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## A One-Week Pastors' School No Longer An Experiment

THERE were some unavoidable conditions this year which made several features of the Pastors' School at Conway somewhat experimental.

In the first place the change of the time of meetings of our Annual Conferences made necessary a change in the time of holding the School. Instead of meeting near the first of June, when the weather usually is more pleasant, the School opened on the Fourth of July when the heat generally is more oppressive.

Another hazard the School seemed to face was the necessity of meeting so soon after the close of our Annual Conference sessions. There was a question in the minds of some regarding the possibility of pastors being able to leave their charges so soon after the close of the conferences.

For the first time in the history of the Pastors' School the plans this year called for only a one-week session. Our leaders were not sure just what effect this would have on the attendance and general interest in the School.

A necessary effect of holding only a one-week session was that those in attendance could carry only one course of study instead of the possible two courses in former years.

In spite of these and other necessary changes in the general plans for the School, those in charge of the work feel that the attendance and the work done, this year, give promise of the development of a strong one-week Pastors' School in the days ahead.

The faculty and the platform speakers were of the usual high order. The shorter session in no wise affected the quality of the work done. There were some who seemed to feel that the shorter session would eventually be more popular with the preachers than the two-weeks Schools of former years.

At least we know the handicaps and advantages of the shorter School and of the changed time of meeting. Those who plan the School and those who attend it will better understand what to expect next year.

## Life's Three Alternatives

LIFE as we live it has but three alternatives: We may surrender, we may compromise or we may fight. Paul gave us a record of his deliberate choice when he wrote, "I have fought a good fight."

We cannot be neutral in life's battles since neutrality is possible only when we ourselves are not involved in a struggle. We are definitely in the battle of life. In wars of earth surrender at times seems to be the part of wisdom. In the moral battle of right against wrong surrender is never in order and before God can never be justified.

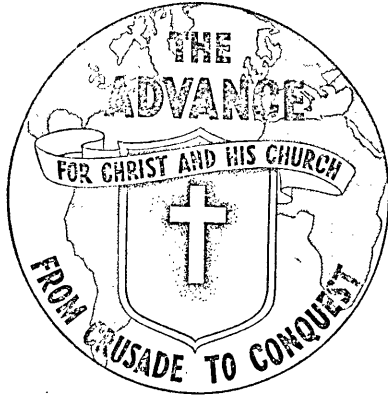
In life's battle there is no possibility of compromise with sin. Sin has one purpose and that is to "Kill and destroy." There is no room for a compromise with death and destruction. Any attempt to compromise with sin is in itself a personal defeat and a victory for the enemy of Christ.

The Christian has before him but one course of conduct that carries with it any promise; he must face life with courage and sincerity and "Fight the good fight of faith." Failure inevitably accompanies any other course. We are not commanded to win the battle as the world counts success. We are commanded to stand up and be counted for Christ any time a battle is on between the forces of good and evil.

## The Advance Utilizes Methodism's Unused Powers

THE response which The Methodist Church so readily makes to emergency appeals indicates that there are latent powers in our church that seem to await a definite challenge to awaken them to action. The Advance for Christ and His Church UTILIZES SOME OF METHODISM'S UNUSED POWERS.

Our people accept the responsibility of the regular budget of the church as a matter of fact. They meet the expenses of the local budget because they love the church and are able to see its needs. Under our present plan of promoting our connectional work by giving it a name—World Service and Conference Benevolences—we find ourselves neglecting to emphasize the specific interests they support. Our people have become much more familiar with the names under which we have grouped our benevolent work than



they are with the causes supported by their gifts.

Our people support World Service because of the confidence they have in the leadership of our church. They believe World Service presents a worthy cause because it represents a program promoted by our General Conference and approved by the Annual Conference and local church leadership. While they thus regularly support World Service without knowing too much about the activities it promotes, it would be a little presumptuous to expect them to be overly enthusiastic about it. They would be more enthusiastic about it if they knew more about the details of our World Service program. Perhaps this would be a good place and time for the management of The Arkansas Methodist to say that we realize that we are as much at fault for this lack of information as any other one agency of the church. It might also be a good time to announce our resolution to mend our ways at this point.

Nevertheless, in the Advance Specials we have an impressive challenge to support specific projects that should regularly bring into use powers and possibilities Methodism possesses which often do not respond to the appeals made through regular channels. It is from this source that the larger support of Advance Specials should come and we believe will come when we convert general appeals into specific projects. More of our people will then contribute for kingdom extension the amount suggested by an awakened conscience.

## The Clock Turns Back

SEVERAL months ago the entire non-communistic civilized world was shocked as perhaps never before by the arrest, confinement, trial and conviction of several religious leaders, Catholic and Protestant, by courts in Communist dominated countries in eastern Europe. After a wave of protests had echoed around the world several times the tide of religious persecutions momentarily subsided, but once again the tide is coming in. Recent press reports indicate that in certain eastern European countries many religious leaders are being subjected to all sorts of pressure designed to curb their work and influence.

For the most part this persecution is being directed at leaders in the Catholic Church, but the persecution is by no means confined to the leaders of the Church of Rome. Communism and Christianity cannot work side by side without inevitably clashing, especially where the prevailing atmosphere is predominantly communistic. Christianity stands in the way of Communism's ultimate goals. Thus, where there is a more than reasonable chance for success in its plans, Communists are seeking to either curb the work of the Christian Church altogether, or make it subservient to the Communist state.

It is not too difficult to fathom some of the reasons why the Roman Catholic Church is at the present the particular object or target of communistic terror. Catholicism is a highly organized religious body which exercises considerable influence politically in eastern Europe. Then too, Catholics outnumber Protestants in the countries under consideration. The Catholic Church also has large vested material interests which are tempting morsels to a political regime which seemingly has few scruples against forcibly taking what it needs from others to finance and further its own welfare.

Perhaps another possibility is the conditioned frame of mind of the average Catholic of eastern Europe. He already possesses a very healthy respect for authority, a most necessary prerequisite for the average citizen in a politically totalitarian state. From the Communist's point of view, it is simply substituting as the ultimate authority the Communist state for the Catholic Church. The Protestant has a greater measure of freedom in his religious experience and he will have to be handled later in a different manner. Then too, since Protestantism is somewhat less organized and weaker in eastern Europe, the problem is not as great.

But the Roman Catholic Church will not easily be subdued. Efforts at compromise, thus far, according to press dispatches, have fallen far short of agreement, and persecution of Catholic leaders continue. In some instances Catholic parishioners, armed with whatever implements were handy, have protected their priests from arrest. It may be that the clock has turned back and religious persecution will be the order of the day as in former years. If indeed this is true, there is all the more reason why the Christian Church throughout the world must gird itself with renewed faith and zeal to triumphantly meet the principalities and powers of darkness which threaten its very existence.

Not since the Roman Empire in the first centuries sought to destroy the Christian movement has the whole of Christendom been so threatened by a political regime. In that instance the Christian influence continued to grow despite the persecution it endured, until finally it became the religion of the civilized world of that day. This triumph was accomplished not through resort to arms but through faith in the ultimate triumph of righteousness.



## Bombed Church Site Serves Slum Children



By OLIVIA D. IKENBERRY,

Shanghai, China

THE Chapei Child Welfare Center, in Shanghai, stands on a site that, before World War II, was the location of a flourishing Methodist Church—a prominent edifice for worship and residences for church workers. During the war the church was destroyed by bombs except for a small section of the sanctuary roof which was left attached to a side wall. Following the war this was walled

World Service to aid centers that were already operating. To start a center would be a decided change of policy. However, all realized that something should be done for these children and here was a setup waiting to be used. So the American Advisory Committee decided to meet this need. Moore Memorial Church (Methodist) in Shanghai, cooperates in this work.

Working through the pastor, a sur-

illies, members of the church where the center is located, offered to provide meals at cost.

Visiting the Center recently with Miss Chu our car drew to a stop before the high bamboo gate to the compound and we went into the roomy, sunny yard. To the right was the improvised church, made out of what was left of the original building. Back of this was the concrete floors, all that was left of the former housing for the church workers. The yard was clean and fairly smooth. Miss Chu told us that the yard had been cleaned by the children to make a smooth play place. We could hear the voices of the children and the teachers as we went toward the quonset hut that served as a school house. On entering Miss Chu greeted the students and teachers. Imagine our surprise when the children all replied spontaneously with, "Good Morning!"

We arrived just as they were getting ready for hot milk, so after greeting the children we went through to the kitchen. Between the kitchen and the quonset school house there is a cement walk. Here we found a round table upon which

milk. Then all drank together with evident enjoyment. After drinking they thanked Church World Service for their milk, but to them Miss Chu personified Church World Service.

Then came free play. The cement floor was the choice place to play. One could see they had learned some group cooperation. When they first came to the center they were little individuals and most awkward. Day by day they have been learning how to work together, play together and sing together. They are developing a group consciousness. Six children take turns in cleaning the class room. Many of them had no idea how to go about such a task but when shown were happy to do the work. Pretending not to notice them we watched them at their play. At first we were the center of attraction but when they felt we were not paying attention to them they paid no attention to us and went about their play.

Free play was followed by directed play. Each child brought his or her little stool and soon all were sitting in a large circle. Two or three were blind-folded and were in the center of the circle. One lit-



Milk from America supplements the diet of many Chinese children.

in to make a small meeting room for those of the congregation that still remained. The yard was left a rubbish heap. All that remained of the residence for church workers was the cement floor.

In this setting one of the UNRRA quonset huts was set up. Last winter windows were put into the hut for better lighting. At one end two small rooms were partitioned off, one for a teachers' room and one for a store room. A small kitchen was built at the back of the hut.

This church is situated in a slum area where there are many neglected children. Most of them live in one-room homes that are geared to the adults' way of life. The people who live in this area whose children would be in such a center are peddlers or people who are clerks in rice shops and are poorly paid. Some are "Mai T'an Tze Ti" or those who spread their wares on a small piece of matting on the side of the road and that is their shop. Others are "ragmen" who collect rags and sell them for a living. Many are jobless.

The children from these homes had no other play place but the streets of the city. Miss Diana Chu, a social worker, seeing this situation, suggested that the quonset hut and the church grounds be used as a children's center. In the past it had been the policy of the American Advisory Committee and Church

vey was made of the area and 50 children chosen as the first group to receive the benefits of the center. The plan is to improve the children's health by giving them milk and vitamins, teach them some reading, Mathematics, singing etc., but together. So the Chapel Child Welfare Center was opened December 27, 1948 with an enrollment of 50 children, some of whom had never been to school and some who had to drop out because their parents could no longer pay for their schooling.

In order to care for these children some additions to the set up had to be made—piping water into the court yard and building toilets, one for boys and one for girls. Two teachers were secured, one for those who had some schooling and one for those who had not.

The teachers had their problems, too. The children are so thrilled with the center that they are there an hour before it is supposed to open. They like the children, but they have to have time for meals. The kitchen is arranged only for heating milk so they could not cook food there if they wanted to. The stove is made of an oil drum so that the big aluminum kettle in which the milk is heated fits right into it. The suggestion was that they bicycle to Moore Memorial Church for their meals, but this was too time-consuming. Finally one of the fam-



The children play around a table in the yard.

two of the older children were setting large white enameled cups picking them from large galvanized iron pails which were sitting on the cement. Two of the older children were filling these cups with hot milk, using a large aluminum ladle. The big aluminum kettle of warm milk was on one side of the table and the pails of cups on the other.

Now the children at the first table stood up, marched out of the front door, around the quonset hut to the rear. Each child took his cup of hot milk, marched through the back door to his place at the table, put his cup on the table and sat down. Then the next table did the same and so on till all had their

tle lad had his right hand tied to his right ankle with a bright red scarf and he was given the school bell, such a one as many may remember as being used in the little red school house of rural America. Thus hindered and ringing his bell he had to dodge the blindfolded ones searching for him. It was a humorous game full of enjoyment, both for those participating and those watching. In this happy atmosphere we left them knowing that in the afternoon again would be studies, songs, and play, and vitamins. Their lives will be better, brighter and happier because Church World Service has given them milk powder for hot milk, vitamins, and teachers to teach them.

### METHODIST NURSE HEADS LEPROSY COLONY

Miss Ruth A. O'Toole, R. N., of St. Louis, Mo., is director of a leprosy colony in isolated Tunda, on the Lomami River, in the heart of the Belgian Congo, Africa. The colony belongs to the Belgian government, which built and equipped it in 1937, but is in charge of Miss O'Tolle, a

missionary of the Methodist Church. Forty-three of the 200 patients are Christians, and others are studying the gospel message. Men and women have organized separate missionary societies within the colony, and those who are able to farm till their produce for the ill and crippled. An African man nurse prepares a class of the less-afflicted patients to receive government leprosy nursing

certificates, and to give injections of chaulmoogra oil and other medications.

Give, and it will be given unto you; good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap.—Luke 6:38.

The stranger the seam, the worse the rent.—French.

We do not tolerate the obvious use of morphine or cocaine or opium and we should not tolerate the use of intoxicating liquor.—Dr. Charles Mayo.

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

# THE DEVOTIONAL PAGE

REV. H. O. BOLIN, Editor

## "I VOTED TO CLOSE THE CHURCH"

Last Sunday I voted to close the church; not intentionally, nor maliciously; but carelessly, thoughtlessly, lazily, indifferently, I voted. I voted to close its doors that its witness and its testimony might be stopped. I voted to close the open Bible on its pulpit—the Bible that had been given us by years of struggle and by the blood of martyrs who died that we might have it read. I voted for our minister to stop preaching glorious truths of the gospel of Jesus Christ. I voted that the children of the Sunday School no longer lift their tiny voices in singing,

*"Jesus loves me, this I know,  
For the Bible tells me so"*

I voted for the voice of the choir and of the congregation to be stilled, and that they no longer sing in united praise,

*"All hail the power the Jesus' name,  
Let angels prostrate fall;  
Bring forth the royal diadem,  
And crown Him Lord of all."*

I voted for every missionary of the church to be called home, every native worker supported by the church to stop preaching, every hospital, every school and every dispensary in its foreign missionary fields to close. I voted that its colleges close their doors and no longer bother to train its youth for Christian service. I voted for every home missionary project to be abandoned, every influence for good and right and for truth in our community to be curtailed and finally stopped. I voted for the darkness of superstition, the degrading influence of sin, the blight of ignorance and the curse of selfish greed once again to settle their damning load on the shoulders of an already overburdened world.

I voted all this, I say, and more, too—things that the human mind cannot grasp and the human mind cannot find words to express. Carelessly, thoughtlessly, lazily, I voted. For, you see, I could have gone and I should have gone, but I didn't. I stayed away from church last Sunday.—Written By a Pastor Who Was Troubled over Absentees.—In Shepherds.

## TO WHOM DO WE PRAY?

One cannot pray with much sense of reality to an ultimate question mark! Or if one theoretically can, certain it is that he will not and does not. It is to the personal God of religion, revealed as the heavenly Father by our Lord Jesus Christ, that we pray with an ever growing deepening sense of reality. Christian prayer must have as its congenial environment not philosophical questions about God but Christian convictions about him.—Donald J. Campbell, in *The Adventure of Prayer* (Abingdon-Cokesbury Press)

Within the next 3 years America must make one of the most fateful decisions in all history. She is deciding whether she will be the kind of country no nation would want to destroy with bombs, or the kind of nation every country will want to destroy: whether she will retain the moral and spiritual leadership of mankind or forfeit it forever.—Frank C. Laubach, *Houston Times*.

## MEDITATION OF AN OFFERING PLATE

*Handed along from pew to pew,  
I have a chance to see just who  
Are most happy and most free  
To make their gifts to God through me;  
I do not always come back blest  
Returning from my Holy quest,  
For there are some among the many  
Who do not trust me with a penny.*

*Folk have laden me many times,  
With nickles, quarters, and some dimes,  
When I could tell from what they wore  
That they could have given more;  
Returning for the pastor's prayer,  
I knew that some gave not their share,  
For there were those, had they the will,  
Who could have spared a dollar bill.*

*Some passed me on, as there they sat,  
Who could have given more than that;  
A five, a twenty, or a ten  
Would not have hurt some of those men.  
I'm told that their expense in tips  
Mount higher than that on pleasure trips,  
And that possessed me with the thought:  
"That's why they gave not what they ought."*

*However, there's the loyal band  
That reaches forth with eager hand  
And welcomes me, as God's sure call,  
To make some gift, though large or small;  
Upon my soft and velvet base  
They place their gifts with joyous grace,  
And I'm rejoiced that some few would  
Give unto God as best they could.—E. D. Gallo-  
way, Prescott, Arkansas.*

## WORSHIP THROUGH GIVING

We are here at the beginning of a new conference year. Financial programs are being set up and quotas are being assigned and in most cases accepted. Sometimes we hear the criticism that the church is asking for too much money. Such, really is not the case. The church has never been as daring in its askings as it really ought to be. The coming of the Kingdom of God has been greatly retarded by the timidity of the church at this point down through the centuries. Too many church members are like the good old lady who was shouting all over the place. She was heard to say over and over again, "Thank God, salvation is free. I've been a Christian for thirty years and all it ever cost me was a quarter." She got by pretty cheaply, but one wonders if after all she didn't pay too much for the type of religion she had. She was trying to hitch-hike her way to a good life on this earth and a heaven in the future. This simply can't be done.

After all, the very heart of the Christian religion is love, and the acid test of love is sacrifice. John 3:16 tells us that God loved and gave, and if we really and truly love we will also give. God gave his best—he gave his Son. We, too, must give until it hurts. Christ commended the poor widow. She gave only two mites which is less than one penny of our money, but Christ said she gave more than all the others. She didn't give more in actual value, for some wealthy people were giving large amounts out of the abundance of their possessions. It was the sacrifice she made in giving that Christ commended. In his sight it is not so

much the amount one gives, but what he has left after the gift is made. This poor woman out of her poverty had given all of her living.

No one has a right to fuss about the church asking for too much money when they are laying down less than the tithe. The writer realizes that the tithe is legalistic and that we are under grace. But the question arises, under which divine order does the adherents get the greater values? All followers of Christ contend that the Christian gets far more under grace than the Jew got under the law. But he was willing to pay a tithe and even make offerings in addition to that. He did it at a time when the Roman government was taking about half of his meager income in taxes. Shall Christians under the greater order do less than the Jews? Even though one can't prove in a dogmatic way that the law of the tithe is binding in the age of grace, Christians should be ashamed to do less than the Jews when they are receiving far more in the way of benefits from their religion. Whether the tithe is binding on us in this age or not, it is a good starting point. Every Christian ought to practice at least the giving of the tithe as the minimum of his contributions. As a matter of fact, the early Christians were giving far more than the tithe. Any one who doubts this should read the fourth chapter of the Acts of the Apostles. Not much was said about the tithe in those days. There was no need of it. These people were giving all they had. Shame on all modern church members who start fussing before they begin sacrificing. May God forgive the preacher who feels

## A PRAYER

*O Thou Eternal, Light of light,  
Life of life, Love of love, Heart and  
Soul of all that is—dawn upon our  
minds, warm our hearts, make reso-  
lute our wills, deepen our under-  
standing, broaden our knowledge,  
and quicken our energies; that what  
we ought, we may, and what we  
can, we do; to the end that the  
Eternal may be traced in the tem-  
poral, and the Divine in the human.  
Amen.—Claire C. Hoyt.*

it his duty to protect the pocketbooks of his members. He is really doing them a disservice. He is robbing them of great joy on this earth and untold future rewards in heaven.

We must all realize that it is just as religious to pay as it is to pray. In fact prayer becomes mockery unless it is backed up with sacrifice. The writer has been made happy by hearing many preachers in their worship services say, "Now, may we continue our worship with the offering." We do worship God with our offerings. A person should be in dire need indeed if he dares come before his God empty handed. In the Old Testament, the Jews were warned never to do this. There are two groups of people who ought to belong to the church. One group who pays to the church and the other who receives alms from the church. Any person who is so poor that he can't even come with the "widow's mite" is so poor that he ought to receive financial help from the church. That is the way it once was; it should be that way again. The early Christians practiced this matter of helpfulness.

Every Christian has the opportunity of doing a portion of his banking business in heaven. It was no less authority than Christ himself who insisted that his followers lay up treasures in heaven. He warned that on earth people are likely to suffer losses. Some times the banks of this earth fail, moths corrupt and thieves steal, but not so in heaven. One's treasure is always safe there. Any time a person lays down a dollar for a good cause, motivated by love for Christ and humanity, he is laying up treasure in heaven and will be able to draw upon it a million years hence. The same is true when he builds in himself, and assists in building in others, Christian character. Jesus insisted that the Kingdom of Heaven is inside of us.

So, let us not be afraid of the pledge card or the offering plate. They are among our best friends. If faithfully followed, they will lead us to lives of richness, usefulness, ever increasing joy, and future reward.—H. O. B.

Success and suffering are vitally and originally linked. If you succeed without suffering, it is because someone has suffered for you; if you suffer without succeeding, it is in order that someone else may succeed after you.—Edward Judson.

There are persons so radiant, so kind, so pleasure-bearing, that you instinctively feel that they do you good, whose coming into a room is like the bringing of a lamp there.—Henry Ward Beacher.

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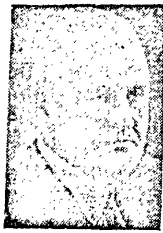
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## A WEEKLY MESSAGE

By FORNEY HUTCHINSON

### "SOMEHOW SINGING"

In a recent message to the Arkansas Methodist I spoke of Miss Effie Harrison, of Topeka, Kansas, a member of St. Luke's Church, Oklahoma City, when I was pastor there. I particularly emphasized her philosophy of life and in this article that same philosophy appears in one of her favorite poems. It has been an inspiration to me and I hope will be equally so to others. It appears first in "Songs of the Night" by Roselle Mercier Montgomery.

*"I would always be in the thick of life,  
Threading its mazes, sharing its strife,  
Yet somehow singing.*

*Care shall not bend me down beneath its load,  
Fear shall not walk with me along the road.  
I WILL go singing.*

*Not always practiced in the singer's art,  
Not always singing from a happy heart,  
But SOMEHOW singing.*

*There may be some to listen for my voice,  
The grieving ones, it may be, will rejoice  
To hear me singing.*

*So, friends, companion me along the way  
And, love, bide with me to the end of day,  
To keep me singing.*

*When at the road's end shadows longer grow,  
Into the last long shadow let me go,  
Still SOMEHOW singing."*

Let's all sing.

### COMMITTEE TO PLAN UNIFICATION OF CONFERENCES ANNOUNCED

Bishop Paul E. Martin announces the membership of the committees authorized by the recent sessions of the Little Rock and North Arkansas Annual Conferences to work out a plan for uniting the two Arkansas Conferences. The Committees are as follows: Little Rock Conference, Dr. E. C. Rule, D. S.; Rev. J. Ralph Clayton; Rev. Otto W. Teague; Mr. T. W. McCoy; Mr. Edwin Horton, Jr.; Mrs. E. D. Galloway, President, W. S. C. S.; Mr. Roland Shelton, Conference Lay Leader; North Arkansas Conference, Rev. Cecil R. Culver, D.S.; Rev. Joel A. Cooper; Rev. J. Albert Gatlin; Judge J. A. Walden; Mr. R. H. Patton; Dr. Matt L. Ellis, Conference Lay Leader; Mrs. J. E. Critz, President, W. S. C. S.

## NEWS AND NOTES ABOUT FACTS AND FOLKS

REV. AND MRS. WOODROW WOODS of Alpena Pass announce the birth of a boy, Donnie Shelby, on June 12.

REV. M. T. ROSE, pastor of Winthrop Circuit, writes that his charge paid \$20.00 on Advance specials instead of \$8.20 as reported in the issue of June 30.

A son, Robert Watson Landers, Jr., was born to Mr. and Mrs. Robert W. Landers of Starkville, Mississippi, on June 30. Mrs. Landers is the former Miss Elizabeth Goodloe, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. W. Henry Goodloe of Jonesboro.

MRS. J. M. HARRISON, wife of our pastor at Mansfield, was called to Lexington, Ky., on Saturday, July 3, on account of the death of her sister, Mrs. H. G. Dasher. Burial was in Lexington.

BISHOP PAUL E. MARTIN announces the following appointments in the North Arkansas Conference: Dyess-Whitton, Willard Douglas; St. John-Riverside, Raymond Mills; Forester, Martin Martin.

REV. W. C. LEWIS, pastor of Washington-Ozan Charge, reports the following weddings: Miss Imogene Webb and T. Hamilton Hill of Ozan on Friday, July 1 in Washington at the parsonage and Miss Alice Futrell and Clifton Ellis of Ozan and Hope in the Methodist Church at Ozan on July 3.

DR. KARL P. MEISTER of Chicago was elected president of the Council of Secretaries of World Service Agencies at a meeting held in Chicago on June 20. The new president is executive secretary of the Board of Hospitals and Homes. He succeeds Dr. Earl R. Brown of New York.

REV. AND MRS. J. M. HARRISON of Mansfield were given a reception on the lawn of the church on Wednesday, July 29. A welcome was given by the chairman of the Board of Stewards and a response was given by the pastor. Refreshments of ice cream and cake were served. After the reception a food shower was taken to the parsonage.

REV. R. E. SIMPSON, superintendent of the Methodist Hospital in Hot Springs, writes that the following are patients in the hospital: Dr. O. E. Goddard of Conway; Mrs. Hollis Simpson, wife of our pastor at Bismarck; Rev. and Mrs. M. O. Barnett remained after Conference for treatment in the physio-hydro-therapy department; Mrs. J. R. Dickerson and Mrs. Jack Taylor are still in the hospital.

REV. LAYMAN BOUNDS, pastor of the Morning Star Circuit, writes: "My family and I received a very warm welcome to our new charge. We had been here only a few days when the Bard Church planted fifteen acres of beans for the benefit of the church. I saw in this a great evidence of cooperation. Nine tractors and other equipment were there and several men. The local paper came out and made pictures and gave the church quite a boost."

THE METHODIST CHURCH OF BRAZIL—daughter of the missions of the former Methodist Episcopal Church, South, from North America—has one of the most cosmopolitan training schools for ministers found anywhere in the world. The School of Theology, located in Sao Paulo, enrolls students who were born in Japan, Syria, Hungary, and Czechoslovakia, and others whose parents came from Portugal, Africa, Germany, France, and Italy. During the last two years of training, the students are assigned to churches in and around Sao Paulo as supply pastors or ministerial internes.

THE Methodist Church of Germany, under the leadership of Bishop J. W. Ernst Sommer, of Frankfort, has launched a program of social welfare under the title of "Brother Penny"; that is, each German Methodist pays at least one penny per day for the needs of their brethren. Under this program they have already begun to build a village for some eighty-three Methodist

### MRS. J. M. WORKMAN PASSES AWAY

On Wednesday of the past week Mrs. Elizabeth Thornburgh Workman, wife of Dr. J. M. Workman, a retired minister of the Little Rock Conference, passed away at her home in Conway where she and her husband had lived since their retirement from the ministry.

The funeral service at the First Methodist Church in Conway Friday afternoon was in charge of the pastor, Rev. A. D. Stewart. Bishop Paul E. Martin, Dr. E. Clifton Rule and Dr. C. M. Reves in a beautiful and impressive manner paid tribute to the life and character of this great mother and Christian.

Sister Workman was the proud mother of three ministers, Dr. J. W. Workman, Rev. M. T. Workman and Rev. George B. Workman, a missionary in China. A more complete write-up will be published soon.

refugee families from the neighborhood of Lueback, and for which the government has donated the land; and they are planning to build a sanatorium for tubercular children in Bergzabern, Southwest Germany.

MISS MARGERY L. MAYER, of Toledo, Ohio, a missionary carrying on educational and social service activities in Nagasaki, Japan, under the Woman's Society of Christian Service of the Methodist Church, reports that "out in the atomic bomb center of Nagasaki lives a Buddhist priest who last month became a baptized Christian. To his parish of 100 families he has given New Testaments, and has been teaching Christian doctrine. . . . The young Japanese people are coming to our churches and schools, but returning to Buddhist families who have no understanding or sympathy for these new ideas. We must get into the homes through social work and health centers."

REV. G. C. JOHNSON, pastor at Marion, called at the Methodist office on Tuesday of last week. He gives the following fine report of his work. In closing the year there was a surplus in the budget of \$1500.00 after all bills were paid. There has been a nice increase in Church School attendance and at the worship services. A contract has been let for a six-room parsonage which will have two bathrooms, a central heating unit and other modern conveniences. It will be built this summer. The Marion Church has a Men's Bible Class which is very outstanding. It is conducted on the plan of a forum and has an enrollment of fifty men with an average attendance of around thirty-five. It is led by Elton A. Rieves, Jr., with Charles Smith as assistant. Amos Walker is president. This class is attracting unusual interest. A large Men's Fellowship meets quarterly with a dinner and a program.

ENGLISH churchmen, and especially those of the "free" or "non-conformist" churches, are worried over the poor attendance at churches—a trend noticeable long before the recent war. Studies indicate that between 15% and 20% go to church with some degree of regularity; though another 40% go occasionally, and many others listen on the radio to church services. Apparently more people attend church regularly in Wales and in Scotland than in England; more in rural areas than in industrial cities; more in small towns than in large towns and cities. One study indicates that of one hundred people who do not go to church at all about sixty have had some family relationship to the Church of England; twenty to non-conformist churches; one to the Roman Catholic; and one of the Church of Scotland. Sunday school attendance seems to follow the same pattern as church going.

If absence really made the heart grow fonder, many more people would think of church as the dearest place on earth.—World Call.

## Silver Anniversary Of Wesley Players

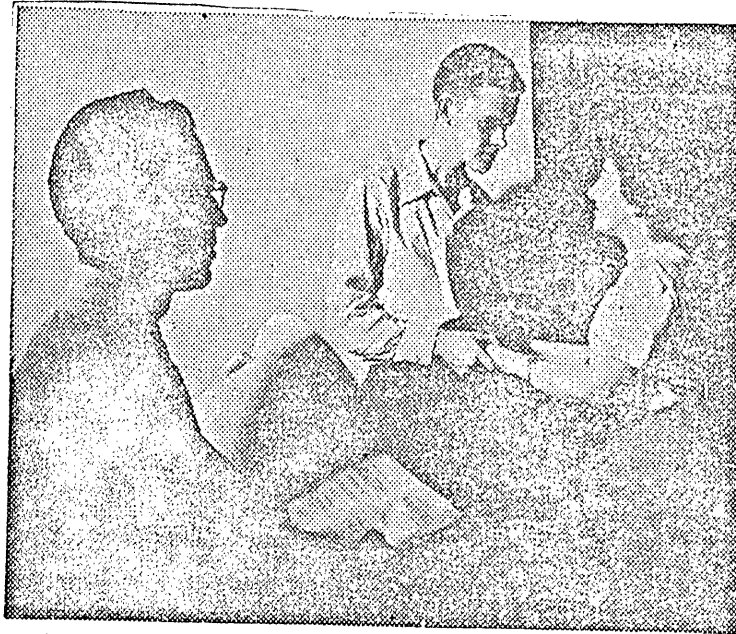
THE National Society of Wesley Players, an organization of college students dedicated to the worship of God through drama, is 25 years old.

Founded in the college year 1924-25 at the University of Illinois, the National Society now has 28 active chapters located on campuses over the nation. Seven additional chapters are inactive at present.

Members of these chapters participate in the production of religious drama, often writing their own scripts, designing their own costumes and scenery, and acting their own characterizations. Some of these productions have received recognition as being of outstanding merit.

Each chapter has a director, elects officers, writes its own by-laws, and selects its members from students who have displayed an active interest in religious drama. Each local group must meet certain requirements before being installed as a chapter of the National Society, which links the local groups together in the spirit of Christian fellowship and unity of purpose.

Heading the National Society is its student officers and adult advisors. National President is James Warren, a graduate student in religious education at Scarritt College,



Typical of the hundreds of Methodist students who are finding drama an interesting and forceful medium for expressing their Christian faith in the 28 active local chapters of the National Society of Wesley Players are the three shown above. They are rehearsing a scene from a religious play, written, directed, and acted by students, in which Mary Magdalene talks with the disciple John. Holding the script is Jim Warren of Scarritt College, president of the National Society, who authorized and directed this play. Acting the scene are Sarah Boyd Kimble, also of Scarritt, as Mary, and Jim Sanders, of the Vanderbilt University School of Religion, as John.—Photo by A. Glenn Hanson.

Nashville, Tenn., who holds the bachelor's degree in dramatic arts from the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, N. C. He organized a drama group in the Wesley Foundation at East Carolina Teachers College, Greenville, N. C., and served as its director for two years. He has written several dramatic services of worship and his "Meditation-Communion Service" was published in the International Journal of Religious Education, February, 1948.

Miss Jo Tharp, a speech major at North Texas State Teachers College, Denton, Texas, is Vice-President. She is chairman of the worship committee of the Wesley Foundation at North Texas State.

Secretary-Treasurer is Gene Sorley, a sophomore at Texas Technological College, Lubbock, Texas, who is president of the Wesley Foundation and Alpha Eta chapter of Wesley Players there.

National advisors are Harold Ehrensperger, editorial secretary, Hiel D. Bollinger, secretary, and Harvey Brown, associate secretary, Department of Student Work, Division of Educational Institutions, General Board of Education; and Mrs. Ruth Winfield Love, instructor of speech at Scarritt College.

### HOW THE LIGHTS WERE TURNED ON

By E. HAROLD MOHN

IT happened in Lakeland. The night could not have been darker for the lights had all gone out, nor could it have been hotter, even in Florida, on a Sunday night in June.

In spite of the heat and the blackout, the auditorium, packed with people, was radiant in the light of a thousand happy faces and so charged with excitement that everyone forgot to be uncomfortable.

This is how it all happened.

Two missionaries to Cuba, the Reverend and Mrs. John Stroud, were on the platform. Simply and briefly they had told their story about a Christian ministry to 4,000 children on the island of Cuba and explained that the lack of medical supplies and additional equipment constituted the difference between life and death for hundreds more. Mr. Stroud had challenged, "Methodism could change the character of the island of Cuba in five years if we but had the resources in men and money."

Then the lights went out.

Everyone knew they would come on again, but only a few realized how they would come on.

Chairman Dr. P. M. Boyd of Jacksonville, Florida, called out in the darkness, "Why not meet this challenge with *Missionary Specials*? My church will pledge \$250 for one month's medical supplies."

Immediately from the audience another gift of \$250 was pledged for the second month of the year and then Dr. John Branscomb suggested that the pledges start with January and since February also was provided, his church in Orlando would be responsible for March.

From the audience came voices out of the night—"My birthday is in June. We will take that month for my church." Someone had a birthday in May and challenged the hold-

er to make room for his church in that month. So these eager voices sparkled in the darkness until one could feel, if not actually see, the faces of a thousand people illumined with the light of the gospel of the Son of Righteousness.

What a story! Before the electric lights could be turned on again 24 months of medical supplies had been provided for the work of the Strouds in Cuba. The total was \$6,000 in extra Specials.

But that is not the end of the story. The Florida Conference had already reported an increase in World Service giving of 33 1-3% with a surplus of \$7,000 beyond that. It had reported one-fourth as much remitted in cash for Specials in the first year of The Advance, as it had given in the last quadrennium to the Crusade for Christ. It had given more than \$16,000 to the Week of Dedication.

There is no end to such a story. There never is. All we need is to have a story to tell and then tell it. Life is a story-book in which the actors never grow up. Always we are children both in our eagerness to hear its stories and to have a part in them. To share with others the good news of the Gospel in the midst of the world's evil does far more than logic, or even theology, to hasten the coming of the Kingdom of God.

It is time to tell the story. The story will bear its own message most effectively. Laymen want to hear it and they will heed.

The Advance for Christ and His Church will be hastened when more Strouds are given the chance to tell the story of Christ's love and of His redeeming power.

"An overwhelming proportion of 'juvenile' delinquency is taught in the home."—Judge W. Alexander.

### BOARD OF LAY ACTIVITIES TO HOLD ANNUAL MEETING

The 10th annual meeting of the General Board of Lay Activities of The Methodist Church will be held in the Congress Hotel, Chicago, July 12-14, with President Ray H. Nichols, Vernon, Texas, presiding.

Prominent leaders of the church will address the meeting, significant over-all goals for laymen's work will be presented, and six vacancies on the board will be filled.

Chilton G. Bennett, executive secretary, will present his first annual report in that office and will give the closing address. Other members of the secretarial staff are also scheduled to present brief reports and to speak on special points of emphasis in the work of the board.

Six bishops are slated as speakers. Bishop Costen J. Harrell of Charlotte, N. C., will speak on The Advance for Christ and His Church, and Bishop Dana Dawson of Topeka, Kansas, will talk on "The Challenge of the Post-War World." Devotional addresses will be given by Bishop Marshall R. Reed, Detroit; Bishop Glenn R. Phillips, Denver; Bishop Marvin A. Franklin, Jackson, Miss.; and Bishop W. Earl Ledden, Syracuse, N. Y.

Other speakers include Dr. Ralph Stody of New York City, executive director of Methodist Information; Dr. George L. Morelock of Evanston, Ill., executive secretary emeritus of the board; Dr. Harry C. Spencer of New York City, representing the Methodist Radio and Film Commission; Dr. D. Stewart Patterson, Washington, D. C.; and Robert G. Mayfield of Lebanon, Mo.

Associate secretaries of the board who are to speak and present reports are: W. Rolfe Brown, James H. Touchstone, E. Lamont Geissing-er, and Shelby E. Southard.

Come unto me all ye that labor and are heavy laden and I will give you rest.—Matt. 11:28.

### SHAWANO, WISC., CHURCH INCREASES WORLD SERVICE GIVING 233%

Dr. Karl P. Meister, Executive Secretary of the Board of Hospitals and Homes of The Methodist Church, while filling the roll of guest pastor recently at First Methodist Church, Shawano, Wisc., was enthused to find that this church, whose minister is the Rev. Warren N. Ware, has completed all its work for the conference year in finances in the process of which there was established a record of an increase in World Service giving of 233 per cent above last year.

"It was done because we needed to do it," says Mr. Ware. "I preached on stewardship, on missions, and made some suggestions from the pulpit as to proportionate giving. We sent out a letter and enclosed World Service envelopes. But I never asked my people to do what I am unwilling to do myself. All of us simply moved up to a line where many of the brethren are already pulling."

### VACATION SCHOOL AT CONCORD

Under the leadership of Mrs. Alfred Clement a very successful Vacation Bible School has been held at Concord. Methodist Church, Austin Circuit.

Thirty children were enrolled in this school. Seventeen were in regular attendance the eight days.

Judy Pat Clement and Mrs. Ed Begeman were the pianists.

Department Superintendents and teachers were: Beginners, Mrs. Edward Wilson and Abbie Ruth Wilson; Primary, Mrs. Joe DePriest and Mrs. John DePriest; Juniors, Mrs. Ellis Martineau and Myrtle Frances Rowley.

The school closed with the children giving a program of the fine work they had done.—Mrs. John DePriest, Reporter.



# THE CHILDREN'S PAGE

ANNIE WINBURNE, Editor



## IN STORYLAND

### MOM'S RED BEADS

By Helen Ramsay

It was Saturday morning and Bobby and his red cocker, Skippy, had walked all over town, but nobody had a job for a five-year-old boy and his dog.

"Aw, Skippy, tomorrow's Mom's birthday and I haven't any money to buy her a present."

The dog nosed up to Bobby and rubbed against his Saturday morning overalls.

He sat down sadly on the steps of Mr. Newton's new house. Skippy put his paws on Bob's knees and gave his hand a lick. "Don't worry, Bobby, we'll get something," he seemed to say.

Mr. Newton's house was a new one and hadn't been lived in yet. They hadn't planted any grass or garden and there was nothing but sand all around it.

Skippy ran to the sand pile and dug so fast the sand flew out behind him like a big cloud.

"Got a bone, Skippy?" Bobby called out.

Skippy stopped digging and pulled something out of the sand. Then he carried it to Bobby in his mouth.

"Whew! A wallet!" He looked inside. "Money! Oh, Boy!" He hugged Skippy tight. "Good old Skippy. Now we can buy those red beads for Mom's birthday present."

Suddenly he remembered the time when Mom made him give Mrs. Moore the money he'd found in her garden. He'd said, "Loser's seekers and finder's keepers." But Mom had told him that wasn't right and it wasn't his money even if he did find it.

He looked at the wallet in his hand. "Guess we'll have to take it to the radio station, they'll find out who owns it. Now we can't buy Mom's red beads," he said sadly.

When the man in the radio station opened the wallet, he whistled.

"Whew! Sonny, this is a lot of money. The card in it says Mr. Newton, and he is in the station right now. You'll get a reward for this."

"What's a reward, Mister?"

"It's thank you money."

"You mean he'll give me money for bringing it here?"

"Yes, didn't you know that?"

When Bobby shook his head, the man said, "You're a good kid to bring it back."

"Yes, that's mine," Mr. Newton said. "Where did you find it? In the sand pile at my new house! I thought I lost it somewhere around that house. Do you know there's *One Hundred Dollars* in this wallet!"

He took ten dollars out of the wallet and gave it to Bobby.

Bobby's eyes opened wide. "For me? Oh, thank you, sir!"

The first thing he did was to run to the jewelry store and buy Mom's red beads. Then he and Skippy ran all the way home.

"Here's a birthday present, Mom, and here's the change."

"Where did you get all this money?" his mother asked in surprise.

"Skippy found a wallet in the



## FUN FOR THE FAMILY

*Our family likes the summer  
With all its time for play,  
And we like to have an outing  
At the end of a busy day.*

*We pack a lunch for a jaunt in the park,  
The trip is never too hard,  
Or sometimes we spread right there at home  
On a table in our back yard.—A.E.W.*

## FATHER

*Fathers are large people  
Who frequently declare  
That "other children" eat their meals  
And sit straight on a chair.  
"Other children" wash their hands  
According to my Father.  
They never yell, or lose their hats  
Or fight, or be a bother.  
"Other children," Father says  
- Speak when they're spoken to;  
They answer "Please" and "Thank  
you"  
The way I'm s'posed to do.  
I'm sorry for my Father,  
Just as sorry as can be;  
He knows such lovely children,  
'Nen gets stuck with one like me.*

—Zoa Sherburne, Pen.

The warden of a large prison was escorting a party of 5 M P's through the institution. They passed through a room where two women were busy sewing.

As they went out of this room, one of the M P's said: "My what hard-looking women! What are they in for?"

With ice in his voice the warden replied: "They are here because they have no other home. That is our private living room, and they are my wife and mother-in-law."—Efficiency Magazine.

sand. It had *One Hundred Dollars* in it and the man gave me Ten Dollars for bringing it back."

His mother hugged him tight. She didn't say anything, but Bobby knew she was happy because he'd taken the wallet to the owner.—In the United Church Observer, Canada.

## JUST FOR FUN

Mrs. Forsythe: "What are you doing?"

Vi: I'm writing to my girl.

Mrs. Forsythe: But why are you writing so slow?

Vi: She can't read very fast.

Talent Scout: "I'm looking for fresh faces."

Bystander: "Well, don't look at me. I've had this one for years."

"Why do you wear such loud socks?"

"To keep my feet from going to sleep."

"My boy had his nose broken in three plices."

"That'll teach him to keep out of those places."

Late for Sunday school, a small boy stood up before the class to explain the reason for his tardiness. "I tried to go fishing," he said, "but Daddy wouldn't let me."

"You're lucky to have a father like that," replied the Sunday school teacher. "Did he tell why you shouldn't go fishing this morning?"

"Yes, ma'am," whined the lad. "He said he was sorry but that there wasn't enough bait for both of us!"—Henry A. Courtney, Country Gentleman.

"Who was the first man?" asked the visiting school inspector.

"Adam" chorused a number of boys.

"Who," went on the inspector

## IN THE WORLD OF BOYS AND GIRLS

### THE BIRD'S BATH

By Dora Lawrence Cameron

*The little birds chirp in the trees,  
"We want a bath, oh, please, oh please.*

*We've had so very far to fly  
And it was dusty, hot, and dry.*

*Just any pan or any dish  
Where we can bathe is all we wish;  
For towel or soap we have no need  
Nor bathing suit; oh, no, indeed.*

*Make us a bath; all summer long  
We'll sing to you our sweetest song;  
Out on the air our songs will go.  
We'll be your little radio.—In Our Dumb Animals.*

### THE WONDERFUL TOY-TREE

*Upon a strange island far over the sea*

*There grows a most truly remarkable tree.*

*Its branches are laden with every toy*

*That was ever desired by a girl or a boy.*

*Motor cars, tricycles, stout teddy-bears,*

*Dolls' houses furnished with tables and chairs.*

*Humming-tops, spyglasses, wee fluff-chicks,*

*Jumping Jacks, clockwork toys, monkeys on sticks.*

*I think of my friends, how delighted they'll be*

*If I bring them some toys from this wonderful tree.*

*So I seize the tree's trunk and I give it a shake.*

*But when the toys tumble—alas, I awake!—The Children's Newspaper.*

"was the first woman?"

"Eve!" came the general shout. "Who was the meekest man," went on the inspector.

"Moses," came the reply. "And who was the meekest woman?" the inspector continued.

The class was silent. The children looked blankly at one another, but none answered. Finally a grimy little hand went up.

"Well, and who was it?" asked the inspector.

"There wasn't any," came the boy's reply. — Montreal (Canda) Star.

Little Kathryn, who was driving through the country with her uncle, clamored to be taken back to the city. For her there was nothing to see in the country. "Why," said her uncle, trying to distract her attention, "see all the pretty cows over in the pasture; and they can't hurt you because there is a fence around them."

Kathryn was silent a moment, and then expressed her skepticism. "Huh," she said. "A cow jumped over the moon once."

The big firecracker boasted to the little firecracker: "My pop's bigger than your pop."—Hartford Steam Boiler Inspection and Ins. Co.



# North Arkansas Conference Pastors' Reports



**GRAVETTE:** Arnold Simpson, pastor. Members received by transfer 8, and on profession of faith 6. Salaries and World Service 100 per cent. Charge paid increased Askings on World Service. Raised on building fund \$7,500.00. New parsonage completed.

**MARSHALL:** O. L. Cole, pastor. Members received by transfer 2, and on profession of faith 3. Salaries and World Service 100 per cent. Charge paid increased Askings on World Service. Raised for Advance specials \$75.00. Paid for improvements on parsonage \$350.00. A 5 per cent increase in Church School attendance.

**HARDY:** G. A. Freeman, pastor. Members received by transfer 9, and on profession of faith 1. Salaries and World Service 100 per cent. Charge paid increased Askings on World Service. Paid for improvements on church \$503.00 and on parsonage \$393.00. A 10 per cent increase in Church School enrollment and attendance.

**KENSETT:** F. M. Stage, Jr., pastor. Members received by transfer 5, and on profession of faith 2. Salaries and World Service 100 per cent. Charge paid increased Askings on World Service. Charge raised \$150.00 for Advance specials. Paid for improvements on church \$350.00 and on parsonage \$1,300.00.

**ROGERS:** James T. Randle, pastor. Members received by transfer 27, and on profession of faith 16. Salaries and World Service 100 per cent. Charge paid increased Askings on World Service. Raised on building fund \$3,000.00. A 10 per cent increase in Church School attendance.

**ZIBLER-MOUNTAIN VIEW:** M. B. Short, pastor. Salaries and World Service 100 per cent. Charge paid increased Askings on World Service. Raised for Advance specials \$60.00. Paid for improvements on church \$1800.00 and on parsonage \$100.00. A 10 per cent increase in Church School enrollment.

**ELM SPRINGS-HARMON:** Charles Wages, pastor. Members received by transfer 10, and on profession of faith 11. Salaries 110 per cent and World Service 115 per cent. Charge paid increased Askings on World Service. Paid for improvements on church \$800.00 and on parsonage \$150.00. Increase of 10 per cent in Church School enrollment and attendance.

**VELLVILLE:** Glenn Bruner, pastor. Members received by transfer 7, and on profession of faith 8. Salaries and World Service 100 per cent. Charge paid increased Askings on World Service. Paid for improvement on church \$2,000.00. A 10 per cent increase in Church School enrollment.

**CABOT:** C. W. Good, pastor. Members received by transfer 11, and on profession of faith 7. Salaries and World Service 100 per cent. Charge paid increased Askings on World Service. Paid for Advance specials \$180.00. Paid for improvements on church \$250.00. Raised on debt retirement \$825.00.

**LAKE STREET, BLYTHEVILLE:** Theron McKisson, pastor. Members received by transfer 6, and on profession of faith 12. Salaries and World Service 100 per cent. Paid for improvements on church \$12,000.00. A 20 per cent increase in Church School enrollment and attendance. A new educational building near completion.

**WILSON:** H. Lynn Wade, pastor. World Service quota was accepted and paid. All salaries were paid in full for the seven months. \$3000.00 was paid on the church debt. Repairs were made on organ and memorial chimes were added which cost \$2500.00. A helpful revival was held following Easter. Nine members were added by vows and fifteen by certificate.

**FIRST CHURCH, HEBER SPRINGS:** Hubert E. Pearce, pastor. Members received by transfer 15, and on profession of faith 11. Salaries 100 per cent and World Service 100 per cent plus. Charge paid increased Askings on World Service. Raised for Advance specials \$375.00. Paid for improvements on church \$3500.00 and on parsonage \$125.00.

**OSCEOLA:** H. J. Couchman, pastor. Members received by transfer 21, and on profession of faith 20. Salaries and World Service 100 per cent. Charge paid increased Askings on World Service. Charge raised for Advance specials \$1,680.00. Raised on building fund \$35,000.00. A 10 per cent increase in Church School enrollment and a 15 per cent increase in attendance. Advance for Christ quota in full.

**FIRST CHURCH, RECTOR:** Jesse J. Decker, pastor. Members received by transfer 3, and on profession of faith 11. Salaries and World Service 100 per cent. Charge paid increased Askings on World Service. Charge raised \$57.00 for Advance specials. Paid for improvements on church \$1,000.00. Raised on debt retirement \$5,500.00. Increased attendance at all worship services.

**MADISON COUNTY:** Kermit VanZant, pastor. Members received by transfer 2, and on profession of faith 6. Salaries 100 per cent and World Service 100 per cent plus. Charge paid increased Askings on World Service. Charge raised \$15.00 for Advance specials. Raised on debt retirement \$1,250.00. Raised on building fund \$3,000.00. New pews in Huntsville church. Sanctuary finished.

**ST. PAUL'S, FT. SMITH:** John Bayliss, pastor. Members received by transfer 43, and on profession of faith 24. Salaries and World Service 100 per cent. Charge paid increased Askings on World Service. Charge raised \$222.00 for Advance specials. Paid for improvements on church \$23,000.00. A 28 per cent increase in Church School enrollment, and a 17 per cent increase in attendance.

**EAST VAN BUREN-NEW HOPE:** Floyd G. Villines, Jr., pastor. Members received by transfer 12, and on profession of faith 30. Salaries and World Service 100 per cent. Charge paid increased Askings on World Service plus. Raised for Advance specials \$107.00. Paid for improvements on church \$6,698.00 and on parsonage \$50.00. A 22 per cent increase in Church School attendance. Thirty-five credits received at Ft. Smith District Training School.

**LEPANTO:** Irl Bridenthal, pastor. Members received by transfer 12, and on profession of faith 5. Salaries and World Service 100 per cent. Charge paid increased Askings on World Service. Paid \$50.00 for Week of Dedication which was the charge's quota. Paid for improvements on church \$4,970.00 and on parsonage \$200.00. Raised on debt retirement \$2,500.00. A 10 per cent increase in Church School enrollment and a 40 per cent increase in Church School attendance. Men's Fellowship organized with a membership of 60. 153 new Methodist Hymnals bought.

**RUSSELLVILLE:** Wm. F. Cooley, pastor. Members received by transfer 29, and on profession of faith 10. Salaries and World Service 100 per cent. Charge paid increased Askings on World Service. Charge raised \$430.00 for Advance specials. Raised on building fund \$2500.00. A 16 per cent increase in Church School enrollment. An associate pastor and full-time church secretary are in the plans for next year in addition to an extensive program of reconditioning the sanctuary. \$400.00 of the budget is being used in rural churches in addition to the service of the associate pastor in serving two rural churches in the neighborhood.

**BENTONVILLE:** Alf A. Eason, pastor. Members received by transfer 16, and on profession of faith 22. Salaries and World Service 100 per cent. Charge paid increased Askings on World Service. Paid for improvements on church \$100.00 and on parsonage \$25.00. Raised on building fund \$5,916.00. A 5 per cent increase in Church School attendance. Active Intermediate, Youth and Young Adult Fellowships. During the year a Junior Board of Stewards was organized and is functioning in a splendid manner. The youth on this board conduct all financial campaigns for the Children's and Youth Divisions. A new church is in prospect in the near future.

**WEST MEMPHIS:** Harold Eggenberger, pastor. Members received by transfer 43, and on profession of faith 27. Salaries and World Service 100 per cent. Charge paid increased Askings on World Service. Raised on debt retirement \$14,500.00 which paid debt in full, an 11 per cent increase in Church School attendance. Active Methodist Men's Fellowship. 46 training credits. Week of Dedication offering \$140.00. Organized new Methodist Men's Class. Assisting Hulbert Church with their program. Vacation Church School for four departments (or age groups) with an enrollment of 120. Have invited the Bishop to dedicate church during the coming year.

**BRINKLEY:** Jesse L. Johnson, pastor. Members received by transfer 29, and on profession of faith 31. Salaries 111 per cent and World Service 100 per cent. Charge paid increased Askings on World Service. Raised \$262.00 for Advance specials. Paid for improvements on church \$200.00 and on parsonage \$1600.00. Raised on debt retirement \$1500.00. A 10 per cent increase in Church School enrollment and a 15 per cent increase in attendance. Organized a Wesleyan Service Guild and a Methodist Men's Club. Week of Dedication offering \$212.00. Methodist Children's Home offering \$200.00. Organized a new Methodist Youth Sub-district for Brinkley area. Held a successful 10-day Vacation Church School.

**MOUNTAIN VIEW:** W. Maurice Lanier, pastor. Members received by transfer 5, 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 \$12.00 and on parsonage \$162.00. An 18 per cent increase in Church School enrollment and a 1 per cent increase in attendance. A new class for young adults was organized at the beginning of the Conference year which has strengthened the church. Two helpful training courses: In December Rev. Alfred Knox taught "Stewardship." In April Mrs. E. D. Lewis taught "Church School Materials." The Parish Cultivation Plan is used which places "The Upper Room" in every church home. Church School has recently started placing the "Christian Home" in the hands of parents of children and youth.

**FIRST CHURCH, NORTH LITTLE ROCK:** James W. Workman, pastor. Members received on profession of faith 41, and by transfer 50. Salaries and World Service 100 per cent. Charge paid increased Askings on World Service. Paid on church \$21,120.00. \$148,000.00 including cash and site for new church \$68,000.00 additional pledges payable over two year on new church. Every home of paying members receives Arkansas Methodist. Church School attendance has held up well with five different locations caring for the Sunday sessions. New church site has \$3000.00 installation of lights on church's softball field and playground. The 3-acre site for the new church will accommodate over 300 cars for off-street parking. Sanctuary, chapel, offices, hilltop floor and the lower floor banquet hall and adult division floor are ground level entrances without stairs.

## METHODIST HEADS ASSOCIATION

Rev. Gertrude L. Apel, a Methodist interdenominational leader, has been elected president of the Association of Council Secretaries, representing more than 700 national, state, and local councils of churches and councils of religious education. Miss Apel is general secretary of the Washington State Council of Churches and Christian Education, Seattle.

Other Methodists elected at the recent annual meeting at Lake Geneva, Wis., include:

Rev. Z. B. Edworthy, executive secretary of the West Virginia Council of Churches and Christian Education, Charleston, as historian.

Miss Jennie M. Doidge, executive director, Bridgeport (Conn.) Council for inter-Church Cooperation, a member of the executive committee.

Miss Doidge received a certificate of honor for having been employed for 20 years in interdenominational work. A similar honor also went to Rev. Harold L. Gilmore, executive secretary of the Denver (Colo.) Council of Churches, also a Methodist minister.

# Little Rock Conference Golden Cross Offering

(The following amounts were received between May 8 and June 23 in the office of the treasurer as Golden Cross offerings from the charges indicated.)

<b>ARKADELPHIA DISTRICT:</b>		
ARKADELPHIA		500.00
ARKADELPHIA CIRCUIT:		
Hollywood	10.00	
Hart's Chapel	10.00	
Mt. Zion	1.00	21.00
BENTON		
CARTHAGE-TULIP:		
Carthage	9.00	
Cypress	3.00	12.00
COUCHWOOD CIRCUIT:		
Magnet Cove	11.00	
Butterfield	10.00	
Rockport	5.00	26.00
DALARK CIRCUIT:		
Dalark	12.00	
Bethlehem	8.00	
Manchester	20.00	40.00
FOUNTAIN LAKE		
FRIENDSHIP CIRCUIT:		
Bismark		8.46
HOT SPRINGS:		
FIRST CHURCH	750.00	
GRAND AVENUE	280.00	
OAKLAWN	146.00	
PULLMAN HEIGHTS	100.00	
TIGERT MEMORIAL	10.00	
MORNING STAR	2.00	1288.00
HOT SPRINGS CIRCUIT:		
Bethlehem	15.00	
Mountain Pine	4.00	
New Salem	10.00	
Gum Springs	2.50	31.50
LEOLA CIRCUIT:		
Leola	9.64	
Hunter's Chapel	5.60	
Toler's Chapel	7.76	23.00
MALVERN:		
FIRST CHURCH	206.48	206.48
JONES HILL		13.00
PINEY GROVE		15.00
PRINCETON CIRCUIT:		
Macedonia	11.00	
Princeton	1.00	
Zion	1.00	13.00
SPARKMAN-SARDIS:		
Sparkman	11.10	
Sardis	52.00	63.10
TRASKWOOD CIRCUIT:		
Traskwood	21.00	21.00
HOLLYWOOD SPRINGS CIRCUIT:		
Holly Springs	10.00	
Mt. Carmel	11.69	21.69
TOTAL .....		
\$2470.23		
<b>CAMDEN DISTRICT:</b>		
BEARDEN	14.00	14.00
CAMDEN:		
FIRST CHURCH	618.00	
FAIRVIEW	72.50	
TIMOTHY	15.00	705.50
CENTENNIAL CIRCUIT:		
Centennial	10.00	
Calion	8.50	18.50
CHIDESTER CIRCUIT:		
Chidester		20.00
EL DORADO:		
FIRST CHURCH	1380.00	
VANTREASE MEM.	100.00	1480.00
EMERSON CIRCUIT		
JUNCTION CITY		12.50
HARMONY GROVE CIRCUIT:		
Buena Vista	25.00	
Harmony Grove	20.00	
Lakeside	5.00	
West Side	10.00	60.00
FORDYCE		
HAMPTON-HARRELL:		
Harrell		20.00
HUTTIG		
Bolding	40.00	
	10.00	50.00
KINGSLAND		
		21.00

LOUANN CIRCUIT:		
Louann	24.00	
Silver Hill	10.00	34.00
MAGNOLIA:		
FIRST CHURCH	118.37	
JACKSON STREET	42.00	160.37
MAGNOLIA CIRCUIT		
MARYSVILLE CIRCUIT:		
Marysville	12.00	
Brewer	15.25	
Fredonia	27.00	54.25
NORPHLET CIRCUIT:		
Norphlet	20.00	
Quinn	16.00	
Ebenezer	10.00	46.00
PARKER'S CHAPEL		
PLEASANT GROVE		
SMACKOVER	29.33	
STEPHENS	50.00	
STRONG CIRCUIT:	75.30	
Strong	35.00	
Rhodes Chapel	25.00	60.00
THORNTON CIRCUIT:		
Thornton	7.47	
Temperance Hill & Chambersville	27.00	34.47
VILLAGE CIRCUIT:		
Village	25.00	
Dumas Memorial	15.00	
Ebenezer	17.00	
Lydesdale	17.00	74.00
WALDO		
WILLISVILLE		
	33.30	
	10.00	
TOTAL .....		
\$3164.14		
<b>LITTLE ROCK DISTRICT:</b>		
AUSTIN CIRCUIT		
BAUXITE	23.50	
BRYANT CIRCUIT:		
Bryant	20.00	
Mt. Carmel	23.00	
Salem	25.00	68.00
DES ARC		
DOUGLASVILLE		
DE VALLS BLUFF	37.00	
ENGLAND	50.00	
GEYER SPRINGS	5.00	
HAZEN	172.60	
KEO-TOMBERLIN CIRCUIT:	13.30	
Keo	60.00	
Tomberlin	15.00	
Humnoke	10.00	40.00
HICKORY PLAINS CIRCUIT		
LITTLE ROCK:	5.00	
ASBURY	580.00	
FIRST CHURCH	521.35	
FOREST PARK	17.55	
HIGHLAND	69.75	
HENDERSON	86.00	
HUNTER MEMORIAL	27.06	
OAK FOREST	11.00	
28th STREET	30.00	
CAPITOL VIEW	30.00	
PULASKI HEIGHTS	63.00	
WINFIELD	302.15	1737.86
LONOKE		
MABELVALE	35.00	
MOUNTAIN VIEW	30.00	
PRIMROSE	5.00	
	35.00	
TOTAL .....		
\$2342.26		
<b>MONTICELLO DISTRICT:</b>		
ARKANSAS CITY-KELSO:		
Kelso	16.00	16.00
DERMOTT		
DREW CIRCUIT	91.50	
EUDORA	35.35	
DUMAS	40.00	
FOUNTAIN HILL CIRCUIT:	50.00	
Fountain Hill	17.60	
Mt. Taber	5.00	
Extra	6.10	
Hickory Grove	5.10	
Walters Chapel	3.20	37.00
HAMBURG		
McGEHEE	38.00	
MONTICELLO	100.00	
MONTROSE	200.00	
NEW EDINBURG CIRCUIT:	50.00	
New Edinburg	16.50	

HERMITAGE CIRCUIT:		
Hermitage	7.25	
Martin's Chapel	8.75	
Jersey	12.00	
Ingalls	4.00	32.00
PORTLAND		
WARREN		220.00
WATSON		114.00
WILMAR CIRCUIT:		24.00
Andrew's Chapel		12.50
Parkdale		38.00
TOTAL .....		
\$1114.85		
<b>PINE BLUFF DISTRICT:</b>		
ALMYRA		
ALTHEIMER		20.00
BAYOU METO CIRCUIT:		63.50
Bayou Meto	34.00	
Lodge's Corner	23.00	
Brewer's Chapel	7.65	64.65
DE WITT		
GRADY		120.00
GOULD		25.00
GILLETTE		5.00
GOODFAITH		100.00
HUMPHREY		20.00
LAKE VILLAGE		28.50
LINCOLN COUNTY CIRCUIT:		6.00
Glendale		2.50
LITTLE PRAIRIE CIRCUIT		33.02
RISON		7.15
PINE BLUFF:		
CARR MEMORIAL	50.00	
HAWLEY MEMORIAL	25.00	
LAKESIDE	208.00	283.00
PINE BLUFF CIRCUIT:		
Sulphur Springs		6.70
ROE CIRCUIT:		
Roe		12.00
SHERRILL-TUCKER:		
Sherrill	27.00	
Tucker	13.00	40.00
STAR CITY		
ST. CHARLES CIRCUIT:		
St. Charles		25.00
STUTTGART:		
FIRST CHURCH	250.00	
GRAND AVENUE	359.00	609.00
SWAN LAKE		
WABBASEKA		
		25.00
		39.06
TOTAL .....		
\$1554.08		
<b>PRESCOTT DISTRICT:</b>		
AMITY CIRCUIT:		
Amity	3.00	
Thompson Chapel	5.00	8.00
BINGEN CIRCUIT:		
Bingen	3.61	
Doyle	3.00	6.61
BLEVINS CIRCUIT:		
Blevins	10.00	
Macedonia	2.00	12.00
DELIGHT CIRCUIT:		
Delight	81.20	
Antoine	11.00	
Saline	15.25	107.45
DIERKS		
EMMETT		31.00
FORESTER CIRCUIT		41.25
GURDON		25.00
GLENWOOD		100.00
HOPE		50.00
LANGLEY CIRCUIT:		750.00
Langley Church		8.00
MINERAL SPRINGS CIRCUIT:		
Ozan		2.00
MURFREESBORO		60.00
MT. IDA		27.70
NASHVILLE		150.00
OKOLONA CIRCUIT:		
Okolona	19.10	
Bierne	7.00	
Center Grove	10.25	
Trinity	6.50	42.85
PRESCOTT		
WASHINGTON CIRCUIT:		
Washington		51.55
TOTAL .....		
\$1493.41		

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**REPORT OF A CARAVAN**

By Jim Clemons, Wynne, Arkansas

(This is the first in a series of reports on this caravan.)

We are one of 14 Methodist Youth Caravans which has left the Oskaloosa, Iowa, Training Center after ten days of intensive training on the purpose and organization of the MYF, and how to work with young people and their adult counselors so that they might in turn strengthen their own youth departments. Our team is composed of four Methodist youth from various parts of the United States, and an adult counselor, who resides in the conference in which we will work. Our names and home addresses are: Nola Smee, our counselor, Clay Center, Kansas; June Manley, Sharpsburg, Kentucky; Pat Ponders, Bernie, Missouri; Arnie Jantzen, Waterton, South Dakota; and Jim Clemons, Wynne, Arkansas.

We just arrived at Clay Center to spend a day with Nola's parents. Our purposes in coming here were to relax after 10 days mental labor, to put together the ideas we have formed separately in our classes, and to plan our work for our first assignment, Long Island, Kansas. Yesterday we were in Salina for a training institute of the Central Kansas Conference, where we met several ministers and young people with whom we will be working this summer.

If we were to write of all the experiences we shared at Training Center, we would almost have a full volume. However, we would like to mention a few of those experiences which we will never forget.

One of the most striking things we remember is the wide range of states which were represented by the Caravaners. There were youth from Louisiana, Texas, Oklahoma, Nebraska, Ohio, Illinois, Pennsylvania, New York, Delaware, the Virginias, North Carolina, Tennessee, Georgia, Florida, Mississippi, and even Hawaii, by a boy who is attending Boston University.

We remember, too, the efficient faculty which was in charge of the Training Center. From them, we learned not only of our particular areas of work, but also how we could apply what we had learned to various situations.

The reading of our appointments, the dedication and communion services at which we were commissioned as MYF Caravan teams, and the kind hospitality of the administration and students of William Penn College, are other highlights of the past 10 days. But the one thing which impresses us most when we think of those days is that the other youth we met there were of the highest spiritual and intellectual quality of any group of youth we had ever been privileged to meet

**Youth Caravan In Little Rock Conference**



A Youth Caravan is spending seven weeks in the Little Rock Conference this summer. The group is composed of: Miss Ruth Stewart, Arkadelphia, Counsellor; Miss Winona Bledsoe, Wichita, Kansas, Community Service and Evangelism; Miss Barbara Kirk, Oaltewah, Tennessee, Intermediates and Worship; Miss June Jackson, Atlanta, Georgia, Missions and World Friendship and Intermediates; Douglas Shepherd,

Huntington, West Virginia, Recreation.

The schedule for the Caravaners is as follows:  
Pine Bluff, June 27 to July 2.  
Camden, July 2 to July 9.  
Hope, July 9 to July 16.  
McGehee, July 16 to July 23.  
Hot Springs, July 23 to July 30.  
Fordyce, July 30 to August 6.  
Mena, August 6 to August 13.—Roy E. Fawcett.

and know.

Our assignment has been particularly interesting to us thus far, and shows signs of becoming more so as we continue with our work. On our way from Oskaloosa, it was thrilling for Pat, and myself to see for the first time, acres upon acres of wheat, and to see that wheat change from a color of pale green in Iowa, to one of a rich gold here in Kansas. Also, we met another type of "Caravan," one of cars and large trucks with combines on them, heading south to begin their march back north as the grain ripens. What better way could we learn of this important product? It certainly overshadows any pictures we might have been forced to use for learning.

Another very interesting point on our trip, and one which was not in the least anticipated by us, was our visit to General Dwight Eisenhower's birthplace in Abilene. A guided tour of this home was a very rare treat; it included such items of interest as the General's citations, a family commentary, written in 1658 in Germany, and many pictures.

This is the first taste of Caravaning any of us has experienced. We

**VACATION SCHOOL AT HARDY**

A successful Vacation Church School has just closed at the Methodist Church at Hardy. Under the leadership of the Board of Christian Education, the Vacation School was organized and began June 20th, continuing through July 1st.

Mrs. Sherman Bates, Mrs. Woodrow Wilson, Mrs. Fred Carter, and Mrs. Minnie Coger helped get it organized, selecting and getting teachers for the different groups, and seeing that refreshments were served at each morning session.

Workers in the school are: Misses Doris Walker and Peggy Boyce in the Nursery and Beginners Departments; Miss Norma Jean Viner in the Primary Department; Betty Jo Daugherty with the Juniors, and Miss Julia Ellen Gray with the Intermediates.

Invitation was extended to other churches and some of the children came from other churches; ladies from other churches also helped with the refreshments.

On the evening of the 24th, a Fellowship Supper was held at the church and a special program was rendered, in which the classes of the School took part.

At this supper the pastor of the church, Rev. and Mrs. G. A. Freeman were welcomed back for another year's work. Rev. A. N. Storey, district superintendent, was present and was chief speaker for the occasion. Delightful readings were given also by Mrs. Sherman Bates and Mrs. Thode. A guest of honor also was Mrs. A. E. Moore, mother of Mrs. G. A. Freeman. The bountiful supper and the delightful program was enjoyed by a crowd of people who filled the church.—Reporter.

**LISTS OF AUDIO-VISUAL RESOURCES**

Nashville, Tennessee—Lists of audio-visual resources that are recommended for use with Methodist Church School lessons and programs will be carried in Forecast beginning with October, 1949. This new feature is being carried in response to widespread demands for such listings. Materials are arranged with each unit of study for each of the various age groups. The materials recommended include records, flap pictures, maps, posters, filmstrips, slides, and motion pictures. Listings are based on the evaluation of such materials that have been made by the staff of the General Board of Education. Forecast is available to each pastor and church school superintendent through the nearest Methodist Publishing House.

teachers are not unwelcome in Communist territory and that Chinese college administrators believe such personnel will be permitted to enter.

**COLLEGES IN CHINA CARRY ON WORK**

NEW YORK—Recent cables from all eight of the Christian colleges now in Communist-occupied areas in China indicate that these mission-supported institutions are continuing their regular work with no essential changes in curriculum or personnel. The eight colleges are Cheeloo, Giling, Hangchow, Hau Chung, Nanking, St. John's, Soochow, and Yenching.

A report just issued here by the United Board for Christian Colleges in China, American headquarters for these colleges, states that these institutions "are coming through the turn-over relatively unscathed, and there is as yet no evidence that they will not be permitted to continue."

Recent requests have been received from Yanching University and the University of Nanking for new teachers to be sent to the field in time for the beginning of the fall semester. These requests, it is believed here, indicate that American

will close for now, with Nola preparing supper for her "family," to the tune of our "Caravan Song."

**LITTLE ROCK CONFERENCE GOLDEN CROSS OFFERING**

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**TEXARKANA DISTRICT:**

ASHDOWN	75.00
BRADLEY-GARLAND:	
Bradley	10.00
Garland	5.00
BUCKNER CIRCUIT:	22.39
Buckner	
COLUMBIA CIRCUIT:	
NEW HOPE	14.29
DE QUEEN	30.00
FOREMAN	30.54
HATFIELD CIRCUIT:	

Hatfield	8.80
Gillham	8.00
Wickes	5.00

HORATIO CIRCUIT:	
Horatio	15.00
Walnut Springs	5.00

LEWISVILLE	30.00
MENA	91.35

RICHMOND CIRCUIT:	
Wade's Chapel	15.00

STAMPS	30.00
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TEXARKANA:	
FIRST CHURCH	58.87
FAIRVIEW	29.20

TEXARKANA CIRCUIT	28.25
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**WILTON CIRCUIT:**

Wilton	12.30
Ogden	5.00
	17.30

TOTAL .....\$528.99

GRAND TOTAL RECEIVED TO DATE:	
ARKADELPHIA DISTRICT	\$2470.23
CAMDEN DISTRICT	3164.14
LITTLE ROCK DISTRICT	2342.26
MONTECELLO DISTRICT	1114.85
PINE BLUFF DISTRICT	1554.08
PRESCOTT DISTRICT	1493.41
TEXARKANA DISTRICT	528.99

GRAND TOTAL .....\$12,667.96  
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## LITTLE ROCK CONFERENCE CAMP

The second annual session of the camp for the Senior and Young People of the Little Rock Conference was held at Camp Couchdale, June 20-25. Two hundred and forty-six youth, between the ages of 15 and 23 attended the assembly.

"Faith in Action" was the camp theme, presented first each morning by Rev. J. E. Dunlap, and then discussed in the quest groups under the direction of student leaders and adult resource persons.

The campers observed a sacrificial meal at their noon hour on Thursday. The money which would have been spent on the regular meal was added to the freewill offering which made a total sum of \$270 to be used for overseas relief.

The Little Rock Conference was very fortunate in having Miss Ling Wei-Too, a deaconess from Huchow Institutional Church of Huchow Chekeang, China, as a special guest. Many of the campers said she was an inspiration to them. Miss Ling was kept busy answering questions and aiding the programs of the assembly. When asked about the camp, Miss Ling said "This is my first experience in a camp and I don't think I'll ever experience a better one. I am greatly inspired by the spirit of you young people." To show their love and appreciation to Miss Ling, they presented her with a love offering to help with her work or to use as she wishes.

The total conference pledge to the Methodist Youth Fund was \$3107. The individual pledges from each church were added and pledged by districts. Pine Bluff District led the Conference with a pledge of \$825.00.

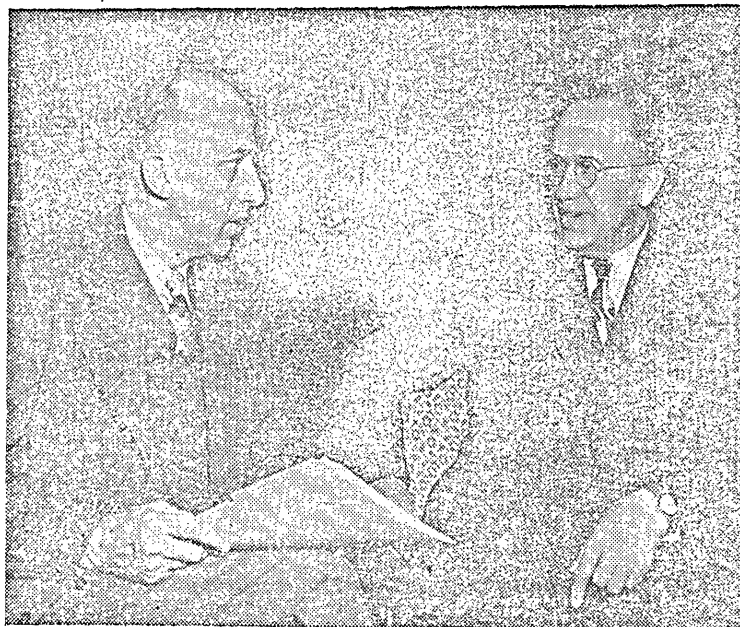
The climaxing highlight of the camp was a communion service at which fifteen young people dedicated their lives to full time vocational service in the church. With them fifteen young people re-dedicated their lives to full time service. Rev. C. W. Richards delivered the message at the candlelight service which was conducted at the lake front. This service was followed by a period of silence that was not broken until the following morning.

It is the hope of the campers that they will be able to come to the new camp for the next assembly.

The new officers of the Little Rock Conference were elected at the annual session of camp for the Seniors and Young People of the Conference, as follows:

President, Mary Ann Kincannon; Vice-President, Sue Taylor; Secretary, Louise Martel; Treasurer, Le Reoy Rackley; Publicity Chairman, Jo Claire Knoll; Recreation, Buzzy Teague; Community Service, Marvin Loyd; World Friendship, Howard Childs; Worship and Evangelism, Marion Sorrells; Board of Missions, Julia Kitchens, Dot Baber, Arthur Sears, John Butler Hays.—Jo Claire Knoll.

"We, all of us, tend to rise or fall together. If any of us go down, the whole nation sags a little; if any of us raise ourselves a little, then by just so much, the whole nation is raised."—Theodore Roosevelt.



Rev. Ira A. Brumley (right), North Arkansas Conference executive secretary and a member of the General Board of Education, is conferring with Dr. Leon M. Adkins, Schenectady, New York, at the recent meeting of the Board in Atlantic City.

## WINSLOW HOST TO ALFRED WASSON SUB-DISTRICT

The Winslow M. Y. F. was host to the June meeting of the Alfred Wasson Sub-District for its regular monthly meeting June 27. The Winslow M. Y. F. presented the worship program under the direction of Mrs. Wendell Barbaree. Miss Wilma Davis was in charge of the worship service which consisted of a solo, "My Task" by Miss Vera Jeanne Riddle, prayer by Rev. Wendell Barbaree, a group of hymns and an original playlet on Service Projects for Youth in 1949. Miss Edna Reed mentioned the activities and full time jobs available to Methodist young people in the service of the Church.

Following the worship service the business session was conducted with J. O. Kumpe, Jr., presiding. Miss Marcilene Tittle gave a report on the North Arkansas Youth Conference at Conway June 6-10, and J. O. Kumpe, Jr., reported on the Youth Rally held on Mt Sequoyah during Annual Conference. Mr. Tex Waggoner was introduced as the new Sub-District Counsellor and made a short talk on the future of the Sub-District. Announcement was made of the two camps to be held on Mt. Sequoyah, August 1-6 for the Methodist Youth of Fayetteville District, ages 12-17. Rev. Harold Womack is to be Dean of the Senior Camp, ages 15-16-17, and Rev. Lee Cate is to be dean of the Intermediate Camp, ages 12-13-14. Also announced was the Leadership Conference for Sub-District and District officers on Mt. Sequoyah August 9-19. Bentonville won the attendance banner.

Mrs. Wendell Barbaree directed the recreation following the business meeting. Contests were held between the pastors, the M. Y. F. presidents and secretaries. Refreshments of cold drinks and sandwiches were served to approximately 100 guests.—Jim Weaver, Reporter.

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

## NORTH ARKANSAS CONFERENCE BOARD OF EDUCATION NOTES

By Ira A. Brumley

### Children's Work Gets Good Beginning

Children's Work in the North Arkansas Conference for the new Conference year of 1949-50 makes good beginning with the State Children's Workers Conference held at Conway June 28-30, being attended by more than 60 people from the North Arkansas Conference.

Each of the eight District Directors of Children's Work and the two Associate District Directors attended this session. They are as follows: Mrs. Harold Riggs of Batesville; Mrs. George Avent and Mrs. John Warren of Conway; Mrs. Fay Reed of Fayetteville; Miss Anna Rose Miller and Frances Winters of Fort Smith; Mrs. W. P. Gibbs of Forrest City; Mrs. H. D. Castleberry of Jonesboro; Miss Fern Cook of Mamaduke; Mrs. Virgil Hanks of Beebe.

Other persons attending this meeting from the North Arkansas Conference are as follows: Mrs. Ira A. Brumley, Conway; Mrs. Ollie Hall, Mrs. G. A. McKee, Mrs. Earl Baker, Mrs. C. F. Shermer, and Mrs. J. O. Cook, Fort Smith; Mrs. E. Dolins, Miss Carletta Witt, and Mrs. Elsie Barfield, Paragould; Mrs. W. W. Mills, and Mrs. D. W. Gilbert, Jonesboro; Miss Patsy Holt, Miss Jean Boyd, Miss Adeline Dailey, Mrs. J. T. LaFerne, Mrs. Jack Myers, and Rev. Gerald Hammett, RCRae; Mrs. Jane Richardson, West Black Oak; Miss Agnes Williamson, Brinkley; Miss Helen Stephens, Mrs. Verlie Harris, Clinton; Mrs. W. W. Weidemeyer, Mrs. Paul Jones, Mrs. A. H. Dulaney, Miss Ethel Henderson, Miss Rose Norwine, Miss Dottie Watts, Mrs. R. L. Holloway, Mrs. J. S. Upton, and Mr. Mason E. Mitchell, Mrs. Thomas Richie, Miss Rachel Mitchell, Miss Mary Moore, Joe Fleming, Conway; Mrs. L. N. Mahar, Crawfordsville; Mrs. Amos Walker, Marion; Mrs. A. T. Bell, Lepanto; Mrs. Kenneth Owens, Batesville; Mrs. Sid Roberts, Rogers; Mrs. Ralph Read, Miss Jean Read, and

## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL AT OAKLAWN

The Oaklawn Methodist Church, Hot Springs, of which Dr. J. A. Wade is pastor, held a two-weeks' Vacation Bible School this year closing on June 24 with a picnic on the church lawn for the children. There were ninety-three pupils enrolled and fifteen workers. Mrs. R. M. Love was the director of the school. Mrs. Donald Wayman was director of the Beginners with Mrs. Sam Sexton and Mrs. Noble Mullins as helpers. Mrs. George E. Leslie was the director of the Primary girls with Miss Patsy Lee Shirley and Miss Dorothy Baftgis as helpers. Miss Emma Sue Smith and Mrs. Howard Hooker directed the Junior boys with Mrs. A. W. Small and Miss Margaret Ann Mills as their helpers. The Juniors were under the direction of Mrs. Roscoe Davis and Mrs. John Bass with Mrs. Jake Poe and Mrs. W. E. Magby as helpers. Miss Patsy Lee Shirley was the pianist for the school.

The average attendance for the two weeks was 73. The closing exercises were held in the church auditorium on Sunday evening, June 26, when certificates were awarded to some ninety-one pupils many of whom had perfect attendance for the two weeks. The auditorium was crowded to its capacity to hear the program and see the work of these children which marked a forward step in their religious educational development.—Reporter.

Mrs. H. J. Reeder, Helena; Mrs. Gene Gregory, and Mrs. R. A. Dorman, Levy; Mrs. Carl Meeker, Harrison; Mrs. David C. Conyers, Ozark; Miss Emma Latimer, and Mrs. Brantley, Vilonia; Mrs. Stanley Haney, Atkins; Mrs. Fred Thompson, Naylor; Mrs. Keiley, Mt. Vernon; Mrs. W. W. Kochler, and Mrs. L. H. Priest, North Little Rock; Mrs. J. Albert Gatlin, Searcy; Mrs. Clelice Jones, Batesville.

The interest shown in the Conference meeting throughout the entire two days was most encouraging.

Plans were being made for extensive programs in the children's division of local churches.

A number of children's workers from the Conference are planning to attend the Leadership School at Mt. Sequoyah.

### Searcy District Staff Meeting

A brief session of the Searcy District Christian Education Staff was held at Searcy, Monday, June 27. Plans were begun for the District Intermediate Camp to be held at Wayland Spring in August. Tentative plans were begun for a meeting of pastors and church school superintendents on September 13, 6:00 p. m. Plans were also started for the Area Training School to be held the week of October 23-27.

The total church school enrollment of the North Arkansas Conference for the Annual Report made in June was only about 3,000 less than the total active church membership reported at the same time. Let us seek to bring the church school total of the enrollment this year equal to the total active church membership of the Conference. Such is possible if each church school will seek to do its share.

# WOMAN'S SOCIETY OF CHRISTIAN SERVICE

MRS. SUE M. WAYLAND, Editor

## MENA WOMAN'S SOCIETY

One of the projects of the Woman's Society this year has been the publishing of a church directory. They included in this a brief history of the church. It also contained roll of resident members and non-resident members, and birthday calendar.

On June 23rd they held a study course on the book "Newness of Life." An all day meeting was conducted by Mrs. W. A. Finks. The attendance was very good, and the participation by the members unusually good. A covered dish luncheon was served at noon.

At this meeting two Life Memberships were given, one to Mrs. W. A. Finks, for her long and faithful service, and one to Mrs. C. P. Michael who had also served the church and the W. S. C. S. a number of years.

At an earlier date the pastor, Rev. Mark Vaught, installed the following officers for the next year. For the W. S. C. S.: President, Mrs. R. R. Hicks; Vice president, Mrs. Ralph Johnson Sr.; Recording Secretary, Mrs. Vernon Rogers; Promotion Secretary, Mrs. John Barton; Treasurer, Mrs. Maria McKee; Spiritual Life, Mrs. A. H. Robertson; C. S. R., Mrs. W. A. Finks; Missionary Education, Mrs. M. E. Drake; Children's Work, Mrs. J. B. Jouett; Supply Work, Mrs. Charles Sullins; Mrs. Leon Hall; Student Work, Mrs. Walter Geyer; Youth Work, Mrs. Titus Manasco.

The following are the officers installed for the Wesleyan Service Guild: President, Mrs. Billie Ruth Oliver; Vice president, Mrs. Bonita Musgrave; Treasurer, Miss Isobel Ritchie; Secretary, Miss Jo Almonrode, and reporter, Miss Willene Watson.

## CAPITOL VIEW WESLEYAN GUILD

A six o'clock dinner was served to members of the Wesleyan Service Guild on Monday evening at the home of Mrs. W. E. Tyer, 2614 W. 15th St., Coordinator for the Guild, assisted by Mrs. J. E. Brewer. Immediately following the dinner a business session was conducted by the President, Miss Jerry Patton, after which a very impressive Pledge Service was held with Mrs. E. E. Biggers as Program Chairman, assisted by Mrs. Bea Smith, Mrs. Edna Snell, Mrs. Mary Jo Freeman, Mrs. Myrtle Bevels, Miss Lavie Mae Oury and Miss Jerry Patton.

Pledge cards were signed by all members for the coming year. At the close of the meeting two special numbers were presented by little Miss Fredonia Tyer, daughter of the hostess.—Mrs. E. E. Biggers.

## CAMDEN WESLEYAN GUILD OFFICERS

The officers for the Wesleyan Service Guild for Camden First Church were installed June 13th in a very impressive candlelight Service, following a covered dish dinner in the Sunshine Classroom.

The following officers were installed: President, Mrs. W. J. May; Vice president, Miss Ruth Phillips; Secretary, Mrs. Estelle Finch; Promotion secretary, Miss Kathleen Wright; Treasurer, Miss Ethel Scott;

## FIFTY NEW MISSIONARIES COMMISSIONED

Forty-three new foreign missionaries and twelve new home missionaries and deaconesses were commissioned by the Board of Missions and Church Extension of the Methodist Church, on June 15, in the Washington Square Methodist Church, 133 West Fourth Street, New York City. The group forms part of a total of one thousand new missionaries the Board expects to add to its worldwide services by 1953.

Bishop Herbert Welch, retired, of

of a missionary. The younger Valenzuela, a graduate of Drew Theological Seminary and his wife, who was Miss Dorothy Bowie, of Rochester, N. Y., a Mt. Holyoke graduate, are now returning to Chile as missionaries.

Those commissioned for foreign service under the Board's Division of Foreign Missions are: The Rev. and Mrs. Alfred F. Schneck, of Colo, Iowa, going to the Belgian Congo in educational service; the Rev. and Mrs. Charles W. Reeve, of



New York City, delivered the commissioning address; Bishop W. W. Peele, of Richmond, Virginia, conducted the commissioning ritual. Delegations from Methodist churches in the New York metropolitan area were in attendance. A reception for the new missionaries followed in the church parlors.

Of the missionaries going overseas, 27 are being sent by the Board's Division of Foreign Missions; 16 by the Woman's Division of Christian Service. Ten are to sail within the next few weeks for service in China—doctors, nurses, teachers, and pastors; 12 to South America; 11 to Africa (7 of these to the Belgian Congo); 6 to India; 2 to Korea; one to Cuba. The home missionaries and deaconesses will serve in churches and schools in the United States and in Alaska.

Two of the new missionaries are ex-G. I.'s. Emmet D. Steele, a Georgian who has been preparing at the Latin American Institute, Chicago, for educational work in Brazil, served in the Aleutian Islands and in the Philippines with the U. S. Army, and there decided to be a missionary. The Rev. Gunnar J. Teilmann, Jr., of Johnson City, Tenn., was a prisoner of the Germans for nine months after landing on Omaha Beach on "D Day plus six." He was a chaplain with the 30th Infantry Division.

Among the new missionaries are the Rev. and Mrs. Raymond A. Valenzuela, of Dover, N. J., where Mr. Valenzuela is pastor of the Methodist Church. He was born in Temuco, Chile, where his father was a prominent Chilean Methodist minister, and his mother the daughter

Spiritual Life, Mrs. Ward; Membership, Mrs. Viola Hall; Publicity, Miss Rena Willis; C. S. R., Mrs. L. Richman; Recreation, Miss Corona Ellis; Status of Women, Mrs. Maude Crawford; Missionary Education, Mrs. Rena Hutchinson; Coordinator, Mrs. Neill Hart and Music, Miss Elizabeth Copeland.—Reporter.

Calhoun, Ga., in evangelistic work to the Belgian Congo; the Rev. and Mrs. Arthur Lee Mansure, of Allston, Mass., in evangelistic work to China; the Rev. and Mrs. Haniel Jones, of Phenix City, Ala., in evangelistic work to South America; Mr. and Mrs. Harleigh D. Johns, of Rockford, Ill., in educational work to India; the Rev. and Mrs. John M. Hunt, of Ridgeville, Ind., in evangelistic work to India; the Rev. and Mrs. LeRoy A. Heilbrun, of Conneautville, Pa., in evangelistic work to Alaska; Howard Davis Hardee, M.D., of Fernandina, Florida, in medical work to the Belgian Congo; the Rev. and Mrs. Kenneth D. Enright, of Chicago, Ill., in evangelistic work to Africa; the Rev. and Mrs. James W. Spitzkeit, of Mississippi City, Miss., educational work to China; the Rev. and Mrs. Joseph M. Davis of Lexington, Ky., in evangelistic work to Central Congo; the Rev. and Mrs. Gunnar J. Teilmann, Jr., of Johnson City, Tenn., in evangelistic work to China; Mr. and Mrs. Emmett DeVerne Steele, of Milledgeville, Ga., in educational work to Brazil; and the Rev. and Mrs. Raymond A. Valenzuela, of Dover, N. J., in evangelistic work to Chile.

The sixteen young women going overseas under the Woman's Division of Christian Service are: Miss Joy L. Anderson, of Baltimore, Md., to India as a nurse; Miss Elizabeth S. Beale, of Sandwich, Mass., to Cuba as a nurse; Miss Frances W. Bigelow, of Evanston, Ill., to Uruguay in educational work; Miss Frances A. Burns, of Commerce, Texas, to Brazil in educational work; Miss Jean Cale, of Uniontown, Pa., to India as a nurse; Miss Ida M. Collie, of Raleigh, N. C., to China as a nurse; Miss Elsie May Culver, of Philadelphia, Pa., to South America in educational work; Miss Fannie E. Dewar, of Everglades, Fla., to China as a nurse; Miss Naomi M. Hare, of Hereford, Texas, to South America in educational work; Miss Helen A. Hasler, of Zurich, Switzerland, to Africa in evangelistic work; Miss Ruby G. Laeger, of Portland,

## SUMMARY OF WORK IN NARCOTICS EDUCATION —SCHOOL YEAR 1948-1949

By Miss Mae Wilhelm

Schools contacted: Fort Smith, Hot Springs, Jonesboro, Paragould, Texarkana, Batesville, Little Rock (partially), DeQueen (partially), Stuttgart (partially). This includes Elementary Schools, Junior High Schools and Senior High Schools. (White and Negro)

Outlined program to teachers, distributing Units of Instruction (This includes 7 County Teachers' Meetings and some groups at Arkansas State Teachers College)—Number contacted, 1,559.

Film introduced and shown to Junior and Senior High School Students (Grades 7-12)—Number contacted, 6,048.

Demonstration teaching in the Elementary School (Grades 1-6)—Pupils contacted, 12,552.

Conferences with teachers for follow-up procedure. Conferences held, 68.

Outlined program to other groups. Number contacted, 1,337. (Women's Societies of the various Churches, Sunday School Classes, Young People's Groups, Lions Club, etc.)

AIM OF NARCOTICS EDUCATION PROGRAM: To give to the youth of Arkansas the scientific facts and truths as they relate to Narcotics.

In presenting this work, demonstration teaching was done in the Elementary School (Grades 1-6), using visual aids. Approximately 30-minutes was spent in each classroom.

In the Junior and Senior High School (Grades 7-12), the 16 mm sound films, "IT'S THE BRAIN THAT COUNTS," was introduced and shown with a "question and discussion period" following.

Before leaving each school, conferences with the teachers were held leaving with them outlined Units of Instruction for definite follow-up procedure after the initial introduction to the work was given.

This Narcotics Education Program has the endorsement of the State Department of Education and is financed by the Women's Societies of the Baptist, Methodist, Christian, Nazarene and Presbyterian Churches of the State. The Arkansas W. C. T. U. raises its part by love gifts. The work is directed by the Narcotics Education Committee of Arkansas, made up of representatives of the supporting organizations.

This cooperative movement by the State Department of Education, the women of the Churches (Baptist, Methodist, Christian, Nazarene and Presbyterian), and the W. C. T. U., is a practical adventure in working together for the benefit of the youth of Arkansas.

Oregon, to Africa as a nurse; Miss Grace E. Otto, of Saginaw, Michigan, to China, in educational work; Miss Helen L. Safstrom, of Venice, Cal., to South America in educational work; Miss Dorothy E. Wall, of Morris Plains, N. J., to China in religious educational work; Miss Emily H. Woodson, of Narrows, Va., to China as a nurse.

Those commissioned as home missionaries and deaconesses by the Woman's Division of Christian Service

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## CURRENT NEWS IN ARKANSAS METHODISM

### VACATION SCHOOL AT FAYETTEVILLE

The Vacation Bible School of the Central Methodist Church of Fayetteville began June 13th and ended June 24th. The Kindergarten Department studied "The World About Us." The units studied by the Primary and Junior Departments gave the children additional sessions of Sunday School work emphasizing the missionary education for children as outlined by the Board of Missions. The unit for the Primary group was "Friends In China" and the unit for the Juniors was "One Hundred Years Of Methodism In China."

Colored slides showing rivers, mountains, flowers, pets and other scenes of the world about them were shown to the Beginners to introduce them to their unit. The children shared in activities such as making large colored posters, scrap books, paper bird houses in trees with little birds perched in the tree, kites. They learned Bible verses, listened to stories, and sang songs. All these things taught them of God's beautiful world.

In connection with their study, the Primary children made friezes showing the life in the homes of the Chinese children. They made hats, lanterns, posters, scrap books, boats. Perhaps, the outstanding exhibit was the Chinese village. This was a diorama of the book, "Dike Against The Sea." It showed green rice fields made by planting winter rye, the water wheels feeding the fields, the boats in the sea, the jirrickisha on the street, people representing six families who lived in the village, a Chinese pagoda, the lookout rock in the corner of the village that the people used to watch their rice fields and the coming and going of ships on the sea. Slides showing Chinese life were used midway through the unit.

Both the Primary and Junior groups were introduced to their studies by visiting the home of Mrs. D. N. Misenhimer. Mrs. Misenhimer showed them an interesting collection of Chinese objects and answered many questions. The Juniors group made a large scrapbook containing pictures and articles from various sources which comprised an excellent history of work in China from the arrival of the first four missionaries up to the present time. Metal plaques were made from aluminum and copper plate, some using the dragon or other Chinese symbol. A map of China was made, showing many phases of Chinese life by means of a border of pictures in addition to location of important cities, industries, etc. Cloth tapestries, individual scrap books and lanterns were made. As a whole both groups gained a much wider appreciation and knowledge of the work of the church and of the Chinese people, especially the children.

A Family Night was held Friday, June 24th. It was well attended by the parents and other interested people. A sound movie, "Bride to Yinshi" which had previously been shown in connection with the unit for the Juniors, opened the program. The children in each department then presented various phases of the work they had done. Light refreshments were served. These were spiced tea and almond cakes, plain

### Spiritual Life Retreat For Life Service Volunteers

A Spiritual Life Retreat for all Life Service Volunteers, both boys and girls, in the Little Rock Conference, will be held at Camp Aldersgate, July 16 and 17. The Retreat is sponsored by the Conference Woman's Society of Christian Service, assisted by the Conference Board of Ministerial Training, the Board of Christian Education, and the Commission on Christian Vocations.

Rev. R. E. L. Bearden, Jr., pastor of Goddard Memorial Methodist Church, Fort Smith, is to be the leader for the Retreat. This Spiritual Life Retreat is not to be just another meeting or institute, but strictly as the name implies—an adventure into the deeper spiritual life, where those who come may find through a closer fellowship with God a deepening of purpose and conviction and a greater incentive for doing His will more zealously in a needy world.

The young people will come for the Retreat at noon on Saturday with a picnic lunch out under the trees at Aldersgate. The Retreat will close at noon Sunday. The cost will be only \$2.50, which covers meals and a small grounds fee. All reservations by those planning to attend should be made through Mrs. Edward W. Harris, 319 S. Madison, El Dorado, Arkansas, Conference Woman's Society of Christian Serv-

tea and almond cakes being favorites of the Chinese people. The coasters used were folded by the Primary group using directions from a booklet, "Chinese Paper Folding." The napkins were stamped with the name of Dr. F. N. Drake, father of Mrs. Clifton Wade, using his own stamp made in Chinese characters which Mrs. Wade loaned to the Junior group. This was followed by an exhibit of all work done in each department.

The Vacation Bible School is sending \$25.00 for a sustaining membership in the American Bible Society. The children also made a collection of toys and supplies which are to be sent to a children's home in California.

One hundred and sixty children attended the school. Of these, one hundred and forty were present three days or more. Certificates were given Family Night, gold stars being awarded those having perfect attendance. Mrs. F. M. Meade was dean, Mrs. Tex Waggoner, superintendent of Kindergarten Department, Mrs. Ruby Hudson, superintendent of Primary Department. Mrs. Margaret Whelan being called away, Mrs. W. G. Chamble and Mrs. Meade assumed her responsibilities as superintendents of the Junior Department. There were 34 workers.—Reporter.

### RECEPTION FOR PASTOR AND FAMILY

A reception was held Wednesday, June 29, at 7:30 p. m. at the home of Dr. and Mrs. Q. R. Galloway of Alma for the New Methodist minister, Rev. J. H. Holt, and his family.

In the receiving line were Barbara Byars, Mary Ann Ingram, Emma Jean Ingram and Suzanna Taylor, members of Mrs. Taylor's Sunday School class, who acted as



REV. R. E. L. BEARDEN, JR.

ice Secretary of Missionary Personnel.

Adult resource people attending the Retreat, representing the various sponsoring and assisting groups, will come on Friday evening, July 15, with Bro. Bearden for an Integration Session in preparation for the Retreat Saturday.

### OLDEST MEMBER HONORED

As the organ played "Happy Birthday to You" at the close of the regular Sunday morning services at the Siloam Springs Methodist Church on June 26, members of the congregation rose to honor the oldest member of the church and of the W. S. C. S., Mrs. Elizabeth Smith, who celebrated her 94th birthday on June 29. At the invitation of Rev. J. William Watson, pastor, and much to the surprise of Mrs. Smith, her son, Attorney A. L. Smith and his wife accompanied her to the altar where Tom Whiteside, chairman of the Board of Stewards, expressed the appreciation of the entire church for her continued attendance and interest in its activities, and presented her with a bouquet of roses.

"Mother" Smith's graciousness and winning personality, with her Christian character, have long made her a favorite of all who know her, and it was with pleasure her church friends joined in honoring her as she celebrated her 94th birthday.—Mrs. Morris McGee.

hostesses during the evening. The girls were beautifully gowned in pastel formals which added color to the party.

Around fifty guests were served punch and cake in the dining room which was decorated with flowers and candles.

The evening ended with songs and thanks from Brother Holt and his family.—Reporter.

The step of faith falls on the seeming void, and finds the rock beneath.—Whittier.

Advance is the only remedy.—English.

### NORPHLET INTERMEDIATE M. Y. F. ELECTS OFFICERS

The Norphlet Intermediate M. Y. F. elected officers for the following quarter on July 3 as follows: President, Albert Sanders; Vice-president, Jeanne Benton; Secretary, Morris Thomas; Treasurer, Evelyn Ware; Reporter, Hallette Thomas.

Committee chairmen were appointed by the counselor as follows: Recreation, G. W. Fletcher; Community Service, Francis Henley; World Friendship, Lynn Dean Cheers; Worship and Evangelism, Mary Alice Langley; Counselor, Miss Eris Manor.—Hallette Thomas, Reporter.

### CAMP FARTHEST OUT

The "Camp Farthest Out," a spiritual retreat open to all Christians, was both successful and disappointing. It was successful in the spiritual heights attained and individuals helped; it was disappointing in that twenty people had to be turned away because of lack of space. Although there was a limit of 100 people at least six more spent each night in Morrilton and came back and forth to the "camp."

Petit Jean, with its wonderful natural beauty and quietness, and the Lodge with its comfort and conveniences made an ideal setting for the impressive services. Mr. and Mrs. Robert W. D. Marsh were excellent hostesses and their able corps of workers made the stay complete and all too short. A rustic cross, made by friends in Hot Springs, stood on the point at the edge of the canyon surrounded by the natural amphitheater of rocks and was the center of early morning devotional services and late evening vespers and song festivals. Morning, afternoon and evening services were held in the breezeway of the lodge.

People in attendance came from Alabama, Tennessee, Louisiana, Mississippi, Missouri, Oklahoma, Kansas, Texas, and New York. Nineteen of twenty from Shreveport came from First Church, eleven of eighteen from Hot Springs were from Grand Avenue Church, one person came by air to Little Rock from Long Island, New York.

Before the camp disbanded arrangements were made for "two" periods next year—due to the fact that twenty were turned away and many others expressed a desire to attend. The first camp will be held May 24-31, 1950 and the second, June 1-8, 1950. Also plans are developing for a "Fall" retreat for the last of October, 1950.—R. E. Simpson, Superintendent, Methodist Hospital.

I have great confidence in the common sense of mankind in general.—Thomas Jefferson in a letter to J. Moor, 1800.

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## Here And There In Arkansas Methodism



By The Editors

For many Methodist ministers the Arkansas Pastors' School dominated the scene in Arkansas Methodism the past week. One hundred and twenty-five ministers registered for courses in the one-week school and a good many other ministers were on hand not doing work for credit but simply enjoying the spiritual refreshment and fellowship of the school. Another hurdle of the "spring conference" has been successfully cleared.

Arkansas Methodism was saddened last week by the death of two Methodists whose influence and contribution counted for much. Mrs. J. M. Workman, wife of Rev. J. M. Workman, retired member of the Little Rock Conference, passed to her reward after a long, fruitful and lovely life. The mother of two Methodist ministers and one missionary, and a leader herself in the church and women's work, Mother Workman counted her friends by the hundreds. Mr. Charles Barnett, long time prominent Methodist layman of Batesville, was loved and respected by all who knew him. His experience was that of a Christian who loved his church and who took the principles of his religion into his business and profession.

West Memphis was the scene of a high experience shared by the membership and friends of the First Methodist Church of that city the past week end. During the short conference year just closed the remaining debt on the church plant was liquidated and on last Sunday Bishop Martin, assisted by the pas-

tor, Rev. Harold Eggensperger, the district superintendent, Rev. Ethan Dodgen, and a former pastor, Rev. J. Kenneth Shamblin, dedicated the church plant. The building was erected during the pastorate of Brother Shamblin. John P. Wilson, chairman of the Board of Stewards and J. C. Johnson, chairman of the church's Finance Committee, presented the building to Bishop Martin for dedication. A reception was held at the church on Saturday evening honoring Bishop and Mrs. Martin and other visiting ministers and guests. This plant completed in 1945 has one of the most beautiful and worshipful sanctuaries to be found anywhere. Many other churches engaged in building projects have sent their building committees to the West Memphis church to study this sanctuary. The observance was concluded with a dinner at one of the West Memphis restaurants, attended by church officials and visitors.

Bishop Martin will preach and dedicate the new Hammond Organ at the Bauxite Methodist Church on next Sunday evening, July 17. Rev. Orrie L. Thompson is the pastor.

The long awaited Advance brochure for the two Arkansas Annual Conferences containing information concerning the available Advance Specials in India's Gujarat Annual Conference is in the hands of pastors and church officials in Arkansas. This distribution of these brochures will likely stimulate interest in the Advance movement in Arkansas to a new high.

### VACATION CHURCH SCHOOL AT BLYTHEVILLE

The Vacation Church School of First Methodist Church, Blytheville, began on May 30, and closed on June 10. The enrollment was 160 and many had a perfect attendance record.

The Intermediates studied, "O, Come Let Us Worship." Mrs. Fred Steadman led the group. On the first day Miss Mamie Adams talked to the Intermediates about "The God We Worship." Talks were given by the following guest speakers: Mrs. John Caudill, "Worshipping God Through Music;" Mrs. Allen D. Stewart, "Worshipping God Through Loving Service;" Mrs. John Barnette, "Worshipping God Through Literature;" Mrs. John M. Miller, "Worshipping God Through Beauty." A vesper service on "Prayer" was held on Monday of the second week with Mrs. Joe Ferguson as leader. The young people invited their parents to this service. Rev. Allen D. Stewart led in a Communion Service. Mrs. Albert Hollingsworth was leader for "Worshipping God Together."

Charles and Bobby McDaniel were in charge of workshop and recreation. Bulletin boards were made for each class by the boys. The girls worked with luster lace and also made a beautiful new cover for the worship center. Easels were made for every department in the church school.

The adult workers were Mrs. Alfred Williams, Mrs. Fred Steadman, and Mrs. John Miles Miller.

Three of the group had perfect attendance: Eloise Golden, Allene Wimberly, Betty Johnson. Others receiving certificates: Nancy Hollis, Sandra Long, Jerry Strickland, Britt Owens, Pat Hearn, Donna Sue Gore, Mary Kay Crafton, Carol Ann Bailey. Others who attended: Nita Rose Hall, Charles Ray Hall, Emandel Swearingen, Bobby Jackson, Jim Jackson, Warren McClure, and Freddy Gore.

Friday morning the Intermediates had a "Sunrise Breakfast" at Mrs. Fred Steadman's.

The worship service for Friday was prepared by the Intermediates.

The text for Juniors was "Followers of Jesus." The enrollment was 43. Many interesting projects were carried on. The Primary boys and girls were studying about Palestine and invited the Juniors to see the film on "Homes in Palestine."

The daily schedule included recreation, worship, workshop and discussion. The workers were Mrs. H. D. Jackson, Mrs. M. S. Edwards, Mrs. Elbert Johnson, Mrs. William Wyatt, Betty Arney, Jackie Estes,

and Eula Smith. Twenty-one certificates were issued.

Mrs. W. Clint Caldwell, Jr., was in charge of the Primary Department with the following assistants: Mrs. Winford Wyatt, Mrs. W. J. Cupples, Mrs. Earl Nail, and Mrs. Toler Buchanan. Mrs. Cupples served as pianist and led the singing.

A total of twenty-nine registered in the Primary group with the following seventeen receiving certificates for regular attendance: Marjorie E. Gunn, E. Irvan, F. Wimberly, Freddie Steadman, Jr., Jessie Taylor, Jr., Susan Smith, Ray Saliba, Jimmy Boyd, Sonny Saliba, Marcia Lee Webb, Linda Joy Lindsey, Robert Gunn, Ray Nelson, Wesley Adams, Cecilia Ann Henderson, Lucy Caudill, Linda Bean, and Dona Davis.

"Outdoors in Palestine" was the theme used in the Primary group. The boys and girls studied pictures, read from the Bible and dramatized the activities of the boys and girls of Palestine, the place where Jesus lived when a boy.

A mat was woven and used to place a lunch on each day. The lunch consisted of food eaten by boys and girls of Palestine in Bible times.

The location of Palestine and Life in Palestine Homes was portrayed in a film shown on the second day of the school.

A market place was made by the girls and boys with the background sketched on sheets of wide wrapping paper. When the market place was completed the boys and girls pretended they were merchants or people coming to trade at the market place.

Booklets were made by each child and taken on the last day of school. The booklets consisted of foods, flowers, pressed leaves, customs and occupations known to Palestine.

A chart, "In The Bible We Read About" was placed on the bulletin board each day with subject and references to be found in the Bible. A worship, song, Bible Story, and game period was held each day. The song and action game, "In Old Palestine" was enjoyed by the children.

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### BUTTERFIELD BIBLE CLASS BEGINS NEW YEAR

The Primary Bible Class of the Butterfield Church began its second year on Sunday, June 26. The class began a year ago with only three children present. The average attendance now is twelve. The Bible class has touched the lives of some thirty children, several of whom the Sunday School does not reach. Half of these children have moved from our community in the steady stream of shifting population. Mrs. Frank Spurlin is teacher of the class. These children are picked up at their homes in her car each Sunday at five o'clock in summer and three o'clock in the winter months. They sing songs, have a prayer in unison, take up a collection, have roll call and then their Bible story is told by the teacher. They are dismissed by repeating a benediction they have chosen. To date they have \$22.52 in the treasury which will be used in sending two of the older ones to Intermediate camp.

These children have contributed and earned all of this money. Above that they also sent \$2.00 to the Children's Home as their special Christmas gift.

They have learned to love a great many stories, a number of them from Hulbert's Story of the Bible.

These children range in age from 3 years to 11 and work together remarkably. They will present a play in church the second Sunday in July, built around the theme, "God is Love."—Mrs. Frank Spurlin.

### JONESBORO DISTRICT MINISTERS' WIVES ORGANIZE

On Tuesday, June 28 the pastors of the Jonesboro District and their wives assembled at the First Methodist Church in Jonesboro. While the pastors were holding their set-up meeting under the direction of Rev. E. B. Williams, district superintendent, the wives met for the purpose of organizing a Jonesboro District Ministers' Wives Fellowship. Mrs. E. B. Williams convened the meeting. She was elected president of the organization. Mrs. J. T. Byrd of Harrisburg, was elected secretary and treasurer.

Plans were made to hold a picnic dinner early in September with the husbands as guests. We are looking forward to fun and fellowship in this new organization.—Mrs. J. T. Byrd.

"Wars shall be the penalty, and blood and tears shall be the inheritance of that people who neglect to learn and to teach that the earth has grown smaller; that all men on it are fundamentally alike, that no human being need now lack for food or shelter, and that science has made it necessary for men to live in peace if they want to live at all."—Education Policies Commission of The National Education Association.

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## METHODIST CHILDREN'S HOME

As we face the new conference year's responsibilities and opportunities, we have every reason to be grateful for the accomplishments of the past, and hopeful for the continued expansion of our services. During the past five years, we have laid the foundation for one of the best children's homes to be found in Methodism. Through your liberality and with the aid of approximately \$30,000 received from the old property, we have completed three new buildings and will have the fourth ready for occupancy by late summer of this year. The total cost of grounds, improvements, and the four buildings will be around \$250,000.

It was stated above that we have laid the foundation for one of the best children's homes to be found in Methodism. The completion of the improvements contemplated will require some years and at least as much money as we have already spent. When completed, we will have an investment not so great as our neighboring state of Louisiana, but we will be able to care for about as many children as they now have.

Present need for the institutional care of children is not generally understood by our people. It should also be said that there is a broad difference in the types of children needing care today as compared with 20 or 25 years ago. "Let the State Welfare Bureau look after children needing care," is voiced by some who are not conversant with present conditions. The State Welfare is doing a fine job for thousands of needy children in our state, but they cannot meet every need. There is still a great field for the institutional care of certain types of children. Within the past thirty days, we have had two calls from State Welfare workers, asking us to take children. If we could have accepted all the children who have applied to us for admittance these past three years, we would have three times as many as we now have.

It is true that large numbers of homes would like to adopt one or more children, but adoptions are not so easy now as in former years. For safeguarding the child's interest, standards fixed by the Welfare Bureau, under whose recommendations adoptions are now made, will deprive some of the chance to adopt a child. If these standards or regulations seem to work an injustice to some who would adopt a child, it should also be said they will prevent unworthy or irresponsible couples from having the custody of a child which might not be able to adjust to the environment of its adoptive parents. Mrs. Flossie Parker, judge of the Pulaski Juvenile Court, has been quoted as saying, "Many of the behavior problems that are cropping up among teen-aged youngsters today stem from the fact that many of them were improperly placed for adoption 14, 15, or 16 years ago. A judge of the Superior Court in Indianapolis said recently that deciding upon the contested custody of a child was one of the most difficult decisions he had to make. Said he, "It could mean the possible difference between a President and a John Dillinger."

A careful study of our future policy with reference to admission, care and placement of children is being made. Helps from other agencies, the experiences of executives

of other like institutions are being considered. We want our children to have the best possible opportunity for development into self-reliant, self-supporting Christian men and women.

## Some Present Needs

Food remains the highest item of expense in our annual budget. During the past winter, we received a large supply of canned fruit and vegetables. Canning season is on again now. Our shelves are about empty. We would like to say that where groups of our friends can get together a load of canned fruit and vegetables, we will come or send for it. Credit will be extended to the local church for the market price of such foods. Attention should also be called to the fact that we will be glad to bring along empty containers for every one we receive. Some rural areas where cash is not plentiful at this season of the year can greatly aid the Home by a contribution of food.

In our new location, we have a much larger area of lawns to keep cut and beautified. This cannot be done with the hand operated lawn mower. We need a garden tractor with mower attachment. This could also be used for gardening and other purposes.

The expressed approval of those who have seen our new homes, the interest of the Methodists who have so loyally supported us through the past five years, give to us a feeling of confidence that our work here will go forward to a worthy consummation. More, and yet more children, destitute of love and the common necessities of life, will find here a sanctuary where normal growth and development can be had. Visiting friends, who have helped to make possible the work going on here, will find their faith and inspiration kindled anew for Christian service in all lines of church work.

Among recent visitors to the Home were: Dr. E. B. Meriwether, Fayetteville; Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Prickett, RFD, Benton; Mrs. Clark Johnson, Bryant; Bryant and Mt. Carmel Vacation Bible School; Mrs. Ethel Cowan, superintendent of the Working Women's Home, Little Rock; Mrs. E. W. Beeson, Little Rock; Mrs. R. D. Ginocchio, Chairman Circle No. 9, Winfield Church, Little Rock; Mrs. G. K. Swaim, Little Rock; Dr. and Mrs. T. H. Thomas, Fort Roots; The Virginia Howell Bible Class, Asbury Church, Mrs. Harry M. Jeffery, President; Junior Department, Highland Church, Little Rock, Mrs. O. D. Longstreth, Jr., superintendent; Junior Department, Winfield Church, Little Rock, Mrs. Clyde C. Arnold, superintendent; Lou Ella Peebles, Mobile, Alabama; Mrs. John Peters, Little Rock; Mrs. David Beasley, Little Rock; First Methodist Church Vacation Bible School, Little Rock, Mrs. H. W. Jefferies, Leader; Pulaski Heights Vacation Bible School, Mrs. E. W. Copeland, Jr., Leader; Mabelvale Vacation Bible School—and pastor, Rev. Alfred DeBlack; Mrs. R. A. Burgess, Strong; Miss Lois Horton, Little Rock; Mrs. Eugene Stewart, Little Rock; Mrs. Blann Wilbourn, Little Rock; Mrs. Mary V. Moore, Montrose, Alabama; Mrs. Eugene Florian, Mrs. Ewell Mashburn, Little Rock; Mrs. J. F. Hiriart, Houston; Rev. and Mrs. Raymond Dorman, Mr. and Mrs. Nathan Berry, Mr. and Mrs. Conway, Mrs. Lula Lyons, Mrs.

A. E. Philips, Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Wood, Mr. W. R. Greer, Levy Vacation Bible School, all of Levy; Mrs. H. V. Holland, Marked Tree, Ark.; Mrs. Harris Hogue and Vacation Bible School, Bauxite; Miss Fay McRae, Little Rock; Mrs. J. T. Carlyon, Dallas, Tex.

## Memorials

In Memory of:  
Mr. Gus Coffin, given by Mr. and Mrs. H. K. Barwick, Wynne.  
Mr. J. W. McElroy, Sr., given by Mr. and Mrs. H. K. Barwick, Wynne.  
Mr. C. C. Rose, given by Men's Bible Class, Eudora Methodist Church.  
Mr. C. C. Rose, given by Mr. and Mrs. Fred Hohenschultz, Eudora.  
Mrs. Katherine Italia, given by Mr. and Mrs. Alton Raney, Little Rock.  
Terrence O'Baugh, given by Mr. and Mrs. Mendel Pinkus, Pocahontas.  
Wendell Dover, given by Foreman W. S. C. S.  
Wendell Dover, given by Mrs. Aubrey Beasley and Mrs. Clyde Whitmore, Foreman.  
J. U. Bain, given by Men's Adult Bible Class, Siloam Springs.  
Mrs. E. C. Wilson, given by The Hilliard Family, Little Rock.  
Mrs. Clark Compton, given by Earle Wesleyan Guild.  
Mrs. G. A. McNeil, given by Mr. D. W. Richardson, Piggott.  
John L. Pope, given by Dr. and Mrs. J. D. Moore and Family, Forrest City.  
Mrs. W. H. Buford, given by Mrs. Emory Sweet, Forrest City.  
E. D. Gregory, given by Mr. and Mrs. Fred Hohenschultz, Eudora.

## Other Contributions

Mr. and Mrs. O. G. Robinson, RFD Des Arc	\$ 3.00
Norphlet Church	2.00
First Methodist Church, Batesville	58.33
Mrs. H. N. Patterson, Woodward, Oklahoma	5.00
Methodist Men's Bible Class, For-dyce	110.00
Little Rock Conference Treasurer, Circle No. 8, Pulaski Heights Church, Little Rock	1,099.19
Circle No. 8, Winfield Church, Little Rock	5.00
Circle No. 6, Winfield Church	19.25
Mann Chapel	4.50
Susanna Wesley Class, First Church, Texarkana	6.00
Circle No. 1, Asbury	5.00
Junior Department, Goddard Memorial Church, Ft. Smith	5.00
Circle No. 3, Winfield Church	8.00
Clarendon Methodist Church	37.00
Harvester Class, Goddard Memorial Methodist Church	10.00
Dyess Methodist Church	8.57
Young Women's Circle, Central Church, Fayetteville	150.00
Bethel Church, Fort Smith District	7.00
Calico Rock Methodist Church	3.75
Men's Bible Class, Star City	19.75
First Methodist Church, Blytheville	100.00
Pleasant Hill Church, Arkadelphia District	7.00
Rev. S. K. Burnett, Hot Springs	10.00
Eudora Vacation Bible School	11.77
Circles 1 and 4, DeWitt W. S. C. S. Birthday Club, Manila Methodist Church	5.00
Circle No. 5, Highland Church, Little Rock	37.00
Circle No. 9, Winfield Church	14.60
Mr. G. C. Brown, Little Rock	50.00
North Arkansas Conference Treasurer	5.00
Magnolia Circuit	848.53
Mena Vacation Bible School	20.00
Circle No. 9, Pulaski Heights Church, Little Rock	6.75
Star City Vacation Bible School	13.15
Miscellaneous Receipts	15.75
	334.74

## Miscellaneous Gifts

Circle No. 8, Winfield Church, miscellan-

## WIVES OF MINISTERS OF NORTH ARKANSAS CONFERENCE MEET AT MT. SEQUOYAH

The wives of the Methodist ministers of the North Arkansas Conference were called together for a meeting on Mt. Sequoyah during the session of the Annual Conference. Mrs. E. H. Hook of Fayetteville, presided.

A representative of each district which has an organization of ministers' wives, spoke briefly of its activities. Those districts which did not have organizations were urged to organize soon.

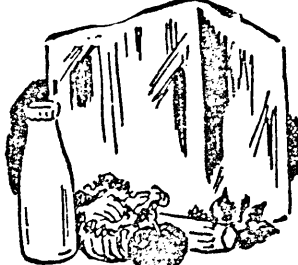
It was then agreed to form an organization of the North Arkansas Conference ministers' wives. The following officers were elected for the year: President, Mrs. E. G. Kaetzell, Springdale; Vice-president, Mrs. R. E. Connell, Paragould; Secretary-treasurer, Mrs. Maurice Lanier, Mountain Home.

A committee, composed of one member from each district was appointed to select a name for the organization, which would be presented to the group later for approval. They presented the name "Parsonettes," but after it was learned that there is a national organization called the Methodist Ministers' Wives Fellowship, the motion was made and carried that we call the organization by that name.—Mrs. Maurice Lanier, Secretary.

eous kitchen shower.  
Beulah Jones, North Little Rock, Clothing.  
Mrs. J. T. Thompson, Little Rock, clothing.  
Georgia Patterson Circle and Primary Department, Pullman Heights Church, Hot Springs, Towels, Wash Cloths, and Miscellaneous gifts.  
Home Demonstration Club, RFD Hensley, a quilt.  
Mrs. Thompson, Fayetteville, clothing.  
Mrs. Showalter, RFD, Mt. Ida, Canned goods, honey, and molasses.  
Mrs. Damon, Little Rock, Clothing.  
Lewis, Norwood, and Ramsey, Little Rock, playground equipment.  
W. S. C. S., Salem Community Church, a quilt.  
Madge Brown, Belleville, Clothing.  
Virginia Howell Class, Asbury, cakes, cold drinks, and popsicles.  
Mrs. Fuzzell, Free Rides at Fair Park.  
Pulaski Heights Vacation Bible School, picnic for all our children.  
Little Rock Junior League, Tickets to Horse Show.  
Elizabeth Reed Bible Class, Capitol View Church, Little Rock, kitchen utensils.  
Mrs. Byrd Beeson, Little Rock, Canned goods and kitchen utensils.  
Florence St. John, Fort Smith, 12 hand balls.  
Raymond Fisher, Fayetteville, Baseball equipment.  
Levy Vacation Bible School and W. S. C. S., Bath towels and some beautifully embroidered linens done by the children of the school.  
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NEWS ABOUT HENDRIX COLLEGE

Children's Workers' Conference
The 1949 Arkansas Children's Worker's conference, which met at Hendrix last week was designated as the most successful ever by Rev. Ira A. Brumley, North Arkansas Conference executive secretary of the Board of Christian Education. The conference met June 23-29 and 30.

Around 100 persons attended and all but two of the district directors of the state were able to be present.

To Enter Harvard

Charles E. Ferguson, Jr., top ranking student of the class of 1949, will enter Harvard University next fall to do graduate work. An economics major at Hendrix, he will study for his master's degree in the same field. He will receive the bachelor of arts degree from Hendrix in August.

At Hendrix, Ferguson has been outstanding in scholastic work. He is a member of Blue Key, national leadership fraternity, and a graduate member of the Alpha Chi, national scholarship society. He has received the Mosley Economics Award for the second consecutive year.—George H. Stroud.

NORWEGIAN PASTOR GRATEFUL FOR AMERICAN STUDY AND TOUR

When the Rev. Ogmund Ulvedal of The Methodist Church in Stavanger, Norway, leaves New York City on July 31 to return to his native country, he will carry with him many rich memories of his five-month period of study and travel in America.

Interviewed by a representative of Methodist Information while he was in Chicago recently as a guest of the Rev. Oistein Kahrs of Bethany Methodist Church, the Norwegian pastor expressed his deep gratitude to Bishop Arthur J. Moore of the Atlanta Area, who arranged for him to study for a semester at Candler School of Theology, Emory University, Atlanta.

Not only did Bishop Moore arrange the opportunity for study; he also helped plan an itinerary which took Mr. Ulvedal into various sections of the South to visit and speak in Methodist Churches.

Pastor of the second largest Methodist Church in Scandinavia, Mr. Ulvedal is keenly interested in church school literature and expressed regret that his fellow

churchmen do not have the rich resources for teaching which are available in our country through the Methodist Publishing House.

Another evidence of Methodist strength in this country which impressed him was the large number of new churches being erected. "Nine out of ten new churches I saw built in the South," he said, "were Methodist."

A most unusual experience came to him when he shared the platform in a number of churches in Georgia and Florida with two other Methodist pastors, who were brought up in his home town, Bergen, Norway, and entered the ministry with him from the Central Methodist Church there.

The colleagues, who are now permanently located in the States, and who joined him in the Southern preaching mission, were: the Rev. Trygve Fossen of Queens Village, N. Y., and the Rev. Ludvig W. Jansen of Bethelship Methodist Church, Brooklyn, N. Y. Before coming to America, Mr. Fossen was a prisoner in a Nazi concentration camp for three years.

Mr. Ulvedal's American tour also took him to the West Coast where he visited Scandinavian churches

FIFTY-FIVE NEW MISSIONARIES COMMISSIONED

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vice are: the Misses Helen P. Blandford, of Solway, Ky.; Shirley M. Bowron, of Springfield, Mass.; Ruth A. Frame, Havertown, Pa.; Patricia M. Gibson, Wichita, Kansas; Nora M. Hanley, of Bingham, Ill.; Mildred E. Hart, of Nashville, Tenn.; Addie M. Jamieson, of Ripley, Miss.; Lois Marquart, of Knowles, Wis.; Kathryn Newcomb, of Leesburg, N. J.; Helen A. Osborne, of Eudora, Kansas; Jean M. Vaughan, of Orlando, Fla.; Mrs. Maggie Q. Campbell, of Catawba, N. C.

and missions.

The Rev. Edward Evensen of Trinity Church, Austin, a Chicago suburb, visited northern Europe this summer and spoke several times in Mr. Ulvedal's church at Stavanger.

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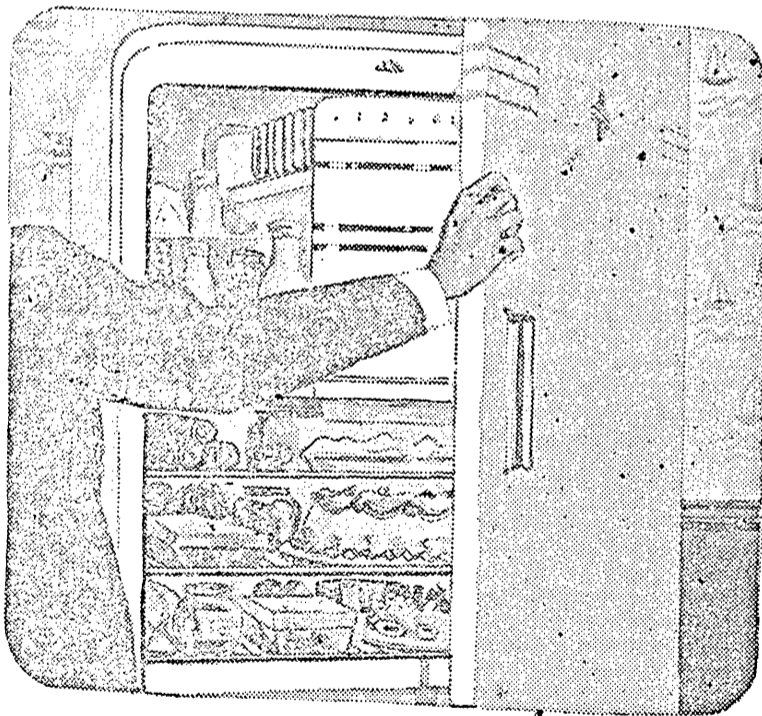
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## The Sunday School Lesson

By DR. O. E. GODDARD



### PRAYERS OF CONFESSION LESSON FOR JULY 24, 1949

SCRIPTURE TEXT: Psalms 32; 51; 86:5; 130:1-5.

GOLDEN TEXT: For thou, Lord, art good, and ready to forgive. And abundant in lovingkindness unto all them that call upon thee. Psalm 86:5.

In our first lesson we had a preview of the entire collection of our one hundred fifty Psalms. We found they were not classified chronologically, nor by subjects. The only question the makers of the Canon seemed to be concerned about was, whether or not this particular Psalm was divinely inspired.

In the second lesson we studied the songs the pilgrims sang on their journeyings to and from the Temple. There were thousands of Jews all over and around about Palestine who made those annual Temple journeys. We have studied the collection of Psalms which they sang around the campfires each night. The third lesson brought to us the songs they used as hymns inside the Temple. We found there were scores of priests and hundreds of Levites trained to conduct these services. All the Levites were skilled in vocal and instrumental music. It seems they used every known instrument in these Temple services.

In today's lesson we study the struggle of people whose souls are out of harmony with God and their fellowmen. The normal relationship between God and man and among men is perfect harmony and happiness. When sin entered the world, it brought discord, distraction, and discontent into that hitherto peaceful world. When men found themselves out of harmony with God, and supremely wretched, they began to confess their sins and cry for pardon.

In Psalm 51:1-15, we have the most contrite, sincere sinner as he comes acknowledging his transgressions. (Let every member of all the classes who read these lessons go at once and read Psalms 32; 86; and 130.)

#### Confession

This is the first step toward establishing the right relationship with God. There is not now, there never has been, nor ever will there ever be any hope of salvation for any person who will not confess his sins. Some times it is necessary to confess our faults to our fellowmen. "Confess your faults, one to another, and pray that you may be healed," but the indispensable confession must be to God, the moral sovereign of the Universe. Exceeding sinfulness had not been expending when David wrote the first Psalm; yet he said, "Against thee, and thee, only, have I sinned and done this evil in thy sight." He had sinned shamefully against his fellowmen—Uriah and Bethsheba, and in fact every subject of his empire, but his sin against God loomed so large, it overshadowed all other sins in human relationship. The real animus of sin is seen in its relationship to God, the Creator. Many people think they are not great sinners because they have not sinned flagrantly against their fellowmen. But God is the center of all moral authority. Every person in the world is obligated to obey God, to honor God, to serve God every day of his life. In my early ministry I approached a man

and invited him to go to the altar and become a Christian. He said that it was not necessary for him to go to the altar as his life was blameless; he had paid all his debts; never had wronged anyone. I asked him how had he treated God, reminding him that he was living in God's world, breathing God's pure ozone, and that God had more claims upon him than his fellowmen or his government had upon him. God is the central fact of the world. He has priority claims upon all his people.

To ignore your duties to God is worse than to ignore your duties to your government, community, or even to your family. After a moment's pause, he said, "I will go with you to the altar." In a few minutes, as I talked with another penitent, I heard him praying audibly, "Lord, save me if you can. I have been a great sinner. I had never thought of my duties to thee. I want to obey, to love thee, and to serve thee." He arose from his knees embraced me and said that from that moment forward he would put God first.

Confession does not purchase salvation. Already the blood of Jesus Christ has purchased salvation for every man. But a man has some things to do to put himself in a savable relation to God. These are contrition, confession, and faith. Conviction and confession might be called prerequisites, and faith then is a requisite. "By grace are ye saved, through faith, and that not of yourself. It is a gift of God." All these matters are implicit in the Psalms; they are explicit in the gospels. They are in the bud in the Psalms; they are in full bloom in the gospels. The normal form of adult conversion is as follows: Conviction, confession, faith, conversion, witness of the Holy Spirit, and henceforth living a spirit-filled life. We have preached long and loud that God can save the vilest sinner, though he be submerged in iniquity, and his hands stained with human gore. The moment he meets these prescribed conditions, he is saved. "While the light holds out to burn, the vilest sinner may return."

#### The Saddest Fact in Redemption

It is a fact, infirmed in the Psalms, and specifically stated in the gospel that Jesus can save to the uttermost, the most degraded wretch outside of hell, if he truly repents and believes. But the saddest fact is, that while God can save the worst of sinners, he cannot eradicate the sinful influences set in motion by the sinner prior to his conversion. Those influences found lodgment in human personalities, all of whom are free moral agents and God can not enter into these personalities of free moral agents and delete there from the banefulness, from the record, of the now converted sinner. It must be a painful memory to every adult converted from a life of immorality, to know that influences projected prior to

his conversion, will go on, cursing humanity to the end of time.

#### Two Striking Examples

Augustine, the great theologian, and philosopher of the fifth century, and Tolstoi, the great Russian novelist of the nineteenth century, were both very wicked men prior to their conversion.

Augustine broke the heart of his great and good mother, and also of his friends, by his life of immorality. Tolstoi, at eighteen years of age, renounced and denounced Christianity. For the next three decades, he lived a scandalously bad life. Augustine experienced a great conversion, after which, all the powers of his great brain and heart were given wholly to the advancement of the kingdom of God. These influences have come down to us and will continue to bless subsequent generations. But, alas, alas, the evil influences which grew out of his unconverted years, while imperceptible and innumerable are nevertheless a weight and a curse of humanity, even down to our present day.

Tolstoi, after his conversion, both in his life and in his writings, was one of the finest demonstrations of the law of love. He seemed to have a keener insight into the law of love than other Christian writers and his marvelous powers of expression made his message most effective, but here again, alas, alas, during those years of atheism, he gained many converts to atheism, agnosticism, and infidelity. Those made other converts and they in turn made other unbelievers, until at this very day the large number of Russian atheists may be the result of Tolstoi's folly. Thus we may assume, that every adult, who has lived any part of his life in sin, before his conversion, has started influences which shall curse humanity throughout all ages. Hence the supreme importance of training your child so there will be no period of sinful life. Let parents, teachers, preachers, and Boards of Christian Education, strive to so teach and so train, that the whole life of every person from infancy to ripe old age, shall be a redeemed life.

#### A Personal Question

Before you close your eyes in slumber, each one of you ask yourself this question: Have I started any wrong influences this day, by word, deed, or thought, which will go out as a detriment to human welfare?

### VACATION CHURCH SCHOOL AT BLYTHEVILLE

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Each verse of the song and game dramatized an activity of Palestine.

Parents were guests of the boys and girls on the last day of the school.

The Kindergarten children studied "The World About Us." Their daily schedule included singing, playing games, story hour, activity period, refreshments and dismissal.

Each child planted a seed in a paper cup and watered and watched it grow; made name tags in the form of a church; made pictures using paper plates as frames, instruments for rhythm band, kites, windmills, and chairs.

Mothers of the children served refreshments each day.

The teachers were Mrs. B. J. Hopper, Mrs. J. C. Droke, Mrs. Harold Jones, assisted by Jerry Jo Lewis and Betty Jo Jones.

Mrs. William Wyatt was director of the school. Mrs. R. A. Nelson served in her absence during the second week.—Reporter.

### CAMDEN DISTRICT OFFICERS ELECTED

The following district officers of the Methodist Youth Fellowship were elected by the Camden District's delegates meeting at Camp Couchdale to serve for the year '49-'50:

President, Howard Chiles, Parker's Chapel; Vice president, Betty Rogers, Village; Secretary-treasurer, Lillian Richman, Camden; Worship, Rosemary Thomas, Magnolia, First Church; Recreation, Josephine Bradshaw, Buena Vista; Community Service, Mavis McKinnan, Pleasant Grove; World Friendship, Charles Cook, Jackson St., Magnolia; Reporter, Anita Lester, Stephens.

The pledges from our District totaled \$479.00.

The District also planned to meet at the Camden Church July 7th when the Caravan will be there.—Reporter.

### "MAKE US ABLE MINISTERS"

On the Fourth Sunday of the month of July, 1949, ministers throughout our Methodist churches will be either mailing or otherwise making available to their church families, a two-color leaflet titled, "Make Us Able Ministers," which tells something of the work of our Commission on Ministerial Training.

This leaflet is issued by the World Service Agencies as one in a series of regular monthly informative pieces which tells our people how the work of these agencies is accomplished, and, in turn, what is accomplished.

Among the operations of the Commission as set forth, it is indicated that 61 special schools for ministers, distributed throughout the nation, are directed each year. "Every person in the pew has a vital interest in the Commission on Ministerial Training of the Methodist Church," says the leaflet. "The Sunday sermon and the effect of the pastoral ministry is definitely strengthened when the pastor participates in the total program of this Commission."

These leaflets are supplied to our ministers without cost in quantities as needed, on order by the minister.

All the alcohols are irritant, narcotic, anesthetic poisons. Alcohol is a poison in the same sense as arsenic, prussic acid, or chloroform.—Dr. Norman Kerr of England.

"He that would rightly understand a man must read his whole story."—Proverb.

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