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## Methodist Peace Leader At Annual Conference

ONE of the most challenging and enlightening statements made at the Little Rock Annual Conference came from Dr. Charles F. Boss, Jr., the Executive Secretary of the General Conference Commission on World Peace, as he spoke to the report of the Annual Conference Committee on World Peace. Dr. Boss reminded his listeners that the Church has an indispensable role in the search for world peace and that any advance made toward peace must not result in any lessening of effort by the church in this important role.

Dr. Boss suggested that recent developments were grounds for fresh hope that the Berlin situation might be cleared up in the near future. His prediction was somewhat substantiated by press reports appearing in Sunday's papers which reported agreement on East-West issues making possible the lifting of the "little blockade." The overall question of agreement on a peace treaty for Germany remains unsettled, however, and the Foreign Ministers Conference at Paris seem no nearer a solution on this question than before.

## Little Rock Conference Proposes Union

WHEREAS, . . . Therefore Be It Resolved, by the Little Rock Annual Conference, in session at Hot Springs, Arkansas, June 8th to 12th, 1949, that we hereby approve the uniting of the annual conferences in Arkansas to form one annual conference, if and when the North Arkansas Conference gives its approval to such action. . . . Thus reads the declaratory statement of the resolution calling for the uniting of the Little Rock and North Arkansas Annual Conferences passed by an almost unanimous vote at the recent session of the Little Rock Annual Conference in Hot Springs.

The idea of the unification of the two Arkansas annual conferences has been under consideration, more or less, for several years. The last two South Central Jurisdictional Conference sessions have given permission for such union after being petitioned to do so by the Arkansas Annual Conferences. A Joint Commission of the two conferences has had the matter under consideration during the past year. The uniting resolution was not itself sponsored by the Joint Commission at the Little Rock Conference session as there was no recommendation or report made by the Joint Commission. The future possibility of union is for the present squarely up to the North Arkansas Conference in session this week.

The Arkansas Methodist is not in a position to take "sides" in this issue. Its concern in the matter is that ultimately the question may be decided in the light of what is for the best interest of the Kingdom. There are certain advantages and disadvantages of which anyone who has given the matter any thought is aware. The question is greater than any personalities who may be identified with it, but at the same time room must be left for differences of opinion when there are such differences. It should also be remembered that this is a question of no little significance, in that whatever disposition the North Arkansas Conference may make of the question will likely decide the future of this question for a number of years. The resolution of proposed union is printed on page 13 of this issue.

## Conference Preacher At North Arkansas Conference

IT was a source of real satisfaction to all members of the North Arkansas Conference who knew him to learn that Dr. Robert E. Goodrich, Jr., would be the Conference Preacher at the session of the conference on Mt. Sequoyah this week. We are deeply indebted to Bishop Paul E. Martin and the Conference Board of Evangelism for this happy arrangement.

Dr. Goodrich, who is now pastor of The First Methodist Church in Dallas, Texas, was born at Cleburne, Texas, June 9, 1909, just forty years ago this month. He did his undergraduate work at Centenary College and Birmingham-Southern College. He received a B. A. degree from



Birmingham-Southern in 1932. He attended Southern Methodist University 1933-35 and received an M. A. degree.

His entire ministry has been spent in Texas where he has served in the following cities: Port Arthur, Galena, Houston, Trinity Methodist Church, El Paso and First Methodist Church, Dallas of which he is now pastor. Dr. Goodrich married Miss Thelma Quillian, daughter of the late Dr. Paul Quillian and Mrs. Eula Quillian.

Having received his first appointment at Port Arthur in 1935, it is easy to see that Dr. Goodrich has made phenomenal progress as a Methodist minister. In fourteen years he has gone from his first charge to one of the leading Methodist pulpits in American Methodism. This marked development has created a demand for his services in many places. We are fortunate indeed to have him as Conference Preacher at the North Arkansas Conference.

For some years now one of the most helpful features of the sessions of our Annual Conferences has been the great, inspirational messages delivered by our guest preachers. Most of our ministers have little opportunity to hear any one preach except themselves. Seldom do they go into a service except those in which they have the responsibility for leadership. It is a spiritual treat for them to be able to sit in a service and hear such messages as our Conference Preachers deliver.

## Little Rock Conference Has Memorable Session

IT is doubtful if the Little Rock Conference ever had an annual session which will linger longer in the minds of its members than will the session which closed at Hot Springs last Sunday.

In this session the "Status Quo" had a difficult time. The smouldering sentiment for the union of the Little Rock and North Arkansas Conferences took fire and the conference voted, with but two dissenting votes, for the union of the two conferences.

A Minimum Salary Program, that bears the stamp of Christian Stewardship and a sympathetic understanding of the problems and needs of an underpaid ministry, was adopted by a unanimous vote. This program provides for a minimum salary of \$1,600.00 for married ministers and \$1,400.00 for single men. In the plan, no distinction was made between members of the conference and accepted supplies. As amended on the conference floor, the plan also includes student pastors. Funds for implementing the plan are to be raised by an assessment of an amount equal to three per cent of the pastor's salary on charges paying the pastor \$2,000.00 or more. Two per cent of the amount will be paid by the church, and one per cent will be paid by the pastor.

Another marked change in the administration of its business affairs in the Little Rock Conference is found also in the adoption of the disciplinary plan for paying District Superintendents by which each Superintendent receives the same salary, regardless of the district he serves.

These significant actions in the business sessions were equalled and excelled by the spiritual features which characterized each day of the conference. It began with the Service of Commemoration in which Rev. John McCormack delivered an impressive sermon. Bishop W. Angie Smith thrilled the conference with a series of great sermons. The Advance Hour, Friday morning, was a high point in the conference. Dr. W. Henry Goodloe, of the North Arkansas Conference, Rev. J. E. Cooper of the Little Rock Conference and Bishop Smith were the speakers. The ministry of Bishop Martin, in the morning devotionals, climaxed by a great message Sunday morning was truly food for the soul. This was a great Annual Conference which its members will never forget.

## North Arkansas Conference Meets On Mt. Sequoyah

THE North Arkansas Conference, in session on Mt. Sequoyah this week, will be trying a double experiment this year. It will be having its first experience with a spring conference; it will be having its first experience holding conference sessions in anything but a church building. The session on Mt. Sequoyah will combine the atmosphere of an Annual Conference with the environments of a vacation center.

In addition to the regular work of the conference, which is always important, a very interesting and important matter will come before the conference in the form of a resolution to unite the Little Rock and the North Arkansas Conferences into one Annual Conference.

Another matter of unusual importance will be the Advance Hour in which we are to study the program for The Advance for Christ and His Church.

## Individual Reports Of Pastors - Little Rock Conference

**WASHINGTON:** W. C. Lewis, pastor. Members received on profession of faith 4. Salaries and World Service 100 per cent. Charge paid increased asking on World Service. \$300.00 paid for improvements on parsonage.

**MOUNTAIN VIEW:** Omma L. Daniel, pastor. Received 3 members by transfer and 1 on profession of faith. Salaries and World Service 100 per cent. \$1114.00 paid on improvements on parsonage.

**TAYLOR CT.:** William W. Barron, pastor. Members received by transfer 1. Salaries and World Service paid in full. Charge paid increased Askings. Charge paid for Advance Specials \$50.00. W. S. C. S. organized at Welcome Church this year.

**HUMPHREY:** Joe W. Hunter, pastor. Members received by transfer 5. Salaries and World Service 100 per cent. Charge paid increased askings on World Service. Raised for Advance Specials \$100.00. Paid for improvements on parsonage \$350.00.

**SWAN LAKE:** C. R. Roy, pastor. Salaries and World Service 100 per cent. Charge paid 40 per cent of increased askings on World Service. Charge raised \$20.00 for Advance Specials. Paid \$1000.00 for improvements on church and \$200.00 on parsonage. Church School enrollment increased 2 per cent.

**WATSON-KELSO:** W. T. Bone, pastor. Members received by transfer 1, and on profession of faith 1. Salaries and World Service 100 per cent. Charge paid increased askings on World Service. \$94.00 raised for Advance Specials. Paid for improvements on church \$426.00 and on parsonage \$267.00.

**WILTON CT.:** Claude Clark, pastor. Members received by transfer 8 and on profession of faith 8. Salaries and World Service paid in full. Charge paid increased Askings on World Service. Amount paid on parsonage \$400. Increase in Church School enrollment 16 per cent and in attendance 20 per cent.

**DALARK:** R. L. Diffie, pastor. Members received by transfer 2, and on profession of faith 2. Salaries and World Service 100 per cent. Charge paid increased askings on World Service. Paid for improvements on church \$200.00 and on parsonage \$800.00. A 2 per cent increase in Church School enrollment.

**DELIGHT:** Osborne White, pastor. Members received on profession of faith 2, and by transfer 6. Salaries and World Service 100 per cent. Charge paid increased askings on World Service. Amount raised for Advance Specials \$163.00. Paid for improvements on parsonage \$550.00. A 5 per cent increase in Church School enrollment.

**GEYER SPRINGS:** Clyde Parsons, pastor. Members received by transfer 10 and on profession of faith 4. Salaries and World Service paid in full. Charge paid increase Askings on World Service 33 per cent. Amount raised for debt retirement \$200.00. Increase in Church School enrollment 15 per cent and in attendance 15 per cent.

**VANTREASE, EL DORADO:** J. D. Montgomery, pastor. Members received by transfer 27 and on profession of faith 10. Salaries and World Service paid in full. Charge paid increase Askings. Amount raised for Advance Specials \$95.00. Amount paid for improvements of church \$850.00. Increase in Church School enrollment 20 per cent and in attendance 10 per cent.

**CENTENNIAL, EL DORADO:** P. D. Alston, pastor. Members received by transfer 1, and on profession of faith 3. Salaries and World Service 100 per cent. Charge paid increased askings on World Service. Charge raised \$25.00 for Advance Specials. Paid for improvements on church \$150.00. A 5 per cent increase in Church School enrollment and in attendance.

**LEOLA:** J. R. Diffie, pastor. Members received on profession of faith, 2. Salaries paid 99 per cent and World Service 100 per cent. Charge paid increased askings on World Service. Paid for improvement on church \$500.00. Raised on building fund \$100.00. A 25 per cent increase in Church School enrollment and a 40 per cent increase in attendance.

**MALVERN:** Dan R. Robinson, pastor. Members received by transfer 16, and on pro-

profession of faith 30. Salaries and World Service 100 per cent. Charge paid increased askings on World Service. Raised for Advance Specials \$750.00. Paid for improvements on church \$50,600.00. A 10 per cent increase in Church School enrollment. Paid \$1211.00 on endowment.

**LOUANN:** L. R. Sparks, pastor. Members received by transfer 1, and on profession of faith 6. Salaries paid 100 per cent and World Service 100 per cent plus. Charge paid increased askings on World Service. Raised \$36.00 for Advance Specials. Paid for improvements on church \$30.00 and on parsonage \$40.00. A 3 per cent increase in Church School enrollment and attendance.

**AUSTIN:** G. B. Pixley, pastor. Members received by transfer 6, and on profession of faith 2. Salaries and World Service 100 per cent. Charge paid increased askings on World Service. Raised for Advance Specials \$7.00. Paid for improvements on church \$100.00 and on parsonage \$75.00. Raised on debt retirement \$10.00 and on building fund \$1250.00. A 25 per cent increase in Church School attendance.

**HORATIO:** E. T. Miller, pastor. Members received by transfer 3. Salaries and World Service paid in full. Charge paid increased Askings on World Service. Paid for Advance Specials \$100. Paid on church improvements \$275.00 and on parsonage \$300.00. Increase in Church School enrollment 15 per cent and in attendance 20 per cent. Five infants baptized on Easter Sunday. Week of Dedication Offering \$40.00.

**TWENTY-EIGHTH STREET, LITTLE ROCK:** S. T. Baugh, pastor. Received 11 members by transfer and 9 on profession of faith. Salaries and World Service 100 per cent. \$400.00 paid for improvements on church and \$100.00 paid on parsonage. A 5 per cent increase in Church School enrollment and in attendance. Enlarged pulpit platform, placed new carpet on pulpit flood around altar and down aisles. Repainted basement.

**HENDERSON, LITTLE ROCK:** Kirvin Hale, pastor. Members received by transfer 10, and on profession of faith 23. Salaries and World Service 100 per cent. Charge paid increased askings on World Service. Charge raised \$100.00 for Advance Specials. Paid \$3744.00 on church and \$684.00 on parsonage. Raised on debt retirement \$400.00 and on building fund \$4344.00. A 10 per cent increase in Church School enrollment.

**HOPE:** J. E. Cooper, pastor. Members received by transfer 17, and on profession of faith 16. Salaries and World Service 100 per cent. Charge paid increased askings on World Service. Charge raised for Advance Specials \$812.00. Paid for improvements on church \$500.00, and on parsonage \$150.00. Raised on building fund \$1000.00. A 10 per cent increase in Church School enrollment and a 5 per cent increase in attendance. Week of Dedication offering \$1035.00.

**DOUGLASSVILLE:** Gerry Dean, pastor. Members received by transfer 13 and on profession of faith 11. Salaries and World Service paid in full. Amount raised for Advance Specials \$53.00. Paid for improvements on church \$658.00. On parsonage \$1450.00. Church paid increased askings on World Service. Raised on debt retirement \$800.00. Raised on building fund \$1128.00. A 10 per cent increase in Church School enrollment and a 15 per cent increase in attendance.

**PINE BLUFF FIRST CHURCH:** Kenneth Spore, pastor. Members received by transfer 78 and on profession of faith 48. Salaries and World Service paid in full. Charge paid Increased Askings on World Service. Amount paid for Advance Specials \$600.00. Paid for improvements on church \$3000.00 and on parsonage \$750.00. Increase in Church School enrollment 10 per cent and in attendance 25 per cent. \$14,000.00 pledged on Superannuate Endowment, and \$5000.00 of this in cash.

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### A WEEKLY MESSAGE

By FORNEY HUTCHINSON

#### LIFE IS LIKE A BRIDGE

Life is like a bridge. It must be built and built properly. Others will cross over after us. "A bridge is such a necessary thing, Like friends.

I see the builders as they fling  
Huge ends  
Of steel, across a yawning space,  
And toss red, scorching rivets into place,  
I see them send  
Out glistening spans  
To master everything that stands  
Within the way.

I watch them, and I can but long  
To make a bridge so fine and strong.

'And you would build a bridge, my dear?'  
An old man stopped to say,  
'You shall, my child, it needs must be,  
You're building one today.'

And now I know it needs must be,  
The farther on the road we go,  
To fling our bridges, high and low,  
To span the streams of life we see.

Then let me build my bridges well,  
So even when the torrents swell,  
The bridge I build will stand the strain  
Of duty, and of unexpected pain.

A bridge is such a necessary thing."

(Author unknown.)

# THE DEVOTIONAL PAGE

REV. H. O. BOLIN, Editor

## MUST MINISTERS BE DIFFERENT?

Are we willing to allow our ministers to do anything we do or do we expect him to be different? A few months ago Advance, the National journal of Congregational Christian Churches, ran a series of articles on both sides of the question. The assumption that there could be two sides to the question brought a lot of criticism which, in a way, might be considered an answer.

"You say you don't want your minister to be different," a prominent Chicagoland clergyman recently told his congregation. "But you don't mean it! You don't want a drinking minister. You don't want a carousing minister."

L. A. Martin, in the August issue Wilson as saying:

"When I hear some of the things which young men say to me by way of putting the arguments to themselves for going into the ministry, I think that they are talking of another profession. Their motive is to do something, when it should be to be something.

You do not have to be anything in particular to be a lawyer. I have been a lawyer and I know.

You do not have to be anything in particular, except a kind-hearted man, perhaps, to be a physician; you do not have to be anything not to undergo any strong spiritual change in order to be a merchant.

The only profession which consists in being something is the ministry of our Lord and Savior—and it does not consist of anything else.

And that conception of the minister which rubs all the marks of it off and mixes him in the crowd so that you cannot pick him out is a process of eliminating the ministry itself."

The avalanche of criticism that all but buries alive the minister, his wife, and even his children proves that we do not expect our minister to be different. We want to be able to say of him what the penitent Guinevere said of King Arthur, "Thou art the highest and most human too."

The young Catholic who refused to enter the priesthood because he would "rather be a good layman than a poor priest" had a deep understanding of what the world expects of religious leaders.

Every time a minister fails to live up to his high calling, his pulpit totters with him. If the church ever needed strong, sacrificial leadership, it needs it now. And no leader can be a herd-follower.—In The Union Signal.

## COMMON TO ALL

"There are enough religious people in America to save any economic, social, or any other kind of situation—if we could only gain the quality of articulating together."

"We have for too long been separating creeds and living, but no creed is effective unless it is lived." . . .

"The deep things of life are common to all. Genuine religiousness brings us close together regardless of difference in creed and form. Depth of religious experience is in proportion to the brotherhood quality it possesses."—Dr. J. M. Artman.

## MY FATHER

*I feel my Father's presence  
Years after his demise,  
But what seems to me most vivid  
Is the love-light in his eyes.*

*I hear his voice so kindly  
As he spoke words true and wise  
And my heart grows warm and tender  
From the love-light in his eyes.*

*His stalwart manhood charmed me,  
The cleverness he'd devise,  
But he best showed his devotion  
By the love-light in his eyes.*

*He never blamed, nor scolded,  
And never did chastise,  
But I felt I was well punished  
By the love-light in his eyes.*

*And when I try to picture God  
And His loveliness surmise,  
Again I see my Father's face  
That sweet love-light in his eyes.*

*And when I reach that Great Beyond—  
The Land of Paradise,  
I'll have no trouble finding him  
By the love-light in his eyes.*

*And when I see the Savior  
There'll be no wonder nor surprise  
For I'm sure that I will know Him  
By the love-light in His eyes.—Stella  
Jennings Tolleson.*

## A NEW CONFERENCE YEAR

We are here again at the beginning of a new conference year. There is something interesting in the beginning of almost anything. At least it gives all a chance to start over again. Past good records maybe repeated and even improved. Past failures and mistakes may be eliminated. At the beginning of each conference year, there are a few things that all of us might profitably think about.

For example, it is said that at the meeting of every Annual Conference some ministers get appointments and others get disappointments. There is some truth in this statement. Bishops and their cabinets are after all finite individuals and, like all the rest of us, are subject to making mistakes. But after due allowance is made for such error, the fact remains that the matter of disappointments is vastly overemphasized. The writer has heard any number of ministers say something like this: "I went to that charge with my feelings hurt. I felt that I had been imposed upon. But it turned out to be the happiest charge of my whole ministry." It nearly always turns out that way if the minister in question can keep from becoming embittered. Prayer on his part will prevent such condition, and the little jolt he felt he received will only serve to make him a better man.

There is also another side to the picture. Some one ought to speak up once in a while for the lay people. Sometimes they get disappointed. They get their hearts set on something and their plans go hay-wire. Every charge has church and community pride—and should have. It doesn't help matters much for lay people to learn that a preacher feels

has been hurt in being sent to them. Then, too, the needs of most any charge are great enough to profitably use the talents and training of any preacher. Bickerings on the part of lay people and ministers have often hurt the cause of Christ and wasted time in many charges. All should remember that ministers are appointed annually in Methodism and should make up their minds to be contented and work harmoniously together at least for the year ahead.

Again, the beginning of the conference year is the best possible time to resolve not to repeat past errors. This goes for both lay people and preachers. Some months ago a minister was sent to a new charge. He acknowledged to the writer that he had made some mistakes on his previous charge that had hurt him with the people. The writer complimented him on being wise enough to discover his own mistakes and informed him that even greater wisdom would be shown if he consistently refused to repeat the mistakes on his new charge. Sorry to say, the mistakes were repeated. He failed to profit by his own experience. This case, however, is the exception rather than the rule. Most ministers and lay people try hard to amend their ways and usually profit by past mistakes.

The chief thing to think about and plan for at this time is how to make this the greatest and most fruitful year of our lives. There is always room for improvement in every life. None is so good that he can't become better. Our goal is ever onward toward Christlikeness. There are certain means of grace, that if faithfully practiced, will help

us move toward that goal.

For example, there is the matter of prayer. This is one of the greatest privileges, but how badly it is neglected. There should be more intercessory praying. There would be a greater spirit of brotherhood between Methodist preachers everywhere if there were more prayers of this type. Some years ago a minister communicated with the writer proposing to put his name on a prayer list and pray daily for him if the writer would do the same for him. This was a good thing and help came from it. It would be even better if all the Methodist preachers of Arkansas would pray for each other by name each day throughout the year. This would do two things: first, we should take each other daily before the throne of grace, and secondly, we would think of each other kindly from day to day. This could also be extended to include the lay people of Arkansas Methodism. Maybe not by name, but each charge could be carried before the throne of grace daily. This would tend to bring about a great revival of religion in our State.

In any suggested program for spiritual betterment, the Bible and other good literature cannot be left out. Paul admonished his son in the gospel, Timothy, to study. He was anxious that the Word of God be properly interpreted. Christ said that men live spiritually by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God. Paul highly commended the people of a certain community who studied the Scriptures daily.

Last, and very important, there is the matter of unselfish service. All of us need to resolve now that this year will be filled with such service. All about us there is work to be done. The spiritual fields are white to the harvest, but those who are willing to get under the load are few. The admonition of Christ is, "Go work in my vineyard." Many were once happy in the Lord but have now lost their joy because of their indifference. People are not saved by works. They are "saved by grace through faith; not of works, lest any man should boast." They depend entirely for their salvation, not upon what they have done but what the Lord has done. On the cross Christ said, "It is finished," and he meant the plan of salvation was completed. People, therefore, are saved by grace through faith, but their harmonious standing before God depends upon their works, the unselfish service they render to others. We recall Christ's statement concerning the vine and the branches. He insisted that every branch in him—the vine—that bore not fruit was cut off and died spiritually. May God help us make this a great and fruitful year by getting started right is the writer's prayer. A good beginning is half the victory. "Well begun; half done."—H. O. B.

He hath showed thee, O man, what is good; and what doth the Lord require of thee, but to do justly and to love mercy, and to walk humbly with thy God?—Micah 6:8.

As ye have therefore received Christ the Lord, so walk ye in him; rooted and built up in him.—Col. 2:6, 7.

# Little Rock Conference District Reports

## Arkadelphia District

R. B. Moore, District Superintendent

In the District there are 67 churches or preaching places, in 24 pastoral charges. The total membership has been increased to 11,253, notwithstanding that 501 members were dropped from the rolls by order of the quarterly conferences. We are endeavoring to make our rolls accurate and complete.

The charges received 248 persons by profession of faith and 223 by certificate. 106 infants were baptized.

Our director of evangelism, Dr. J. A. Wade, has led us in an excellent program. One one occasion, Dr. Harry Denman, of the General Board of Evangelism, was with us for a day. At another time Rev. Howard Ellis of the General Board spent a day with our young people in a most helpful evangelistic program.

We have 61 Church Schools, with a total enrollment of 6789 persons for an increase of 164. These rolls have also been carefully checked.

Mrs. E. E. Fohrell, of Sparkman, district director of Children's Work, has led her staff to do a fine work in the district for the children. Rev. Dan R. Robinson, pastor of First Church Malvern, and Youth Director has continued his energetic program for the district and through three active sub-district groups. Our adult work continues to show greatest gain.

The Woman's Society of Christian Service, with Mrs. W. G. Harrington of First Church Malvern as president, continues to do excellent work. There are 28 societies with a membership of 1204, and 4 Wesleyan Guilds with a membership of 104. Mrs. Harrington and her staff are trying to organize new societies wherever possible.

The financial program for the district this year is worthy of special mention. In order to reach the full district asking for World Service and Benevolent giving it was necessary for us to increase 36%. Each church increased 33 1/3 per cent and some took more. All askings are paid in full. The Golden Cross (\$2338) Children's Home (\$4045) Week of Dedication (\$601) and also the Ministerial Aid fund—Hendrix College, have been generously met, as have all specials.

Every church accepted its Advance quota and most of them have made substantial payments toward their goals.

The district has not made much headway in payments on the retired preacher's endowment. Each preacher has paid his percentage, but the \$400,000 campaign, though accepted and begun, has been planned but will be met as the churches are able to do so.

The district has subscribed for 1189 Arkansas Methodists, 151 Christian Advocates, and other church periodicals are well distributed among the people.

There are 21 parsonages, including the district parsonage. Two new ones have been built this year, a lovely \$8600 parsonage has been built and paid for at Oaklawn, also, a nice 5-room parsonage has been built at Rockport and paid for.

Considerable repairs and new furnishings have been added to other parsonages and churches.

The church at Carthage has been

completed. A \$50,000 education building has been built and paid for at Malvern First Church. At Keith a new education building has been built at a cost of \$16,000. Tigert Memorial is now building a new education building.

This has been a very busy year. Our people have responded well to every call of the church and have co-operated with the pastors in making this short year a great success. Our statistics will show almost as much done in these seven and one-half months as in the twelve preceding months.

There has prevailed a fine brotherly spirit among the pastors and superintendent and people. We give our Lord the credit for our successes and pray that He will continue to lead us to more fruitful service in His kingdom.

## Camden District

Fred R. Harrison, District Superintendent

Much has been achieved during the short conference year in the Camden District. Our people have had to adjust to a new conference schedule but it has been done with a fine cooperation and splendid spirit.

Membership: Received by faith and vows, 223; Received by transfer, 232; Total, 457; Babies baptized, 116.

Several churches have made diligent effort this year to bring their membership rolls up to date, and in doing so a small loss of membership for the district will be shown. This should be a costly warning to all churches and pastors to do a better job of keeping the rolls.

Finances: The one-third increase for World Service has been accepted, amounting to \$12,207.00 (for the short year) and will be paid in full. Other items are:

Golden Cross, \$3084; The Methodist Home, \$7790; Hendrix Ministerial Education, \$2996; Week of Dedication, \$1222 from 42 churches; The Advance Special, \$5948. The majority of our Churches have paid this fund for a year, but First Church, El Dorado, Dr. Connor Morehead, pastor, has paid two-thirds of its four-year quota of \$4337.

The Retired Ministers Endowment: Churches, \$14,354.00, with First Church, El Dorado, paying its entire four year quota, and Stephens Methodist Church, Rev. Alfred Doss pastor, has paid one-half its quota.

In the case of the Advance Special, recognition should rightly be given here to Mr. and Mrs. B. T. Fooks, First Church, Camden in their sponsoring Rev. and Mrs. James Major in Santiago, Chile, for the four-year period with \$3600.00 being given each year by this generous and Church-minded couple. This is over and above the quota of First Church, Camden.

Publications: With a quota of 1538 subscribers to the Arkansas Methodist a total of 1647 was reached: The District leads the Conference in subscriptions to the Christian Advocate, and First Church, El Dorado leads with 104 subscriptions; Rev. Chas. H. Giessen, who serves Timothy Church in addition to Fairview, gained the greatest percentage of subscriptions for membership of 100 or less.

W. S. C. S.: The W. S. C. S. with

Mrs. J. T. Dodson, Dist. President, and Mrs. E. B. Glaze, Dist. Promotion Secretary, has made an enviable record, with a membership of 2004, and total collections for Missions and local work of \$12,262.40. Six new societies have been organized during this short conference year, as well as three new guilds, making a total of 48 societies and 8 guilds. Three societies have 100% membership: Timothy, Westside and Buena Vista.

Training: First Church, Camden, Rev. W. Neill Hart, has put on an extensive training school program this year, to which all the district was invited: laboratory school, Visual aid school and standard training school; Fairview, Camden, also had a fine standard training school; Fordyce had a Bible Conference; Miss Virginia Mann of Ft. Worth conducted schools on the work of the Church School at Thornton, Hampton, Marysville and Village. The annual youth Christian Vocation Clinic, directed by Rev. James Upton of Hendrix College, was held in February in El Dorado. Early in March, Rev. Takuo Matsumoto, principal of our famed girls' school in Hiroshima, Japan, and one of the hero-victims of the first atomic bomb, spoke at sub-district Advance rallies in Fairview, First Church, El Dorado, Magnolia and Fordyce. The freewill offerings amounted to \$600.00.

Licensed: The following young men have been licensed to preach this year: Howard Bryant Childs, Fred Alexander Mead, John Griggs Greening, and James Thurmon Ratcliffe.

Book Review: One of the finest examples of the cooperation of the Pastors in this District was given Monday, May 30, when the Advance book, "Man's Disorder and God's Design" was reviewed, and every pastor took part. In order to cover this massive book within the scope of the day, each pastor was given five minutes to present his part. Each one had really worked on it and the stimulating reports made each one desire to read the entire book. The pastors were guests of the Fordyce Board of Stewards, at dinner served by the W. S. C. S.

Building program: A rather extensive building and remodeling program has been under way during these brief months: The Chapel in First Church, Camden, furnished by Mr. B. T. Fooks, was completed and dedicated by Bishop Martin in a very impressive service; Fairview has added new Church School equipment; Vantrease Memorial has installed a new organ; Emerson Church has added new pews to their beautiful Church; the parsonage at Hampton has been remodeled and redecorated; the W. S. C. S. has placed a beautiful carpet in Junction City Church; the Norphlet Parker's Chapel has made extensive improvements on the Church and parsonage; Stephens has put in a beautiful carpet and stained glass art windows; and a Hammond organ which was dedicated by Bishop Martin in November; the commodious education building at Smackover has been completed; Bishop Martin laid the cornerstone in November. The magnificent new sanctuary at First Church, Magnolia, embodying the New England type of architecture is rapidly nearing completion. The Calion church has been moved to a new location beyond flood danger,

and extensive remodeling is now underway.

The new church at Village has been started, and plans are complete for the annex to Pleasant Grove Church; building funds are being raised at Kingsland and Thornton for new houses of worship.

First Church, El Dorado, has just bought another parsonage and redecoration is now under way. A building committee for a new parsonage at First Church, Camden, has started work on plans to build this summer on a lot donated by Mr. B. T. Fooks.

Laymen's Day: With Mr. Charles Wilkins, president of Magnolia A & M as District Lay Leader, lay speakers filled two-thirds of the pulpits in the District on Laymen's Day in February.

These facts and figures reflect the cooperation and loyalty of the diligent Pastors and fine membership in this great District. I am grateful for their splendid work.

## Little Rock District

E. Clifton Rule, District Superintendent

The Little Rock District has had 466 additions by profession and 717 by certificate, making a total of 1183. 230 infants have been baptized. Our Church School enrollment is 12,772. 2,771 women are enrolled in Woman's Society of Christian Service and Wesleyan Guilds, and they report \$20,232.00 raised since last Conference. There are 1819 subscribers to the Arkansas Methodist and 58 to the Christian Advocate. We have paid our increase of 33 1/3 per cent over 1944 askings on World Service with 22 per cent over.

On Superannuate Endowment, England has paid one-fourth of its asking, so has Oak Forest; Pulaski Heights has paid \$600.00; Winfield \$1500; Asbury \$200.00; Henderson \$100.00; Scott Street \$50.00, Twenty-Eighth Street \$41.00.

Our total for Week of Dedication Offering is \$2,687.00. Of this, First Church has raised \$966.00 and Winfield \$500.00. We have raised \$3,687.00 for Special Gifts to Missions. Our Race Relations Day Offering is \$724.00; Golden Cross \$2,321.00; Children's Home \$8,285.00 and Church School Day Offerings amounted to \$883.00; Hendrix Ministerial Education \$2,700. Pastors' salaries and connectional claims are paid in full. We have raised a total of more than \$350,000.00.

We have spent \$155,619.00 on new buildings. Asbury has completed a new educational building. Henderson has also completed building and is now making plans to remodel the sanctuary. Two new buildings are planned at Zion and Concord on the Austin Circuit. Bauxite has completed a new Church School building and extensive remodeling of the sanctuary. Carlisle has completed a lovely new parsonage. Des Arc has extensively remodeled and repaired the parsonage. DeValls Bluff is building an addition to its Church School facilities. Douglasville has completed a beautiful parsonage. England has redecorated its sanctuary. First Church has on a campaign for additions and repairs which will require an expenditure of several hundred thousand dollars. Oak Forest is building a new plant which will be the most beautiful in Little

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Rock. Pulaski Heights is constructing the first unit of a plant that will cost over \$400,000.00 when completed. St. Mark's is building an addition to its Church School equipment. Scott Street has completed a rebuilding and refurnishing task, following a disastrous fire in 1947. Winfield has completed an extensive repair program, both parsonage and church plant. Twenty-Eighth Street has redecorated the sanctuary. Lonoke has completed a building for use of the Children's Division of its Church School. Mt. Pleasant has redecorated and refurnished the sanctuary.

We have had since last Annual Conference 651 persons enrolled in training schools with a total credit of 490. This is one of our best years in the training field. Last year, the Little Rock District enlarged its work to cover the area outside of the city of Little Rock. As a result, we had one of the best programs of Vacation School work, informal training schools, together with program enrichment, that we have ever had. Plans already made for this summer indicate that we shall surpass last year's work. Great credit is due Miss Margaret Marshall, Mrs. J. H. Monday and Miss Fay McRae for outstanding achievements in the field of Children's Work.

It has been a good year. We doubt if any group of churches has any better pastoral leadership than there is in Little Rock District, and they find worthy support in a group of devoted, earnest, intelligent men and women composing the membership of our churches.

## Monticello District

*T. T. McNeal, District Superintendent*

In presenting the report of the Monticello District, I am keenly aware of one outstanding fact; I am reporting work done by others, the pastors and members of the Methodist Church of the Monticello District. It is a high privilege to make this report for them.

There are twenty Charges in the District composed of fifty-one churches. During the year, 305 new members have been added; 148 by profession of faith and 157 by certificate. 73 babies have been baptized. Evangelistic services have been planned for nearly every church for the summer or early fall months. There are forty-seven organized church schools with an enrollment of some five thousand members for the seven and one-half months equalling the enrollment for the twelve preceding months. A few Vacation Church Schools have been held but these reports are not yet available.

There are twenty-five Woman's Societies of Christian Service with 1042 members. These societies have raised for Local Work \$6200.00. The amount sent to the District and Conference Treasurers is \$4176. The Women's Work in the Monticello District is unusually good. They take a special interest in our Rural Work and cooperate wholeheartedly in the total program of the Church.

There are a number of new church buildings now under construction in the District. Since last Conference, the church at Lake Village has been completed and dedicated. The pastor, Fred W. Schwendemann is now leading the congregation in the construction of parsonage in keeping with the beautiful church structure.

The church at Crossett is nearing completion. The pastor, O. E. Holmes, has done a remarkable piece of work in leading his people in the erection of this magnificent building.

The church at Warren is also nearing completion. Under the splendid leadership of the pastor, Hal H. Pinnell, the congregation will complete this beautiful building and move into it sometime in August or September.

Under the Leadership of the pastor, Roland E. Darrow, the congregation at Monticello is now constructing a beautiful Educational building. When this building is completed, all services will be conducted in it while a new Sanctuary is being erected.

The parsonages at Fountain Hill and Hermitage have been completely modernized. This leaves only two parsonages in the District that are not equipped with all modern facilities. Nearly every Church and parsonage in the District is being kept in good repair.

The pastors' reports show that every Charge in the District paid something on the Advance Specials and the Week of Dedication. Some charges have paid the quota for a twelve month period and some have paid less, but the District total will show the quota for this short year paid.

The retired Ministers' Endowment has been stressed in every Charge. Seventy per cent of the Charges have paid their quota for the seven and one-half months. Nearly every Charge has paid something on this worthy program in caring for our retired men.

All of our Conference items are paid in full plus. May I pay a tribute to our rural pastors. A number of them have not received their salaries in full for this short year, but they have paid their Conference items in full.

We have expanded our District Camp this year with the erection of several new cabins. We held our Junior Camp last week under the direction of Mrs. Ralph Clayton as Camp director and a staff of workers as fine and capable as could be assembled anywhere. It was our high privilege to have as our guests at this camp six Junior children from the Methodist Home. At our Intermediate Camp next month, we will have a number of the Intermediate boys and girls from the home as our guests. During the Camping season, we expect to have some fifteen-hundred campers.

We have had a good year in the Monticello District. There are many notable achievements not mentioned in this report, in fact, there is not a pastor nor a church in the district without some outstanding accomplishment this year. We thank God for the Methodist Church.

## Pine Bluff District

*J. L. Dedman, District Superintendent*

It has always been the usual procedure in writing these reports to make flattering statements of the District and to comment on the ministers and laymen.

This brief report speaks for itself in highest commendation of both ministers and laymen. It goes without reference—this has been a short year.

We are all aware, that the General and Annual Conference launched a challenging program for the Church, and the Pine Bluff District

has accepted for the most part, the program. Considering all causes which the District has supported, we have raised almost as much money as has ordinarily been raised during a twelve month Conference year.

To wit:—We have raised the allocation including the one-third increase for World Service. Golden Cross \$1732.00.

The General and Jurisdictional Funds have been paid for the year. Including dedication offering, we have paid the percentage on sustentation and superannuate funds. In addition to this, the charges have paid \$4,271.34 to the Superannuate Endowment cause. All other askings of the Church have been met.

Our Church School enrollment has been growing. According to my record, we have an increase of 1400 as compared to this time last year.

The Woman's Society of Christian Service of the Pine Bluff District has operated under very capable leadership. They continue to carry out the full program set forth by the Church and are in keeping with the Advance for Christ movement, and also have aided in a lot of the building and re-decoration of parsonages and Churches. They have sent to the Conference Treasurer \$6680.00 and spent for local work \$7348.00.

—We have had a number of training schools and about one hundred certificates have been awarded.

Many Vacation Schools have already been held and others are planned for the immediate future.

Thus far, we have had few revivals in the District. Many are planned for the next few months. We have received on profession of faith 258, by certificate and otherwise 267, making a total of 525.

The building program, repairing and re-decoration of both churches and parsonages have been most gratifying. And it gives me a sense of pride to realize the progress and support the ministers, laymen and laywomen of the District have made manifest. For the above purposes we raised \$19,288.00.

The work of this year has been an accelerated one, nevertheless, it has been one of loyal team work.

Bishop, in many instances the Quarterly Conferences have asked for the return of the pastors and the district superintendent, and, of course, I don't blame them.

## Prescott District

*E. D. Galloway, District Superintendent*

The Prescott District is composed of twenty-two pastoral charges. There are eighty-two preaching places on these charges.

The estimated value of church, buildings, equipment, and land is \$488,000.00. There are twenty-one parsonages, including the District parsonage, with an estimated value of \$94,000.00, including land and furnishings.

There have been 287 additions—102 on profession of faith, 146 by letter.

One new church has been dedicated during the year.

A new church plant at Amity has been completed, and the congregation is now worshipping in it.

The church at Mt. Ida is nearing completion at a cost of \$50,000.00. It will be one of the most beautiful plants anywhere to be found and will be free of debt.

Extensive improvements have been made on the Gurdon parson-

age.

Women's Work, under the direction of Mrs. Herbert Stephens, District President, has made noteworthy advances, with one new society being organized, every woman in the church becoming a member. Dierks has another one hundred per cent society.

Young People's and Children's Work have been provided for in a splendid fashion by Rev. George G. Meyer, District Director of Youth Work, and by Mrs. John W. Rushing, District Director of Children's Work.

The general program of our Church has been emphasized by the district leadership, and the pastors of the respective charges in the district faithfully presented it to their people. The response has gladdened our hearts.

The Advance for Christ and His Church has been our major. The district acceptance on World Service and Conference Benevolence represents approximately forty per cent increase over what it paid last year. The acceptance will be paid in full, together with all other conference items.

Week of Dedication was generally observed, with our great church at Hope making an offering of \$1035.00 consequent to the intelligent and careful planning of Rev. J. E. Cooper, the pastor. Many other pastors in the District did an excellent job with this phase of our Church program, too, resulting in approximately a \$1400.00 offering from the District.

There has been a magnificent spirit of team work, fellowship, and trustworthiness between pastors and laity. I shall never cease to be grateful for the fine cooperation, and the warm reception which has been accorded to me by the pastors, their families, and by the membership of the churches in the District during the year.

## Texarkana District

*J. M. Hamilton, District Superintendent*

This has been a highly successful year in many ways on the Texarkana District. The pastors and laymen in every charge have done excellent work.

Fourth Sunday offerings for World Service are increasing rapidly in many of our churches. It is creating a worldwide interest in missions with many of our folk.

There are 22 charges, with 71 preaching places, in this district, with a membership, active and inactive, of approximately 10,300. There have been 360 persons added to the church rolls on profession of faith and by transfer of membership.

We have 21 Woman's Societies of Christian Service in this district. These societies, as their reports will show, are doing a great work locally and abroad.

The askings for World Service, with an increase of 39 per cent to the Texarkana District, were accepted and have been paid in full.

The subscriptions to the Arkansas Methodist approximate 1200 in the district. The subscriptions to this paper have shown an increase year after year for several years.

We have 56 Sunday Schools using our literature, and 6 schools associated with other denominations. The total enrollment in these schools is approximately 6270.

Two new parsonages have been built this year, the new church at

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# THE CHILDREN'S PAGE

ANNIE WINBURNE, Editor



## IN STORYLAND

### THE MEADOW DAISY

Harriet loved to help Grandmother in the flower garden. "Aren't they beautiful, Grandma?" she asked, watching the pansies lift their purple-and-gold heads after a shower from the watering-can. "And we take good care of them, don't we? Flowers have to have such a lot of care!"

Grandma smiled and nodded.

Soon they put away the garden tools and Harriet was across the meadow to her favorite playspot on the lake shore. For an hour she gathered shells and pretty stones. Then the sun grew hot and she trudged back through the warm sand to the edge of the meadow, where she threw herself down in shade of a clump of hazel bushes.

A long time she lay quiet, listening to the song of a lark somewhere across the meadow. One lone wild daisy peeped at her through the tall grass. She tried to count the daisy's white petals, but her eyelids had a trick of dropping down before she could finish. By and by the daisy seemed to smile and bow.

"Are you so happy," asked Harriet, "out here alone, with nobody to take care of you?"

"Nobody to take care of me?" echoed Miss Daisy, "Why, how funny you talk. Just as if I didn't have folks."

"Folks?" Harriet looked puzzled.

"To be sure. Don't you know? First of all there is dear Mother Earth. She sees that I have food and drink. Father Sun keeps me warm and gives me fine color. Auntie Wind comes to fan me if I get droopy. Nurse Rain gives me delightful baths."

"Oh, I see," apologized Harriet. "But aren't you ever lonely for other daisies?"

"There will be other daisies next summer. I only came on ahead. No, I am not lonely, for I have many callers. Mrs. Honey Bee and Mr. Bumble Bee come often to see me. So do the Butterfly ladies in their gay clothes. And there are the Black-gowned beetles, and many other insect people who are very friendly. When Mrs. Honey Bee and Mr. Bumble Bee call, I send by them to my flower friends some of my gold-dust, or pollen, and they send some back to me. You see, we flowers have a habit of exchanging gifts. Some way, we have finer blossoms for it."

"How interesting," Harriet exclaimed. "And I am sure you do have happy days. But at night—when Father Sun is gone and it is dark and all the callers have left, and every one is asleep—"

"Why, my dear," interrupted Miss Daisy, "not every one is asleep. Many little night folks are astir all about me. Tiny furry creatures scamper past or burrow through my doorway. Beautiful moths flutter round my head. Fire-flies flash their torches in my face. Frogs call to me from the pond, and tree-toads and singing insects chatter to me all night long. And it isn't often dark. Millions of sky-lanterns hang overhead, and dear old Grandpa Moon smiles down on me. Lonely at night? Why,



### A DAY FOR DADDY

*What shall we do for daddy?  
Let's think a nice surprise,  
He does so many things for us,  
And he's so kind and wise.*

*He takes us on the nicest hikes,  
We have a lot of fun.  
He's not too tired to help at night  
On projects we've begun.*

*We'll perhaps buy a little gift  
And put it by his plate,  
At dinner time we'll yell "Surprise,"  
We hope he won't be late.*

*We know the nicest gift of all  
Is to be fine and true,  
And we'll make daddy happy,  
We think we should, don't you?*

—A. E. W.

### A GAME FOR THAT PARTY FOR YOUNG OR OLD

Players are divided into two teams which stand facing each other. Advise each player of Team A to look very carefully at each member of Team B.

Then Team A turns around, facing the opposite direction, while one player of Team B alters his appearance slightly—removes a tie, a shoe, a breast pocket handkerchief, or changes places with a member of his team.

there is so much going on after sunset I can hardly take time to sleep. Always, I wake when Father Sun calls. He is prompt—never a second late. He starts the day for us all."

"I wonder," Harriet said, half to herself, "what would happen if some morning Father Sun should forget to come up?"

"Forget? He couldn't. God would not let him."

Far away the meadow-lark was calling: "Come in. Come in."

Harriet sat upright, rubbing her eyes. The sun had climbed above the hazel bushes and was shining into her face. In the tall grass a lone little daisy stood straight and strong.

"I believe I've been asleep!" declared Harriet, springing up. "It must be dinner-time. Yes, Mr. Lark, I'm coming in."—Josephine E. Toal in Zion's Herald.

Team A turns back and has three guesses as to who made a change or moved. If they guess correctly, a member of Team B goes over to Team A. If they do not guess correctly, Team A loses a member to the opposing team.

At the end of a specified time (15 or 20 minutes) the team having the largest number of players is, of course, the winner.—In The United Church Observer.

### JUST FOR FUN

Joe: "Ted says he's going to marry the prettiest girl in town."

Jane: "Why, the very idea; I don't even know him!"

Recently, the following testimony was received by a patent medicine concern: "For nine years I was totally deaf, and after using your ear salve for only ten days I heard from my brother in Nebraska."

"Dora is the dumbest girl."

"Why?"

"She wanted to know how many quarters in a baseball game."

"That's nothing. Margy wanted to know if a football coach has wheels."

Poet (to landlord, who is making yet another attempt to get his rent): You ought to pay me for living here. In a few year's time, people will be looking up at this miserable attic

## IN THE WORLD OF BOYS AND GIRLS

### JOAN CROSS-PATCH

Once there was a little girl named Joan Cross-Patch. She was so irritable and bad-tempered she could not shut a door without slamming it, and if she had to wipe up or set the table, she always made the crockery rattle. She was always complaining.

At last the door grew tired of being slammed, as he explained to Joan's bed. "It's not fair, I'm well made and well behaved—yet she's always grumbling so I'm going to stick."

"Good," said the bed, "then I'll creak and keep her awake."

When the chair heard what was happening, he decided to join in. "I'll tip up when she sits down," he said.

When Joan came home from school grumbling about her lessons, she ran inside to put her bag in her bedroom, pushed the door, and nothing happened—the door stuck; she pushed and pushed. "What's the matter with this door?" she cried. "It's never stuck before."

"Then why do you grumble and slam me?" asked the door—and opened so suddenly Joan fell into the room.

She received such a shock hearing the door speak, she sat down to think about it, when, without warning, the chair tipped over sideways, and tumbled her on the floor, leaving the chair as it was. Joan climbed on to her bed, and creak, creak—such loud creaks she began to be a bit frightened, when the bed said, "I'm sure I don't like creaking—but you always grumble at me" and the chair said, "You push me about and bang me."

Joan was so surprised she could not think of a word to say for a long while. Then she stood up and picked up the chair.

"Fair's fair," she said; "I've got what I deserved, and in the future I'll behave nicely."

So Joan stopped grumbling, and being bad tempered, and the door didn't stick, or the bed didn't creak, or the chair overbalance, and they all lived together happily.—The Australian Baptist.

and saying "That's where Miller the poet used to live."

Landlord: They needn't wait those years. If you don't pay me by 1 o'clock, they can say it tomorrow!

Mary: "Do you know what the patriotic worm did?"

Harry: "No, I don't! What?"

Mary: "He joined the Apple Corps."

Teacher: Jimmy, what are your favorite flowers?

Jimmy: Chrysanthemums.

Teacher: Spell chrysanthemums.

Jimmy: I changed my mind, Miss Jones, roses are my favorite.

"Did your teeth chatter when you felt the chill coming over you?" Mrs. Jones asked.

"I don't know," replied the old lady sweetly. "My teeth were lying on the table."

# Wiggins Memorial Helps Entertain Annual Conference

THE month of June marks the 8th birthday of the Wiggins Memorial Methodist Church. Wiggins Memorial had its beginning in the summer of 1941 when Dr. Harry Denman, evangelist for The Methodist Church, was in Fay-

etteville. The tent revival held by Dr. Denman brought to the attention of the District Superintendent and several leading Methodist laymen the urgent need of a Methodist Church in the south part of Fayetteville. Rev. Sam B. Wiggins, District Superintendent, then took the lead in establishing a new church which was named Bethel. In 1946 the name of the church was changed from Bethel to Wiggins Memorial in memory of the man who was so instrumental and influential in the new church's beginning.

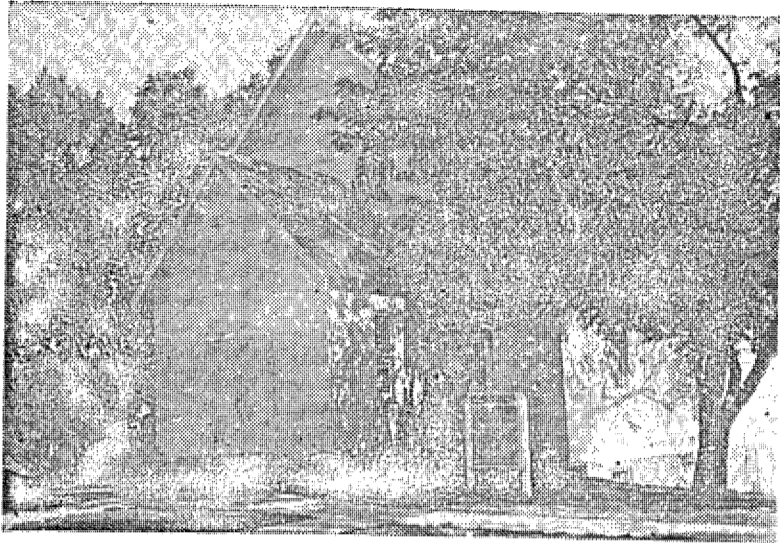
educational building. In 1946 the basement of the educational building was completed, providing four additional large class rooms and two rest rooms.

In the spring of 1947 work was started on the church parsonage;

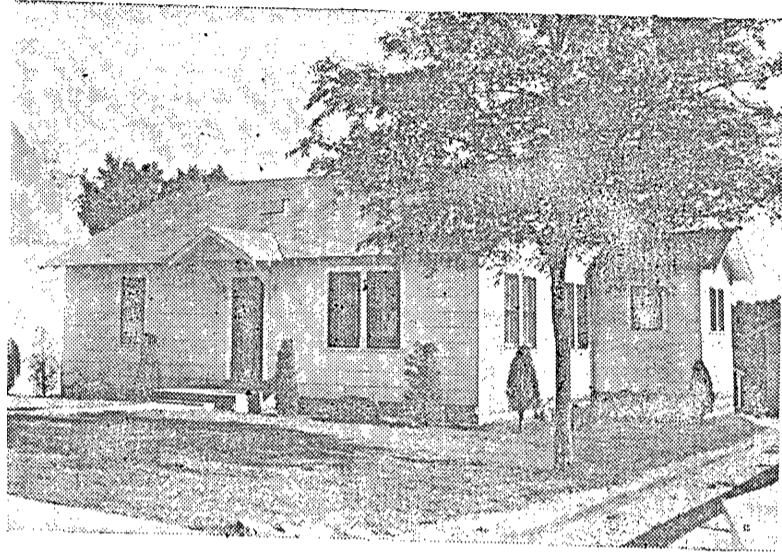
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hoeff, Chester Williams, and Forest Wisdom. Trustees are as follows: Mrs. C. C. Daily, Wade Fincher, Mrs. C. C. Gann, Edward Parks, A. D. Qualls, Herman Stewart, Lee Holt, and Mack Qualls. In 1946 the local Woman's Society of Christian Service was organized, and since the date of organization has been active in local, district, and conference activities. The Officers and Secretaries of Woman's Society of Christian Service are as follows: Mrs. Herman Stewart, president, Mrs. I. C. Huff, vice-president, Mrs.



WIGGINS MEMORIAL



NEW PARSONAGE, WIGGINS MEMORIAL

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this work was completed in June of that year. In June the pastor and his family moved into the new seven



REV. PAUL BUMPERS  
Pastor Wiggins Memorial

Rev. Ralph Hillis, a student in Southern Methodist University, was assigned as pastor of the church for the summer months of 1941, and gave very able leadership during these early months. While Brother Hillis was pastor, the construction of the church was started. In the fall of 1941, Rev. E. D. Lewis was assigned pastor of the church, and served as pastor until the fall of 1946. During his ministry the church and ground floor of the educational building were completed. In the fall of 1946 Rev. Paul M. Bumpers was assigned as pastor.

With the completion of the church building, which included sanctuary, full basement and kitchen, the need was felt for additional church school space. To better provide for the church school the church membership commenced the building of an

room parsonage.

Starting with twenty-one charter members, the membership of the church has grown to 251.

The church has been able to make what progress it has made because of the various organizations within

the "talent" as much as possible. On Harvest Sunday, when the banks were broken, more than a \$1000.00 was received, which was applied on the parsonage indebtedness. Stewards of Wiggins Memorial are as follows: W. F. Bell, Mrs. C. C. Daily, Elza Fincher, Wade Fincher, Glenn Goforth, Lee Holt, Mrs. Joy Lichlyter, Clark McClinton, Edward Parks, Frank Pond, Ernest Pitts, A. D. Qualls, Mack Qualls, Hoy Riggins, Mrs. W. G. Sandlin, Henry Shreve, Herman Stewart, Mrs. P. T. Ver-

Gilbert Scheef, recording secretary, Mrs. Elza Fincher, promotion secretary, Mrs. Paul Bumpers, treasurer, Mrs. Walter Hayes, Spiritual Life, Mrs. P. T. Verhoeff, Missionary Education and Service, Mrs. Clark McClinton, Christian Social Relations and Local Church Activities, Mrs. Hoy Riggins, Student Work, Mrs. R. A. Greathouse, Youth Work, Mrs. E. C. Aumick, Supply Work, Mrs. Jesse Anderson, Literature and Publications, and Mrs. Fay Reed.

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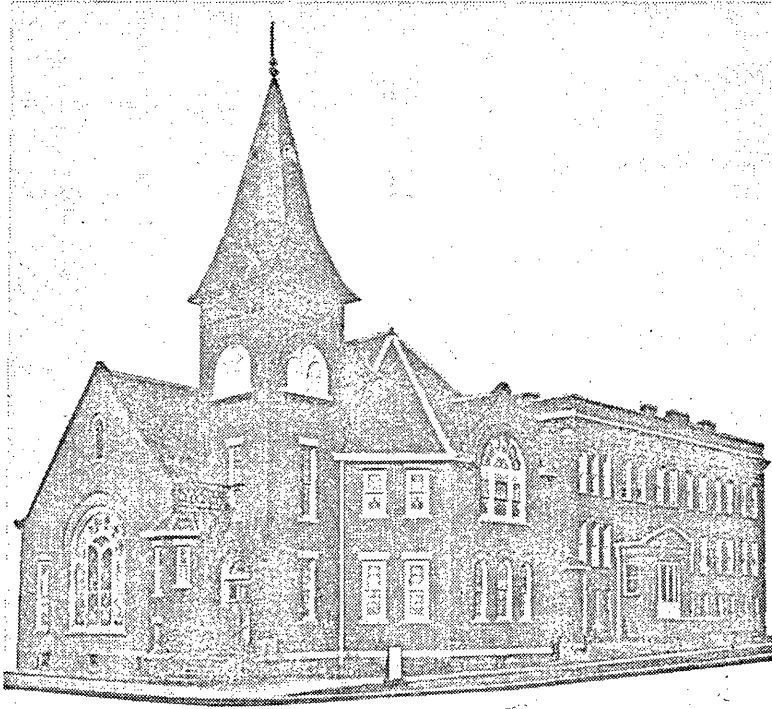
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# Churches Cooperating In Entertainment

## CENTRAL METHODIST CHURCH Fayetteville

Central Methodist Church at Dixon and Highland streets in Fayetteville is now in its 117th



CENTRAL METHODIST, FAYETTEVILLE

year with a membership of 1500 and serving a student membership in the University of Arkansas of 1600 Methodist preferring students. The morning congregation now numbers approximately 900 with more than one-third of those being students.

Central Church, being one of the oldest churches in Arkansas, has had some of the greatest preachers produced by the state as its pastors and its history, twice put into print, is filled with heroic and sacrificial enterprises on the part of those pastors and their people.

It was served as a circuit for

30 years by a total of 31 ministers. Fourteen of those years it was called the Washington Circuit and listed in the conference minutes as part of the Batesville District. In 1857 it became a station and since that time has been

served by 47 different ministers, several of them now occupying the large pulpits of the south.

Probably the most outstanding feature of Central Church history is its abundant production of capable and devoted lay leadership active in The Methodist Church at large. And among its most capable ministerial leadership produced through the years were three missionaries; Dr. and Mrs. Alfred W. Wasson sent out to Korea in 1905; who after twenty-five years returned to the General Board of Missions where he is in charge of the Methodist work in South America. The

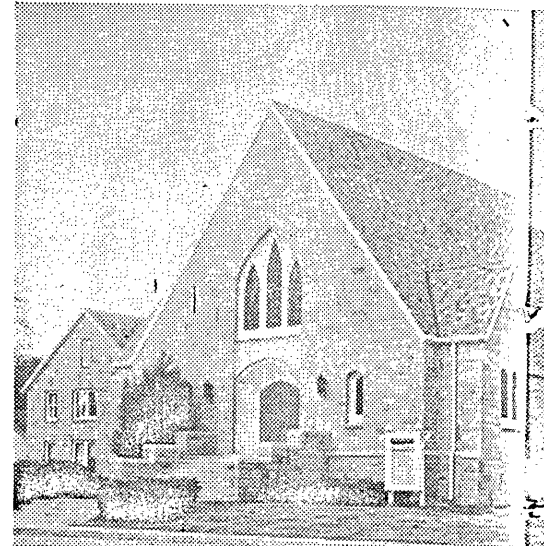
other missionary was Miss Cornelia Crozier who served for many years in China.

At the present time Mr. Virgil Blossom, a recent delegate to the Jurisdictional Conference, is chairman of the Board of Stewards which numbers 65 members. Mr. Jasper Pyeatte is Superintendent of the Church School with approximately 1100 enrolled. The W. S. C. S., with 313 members, has just completed the most progressive year in its history under the leadership of Mrs. Margaret Wheelan and in the Society are Mrs. J. E. Critz, Conference President; Mrs. E. H. Hook, Conference President of the Deaconess Board; Mrs. R. K. Bent, District Secretary of Spiritual Life; Mrs. E. R. Hudson, District Secretary of Children's Work; Mrs. Sam McNair, recent District President; and Mrs. Denver Misenhimer, recent District Cultivation Secretary.

The Church Staff at present are D. L. Dykes, Jr., Pastor; Raymond Fisher, Associate Pastor; Mrs. J. E. Harris, Wesley Foundation Director; Mrs. Sara Williams, Of-

fice Secretary; Mrs. Joyce Uhl, Choir Director; and Mrs. Roy V. Simpson, Organist. The plans for the future include, in addition to these, an Educational Director and an Assistant Director who are to work with the Wes-

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Central Church welcomes The North Arkansas Annual Conference to Fayetteville for the tenth time and to each of you who will come as delegates or as guests, we shall be at your service with any courtesy in our power to extend.

## FIRST METHODIST CHURCH

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In the city of Springdale, which has a population of 5400, stands one of the loveliest and most modern churches in the Fayetteville District. Much of the present church plant was built in 1936 when Rev. H. O. Bolin was pastor. It is constructed of native yellow cut stone. The Educational Building is of the same

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Pastor, Central Methodist

## The Western Methodist Assembly

Mt. Sequoyah, Fayetteville, Ark.  
PROGRAM FOR 1949

- June 15-19, North Arkansas Annual Conference.
- June 20-24, Camp, 350 attending.
- June 27 to July 3rd, The Mozark Institute.
- July 5-15, School of Missions.
- July 9-10, Wesleyan Service Guilds.
- Aug. 21-31, This is an ideal time and place for you to come and spend your vacation. We will be more than happy to have you with us.
- July 11-14, Missionary Conference.
- July 18-29, Leadership School.
- July 18-29, Laboratory School.
- July 22, Meeting of Board of Trustees.
- Aug. 1-6, Oquoyah Camp.
- Aug. 1-6, Sequoyah Camp.
- Aug. 9-19, Youth Leadership Conf.

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Mr. C. E. Rankin has been superintendent of the Church School for over ten years and is continually leading it forward in a progressive program of religious education.

The Woman's Society of Christian Service with Mrs. J. S. Moulton as president and with 120 members is doing a wonderful work both at home and in other fields.

An educational director is to be employed soon; and will prove of great value to the church.

Springdale is a fast growing city and the Methodist Church is of a mind to make progress with it. It has before it one of the greatest opportunities it has ever had.

## WESLEY METHODIST CHURCH

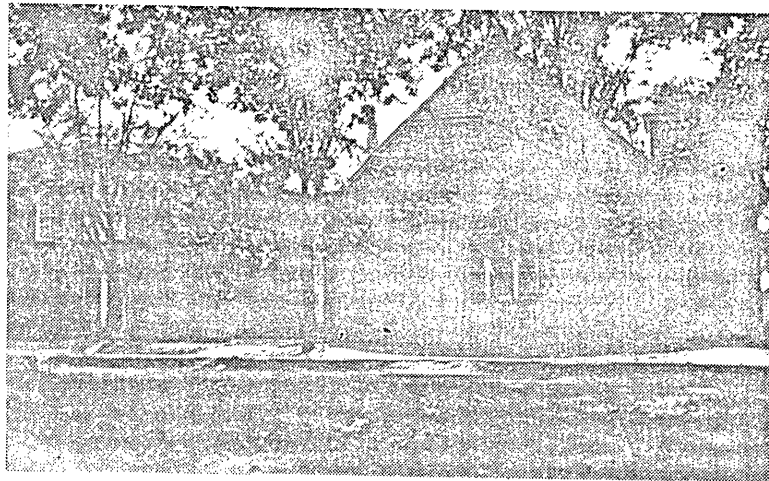
Prairie Grove, Arkansas

According to Mr. J. Ed Rogers, son of Dr. Samuel Rogers, and



REV. E. G. KAETZELL  
Pastor, Springdale

descendant of one of the pioneer families of Prairie Grove, the first Methodist Church was built in Prairie Grove about 1884. This frame structure housed the services of the church for almost twenty years. Among those early



WESLEYAN METHODIST CHURCH, PRAIRIE GROVE

families well known to those who attended worship in this building were beside the Rogers, the Carls, the Mocks and the Baggetts. The present sanctuary was erected in 1903. Rev. T. A. Martin was pastor at that time. The educational building was added in 1925. Other church property includes a good nine room parsonage.

During the past nineteen months considerable improvement has been made to the church property. Dr. Will H. Mock, energetic Chairman of the Board of Stewards, presented a tower music system to the church. He also redecorated and ceiled the basement of the educational building, installed new lighting fixtures there and then presented seventy-five all-metal, upholstered, folding chairs to seat the room and the choir. Other improvements include the purchase and installation of a new gas-fired hot air furnace with circulation system to heat in the winter and ventilate in the summer. A new pastor's study was built

and work done in several Sunday School rooms including a new nursery. At the parsonage a complete renovation of the kitchen was made to furnish a breakfast room. Cabinets and an asphalt tile floor were installed.

Recently added to the parsonage is a half bath downstairs. Members of various organizations have provided a new breakfast room suit and new dining room furniture. A new electric refrigerator was placed this month.

Present membership of the church is 346 members. Church school enrollment is 280 with an average attendance of 118. G. E. Wiswell, Jr., as Church School Superintendent, has worked hard for the good increases that have been made in attendance.

Mrs. D. N. McCormick is the new president of an active W. S. C. S.

Mrs. Vincil Bell is the newly elected president of the Wesleyan Service Guild.

James Weaver heads the Methodist Youth Fellowship. He is a life service volunteer.

Mrs. Maynard A. Dorman directs our splendid choir of twenty voices and Miss Erin Hill is organist.

During the past spring Rev.

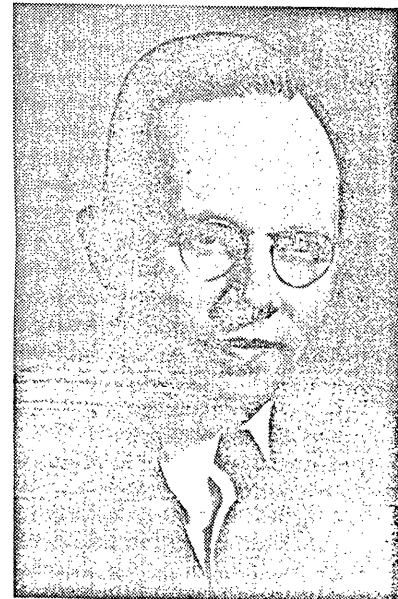
Ira A. Brumley assisted in a visitation and preaching revival. The meeting closing on Easter Sunday filled the house. Members are still being received who were directly or indirectly influenced during this splendid revival.

Not since 1904, when the Arkansas Conference met in Prairie Grove, has this community had the pleasure of entertaining or helping to entertain an Annual Conference. It is a pleasure to be able to take part this year as one of the host churches.

Prairie Grove is within easy driving distance from Fayetteville located only twenty minutes drive from Mt. Sequoyah over a good paved highway.

## FAYETTEVILLE AND MT. SEQUOYAH

No Methodist institution in Arkansas has more loyal friends and supporters than Mt. Sequoyah has in the business firms of Fayetteville. It is fortunate that the Assembly is located in a city which is so concerned about its welfare and takes such pride in its progress.



REV. H. D. WOMACK  
Pastor, Prairie Grove

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# Condensed Minutes Of Little Rock Conference



The Minutes of the Little Rock Annual Conference of The Methodist Church, held in First Methodist Church, Hot Springs, Ark., from June 8th, 1949 through June 12, 1949, Bishop Paul E. Martin presiding.

## Part I. Organization and General Business

1. Who are elected for the quadrennium: Secretary? R. B. Moore, P. O. Arkadelphia, Ark. Statistician? Louis W. Averitt, P. O. Dumas, Ark. Treasurer? C. E. Hayes, P. O. Little Rock, Ark.

2. Is the Annual Conference incorporated? No.

3. (a) What officers handling funds of the conference have been bonded, and in what amounts? C. E. Hayes, \$25,000; J. S. M. Cannon, \$31,000; C. M. Atchley, \$500; Otto W. Teague, \$7,500; James H. Johnson, \$5,000; Fred Gantt, \$5,000; J. Ralph Clayton, \$5,000. (b) Have the books of said officers or person been audited? Yes.

4. Have the boards, commissions, or committees been appointed or elected? (a) Board of Ministerial Training and Qualifications? Yes. (b) Committee on Conference Relations? Yes. (c) Committee on Accepted Supply Pastors? Yes. (d) Committee of Investigation? Yes. (e) District Boards of Location and Building? Yes. (f) Board of Trustees of the Annual Conference? Yes. (g) Conference Commission on World Service and Finance? Yes. (h) Town and Country Commission? Yes. (i) Conference Deaconess Board? No. (j) Conference Board of Missions and Church Extension? Yes. (k) Conference Board of Education? Yes. (l) Conference Board of Temperance? Yes. (m) Conference Board of Lay Activities? Yes. (n) Conference Board of Hospitals and Homes? Yes. (o) Conference Board of Evangelism? Yes. (p) Board of Conference Claimants? Yes. (q) Commission on Christian Vocations? Yes. (r) Conference Woman's Society of Christian Service? Yes. (s) Committee on Proportional Payment of Ministerial Support? Yes. (t) Other committees, commissions, or boards? Yes.

5. Have the secretaries, treasurers, and statisticians kept their respective records upon and according to the forms prescribed by The Methodist Church? Yes.

6. What are the reports of the district superintendents as to the status of the work within their districts? See Conference Journal.

7. What is the schedule for minimum support for pastors? \$1,400 for single men, \$1,600 married men.

8. What is the plan and what are the approved claims for the support of the district superintendents for the ensuing year? An amount equal to the average of the salaries of pastors in ten churches paying largest salaries with 20% added for expenses, not exceeding \$1,200.

9. What amount has been apportioned to the pastoral charges within the conference to be raised for the support of conference claimants? 7% to 14%, an amount equal to this percentage of pastor's salary.

10. What are the apportionments transmitted by the General Commission on World Service and Finance to this conference: (a) For World Service \$55,221.00. (b) For Episcopal Fund? Amount equal to 1 3/4% of pastor's salary. (c) For General Administration Fund? \$2,970.

11. What amount is apportioned to this conference for the Jurisdic-

tional Administration Fund? \$3,060.

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

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

4. What date is determined for Golden Cross enrollment? May 14, 1950.

15. (a) Who is elected conference lay leader? Roland M. Shelton. (b) What is his report? See Conference Journal. (c) Who are elected district and associate lay leaders? See Journal.

## Part II. Pertaining to Ministerial Relations

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

17. Who are the accepted supply pastors? Bruce Haye Bean, Albert H. Burroughs, Raymond Coulson, R. M. Crain, Rayford L. Diffee, Horace M. Grogan, C. V. Holiman, Hollis H. Simpson, Claude Stone, P. D. Alston, Claude O. Hall, Elbert B. Jean, C. B. Harris, Ralph S. Mann, D. L. McCauley, Fred A. Meade, H. R. Nabors, W. I. Small, Harold Kent Davis, John Butler Hays, W. B. Holman, Donald R. Jones, J. R. Martin, Ralph V. VanLandingham, S. T. Hollowell, George L. Glasgow, J. C. VanHorn, Rose P. Carithers, William R. Davis, Bill Comer, Palmer Garner, Edward B. Hollenbeck, W. C. Onstead, Hursel Richert, James B. Swain, W. E. West, Joy R. Callicott, W. F. House, C. V. Mashburn, A. T. McAfee, H. W. Worthy, A. N. Youngblood, Geo. Townsend, Zane Williams, William W. Barron, Claude Clark, W. M. Crow, Forney Harvey, C. E. Lawrence, Myron C. Pearce, L. Gray Wilson, Warren D. Golden.

18. What accepted supply pastors now under full-time appointment are taking the conference course of study: (a) In the first year? H. W. Worthy, J. C. VanHorn. (b) In the second year? J. R. Callicott, W. E. West. (c) In the third year? W. C. Onstead, Mrs. Rose P. Carithers, Rayford L. Diffee. (d) In the fourth year? C. V. Mashburn.

19. What preachers, coming from other churches, have had their orders recognized: (a) As local elders? W. M. Crow, W. E. West.

20. Who have been received from other churches as traveling preachers (persons named here should not be included under 21-30): None.

21. Who are received on trial: (a) In studies of the first year? John Harould Scott. (b) In studies of the third year under the seminary rule? Robert Scott, Fred W. Reutz.

22. Who are continued on trial: (a) Continued in studies of the first

year? Barry Bailey, Virgil C. Bell.

(b) Advanced to studies of the second year? Jeff Davis, Jr., David Hankins, Jr. (c) Continued in studies of the second year? William Elder.

23. Who on trial are discontinued? None.

24. Who are admitted into full connection? O. W. Hoover, Robert L. Riggins, Donald James McCammon, Howard Williams, Cagle E. Fair.

25. What full members are in studies: (a) Of the third year? O. W. Hoover, Robert L. Riffin, Howard Williams. (b) Of the fourth year? Alfred DeBlack, Joe W. Hunter.

26. What full members have failed to complete the studies: None.

27. What full members have completed the studies of the fourth year? Francis Christie, James Edward Christie, O. L. Daniel, Donald James McCammon, Clyde Parson, Cagle E. Fair, Everett Vinson.

28. Who have been elected deacons: (a) As local preachers? W. C. Onstead, Mrs. Rose P. Carithers. (b) As members on trial in the course of study? O. W. Hoover, Robert L. Riffin. (c) Under the seminary rule? Robert Scott, Howard Williams.

29. Who have been ordained deacons? W. C. Onstead, Mrs. Rose P. Carither, O. W. Hoover, Robert L. Riffin, Robert Scott, Howard Williams.

30. Who have been elected elders: (a) As local preachers? R. M. Crain, L. Gray Wilson. (b) As conference members in the course of study? O. L. Daniel. (c) Under the seminary rule? Clyde T. Parsons, James Edward Christie, Donald James McCammon, Everett Vinson, Cagle E. Fair.

31. Who have been ordained elders? L. M. Crain, L. Gray Wilson, O. L. Daniel, Clyde T. Parsons, Donald James McCammon, Everett Vinson, Cagle E. Fair.

32. Relative to accommodation transfers for ordination and reception: (a) What members of this conference have been transferred out for purposes of ordination only: (1) As deacons? None. (2) As elders? Francis Christie, North Texas, June 8, 1949. (b) Who have been transferred in, having been ordained elsewhere: (1) As deacons? None. (2) As elders? Francis Christie, North Texas, June 8, 1949. (c) Who are transferred in, and from what conferences, for purposes of ordination only, such ordination to be voted by this conference: None. (d) Who have been ordained here, such ordination having been voted by another conference: None. (e) Who have been transferred out, and to what conferences, after ordination: None. (f) Who have been received on trial at the request of another conference? None. (g) Who have been transferred out, having been received on trial, and to what conferences? None. (h) Who have been transferred, in to receive into full connection after election by another conference? None. (i) Who have been transferred out, having been received into full connection after election by another conference? None. (j) Who on trial have been transferred out to be received into full connection by another conference? None. (k) Who have been transferred in after having been received into full connection by another conference? None.

33. Who are readmitted: (a) As deacons? None. (b) As elders? J. O. Gold.

34. Who have been received by transfer? Francis Christie, North Texas, June 8, 1949.

35. Who have been transferred out? Francis Christie, North Texas, June 8, 1949.

36. Who have had their conference membership terminated: (a) By voluntary location? None. (b) By involuntary location? W. D. Golden. (c) By withdrawal? (State if under complaints, under charges, or for what reason.) None. (d) By judicial procedure (expelled)? None.

37. What ministerial members have died during the year? Robert C. Rhodes, J. A. Henderson, Thomas D. Spruce.

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

39. Who are granted sabbatical leave? Robert L. Long.

40. What ministers have been retired: (a) This year? B. F. Fitzhugh, C. C. Vanzant, J. O. Gold. (b) Previously? T. M. Armstrong, H. A. F. Ault, J. D. Baker, M. O. Barnett, S. K. Burnett, F. C. Cannon, Thomas P. Clark, J. L. Crisswell, C. B. Davis, J. R. Diffee, F. P. Doak, S. L. Durham, Foy E. Farr, W. W. Fincher, E. D. Hanna, W. T. Hopkins, J. L. Leonard, W. C. Lewis, J. A. Newell, J. W. Nethercutt, T. W. Nunn, J. B. Pickering, R. J. Rail, John T. Rodgers, J. D. Rogers, J. B. Sims, L. R. Sparks, A. N. Stonecipher, J. W. Thomas, C. M. Thompson, R. C. Walsh, D. L. Wilcox, J. M. Workman. Accepted Supply pastors, retired, A. N. Youngblood, A. J. Bearden.

41. Who are left without appointment to attend school? David M. Hankins, Jr., Charles W. Bauchman, James Robert Scott, Howard Williams, Jeff Davis, H. B. Bailey.

42. What is the number of: (a) Pastoral charges? 177. Received on trial? 2. Transfers in? 1. Received from other churches? 1. Discontinued?— Accepted supply pastors? 52. Received into full connection? 5. Transfers out? 2. Readmitted? 1. Withdrawn? None. Expelled? None. Deceased? 3. Located? one. (b) Ministers: (1) On trial: (a) As pastors? 4. (b) Under special appointment? 3. (c) Left without appointment to attend school? 3. Total on trial 7. (2) In full connection: (a) Effective: (i) As pastors and district superintendents? 120. (ii) Under special appointment? 16. (iii) Left without appointment to attend school? 4. (iv) On sabbatical leave? 1. Total effective? 146. (b) Retired? 38. (c) Supernumerary? 0. (c) Total of all ministers? (Add total on trial, total effective, retired, and supernumerary.) 179.

43. What other personal notation should be made? None.

## Part III. Concluding Business.

44. What is the report of the conference treasurer? See Conference Journal.

45. What is the report of the conference statistician? See Conference Journal.

46. What are the detailed objectives of this conference for the coming year? See Conference Journal.

47. Where shall the next session of the conference be held? First Methodist Church, Hot Springs, Ark.

48. Is there any further business? None.

49. What changes have been made in appointments since last Annual (Continued on Page 14)

# WOMAN'S SOCIETY OF CHRISTIAN SERVICE

MRS. SUE M. WAYLAND, Editor

## LITTLE ROCK DISTRICT MEETS

The Annual Meeting of the Little Rock District, Woman's Society of Christian Service was held at Winfield Church on May 18th. Mrs. J. L. Woosley, District Spiritual Life Secretary, gave the opening devotional on "Hands." Mrs. E. B. Matkin, District President, welcomed the visitors and officers of the societies. A Training Period for new officers of the local societies was held, with the departments meeting separately for study with District and Conference officers. The group met all together for a play on "Program Building." A delicious luncheon was served in the dining room, at which time Mrs. Rufus Sorrells presided over a period of "Honoring One Another," when a number of Life Memberships were presented by the Local Societies.

Meeting again in the sanctuary, Mrs. C. E. McMeans sang, accompanied by Mrs. Everette Bowman. Mrs. T. S. Lovett, Conference Promotion Secretary, presented a Memorial Membership to Winfield Church in honor of Miss Lila Ashby; Rev. Paul Galloway, pastor, received the membership, and led the group in prayer.

Mrs. Matkin conducted the business meeting, after which the report of the nominating committee was accepted as follows: President, Mrs. E. B. Matkin; Vice-President, Mrs. Edwin Stewart; Recording Secretary, Mrs. E. L. Santee; Treasurer, Mrs. Fred Longstreth; Promotion Secretary, Mrs. Ewing T. Wayland; Missionary Education, Mrs. Earl E. Perkins; Christian Social Relations and Local Church Activities, Mrs. F. L. Crouse; Wesleyan Service Guild, Miss Ollie Hall; Children's Work, Miss Dora Hopkins; Youth Work, Mrs. Edgar F. Dixon; Student Work, Mrs. Roy Jordan, Literature and Publications, Mrs. B. F. Mackey; Supplies, Mrs. M. E. Couch; Spiritual Life, Mrs. Fay Nunnally; Status of Women, Mrs. Curtis Williams; Missionary Personnell, Mrs. C. B. Nelson; Research, Miss Margaret Marshall.

One minute reports were given by the local presidents, and their respective treasurers made their pledge to the ADVANCE. Thirty-five societies were represented. The District is sending as its delegate to the Leadership School on Mt. Sequoyah, July 18, Mrs. J. H. Monday. Mrs. Ewing Wayland will attend the School of Missions July 5th.

Mrs. Robert McCammon spoke on "Faith Saves" at the Installation service, assisted by Mrs. J. R. Henderson.—Mrs. E. L. Santee.

The peace of God, which passeth all understanding, keep your hearts and minds, through Christ Jesus.—Phil. 4:7.

## Advance Goals – Christian Social Relation

### Within the Local Society And Guild



1. A Working Committee on Christian Social Relations and Local Church Activities in every local Woman's Society and Wesleyan Service Guild.
2. At least one new or continuing community activity of social action emphasis each quarter, in every local Woman's Society and Guild, related to any phase of the "Advance" in Christian Social Relations and local Church Activities. This plan should include the opportunity to present some crucial living issue regularly at general and circle meeting.
3. Every local secretary attending each year an officer's training day, district or conference meeting, and other institutes or conferences, for special training in methods of promoting the "Advance" on Christian Social Relations and Local Church Activities.
4. At least one social action institute in every district this quadrennium, related to the "Advance," working toward an annual church-wide social action institute in each district.

## OFFICERS TRAINING DAY HELD AT ROGERS

One Hundred five members of the Woman's Society of Christian Service of the Methodist Church, representing 19 societies, of the Fayetteville District, met for a training period on June 1st.

Mrs. R. K. Bent, District Spiritual Life chairman, introduced Mrs. J. E. Critz, Conference President, who sang a solo "Let Jesus Come Into Your Heart." Mrs. Bent built her devotion around the picture Christ at Door. (which was displayed), also using the scripture from 3rd chapter of Revelations, concluded with Prayer song "Into my Heart" was sung by the group.

Mrs. James Irby, local president, welcomed the members and guests. Mrs. Jessie Gilstrap, District President introduced the 14 district officers:

Mrs. James Irby, promotional secretary, Rogers; Mrs. R. K. Bent, spiritual life, Fayetteville; Mrs. Ruby Hudson, Fayetteville, Childrens Work; Mrs. Walter Fieback, vice president, Eureka Springs; Mrs. Ralph McGregor, Rogers, recording secretary; Mrs. P. T. Verhoeff, Wiggins Memorial Fayetteville, Christian Social Relations; Mrs. Bessie Andrews, Bentonville, Missionary Education; Mrs. E. G. Kaetzell, Springdale, District Treasurer; Mrs. Fred Butler, Bentonville, Literature and Publications; Miss Floy Dodgen, Siloam Springs, Supply Work; Mrs. James Randle, Rogers, Youth secretary; Mrs. Paul Bumpers, Wiggins Memorial, Fayetteville, Student Secretary; Mrs. Clark McClinton, Fayetteville, Personell Secretary; Miss Elsie Henry, Bentonville Status of Women was unable to attend. These officers held workshops.

Rev. E. H. Hook spoke on Annual Conference at Mt. Sequoyah. Mrs. Hook announced the School of Missions at Conway. Mrs. Fred Butler invited the district to come to Bentonville for the Fall Seminar in September. An executive board meeting will be held in July at Bentonville.

Plans were made for Caravans to meet with all Societies of the district sometime in July.

Mrs. Critz had the closing period which centered about the Hymn Faith of our Fathers which was sung in union. She stressed Faith in God, faith in ourselves and faith in our co-workers.—Reporter.

## Arkansas School Of Missions Program

THEME: "Toward One World in Christ"

Courses, Texts, and Instructors (Each student will enroll in one course)

Course: Japan

Text: Japan Begins Again, by William Kerr

Teacher: Miss Charlie Holland

Resource Person: Miss Ida Shannon

Course: Cooperation for a Christian Nation

Text: Missions at the Grass Roots

Teacher: Mrs. E. H. Hook

Course: We, the Peoples of the Ecumenical Church

Text: We, the Peoples of the Ecumenical Church, by Winnifred Wygal

Teacher: Dr. Matt Ellis

Workshops—Leaders

Program Building ..... Mrs. W. Henry Goodloe

Teaching the Approved Study Courses ..... Mrs. J. Russell Henderson

Departmental Clinics—Leaders

Missionary Education and Service ..... Mrs. Erik F. Jensen

C.S.R. and L.C.A. .... Miss Ethel Millar

Spiritual Life ..... Mrs. Oscar Evanson

Youth ..... Mrs. Hamlin Conditt

Children ..... Mrs. Neill Hart

Promotion ..... Mrs. T. S. Lovett

Noonday Devotions ..... Mrs. E. D. Galloway

Topic: God's Design—1. The Church, 2. The Christian,

3. The Task.

Morning Watch

Leaders: Mrs. J. E. Critz, Mrs. B. B. Lipe, Miss Mildred Osment

Platform Hours (Evening)

Tuesday—Address on Japan by Miss Charlie Holland

Reception, sponsored by Conway First Meth. W. S. C. S.

Wednesday—Cooperation for a Christian Nation—Methodist women

working with other churches and community agencies

Speakers: Mrs. Edwin Strauss, Mrs. F. L. Crouse, Mr. Robert Schnee

Thursday—Town and Country Cooperating for a Christian Nation

Speakers: Miss Estelle McIntash, Miss Sarah Jackson, Mrs. J. H. Monday

Literature Room—Mrs. T. R. McGuire, assisted by Mrs. Mae Goad Jones

Registration for enrollment in the School began June 1st. Mrs. Glenn

Sanford of Conway, Ark., is the Registrar. The registration fee of \$2.50

should be sent with registration.

Registration for classes will be held in Administration Bldg. from 2

p. m. until 5 p. m. on Monday, June 20, with Mrs. Glenn Sanford, Registrar

in charge. First class sessions Monday night, 7:15-9:15.

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—Mrs. Erik Jensen, Mrs. Henry Goodloe

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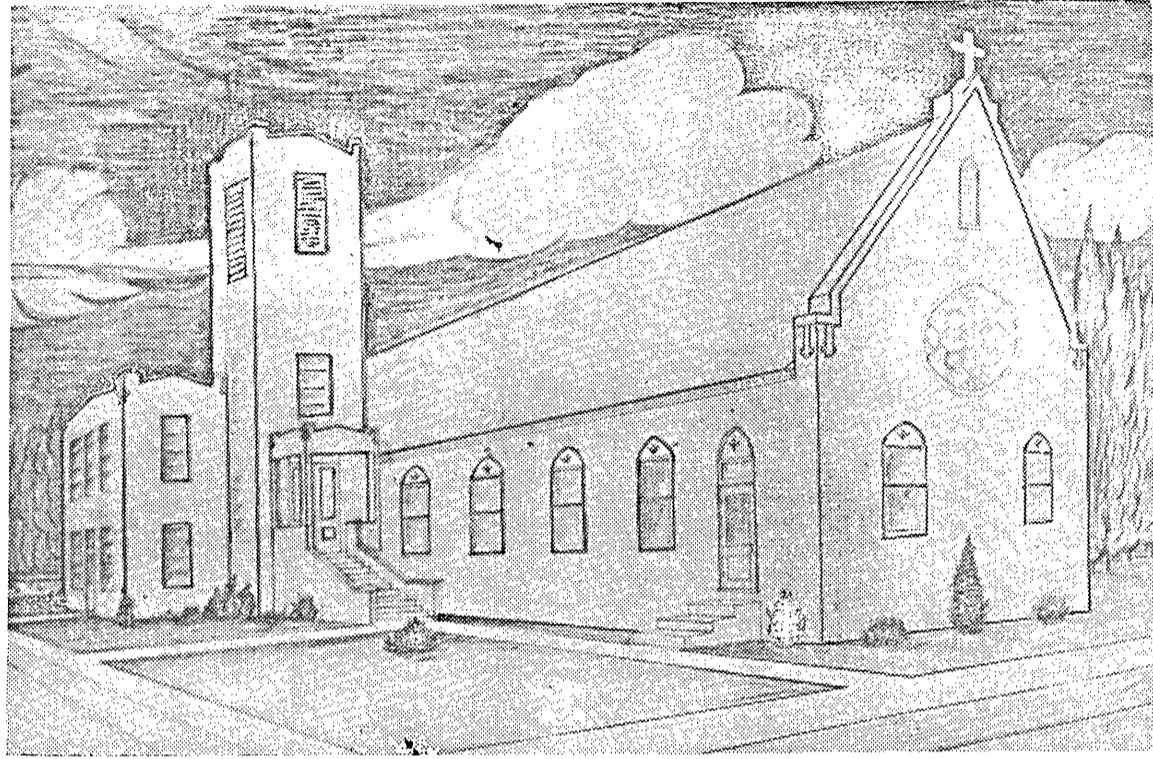
# WOOLWORTHS

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# CURRENT NEWS IN ARKANSAS METHODISM

## BUILDING PROGRAM AT LAKE STREET CHURCH, BLYTHEVILLE



ARCHITECT'S DRAWING OF PROPOSED BUILDING

**B**ISHOP PAUL E. MARTIN spoke at the Lake Street Methodist Church, Blytheville, Sunday, Feb. 20, launching a building and remodeling program which will provide the congregation with a property conservatively estimated at \$45,000.

The building is to be of tile brick construction and will provide ample space for present need and future development. There will be ten class rooms, kitchen, dining and recreation hall, pastor's study, choir room, ladies lounge, and ample toilet facilities. The church is com-

pleted so far that it is possible to use the building this week for Vacation Bible School, although the structure is not completed. The interior of the educational building is yet to be finished and the brick veneering of the auditorium, with the interior beautification of the same. Work is now in progress to carry this project to an early completion . . . We are grateful for a loyal and consecrated laity at Lake Street. Bishop Martin's visit was the first visit of a bishop to Lake Street, which was organized in 1913.

The first pastor was Rev. Eli Craig. Three charter members of the church remain: Mr. and Mrs. Iverson Morris, and Miss Kitty Williams.

Bishop Martin spoke with great inspiration on the theme: "Measuring the Church" Dist. Supt. E. B. Williams took part in the service and the pastors three daughters, Audrey, Ruth and Joan McKisson rendered special music. Eight member of the Blytheville Ministerial Alliance and the Methodist pastors of the Blytheville area were present. —Theron McKisson, Pastor.

### POLK COUNTY M. Y. F.

The June meeting of the Polk County M. Y. F. was held at the Cove Methodist Church, June 6, at 8:00 p. m. The following program was presented by the Cove Fellowship, Wendell Dagenhart, leader: Song, "The Way of the Cross Leads Home"; Scripture, Betty Madison. Miss Dorothy Green was presented using as her subject, "Life is Short." She gave many ways to stay young in heart. Miss Green said, "In order to live for the Master, dare to dream and then do something about that dream."

The program was concluded with a religious film "Choosing Rather," shown by Mr. Eagle of Wickes.

The business meeting followed with Kelley Simpson of Shady Grove presiding. June Dagenhart acted as secretary in the absence of Jo Ann Barham. The annual picnic was discussed and final plans made. The picnic will be held at the Hatfield Fair Grounds, on July 11 at 7:00 p. m.

The Cove Fellowship served delicious refreshments after which the meeting was adjourned.

There were 109 young people and workers present from the following churches: Shady Grove, Mena, Hatfield, Cove and Wickes.—Mrs. Ralph Edwards, Reporter.

Turn a thinker loose, and you shake the world.—In Ex.

### SUB-DISTRICT M. Y. F. MEETS

In its regular monthly meeting the Columbia County Sub-District M. Y. F. met at Fincher's Pond in Waldo May 30 at 7:30 p. m. The Waldo M. Y. F. had charge of the program. The business meeting was held with Gerald Fincher, President presiding. Minutes were read by the secretary. The following officers were elected, President, Betty Rogers, Village; Vice President, Glen Fincher, Waldo; Secretary and treasurer, Marcia Ann Crumpler,

Village; Publicity chairman, Davis Bilberry, Stephens.

Churches represented were Stephens, Waldo, Village, Magnolia First Church and Jackson Street. There were 50 young people present.

Recreation was directed by Louise Fincher of Waldo. A potluck supper of sandwiches and cookies and drinks was served, the hostess church furnishing the drinks.

Our next meeting will be held at Village on June 27.—Betty Rogers, Secretary.

### CARLISLE METHODIST YOUTH FELLOWSHIP

Betty Perkins has been elected president of the Carlisle Methodist Youth Fellowship for the year 1949-50. She succeeds Carolyn Mann.

Ida Lou Highfill was elected vice-president and Barbara Ann Best, Secretary-Treasurer.

Committee chairmen appointed by the president are Robert Shannon recreation, and Janet Young community service and world friendship.

Rev. Richard Perry is the Youth Counselor.—Reporter.

### WORK BEGUN ON EDUCATION BUILDING AT MONTICELLO

The First Methodist Church at Monticello has begun work on a new education building. The building will be forty by eighty feet in dimension with three-story facilities. The first floor will have a large assembly dining room capable of seating about three hundred and fifty persons and a large kitchen. The second floor will house departments and class rooms while the third floor will be given over to recreational facilities.

Much of the unskilled labor on the building will be done by members of the congregation. Several "digging" parties have been held in preparation for the foundations.—Roland E. Darrow, Pastor.

Those things, which ye have both learned, and received, and heard seen in me, do: and the God of peace shall be with you.—Philippians 4:9.

The greatest asset of this nation is its manhood and womanhood, and the liquor traffic destroys both.—Ex.

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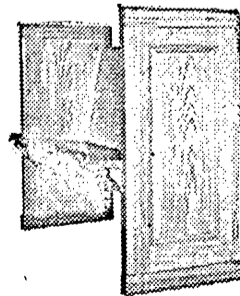
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**OFFICERS OF NORTH ARKANSAS CONFERENCE M. Y. F. ELECTED**

Miss Lola Featherston of Paris, was elected last week to succeed George Wayne Martin of Morrilton, as president of the North Arkansas Conference of the Methodist Youth Fellowship by delegates to the young people's assembly at Hendrix College.

Both Miss Featherston and Mr. Martin are students at Hendrix, and both are members of Pre-Theologs, campus organization of students preparing for the ministry and other life-time religious work.

Other officers who were elected are Dick Farr of Wynne, vice-president; Regenia Watson of Calico Rock, secretary; and Stanley Reed of Jonesboro, re-elected treasurer.

Commission chairmen, who were also elected, are Minola Caplena of Brinkley, worship; Allan Hilliard of Russellville, recreation; Juanita Eberdt of Blytheville, community service; and Margery Hammond of Fayetteville, world friendship.

The newly elected officers will serve in a planning and executive capacity during the coming year and will preside over next year's assembly.—George H. Stroud.

**DEATH OF MRS. JENNIE MCKAY PETTUS**

Mrs. Jenie McKay Pettus, widow of Sam S. Pettus, passed away on Monday, May 30th, at the Arkansas Baptist Hospital at 7:15 a. m. She was a member of Asbury Methodist Church, the Virginia Howell Bible Class, and Life Member of the W. S. C. S. She was the daughter of the late John C. and Rebecca Jane McKay, and a sister of the late Rev. R. W. McKay.

Funeral services were conducted June 1st at the Griffin-Leggett Chapel by Rev. Arthur Terry. Burial was at Mt. Carmel cemetery.

Mrs. Pettus is survived three sons: Frank S. Pettus, Zenda, Kansas; Mack L. Pettus, Nevada, Missouri; and Robert G. Pettus, Ardmore, Okla.; two daughters: Mrs. Paul J. Walter, Houston, Texas, and Mrs. L. H. Carroll, Little Rock, with whom she made her home. She is also survived by seven grandchildren and several nieces and nephews.

**TEXARKANA DISTRICT**  
(Continued from Page 5)

Bradley dedicated, and the organ at Lewisville dedicated. We have one new church completed, without debt, on the Hatfield Circuit. The people of Lewisville Church have spent about \$1200.00 remodeling the parsonage at Lewisville.

The district will contribute about \$3600.00 on the Advance for Christ cause. The response to dedication was excellent.

The Young People's work in this district is growing rapidly. Most of them have paid their M. Y. F. pledge.

This has been a great year, the greatest year of experiences that I have even known. We are grateful to the preachers and people of the Texarkana District for this excellent year's work.

If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God that giveth to all liberally and upbraideth not; and it shall be given him.—James 1:5.

Let all bitterness, and wrath, and anger, and clamour, and evil speaking, be put away from you, with all malice.—Eph. 4:31.

**Resolutions On Uniting The Little Rock And North Arkansas Conference**

Whereas the Jurisdictional Conference of The South Central Jurisdiction of the Methodist Church, meeting at El Paso, Texas, June 25 to 29th, 1948 as recorded on page 180 of the Journal of that conference, passed a resolution authorizing the Little Rock and North Arkansas Conference to unite when they agreed to do so:

Whereas, the State of Arkansas is a close economic, political and social unit and The Methodist Church so organized as to take advantage this unity could do its work with much greater efficiency and strength:

Whereas, modern means of communication have made the whole state more accessible to any other part than was true of any district when the conferences were organized,

Whereas, uniting the conferences would enable the Bishop and his cabinet to better adjust appointments of men and churches, because of greater freedom in adapting men and churches to each other;

Whereas, such united conference would because of its greater strength be able to make itself significantly felt in the wider councils of the Church;

Whereas, the conferences face problems of redistricting which could be accomplished with greater economy in the use of men and material means if the whole state could be taken as a unit in such plans;

Whereas, such a state-wide conference organization with one state paper, one Christian college, one united program of Church School work, youth work, evangelism, home missions, town and country work, ministerial support, ministerial retirement, standards on great moral and social issues, could deliver its power with so much greater and effective meaning than two small conferences;

Therefore Be It Resolved, by the Little Rock Annual Conference, in session at Hot Springs, Arkansas, June 8th to 12th, 1949, that we hereby approve the uniting of the annual conferences in Arkansas to form one annual conference, if and when the North Arkansas Conference gives its approval to such action;

Further, that this action is taken subject to the following conditions: That there be satisfactory agreement on the following matters:

1. The name of the new annual conference, which we suggest might well be called the Arkansas Annual Conference

2. Agreement on a worthy retirement program, and the preservation of the present equities and rights of men in each conference;

3. Agreement on a minimum

salary program;

4. Agreement on such a program for redistricting the state as to give the best supervision consistent with proper economy in the use of men and means;

5. Agreement of policy of support of the district superintendents and provision for travel, office and other expense of the office;

6. Agreement on policies of board organization and administration which will contribute to the greatest effectiveness in the promotion of the work of Christ;

Be it further Resolved, that a committee of two laymen, two pastors, one district superintendent, and the conference lay leader and president of the W. S. C. S. from each conference be appointed to work out a plan of union based upon the above points of common interest, the Bishop being asked to select the first five designated above;

That the reports of the committee on minimum salary appointed at the last annual conference be given to this committee as a basis upon which to begin work, and that this committee be given by this annual conference a vote of thanks for its work;

And, Be It Further Resolved, that when this committee has reached agreement on a suggested plan of union for the Conferences, the Bishop of the Conference be and is now asked to call in session the Little Rock Annual Conference and the North Arkansas Annual Conference that they might consider the same

and take whatever legal action may be necessary, if they vote to perfect the union of the two conferences into one state-wide annual conference.

(Signed) J. M. Thompson, H. O. Bolin, Otto Teague, O. E. Holmes, A. G. Walton, Rufus Sorrells, Fred R. Harrison, T. W. McCoy, Kenneth L. Spore, J. E. Dunlap C. Ray Hozendorf, Francis A. Buddin, E. Clifton Rule, A. J. Christie.

(Editor's Note: This resolution was passed by the Little Rock Conference June 10, 1949, in session at Hot Springs, Ark.)

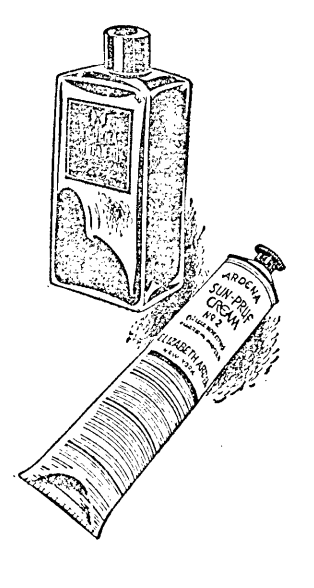
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# Appointments Of Little Rock Conference



## ARKADELPHIA DISTRICT

R. B. Moore, District Superintendent 4.

Arkadelphia, John B. Hefley 5.  
Arkadelphia Circuit, Horace M. Grogan 2.  
Benton, H. O. Bolin 1.  
Benton Circuit, To be supplied.  
Bismarck Circuit, Hollis Simpson 2.  
Carthage-Tulip Circuit, To be supplied.  
Dalark Circuit, Rayford L. Diffie 3.  
Fountain Lake, Raymond Cousen.  
Friendship Circuit, Claude Stone, Jr., 2.  
Holly Springs Circuit, C. V. Holiman 2.  
Hot Springs Circuit, Albert Burroughs 3.  
Hot Springs Churches: First Church, Francis A. Buddin 4. Grand Avenue, C. Ray Hozendorf 2. Oaklawn, J. A. Wade 3. Pullman Heights, H. R. Holland, 3. Tigert-Morning Star, L. R. Sparks 1.  
Leola Circuit, W. I. Small, 1.  
Malvern Churches: Keith Memorial, B. F. Fitzhugh 2. First Church, Dan R. Robinson 4.  
Piney Grove, S. K. Burnett 1.  
Princeton Circuit, Bruce Bean 1.  
Shoreport Circuit, J. R. Diffie 1.  
Shorewood Hills, J. D. Baker 2.  
Sparkman-Sardis, W. Braska Savage 1.  
Traskwood Circuit, H. A. F. Ault 1.  
Director, Arkansas Methodist, C. Ray Hozendorf.  
Director of Evangelism, J. A. Wade.  
District Missionary Secretary, John B. Hefley.  
Director, Retired Ministers' Endowment, Dan R. Robinson.

## CAMDEN DISTRICT

Connor Morehead, District Superintendent 1.

Bearden, Robert W. Corc 2.

Camden Churches: Fairview, Charles H. Giessen 2. First Church, W. Neill Hart 3.  
Chidester Circuit, Joe H. Robinson 2.  
Dumas Memorial-Calion, Ralph Mann 2.  
El Dorado Churches: Centennial, Thomas Christie 1. First Church, Edward W. Harris 1. Vantreae Memorial, J. D. Montgomery 3.  
Emerson Circuit, Fred Mead 1.  
Fordyce, R. A. Teeter 3.  
Hampton-Harrell, C. O. Hall 2.  
Harmony Grove, H. R. Nabors 6.  
Huttig, P. D. Alston 1.  
Junction City, C. B. Wyatt 1.  
Kingsland Circuit, R. C. Walsh 1, Associate, James Robert Scott 1.  
Louann Circuit, R. M. Crain 1.  
Magnolia Churches: First Church, John M. McCormack 4. Jackson Street, W. R. Boyd 2.  
Magnolia Circuit, C. B. Harris 4.  
Marysville Circuit, S. B. Mann 1.  
Parker's Chapel-Pleasant Grove, O. C. Birdwell 5.  
Smackover, A. C. Carraway 1.  
Stephens, Alfred I. Doss 2.  
Strong Circuit, Joe B. Roe 2.  
Thornton Circuit, George C. Bailey 2.  
Village Circuit, Dewey L. McCauley 2.  
Waldo, J. Wayne Mann 2.  
Director, Arkansas Methodist, W. R. Boyd.  
Director, Evangelism, Alfred I. Doss.

District Missionary Secretary, A. C. Carraway.  
Director Retired Ministers' Endowment, R. A. Teeter.

## LITTLE ROCK DISTRICT

E. Clifton Rule, District Superintendent 6.

Austin Circuit, G. B. Pixley 2.  
Bauxite-Sardis, O. L. Thompson 2.  
Bryant Circuit, J. R. Martin 2.  
Carlisle, Richard Perry 4.  
Carlisle Circuit, C. D. Meux 1.  
Des Arc-New Bethel, A. C. Rogers 2.  
DeValls Bluff, J. B. Hays 2.  
Douglasville, Gerald C. Dean 3.  
England, Chas. V. Richards 2.  
Geyer Springs, Clyde Parsons 2.  
Hazen, Harold D. Sadler 2.  
Hickory Plains Circuit, Ralph Vanlandingham 2.  
Keo-Tomberlin-Humnoke, F. Wesley Reutz 2.  
Little Rock Churches: Asbury, Arthur Terry 3. Capitol View, D. T. Rowe 1. First Church, Aubrey G. Walton 6; Associate, J. Edwin Keith 2. Forest Park, J. Ralph Sewell 4.  
Henderson, Kirvin A. Hale 2. Highland, William L. Arnold 1. Hunter Memorial, Fred L. Arnold 1. Oak Forest, D. Mouzon Mann 5. Pulaski Heights, J. Kenneth Shamblyn 2. St. Marks-Chenault Chapel, Harold Davis 2. Scott Street, Rufus F. Sorrells 3. Twenty-Eighth Street, S. T. Baugh 2. Winfield Memorial, Paul V. Galloway 2.  
Little Rock Circuit, Donald Jones 1.  
Lonoke-Eagle, J. E. Dunlap 4.  
Mabelvale, Alfred DeBlack 7.  
Mountain View, Omma L. Daniel 2.  
Primrose Chapel, H. D. Ginther 2.  
Roland, S. T. Hollowell 1.  
Director, Arkansas Methodist, S. T. Baugh.  
Director of Evangelism, Fred L. Arnold.  
District Missionary Secretary, Doyle T. Rowe.  
Director, Retired Ministers' Endowment, C. W. Richards.

## MONTICELLO DISTRICT

T. T. McNeal, District Superintendent 5.

Crossett, O. E. Holmes 4.  
Dermott, C. M. Atchley 2.  
Drew Circuit, A. C. White 1.  
Dumas, Louis W. Averitt 2.  
Eudora, Robert O. Beck 4.  
Fountain Hill Circuit, W. E. West 1.  
Hamburg-Snyder, M. W. Miller 2.  
Hermitage Circuit, Robert L. Riggin 3.  
Lake Village, Fred W. Schwendimann 2.  
McGehee, J. Ralph Clayton 2.  
Monticello, Roland E. Darrow 4.  
New Edinberg Circuit, C. R. Andrews 2.  
Parkdale, James McCammon 2.  
Portland-Montrose, Clem Baker 5.  
Tillar-Winchester, L. C. Gatlin 1.  
Warren, Hal H. Pinnell 4.  
Watson-Kelso, W. T. Bone 4.  
Wilmar Circuit, J. C. Van Horn 1.  
Wilmot-Miller's Chapel, George Warren 1.  
Director, Arkansas Methodist, Hal H. Pinnell.  
Director of Evangelism, O. E. Holmes.  
District Missionary Secretary, Roland E. Darrow.  
Director, Retired Ministers' Endowment, Clem Baker.

## PINE BLUFF DISTRICT

J. L. Dedman, District Superintendent 3.

Almyra, Harould Scott 1.  
Alzheimer-Wabbaseka, George S. Robertson 3.  
Bayou Meto Circuit, Palmer Garner 3.  
DeWitt, Van. W. Harrell 2.  
Gillett, Everett Vinson 1.  
Good Faith, K. K. Carithers 3.  
Grady-Gould, A. W. Hamilton 3.  
Humphrey-Sunshine, Joe W. Hunter 2.  
Little Prairie Circuit, W. C. Onstead 3.  
Pine Bluff Churches: Carr Memorial, John L. Hoover 4. Hawley Memorial, C. D. Cade 6. First Church, Kenneth L. Spore. Lakeside, Otto W. Teague 5.  
Plainview, Mrs. K. K. Carithers 2.  
Rison, George Kerr 1.  
Roe Circuit, S. W. Mooty 2; Associate, Mrs. S. W. Mooty 2.  
Rowell Circuit, W. R. Davies 2.  
Sheridan-New Hope, Bryan Stephens 1.  
Sherrill-Tucker, A. E. Jacobs 2.  
St. Charles Circuit, R. H. Richert 3.  
Star City, Eldred Blakely 3.  
Stuttgart Churches: First Church, V. D. Keeley 1. Grand Avenue, A. J. Christie 1.  
Swan Lake, Claude R. Roy 3.  
Whitehall-Sulphur Springs, Edward Hollenbeck 2.  
District Missionary Secretary, Otto W. Teague.  
Director of Evangelism, V. D. Keeley.  
Director, Arkansas Methodist, A. J. Christie.  
Director, Retired Ministers' Endowment, Kenneth L. Spore.

## PRESCOTT DISTRICT

E. D. Galloway, District Superintendent 2.

Amity Circuit, Chas. W. Mashburn 2.  
Bingen Circuit, J. R. Callicott 3.  
Blevins Circuit, Cagle E. Fair 1.  
Caddo Circuit, To be supplied.  
Center Point Circuit, H. W. Worthy 2.  
Center Circuit, Osborne White 4.  
Dierks Circuit, John W. Rushing 4.  
Emmett Circuit, L. E. Wilson 2.  
Gurdon, George E. Reutz 4.  
Glenwood, Robert S. Beasley 3.  
Hope, J. E. Cooper 4.  
Langley Circuit, George Townsend 10.  
Mineral Springs Circuit, L. O. Lee 3.  
Mount Ida, W. S. Cazort 10.  
Murfreesboro, Noel Cross 4.  
Nashville, George G. Meyer 3.  
Okolona Circuit, A. T. McAfee 1.  
Prescott, W. R. Burks 2.  
Prescott Circuit, George L. Glasgow 1.  
Springhill Circuit, S. L. Durham 3.  
Washington Circuit, W. C. Lewis 3.  
Director, Arkansas Methodist, W. R. Burks.  
Director of Evangelism, J. E. Cooper.  
District Missionary Secretary, George G. Meyer.  
Director, Retired Ministers' Endowment, Cagle E. Fair.

## TEXARKANA DISTRICT

J. M. Hamilton, District Superintendent 3.

Ashdown, W. D. Golden 2.  
Bradley-Garland, O. W. Hoover 1.  
Buckner Circuit, Myron Pearce 3.

Cherry Hill Circuit, To be supplied.  
DeQueen, John L. Tucker 1.  
Doddridge Circuit, W. M. Crow 1.  
Foreman, Jeff Paul 1.  
Hatfield Circuit, C. E. Lawrence 3.  
Horatio Circuit, Forney Harvey 2.  
Mena, Mark F. Vaught 4.  
Shady Grove-North Mena, Virgil Bell 1.  
Stamps, M. E. Scott 2.  
Taylor Circuit, To be supplied.  
Texarkana Churches: College Hill, R. H. Cannon 3. Fairview, C. H. Farmer 1. First Church, Fred R. Harrison 1.  
Texarkana Circuit, C. H. Gilliam 2.  
Wilton Circuit, Claude Clark 2.  
Winthrop, M. T. Rose 2.  
District Missionary Secretary, Fred R. Harrison.  
Director of Evangelism, J. A. Simpson.  
Director of Arkansas Methodist, John L. Tucker.  
Director, Retired Ministers' Endowment, M. L. Scott.

## SPECIAL APPOINTMENTS

### With Annuity Claims

R. E. Simpson, Superintendent Methodist Hospital.  
Roy E. Fawcett, Executive Secretary, Board of Education.  
Robert McCammon, Director, Aldersgate Camp.  
William M. Elder, Missionary to Japan.  
Miss Margaret Marshall, Deaconess Little Rock District Council.  
Curtis Williams, Conference Evangelist.

Robert L. Long, Sabbatical Year.  
Without Annuity Claims  
Francis Christie, Instructor, S. M. U., Dept. of Religion.  
John W. Hammons, Chaplain, U. S. Navy.

Earl R. Lewis, Chaplain, Veterans Administration.  
Chas. W. Baughman, student Hebrew Union College.

### Left Without Appointment To Attend School

David M. Hankins, Jr., Perkins School of Theology, Southern Methodist University.  
Charles W. Baughman, Student, Hebrew Union College.  
James Robert Scott, Student, Yale University.  
Howard Williams, Perkins School of Theology Southern Methodist University.  
Jeff Davis, Perkins School of Theology Southern Methodist University.  
H. B. Bailey, Perkins School of Theology Southern Methodist University.

### Transfers Out

James Edward Christie, Louisiana Conference.  
Francis Christie, North Texas Conference.

### Transfers In

Francis Christie, North Texas Conference.

## CONDENSED MINUTES OF LITTLE ROCK CONFERENCE

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Conference session? See Appointments.

50. Where are the preachers stationed for the ensuing year? (See LIST OF APPOINTMENTS.)

"A drunkard's life has two chapters: First, he could have stopped if he would; second, he would have stopped if he could."—Frances Willard.

News From The Districts

JONESBORO DISTRICT

As reports have come from all the charges of Jonesboro District, of which the Rev. E. B. Williams is the efficient superintendent, there is evidence that many of our churches have done more effective work in the various phases of activity, than in any previous period, although many feared that the seven-month year would prove difficult.

We list some of the achievements of various charges, with a brief description of the conditions surrounding them:

**Blytheville, First Methodist Church,** of which Rev. Allen D. Stewart is pastor, in addition to carrying on an aggressive general program, and assuming its full responsibility in the Advance Movement, has, during the seven months period, raised \$27,000 more, to be used in its great building program which is already well-financed.

**Lake Street, Blytheville, Rev. Theron McKisson,** pastor, is to be commended for its splendid success in raising \$12,000 toward the construction of an Education Building, and the remodeling of the sanctuary.

**Harrisburg, Rev. J. T. Byrd,** pastor, has raised \$18,000 for the new building under construction there, although the church is carrying a much larger general budget than formerly.

As was recently reported, **First Methodist Church, Jonesboro, Dr. W. Henry Goodloe,** pastor, is doing a very worthy thing in the program of the Advance, in taking responsibility for the full support of the ministry of the Rev. and Mrs. Lester Finley, Jr., to the Gujarat Conference in India.

**Miss Martha Stewart,** who is director of youth work in First Church, and endeared herself to so many of the church, young and older as well, resigned her position April 1st, which left the church without a director, for some time.

**Miss SuElla Anderson,** of Little Rock, has been lately employed to direct the Youth Work during the summer months, and has already made a large place for herself and her work in the thinking of all the people of the church and the community.

**Marked Tree, Rev. J. A. Womack,** pastor, reports one of the best Vacation Bible Schools in the history of the church, with an annual enrollment of more than one hundred. During this year, the remaining debt of \$6,000 on the new parsonage, has been paid, thus giving these people and their well-loved pastor and his wife, a great satisfaction in possessing a splendid church plant, including one of the best and most completely furnished parsonages in the entire Conference or State.

**Lepanto,** which, little more than two years ago, began raising funds for a new Christian Education Building, has paid, during this year, the remainder of the debt on the com-

pleted building, and it was dedicated by Bishop Martin and Brother Williams, Feb. 20. Other improvements include: \$47,000 Consonata Electric Organ; Amplifier and Chimes; Complete Youngstown Kitchen and modern tables for dining hall in the new building; Carpeting in the Sanctuary; and one hundred fifty-three new Methodist Hymnals purchased through work of Adult classes. A Men's Fellowship with over fifty members has been organized, and a successful Vacation Bible School has been held. Irl Bridenthal is pastor. Garden Point installed new pews and redecorated at cost of \$1000.

A new Hammond Electric Organ was installed in the church at Luxera, from the proceeds of one dinner given by the church at ten dollars per plate. The Rev. H. L. Robinson is pastor.

**Osceola, Rev. H. J. Couchman,** pastor, has paid on buildings and improvements \$35,000, and has paid the Advance quota, \$1680, in full. Work is progressing on the Sanctuary, which it is expected will be occupied by fall, and all phases of the church show better results, even in the seven-month period, than for the last Conference year.

**Truman, Rev. O. M. Campbell,** pastor, has paid \$4,000 for the redecorating of the Church and the parsonage, a Vacation Bible School has been held, and all phases of the work show satisfactory progress.

**Turrel-Gilmore, Rev. Lester Weaver,** pastor, observed the entire Lenten Season with appropriate sermon themes. With special services, including the revival, the interest has been increased in all activities. One of the greatest forward steps was the organization of a Woman's Society of Christian Service at Gilmore. This Society has grown to a membership of 25.

**Fisher Street, Jonesboro,** has raised \$12,000 on buildings in the short Conference year. Rev. Thurston Masters is pastor.—Irl Bridenthal, Reporter.

WIGGINS MEMORIAL HELPS ENTERTAIN ANNUAL CONFERENCE

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Children's Work.

The Board of Christian Education has been alert to the responsibilities of planning an adequate program of Christian Education. Mr. Edward Parks is chairman of the board, with the following persons assisting him as members of the board: Mr. Frank Pond, Mrs. Frank Pond, Mrs. P. T. Verhoeff, Mr. Clark McClinton, Mrs. Clark McClinton, Mrs. Fay Reed, Mrs. Walter Hayes, Miss Sue Guinn, Miss Marjorie Hammond, Mr. Elza Fincher, and Mr. Herman Stewart. Working in close cooperation with the board of Christian Education have been the church school officers: Clark McClinton, General Superintendent, Elza Fincher, General Secretary, Herman Stewart, Supt. Adult Division, Mrs. Clark McClinton, Supt. Youth Division, and Mrs. Fay Reed, Supt. Children's Division.

On the evening of June 13th, Bishop Paul E. Martin will dedicate both the church and church parsonage. This is a high moment bringing to full fruition the sacrificial work of the people of Wiggins

Memorial.

Whatever has been accomplished can be explained only by the untiring efforts of the members of the church. Not content to just share material gifts, the membership has given freely of its energies. Much of the work has been accomplished through work-nights, when men and women came to the church in work clothes for physical labor.

Monthly church suppers have helped tremendously in creating a spirit of Christian fellowship. A three-page paper, the Newsletter, is published by the church each month and mailed to all members of the church.

The membership of Wiggins Memorial is optimistic as it faces the future. It believes that greater opportunities for service are yet ahead.—Reporter.

There is nothing so advantageous to a man as a forgiving disposition.—Terence, 160 B. C.

If a brother or sister be naked, and destitute of daily food, and one of you say unto him, Depart in peace, be ye warmed and filled: notwithstanding ye give them not those things which are needful to the body; what doth it profit?—James 2:15-16.

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## The Sunday School Lesson

By DR. O. E. GODDARD



### JESUS' CONTINUING MINISTRY

LESSON FOR JUNE 26, 1949

SCRIPTURE TEXT: Matthew 28:16-20; Mark 16:14-20; Luke 24:45-53; Acts 1:1-14; Hebrews 7:25.

GOLDEN TEXT: Lo, I am with you always, to the close of the age. Matthew 28:20.

Every word that Jesus ever spoke, from the time in his boyhood when he said, "I must be about my Father's business," until the last word that fell from his lips before his ascension, are extremely interesting and profitable. But of most significance to us, are his words after his resurrection. One who comes forth from death to speak, would be sure to say things of intense interest to all who read or heard his words.

Our lesson today is exclusively based on what Jesus said and did after his resurrection. During these forty days he said and did many things that are of immense value to the church and will be until redemption's work shall have been completed.

#### Matthew's Account of The Great Commission

"Then the eleven disciples went away into Galilee, into a mountain where Jesus had appointed them. And when they saw him, they worshiped him: but some doubted. 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 of 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." (Matthew 28:18-20)

We note that Jesus' plan is that we teach all nations and if we do teach all nations we have Jesus' guarantee that his presence and power will be with us even until the end. A church that does not try to teach all nations has no promise of the presence of Jesus.

#### Truly Christianity Is A Global Religion

Mark's record of the great commission declares that the church is required to preach the gospel to every creature. "And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature. He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned." (Mark 16:15-16)

We are to take the gospel not only to the different nations, but we must take it to every inhabitant, in every nation. Our missionary work is not complete until we have preached the gospel to every man, woman, and child on the face of the earth.

#### Luke's Account

"Then opened he their understanding, that they might understand the scriptures, and said unto them, Thus it is written, and thus it behoved Christ to suffer, and to rise from the dead the third day. And that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in his name among all nations, beginning at Jerusalem." (Luke 24:45-47)

Notice here that Luke says Jesus opened their understanding that

they comprehend the real meaning of the scriptures. Spiritual illumination is of vast value in interpreting the scriptures. It sometimes happens that a person of limited opportunities discerns the deeper spiritual meaning which is not discovered by the scholar. I do not mean to discredit learning. Surely we need all the learning and illumination possible to interpret the word of God.

#### Luke's Account in The Acts of the Apostles

In both these accounts, Luke emphasizes the fact that the disciples must wait in Jerusalem for the power of the Holy Spirit, although they had received three years training in the school of Jesus, and frequent meetings with Jesus, they yet were not ready to begin their world-wide mission. Something of supreme importance was lacking.

#### The Pentecostal Experience

It is regrettable that there has been so much misunderstanding and controversy, as to what is the pentecostal experience. It has been called the "Second Blessing," "Entire sanctification," "Christian perfection," "Holiness." The two words conspicuous in the record, are Power and Witness. "Ye shall receive power after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem and in all Judea, and in Samaria, and to the uttermost parts of the earth." (Acts 1:8) Really these words are important—Power, Witness, and Resurrection.

The disciples, after long seasons of prayer, received supernatural power to witness of the resurrection. It is interesting that the resurrection of Jesus seemed more important than his reign, his miracles, or his parables. The central fact of the apostolic message was that Jesus was dead, but is now alive forevermore. Peter's marvelous power on the day of Pentecost, stems from the fact that in the Upper Room, he received power to become a witness of the resurrection of Jesus. I think that the pentecostal blessing was "the second blessing," entire sanctification, holiness of heart, which gave Peter power to witness so effectively to his risen Lord. Would that all preachers were witnesses such as was Peter!

#### Christianity Essentially A Missionary Movement

One of God's worlds rebelled and brought sin with all of its woes and

disasters upon the race. Jesus Christ was of the Father, and came as a missionary to redeem a lost world. He lived and taught and died to save the race. He arose from the dead, set up an organization to carry forward this work, and then ascended unto the Father. The one job of this organization was to destroy the reign of the devil and reinstate the celestial dynasty. Before his ascension, Jesus promised his followers, that He would send the Holy Spirit, to guide and empower them until the work was completed. The first believer started out with this conception of their work.

The success of the primitive Church for the first three hundred years is the most astounding fact of history. A little despised band without money, without prestige, without the right even to own property, in three hundred years, spread the gospel over the Roman Empire and Constantine, the emperor, surrendered to Jesus Christ, as his Lord and Master. The early Christians were characterized by zeal, enthusiasm, and desperation. How many thousands of them suffered martyrdom for Jesus Christ history can never record. They counted not their lives dear unto themselves. There was something in their witnessing for the risen Christ that made them almost invincible. They were ideal missionaries.

The most glorious missionary history ever placed upon the annals of time was enacted by the Christians of the first three centuries.

#### The Church Lost Its Power

When the church formed an unholy alliance with the state, it began to acquire property and the priesthood increased, but the missionary work of the laity decreased rapidly. The church became sacramentarian and sacerdotal, placing the salvation of the people in the hands of the priests, who alone were permitted to administer the sacraments; the laity no longer being allowed to administer the Lord's Supper or baptize. In other words, the Roman Catholic Church had assumed its present form, and the Bishop of Rome became the Pope of all the Catholic Churches.

#### A Thousand Years Of Missionary Sterility

From the fifth to the fifteenth century, the Roman Catholic Church had undisputed sway. It became opulent and politically dominant. It made the unmade kings and emperors. Countries were made Christian not by individual conversions, but by decrees of the Pope and the sword of the State. This thousand years is the least creditable period in Christian history. The real missionary zeal was at its nadir ecclesiastical power was at its zenith.

During this period some great cathedrals were built, a beautiful ritual was evolved, but there was little left in the Church which even resembled the early Church. One of the early Popes, boasting of the wealth of the Church said, "We cannot like the disciples say, 'Silver

and gold, have I none.' " A dissenter injected, "Neither can you say, 'Rise up and walk.' " There were unnumbered thousands of people whose souls longed for the bread of life, but received only scant spiritual nourishment in the politico-ecclesiasticism.

#### The Reformation

In the fifteenth century, Martin Luther became the voice for the articulate multitudes. The reformation spread rapidly through several countries. The Roman Catholic Church fought the Reformation fiercely and diabolically. It required practically three hundred years for the Protestant Church to become established permanently in the world. When this was accomplished, the missionary spirit revived. In the latter years of the eighteenth century, and the beginning of the nineteenth century, the Baptists, Presbyterians, Lutherans, Congregationalists, Episcopalians, and Methodists organized missionary Boards and began world-wide conquest for Christ. All the Protestant Churches have made laudable effort to preach the gospel to the ends of the earth. They have today invested hundreds of millions of dollars and are sending out hundreds of missionaries. The only minor note is, that secularism has been altogether too rank. A ray of hope is seen in the organization of the World Council of Christian Churches. If, in the end, all the Protestant Churches of the world can federate and co-ordinate their power, so that they can deliver themselves with one impact against the power of darkness, then the Kingdom of God may be established on earth.

Let us never forget that the Church which Jesus Christ set up, is a missionary church. Its sole purpose is to evangelize and christianize the whole world. All churches and all individuals who do this may expect the blessings of God to rest upon them.

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