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"World is My Parish" — John Wesley

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

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Preparing For The Preaching Mission In The Advance

LEADERS of The Methodist Church are now in the midst of the preparation period in the Advance program. We are preparing for the Preaching Mission that begins in October of this year.

It is doubtful that our General Conference could have made plans more in keeping with the prevailing desires of our preachers and more in keeping with the present, basic needs of our church than is found in the program outlined for the Preaching Mission.

Badly as our church membership needs to study Our Faith, Our Church, Our Ministry and Our Mission, that need is second only to the need we ministers have for just such a study. For years Methodist leaders have been so busy with a program of religious tolerance and unselfish service for others that they have neglected to give needed emphasis and attention to some of the basic requirements necessary to a strong local Methodist church.

In the issue of June 12th, 1947 we published an editorial under the caption of "Methodism Must Strengthen the Home Base." We quote the following from that article: "If Methodism is to be strong across the world it must be strong at home. We all realize that it would be suicidal for The Methodist Church to decide to 'strengthen the home base' simply to be strong at home. Nevertheless it would be evidence of Christian statesmanship just now if our Methodism would plan to give to its pastors more time to strengthen the main body of our church at home." It is our feeling that Methodism has done exactly what we were discussing when it planned the Preaching Mission in the Advance.

"All Good Things Begin At Home"

OUR readers will find on page nine of this issue a telegram we received from Dr. J. Manning Potts, Editor of *The Upper Room*. The telegram carries the announcement that the State Department of the United States Government has approved a series of broadcasts which will be given during National Family Week, May 1-8, sponsored by *The Upper Room*.

The State Department announced approval of the broadcasts had been "Issued to facilitate the international circulation of recordings of an educational nature." This approval by the State Department will make it possible for these broadcasts to go outside the United States.

Already more than ten thousand broadcasting stations have accepted these broadcasts, promoted and sponsored by *The Upper Room*, for use during National Family Week.

These recordings will be heard over local stations in every state of the union and in Alaska, Cuba, the Philippines, Puerto Rico and Canada.

There will be six broadcasts on this program for Family Week, beginning Monday, May 2, and heard each day of that week through Saturday.

Anything that strengthens the home life of America today is of vital importance. Our church and the nation are indebted to Dr. Potts and *The Upper Room* for this very helpful contribution to the observance of National Family Week. Our people should watch the schedules of local broadcasting stations in Arkansas during National Family Week for "All Good Things Begin at Home." This program will be enjoyable, instructive and helpful.

"Their Eyes Were Opened And They Knew Him"

SO often and so naturally did Jesus appear to his disciples and others after his resurrection that there was no shadow of doubt in the minds of those who saw him that he was the same Christ who had lived with them before the crucifixion and that he died upon the cross. On one occasion He appeared to a crowd of more than five hundred people. Every appearance He made was impressive and convincing.

One of the most interesting and striking post-resurrection appearances of which we have a record was the appearance of Jesus to two of his disciples as they journeyed to the little village of Emmaus on that first Easter day. Under the circumstances their conversation



would be about nothing else but the fast-moving events of the preceding days in which Jesus had been arrested, tried, condemned and crucified. They were further mystified by the words of the women who had made the early visit to the tomb of Jesus that morning and had returned with reports that they had seen angels there who had declared that Jesus was alive.

As the two disciples walked along a Stranger joined them and they related to Him the events as they had transpired. To their amazement the Stranger seemed to know the meaning of what had happened better than they and even discussed the reasons behind it all.

When they reached Emmaus, the Stranger "made as if He were going further." On an invitation, however, He stopped with them as if to spend the night. As He sat with them at the table, Jesus "took the bread and blessed it" and as He gave it to them "their eyes were opened and they knew Him." Jesus then disappeared from their sight.

Unusual and startling as events of this character would be in any age, the record of the event, as given in the Gospel of Luke, is told as directly and as simply as if it were the most natural thing one might expect. There is no attempt, by the writer to do more than leave a plain, understandable description of the thing that happened. The simplicity and directness of such records are convincing.

Danger In War-Difficulties In Peace

DURING the dark days of the recent war, when danger was present on every hand, one often heard the sentiment expressed that with the coming of the cessation of hostilities all would be well. But with nearly three years having elapsed since the shooting ceased, the world is rapidly learning that there are almost insurmountable difficulties even in so-called peace.

Many who are living today have lived in two or more post-war periods, and they will undoubtedly testify that the present period presents problems greater than in any such previous period. Already, we hear that the Atlantic Pact signals the failure of the United Nations organization. The recent signing of the Atlantic Pact in Washington by the participating nations received a great deal more attention than the convening of the United Nations organization at Flushing Meadows, N. Y. a few days later. Such hopeless pessimism and lack of faith in the United Nations is not the material from which peace is built.

We are convinced that even though there are great difficulties to be overcome, the United Nations is still the great hope of our time. After all, the two great powers of today, Russia and the United States, were not even members of the ill-fated League of Nations.

Conserving The Results

OF all the seasons of the year, the Easter season is perhaps the most fruitful as far as the number of additions to the church is concerned. The evangelistic spirit which accompanies this period usually results in a group being received by transfer of membership and on profession of faith and by taking the membership vows. In many churches the class being received by vows is given instruction by the pastor to help make the experience in church membership more meaningful.

In all too many instances much of the fruits of this season are lost because of the lack of cultivation of the newly received members. It would be helpful, no doubt, to discover how many of those who are on the inactive roll of any local church were received during the Easter season and have subsequently become listed among the inactive because they received little help in their early experience as members of the Body of Christ.

Many churches are now promoting, with good results, a follow up program for assimilating their new members, integrating them into the life and fellowship of the church. It is too much to expect that all new members will on their own initiative find their place of usefulness in the program of the church. It is oftentimes more difficult to persuade inactive members to make good on the vows they have assumed than to bring the unchurched into the church fellowship. Obviously, a workable plan of assimilation is more likely to help the new believers than no plan or effort at all.

Many times the attitude on the part of the membership of the church is the deciding factor in the experience of new believers. Of course the plan of conserving the results of the Easter program is the responsibility of the pastor, but the cooperative, friendly assistance of the laity will go a long way in creating that early healthy impression so needed by the new member. He has been led to believe that the church offers the greatest fellowship to be found anywhere,

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Next Advance Steps

By E. HAROLD MOHN, Executive Director,
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WHAT is the program of Advance following Easter?" This is the persistent inquiry. It is not a sign of confusion or impatience but of eagerness to pursue with consistent endeavor a task that has been well begun. Looking forward to spring and summer there are definite things to plan and do.

The Books

Each week brings additional stories and pictures about groups of church leaders who are making a chapter and paragraph study of "Man's Disorder and God's Design" and reporting on their collateral reading. Methodism and the world are being enriched by this investment of time and talents which may well eventuate in a profound religious experience for the whole church. Right now is a good time to speed up this reading and study and to catch up if we are behind in the procession.

Special Opportunities

Also the months just ahead afford the one best chance for pastors and church leaders to prepare the people of the local church to accept responsibility for specific missionary projects, listed as "Accepted Advance Fund Specials."

By May, 1949, every Annual Conference Committee on Advance will have selected missionary fields, at home and abroad, which they recommend to the local churches. Does your Official Board know what to expect? Is your congregation informed about this part of the program, its relation to the whole Advance movement, and the world-wide import of this united effort of Methodists to lift our total missionary giving to a plane commensurate with world-wide need and opportunity? Right now, and for weeks to come, is the time to inform and inspire the people, all the people in the local church.

Annual Conference Committees on Advance have accepted goals which now exceed \$20,000,000. But only local churches and individuals can pledge and provide those resources that will make missionary Advance a reality. Annual Conference brochures, which describe in detail of

story, picture, and fact, these various fields, are very soon to be made available to every family in Methodism. The three participating agencies have been cooperating in the preparation of these informative materials. Following their release to pastors and people, the district superintendents will present the claims of "Missionary Specials" thus approved by their own Annual Conference Committees, for consideration and acceptance by quarterly Conferences and local church groups and individuals.



DR. E. HAROLD MOHN

The voluntary factor is so vitally essential in the Advance program that information, education, and personal appeal to the individual is a necessity. It requires study by pastors, conferences with church leaders, and understanding minds and responsive hearts in the congregation if our missionary enterprise in this fateful day is to register a distinct Advance for Christ and His Church. It also takes time. Make the Annual Conference brochures a basis of study about "specials" in the local church.

Mobilizing Millions

We need to get ready for this next church-wide observance of The Advance which is scheduled next October. There are two phases of this mobilization of our Methodist millions that require plenty of preparation during the spring and summer months.

First, there are the Mass Meetings to be held in 70 cities in October. Under the leadership of our Council of Bishops, one such meeting will be held in every Annual Conference within the continental United States. The resident Bishop will be in charge, assisted by a team of speakers that consists of two other bishops, one pastor, one layman and one woman.

Very soon the dates, places, and speaker teams will be announced. Long in advance, all leaders in each local church should know about their particular Mass Meeting and definitely plan to attend it. The program of the day includes forum meetings for men and women, noon luncheon meetings, afternoon panel discussions, youth banquet in the evening, a climax rally of all Methodists at night when bishops will speak on "Our Christian Conception of the Worth of Man" and "Our Faith in Christ." These Mass Meetings officially open the preaching and teaching endeavor in terms of "Our Faith."

The second phase is an eight-months church-wide study of "Our Faith" booklets. Bishop Oxnam states the case pertinently, "Many of our laymen do not know what they believe as Methodists. When they become thoroughly grounded in their faith, and inspired by it, it will be easy to translate that faith into the actuality of religious performance and evangelism."

Following the Mass Meetings, the eight little volumes on "Our Faith" will be studied by millions of Methodists. They will be ready for sale in September. In Church School classes, women's groups, family circles, youth Fellowship meetings, and for individuals in private study, these eight popular statements about the fundamental faith of Methodists should become the basis of new religious experience in the lives of our people. Such an outcome is inevitable, if we prepare for it, expect it, and prayerfully devote ourselves to it.

Methodist Ministers Make Goodwill Pilgrimage To Germany

By ARTHUR WEST

A few years ago Indiana Methodists were sending their sons to do battle in Germany.

Now they are sending four of their ministers to that same country to wage a different kind of war.

When the Queen Elizabeth sailed from New York harbor on March 10, three Hoosier clergymen were aboard—well laden with little gifts hungry German children will like, practical things their parents can use, and the spirit of brotherliness for all.

These "goodwill ambassadors" of the Indiana Area are: the Rev. Elmer L. Harvey, pastor of Wall Street Church, Jeffersonville, in the Indiana Conference; the Rev. Donald E. Bailey, First Church, Goshen, representing the North Indiana Conference; and the Rev. Samuel E. Carruth, minister of Centenary Church, Terre Haute, in the Northwest Indiana Conference.

Another minister, the Rev. William N. Whear, superintendent of the Crawfordsville District, and Mrs. Whear sailed several weeks ago and are already in Germany. They are visiting a daughter, Mrs. J. M. Wells, and her husband, who is an officer in the Army of Occupation, at Schwabach, and helping welcome a new grandchild. But Dr. Whear is also devoting some of his time to preaching and visitation in German Methodism.

This unusual goodwill mission, which Indiana congregations deem so important that they are releasing their pastors for it during the busy season of Lent, is one of the Area's practical

undertakings in connection with Methodism's Advance for Christ and His Church.

But back of the mission is the compassionate spirit of Bishop Richard C. Raines of Indianapolis, whose trip to war-torn Europe last summer convinced him that American Methodists ought to stretch out healing hands of mercy and help to their brethren abroad. Upon his return from Europe, Bishop Raines began speaking throughout his Area about the tragic needs he had observed. His pastors and their congregations wanted to help and began to ask what form their contributions ought to take.

Then came the suggestion from Advance leaders that American Methodism choose as one project in overseas relief the supplemental support of German Methodist pastors and widows of retired ministers.

Without waiting to figure what their state's proportionate share of such a project might be, Indiana Methodists quickly and enthusiastically took on the total responsibility for such aid. In specific figures, this means that this year Indiana churches are providing \$120 additional support through the Methodist Committee for Overseas Relief for each of the 320 German pastors and \$60 for each of the 85 widows of ministers.

That is not all. Hoosier Methodists are also contributing to such projects as helping equip rooms in the Martha-Mary Deaconess Hospital and Home, Nuremberg; providing scholarships, professors' salaries, and needed repairs at the Theological Seminary, Frankfurt-on-Main; and helping restore basic printing facilities for the

Methodist Publishing House, which was utterly destroyed at Bremen.

These are some of the institutions the Indiana delegation will visit in addition to the churches in which they will preach in Hamburg, Munich, Frankfurt, Nuremberg, and elsewhere. Their itinerary has been arranged by Bishop J. W. Ernst Sommer, head of The Methodist Church in Germany, who for the past six weeks has been speaking throughout the Indiana Area at the invitation of Bishop Raines and the Area Advance Committee.

Their itinerary will take them into various centers alternately so that the team will not all be at the same city at the same time. No attempt will be made to visit Methodist work in the Russian Zone, but it is quite possible that the missionaries may fly into Berlin.

In order not to impose a burden upon their hosts, the visitors have already sent packages of food to them. This thoughtful arrangement will enable the visitors to know that their being in a German home is not cutting into their all-too-meager food supplies. The ministers are also carrying with them quantities of such scarce items as soap and hard candy, as well as food packages and miscellaneous items. Many of these are the gifts of Indiana churches and Sunday School groups.

The three clergymen will return the latter part of April, sailing from Cherbourg, France, on April 21. The Wears are scheduled to return before that date.

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THE DEVOTIONAL PAGE

REV. H. O. BOLIN, Editor

DECALOG OF DUTIES FOR SANE RACE RELATIONS

1. Live up to the Living-Together implications of: "Biology and the Bible agree that God hath made of one blood all nations of men."

2. The idea that any one people are a "chosen people" to rule over others is a myth. It is the duty of all to curb such irrational claims.

3. It is our duty to face the fact that for every three people in the world, one is white and two are non-white.

4. It is the duty of the white race to face the fact that its past domination over non-whites is declining, and adjust to this future reality.

5. It is the duty of all—especially minority groups—to avoid Living Together irritants like slovenly or loud language, boisterous conduct and "advantage taking" aggressive attitudes. One deviating individual can engender hatred and intolerance toward an entire group.

6. Since racial intolerance is not inherited, but is an acquired attitude that children do not have, it is the duty of all to protect children from this curse.

7. It is our duty to answer an emphatic "yes" to Cain's laconic query "am I my brother's keeper?"

8. May we ever remember that there are no rights without corresponding duties and that the most effective way to maintain our rights is to perform our duties.

9. For every right we demand for ourselves it is our duty in similar circumstances to grant that same right to others. Starting this at home will prepare us to become other-nation-minded, and thus assume our international obligations.

10. The rights of democracy are not divisible, but must be made available to all in order to be safe and secure for any. From this follows our duty of "promoting and encouraging respect for human rights and for fundamental freedoms for all without distinction as to race, sex, language, or religion" as we pledged to do in signing the United Nations Charter.—Samuel S. Wyer in Advance.

A CHRISTIAN HOME

Having a Christian home means much more than having a house full of nice people who go to Church fairly regularly and treat each other kindly. It means having a home where Christ is known and loved and served; where the children learn to know him through their parents; where the welfare and Christian training of the children is put ahead of the social ambitions of the mother and the business ambitions of the father; where the father is determined to carry on his business in conformity with the mind of Christ; where both father and mother are determined to make their social life conform to high Christian ideals.—P. C. Payne, Presbyterian Tribune.

TAP AND TAVERN

Tap and Tavern reports that "Clear Heads Use Calverts," will shortly disappear from advertisements because some clear heads in the Alcohol Tax Unit said. "No."—Methodist Clipsheet.

MY PRAYER

*Let me be a little kinder,
Let me be a little blinder
To the faults of those about me;
Let me praise a little more;*

*Let me be, when I am weary,
Just a little bit more cheery;
Let me serve a little better
Those that I am striving for.*

*Let me be a little braver
When temptations bid me waver,
Let me strive a little harder
To be all that I should be;*

*Let me be a little meeker
With the brother that is weaker;
Let me think more of my neighbor
And a little less of me.*

—Free Methodist.

A PARABLE OF JUDGMENT

The entire twenty-fifth chapter of Matthew is taken up with three great parables of judgment. The first two—that of the Ten Virgins and of the Talents—are on a small scale. Then the theme increases its scope until it becomes world-wide and age-long. We have the Son of Man sitting upon a throne of judgment and gathering before him all nations and kindreds and people. The present article will deal with this last parable. There are some lessons here for us, which hold true whether or not one gives a spiritual or literal interpretation to the parable.

The first lesson is the fact that Christ will be the judge. In speaking on this subject on another occasion, he said, "The Father judgeth no man, but hath committed all judgment into the hands of the Son." He who offers himself as Saviour now, will be judge then. He was once judged before the world but the world will at last be judged before him. In fact that judgment, to a certain extent, is going on now. There is a sense in which every day is a judgment day. The final separation, however, has not yet taken place. The wheat and the tares are still growing together, and the forgiving mercy of God which can transform the tares into wheat is still with us. But this mercy will not be extended forever. The Apostle Paul spoke a word that is true not only in the spiritual realm but in all phases of life: "Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth that shall he also reap." Man's chickens will finally come home to roost; his sins will find him out. Christ who now offers pardon through the sacrifice of himself for man's sins will finally sit in unerring judgment on the unrepentant. The Judge of all the earth must do right. Strict justice, when mercy has finally and forever been refused, will be meted out. God's throne is founded upon justice as well as love and mercy. The very fact that he is the moral judge of all the universe makes this an absolute necessity. His mercy is bounded by the plan of salvation which he procured at great sacrifice to himself. The per-

son who remains out of that plan puts himself beyond the reach of God's mercy.

Another lesson is the practical aspect of Christianity portrayed here. The requirement is so simple that a child can understand it. It is simply the rendering of helpful service to the needy in the name of Christ, and motivated through the fact that the worker belongs to the Lord. Listen to his own great words: "I was an hungered, and ye gave me meat: I was thirsty, and ye gave me drink: I was a stranger, and ye took me in: Naked, and ye clothed me: I was sick, and ye visited me: I was in prison and ye came unto me."

These are simple practical things that all except the needy, can do. There should be but two types of people in the world—the needy who are the recipients of these acts of kindness and those who render the acts. On another occasion, in speaking of the simplicity of acts of service and how things that appear to be small count in his estimation, Christ said, "Whoever shall give to drink unto one of these little ones a cup of cold water only in the name of a disciple, verily I say unto you, he shall in no wise lose his reward."

We note here that one must do more than say words of prayer (as important as that is). He must also do deeds of prayer; he must put feet and hands to his prayer. Jesus said, "Why call ye me, Lord, Lord, and do not the things which I say?" In his Sermon on the Mount, Christ said, "Not everyone that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven." In one of his greatest parables, Christ had the good Samaritan—the ideal citizen of the kingdom of God—rendering helpful service to a wounded would-be enemy.

Still another lesson is the fact that people are damned for what they don't do as well as for what they do. The five foolish virgins were shut out because they failed to take oil for their vessels. The one-talent man was cast out, not because he missed his talent, but because he didn't use it at all. In

PRAYER

Strengthen me, O God, by the grace of Thy Holy Spirit. Grant me, O Lord, Heavenly wisdom, that I may learn to see Thee above all things, and to find Thee, to enjoy and to love Thee above all things, and to understand all other things as they are, according to the order of Thy wisdom, for thus we shall go on securely in the course we have begun, Amen.—Bandmaster Richard Herival in War Cry.

the last of the three parables, people were damned, not because they were wicked and vicious, but because they failed to do good. All need to be careful about the sins of omission. Such sins are hardly condemned by Christ.

The last and greatest lesson is the fact that Christ so identifies himself with others that kind deeds of service rendered to them are also rendered to him. When he commended those who had fed the hungry, clothed the naked, and visited the sick, they raised the question, "When saw we thee in such condition and administered unto thee?" His reply was "In as much as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me."

It is not strange that Christ thus identifies himself with others. Love always does that. Christ loved others better than he did himself. He was always putting their interest above his own. All true parents love their children better than they do themselves. An act of kindness rendered to a child thus loved is more appreciated by the parent than should the act have been rendered directly to him. Christ is much closer to the human family than a parent is to a child. He was in the habit of calling himself the Son of Man. He summed up in himself the human family. He was so fully the human family incarnate that he could die for all. "It pleased Christ, by the grace of God, to taste death for all men." "For as in Christ shall all be made alive." There is a spiritual kinship here that words will not express. As he was one with the Father, we are to be one with him. This solidarity of Christ and believing humanity is well expressed by Paul when he said, "I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me." Do you really and truly love the Lord? Would you render service to him? Then serve others. The needy are on every hand. The opportunity to render loving service is ours today.—H. O. B.

300 PREDICTIONS

There are more than 300 predictions, or prophetic promises in the Old Testament concerning the coming of Christ, as the promised Messiah. Every important detail of his life, labors, teachings, trials, death and resurrection was predicted by many prophets hundreds of years before his birth. And what is more, every prediction made concerning him was fulfilled according to the records of the New Testament down to the minutest detail.—Baptist Standard.



THE CHILDREN'S PAGE

ANNIE WINBURNE, Editor



IN STORYLAND

DANDELION WHISPERS

"Hi, ho!" whispered the yellow dandelion as he peeped his fuzzy head above the soft spring earth. "Awake, awake!" he called. "Tis spring! 'Tis spring!" His merry voice was carried by the wind.

The violet was soundly sleeping close by and was awakened by his merry voice. "Is it true?" she asked as she lifted her sleepy head from the brown earth.

"'Tis true!" the bold little dandelion answered. "Oh, the world is so gay, won't you come out with me and play?" he coaxed in his saucy sort of way.

"Boo!"—The brave Violet shivered as she peeped her head out into the cool spring air. "It seems chilly. Are you sure it is not too early to send my baby blossoms out into the world?"

"Oh, never you fear," assured the brash Dandelion. "They will be safer here than buried in the cold, damp earth."

"You may be right," she said. Then when the sun smiled down upon the earth, and the breezes sent their warming breath, the Violet sent her babies out to play. Their pretty heads swayed in the frolicsome wind. They danced and skipped with the grass and the leaves.

Soon night came. A dark cloud overshadowed the sky. A strong, chilling wind blew from the north. The trees began to bend and sway to the ground. The birds hushed their music and hurried to their nests, while the dandelion folded his fuzzy head and went to sleep.

But the little baby Violets were rocked in the cruel icy wind. Their feet were cold, and they began to cry as they shivered in the cold, damp air.

The next morning the Violet's tears were frozen with the raindrops. They were buried beneath a thin sheet of ice. They were beautiful imprisoned in their icy castle, but when the sun's warm rays beamed upon them their icy castle melted. Then they drooped their pretty heads and wilted.

A Red Bird singing in a lilac tree nearby heard the Violet weeping. He looked down with sorrow and said, "Pretty Violet, why are you weeping?"

"My babies went out to play, and now they are withered away," she sadly answered.

"Why did you send them out to play, on such a cold and windy day?" he asked.

While drying a tear she looked up to say, "I heard the Dandelion say, 'Awake! come out and play, for the world is bright and gay.' Then the breeze began to tease, and the buds were swelling on the trees, and I heard the buzzing of the bees—so I sent them gaily out to play."

"The naughty fellow. Now I know why he is yellow." The Red Bird began to sigh as he tried to comfort the Violet.

"Where is he?" demanded a breeze as it was blowing by. "I will



APRIL FUN

*April days are full of fun for me
When raindrops fall and patter merrily.*

*A little stream is formed to sail my boat,
I'm careful to keep dry with cap and coat.*

*Spring days, the best of all the year,
With sun and showers, I'm glad that they are here.*
—A. E. W.

IN THE WORLD OF BOYS AND GIRLS

THE LITTLE BOARDERS

By Cora S. Day

This story really began last fall, when robins went south for the winter. Just a few days before they went, Millie and Jack made a strange discovery. They went out one morning, and there on the lawn were two young robins. It was plain to be seen that they were just out of the nest, for their long thin legs were wobbly, their tails were mere stubs, and their wings were too weak to carry them more than a few yards at a time.

"I never saw young robins so late in the season," said Jack, who liked and studied birds. "I think something must have happened to the old birds' first brood, and they started this brood later than usual."

For several days the baby robins hopped about the lawn and among the shrubbery, while father and mother robins fed them faithfully. Then, one morning, the baby birds called and called, but no father or mother answered, or came with their breakfast. Millie and Jack soon noticed their unusually loud, plaintive cries, and watched them. At last Jack cried:

"The robins have gone south! The father and mother birds have gone with them, and have left their poor babies here. They are too young to go with the rest."

"Oh, the cruel, heartless birds!" Millie said indignantly. But Jack defended them.

"They didn't know any better. Poor things, they couldn't stay here. They would freeze and starve. Instinct told them to go when the flock went. But what's to be done with these little birds?" He looked puzzled. "I'd try to catch them and take care of them; but it is against the law. There is a fine of \$20 for having a robin in your possession," he said. Then he brightened.

"I'll take my wheel and go see Mr. Wilson, over in Benton. He is the game warden. If he will give me permission"—He didn't stop to finish, but away he went.

Mr. Wilson liked birds. He liked boys, too, when they were Jack's sort of boys. He listened interestedly, gave the necessary permission, and sent Jack home happy.

It was getting along toward spring when Mr. Wilson happened to be near and called on Jack.

"How about those robins?" he asked. Jack led him to a big, empty, unfinished loft over the kitchen. No, it was not empty; for in it were two of the plumpest, the handsomest and the tamest robins that Mr. Wilson had ever seen.

"Aren't they fine?" laughed Jack holding out a hand, to which they flew fearlessly. "I certainly am proud of those robins!"—The Sunbeam.

ingly, and then after a moment's thought added soberly: "I guess I'm going to be pretty thin up there."—Ladies' Home Journal.

JUST FOR FUN

"Do you know why the little ink-drop was so blue?"

"No."

"Because his father was in the pen finishing out a sentence."

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"So you complain of finding sand in your soup?"

"Yes, sir."

"Did you join the Army to serve your country or to complain about the soup?"

"To serve my country, sir—not to eat it."

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First Student: "I wonder how old Miss Jones is."

Second Student: "Quite old, I imagine; they say she used to teach Caesar."

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A small boy, when told by his Sunday school teacher that he would leave his body behind when he died, said in alarm, "I don't understand that."

"You see," explained the teacher, "you will take all that is good with you and leave all that is naughty here on earth."

"Oh!" he exclaimed understand-

teach him to mind his own business." Then with a wave of the hand the breeze was gone. He joined a brisk wind and they scampered off together with the sprightly springtime weather.

But, oh,—Mr. Dandelion was left quite a frightful sight. His golden hair that had gleamed so bright, had turned an ashen gray over night. His coat was still bright and green, but his pretty hair was nowhere to be seen. For the frisky morning breeze came to tantalize and tease and snatched his golden locks away. They were carried far away by the saucy breeze in mischievous play. Poor Mr. Dandelion stood bent and old with his bare, bald head tossed in the cold.

But the little Violet's sisters sprang up to take their place, wearing tilted, blue bonnets of elegant grace. There close by the spreading dogwood trees, they danced and frolicked in the breeze.

Soon song birds were lifting a glad refrain, and all the world was happy with laughter again. The wind stirred the earth with zephyrs warm and gay, and the countryside was dressed in colors bright for the merry month of May.—In the Western Recorder.



The Second Commitment Day



By BISHOP WILBUR E. HAMMAKER

METHODISM'S second church-wide "Call to the colors" was a great event. Commitment to "abstinence" and "a good example" captured the imagination, and laid hold on the wills, of multiplied hundreds of thousands of Methodists the first Sunday of Lent. Very many churches dramatized the day in striking fashion. Some of the experiences were most unusual and soul-shaking. It can truly be said, that this observance of a deeply meaningful day marks another significant milestone in the New Methodist Temperance Advance Movement, which had its beginning late in the year 1945.

Since December of that year, our people have come a long way. The gains have been great. Yet there is still ahead of us "a long, long, road a winding." A very long one indeed. We have gone far enough to be heartened; yet, not nearly far enough to be complacent.

In doing again "the first works" we are getting down to the roots of the matter. There can be no mighty movement toward answering the gigantic questions all snarled up in the manufacture, distribution, and use of alcoholic beverages, until a vast company of Americans see clearly the reasons for and the values of "abstinence." The moral aspects must be sensed; the religious involvements must be understood. The mind of the Master must be brought to bear on the total liquor situation. The starting point is "abstinence." A study of the history of the fight against Old King Alcohol brings that out crystal clear. Be not deceived. Let no one tell you that "Commitment" is a little thing.

No, we have not received complete figures from the whole Church concerning what happened on March 6th. It is extremely difficult to get such data. It takes a long time. As a rule, many reports cannot be "pulled in" to headquarters, even after two or three special appeals have been made after "the big day." Such is a general experience in every denomination-wide special day or endeavor. Hence, we did not make the attempt. But all of us do want to know as much as we can about results.

We have gotten "spot reports" from all sections of the Church. We arranged for them, believing that they would give a fairly reliable picture of "the whole." This, despite the "flop" of such "sampling" last summer and fall, when the country was trying through "polls" to know aforesaid about the November election. It seems that the "sampled spots" were not reliably indicative. Yet, notwithstanding all this, we are inclined to believe that our spot reports tell a true story. It is an encouraging one. At times, some chapters thrill the soul. References to a few are to be found in the concluding paragraphs of this sketchy account of Commitment Day.

The day was widely observed. This year there was less open or subtle opposition to its presentation. Few preachers, this year, encountered the off-hand, and seemingly casual expression: "Better let it alone, preacher." Some laymen who voiced some such an attitude in 1948, actually took an "about face" and said: "Preacher, things are getting so bad, you had better lay it on the line Commitment Day. Go the limit." Now, this did not mean in the situations reported that the preacher was being encouraged to do or say things that would "assault" or "insult." It is not necessary to raise a ruckus, while making an earnest, persuasive, appeal for abstinence. Our preachers found that out again this year. Very many of them learned it last year.

In some churches the Day was observed more or less perfunctorily. This group was

about twenty-five percent. In some churches the Day went unnoticed, sad to say. Apparently, about twenty percent of the charges were in this lamented company. Next year many of them shall move "out" and "up." But here is the cheering note—considerably more than sixty percent of the churches of American Methodism observed the day vigorously, and wisely. About two million Commitment Day Cards were sent, from Chicago by the Service Department, on the same time by the Service Department of the World Service Agencies. Many churches stated, that they were using cards left over from last year's Commitment and hence, were ordering fewer than would otherwise have been the



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case. Some printed their own. Some printed the Commitment Pledge in their bulletins. The large Virginia Conference observed the day early in January and created its own pledge cards.

Orders are still coming in to the Service Department, as many churches are observing the day late in March and April. Some after Easter. It is probable that the entire two and a half million printing for this year will be called for between now and June 1st. One year ago "the singers" numbered between one million and a million one hundred thousand. It seems that about six hundred fifty thousand to seven hundred thousand climbed up to join them this year. That means more than a million and three-quarters of Methodist men and women, boys and girls, have consecrated themselves to travel on "the high way." On the first Sunday of Lent 1950 their number will go beyond the two million mark. God be praised!

Commitment Day is bound to be more intensively and extensively observed year by year. Not many conscientious preachers are willing, persistently, to disregard, or to treat lightly, a day set aside by the General Conference for Church-wide Commitment to sobriety and a good example.

But more than a mandate from the General Conference has been motivating preachers and a very large number of our lay people. Moral imperatives are again emerging into full consciousness in the minds and hearts of a multitude of Methodists. The ethical values involved

in the total liquor situation are again becoming clear, and conscience is once more getting a order. Approximately the same number of Week of Dedication Envelopes were also sent out at chance. We are coming alive to our tremendous responsibilities. Many a man is becoming convicted of sin—the sin of omission. He is seeing himself as God sees him—as one who is indifferent to the total protection and well-being of the children of earth.

More than one preacher has been remembering words out of his ordination: "If it shall happen that the Church, or any member thereof, do take any hurt or hindrance by reason of your negligence, you know how great the fault." And remembering, has said to himself: "And ah! my soul, some might not have taken hurt or hindrance, had I been alert, as a faithful watchman on the tower, to which God and the Church assigned me." Repentance has been coming to the House of our God. We are beginning to do the first works.

More and more shall we be giving ourselves as a mighty Church to teaching the facts about the Great Destroyer. Already plans are in the making for a greater observance of Commitment Day in 1950 than in 1948 and 1949. It can be done. With God's guidance and help it shall be done.

Some interesting reports have been coming in. Let me share two or three out of many. The pastor of one church of nine hundred and forty-eight members said: "We had a glorious time on Commitment Day. I had made full preparation. I found that I could get ready, simultaneously, for Commitment Day and the Week of Dedication. (Let me interject the observation that some preachers did not know that.) *The two projects fitted together perfectly.* Each tended to help the other in the minds and hearts of my people. Counting those who signed last year, more than seventy-five percent of the worshippers on Sunday morning committed themselves to total abstinence add a good example. I preached on the subject, 'For their Sakes.' It was a wonderful time for me and my people."

One pastor tells this story: "About two o'clock Sunday afternoon my phone rang. I recognized the voice of one of the successful men of my Church. He said, 'Doctor, I am coming over to your study. I want one of those cards. I did not sign this morning. But Bill and Mary said at the dinner table that they had signed (Bill is 13, Mary is 15). I think what they did is good for them. I believe it will help them, when they learn that I, to, have taken the same stand.' Children still do lead their elders."

Read now a short, short letter from a very little church. The pastor writes in humble vein: "I am sure it would interest you to know that our little country church observed Commitment Day, Sunday, March 6th. There were sixty-four present. Sixty-three signed the cards. Our Church is now a station. Just five months old. Do you not think we are beginning to walk? Certainly we are out of our swaddling clothes."

Ten days after Commitment Day, a member of our Board (The Board of Temperance) told me of a very wonderful experience in his city church of fifteen hundred members. He had his people come down the aisles of the Sanctuary to deposit the signed Commitment Cards on the sacred Sacramental Table. More than two-thirds of his great congregation responded to his challenging and dramatic appeal and laid their cards on the Lord's Table. The day of glorious deeds is not done. It is just begun. Our "golden age" is not yesterday. It is to be tomorrow.

MISSIONARY CARRY ON IN YENPING, CHINA

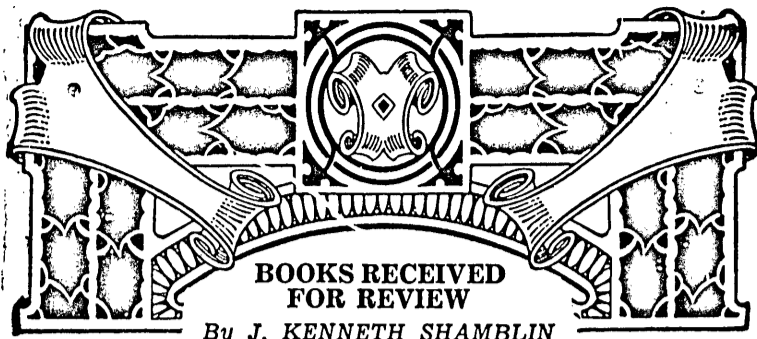
A report reaching the Board of Missions and Church Extension from the Yenping Annual Conference in Fukien Province, China, where communists are in general control, tells of plans for Christian mission work

"as usual" despite the presence of these forces. Says the report:

"Our spring itineraries begin next week and we are looking forward to these weeks among the churches of our conference. Three teams will be covering the whole conference area during February, March and April if conditions permit. We are

so constantly hearing of communist-bandit activities all around us, that we may have to cancel some of our plays as we go along. Local officials have strongly advised against going to certain sections, and have asked us to make careful inquiry about each place as we go along. These bandits have made attacks in three

places quite recently, and their chief purpose seems to be that of looting for guns and ammunition. We hear many versions of what it all means and of what we may look forward to here in Fukien in the near future, but for the present at least, we certainly are among the more fortunate."



**BOOKS RECEIVED
FOR REVIEW**

By J. KENNETH SHAMBLIN

To Fulfill This Ministry

By William C. Martin

(Abingdon-Cokesbury Press, \$1.75)

In this volume based upon the Wilson lectures at McMurry College Bishop Martin sets forth many practical suggestions for the work of the pastoral ministry. The emphasis of the book is clearly stated in this paragraph: "It is within the border of the local parish that the Church makes immediate contact with its field of operation. If it succeeds here, its work is effective; if it fails, the failure is complete. Every denominational agency, institutional or personal, is maintained in order that the labors of the pastor here or in another land may be more productive." The value of this book does not reside in the new material presented upon this subject but rather in the emphasis that is made and the inspirational and contagious enthusiasm with which the basic relationships of the pastoral ministry are set before us. It is a volume that helps us to rethink our great mission as ministers and causes us to meet the everyday tasks with a new realization of their importance and a greater appreciation of their relationship to the Kingdom of God.

Real Living Takes Time

By Hazen G. Werner

(Abingdon-Cokesbury Press, \$2.00)

The author of this book has long lived with the personal problems of people and has brought to them hope and comfort. He has dealt with these problems as the pastor of a down-town church and as a professor of Practical Theology. Much of the material used in this book was gathered from the Author's experience as Director of a Personal Trouble Clinic in collaboration with a psychiatrist, a family visitor, Public Health Department, Police Department and other public agencies. The general position of this book is stated in these striking words: "Some of you may be thinking that you do become a new kind of person through sudden conversion, but conversion, you will agree, does not take the place of growth. Living, choosing and acting must go on after conversion. Conversion gives a person a chance to grow in the right direction. If you consistently choose to be generous and tolerant, you will become a gracious and unselfish person, on the other hand, if you consistently choose to be selfish, to what pleases you, you will become an egocentric and dominating person. Real living takes time." Dr. Werner uses actual cases, sound psychological principles and rich interpretation of the Christian faith to enable us to make the best use of our time and our daily choices. This volume will prove helpful reading for any person seeking guidance in facing the personal problems of life. It will furnish suggestive and stimulating

material for preaching and, no doubt, will help the pastor with his general understanding of personal problems and thus enable him to give great hope and comfort to his people.

The Travels And Adventures Of St. Paul

by Howard Palmer Young

(W. A. Wilde Co. \$2.50)

Christians in every age have had a great desire to become intimately acquainted with the life of St. Paul. His life was filled with a rich variety of adventure and with a complete dedication to Christ. His great responses to his many experiences in preaching the gospel and his great insight into the relationships of life and the problem of the Christian fellowship have challenged men of every age to a more complete realization of their possibilities. Mr. Young has been studying Paul's life and Pauline literature for over forty years. With a very stimulating imagination, he has presented a true biography of St. Paul, especially written for young people. It has all the color and romance of a story of a great hero of any age and yet it is true to the facts in the life of this great Christian. Youth especially should enjoy it and it should help them to have a more intimate fellowship with this first Missionary of the Christian Faith.

BRIEFLY MENTIONED

Notes On The Doctrine Of God

by Carl F. H. Henry

(W. A. Wilde Co., \$1.50)

This is written by one of the younger theologians and philosophers of religion who is now Professor of The Philosophy of Religion at Fuller Theological Seminary in Pasadena, California. This volume sets forth the evangelical insistence on God as personal, self-revealing, supreme over all events in time and yet vitally concerned in them.

Hymn Stories Of The Twentieth Century

by William J. Hart

(W. A. Wilde Co., \$1.75)

This is a very good collection of Hymn Stories which have been arranged under very helpful divisions according to the nature of the hymn. Such chapter headings as morning melodies, Hymns of Comfort, Thanksgiving in Song, and Carols at Christmas-tide are examples.

Windows Of Thought

by David Piper

(W. A. Wilde Co., \$1.50)

This volume contains fifty two short illustrative stories containing human interest material which will aid pastors and other religious workers in illustrating vital truth.

63 Popular Parables For Young Folks

by John Henry Sargent

The author has presented sixty

FROM THE METHODIST CHILDREN'S HOME

An Interesting Show

On Saturday afternoon, April 9th, Mr. Vance Jernigan, of Malvern, brought his trained horse to the Home and put on a show for our children. Mr. Jernigan and his horse have nation-wide fame in this field. His pastor, Rev. Dan Robinson, of the First Methodist Church of Malvern, accompanied him. It was a splendid show and greatly enjoyed by all the children. Each child had an opportunity to mount the horse after the show, an experience that was enjoyed as much as the show itself. Brother Robinson is well known and loved by all our children, since he has had them all for a visit to his church for three successive years. We thank you, Mr. Jernigan and Brother Robinson, for your great kindness in showing our children a good time.

A Bit Shabby And Pitiful Looking

Superintendents of our Methodist Children's Homes have some interesting experiences which they will share with each other sometimes.

Here is one which has been duplicated in one way or another in most, if not all our homes. It comes from one of our Homes in a distant state. A group of ladies came to visit the Home one day. They inspected the buildings and grounds, and when the children came in to lunch they were invited to eat with them. The ladies were looking for a project for their benevolences. At lunch the leader said: "But everything is so clean here, and the children seem so happy. They are well dressed and well fed. I had thought they would be a bit shabby and pitiful looking, and the Home not so modern and well cared for." This lady finally concluded by saying they would look elsewhere for a project.

What this lady was looking for was some children who were "shabby and pitiful looking," who would fawn upon her in order to be recipients of her bounty. She thought she was out to help somebody, but perhaps, after all, she was just looking for a thrill for herself.

Now, so far as the Methodist Children's Home of Arkansas is concerned, if anyone is looking for "shabby and pitiful looking children, though they may have come to us from broken or shabby and unhappy homes; though they may

three parables of about three minutes in length that set forth truth that is especially related to the life of youth. The book is prepared especially for Junior and Intermediate young people. In connection with each parable there is an appropriate scripture and prayer. This book should be helpful for workers with these age groups and for parents who would like to use it in family devotions with the children of the home.

The Beliefs Of A Methodist Christian

by Clinton M. Cherry

(Tidings Press, 35 cents)

This is a volume, prepared especially for young people and adults which sets forth what this writer feels are the basic beliefs of a Methodist Christian. The book is written without the use of technical language and without the quoting of authority, except that of the Bible.

have been ragged and dirty, (many of them were) within a day or two, they were happy and bright like all the rest of our children. Plenty of good food, clothing to make them feel respectable, and a sense of security, love and understanding will work miracles in the life of a child. We have had many high compliments on our children from the teachers in the public schools. They say it is easy to tell the children from the Home. They are clean, courteous and above the average in their studies.

Is not this what the great Methodist Church of Arkansas wants for these children in our care?

A Shasta Daisy

In one of the publications coming to my desk recently, there appeared the following article, which we pass on to our readers as worthy of study.

"Luther Burbank was walking one day along the roadside and saw a ragweed. He said, 'Little ragweed, you are a weed because you are out of place. (A weed is a plant out of place.) Men dig you out of their gardens and throw you over the fence, so you can grow by the roadside, and people sneeze at you and curse you. But, little ragweed, I am going to take you home with me and do something for you.'

"So, Luther Burbank took his pocket knife, dug up the little ragweed, took it home and planted it in his home garden; not out in his experimental farm, but in his home garden in Santa Rosa, California. It grew.

"Come the next spring when Luther Burbank found tiny blossoms on the ragweed. He took some pollen from another flower and placed it on the open blossoms of the ragweed. That autumn he gathered the seed and planted it in the following spring. The seed grew and bore blossoms. They were some different from the former ragweed blossoms. On these blossoms Luther Burbank placed some pollen from another larger and more beautiful flower and in the autumn gathered the seed. The next spring the ragweed plant and blossoms were showing a definite trend toward something new and more splendid. The plant was gradually losing the aspects of the original ragweed and taking on more of the attributes of the ideal flower that was in Luther Burbank's mind. So the careful selection and cross-pollination went on. Luther Burbank was producing a thoroughbred.

"One day there was a crowd of people before a show window of a large store in Santa Rosa, California. There in the window stood a large, beautiful flower, on an elegant stem. It was labeled 'Shasta Daisy,' for snow-crested Mount Shasta that towered yonder above the Sierras; the evolution of a ragweed; the product of six years of careful selection; the dream of a man who in his last days said: 'I shall be content if because of me there shall be better fruits and fairer flowers.'

Wise selection and great care is used by the stockman in bringing to perfection his thoroughbred cattle, horses, or hogs. He would not trust this task to one who was indifferent, careless, and ignorant. What shall be said for the children of our day? We have all seen the outcast ragweed growing by the roadside. They will never have

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LETTER OF APPRECIATION FROM GERMANY

(The following letter was received from District Superintendent and Mrs. Scholz of Berlin, Germany, by Rev. O. L. Cole of Marshall. Brother Cole met the Rev. Mr. Scholz at the General Conference in Boston.)

Berlin-Schoeneberg,
Hauptstrasse 134
March 8, 1949

Dear Mr. Cole:

Your kind letter of December 31, 1948 arrived in the middle of January. We enjoyed your message very much for we remember having met you at General Conference in Boston and we find it extremely good of you remembering us in this generous way.

Due to the blockade of Berlin it takes a very long time for packages to reach their destination in the west sectors of Berlin. But yesterday the great event came true and the package arrived after all. It was a wonderful surprise to all of us and we wish to express our heartiest thanks for your generous gift in our own name and for those who will be among the happy recipients.

Everything was so thoughtfully selected and carefully packed and we appreciate the gift parcel very highly. The delicious groceries will help to enrich our meals in an excellent way. As soon as Bishop Sommer will be back from the States he is likely to come to Berlin and then we shall give him a cup of coffee or chocolate as an extra treat from you with your highest regards. I'm sure he will be delighted too.

The clothing you sent was welcome in the same way and will be very useful to those of our needy members to whom it is distributed. May God bless you for your kindness and goodwill.

Heartly thanks for your prayers. We need them urgently in these turbulent and precarious times. We do the same for you and your work. We feel greatly obliged for the true Christian fellowship you have shown us in the spirit of Christ Jesus and we shall never forget it.

Though Berlin is a blockaded city with many restrictions and limitations our church work is growing on every line since 1945. In the youth movement we have an increase of 100% due to the work in the camp meetings last summer and fall. The Sunday school work is progressing too. There we have even 400% increase. And also the W. S. C. S. carries out some new plans with good success. They publish a new bimonthly paper, opened an Advisory Board for social welfare, appointed a deaconess to care for the refugees and displaced persons, and take part in the new training school for deaconesses and missionaries in Frankfurt/Main.

These fact help us not to lose hope but have a firm confidence and trust in God's care and guidance. He has been with us in the past, he is our keeper in the present, and he will lead us through all hardship in the future.

With the best of good wishes from both of us to you and Mrs. Cole, we are

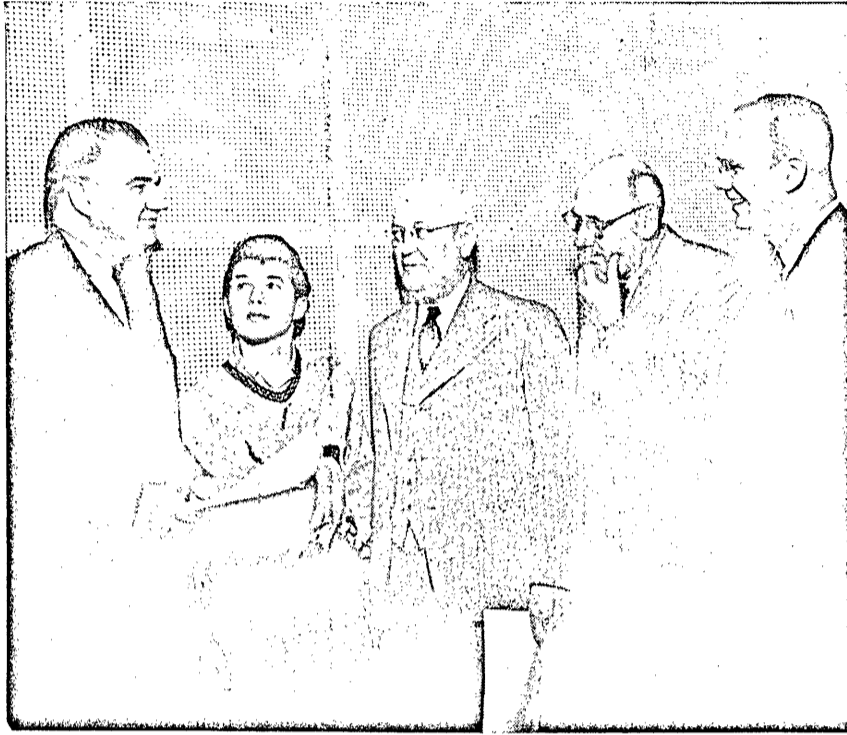
Sincerely yours,
Pastor and Mrs. E. Scholz

There is a river, the streams whereof shall make glad the city of God, the Holy Place of the Tabernacles of the Most High.—Psalm 46:4.

ALL GOOD THING BEGIN AT HOME

ALL Good Things Begin At Home is the title of a special series of six dramatic programs which will be broadcast over 12 Arkansas stations. These broadcasts which deal with

- ArkadelphiaKVRC
- Hot SpringsKTHS
- Hot SpringsKWFC
- FayettevilleKGRH
- Ft. SmithKWHN
- CamdenKAMD



Just before making master transcription, Carlton E. Morse, second from right, well-known Hollywood radio writer and producer checks the script with three prominent West coast Methodist ministers and one of the players. This radio series for family week, May 2-7 produced annually for The Upper Room is entitled this year, "All Good Things Begin at Home." The series of six broadcasts will be heard on more than a thousand stations.

In the picture above left to right are Dr. J. Richard Sneed, pastor First Church Los Angeles, Tommy Bernard one of the players, Dr. George A. Warmer, District Superintendent, Mr. Morse, and Rev. Ray Ragsdale, pastor Westwood Methodist Church.

specific problems in living together in the family as preparation for living together in the world are being broadcast as public service projects by more than a thousand stations in the United States and Canada as part of the observance of National Family Week, May 2-7. The programs are prepared under the auspices of The Upper Room, the world's most widely used devotional guide, and are written and produced by Carlton E. Morse, best known to local radio listeners as the writer and producer of "One Man's Family."

Facing squarely some of the problems that confront families today, this series is frankly and positively Christian in viewpoint but in accordance with the ideals of The Upper Room is strictly non-denominational in character. The titles of the episodes indicate the nature of the broadcasts which are created in dramatic style: "Democracy Begins at Home," "Question of the Family Car," "High Finance on a Low Income," "Home Builders are World Builders," "Families That Play Together Stay Together," "Families That Worship Together Stay Together."

It is believed that no other radio program of a religious character has ever won the public service acceptance of so many radio stations. It is also to be available for use as a teaching program in churches and church schools.

Stations in Arkansas who use "All Good Things Begin at Home":

- HarrisonKHOZ
- Pine BluffKCLA
- ParagouldKDLS
- Ft. SmithKRRN
- Siloam SpringsKUOA

DEATH OF DR. W. E. HOGAN

Nashville, Tenn.—W. E. Hogan, 76, treasurer and business manager of the board of education of The Methodist Church for 34 years, died April 9, in Cincinnati at the home of a son, Walter Wayne Hogan. Funeral services and interment were in Conway, Ark.

Mr. Hogan was born September 28, 1872, near Batesville, Ark. He attended the public schools there, Hendrix College at Conway, University of Chicago, and received his Master's of Arts degree at George Peabody College in Nashville.

He taught in the public schools of Arkansas and served on the faculty of Hendrix College from 1900 to 1910; at that time he came to Nashville to assume his duties as treasurer and business manager of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South.

Mr. Hogan retained his position after the consolidation of the Northern and Southern divisions of the church. He retired in 1944, and for the past few years, he and Mrs. Hogan, the former Miss Mary Young of Conway, have been living in Cincinnati at the home of their son.

In 1932 Hendrix College conferred a Doctor of Laws degree upon Mr. Hogan. He kept his membership in the Belmont Methodist Church. During the many years of his life in Nashville, Mr. Hogan served his church with honor and loyalty.

Besides his widow and son, he is survived by another son, Edwin Young Hogan, of Logan, W. Va., and a grandson.

Wise men, though all laws were abolished, would lead the same life.—Aristophanes.

Duties are tasks that we look forward to with distaste, perform with reluctance, and brag about ever after.—Anon.

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Telegram From Dr. Potts
A telegram from Dr. J. Manning Potts, editor of the Upper Room, read in part as follows: "Just received letter and attestation from State Department, United States Government under certificate 'Issued to facilitate the international circulation of recordings of an educational character.' This makes possible broadcasts outside the United States. Ten thousand and ninety stations to date have accepted this program. This includes all 48 states, Alaska, Hawaii, Puerto Rico, Canada, Cuba, Philippines. This is the largest religious radio public service acceptance in America."

Sadness hears the clock strike every hour, happiness forgets the day of the month.—Seneca.

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NORTH ARKANSAS CONFERENCE NOTES

By Ira A. Brumley

Conference on Adult Work

Plans have been made for five conferences on adult work to be held as follows:

Forrest City, April 25
Paragould, April 26
Newport, April 27
Harrison, April 28
Fayetteville, April 29

Each of these conferences will begin with a general session on adult work being held at 5 p. m. Pastors, general superintendents, superintendents of adult work and other adult workers should take advantage of these meetings. Following an hour of general meeting there will be an hour for each to get his or her evening meal. No plans have been made for the evening meal, leaving each free to make his or her own plans.

There is to be a teaching period at 7 p. m. in each meeting, at which time the Sunday School lesson for May 1 is to be taught by the discussion method. This period is to be followed by a discussion or evaluation of the teaching procedure.

Rev. Robert Clemmons of the General Board of Education is to be the leader in this program.

Plan now to have a delegation from your church in the meeting within reach of your church.

The greatest need in most of our churches is to strengthen our adult work. Let us make the period of April 25-29 as a time for developing a greater adult program in the North Arkansas Conference.

Church School Day Reports

Since Sunday, April 3, Church School Day reports have been coming to our office. The reports to date have been most encouraging. Should your Church School have observed the day and has not yet made a report we hope the report will be sent in soon.

Some schools were not in position to observe the day on April 3. It is hoped that such schools will observe the day as soon after Easter as possible. The Conference year is coming to a close and it is important that all programs be carried out as soon as possible.

All Church School Day offerings are to be sent to Board of Education, Hendrix Station, Conway.

Church School Enlistment Campaign

Many Church Schools reported their enrollment and attendance on Monday after April 3. Many of these reports are very encouraging. The reports indicate that a number of Church Schools will report increases on Church School enrollment this year even though we are reporting the present enrollment rather than an annual enrollment as we formerly reported.

We do regret to see that so many Church Schools are yet without an Adult Home Department or a nursery home visitor. This is the opportunity of a number of Church Schools to improve the work of their schools. Every Church School can have a program of reaching nursery children and the persons who should be in the Adult Home

Rev. Neill Hart To Teach Course For Sub-district Youth



REV. NEILL HART

"Young People and Christian Homemaking," a course for Seniors, Young People, and unmarried Adults will be offered May 2-4 from 7:15 to 9:00 o'clock at First Methodist Church, Little Rock, for all the young people of the churches in and near Greater Little Rock,

Department.

There are two leaflets which our office will be glad to furnish churches desiring information about the plans for the Adult Home Department and the Nursery Home Program. Why neglect the youngest and the oldest of your church family?

We will send to the Arkansas Methodist our first Church School Day report for this year, Thursday, April 28. All offerings received by that time will be listed in this report.

Conference-wide Youth Assembly will be held at Hendrix College, June 6-10. Churches should begin plans now to be represented as this is the one assembly in which all churches should have a representative. It is the assembly that selects the officers and make the plans for the Conference youth program. The ages for this assembly are 17-28, or sixteen year old persons who have graduated from high school.

Should a church have no one in the two above groups then such a church will be permitted to send a sixteen year old person who is an officer in the local church Methodist Youth Fellowship.

Plan now to have a delegate in the Conference Youth Assembly in the interest of your local youth program and for the building of a better Conference youth program.

There is to be a Senior Assembly for youth 15 and 16 years of age, Hendrix College, Conway, July 11-15, especially for the youth of Helena and Searcy Districts, but open to others of this age range of the Conference. Many of the districts of the Conference will be having camps for seniors. This program is in no way to conflict with other senior programs. This is being held so as to provide for persons who prefer such a program and to provide for

with Rev. Neill Hart, pastor at Camden, as instructor. Mr. Hart is a recognized authority in the field of the Christian home and has taught in training schools and jurisdictional leadership schools over this section of the country. Credit will be given to all who successfully complete the course and attend all sessions. The text "Making a Home" by Wood will be used, and may be obtained for sixty-five cents at First Church at the opening session, or may be purchased now at the church or at the office of the executive secretary, 326 Exchange Building.

Registration cards for pre-enrollment will be sent out to directors and youth counselors. Signed cards of those enrolled should be returned to the church office at the opening session Monday evening, May 2. A large enrollment is expected for this course. It is always one of the most popular courses offered for youth in training schools and Mr. Hart's reputation as a teacher in this field is widely known.

Pastors and youth workers over the city are working to make this observance an outstanding one for youth during the annual observance of National Family Week over the nation.—Mrs. Duane Brothers.

NATIONAL FAMILY WEEK MAY 1-8, 1949

National Family Week falls within the period we have designated as enlistment period for our church schools. National Family Week is the period of May 1-8. This special period is observed on a national basis, sponsored by the Federal Council of Churches of Christ in America, the International Council of Religious Education, the United Council of Church Women, and by most of the Protestant denominations. Roman Catholic and Jewish groups have parallel programs.

One of the emphases in the Church School Advance is that of the Christian home. National Family Week should be used as a time to place emphasis on the importance of the Christian home. Since the purpose of National Family Week is to strengthen family life it is a time for this particular emphasis and no offering is to be taken in connection with this observance.

There is a series of posters, the Home and Church Photo Posters, available from the Service Department, 810 Broadway, Nashville, Tennessee. There are six different posters which sell at 50c each set.

The leaflet on National Family Week may be secured from our office or the General Board of Education.

BEN FEW SUB-DISTRICT MEETS

Then Ben Few Sub-district of the Methodist Youth Fellowship met at Hunter's Chapel on Monday night, April 4.

Rev. Dan Robinson of Malvern gave a very inspirational talk on "What Seek Ye?"

President Harry Fite, Jr., presided over the business meeting. A nominating committee was appointed by the president to nominate officers for the following year. They will be elected at the next meeting.

Hunter's Chapel M. Y. F. won the loving cup on the basis of good deeds.

One hundred were present, including the sponsors. The next meeting will be at Manchester, May 2, when the Manchester M. Y. F. will be in charge of the program. The loving cup will be awarded to the M. Y. F. giving the best stunt.

After the business meeting Miss Dunlap led the group in several songs. Sandwiches and cold drinks were served by Hunter's Chapel M. Y. F.—Bobbie Jane Hunter, Reporter.

the Helena and Searcy Districts groups of seniors.

When you read this material it will be a little less than two months until time for our Annual Conference to be held. Has your church had any program to assist its leaders do a better job in the program of Christian education during this Conference year? We are seeing more and more the importance of Christian training in preparing persons to make commitment to Christ. The church that does not train its leaders to prepare children, youth and adults cannot hope to build the Kingdom of God.

SUB-DISTRICT YOUTH FELLOWSHIP MEETING

The Methodist Sub-District Youth Fellowship meeting was held at the Moorefield Methodist Church, Monday night, April 11.

The theme of the devotional program was "Worship with Pictures." The program leader was Miss Virginia Meacham and was as follows: Scripture, Yvone Wilson; Prayer, Mrs. M. L. Kaylor; Talk, Nannie Laura McLendon on Sallman's picture "Head of Christ"; and Talk, Barbara Meacham on Sallman's picture "Gethsemane."

Miss Mary E. Smith, Youth Director at First Church, gave a talk on Methodist Youth Fellowship in other sub-districts.

In the business meeting the following officers were elected: President, Jo Carolyn Woodyard, Cave City; Vice-President, Harry Benish, Newark; Secretary, Betty Huddleston, Asbury; Treasurer, Mrs. Billie Jean Johnson, Charlotte; Publicity Chairman, Patsy Travis, Central Avenue.

Chairmen of the four Commissions were elected as follows: Worship and Evangelism, Jimmy Foster, First Church; Missions and World Friendship, Lorene McLendon, Moorefield; Community Service, Iris Calaway, Bethesda; Recreation, Roberta Lamon, Cave City.

There were 156 present from the following churches: Asbury, Central Avenue, First Church, Bethesda, Cave City, Fairview, McHue, Moorefield, Newark, Charlotte and Mountain View.

At the close of the business session refreshments were served and games were played under the direction of Lorene McLendon.

The next meeting will be at Newark on May 9.—Marita Burks, Reporter.

WOMAN'S SOCIETY OF CHRISTIAN SERVICE

MRS. SUE M. WAYLAND, Editor

A REPORT ON THE NEW YORK GUILD MEETING

Dear Conference Secretary:

Your Standing Guild Committee has been in recent session and later you will receive from Miss Norris the complete findings of the session. But there are some things urgent which I wish to bring to you at once, that you may pass them along.

You will be glad to know that our Mrs. Dismukes was elected Vice-Chairman of this committee and, since Mrs. Mead of Nebraska is Chairman, that gives to our Jurisdiction both top officers. This is indeed an honor and we shall wish to express our appreciation of this honor. There is only one way in which we may really do this—work DOUBLY hard to make our total reports so fine that S. Central Jurisdiction will stand right out in front! And we can do it if we all pull together!

You will be interested to know that our Mary Moody was elected Chairman of Supplies and you will be hearing from her. There, again, we will wish to be loyal in our support of one of our own.

Your 1948 reports spoke well of our interest in the four-fold program of Advance and I wish to bring these suggestions for your further consideration:

1. In membership may we accept in South Central a goal of "every one win one by June, 1950," and go out as conference, districts and Guild units in a serious, organized effort for this? If we can do this, I am confident we shall obtain our ultimate quadrennial goal. This can be helped along by the organization of NEW units.

2. Study enlarges the vision. Your reports on the points of study and giving to Missions reflected this clearly. Miss Brittingham brought to the Standing Committee the thought that Guild women are not subscribing to our periodicals as they should. Let's strengthen that point and be careful to report fully on it.

3. Miss Bieri brought a NEW thought concerning recruits for service in our mission fields. For the first time, to my knowledge, they are bidding for the services of women up to the age of 50, if they are in good health. She said the various stations of work need the experience and administrative ability of such women, in business offices, in hospitals, in departments of Home Economics, in teaching of all kind—but especially they need music teachers. This call fits exactly in with the Guild woman and let us broadcast the call far and wide.

4. In the comparative sheets prepared by Miss Norris you will note that South Central Jurisdiction led all others in its increased percentage of giving to Missions, both in 1949 and in the "tripling" period just ended. We are very proud of that figure and may we press on until all of our conferences have made that 1-3 Advance in Missions money.

Two things on the point of Supplies I would bring to your attention:

1. Each Guild unit is asked to ship before June 1, 1949, a bundle

KOREAN STUDENT VISITS ARKANSAS

Myung Duk Girls' School
Kaisung (Songdo), Korea
February 23, 1949

Dear Friends:

In this letter of greeting I am enclosing a picture of Miss Sun Sook Kim. She was a student of mine years ago and is a product of this school and of Ewha College. She is going to America this year for study and hopes to spend the month of July in the North Arkansas Conference. I am eager for you to meet her and for her to experience real Arkansas friendliness and hospitality. She will bring to you directly my greetings and love.

I shall be thinking about you as individuals and as a group as you meet together this year. I hope this will be a meeting marked by great inspiration and great accomplishments. May this coming year be the greatest in the history of your work as a conference.

As you meet together I hope you will pray for Korea. This little country is passing through trying days. At times we Christians are discouraged because the forces of evil seem so strong. Pray that we



MISS SUN SOOK KIM

may have patience, wisdom, courage, and hearts of love no matter what the future holds for us.

With love and best wishes, I am
Sincerely yours,
Nellie Dyer.

of good, used clothing to Mildred Ann Paine of Japan, the bundle not to weigh over 22 lbs., and to be marked plainly "gift package—no commercial value." Her mailing address is "Miss Mildred A. Paine, Tokyo Foreign Missionaries, APO 500, c/o Post Master, San Francisco, California."

2. Aldersgate Camp, Little Rock, Arkansas, is to continue a Guild Cash Supply project during the present quadrennium and each unit is asked to make such remittance, through the channel of the Division treasurer, one quarter out of each year. Where this has not been done, it should be attended to soon—they need the money at Aldersgate NOW.

Mt. Sequoyah—July 5-15! I shall be expecting to see there all 17 of you! Four fine courses of study offered with excellent teachers, some interesting Workshops and our Guild Clinic, led by Mrs. Dismukes—all this should prove most attractive to all comers. We will have the Jurisdiction Week end July 9-10. We are working on that program now and it seems to be shaping up nicely. If you have a suggestion for it, do let me have it by return mail. I trust you are already trying to arrange for cars to bring up some of your women for that occasion.

This is the season for those Spring district conferences. There should be one in each district and, where at all possible to do so, it would be well that the Conference Secretary shall attend. Write for those dates and if you are not invited, go anyway—I guarantee you will be welcome. Also, reports soon will be due again. If you have not heard from Miss Norris concerning the method of securing the new report forms, write her at once, 150 Fifth Avenue, New York, N. Y.

With all love to each of you, I am

(Mrs.) Alma G. Riley,
Jurisdiction Secretary
Wesleyan Service Guild

FAYETTEVILLE DISTRICT MEETING

The Fayetteville District meeting was held on March 30th, at the Wiggins Memorial Church in Fayetteville. There were about 100 present.

Onward Christian Soldiers was sung and prayer led by Mrs. Fred Hamilton. Mrs. Sam McNair, District president, made announcements about the program for the day. Mrs. George Dismukes, guest speaker for the day gave highlights on a recent meeting she attended in New York. Her talk also concerned New Program materials for the W. S. C. S., Clipper, and Overseas Relief.

Miss Abbott of Siloam Springs, retired Missionary to India, was introduced. Roll call was answered with 15 societies represented. The Nominating committee chairman, Miss Bessie Andrews, made her report and the following officers were elected: President, Mrs. Jessie Gilstrap, Bentonville; Vice-President, Mrs. Walter Fieback, Eureka Springs; Promotion Secretary, Mrs. James Irby, Rogers; Recording Secretary, Mrs. Ralph McGregor, Rogers; Treasurer, Mrs. E. G. Kaetzell, Springdale.

Secretaries of Lines of Work:

Missionary Education, Miss Bessie Andrews, Bentonville; Spiritual Life, Mrs. R. K. Bent, Fayetteville; Youth Work, Mrs. James Randle, Rogers; Christian Social Relation, Mrs. G. P. Verhoeff, Fayetteville; Student Work, Mrs. Paul Bumpers, Fayetteville; Supply work, Miss Floy Dodgen, Siloam Springs; Status of women, Miss Elsie Henery, Bentonville; Missionary Personnel, Mrs. Clark McClinton, Fayetteville; Literature and Publication, Mrs. Fred Butler, Bentonville; Wesleyan Service Guild, Mrs. Sam McNair, Fayetteville. The officers were installed by Mrs. J. E. Critz, Conference President. A solo, "Advance O Church of God," was sung by Mrs. John Kinney.

Reports of the Annual meeting was given by Mrs. E. G. Kaetzell, Mrs. Fieback, Mrs. Bent and Mrs. Anna Misenhimer. Lunch was served by the host society.

The afternoon devotional was given by Mrs. R. K. Bent taking her thoughts from the Big Fisherman. A gift was presented from the district by Mrs. Dismukes to Mrs. McNair, who had served the district for eight years. Reports were given by the district officers. The meeting closed with prayer by Mrs. J. E. Critz.—Reporter.

Prescott District—To be announced.

Texarkana District—May 4.

—Mrs. T. S. Lovett.

DISTRICT GUILD MEETING

The Wesleyan Guild of the Batesville District met at the Central Avenue church Sunday afternoon, March 27. Forty members were present, representing Mt. Home, Batesville First Church and the hostess church.

Miss Vela Jernigan, district secretary, presided. The program opened with an organ prelude, The "Guild Hymn" by Mrs. Hadley Jones.

Rev. J. H. Hoggard, the pastor host, gave the opening prayer after which the hymn "Advance" was sung. The special speakers for the afternoon were: Mrs. W. D. Murphy, Jr., who spoke on the Jurisdiction Conference at Tulsa, Oklahoma. Mrs. Paul McNealey on the W. S. C. S. Conference at Ft. Smith and Mrs. A. C. Burt on the W. S. G. Conference in North Little Rock.

Miss Jernigan then gave the Guilds information she had gathered at the W. S. G. Conference and asked the Guild presidents to tell their plans for 1949. She then gave the District report for the past year, 1948.

The program closed with a beautiful meditation on Jesus and Cross given by Mrs. Edgar McCown, while Mrs. Jones played softly "Must Jesus Bear the Cross Alone." After the benediction the hostesses served frozen punch from a table covered with a lace cloth and centered with an arrangement of yellow Narcissus and yellow Tapers in crystal.—Reporter.

LITTLE ROCK CONFERENCE DISTRICT MEETINGS

Arkadelphia District—Caravan Teams will take place of District Meetings.

Camden District—April 27.

Little Rock District—May 18.

Monticello District—April 21—Lake Village.

Pine Bluff District—May 4—Carr Memorial.

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CURRENT NEWS IN ARKANSAS METHODISM

ARKANSANS ATTEND CONFERENCE FOR LEADERS IN FAMILY LIFE

Nashville, Tenn.—The General Board of Education held its fourth regional coaching conference for leaders in family life at the Methodist Publishing House in Kansas City, Missouri, March 29—April 1. Similar meetings have been held in Atlanta, Salt Lake City and Dallas.

Church leaders are being trained in these meetings for three purposes: (1) To help local churches build programs to serve families; (2) to conduct district and sub-district meetings in the field of family life; (3) To work with instructors in leadership schools and classes in Christian home-making and in home-church cooperation.

Persons attending the conferences were chosen by the executive secretaries of the annual conference boards of education. Representing the Little Rock Conference was the Rev. W. Neill Hart, pastor of First Church, Camden, The Rev. E. J. Holifield, pastor at Harrison, Arkansas, represented the North Arkansas Conference.

At the opening session, devotions were led by the Rev. Lynn H. Rupert, pastor of Rosedale Methodist Church, Kansas City, Missouri. Prof. W. Clark Ellzey of Stephens College led the group in thinking of the needs of families in which the church can meet some of these needs. Special attention was given to the importance of pastoral counseling, parents groups and church school classes for young people on preparation for marriage.

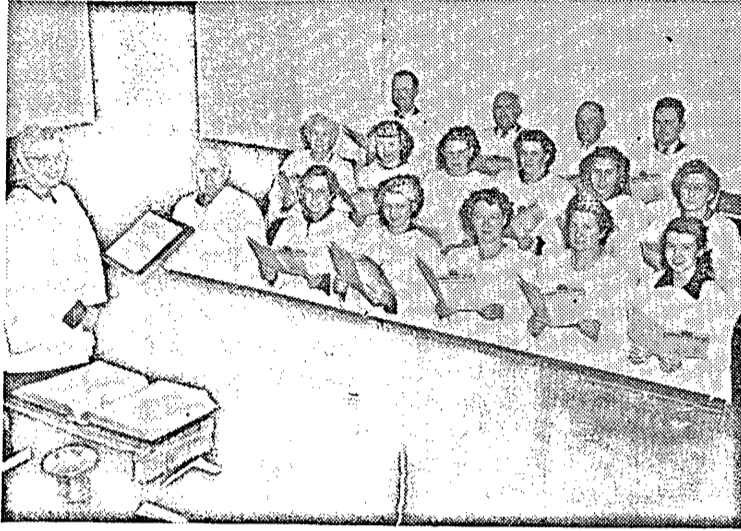
As many of those present were working toward becoming accredited to teach leadership classes, some time was spent in a discussion of "How We Learn" under the leadership of Dr. Karl Edwards, principal of the Demonstration School at the University of Kansas. Dr. Edwards stressed the importance of motivation, preparing and organizing materials, presentation to the class, and a sense of satisfaction on the part of the learner. He listed five characteristics of the good teacher: (1) A general interest in the welfare of the individuals; (2) Willingness to work; (3) A personality which inspires other people; (4) Reasonable command of English; (5) Background reading and understanding the subject to be taught.

Sharing in the leadership of the conference and representing the Division of the Local Church of the General Board were the Rev. Richard G. Belcher and Dr. Edward D. Staples.

This conference served parts of the South Central, Central and North Central jurisdictions. The remaining two conferences of the series will be held in Chicago, April 19-22, and in New York, April 25-28. Leadership for the Chicago meeting will include Dr. Rudolf Dreikurs, of Chicago Medical School, and Dr. Amos Heer, of Kent State Teacher's College, Kent Ohio. In the New York conference Dr. Harrison Elliott of Union Theological Seminary, and Dr. Ernest Osborne, of Columbia University, will be the resource persons.

Efficiency is a thief of time when it leaves no leisure.—In Ex.

BERRYVILLE CHOIR PRESENTS CANTATA



The choir of the Berryville Methodist Church under the direction of Mrs. M. E. Friberg, presented the cantata, "Crucifixion" by Stainer Sunday evening, April 17, at 8 o'clock in the sanctuary of the church.

In the picture are: Mrs. M. E. Friberg, director, and (left to right) front row: Dr. Reginald W. Martin, A. A. G. O., organist, Mrs. Ray O. Beck, soprano, Mrs. Tom C. Morris, soprano, Mrs. F. M. McWethy, contralto, Mrs. Coy Maxwell, contral-

to, Mrs. Woodrow Sisk, contralto. Second row: Mrs. H. A. Schoepel, soprano, Miss Patricia Beck, soprano, Mrs. Earl D. Russell, soprano, Mrs. Herman Rempel, soprano, Miss Bette Thompson, contralto, Mrs. Lucy Hammond, contralto. Back row: Herman Rempel, tenor, H. A. Schoepel, bass, M. E. Friberg, bass, Ray O. Beck, bass. Miss Carol McWethy, soprano and R. N. Thompson, tenor soloist, were not present when the picture was taken.

THE WORK AT NETTLETON AND BAY

Rev. E. B. Williams delivered a wonderful message at Bay last Sunday evening, and after the service presided over our last Quarterly Conference of the year.

Reports were given from each department of the church, W. S. C. S., M. Y. F. and Church Schools which showed enthusiasm and interest in all departments.

Brother Williams told the conference that Nettleton and Bay were the first churches to report victory in the offering for the Advance for Christ Program. All connectional claims were paid in full at the first of the conference year, and all other items paid to date.

Since coming to serve this good people, we have made some progress. Nettleton has installed gas in the church at a cost of \$1400; Bay has installed gas in the parsonage at a cost of \$400; Nettleton had a new roof put on the church, \$700; some friends gave the church new hymnals, \$250; another friend gave new paintings, \$300; and another gave a lighted cross; building and repairing rooms and garage, etc., \$300; Bay painting and building, \$400; some new furniture added to the parsonage, water installed in church and parsonage, and the carpenters and plumbers are working now modernizing the parsonage.

We have enjoyed good crowds at all of our services. Every week we publish a bulletin, mailing 275 and using 125 in our morning worship. This is financed by the pastor selling and collecting for ads published in each edition.

Just before conference last year, we organized a new Sunday School of 35 members and later organized a church. A lot was donated and we raised money for material. The material was put on the ground

and the new pastor came on a newly arranged circuit including the new church. Rev. F. B. Parmenter is the new pastor and under his leadership we have a lovely Methodist Church known as Calvary Methodist. Bishop Paul E. Martin and Rev. E. B. Williams, our district superintendent, dedicated it just recently.

The Board of Stewards of Nettleton voted that we have a pre-Easter revival and that the pastor do the preaching. We are in the meeting now, and we are having wonderful cooperation.

We have followed the full program of the church and our people have been responsive. Our last challenge we have given our people is to add 50 new members to Nettleton and Bay in these two months.

Along with our usual program, the pastor has earned in these two years 68 college hours at Arkansas State College and is graduating with a B. S. E. this May and a B point average in his major field. These have been two of my best years with a great people serving a wonderful Christ. We covet your prayers.—J. H. Holt, pastor.

For in him were all things created, in the heavens and upon the earth, things visible and things invisible, whether thrones or dominions or principalities or powers; all things have been created through him, and unto him.—Colossians 1:16.

If a man thinks well of you, make his thoughts come true.—Arabic Proverb.

What people say behind your back is your standing in the community.—Ed Howe.

When it pays better to talk than to listen, change your company.—Anon.

SEARCY M. Y. F. SUB-DISTRICT MEETING

The beautiful new Methodist Church at McRae was the meeting place for the Searcy M. Y. F. Sub-district meeting on March 28 with the largest attendance in several months. An interesting program was given by the McRae M. Y. F. entitled "The Conquering Cross," with Thurston LaFerney as leader. A beautiful story of John Strong was given by Patsy Holt and Joe Ann Boyd. A duet "My Christ of the Cross" was given by Mary Faye Durham and Patsy Holt with choir chorus. The business meeting followed the program with Tommy Killough of Searcy presiding. Towns represented were Cabot, Ward, Beebe, Searcy, Judsonia, Bald Knob and McCrory with McRae and Searcy tying for the largest number present.

After the business meeting the group was directed to the high school gymnasium for recreation and refreshments. The refreshments were provided by the ladies of the McRae W. S. C. S. and consisted of home-baked cakes and cold drinks served by Mrs. Katie Springer, Neta Bennett and Vera Bone.

The counselor, Mrs. Katie Springer, with the pastor, Rev. Jerry Hammett, are to be commended for their splendid work with the young people of their church and community.

The next meeting will be at Judsonia on May 23.—Reporter.

NEWS FROM SCOTT STREET CHURCH, LITTLE ROCK

The members of the Fidelis Class of Scott Street Church redecorated the pastor's study by having a tile floor covering laid and by hanging beautiful cloth draperies. They also refinished the desk and book cases. Mr. and Mrs. G. P. Trout gave a lovely red pastie leather love seat to the study.

The committee for this project was Mrs. Trout, Mrs. Fred Bennet, Mrs. M. F. Lackey and Mrs. Viola Martin.

The Tri W. Class of which Ray Robinson is teacher sponsored a grab bag party on March 25 in Fellowship Hall. The party was in charge of the officers of the class. They were assisted by the pastor, Rev. Rufus Sorrells in the drawing of gifts.

Pie and coffee were served by the ladies of the class. The tables were decorated with lovely flowers. Mrs. Sorrells furnished piano music for the affair.

Officers of the class are Mrs. Sylvia Moore, president; Fred Longstreth, vice-president; Arthur Baer, secretary; and Miss Irene Hillman, treasurer.—Mrs. Frank Bass, Sr., Reporter.

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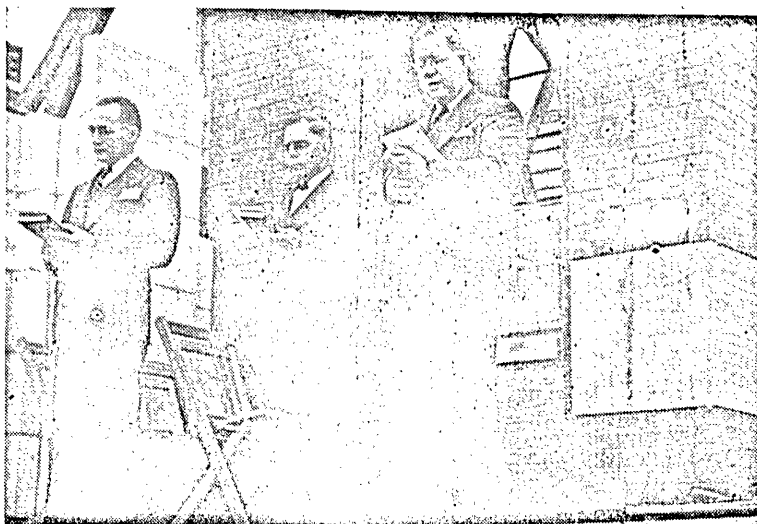
By Ewing T. Wayland

Several hundred people were present for the impressive service held Sunday, March 27, at the First Methodist Church of Warren when the cornerstone for a new sanctuary was laid. The Rev. T. T. McNeal, district superintendent of the Monticello District, was in charge of the Service For The Laying Of The Cornerstone.

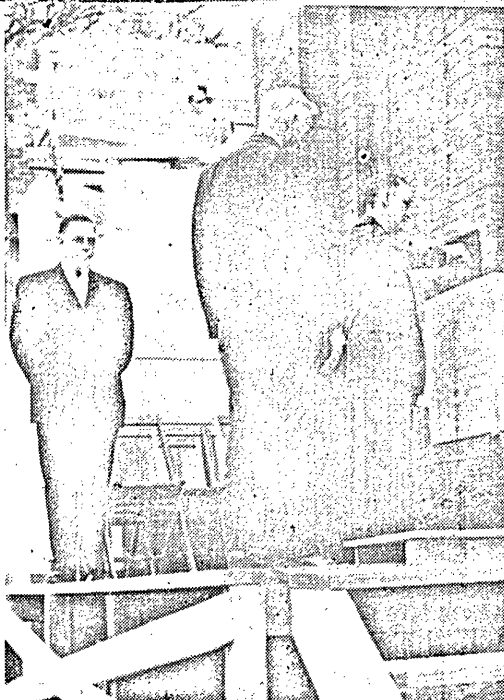
Construction for the new sanctuary was begun several months ago and the work has progressed very satisfactorily to date. The new sanctuary, to cost approximately \$150,000.00, will replace the sanctuary destroyed by fire several years ago. Since the fire, the congregation has worshipped in the Educational Building which suffered little damage in the fire. The architect for the new sanctuary is Mr. I. D. McDaniel, Hot Springs, and the general contractors are Miller-Ross-Turner, Inc., Little Rock.

Rev. Hal H. Pinnell, pastor of this church since November, 1946, and two former pastors, Rev. E. D. Galloway and Rev. Dan R. Robinson, have given wise leadership in the planning of the sanctuary and in raising the funds necessary for its construction. As has been true in many building projects, the actual building of the sanctuary has been delayed because of the intervening war period and the scarcity of materials needed for its construction.

The Warren Methodist Church has a long and illustrious history. More than a hundred years old, the church has richly contributed to the betterment of Warren and southeast Arkansas. Indeed, its influence will be long remembered for it was at Warren in 1873 that the first women's foreign missionary society of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, was organized. Mrs.



Above, left to right: Rev. Hal H. Pinnell, pastor; Rev. E. D. Galloway, former pastor; Rev. T. T. McNeal, district superintendent.



Right: Rev. Hal H. Pinnell applies mortar to Cornerstone at direction of Mr. Rufus F. Bradshaw, brick and stone foreman.

H. D. McKinnon, wife of the pastor at that time, met with a number of other women of the church in the home of Mrs. Jennie Bradley. This home site remains today and is occupied by descendants of Mrs. Bradley. History records that others present at that organizational meeting were Miss Emma VanValkenburgh, Mrs. M. A. Price, Mrs. Mary E. Hughey, and a Mrs. Koonce. Across the years Warren Methodism has steadily continued to enrich the lives of people there and elsewhere. This new sanctuary will make possible an even greater service to those who worship there.

Rev. E. D. Galloway, district superintendent of the Prescott District and a former pastor at Warren, preached to a large and appreciative congregation at the morning service. Ministers who participated in the Cornerstone Laying Service Sunday afternoon were Rev. T. T. McNeil, Rev. Hal H. Pinnell, Rev. E. D. Galloway and Rev. Ewing T. Wayland. There was placed in the cornerstone prior to its being sealed a copper box containing papers and documents recovered from the original cornerstone of the sanctuary destroyed by fire and other articles and materials of current interest.

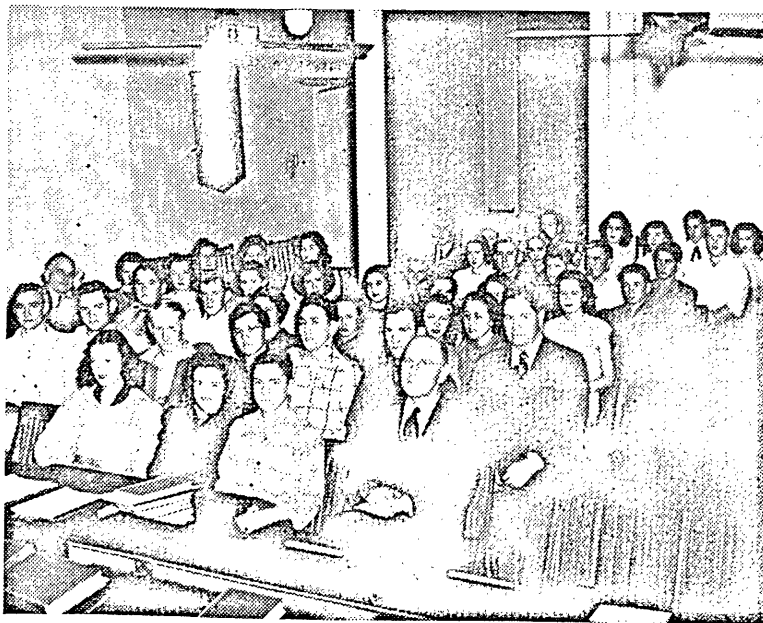
The Building Committee for the new sanctuary includes: Louis W. Ederington, Chairman; Carl Hollis, Vice-Chairman; J. O. Cuthbertson, Secretary; V. V. Godwin, Treasurer; Dr. M. T. Crow, Mrs. Louis Ederington, Mrs. DuVal L. Purkins, P. E. Garrison, Fred Holt, J. E. Stewart, V. B. Harris, Hugh Moseley, Sr. P. E. Garrison is the Chairman of the Building Finance Committee, and Dr. Hugh Moseley, Jr., is the Chairman of the Board of Stewards. It is hoped that the building will be completed sometime in August.

FIRST CHURCH JONESBORO ADOPTS MISSIONARY FAMILY

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Secondly, Methodist people have an innate and real interest in the work of foreign missions, and when the proper challenge has been made they will respond in a sacrificial manner. Further, when the approach involves the sponsoring of specific individuals or a specific missionary project, the response itself quickens the interest and spirit of the sponsoring group. Any church or individual who has had a part in such an enterprise will give testimony to this. Further, there is no greater opportunity to make a lasting contribution to the welfare of mankind than that of serving in the fields of foreign mission work. Many young people are responding to this challenge. Many more are needed. The acceptance by local churches of Advance Specials will make possible the addition of more missionaries where they are needed. It is an obvious observation that if you cannot go, your dollars will make it possible for others to go. Finally, The Advance Program is so planned and is being carried out in such a manner that the missionary challenge which confronts Methodism will in a very large way be met, squarely and successfully, and at the same time no impossible financial burden is being placed upon the local churches which make possible this missionary advance.

OSCEOLA YOUTH GROUP



The above picture is a group of Osceola youth attending the course on "Friendship and Marriage" taught by Rev. E. B. Williams, district superintendent of the Jonesboro District. The school was held in six sessions from March 21 to 25. There were 45 enrolled with 38 taking course credit. The W. S. C. S. and Guild served refreshments each

night during the social hour. Bro. Williams did a splendid job in guiding these young people in their thinking and discussion of the course subject. Some became so interested that they asked for private interviews with the instructor. It was by far the best youth course that we have ever had.—Herchalle J. Couchman, Pastor.

This step by the First Methodist Church of Jonesboro points the way

and makes more vivid the foregoing observations.

FROM THE METHODIST CHILDREN'S HOME

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the opportunity to become "Shasta Daisies." It is even so with the hundreds of little children in our midst now growing up without care or religious training. They will always be "ragweeds." No one thinks enough of them to transplant them to a place of refinement and beauty and there give to them the few years of kindly training that would make them what God has in mind for them.

The Methodist Children's Home cannot take all the little children who need our care because we do not have room for them. But we are trying to give to those we are able to take a beautiful home-life and the type of training that will demonstrate to the people of our day what can be done with these children.

We shall be content if, because of us, there shall be better children, and a better moral and social order in which all children may more nearly approach the ideal God has for them.—J. S. M. Cannon, Superintendent, Methodist Children's Home.

He leadeth me beside the still water.—Psalm 23:2.

Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits.—Ps.

FROM THE MEMPHIS METHODIST HOSPITAL

By Wm. M. O'Donnell, Chaplain

That front door is closed up and the excavating machinery is digging the new basement. The contractors are setting out to deliver the four new units by January 1st, 1950; and our Methodist Hospital will have taken another long step forward.

The answers to the letter sent for the Chapel Building Committee are coming in from pastors. While the Conferences did not agree to raise the money for this building by any form of assessment, all three Conferences told the Committee to ask individual folks for contributions, so contributions for this are in order. Soon we shall have a sketch which we shall send to you through this paper. Then we expect the contributions to pour in.

Last Wednesday at the Hospital Auxiliary meeting, Mrs. K. H. Kaiser, Vice-President, reported the largest number of associated memberships from W. S. C. S. Auxiliaries in Arkansas, Mississippi, Tennessee and Kentucky, ever.

First Methodist Church, West Memphis, has become an active member of the Auxiliary.

The Auxiliary expects to soon be finished with the air-conditioning of the Love Wards. The Prayer Room has been paid for and the new wire recorder for student nurses dining room devotionals soon will be. Then the emphasis will be on the Memorial Fund which may be used to put a small pipe organ in the new chapel that we keep talking about. When that is finished the religious services that we ought to have for student nurses, personnel and patrons can be properly conducted.

Let's all get behind Golden Cross Sunday this year and make it the best ever. It pays part of the cost of care for the needy sick in your own Methodist Hospital. Mother's Day is a good day for Golden Cross Sunday.

Mrs. J. W. Sandage, mistress of the parsonage at Haynes, Helena District, underwent an operation last Thursday.

A. B. West, of Blytheville, Mrs. Willard McElroy, of Wynne, and W. B. Gentry, of Osceola, are among recent patients in the hospital.

Lots of folks in the hospital hear and appreciate the broadcast of their services by First Church, West Memphis, and Rev. Harold Eggenberger.

On Sunday evening, May 15th, it is planned to have the Student Glee Club sing in First Church, West Memphis. If you are not too far, come and hear it.

Borrow trouble for yourself, if that is your nature, but don't lend it to your friends.—Kipling.

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SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

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the Jews." That night Jesus was the most talked of person of the city. In thousands of households these Jews discussed, among themselves, the question as to whether the hosannas really referred to Jesus. The triumphal entry was a success. Similar in success, was the recent (This is now February 1st, as I write this lesson.) inaugural procession of President Truman. On that day Truman stock rose 100 per cent. So "it pays to advertise."

The morning after Jesus' processional march, He went into the temple courts as a King. There was something in his personality so majestic, so magnetic, so compelling, that those grafters who sold the animals to be sacrificed to the worshippers at such exorbitant prices, and these mercenary money changers, extorting excessive exchange for Palestine currency, fled as Jesus picked up the small cord and drove them out. Was it not Shakespeare who said, "Conscience doth make cowards of us all" and the Bible declares that the wicked flee when no man pursueth. Also, that one can chase a thousand, but two can put to flight ten thousand.

Jesus Our King

The plan of redemption contemplated Jesus' kingship in all realms of life, for all people of all times and all nations.

1. Jesus is to be the king of business. All commercial transactions should be based upon the ethics of Jesus. This, of necessity means that dishonesty, extortion, or taking any undue advantage of your fellowman in financial crises, cannot be indulged in by a Christian. O you, whether you operate a peanut stand or whether you are a superintendent of a railroad, carry on business, by recognizing the authority of Jesus as your King.

2. Jesus should be King in politics. Be it said to our shame in our democracy King Jesus gets but scant recognition. It is a burning shame that we sometimes say of a good man, "It is lamentable for him to enter politics, less he be corrupted." We should be able to say that every officer, from the President of the United States, even down to every constable, recognizes the Kingship of Jesus, in the performance of his official duties. If this were true the land over which old glory floats would be a veritable paradise. Let us make this true by praying as we vote and voting as we pray.

3. Jesus should be King of all of our recreations and amusements—in the movies, on the ball field, and in all other recreations and amusements in which we indulge. King Jesus would forbid all sorts of diversions that lead to inebriety, sexual indulgences, or any other indecent practices.

Will not each of you personally allow Jesus to be King over your entire life, passions, business, social, political, family, and Church life?

IN MEMORIAM

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row, Okla., Sunday, March 20th. His wife, Mrs. Bess Flanagan was critically injured but at this writing (April 11th) is slowly improving. It will be several weeks before she is able to leave the hospital.

Funeral services were held at the Methodist Church at Charleston March 22nd, and burial was in

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Harris, Rev. L. F. LaFavers and Rev. J. L. Johnson. Spirited discussion has followed each review. The wives of the ministers also are part of this fellowship gathering, taking their interests aside to themselves after the first assembly and devotional.

The Week of Dedication, with the cultivation period and the activities following, has developed significant gains. At Helena the pastor, Rev. Golder Lawrence, had spot-lighted the world condition by several weeks of study of the Amsterdam report in the Sunday evening services. Rev. Glenn Sanford joined the pastor in a week of visitation evangelism with good results. . . . The Brinkley church followed the suggested schedule, under the leadership of Rev. Jesse L. Johnson. Speakers for the morning service were James Trice, R. H. Midkiff, Robert Moore, H. M. McCastlain and Lambert C. Dial. During the week which followed the service of dedication, Rev. Horace Lewis joined the pastor and a team of 15 laymen in systematic visitation of prepared prospects. The immediate fruitage is the commitment of 35 persons to Christ. These are in preparatory instruction with others to be received into the Church during the (Palm Sunday-) Easter festival. . . . At West Helena the week of dedication was climaxed with a beautiful service in which Miss Marilyn Locker pledged her life to full-time Christian service. . . . Jerry Edward Mahoney, a youth of the Helena Church, has been licensed to preach. Brinkley has assumed the financing of the college training of Miss Minola Caplena in preparation for missionary service. Miss Caplena plans to transfer from Arkansas State Teachers College to Hendrix.

Surveys at West Helena, Forrest City, Helena and several other churches mark the earnest plans carried out to make the Easter festival an occasion for evangelism and the growing number and increased time given to preparatory training of children and youth in this period of decision and commitment is significant. . . . At Black Fish Lake and Earle Easter plans involved sunrise services; a beautiful feature at Earle being the union in the service of Methodist and Presbyterian congregations, with a service of baptism for infants. . . .

The effectiveness and interest in this week of dedication is indicated further by the financial offerings, estimated to pass \$1,600 in the district. The offering at Helena was \$262. . . . Brinkley laid \$196 on the altar. . . . The offering at Earle was \$75. . . . At West Helena \$65 was given. . . . At Wynne the gift was \$112. . . . The offering of the Parkin

Hampton cemetery. Mr. Flanagan resided in this community the greater part of his life. He was a successful farmer and livestock man. He was widely known and liked by everyone. He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Bess Flanagan, his father, Lee Flanagan; three brothers, H. E. Flanagan, Charleston, Warren Flanagan of Grand Prairie and Rex Flanagan of Houston, Tex.; two sisters, Mrs. J. M. Root, Charleston and Mrs. Glenn Bumpers of Vian, Okla.

He had been a member of the Methodist Church for many years and active in the work of the church. He was a member of the Masonic Lodge and was active in civic affairs. He will be greatly missed.—D. G. Hindman.

congregation was \$117. . . .

Rev. Edwin B. Dodson led his charge in a service of splendid vision and striking results in conducting at Tuni a rural life clinic. Home demonstration agents, county farm demonstration officials, representatives of the Soil Conservation Service and other workers in the field of social welfare and economics joined with the pastor and the district superintendent to bring religion into intimate relations with earthly helpfulness and human service.

West Helena issued 14 credits in a recent Church School training course. . . . Rev. Alfred Knox was instructor for a course on "Teaching In The Church School" held at Black Fish Lake for that church and Round Pond, with nine credits. . . . Marianna attained a record attendance in the Sunday school on April 3, with a special service when a chapter of Rainbow Girls were guests. . . . Wynne is planning a revival under the leadership of Dr. Harry Denman the first weeks of May. . . . Rev. Oscar Evanson recently led his church in a unique Wednesday night service in which a speaker presented the claim of every department of the Church organization. . . . The Men's Fellowship of the church at Forrest City had the women as guests for the evening dinner which was cooked and served by the men. . . . A neon sign on the Forrest City church, where the world goes by on U. S. Highway No. 70, is attracting much attention. The word "METHODIST" is lighted within the outlines of the staff of the staff of the cross. . . .

Although building materials are high in price and workmen in the building field are in great demand, the Church is not inclined to neglect its housing needs or the maintenance of its property. Announcement is expected momentarily that a contract has been let for building a parsonage at Marion which will be in keeping with the cultural tastes and high generosity of that church. Cotton Plant is engaged in repairs and concerned with their neighbors at McClelland. . . . approximately \$1,800 is in hand for this work. . . . With pews on order for many months, Parkin has redecorated the sanctuary and the Woman's Society of Christian Service has had the floor refinished, installed a carpet, and covered the foyer with rubber tile, all at a cost of \$1,600. . . . Marianna church has undergone complete remodeling. The educational section will be opened Easter, the sanctuary will be used first on Mothers Day. . . . J. W. Young is chairman of a building committee responsible for plans on the drawing board for an educational section to be added to the church at Crawfordville. . . . A new church is being built at Mellwood. . . .

Mrs. G. W. Webster and her children, of Holly Grove, have placed on the church lawn of the Holly Grove Methodist Church a modern bulletin board in memory of Mr. Webster who was a member of the Board of Stewards of that church. Mr. Webster died in April of last year. This bulletin board is equipped with removable type and is electrically lighted.

There is music in the heart of Methodism in the Helena District, and there is harmony in the notes of district superintendent, ministers and lay members, singing while they work.—Benj. C. Few.

By this time we know that we love the children of God, when we love God, and keep His commandments.—1 John 5:2.

"Let not your heart be troubled—"

IN MEMORIAM

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

ODOM—Mrs. Nancy Elizabeth Odom passed away at her home in Reyno on January 22, at the age of 61 years. She was born at Middlebrook, Arkansas, on November 29, 1887. She was the daughter of the late Dr. and Mrs. W. T. Swindle and was married to D. M. Odom on October 17, 1901. To this union were born eight children, three of whom preceded her in death.

Mrs. Odom is survived by her husband, three daughters, Mrs. Karl Glade of Alexandria, Minnesota; Mrs. Arley Hudson, Torch, Mo., and Mrs. M. W. Cathcart of Reyno; two sons, Buford Odom of Reyno and Rev. Billie Odom, pastor of the Lorado Charge; three sisters, Mrs. Lula Bates of Pocahontas; Mrs. Dovie Luten, Reyno, and Mrs. Belle Green of Doniphan, Mo.; two brothers, A. H. Swindle of Sikeston, Mo., and W. T. Swindle of Leroy, Ill.

She professed faith in Christ in 1902 and was a devoted member of the Methodist Church since that time.

Funeral services were held on January 25, at the Reyno Methodist church, Rev. H. H. Griffin, pastor, officiating. Burial was in the Johnson cemetery at Reyno.

HUTCHESON—Charles Hutcheson was born August 1, 1883, near Brightwater in Benton County and died on November 1, 1948. He was married to Minnie Deason on March 4, 1906.

Mr. Hutcheson is survived by his wife, two daughters, Mrs. Gladys Short of Rogers and Mrs. Grace Zachariason, Fayetteville; one grandchild, Susie Dell Short; two brothers, Rufe and Walter Hutcheson and one sister, Mrs. Ella True, all of California.

He was converted at the Brightwater Methodist Church on August 4, 1904 and joined the church on August 7, when Brother Armstrong was pastor and he continued to be a faithful member.

Funeral services were conducted at Avoca Methodist Church by Rev. James Randle in the absence of the pastor, Rev. Amos Howard. He was assisted by Mr. Davis, Sunday School teacher. Then Men's Quartet from Central Methodist Church, Rogers, sang "How Beautiful Heaven Must Be" and "In the Land Where We'll Never Grow Old."

Pallbearers were nephews of the deceased, Joe Hutcheson, Edward Hutcheson, Harry Deason, Ralph Murphy, Harold Wardlaw and H. K. Scott.

Burial was in the Rogers cemetery.—Amos G. Howard.

WOOD—Mrs. Dollie Hearne Wood was born December 18, 1875, and died January 6, 1949. She was married to James Riley Wood, who preceded her in death four years ago. To this union three girls and one boy were born, one daughter dying at the age of two years.

Surviving are Mrs. Crawford Reynolds, Mrs. Neil Faucett, Levi Wood and a number of nephews and nieces.

Mrs. Wood had spent her entire life in the community where she passed away.

The funeral was held in Liberty Church conducted by the writer, the pastor of the church. A host of friends were present and burial was in the Liberty cemetery.—H. A. F.

Ault, Pastor.

HOERNING—Mrs. C. E. Hoerning of 1215 North 5th St., Ft. Smith, died on February 15, 1949, at the age of 77.

Mrs. Hoerning was the daughter of Captain and Mrs. J. C. Wright of Chester. She joined the Methodist Church when a child and was a lifelong Christian and active member until ill health prevented her from going to church. She was a charter member of Liberty Chapter Order of Eastern Star of Arkansas.

She leaves one daughter, Mrs. C. E. Hickerson, of the home.

DODGEN—William Bell Dodgen passed away at his home in Springtown on January 6, 1949. He was born on February 24, 1878, and on December 23, 1900, he was married to Hattie Hazle. To this union one child was born, Mrs. Reba Dodgen Hylton, now of Phoenix, Arizona.

Mr. Dodgen was a retired farmer, a member of the Methodist Church and was always interested in community activities.

He is survived by his wife and daughter and two grandchildren, Billy and Ann Hylton of Phoenix, Arizona; two brothers, Newt of Ozark and John of Siloam Springs and two sisters, Mrs. Vici Fair of Conway and Mrs. Lizzie Gates of Seminole, Okla.

Brother Dodgen was an uncle of Rev. Ethan Dodgen, district superintendent of the Helena District of the Methodist Church.

As his pastor I knew him only about two and one-half months. During this short period I learned to like him and appreciate him. He impressed me as a man who was quiet but who deeply appreciated the higher things of life. He loved God and the church. The last sermon he heard me preach was on Sunday morning, January 2. He was a good husband, a good father and a Christian. In the evening of his life it is as though God had said "Well, you and I have walked together from the morning of your life. It is now evening. Night is drawing near. We have gone a long way together these three score and ten years. It is now closer to my house than it is to yours. Come and go home with me."—H. W. Jinske, Pastor.

LEWIS—One short sentence closes the biography of every man—And he died. It is appointed unto all men once to die and after death the judgment. Only a few short years do we journey here then we come to that bridge called death which transports us to heaven. As my father had traveled the straight and narrow way for many long years he was transported to heaven where there will be no sickness or sorrow. His death was not his last day but his best day and the beginning of a better life for him. Although he had been blind for many long years, he had been patient through it all and had trusted in his Christ.

William Leland Lewis (Uncle Juber as he was better known) was born January 24, 1855, near Paris, Tenn. He was the son of Ben and Ellen Lewis, a pioneer family of White County, Arkansas. He was married to Elnora Stanley on December 14, 1890. To this union were

born seven children, three of whom died in infancy. He passed away at his home at McRae on February 3, 1949, at the age of 94. He is survived by his wife and four daughters, Mrs. Fleete Ernest and Mrs. Molyne Fuller of McRae; Mrs. Hixie Davenport, Dallas, Texas and Mrs. Vela Leach, Dodge City, Kansas, and nine grandchildren besides a host of friends.

The funeral was conducted at the Methodist Church in McRae by Rev. J. M. Hughes, assisted by the Rev. Mr. Hammett.

My father had been a member of the Methodist Church for forty years and had always lived a clean Christian life. He was laid to rest in the Weir cemetery to await the great day.—Mrs. Vela Leach.

BUMPERS—Funeral services for W. R. Bumpers, 61, were held at the Methodist Church, Charleston, Monday, March 28th. Mr. Bumpers was critically injured in an automobile accident near Muldrow, Oklahoma, on March 20th, and died six days later. Mrs. Bumpers, critically injured in the wreck, died on Tuesday.

Mr. Bumpers was born at Cecil, March 9th, 1888. After attending Cecil School and Hendrix College, he returned to that community and taught school. While still a teacher, he met Lattie Jones and they were married in 1912. To this union Raymond Bumpers was born, who died at the age of four years. Mr. and Mrs. Bumpers subsequently moved to Charleston in 1919 where Mr. Bumpers worked in a grocery store before affiliating himself with the Charleston Hardware Company.

Mr. Bumpers has been a very active member of the Methodist Church for over 30 years. He served as Chairman of the Board of Stewards for the last several years,

and has been a member of the Board ever since moving to Charleston. He had been superintendent of the Sunday School for the past 20 years and taught the Young Adult Sunday School Class for the last 15 years. He was instrumental in building the present church edifice.

He was a member of the School Board for the Charleston District for several years and served as President of the Board at various times. For the past few years he has been a member of the County Board of Education. In 1937 he was elected President of the Arkansas Retail Hardware Association, and represented this state at the national convention in Los Angeles that year.

He was a charter member of the Charleston Commercial Club and at one time served as President of that organization. He has been chairman of the annual Red Cross drive for several years.

Mr. Bumpers has always been a civic leader; he has always worked assiduously for the progress of the community and the welfare of the people.

Surviving Mr. Bumpers are three children, a daughter, Mrs. Margaret Ware of Elyria, Ohio; two sons, Carroll, a student at Harvard University, and Dale, a student of Northwestern University; four brothers, S. J. and J. J. of Cecil, C. L. of Fort Smith, and L. G. of Vian, Oklahoma; two sisters, Mrs. John Edwards of Jasper, Alabama, and Mrs. Lillie Hall of Oakland, California; three grandchildren, Linda Ann, Bill, Burt, and David Ware of Elyria, Ohio.

FLANAGAN—Harmon H. Flanagan was born in 1894 and was killed in a car accident near Muldrow. (Continued on Page 14)

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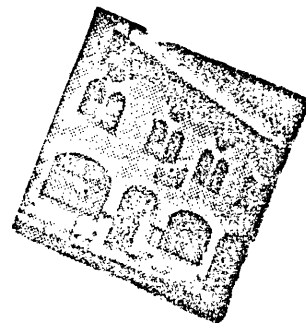
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JESUS DECLARES HIS AUTHORITY LESSON FOR MAY 1, 1949

SCRIPTURE TEXT: Mark 11:1-11; 11:15-18; Luke 19:29-48.

GOLDEN TEXT: Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Mark 11:9.

Jesus Christ is the most conspicuous character in human history. More books have been written about Him than of any other person. He has influenced more people than any other person and his influence will increase more and more. He is the only hope, today, for universal peace.

In our generation, there have been sceptics, agnostics, liberals—some of them men of high moral standing—who have said that Jesus was the greatest teacher, reformer, and the greatest personality of history, but that He was not divine. However inconsistent is the theory, it has led many people astray. This group has taught that Christians have superimposed upon Jesus a nature and disposition which Jesus, himself, never claimed. I think the Christian theologians and teachers never have claimed for Jesus more than He claimed for himself. If any mere man, today, should make such claims for himself as did Jesus, he would be called a fool, fanatic, or fraud.

Some Things Jesus Said of Himself

He said, "I am the Bread of Life; I am the Water of Life; Come unto me, all ye that are heavy laden, and I will give you rest; If ye ask anything in my name I will do it; And she said unto Him, I know that when Messiah comes he will teach us all things; He said unto her, I that speak unto you am He. I and the Father am one; Father, the hour is come; glorify thy son, that thy Son also may glorify Thee; O, Father, glorify thou me with thine own self with the glory which I had with Thee before the world was." There never has been a claim made by a theologian or a Christian teacher for Jesus that was any stronger, if as strong, as the claims He made Himself. It is utter nonsense to assert that Jesus was only the greatest teacher or reformer without acknowledging his divinity. Jesus declared repeatedly that He was the Son of God.

God, The Father, Twice Authenticated This Claim

When Jesus came up out of the Jordan, after his baptism, the Holy Spirit descended upon Him in the form of a dove, and the Father, out of the heavens said, "This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased, hear ye Him." And again, when Jesus was transfigured, as the celestial light in his soul, made his body and raiment translucent, with a light brighter than the sun, the Father said, "This is my beloved Son, hear ye Him."

Jesus Assured The Authority Of The Son Of God

"And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth. Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and

the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Amen." (Matthew 28:18-20). Here we see Jesus declaring and demonstrating that He had all power to outline and control the policy of the Church. The Church always has recognized Jesus as Sovereign and Lord.

In the often referred to 25th Chapter of Matthew, Jesus pictures Himself as coming with all the angels and presiding over the general judgment. He places all the good on his right hand and says, "Come ye blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world." To the unsaved on his left hand he said, "These shall go away into everlasting punishment prepared for the devil and his angels."

I challenge the liberals to cite any case where the Church has exaggerated the claims Jesus made for Himself. If we accept the history of Jesus as authentic, just as we accept the history of Julius Caesar, Cyrus, Hannibal, George Washington, we will have to concede that Jesus is all the Christian church has ever claimed for Him.

Jesus' Triumphal Entry Into Jerusalem

This is an event in Jesus' ministry which I fear has not been studied adequately, nor its significance duly understood and appreciated. He had finished his itinerary in Pera, Galilee, and Judea. To the end of the quarter, from this lesson today, we shall be studying events that occurred in Jerusalem. In less than a week after his triumphant entry, Jesus was hanging in death upon the cross. The purpose of his entry was to make a visible demonstration of his kingship upon the Jews. He believed in pageantry, processions, and dramatizations. With all due reverence, we can say Jesus was a great publicist. To appreciate fully we must recall the triumphal entries which were given by the Roman senate to their conquerors as they returned home. Incidentally, remember, also, that Palestine at that time was a part of the Roman Empire.

A Brief Resume Of A Roman Triumph

When the senate voted a triumph for a general, king, or emperor, they formed a long procession and marched to the temple of Jupiter. In the forefront of the procession was a large number of captives of the conquered country. Next was the priest with the oxen to be sacrificed when they reached the temple; then came the legionnaires; next was the conquering general or ruler, in a chariot drawn by prancing and careering white horses. Behind this chariot came the spoils of the newly acquired country—such as rare metals and flashing

jewels, agricultural products, and samples of fine woods. This would exhibit what assets the recent victory had brought to Rome. The Senate gave Julius Caesar four such triumphal entries. These were given him when they returned from conquering Egypt, Asia Minor, Africa, and Spain. Julius Caesar was without question Rome's greatest ruler. He had a genius for conquering, assimilating, and integrating other nations. He made Rome the proud mistress of the world, adjusted the calendar, and at the zenith of his power, having risen from a slave, himself, to become the world's greatest ruler, was assassinated by Brutus, whom he had lifted from obscurity to pre-eminence.

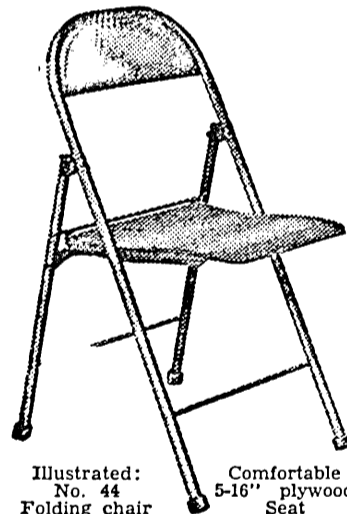
It is hoped that the review of the Roman triumphal entry will throw some light upon Jesus' triumphal entry. It is obvious, though not asserted in the Scripture, that Jesus had planned with minute care and in the last detail, his entry. The man who tied the colt, doubtless, had been told by Jesus to bring the colt and tie it at that place. Jesus used the ass instead of the horse because the ass was a symbol of peace, while the horse was a symbol of war. He used a colt never before ridden by a Gentile or Samaritan because if either of these two nations had ridden it, the animal was to the Jews ceremonially unclean and therefore an offense to them. Another fact not quite so obvious, yet I

assume it is true, is that Jesus had secured permission from the Roman authorities to have this procession. Such a procession of this size would block the traffic in the narrow streets of Jerusalem. The widest street in Jerusalem, David Street, is not as wide as the narrowest street in any city of Arkansas. So I further state that Jesus secured the permission of the Roman authorities to stage this procession, beginning at the east gate and marching to the temple. Also that He told his friends of Galilee and Judea the route of the march and they came prepared, with their branches, leaves, and garments, to carpet the streets through which Jesus would pass. He, perhaps, had told them the psalm to use in the march to the temple. At the moment to start, Jesus mounted the ass, and the people went before Him, strewing the branches, leaves, and garments, as they sang, "Hosanna; Blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord."

This procession was a more effective way of announcing his kingship than had He placed a prophet at every vantage point in the city to herald Him as King. Many thousands of people talked of the kingship of Jesus. It never reached the throne of Pontius Pilate, for in a subsequent lesson we shall see that Pontius Pilate had this inscription placed over the cross on which Jesus died, "Jesus King of" (Continued on Page 14)

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