults and urged them to accept their responsibility of providing Christian environment and recreation for the youth in the community. Rev. Billy V. Dennis, pastor of the Havana Church, also a Hendrix student, expressed the thanks and appreciation of the church to the visitors for their help and interest. Arvest Lawson, another Hendrix student, who is pastor of the Corinth and Cedar Creek Churches attended the afternoon meeting. Howard Cox brought the message at the evening hour.

We feel that the day was very helpful and of great value to the church.—Reporter.

Character reference: "When I met him I was looking down, and when I left him, I was looking up."—Robert Louis Stevenson, Scottish author.

Have members of your church school been led to commitment to Christ and his way of life?

**NEWS ABOUT HENDRIX
COLLEGE**

Students to Attend Vocations Clinic

Rev. J. S. Upton, professor of religion, and six students were to be in Jonesboro Feb. 11 to 13 conducting a Christian vocations clinic.

Approximately 100 young people of the Jonesboro District of the Methodist Church are expected to attend the clinic. Meetings will be held at Jonesboro First Methodist Church, of which Dr. W. Henry Goodloe is pastor. Christian vocations, including those of the minister, missionary, and worker in religious recreation and education were on the program to be discussed.

Four other clinics of a similar nature are scheduled for the next few months, according to Mr. Upton. They are for the Camden District at El Dorado, Feb. 25-26; Fort Smith District at Fort Smith, March 25-26; Arkadelphia District at Hot Springs, May 6-7; and Searcy District at Harrison, May 13-14.

Students scheduled to accompany Mr. Upton to Jonesboro are Wilbur Redwine of Little Rock, Martha Love of Jonesboro, Sue Osment of

Jonesboro, George Wayne Martin of Morrilton, Connie May of Fort Smith, and Fred Holt of Warren.

Play Cast Announced

Play cast for the first major production this semester, is announced by Miss Geneva Eppes of the speech department. The play, a three-act comedy entitled "The Ghost of a Chance," is scheduled to be presented March 3-5.

Leads in the play will be taken by Marilyn Bandy of DeQueen, Wendell Evanson of Wynne and Juanita Lane of Conway. Author of the play is Vincent Struthers.

The twelve-member cast also includes Mary Lee Wann, Batesville; Joy Lynne Buckley, Pine Bluff; Dolly Huff, Newport; Bill Cook, Searcy; Virginia VanSickle, El Dorado; Bob Newton, Warren; Arthur Porter, Morrilton, Bob Ritter, Rogers; and Jo Ann Scott, Conway.

Mr. De La Fuente To Give Concert

James de La Fuente, former member of the music department was scheduled to present a program of violin music at the college February 14.

Mr. de la Fuente taught at Hendrix from 1943 to 1946 as southwestern representative of the Juilliard Music Foundation and is now a concert violinist with the Community Concerts Association.

In making this appearance at Hendrix Mr. de La Fuente hopes to increase interest in memberships in the Arkansas State Symphony Association Guild. Schools in the state have been asked to help in reaching a \$30,000 goal for the symphony.

Dr. Ellis Co-Author of Publication

President Matt L. Ellis is one of 12 co-authors of a recent publication of the national Methodist committee on public relations for educational institutions.

Dr. Ellis is the author of a chapter entitled "Student Promotion Through the Local Church." Dr. Ellis emphasizes several ways in which a college may contact new students through members of its student body who automatically become "traveling ambassadors".

Hendrix graduate Goodloe R. Stuck, formerly of Jonesboro and past public relations officer for Centenary College in Shreveport, also appears in the publication as a co-author.—Margaret Pullig.



Supplemental Report Of Circulation Campaign



This report carries only subscriptions received since last report, together with present charge totals of charges reporting additional subscriptions. It carries also present district totals.

Charge and Pastor	New	Present	Renewal	Total
ARKADELPHIA DISTRICT				
Present District Total 1172				
Hot Springs Ct., Albert Burroughs	1			13
Hot Springs:				
Grand Avenue, C. Ray Hozendorf	2	1		115**
Pullman Heights, H. R. Holland	2			37
CAMDEN DISTRICT				
Present District Total 1683**				
Camden, Fairview, Charles H. Giessen	1	2		102**
El Dorado, Centennial, P. D. Alston	3	6		10
Emerson Ct., Elbert Jean	2			16
Fordyce, R. A. Teeter	1	4		73
LITTLE ROCK DISTRICT				
Present District Total 1788				
Little Rock:				
First Church, Aubrey G. Walton	1			213
Forest Park, Ralph Sewell	1			39**
Highland, J. L. Tucker	1	4		74
St. Mark's	2			3
Scott Street, R. F. Sorrells	2			66**
Twenty-eighth Street, S. T. Baugh	1			69**
MONTECELLO DISTRICT				
Present District Total 1070**				
Drew Ct., George L. Glasgow	2	2		33
Hermitage, Robert L. Riggan	1			65
Lake Village, J. Ralph Clayton	1	1		26**
Monticello, Roland E. Darrow	1	1		63**

Charge and Pastor	New	Present	Renewal	Total
New Edinburg, C. R. Andrews	1			33
Wilmar Ct., Harold Scott	2			20
PINE BLUFF DISTRICT				
Present District Total 1201				
Bayou Meto Ct., Palmer Garner	1	3		32*
Gillett, Jeff Paul		7		53**
Pine Bluff:				
Hawley Memorial, C. D. Cade	1			41
Pine Bluff Ct., J. B. Swain	6			17
Roe Ct., S. W. Mooty	1			40
Sherrill-Tucker, A. E. Jacobs	1	2		30**
PRESCOTT DISTRICT				
Present District Total 880				
Bingen Ct., J. R. Callicott	3	1		34
Blevins Ct., L. C. Gatlin	2			57**
TEXARKANA DISTRICT				
Present District Total 1175**				
Mena, Mark F. Vaught	1			86**
Texarkana, Fairview, Fred L. Arnold	1	1		78**
Texarkana Ct., C. H. Gilliam	1	2		34
BATESVILLE DISTRICT				
Present District Total 1165**				
Batesville, Central Ave., J. H. Hoggard	1			79**
Newport:				
First Church, Roy I. Bagley	11	66		78
Elmo-Oil Trough Extension	2	12		14
Newport Umsted Mem., J. M. Hughes	1			27**
Viola Ct., Luther Love	1	3		4
CONWAY DISTRICT				
Present District Total 1590**				
Morrilton, Ct. No. 1, Norris Steele	4	8		15
North Little Rock:				
Gardner Memorial, V. E. Chalfant	1	3		76

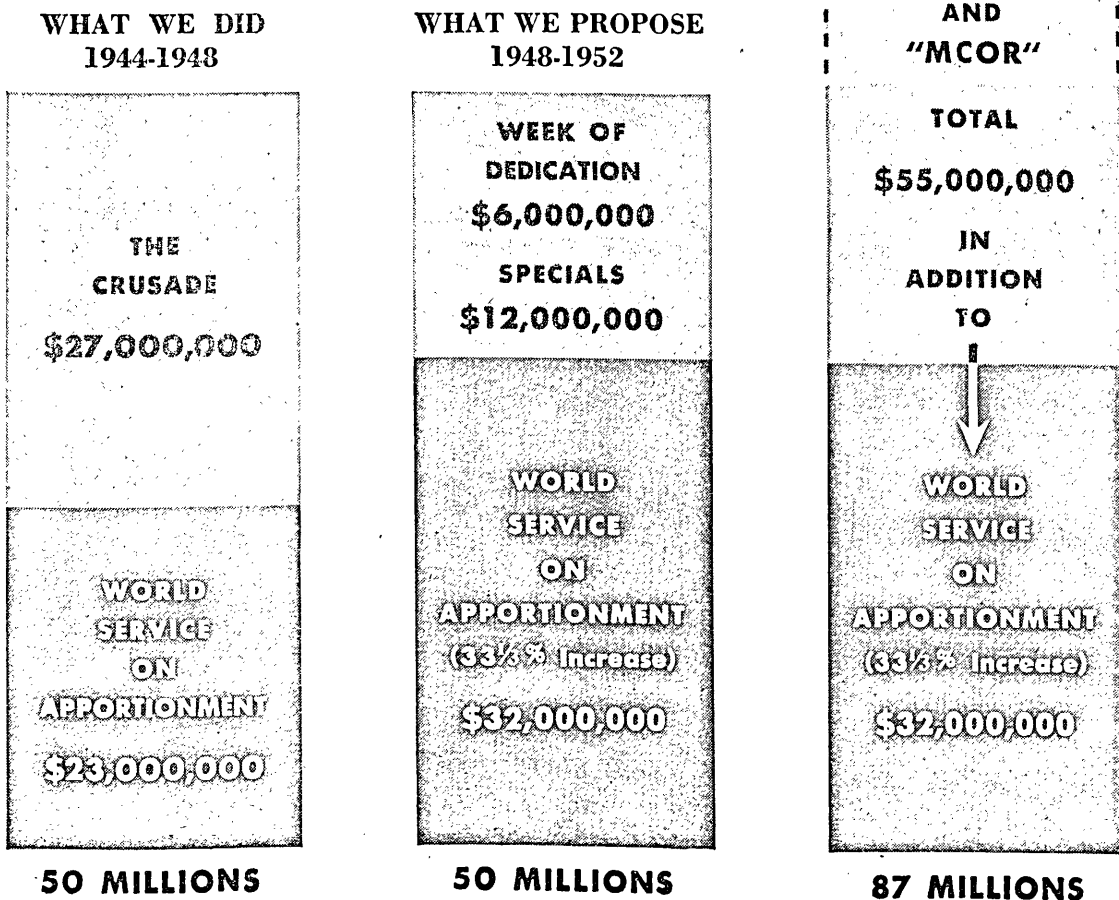
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Sylvan Hills, William M. Wilder	1			14**
Washington Ave., I. L. Claud	1			108**
FAYETTEVILLE DISTRICT				
Present District Total 1394**				
Eureka Springs, Wm. A. Stewart, Jr.	1			38**
Fayetteville, Central, D. L. Dkyes, Jr.	12			215**
Prairie Grove, Harold D. Womack	1			73**
Zion, William Sherman	2			2
FORT SMITH DISTRICT				
Present District Total 1781**				
Fort Smith:				
Grand Ave., Brady Cook	6	2		35**
Midland Heights, W. A. Downum		1		44
Greenwood, O. D. Peters		1		64**
Hackett, M. L. Edgington	4	1		22**
Paris, Earle Cravens	3			115**
HELENA DISTRICT				
Present District Total 1432**				
Colt, B. M. Sullivan	1	4		30
Forrest City, Horace M. Lewis	2	2		179**
West Helena, L. F. LaFevers		1		53**
West Memphis, Harold O. Eggenesperger	6			209*2
JONESBORO DISTRICT				
Present District Total 1594**				
Wilson-Marie, H. Lynn Wade	7			53*2
PARAGOULD DISTRICT				
Present District Total 1080**				
Paragould Circuit, Robert Montgomery		1		30
Rector Ct.		3		25
St. Francis, David Smitherson		5		7
SEARCY DISTRICT				
Present District Total 1186**				
Quitman, R. B. Howerton		2		44

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SYLVAN HILLS METHODIST YOUTH FELLOWSHIP

(The work of a Methodist Youth Fellowship in a Small Church)

Sometimes we wonder if the young people in a small church can have a very successful M. Y. F. Usually the community is widely scattered, the young people are few and do not consider themselves sufficiently talented, the space and equipment is often negligible, and the transportation is poor. This is the story of an M. Y. F. that has had to meet all of those difficulties, and of how it overcame them.

The transformation began some seven months ago with the obtaining of a counselor who was talented and well-liked by the young people, and who had sufficient wisdom and understanding to always insist that the actual program of the fellowship, be it worship, business, or recreation, needed to be carried on by the members of the M. Y. F. themselves.

We began by organizing into a club; not an exclusive club, but a Christian club that emphasized loyalty to the work of the M. Y. F. and the Church. Having found by experimentation that the Commission plan of organization was too cumbersome for our small group, we elected the regular officers of President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer. The President was allowed to select Worship and Recreation chairmen.

Our old method of having the Worship Chairman give our programs to individuals, in which the individual leaders merely passed out parts to others, had produced inferior worship services, with each person usually reading his part. So we had a business meeting, and with the advice of the Counselor, gave responsibility for three months of services to four key leaders. These leaders were instructed to plan the programs themselves—with the aid of the Highroad, the Program Quarterly, the Workshop, or the Christ in the Fine Arts. They were not to give out parts, save for a Scripture reading or a prayer. They were to plan the entire service, beginning with the prelude and ending with the M. Y. F. benediction.

They were to lead the program, and to give the main devotional talk. They could get advice from the Counselor, but the responsibility for the service was theirs, and they accepted a designated Sunday in each of the three months.

By working in the younger and shier members with reading Scripture, we have radually spread our leadership until in this three months, several new ones have accepted the responsibility of planning and leading a program. The Worship Chairman is responsible for reminding the leader, and seeing that a program is ready at the proper time.

Because we are in a one-room church, our worship programs were often interrupted by the arrival of people for church. This was cared for by having our worship program when we arrive at the church, followed by our business meeting, and concluding with two or three games of recreation.

We have insisted that the officers and workers of the M. Y. F. manage

ANNIVERSARY OF WESLEY FOUNDATION



LOS ANGELES—Wesley Foundation founder, Bishop James C. Baker of Los Angeles, chats with Miss Joan Courtney, president, and Raymond Barnett, vice-president, of the organization at the University of California at Los Angeles. Now president of the Council of Bishops of The Methodist Church, Bishop Baker established the first Wesley Foundation for work among the

Methodist students 35 years ago when he was minister of Trinity Church and working with young people at the University of Illinois in Urbana. The work has grown until today there are 160 Wesley Foundations at as many state and independent colleges and universities in 44 states, meeting the religious and social needs of thousands of students.

their own business meetings, and learn to conduct them properly. This has helped for leadership training, and poise, and for a sense of belonging on the part of everyone. We have a roll call each week, and each person is supposed to answer with a memorized Bible verse. (It is true that the verses are not always memorized—but it is a step in the right direction, and provides some interest.) The Recreation Chairman plans the nightly recreation, and the parties that are held from month to month.

How does our M. Y. F. take care of the work of the two commissions that were not appointed? In our small M. Y. F. any community service or mission project concerns the whole group, and is thus planned for by the group. Here are some of the things accomplished by this M. Y. F. of about sixteen members: We own a considerable amount of property, and the M. Y. F. has kept the grounds at the barbecue pit cleaned up, has cleared and cleaned out a considerable amount of lawn space in front of the church, laid a concrete block wall to stop the washing of excess dirt, provided concrete block steps down from a ledge to the church property, provided navy-blue velveteen drapes as a back-drop at the front of the church, and placed a picture of Christ in Gethsemane, on it which has increased the worshipful atmosphere of the church a great deal.

But the outstanding project was the attempt to seal the entire building so that it would be comfortable for the winter. Because of lack of space, the cooperation of First Methodist Church was asked, and with the Sylvan Hills M. Y. F. taking the lead, a carnival was planned and put on that netted over \$150. The M. Y. F. also planned a huge chicken dinner and selling tickets in advance, put on its dinner in the Sylvan Hills Community Building, and though it was one of the rainiest nights of the year, netted over

INTERNATIONAL HOUSE

First Methodist Church, Little Rock, became an "International House" Sunday, February 20, as the Youth Division and Young Adult Department closed their observance of Brotherhood Week. The evening began with an International Dinner. After eating, the group joined in the international custom of singing. Here, too, many countries were represented with the various folk songs. An inspirational worship service was then held with the theme on Brotherhood.

After a worshipful experience the group began a Trip Around the World for their recreation. Many forms of recreation were presented each from a different country. The group left with a truly international feeling and a love for their brothers all over the world.—Reporter.

\$116.00. With this amount, and with the help of the W. S. C. S. and the work of the men, the church was not only sealed and re-wired, but painted, and window-casings provided.

So don't ever let us hear that your M. Y. F. can't accomplish great things. A willingness to work, an awareness of the loyalty and responsibility necessary to do that work, a little counsel, and the motto of "Christ Above All," can knit any group of young people into a successful, growing, and working organization.—William L. Wilder, Pastor.

Our civilization is caught—bogged down—between an inadequate past and an unknown future. The only way to conquer our fears, our worries, and our frustrations is to begin now, launch out into the unknown and enter the new world that is waiting.—Richard Baker.

When a man sings his own praises he invariably gets the tune too high.—Pierce County Herald, (Ellsworth, Wis)

NORTH ARKANSAS CONFERENCE NOTES

North Arkansas Conference Church School Campaign

One of the objectives for the program of these four years in the Advance for Christ and His Church is to increase Church Schools enrollment and attendance in the churches of Methodism.

We are asking that special emphasis be placed upon enrollment and attendance in the Church Schools of the North Arkansas Conference during period beginning with April 3 and closing with May 8. Such a program will in no way conflict with any other program of the churches. An increase in Church School enrollment and attendance will help other work of the churches.

We are suggesting that church Boards of Education and workers' councils make plans for reaching more people. Each church school should have carefully worked out lists of prospects for church school membership. Such lists can be made by checking the church rolls to discover persons who are members of the church, but not enrolled in the church school. There will be members of church families who are not in the membership of the church or Church School. Place these names on the prospect lists. There will be families who have no relationship with any church. These should be listed. All unreached persons are the responsibility of some Church School. Most of the churches of our Conference will be able to build prospect lists with many names on them.

We are asking each Church School to take as its enrollment goal a number equal to the number reported to Annual Conference as Church School enrollment last October. You may wonder why we are not asking for a larger goal. We have been reporting on the basis of an annual enrollment. Now we are to report on the basis of the enrollment at the time the report is made. Thus this plan of reporting will mean an increase for many churches, but a goal within reach of most churches.

When we reach this challenge we will have reached the goal set for our Conference for the four-year period. Some of us believe that the North Arkansas Conference can by faithful work be able to report at the June session of the Annual Conference an enrollment equal to the goal set for our Conference by 1952. Whether or not we are to do this rests with the local Church Schools.

There is to be a letter going out to each church school superintendent in a few days telling about the plan, asking that an enclosed card be returned indicating the purpose of his Church School to cooperate in the enlistment program. We hope a number of Church Schools will report that they want a larger goal than the one suggested. There will be sent with the letter a copy of the Church School Day program. Superintendents are asked to make their requests for additional programs.

The superintendents will be asked to make two reports on progress. The first report will be made on April 4 in which report there is to be given the enrollment to that date

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WOMAN'S SOCIETY OF CHRISTIAN SERVICE

MRS. SUE M. WAYLAND, Editor

FINANCIAL REPORT—4th QUARTER, LITTLE ROCK CONFERENCE, W. S. C. S.

Balance end of 3rd quarter	\$ 2,421.37
Receipts:	
Undirected Pledge	11,409.31
Bible Woman	30.00
Lenten	23.30
Little Rock Methodist Council	374.47
Miss McKimmey	279.15
Booneville	109.20
Other Projects	265.17
Special Memberships:	
Hon. Baby (60)	300.00
Jon. Jr. (1)	10.00
Hon. Youth (11)	165.00
Adult Life (120)	3,000.00
Memorials (5)	250.00
Total Adult Credit	\$16,215.60
W. S. G. Pledge	1,238.97
W. S. G. Project	119.01
Special Memberships	100.00
Total Conference Credit	17,673.58
Children's Service Fund	32.64
Youth Fund	276.95
Total on Appropriations	17,983.17
Supplies, W. S. C. S.	568.00
Supplies, W. S. G.	331.45
W. S. C. S. Cultivation Fund	154.40
W. S. G. Cultivation Fund	93.63
Elizabeth T. Workman Special	180.50
Alcohol Education	56.30
Student Loan Fund	132.55
Conference Rural Work	63.00
Week of Prayer W. S. C. S.	3,100.69
Week of Prayer W. S. G.	230.92
Other Receipts	520.42
Total Receipts	23,415.03
C. S. R. & L. C. A. Reported	\$14,068.40

DISBURSEMENTS

To Division:	
Undirected Pledge	\$ 9,545.24
Projects	1,382.30
Special Memberships	4,660.00
Conference Work	62.50
W. S. G. Pledge	1,238.97
W. S. G. Project	119.01
W. S. G. Special Memberships	100.00
Total Credit on Pledge	17,108.02
Youth Fund	276.95
Children's Service Fund	32.64
Total on Appropriations	17,417.61
Foreign Supplies	3.00
Home Supplies	76.25
Conference Supplies	810.20
Week of Prayer	3,331.61
Supplementary Gifts	567.20
Total to Division	22,205.87
Other Disbursements:	
District Cultivation Fund	154.40
Administrative Expense	106.07
Elizabeth T. Workman Special	225.00
Alcohol Education	56.30
Student Loan Fund	132.55
Miscellaneous Items	538.96
Total Disbursements	23,419.15
Bank Balance \$2,417.25	

MRS. J. P. CARPENTER, Conference Treasurer.

SPECIAL MEMBERSHIPS

- Arkadelphia District**
- Adult Life:**
 Mrs. H. A. Ross, Mrs. Russell Hule, Mrs. Allen Gannaway, Arkadelphia.
 Mrs. H. D. Bennett, Pullman Heights, Hot Springs, Ark.
 Mrs. Frances W. Rockafellow, Mrs. R. T. Riggins, First Church, Hot Springs, Ark.
 Mrs. John M. Smith, Mrs. W. A. Utley, Benton.
 Mrs. Virgil Adcox, Grand Ave., Hot Springs.
 Mrs. Horace Fisher, Malvern.
 Mrs. Mae Singuefield, Sparkman.
 Miss Ethel Rubottom, Malvern.
- Memorials:**
 Dr. W. C. Watson, Mrs. Margaret Elizabeth Dowdell, Miss Cora Lee Stinson, Malvern; by Dr. W. H. Dowdell.
- Hon. Baby:**
 Pamela D. Lyell, Laura K. Elliott, Claudia Irene Cox, Lu Anne Newman, Randolyn Elizabeth Teague, Marilyn Humphreys, First Church, Hot Springs.
 Laura May Gephardt, Charlotte Annette Fisher, Malvern.
 Carman Ruth Baker, Pullman Heights.
 Mary Jim Lane, Mary Anderson Searcy, Margaret Frances Blakeley, Cynthia Ann Richards, Roberta Kay Landers, Benton.
 Judy Karen Estes, Martha Helen Gilbert, Kathy McCray, Kathleen Frances Blakeley, Malvern.
- Camden District**
- Adult Life:**
 Mrs. T. D. Spruce, Bearden.
 Mrs. Ruby Mayfield, Mrs. Conner Morehead, Mrs. R. V. M. Cordell, Mrs. C. H. Williams, Mrs. Ann Wadsworth, Mrs. J. A. Davis, Mrs. W. H. Mathews, Mrs. E. C. Raourt, El Dorado First Church, First Church.
 Mrs. G. N. Cannon, Mrs. P. C. Grayson, Mrs. Hugh Smith, Mrs. H. G. McClurkin, Mrs. Earl Morgan, Mrs. A. O. Green, Mrs. Jamie Talley, Stephens.
 Mrs. Horace Everett, Fordyce.
 Mrs. C. A. Byrd, Village.
 Alice Day Hollinger, Juliette Corby Wimberly, Mrs. Harriett Gibson Johnson, Smackover.
 Miss Tellena Lyle, Mrs. T. A. Monroe,

FOREIGN STUDENTS AT SCARRITT



Twenty-three representatives of foreign lands are now studying at Scarritt College, Nashville, Tenn. Of these eleven are "Crusade Scholars"—their scholarships provided by "Crusade for Christ" funds of the Methodist Church on recommendation of the Board of Missions and Church Extension, and of the General Board of Education.

The accompanying photograph shows 20 of the 23 nationals, and nine of the eleven Crusade Scholars. They are (left to right): You Du Kango, Korea; Maria Swords, Germany; Hamako Hirose, Japan; Ella Magee, Canada; Pok Soon Kang*, Korea; Eleanor Hwang*, China; Wei-Thoo Ling, China; Mrs. D. A. Chaves, Brazil; Pauline Kin*, Korea; Sunshine Berggreen*, Norway; Edna Suen, China; Gurdiyal Singh*, Malaya; Maria Gonzales, Mexico; Dorothy Den, China; Julia Albricias, Spain; Akilla Zaidio, Algiers; Mrs. Elsie Lo Chen, China; Louise Hwang*, China; Mei-Kyoon Kaung, hCina; Ivy Childs, India; Mr. and Mrs. Raphael Verdecia, Cuba, and Hilda Keng, China.

* Crusade Scholar

Mrs. W. R. Gantt, Mrs. T. P. Gantt, Mrs. D. D. Goode, Mrs. Ralph W. Parkinson, Mrs. D. P. Futch, Magnolia First Church.
 Mrs. Jesse F. McKinnon, Parker's Chapel.

Mrs. A. E. Jacobs, Norphlet.
 Mrs. L. Weems Trussell, Fordyce.

Hon. Youth:
 Patricia Ann Wallace, Smackover.

Hon. Baby:
 Roslynn Gail Starrett, James Edward Rodgers, Jaunita Louise Herring, Vantrouse.

Frances Susan Westmoreland, Strong.
 Alice Faye Doss, Mary Whitaker, Karen Goode, Diane Watkins, Teresa Lyn Smart, Stephens.

Cornelia Rebecca Smith, Carol Sibley Smith, Deborah Sue Olive, Robert Curtis Derden, Melvin Clinton Thompson, Jr., Paula Ruth Brock, Smackover.

Margaret Elizabeth Mann, Waldo.
 Betty Jane Howell, Camden First.

Little Rock District

Adult Life:
 Mrs. Edna Vineyard, Highland.
 Mrs. James B. Gray, Sr., England.
 Mrs. Pierce Osborn, Mrs. W. S. Perry, 28th Street.

Mrs. F. D. Chastain, Mrs. S. H. Garrison, Mrs. V. B. Story, Pulaski Heights.
 Mrs. M. J. Hitchcock, W. S. G., First Church.

Mrs. J. H. Easley, Henderson.
 Mrs. Walter Newton, Mrs. H. A. Tedder, Mrs. Ray Robinson, Scott Street.

Mrs. Harris Hogue, Mrs. John Doyle, Mrs. Robert Nowlin, Bauxite.
 Mrs. W. H. Rudd, Pulaski Heights Guild.

Hon. Youth:
 Eloise Nelson, Barbara Brothers, Sue Plummer, Winfield.
 Marion Sorrels, Uldene Longstreth, Scott Street.

Wilma Jean Dodd, Pulaski Heights.
Hon. Baby:
 Howard Hugh Blotch, Danny Dennis Ables, Chas. L. Power, Jr., Pulaski Hts.

Susan K. Moseley, Walter Lewis Lovelless, Jr., Joe Lilburn Finley III, Noble John Pippin III, Asbury.
 Rebecca Ann Woolsey, Carlisle.
 Nancy Annette Martin, 28th St.

Monticello District

Adult Life:
 Mrs. Lester Warrick, McGehee.
 Mrs. May Cheairs, Mrs. M. Coppage, Eudora.

Eugenia M. Petway, Warren W. S. G.
Hon. Baby:
 Wanda Lucille Sharp, Dermott.
 Henrietta Heriot Clark, Crosssett.
 Florence Elaine Meyer, Eudora.

Pine Bluff District

Adult Life:
 Mrs. H. C. Couch, Mrs. M. A. Schnyder, Mrs. Frank Evans, Mrs. C. R. Wharton, Mrs. E. W. Layton, Mrs. A. M. Hart, Mrs. W. H. Simpson, Mrs. E. A. Henslee, Mrs. J. C. Curlin, Mrs. Will McGehee, Mrs. W. A. Love, Lakeside.

Mrs. Henry Trotter, Mrs. L. L. Jones, Mrs. Effie Finley, Mrs. Tracy Mills, Mrs. W. R. McAlexander, Mrs. A. G. Wheeler, Mrs. N. J. Gantt, Mrs. J. H. Buckley, Mrs. A. L. Underhill, Mrs. Roy Custer, Mrs. J. F. Simmons, Mrs. Gertrude Reeves,

MRS. LANDRUM HONORED

Mrs. W. B. Landrum, Tyler, Texas, field worker of the Woman's Division of Christian Service, was honor guest and speaker at a spaghetti supper served by members of Dan-

First Church, Pine Bluff.
 Mrs. H. R. Wood, Grady.
 Mrs. Minnie Lee Galloway, Bethany-Swanlake.

Mrs. Ida Hammons, Mrs. Dave Roth, Mrs. J. E. Townsend, Mrs. L. E. Michel, Grand Ave., Stuttgart.

Mrs. M. F. Elms, Mrs. George Settle, Mrs. C. L. McNutt, First Church, Stuttgart.

Mrs. Jeff Paul, Gillett.
 Mrs. P. W. Phelps, Lodges Corner.
 Mrs. C. D. Cade, Carr Memorial.
 Mrs. J. R. Walker, First Church, Pine Bluff.

Mrs. E. H. Wise, Mrs. Luella Smith, Mrs. Frank Grantham, Mrs. J. F. Yoder, Mrs. H. O. Bolin, Mrs. Amelia Grabbe, Mrs. Minnie Yelton, Mrs. Arthur Saxe, Grand Ave., Stuttgart.

Mrs. W. R. Davis, Mrs. H. T. Evans, Mrs. R. W. Bonner, Mrs. Grace Grundman, Mrs. W. H. Clark, Mrs. Pearl Smith, First Church, Stuttgart.

Hon. Youth:
 Ovita Sue Harris, Grand Ave., Marilyn Beverly, Grand Ave., Stuttgart.
 Lila Beck, Sheridan.

Hon. Junior:
 Lynn Gatlin, Grady.

Hon. Baby:
 Sherry Bracewell, Almyra.
 Billye Ruth Shepherd, Dina Lyn Shepherd, Gould.

Cynthia Starker, Lodges Corner.
 Bonnie Blyth, Sally Mathews, Sheridan.

Prescott District

Adult Life:
 Mrs. C. Ray Hozendorf, Mrs. M. W. Greeson, Prescott.
 Mrs. J. L. Hill, Mrs. Ware Ferguson, Nashville.

Hon. Baby:
 Joseph Heath Escarre, Prescott.
 Martha Sue Humphrey, Delight.

Texas District

Mrs. D. E. Moon, DeQueen.
 Mrs. Robert R. Hickman, Mrs. Ona Willson, Fairview.

Mrs. H. G. Cochran, First Church W.S.G.
 Mrs. Pratt Bacon, Mrs. D. L. Venable, First Church.

Mrs. A. T. Hemphill, Mrs. Ed Phillips, Ashdown.

Hon. Baby:
 Robert Reed Hewey, Isaac Lynn Smith IV, Ann Ellen McGuire, Susan Elizabeth Watkins, First Church.

John Carroll Parson, Dennis Ray Young, Fairview.

By Conference:
 Mrs. Estelle Ann Phillips, Memorial.
 Mrs. F. M. Williams, Adult Life.

Other names of Memberships presented by Conference withheld till after Annual Meeting.

DAY OF EPIPHANY OBSERVED AT SEARCY

Members of the W. S. C. S. and the Senior and Junior Wesleyan Service Guilds and their guests met at the Educational building of the Methodist Church at six o'clock January 6, 1949 in observance of the Day of Epiphany. A pot luck supper preceded the program.

Mrs. A. J. Neel, president of the W. S. C. S. and Mrs. H. H. Fulbright, District Promotion Secretary, were in charge of the program which was held in the church. Miss Marion Schwarz was organist.

Since the program presented the needs of several countries, a table with a lighted globe of the world and figurines of people of those nationalities was placed at the front of the auditorium. The scripture was read by Mrs. J. Albert Gatlin. Mrs. Joe Gattinger and Mrs. Adam C. Melton sang several solos during the program.

The World Advance program was divided into four parts—Prayer, More Workers, Responsibilities, and Purpose. Those taking part on the program were: Mrs. Neal, Mrs. Fulbright, Mrs. Gatlin, Mrs. Melton, Mrs. Gattinger, Mrs. T. C. Plant, Mrs. Culbert L. Pearce, Miss Rhena Robertson, Mrs. S. J. Allbright, Mrs. K. B. Rand, Mrs. Z. L. Fraser, Mrs. Paul Howerton, Mrs. Max Patterson, Mrs. A. P. Strother, Sr., Mrs. Ray Yarnell, Mrs. Sam Sullivan, Mrs. Putnam Dickinson, Mrs. Tommy Killough, and Mrs. A. P. Strother, Jr. The program closed with a prayer by Mrs. Will Dickason.

The tables were decorated with runners of green fern and yellow and pink lighted flower-shaped candles in crystal holders.

The invocation was given by Mrs. Coy E. Whitten. Miss Annie Allen Grammer was in charge of the decorations. Mrs. Maud Dabney, Mrs. A. G. Harrison and Mrs. Neel were in charge of the kitchen, and Miss Virginia Stotts was in charge of the registration. There were one hundred present.

ville Woman's Society of Christian Service, Wednesday evening, February 2nd. Approximately forty-five women of the Methodist church were present. Mrs. Joel Cooper of Mountain Home was an out-of-town guest.

Rev. Raymond Dorman gave the invocation. Mrs. W. C. Landers, president, presided and introduced officers of the society. Mrs. Baxter Gatlin, promotion secretary, introduced the secretaries of lines of work.

Mrs. Johnnie McClure, vice-president of the North Arkansas Conference, introduced Mrs. Landrum who explained the four points of the Advance program being used by the society this quadrennium.

CABOT W. S. C. S.

Mrs. C. W. Good, superintendent of Missionary Education, closed the home mission study, "On Our Own Door Step" by Frank S. Mead, at a joint meeting of the members of the Cabot and the Ward W. S. C. S., Tuesday evening, Feb. 8, in the home

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CURRENT NEWS IN ARKANSAS METHODISM

"METHODIST YOUTH FUND RADIO SHOW"

The Polk County Methodist Youth Fellowship met at the First Methodist Church at Mena, on Monday evening, February 7, at 7:30 p. m. The program for the evening was given by the Mena Fellowship. An adaptation of "Methodist Youth Fund Radio Show" presented at Camp Couchdale last summer, was ably and delightfully presented by the Mena group, with Cylda Bales as announcer and Gene Cox as Dr. MY-FUND. Bill Carver and Darrell Dover were the doctor's assistants in the audience-participation show. The program was interrupted at intervals for the "commercial", extolling the merits of MY-FUND Tonic. (Example, "If your Fellowship has had that run-down feeling lately, try some MY-FUND yourself this week. It will give new life to your MYF almost immediately.")

The second part of the program was a television show, "The Local Church At Work," stressing the need and vital importance of Christian Youth sharing faith, fellowship and joy in Christ with others; to seek to know and to understand other peoples, regardless of race or creed; to give of our best personal service to our group, and to give our money in order that the needs of others around the world may be met in the spirit of Jesus Christ.

In the absence of both president and vice-president, Marie Dagenhart of Cove, secretary, presided over the business session. There were 115 present with members attending from Shady Grove, Hatfield, Cove, Gillham and Mena.

Delicious refreshments were served by the Mena Fellowship, after which the meeting was adjourned until March 7, at the Shady Grove Methodist Church.—Reporter.

THE DELTA SUB-DISTRICT M. Y. F.

The Delta Sub-district Methodist Youth Fellowship met in the First Methodist Church of McGehee Monday evening, February 7, at 7:30 p. m. Marvin Loyd, president of the local M. Y. F. led the devotional after which the pastor, Rev. M. W. Miller, presented a 16mm motion picture entitled, "From Across the Border." In presenting the picture the Rev. Mr. Miller said that he had seen and talked to the hero of the picture and that for this reason it was of particular interest to him. The picture presented the story of a Mexican boy who was brought to the United States after the death of his father who was shot by a drunken tramp. The boy became interested in the church and in going to school and by saving his money and by working hard he succeeded in getting an education. When he finished school he entered the ministry and is now a very successful pastor of one of the largest Spanish Methodist churches in the southwest.

In the absence of the president, James Cunstable of Dumas, Mary Nell Clayton, Vice-President, of McGehee, presided over the short business session. The roll call showed the following churches represented: Dermott, Dumas, McGehee and Tillar Charge. McGehee won the attendance banner with 42 present. Tillar was second with 37 present.

MONTICELLO DISTRICT CONFERENCE

The Seventy-Ninth Session of the Monticello District Conference was held January 28 in the Dermott Church with Rev. C. F. Atchley as host pastor. The Conference opened with a devotional by Rev. Roland E. Darrow of Monticello at 9:30 a. m.

Each church in the District was represented by a large group as the roll call was given. Robert O. Beck was elected secretary.

Mr. Guy Stephenson gave the report of the District Treasurer and Trustees. Rev. Clem Baker gave an interesting report on Camp Keener, the District Youth Camp located near Snyder built by the laymen and pastors and finished last year.

District Superintendent T. T. McNeal read the nominations and they were elected. Time was taken for the Committees to organize and prepare their reports.

Rev. R. E. Fawcett, executive secretary of the Board of Education, was presented by J. Ralph Clayton of the Committee on Courtesies.

Those speaking to the Report of the Committee on Christian Education were: Mrs. W. W. Miller for Children's Work, Rev. M. W. Miller for Youth Work, and Mrs. Dan Harrison for Adult Work. Brother Fawcett presented the work of the Board of Education of the Conference.

The Report on Missions and Church Extension was given by Rev. Roland E. Darrow; the report of the Committee on Evangelism by Rev. J. C. Van Horn, and spoken to by Rev. O. E. Holmes, Chairman; These reports were adopted.

Rev. Clem Baker inspired the Conference with the sermon of the day on The Advance for Christ and His Church.

The Conference adjourned for the potluck lunch spread bountifully by the women of the Dermott Church who furnished the drinks, in the spacious dining room of the church.

The afternoon session opened at 1:30 p. m. with the hymn "Lead On, O King Eternal" and a prayer by Rev. M. W. Miller.

Dr. Matt Ellis gave an inspiring and hopeful report on Hendrix College and its building program made possible by the money raised in the Campaign.

A challenging report on Lay Activities was given by T. A. Prewitt of Tillar. Rev. Hal Pinnell presented the report of the Committee on Periodicals and the Publishing House. Mrs. T. A. Prewitt inspired the Conference, as she does in all conferences, with a report on the work of the W. S. C. S.

Rev. O. E. Holmes gave the report of the Committee on Qualifications of Local Preachers and the Conference adopted the report and unanimously recommended Harold Scott to the Annual Conference for Admission on Trial at its next session.

Harry McWhirter was elected District Treasurer for Advance Specials funds.

The Conference voted to have its next session at the Lake Village church, after an invitation from

There was a total of 107 present in all. The next meeting will be at Dermott on Monday evening, March 7.—Marvin Loyd, Reporter.

PAGEANT AT JERSEY

The Methodist and Baptist Churches of Jersey united to present a Christmas play, "Christmas Comes from Everywhere," at the Methodist Church on December 23. The cast included Clarence Palmer, J. R. Jones; Mrs. Palmer, Margaret Ann Johnson; sons, Dickey, Fay Mulligan-Donald, Lyle Reynolds-Lloyd, Robert Gordon Smith; grandmother, Naomi Lea Davis; a cousin, Dorothy, Carolyn Ann Gates; a messenger boy, Billy Johnson. Members of the Nativity scene: Mary, Virginia Rose Smith—Joseph, Ronald Reynolds—Shepherds, Herman Mulligan and Bobby McDougald; Wise Men, John Charles Reynolds, Leo Jones and Homer Mulligan.

The scene was lighted by white candles and an amber overhead light. As the Palmer family sat around the fireplace in their living room, they heard from grandmother stories of how we got Christmas customs from many different countries. As father read the Christmas story the members of the Nativity scene entered from the center aisle. The scene was lighted by white candles on the altar rail and a blue light illuminated the hay-covered manger at the right front of the stage.

Carolers off stage sang, O Come, All Ye Faithful, O, Come Let Us Adore Him and Silent Night, Holy Night.

At the close of the play, the entire cast knelt as the benediction was pronounced by Rev. Robert L. Riggin, pastor of the church.

The committee in charge of assigning parts consisted of Mrs. Arthur Anders, Mrs. Billy Bird and Mrs. Carroll Gates from the Baptist Church and Mrs. John Charles Reynolds, Mrs. Robert Johnson and Mrs. Ralph F. Taylor from the Methodist Church.

The play was directed by Mrs. Robert Johnson and Mrs. Ralph F. Taylor and stage lighting was in charge of Ralph F. Taylor.

Methodist members of the play cast are also active in Youth Fellowship work and representatives from the group are sent to summer camps each year.—Reporter.

Rev. J. Ralph Clayton.

Rev. Clem Baker introduced a motion asking the Planning Commission of the Advance for Christ to re-allocate the times for the Advance Specials phase of the Campaign. The motion carried.

The district superintendent recommended the setting up of a District Committee on Evangelism with O. E. Holmes, Chairman, and the motion was accepted by the Conference.

Rev. Bob McCammon presented the Report of the Committee on Courtesies and it was adopted enthusiastically by the members of the Conference.

The Conference adjourned with a feeling of gratitude for the inspiration and challenge caught by each member present, and a determination to advance the work of Christ and His Church.—Robert O. Beck, Secretary.

Good nature is the oil that makes the day's work go without squeaking.—Construction Digest.

YOUNG ADULT FELLOWSHIP ORGANIZED

The Young Adult Fellowship of the Tillar-Winchester Charge was organized at Newton Chapel Methodist Church the evening of Wednesday, February 9. Young adults from three of the four churches on the charge enjoyed a picnic supper at the church, following which they heard an inspiring message concerning the possibilities of adult work in the Church by Mr. Dan Harrison of Dermott. Members of Young Adult groups in Dermott and McGehee were our guests for the evening.

Following a forum period on the opportunities for young adult work in our churches, the Young Adult Fellowship was formally organized, and the following officers elected: Jesse Peacock, President; Mrs. Paul Teeter, Vice-president; and Howard Newton, Secretary-Treasurer.

After a period of recreation in the church basement, we adjourned, feeling that we had launched a program that will mean much to the life of Methodism in our charge. If there are any other similar organizations in Arkansas on multiple-point charges, we would like very much to know about them, that we may share our experiences with them.—Reporter.

THE PINE BLUFF DISTRICT AND MINISTER'S WEEK AT S. M. U.

The past week was Minister's Week at Southern Methodist University, Dallas, Texas. Once each year at this time many Methodist ministers from all over the Southwest gather at the Perkins School of Theology for mutual fellowship and inspiration. Attending from the Pine Bluff District were Rev. J. L. Dedman, district superintendent; Rev. K. K. Carithers, pastor of The Good Faith Church of Pine Bluff; Rev. Van W. Harrell, pastor of the DeWitt Methodist Church, and Rev. Bryan Stevens, pastor of the Rison Methodist Church.

The outstanding speakers of the week were Dr. John Alexander Mackay, president of Princeton Theological Seminary; Bishop Gerald H. Kennedy of the Portland Area of The Methodist Church, and Dr. William Warren Sweet, chairman of the faculty of Perkins School of Theology.

Wednesday afternoon at 2 p. m. Bishop Frank Smith presided over a ground-breaking ceremony for the new Perkins School of Theology quadrangle at Southern Methodist University. Part of the quadrangle, eventually to include six buildings, already is under construction. Bishop Smith, president of the Board of Trustees of S. M. U. presented Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Perkins, of Wichita Falls, Texas, who gave \$2,000,000 towards the School of Theology; Mr. J. S. Bardwell, also of Wichita Falls, who with his daughter, Margaret, gave \$250,000 for a theological library, and Mrs. George L. Peyton of Media, Texas, whose gift of \$200,000 towards a new girl's dormitory was announced this week. This is the first time in the history of any university when a complete plant for a school on a university campus is to be under

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THE PINE BLUFF DISTRICT AND MINISTER'S WEEK AT S. M. U.

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construction at the same time.

Wednesday evening, Rev. K. K. Carithers was the only member of the Little Rock Conference attending the South Central Jurisdiction Rural Fellowship dinner of the Methodist Church. The meeting was presided over by Rev. Roy C. Rowland of Chickasha, Oklahoma. Four executive secretaries of Town and Country Commissions gave their reports of the work. Rev. Glendall A. Jones of Dallas, Texas, North Texas Conference; Rev. Carl Lawson of La Mesa, New Mexico Conference; Rev. Harry King of the Southwest Texas Conference, and Rev. Glenn Sanford of Conway, Arkansas, of the North Arkansas Conference. Dr. Paul Womeldorf, executive secretary of the South Central Jurisdiction of The Methodist Church, announced that another great Rural Life Seminal would be held in 1950. Dr. A. W. Martin, professor of Rural Sociology at Perkins School of Theology announced that the Highland Methodist Church located on the campus of S. M. U. of which Rev. Marshall Steel is pastor, is giving \$3,000 per year for the training of supply pastors.

It is clear that the new program of the Methodist Church is on the march, and although many ministers and laymen declare it will not work the fact remains that everywhere it is tried, it is working.—Reporter.

BATESVILLE YOUTH GROUP HAS CHINESE BANQUET

The entire youth group of the First Methodist Church was entertained Sunday evening, January 29, with a Chinese banquet. The banquet climaxed a month's study of China which had been conducted under the leadership of Miss Clara McGill, superintendent of the Youth Division, Mr. and Mrs. B. M. Huddleston, councilors for the Senior-Young People's Department, and Mr. and Mrs. Conway Huddleston, councilors for the Intermediate Division.

Miss Thelma Pickens, secretary of youth work for the W. S. C. S., and Mrs. C. C. Sims, secretary of student work for the W. S. C. S., were in charge of arrangements for the banquet.

There were 61 young people present, including five Chinese boys from Arkansas College who were special guests. The menu included chow mein, pickles, tea, and cake.

Miss Leah Alice Walbert, chairman of the Missions and World Friendship Commission, was in charge of the program in which Dobbs Franks was devotional leader and Miss Anne Maxfield was pianist. Miss Patty Case sang "The Chinese Rose" and Mrs. W. D. Murphy, Jr., spoke on "The Methodist Church in China." Miss Earline McDonald, chairman of the Community Service Commission, was in charge of the decorations which consisted of Chinese lanterns and characters and exhibits of various Chinese articles. Miss McGill fixed the floral arrangements for the table.

The evening's entertainment was concluded with songs and Chinese games planned by Miss Ann Wilford, co-chairman of the Commission for Recreation.—Reporter.

Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding.—Psalm 3:5.

BEN FEW SUB-DISTRICT MEETS

The Ben Few Sub-district of the Methodist Youth Fellowship met at the Holly Springs Methodist Church on Monday night, February 7. The Carthage M. Y. F. presented the program, a round table discussion on the Bible. The young people taking part were Jimmy Burke, Louise Johnson, Thomas Walker and Mary Louise McGuire.

John Kaufman, vice-president, presided over the business meeting. Mary Louise McGuire of Carthage was elected secretary.

The loving cup will be awarded next month to the M. Y. F. who has won it the most times over the period of the past two years.

Sixty-nine were present including the sponsors. The next meeting will be at Carthage on March 7. They will have charge of the program.

After the business meeting, Miss Dunlap led the group in group singing.

Refreshments were served by the Holly Springs M. Y. F. — Bobbie Jean Hunter, Reporter.

SEED BAGS FOR THE NURSERY

The Nursery Department teachers of Fairview Methodist Church, Texarkana, made seed bags of gaily colored prints, about four by six inches, sewed them securely and filled them with maize seed. (They are not hard enough to hurt if they hit any of the children.) We made a handle and sewed two small jingle bells on each handle. The smaller children used them to carry around and to sit on. One little girl would walk around carrying two bags and singing Jingle Bells in accompaniment to the bells.

The more athletic boys would line them up on benches and table and throw other bags and knock them over. Some would throw them to other children or the teachers and try to catch them. We had lots of fun with them. When it snowed we opened some of the bags and poured the seeds into a pan and put it outside our windows and watched the birds come and eat them.

Mrs. Gillham, Mrs. Arnold and Mrs. Smiley are teachers.—Mrs. Herman Gillham.

PARSONETTES OF THE LITTLE ROCK DIS- TRICT MEET

The Parsonettes of the Little Rock District met Thursday, February 10, at the home of Mrs. Paul V. Galloway with Mrs. Marion Monk as co-hostess. A country dinner was served honoring Abraham Lincoln's birthday. All of the tables were covered with red-checked table cloths, and the dining room table held a miniature log cabin enclosed by a log fence with small farm animals within.

Following dinner, the group had a brief business session presided over by the president, Mrs. Ewing T. Wayland. Mrs. Aubrey Walton, retiring secretary read the minutes of the preceding meeting. Mrs. James Thomas gave the report of the Sunshine Committee, and Mrs. Ralph Sewell gave the treasurer's report. New members welcomed to the district were: Mrs. Kenneth Shamblin, Mrs. H. D. Ginther, Mrs. Kirvin Hale, Mrs. Stanley Baugh, and Mrs. Galloway.

Welcomed back from a long illness was Mrs. Annie Talley, and from an extended trip Mrs. Rex B. Wilkes.—Reporter.

MEETING OF SUB-DISTRICT YOUTH FELLOWSHIP

The Methodist Sub-District Youth Fellowship meeting was held at the Cave City Methodist Church Monday night, February 1, with about 117 present from the following churches: Asbury, First Methodist, Central Ave., Cave City, Moorefield, Fairview, McHue, Evening Shade and Grange.

The worship service was opened with a welcome by Roberta Laman followed by the Scripture reading by Anna Joyce Phillips. The program continued as follows: Talk: Christian Fellowship by Mary Woodyard; Talk: Why We Need a World-Wide Fellowship by Mary Dell Christenberry. The Cave City School Glee Club under the direction of Miss Naomi Norris sang two songs "Teach me to Pray" and "Awakening Chorus." The worship service was closed with a prayer by Rev. Van Hooker.

In the business session that followed Rev. S. B. Wilford urged everyone to attend the Study Course at the First Methodist Church that starts March 7.

The group then retired to the basement where delicious refreshments were served with the Valentine motif.

The next meeting will be held March 7, at the First Methodist Church on the first night of the Study Course.—Marita Burks, Reporter.

WESLEY FOUNDATION OR- GANIZES DEPUTATIONS TEAM

Wesley Foundation at Central Methodist Church in Fayetteville has organized a Deputations Team this year which is striving to serve the small churches in the Fayetteville District. Right after Conference met this fall, the team sent out letters to all the churches in the district, offering its services, and the response was quite gratifying. The team plans to visit Farmington, Goshen, Winslow, and Elkins in the near future. Also, the team took on as its special project the Methodist Church at Delaney, which is about 30 miles from Fayetteville. It plans to take over the entire church service one Sunday each month until school closes in June. This includes having charge of the Sunday School hour, the church hour, and recreation for the young people in the afternoon. So far, the group has made one trip to Delaney and plans to return again the third Sunday in February. Members of the teams who went to Delaney are Georgianna Steinbach, Chairman, John Paul Sanders, Wadene Foreman, Jean Kimberling, and Jim Bone.

On February 6, another group went to First Methodist Church at Muskogee, Oklahoma, at the invitation of Rev. Finis Crutchfield. This group had charge of the Sunday evening recreation for the junior and senior highs and a dedication service for the Senior High M. Y. F. This team included Les Thurman, Retha Thompson, Wadene Foreman, and Alfred Hathcock, with Raymond Fisher, assistant pastor of Central Methodist Church, as sponsor.—Georgianna Steinbeck.

The six stages of drunkenness, as outlined by Dr. C. W. Muehlberger at a meeting of police officials in Toronto, are: dry and decent; delighted and devilish; dizzy and delirious; dazed and dejected; dead drunk, and dead.—Reuter.

THE TEXARKANA DISTRICT CONFERENCE

The Texarkana District Conference was held at Ashdown, February 3. The devotional service was conducted by Rev. M. E. Scott. The message was filled with soul food and made one feel that there are still preachers who are bringing the news of the gospel of Jesus to hungry hearts.

The report on the youth movement was indeed encouraging. Polk County is leading in numbers with a fine bunch of young Christian workers. The Layman's Report made by Fred Gantt was of much interest. Arrangement has been made to fill each pulpit in the district by capable laymen of the Methodist Church. Mrs. Rymon Wallis gave a report on the work being done for the children throughout the district. Much is being done now, but with the consecrated leadership of Mrs. Wallis, great things are ahead for our boys and girls.

Rev. R. H. Cannon brought the morning message. His subject, "The Great Need of the Hour" was handled in a masterful way. It is mighty fine to have men who live close to God to bring the gospel of peace, comfort and hope to a hungry and troubled world.

The noon meal was served in the basement of the church by the ladies of Ashdown. There may be more important things to be done by the church, but this great feast certainly did hit the spot and a very happy hour was spent in a social get-together meeting.

President Matt Ellis of Hendrix College and Rev. Jess M. Hamilton, district superintendent, made short after-dinner talks. Their sense of humor was manifested in a fine way and much laughter was enjoyed. I am glad to belong to a church that a little time spent on the "lighter side of life" is not wasted. The afternoon session was devoted to business. Judging from all reports our district superintendent has everything in hand and the Methodist Church in western Arkansas will move on to do still greater things for the Master in the days to come.

The following pastors were present: W. D. Golden, Ashdown; J. E. Keith, Garland; Myron Pearce, Buckner; L. G. Wilson, Columbia; D. T. Rowe, DeQueen; Coy Rogers, Doddridge; George Kerr, Foreman; C. E. Lawrence, Hatfield; E. T. Miller, Horatio; J. A. Simpson, Lewisville; Mark Vaught, Mena; W. W. Barron, Taylor; Fred L. Arnold, Fairview, Texarkana; E. W. Harris, First Church, Texarkana; R. H. Cannon, College Hill, Texarkana; C. H. Gilliam, Texarkana Ct.; Claude Clark, Wilton and M. T. Rose, Winthrop.—L. A. Cummings.

"The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom."—Proverbs 9:10.

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and the attendance for April 3. The second report is to be given on May 9, at which time the requested report will be as to enrollment at that time, attendance for May 8, and the average attendance for the period of the campaign, April 3-May 8.

Our churches are to be in a great teaching and preaching program during the fall months. Now is the time to enlist more people that our program may be more effective because of the larger number being helped by the program of the church.

Rev. S. B. Wilford, Batesville, has been certified for the First and Second Series courses on Christian Beliefs.

Church School Day

The North Arkansas Conference has set Church School Day for Sunday, April 3. It is our hope that all churches, where at all possible, will use that day for this program.

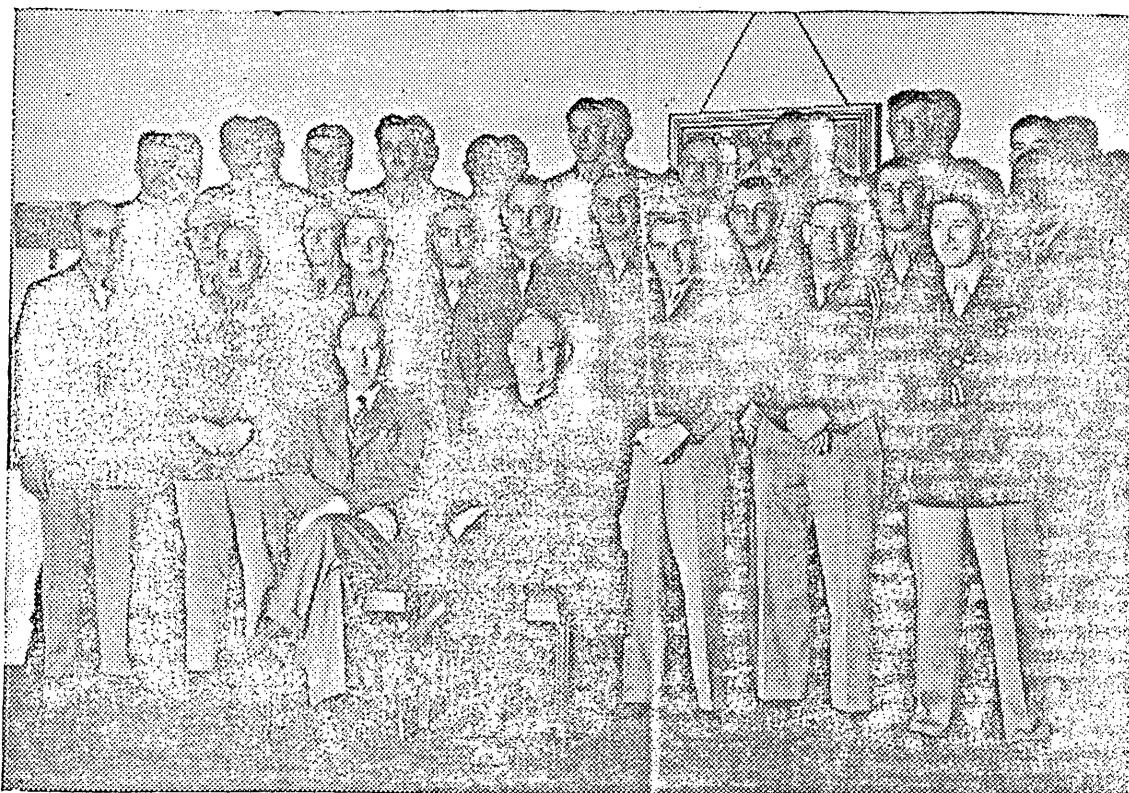
We were not promised the programs until March 15th. We are glad to report that some copies of the program have already reached our office and copies will be going to Church School superintendents at once.

We are asking each Church School to make Sunday, April 3, an important day in the life of the Church School. It should be a day for an Advance in Church School enrollment and attendance. It should be a time when the work of the Church School is brought before the total church in a service for the whole church. We believe that an agency of the church that is as vital to the life of the church as is the Church School should have the best hour of the church on one Sunday of the year. The local churches are asked to give their people an opportunity on that day to make a contribution for the district and conference program of Christian education. This offering is to be sent to the Conference Board of Education, Hendrix Station, Conway. The total offering of each district this year is to be used in developing the program of Christian education in the district where the money is raised, the conference program being financed by Conference Benevolences.

The North Arkansas Conference has had a good program of Christian education through the years, made possible by the cooperation of pastors, district superintendents, and laymen of the Conference. This type



Methodist Chaplains Still Serve Overseas Troops



GARMISCH, GERMANY—Twenty-four Methodist ministers, serving as Chaplains in Europe, are shown as they met last autumn in a retreat and conference here, conducted by Bishop Arthur J. Moore, Atlanta, Ga. (seated) and Mr. D. Stewart Patterson, Washington, D. C., executive secretary of the Methodist Commission on Chaplains.

They are, First Row: Capt. Fred P. Jones, Kentucky Conference; Capt. Donald E. Kehrl, Upper Iowa;

Capt. Thomas L. Doy'e, Iowa-Des Moines; Maj. Mert M. Lampson, California; Capt. Charles B. Whitman, Ohio; Maj. Robert M. Price, Kentucky; Maj. Wilbur K. Anderson, Central N. Y.

Second Row: Capt. Lavere A. Dodson, Wyoming Conference; Capt. Dean W. Dryden, Central Kansas; Maj. Samuel O. Mooreale, Genesee; Capt. Lester B. Woosley, Louisville; Capt. Archie N. Boyd, N. Arkansas; Capt. Philip L. Green, W. North

Carolina; Capt. Elisha McNair.

Third Row: Capt. Gary W. Roush, California Conference; Maj. Elmer L. Patterson, Iowa-Des Moines; Capt. Peter N. Holmes, West Wisconsin; Capt. Harold T. Whitlock, Illinois; Capt. Pliny W. Jenkins, N. Carolina (C.); Capt. William J. Brown, Wyoming; Capt. Raymond C. Shaw, Northern New York; Maj. Robert F. Thornton, W. Oklahoma; Capt. Harris G. Walker, S. Calif-Arizona; Capt. Marshall B. Shives, W. North

program of Christian education. of cooperation can continue such a

Mrs. E. D. Lewis, who has worked in our Conference in other years, came to Jonesboro District for eight First Series schools, beginning at Joiner, Feb. 20. The next three schools are: Luxora, Feb. 23-25; Manila, Feb. 27-March 1; Monette, March 2-4. Watch for announcement of other schools.

KAGAWA INVITED TO INDIA

TOKYO—(RNS)—Dr. Toyohiko Kagawa, Japanese Christian leader, has been invited by the Madras Provincial Government to visit India as an adviser in the setting up of cottage industries among farmers, it

was announced here.

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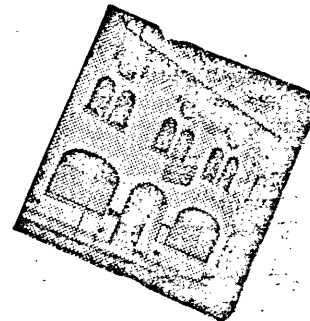
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of Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Vise, Cabot. Leaders appointed for certain sections of the book were: Miss Emma Frances McKee, Hawaii; Mrs. Good, Alaska; Mrs. O. M. Plummer, formerly of Panama, was assigned that topic.

Each leader presented her topic, on the problem of the hour, in a unique and interesting manner, which was inspirational. Miss McKee, as leader of Hawaii, was assisted by four women who discussed labor, industry, education, and social, political, and Christian relations between the natives and the emigrants. Orville Teague's experiences while serving the United States Army in Alaska during World War II as told by Mrs. Jack McKay was one of the top points of interest for the study of that territory. Mrs. Plummer, while entertaining Mrs. Charley Ross as a guest, portrayed her experiences in Panama, in dialogue form. Each leader displayed trinkets and souvenirs from the territory presented by her.

The next study course will be, "The Newness of Life" by Estelle S. Carver, a spiritual life study which interprets the truth of some of the miracles of Jesus as related to the development of growth of modern spiritual living.

IN MEMORIAM

It is in the deepest sorrow that the Board pauses to recall the recent passing of one of its most valuable members. Mr. E. E. Askev's long term of unselfish service as a member of this Board is known by all. He gave of his time and substance freely and gladly. A liberal in his religious ideas, he always adhered to the highest plane of morality and to the principles of Christian living. He supported the Church faithfully and his loyalty was always toward those things which made for the welfare of the Church as a whole. His absence from us is a challenge to those who remain to take over the responsibility and leadership which he gladly assumed.

We, therefore, in honor of his memory, have prepared this memorial as an expression of our appreciation and gratitude for his influential and fruitful life in the service of the Kingdom.

Board of Stewards
West Helena Methodist Church
Carl M. Conner, Secretary

WHY MR. HORSE AND MRS. GIRAFFE ARE ENEMIES*(Continued from Page 6)*

race a tie when Mrs. Giraffe craned her long neck as far as she could and—stuck out her long tongue.

Mrs. Giraffe's friends yelled and shouted with glee. Mrs. Giraffe had won.

But ever since then Mrs. Giraffe and Mr. Horse have been bitter enemies.—In Ex.

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

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

Let not mercy and truth forsake thee: bind them about thy neck; write them upon the table of thine heart.—Proverbs 3:3.

MINISTERS' WIVES FELLOWSHIP CLUB

The Ministers' Wives Fellowship Club of the Helena District met Monday, February 14, in the First Methodist Church in Helena with sixteen members present. After a devotional by Rev. Ethan Dodgen the ladies met in one of the class rooms for a business session. In the absence of our president, Mrs. Edwin Dodson, our secretary, Mrs.

Jesse Johnson presided over the session. Some business was disposed of, and committees appointed to report later. After dismissal we were invited into the dining hall for a most delicious luncheon provided by the W. S. C. S. of the Helena Church.

In the afternoon we were driven to the lovely parsonage home of Dr. and Mrs. Lawrence to meet the ladies of the W. S. C. S. and were

served tea. The house was beautiful in spring flowers and a lovely lace draped tea table centered with red carnations flanked by red candles carried out the valentine motif. Tea was served by Mrs. J. S. Horner and others to the many guests. It was a pleasure to meet the ladies of the W. S. C. S. and we enjoyed the fellowship with all. We wish to thank them for a wonderful day.—Reporter.

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SCRIPTURE TEXT: Mark 4; Luke 13:10-17.

GOLDEN TEXT: *Do not be deceived, God is not mocked, for whatsoever a man sows, that he will also reap. Galatians 6:7.*

The parable of the sower was created by Jesus to hearten discouraged workers. Much of the good work done by good people seems futile. They work hard, consciously, and energetically but seem to get nowhere. They scrutinize their own motives and feel sure that they have done their best, yet their best efforts seem to fail. If it had not been for this parable I would have been baffled. This has been true of many other people, both preachers and laymen.

There has been enough temperance teaching, lecturing, enough temperance literature distributed, and enough promotion of the temperance cause to have made our nation a prohibition country. But alas, much of this teaching, preaching, and organization has been without apparent effect. Many teachers, preachers, W. C. T. U. workers, returning from temperance campaigns and having seen the liquor interests so strongly entrenched, have said, "What is the use!"

For these discouraged workers, Jesus propounded this parable of the sower. It teaches that much of the good seed sown falls by the wayside. (Wayside does not mean a highway or wagon road, but a foot path. These foot paths are well-beaten by pedestrians.)

Naturally the sower would scatter some seed upon the narrow path. Such seed, falling upon the impervious path, never would germinate. Soon they would be devoured by the birds of the air. The implication here is, that some minds are so closed as to be impervious to the truth. Trying to teach such persons is like casting pearls before swine. This explains some of the failures.

Some seed fell on shallow soil. If a rain just preceded the sowing, they sprang up immediately. But when the soil was dried they withered and died. In former times, the annual revival, with stirring songs and highly emotional appeals, caused people to make profession of faith in Christ. They would promise to quit their vices, often including drunkenness, and become a Christian. Many who made loud professions in July, got drunk at Christmas. My father, after watching this procedure for some years, said to our pastor, "Pastor, we need a new committee." "For what do we need a new committee?" asked the pastor. My father replied, "To chloroform this bunch of fellows and let them sleep into glory before another Christmas holiday." Such a group of people without any depth of character explains why so much of our work seems ineffective.

Other seed fell among the thorns. This is especially applicable to our present day. People are so engrossed with the affairs of the world, and consumed by a passion for money making, that a seed of truth dropped in such a brain, could not sprout. Even the sign of warning—Stop, Look, Listen, goes unheeded. This accounts in part for the paucity of good results from our efforts.

Thank God some seed fall in good soil and bring forth abundant harvest. Much of our labor is not in vain in the Lord. There are millions of converts to Christ every year, and millions of drunkards are turned from their debaucheries to lives of sobriety and usefulness. Hence we are encouraged to continue to sow everywhere.

"Sow in the morning thy seed. At eve'n hold not thy hand, To doubt and fear give thou no heed; Broadcast it o'er the land."

Riotous Living

This means unregulated, uncontrolled living. The prodigal son lived an animal life. The real conflict between right and wrong is largely whether we are animals or rational beings. Now the saloon is the most prolific source of producing animal life in human beings. The finished product of the saloon is a debauchee more animal than human. Intoxicants inhibit the higher powers—reason, judgment, self-control—while they inflame all the animal nature. The prodigal son wasted his substance with the harlots and liquor venders, but when he came to himself he resolved to break away from this degrading environment and return to his father's house.

The Church and the Liquor Traffic

The Methodist Church always has been an aggressive fighter against temperance. Before we were a church, when we were only a society, John Wesley laid down a rule that the members were not permitted to buy, drink, or sell intoxicants. When we became a church, this rule was incorporated in our organic law. This law has been re-affirmed and inserted in every Methodist discipline in the world. I never have known a Methodist preacher who soft-pedaled the liquor question.

In the Advance for Christ movement of our church for the quadrennium, the fight against liquor is one of the important emphases. Our great Bishops already have published a challenging message on this subject. These great men, elected to this high office by the General Conference, are our constituted leaders. More than twenty thousand preachers will respond heartily and do their utmost to make this a dry nation. Many laymen and women will be equally loyal. Literature, authenticated by scientific facts, will be published in papers, pamphlets, and books, adapted to the different ages from childhood to adult life.

When more than eight million Methodists rise from their knees to battle against the liquor traffic, this major foe of civilization, we may hope then for a saloonless nation. Arkansas is extremely fortunate in having such a fearless indefatigable leader of the dry forces as our incomparable Mr. Clyde Coulter and our women are likewise blessed in their State Woman's Christian Temperance Union's President, Mrs. May Crouse. We owe to soil, and bring forth abundant har-

these leaders our prayers and our support. It is no wonder that the liquor interests lie about and slander such invincible heroes and heroines. But in spite of all opposition, on they go in unceasing zeal and knowledge.

We commend to every Methodist the splendid work of Miss Wilhelm in her pioneering in Narcotic education in our State. She is doing a long-needed service among our teachers and pupils and is being not only received, but sought for, by many of our best and foremost educators of the State.

Liquor A Menace To The Home

All good people are disturbed over prevalence of divorce. Broken homes are alarmingly too numerous. One major source of divorce stems from the cocktail party. It is appalling to find numerous Methodists who serve intoxicants at their tables, and give cocktail parties in their homes. Everyone of these Methodists, in joining the Church, vowed he or she would be subject to the rules of the Church. To serve liquor or intoxicants of whatever nature in the home or at cocktail parties is a flagrant violation of the Methodist rule. But worse than this, it demoralizes those who drink it. As a pastor for many years, I found many homes about to be broken and the genesis of the trouble usually lay in the cocktail party. The first effect of an intoxicant is to dethrone reason and lessen judgment and discretion. In such a moment liberties are taken which would not be permitted if these parties were sober. It is a known fact that if it requires four drinks to make a person drunk, one drink should make him one-fourth drunk. In these moments of one-fourth drunkenness, infatuations are often formed with the result of broken homes. Then whoever gives a cocktail party is an accessory to the divorce scandal. Should any Methodist ever give a cocktail party?

Liquor A Monstrous Destroyer Of Wealth

No one can compute how much money is spent annually for intoxicants. The official report for 1947 is that our nation spent \$6,000,000,000.00 for intoxicants. None of our minds can comprehend how much is this amount. What could be done with this vast sum of ready cash if rightly spent! This would feed every hungry person in the world for a period of one year, and that would scarcely make a dent in the total amount. It would build a school house in reach of every living child today, and it would pay adequate salaries to all the teachers in all the schools, and it would build a church in reach of every person in the world and support the ministers of these churches for a year. Also it would build a hospital wherever a hospital is needed and equip it and pay the staff for one year. After all this is done there would remain a sizeable balance in the treasury.

Now What Shall We Do About It?

Facing the appalling need for means to shelter, feed, and clothe the world, to educate all the children, and preach the gospel to every creature on the face of the earth, we earnestly covet this money to apply to meeting such a far-reaching program of saving and equipping our future citizens.

Shall we ever condone this liquor business? Shall we tolerate it? Shall we live under the same flag with this diabolical business? No! Let us buckle on the whole armour and

NEWS FROM THE SOUTH-WESTERN SUB-DISTRICT

The Southwestern Sub-district M. Y. F. met at the Douglasville Methodist Church on February 7. There were around one hundred young people representing the different churches. They also had the pleasure of welcoming several M. Y. F. counselors and pastors of four churches. They were Rev. H. D. Ginther of Primrose, Rev. Clyde Parsons of Geyer Springs, Alfred DeBlack of Mablevale and Rev. O. L. Thompson of Bauxite.

Bobby James of Primrose was in charge of the meeting and Betty Thompson of Bauxite led the devotional.

A very interesting film on China, "My Name is Han" was shown and enjoyed by all those present.

After the meeting refreshments were served by the Douglasville young people in the recreation hall of the church.

The Southwestern Sub-district Children's Workers Council which was organized recently at Mablevale, held its first monthly meeting in the educational building of the Douglasville Methodist Church on February 7.

Miss Fay McRae and Miss Mundy presided. Reports were given by the attending department superintendents and teachers on the work that has been accomplished.

There were several interesting displays of plans by the teachers to create an interest in or for the children of the Nursery, Primary and Junior Departments.

Plans for the next month's teaching material in the closely-graded and group-graded were discussed.

There was a lovely film on the "Life of Christ" shown by Miss Mundy.

At the next meeting to be held at the Salem Methodist Church in March, further plans in creating Aldersgate as a summer retreat for the use of teachers, superintendent and children and of the Junior Department will be discussed.—Louise Jay, Reporter.

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