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"The World is My Parish" — John Wesley

Go ye into all the world — Mark 16:15

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"I Was Sick And Ye Visited Me"

WHILE Jesus was describing to His disciples something of the experiences of people at the judgement day he pictured the King as commending the lives of some before Him with the words "I was sick and ye visited me." With these words Jesus emphasizes a type of ministry that blesses the lives of suffering humanity here and is a blessing to our own lives when the final test of life comes.

With the exception of the privilege of leading an unsaved person into a saved relationship with his Maker, it is quite possible that the minister has no other opportunity for such effective service as that of visiting the sick.

Never does a person appreciate quite so much the visit of his pastor as when he is really sick. The presence and message of the minister in such an hour often means more than anything else that can be done for the sufferer, especially is that true if there is a likelihood that the illness may be fatal.

There is no more direct way to the hearts of the other members of the family of the sufferer, for a minister, than sympathetic attention in times of sickness. One of the greatest assets a pastor can have with his congregation is the reputation of "looking after" the sick.

Senate Committee To Investigate Crime Wave

THE UNITED STATES SENATE has voted to inquire into the possible existence of an inter-state crime syndicate. A Senate Committee has been appointed for the investigation and it will have \$120,000.00 with which to carry on its work.

If one listened sympathetically to the propaganda which brought about the repeal of the eighteenth amendment he would have been led to believe that national crime waves were possible only as a result of a national prohibition law. We were assured by repealists that gangsterism and criminal lawlessness would disappear if only the eighteenth amendment could be repealed.

Despite this, and many other false promises repealists made, America is now in the throes of one of the most demoralizing, insidious crime waves in its history. Bootleg syndicates, gambling syndicates and the other lawless practices, that commonly accompany such criminal tendencies, have become so wide-spread and incorrigible that it appears necessary for the national government to give attention to the matter and attempt to curb a lawlessness by national support that seems to have grown so strong that local authorities either cannot or will not cope with it.

Legislation that supports morality, sobriety and good citizenship does not produce criminals. Such legislation may offer opportunity for criminally-minded people to attempt to defy the will of the people as expressed by the law. Such laws may reveal these criminal tendencies, but they do not produce them.

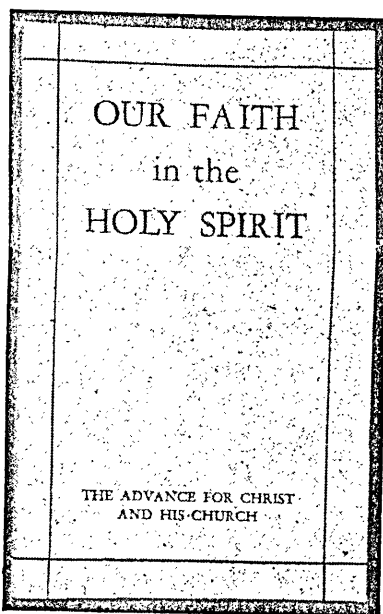
Strange to say, legislation that is regularly passed by democratic processes to curb the sale of liquor where the majority of people do not want it sold seems to be a challenge to liquor to defy and break down the law if possible. A democracy that cannot or will not enforce laws that express the will of a majority of its citizens is skating on thin ice. Any individual or any business that helps to create such a situation is one of the most dangerous enemies our democracy has at home or abroad.

Methodist Believe In The "Witness Of The Spirit"

WHILE the doctrine of the Witness of the Spirit is not confined to the teachings of The Methodist Church, it is distinctly taught as a cardinal doctrine of Methodism.

At the time of the Wesleyan revivals in England the spiritual condition of the church generally was at a very low ebb. Religion, in most of the churches, was a formal, perfunctory performance that lacked life, reality and genuine sincerity.

Wesley was so entirely dissatisfied with the lifeless religious experience offered by the established church of which he was a member that he sought elsewhere for religious help until he came into full fellowship with God through the Witness of



the Spirit. Following that experience Wesley emphasized "heart-felt religion" and the "Witness of the Spirit" as no one had before him.

In describing the experience of the Witness of the Spirit, John Wesley says: "By the Witness of the Spirit I mean the inward impression on the soul whereby the Spirit of God immediately and directly witnesses to my spirit that I am a child of God; that Jesus Christ hath loved me and given Himself for me; that all my sins are blotted out and I, even I, am reconciled to God."

There are religious-minded people who seem to doubt the reality and possibility of the Witness of the Spirit as described by Wesley. They teach that any assurance of our acceptance by the Lord or the forgiveness of sins must rest on faith alone.

The conception of the Witness of the Spirit held by Methodism implies more than the peace and assurance that faith can bring. Exercising faith is something we do that brings us in touch with the eternal realities of God. The Witness of the Spirit is something God does for us that confirms our faith and transforms it into a personal experience of fellowship and companionship with God whereby, "The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit that we are the children of God."

Methodist Hospital Of Arkansas Sold

THE METHODIST HOSPITAL OF ARKANSAS, Hot Springs, owned and operated by the Little Rock, Conference, has been sold to a group of Hot Springs physicians and business men, who plan to spend a considerable amount of money improving and enlarging hospitalization facilities.

In a telephone conversation with the Arkansas Methodist, B. T. Fooks, chairman of the Hospital's Board of Trustees, reported that the sale price was approximately \$100,000.00 and that, after indebtedness against the property is satisfied, it is hoped that there will be some \$60,000.00 available for division between the Little Rock Conference Camp being developed on Lake Catherine near Hot Springs and the Little Rock Conference Retired Ministers Endowment Campaign now being conducted.

Mr. Fooks stated that it was the opinion of the Board of Trustees that with Methodism in Arkansas divided between Memphis and Hot Springs in its support of hospital work, it would not be possible for the Little Rock Conference to build the kind of a hospital in Hot Springs that would be necessary to order to render the type of service such an institution should. Mr. Fooks expressed in behalf of himself and the Board of Trustees appreciation to the ministers, the membership, organizations, and special groups of the Little Rock Conference for the support given the hospital work in Hot Springs.

Methodist Sunday Evening Fellowship

ONE of the new ventures of Methodism which is proving to be an answer to a long felt need is the Methodist Sunday Evening Fellowship. For many years Methodist leaders have felt that some new program was needed in many churches to implement the traditional Sunday evening worship service. Since last fall when this new program was introduced many churches which have given it a trial report that the program is most satisfactory.

Basically, the program is designed to meet the needs of all age groups within the church family. Generally, the program includes first a period of fellowship enjoyed by all age groups together. This is usually followed by a period of group meetings, arranged according to age groups and interests. The final period is one of worship usually under the direction of the pastor. Through experience several versions of the above schedule have been developed but for the most part the program is usually divided into three periods, fellowship, group meetings, and worship. In some churches the interest of the period of fellowship has been heightened by serving the evening meal.

The program that is being followed by most churches is one which was developed in the Department of General Church School Work, General Board of Education. Interestingly enough, the program was originally planned as a means of stimulating study and interest in the Advance "Faith" booklets and many programs have been built around the various themes of the "Faith" booklets.

To help local church leaders plan their evening programs, the General Board staff published last fall a source book which proved to

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Advance Reaches Record In April

By E. HAROLD MOHN, Executive Director

RETURNS for the Week of Dedication are incomplete, but heartening. Specials have reached a new high. The use of Faith Booklets constitutes a thrilling story as reported by several hundred pastors. World Service requires attention and universal concern by the whole church.

That is the story of April, 1950 and it should awaken in Methodists everywhere a spirit of gratitude that the Advance for Christ and His Church gains increasing support and also alert all of us to the possibilities of completing and a great undertaking in the months ahead. There is time to achieve, but there is none to lose.

Week of Dedication

Cash returns from Week of Dedication offerings are larger at the end of April this year than last. Incomplete returns from 277 district superintendents report that 6,395 of their churches held 12,069 services during the week of March 5 to 12, and that 5,573 laymen assisted in these meetings. The significance of that story cannot be reported in figures. It belongs to the intangible but incomparable victories of the spiritual life. Above all else and always, this is the purpose of The Week of Dedication.

There is no way, as yet, to estimate probabilities that we will or will not reach one million dollars in the offering. At the end of April, \$339,434.21 in cash had been sent to The Advance Office. This is an increase over April of last year amounting to \$58,178.19. There are 150 Crusade Scholars from mission lands, now completing courses in our colleges and universities who are entirely dependent upon this Advance offering. Also there are a score of other emerging missionary projects abroad and at home as well as overseas relief dependent upon it. *Every dollar of the one million dollars hoped for is needed.*

Advance Specials

April is good news for Specials also. The receipt of \$288,320 in this one month needs interpretation if we are to appreciate the growing response of Methodism to its great missionary enterprise. The goal set for our church by General Conference is \$250,000 monthly receipts in Specials. Throughout 1949 we never reached that mark in any month. Only one month reached or exceeded \$200,000—that was October, with receipts of \$210,645.67.

But the turn of 1950 points toward a higher level. Receipts for January were \$293,737.34; for February, \$283,655.54; for March, \$247,251.55; for April, \$288,320. This is a monthly average since January 1, 1950 of \$273,241.11 in Advance Specials receipts.

More significant still is the fact that in April, 1950 our Methodist Churches remitted for Specials and the Week of Dedication \$513,022.11, which is 150% more than was remitted in the same month last year. Methodism is responding with increasing devotion to its expanding missionary enterprise. The grand total remitted for Specials and Week of Dedication from June 1, 1948 to May 1, 1950 is \$4,914,919.67.

The World Service Advance

The first financial objective of the Advance is an increase of 33 1/3% above the apportionment of the preceding quadrennium in World Service giving. Nothing is more important than to keep this fact constantly before the whole church. Such an achievement is basic and primary. It is the foundation upon which the Financial Phase of The Advance, known as Objective Two, is built. We must permit no weakening of that foundation.

At this moment we are deeply concerned. After completing the fiscal year 1948-49 (May 31) with an increase of almost 30%, the first seven months of the present World Service year continued upward. But since January 1, 1950 that high record has been slipping. On January 1, 1950 our World Service receipts were 7.25% above that same date last year. But on May 1st they are only 2.5% higher than the same date of last year.

Dr. Thomas B. Lugg, Treasurer of World Service and of The Advance, reports that our

Methodist Churches must remit \$1,766,022.48 this month if we are to hold the record we made in World Service last year. Nothing is more important to Methodism and to the Advance for



E. HAROLD MOHN

Christ and His Church, on the financial side, than that we should reach that mark and exceed it.

There must be no retreat anywhere along the line. Most of all, right now, in May, we need to remit all World Service dollars that are in local church and in Annual Conference treasuries.

Growth in Christian Faith


One of the most thrilling stories of Advance is being written across the Church in the uses that pastors and people are making of Our Faith booklets. The Advance Office has received hundreds of letters from pastors and laymen about transformations that have come in churches and in persons through study and discussion of the Christian Faith.

These letters have been documented in a mimeographed report that has been sent to the writers, to district superintendents, bishops and others. It is an amazing witness to the spread of the gospel of Faith among our people. A quiet revival of faith in Christ and His Kingdom in the hearts and minds of believers exceeds the possibilities of description and, even more, of statistical tabulation. The simple story itself is a witness to the spiritual so implicit in this first phase of the Preaching and Teaching endeavor of The Advance.

There are nearly two months remaining for this first reading of the eight little volumes. Undated as they are, they should be reread and restudied for years to come. The Advance Office will retain a supply for pastors who reorder.

Great things have been undertaken and achieved by this church-wide emphasis on "Our Faith." Nearly 10,000 sets have gone to mission fields overseas in addition to the half-million distributed in the United States. But even greater possibilities open before us in the coming programs for "Our Church," "Our Ministry," and "Our Mission."

When we get to the place where we pay more attention to the high-chair, we will have less need for the electric chair.—Lewis Lawes.



BISHOP PAUL B. KERN says...

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THE DEVOTIONAL PAGE

REV. ROY I. BAGLEY, Editor

FROM THE BOOKSHELF

Being born of water means an outer birth into a Christian fellowship—you join a community by an outer rite. Being born of the Spirit means an inner joining of the Kingdom . . .

The Incarnation fixed the character and nature of the Indwelling . . .

If we are possessed of the Holy Spirit, we will be made like Him, or it won't be the Holy Spirit but some other spirit . . .

From first to last the Christian is a religion of the Spirit . . .

If the gospel had ended with the Gospels it would not have been a gospel—not a gospel that would have conquered the world . . .

The Holy Spirit is the missing note in much present day Christianity . . .

The Holy Spirit is God in action. He is God where it counts—within us . . .

We are presenting a Holy-Spiritless Christianity—a demand without a dynamic.

No amount of good information could produce transformation . . .

In living fellowship with Him (Jesus) His disciples had the very same power and poise . . .

—From *The Way To Power and Poise*, by E Stanley Jones.

"LIFEBOUND"

I am the way, and the truth, and the life; no one comes to the Father, but by me. John 14:6.

You saw it too, perhaps. A beautiful rustic scene just after a heavy snowfall, a magazine picture which might have been Whittier's scene in "Snowbound." It was a smooth white landscape with only a couple of brown trees, the cottage, the red barn and the mail box rising above the crisp new blanket.

Perhaps you said, "Why, how lovely!" And it was.

But then did you see the words written beneath the picture? "Somewhere there's a road." A deeper significance seized me: "This is a picture of life!"

Many of us are bound in by what may seem beautiful on the first glorious sight. But soon the newness and beauty wear thin; the endless glitter becomes monotonous. And we struggle to free ourselves from the blanket that has fallen over us. We might say we are "life-bound."

Beneath our life picture, I think I'd like to write the words of one who said, "I am the way." He made the road. It is up to us who are following after Him to find the way, to follow it ourselves, and to point it out to others.

"O God, our help in ages past,
Our hope for years to come,
Our shelter from the stormy blast,
And our eternal home!
Be Thou our guide while life shall last,
And our eternal home."

—Gwendolyn Arbuckle—Miss.
Seed thought: John 14:5

—In Power



THE GREAT SECRET

Grace Nell Crowell

THERE is a power only those can know
Whose feet have climbed to some far Cal
vary.

Where all the winding roads of suffering go,
With the gentle Christ companioning us, and He
Bearing upon His back a heavier cross
Than ever could be ours through pain or loss

There is a secret to be learned through suffering
His sympathy, his patient, gentle grace,
And pain borne bravely never fails to bring
The high white look of Christ to any face
At every cross of sorrow and despair
We learn the secret God's own Son learned there

THE SECRET OF POWER

"But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth." Acts 1:8.

The secret of spiritual power is an open secret. It is not so mysterious but that the lowliest of persons may find it. God has not granted exclusive access to this power to any one person or group. It is open for the learned and the unlearned, the rich and the poor, the layman and the minister; in fact, for all who sincerely desire it and are willing to pay the price for it. The price for spiritual power is not beyond the means of any person.

Spiritual power cannot be explained, just as electric power cannot be explained. We know that we can get the electric power by proper connections; we may even trace it back to the generators but there most of us would have to stop. Spiritual power works in the lives of men as they are connected with God. We can trace the source of spiritual power and come to God who supplies it. We are concerned that we are receptive to His leadership; we are concerned about the "connections."

St. Luke's Gospel closes with this verse, "And they went back with great joy to Jerusalem, and were constantly in the temple, blessing God." (Luke 24:52,53) The second chapter of Acts gives us more in detail what these people did and from them we can take guidance in reception of this spiritual power.

The little band of followers were in the place of worship and worshipping. Too often the worship services of the church are thought of as being optional in our lives. If spiritual power is to come into our lives we must seek the place of worship and diligently seek to worship God. Without the spirit of worship there is no spiritual power. All true worship has as its objective to lead the worshipers into the presence of God that His power may come into our lives. The hymns, prayers, scripture, offering, sermon all are means to lead us to fix our minds upon God that He may speak to us and give us new strength to live each day to the full.

Prayer held an important place in the lives of these early followers. They prayed together as a group, they prayed in private, they felt the necessity of prayer and sought communion with God. Prayer is a vital connection if we are to have the power of God in our lives.

There was unity in their numbers. They had a common goal and worked together to accomplish that goal. Where discord among members of the church reigns the power of God is hampered. Spiritual impotence has come to many groups because of unkind feelings that have festered as a sore. A spirit of forgiveness will open the way for God's

PRAYER FOR THE WEEK

Often we find ourselves baffled and confused. We are weak and needy. Teach us, Our Father, to follow the pathway that leads to poise and power in our lives. We would help others but we find our strength insufficient. Make us strong in Thy grace that we may be instruments in Thy hands to guide those who are lost. Make us ever mindful of the uttermost parts of the earth and our responsibility to them. Thy mercy has encompassed us all the days of our lives, even when we were rebellious toward Thee. Out of gratitude and love help us that we may give and love and serve to the end that Thy Kingdom may come upon the earth. We pray earnestly for the Spirit of our Christ to dwell in our hearts. Amen.

power to come into our lives.

The early followers were not satisfied that their own number enjoy the power of God's redeeming grace in their own hearts, but they were concerned that others know His love. They witnessed to this love in their own hearts. This love that they had known in the flesh was not dead but alive and accessible to all. They were to witness at home and abroad to the gospel that had been given them. A church that forgets its evangelistic opportunity in the community where it serves forfeits the power that God gives to his witnesses. When we forget the peoples of other countries and become self-centered we deny the power of the Christian message to others and rob ourselves of His presence with us. More and more Christian men and women are realizing that the advancement of Christ's kingdom is the only permanent solution to the desperate needs of the world. God will supply the power to spread His word to the "uttermost part of the earth."

One other means of finding God's power is evident and that is to share in the sufferings of others. Those who have passed through depths of suffering and have found God's power to help them overcome has an understanding of others that will guide them to the source of strength in time of distress.

God's power grows in our lives as we keep close to Him. There are those who have blazed a trail for us to follow. They are skilled in making "the connection" and can lead us. The secret of God's power lies not in understanding all about it but in following the guidance that will bring us into His presence. This secret is one that all can claim.—R. B.

NEW TESTAMENT FACE

According to E. Stanley Jones, Justice Chandavakar, a noble Hindu, has a favorite expression. The highest compliment he can confer upon any person is to say of him, "He has a New Testament face." Invariably, the person thus honored has looked at Christ until he has caught something of his joy. Says Dr. Jones: "It is a face where the lines have turned to light, where grief has learned to smile through tears, and where, in spite of everything, there is the sense of victory." —United Presbyterian.

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Here And There In Arkansas Methodism

By The Editors

A few weeks ago it was stated in this column that a certain church in Little Rock followed the practice of distributing to its membership copies of The Upper Room. The writer was hardly prepared for the great number of reports from other churches that they too are engaged in a similar project. It would be interesting indeed to know the number of copies of this helpful devotional manual that are circulated in Arkansas.

Bishop Martin had charge of cornerstone laying ceremonies at the construction site of the Pulaski Heights Methodist Church, Little Rock, on last Sunday. It was just slightly more than a year ago that the Bishop and the pastor, Rev. J. Kenneth Shamblin, led this congregation in ground breaking ceremonies for the new church. The \$325,000.00 building is now more than two-thirds completed. Bishop Martin spoke Sunday night at Winfield Methodist Church, Little Rock, of his and Mrs. Martin's recent trip to India and the Far East. Several other Methodist congregations in Little Rock met with the Winfield congregation to hear the Bishop. He and Mrs. Martin will be in Batesville on next Sunday, where Bishop Martin will preach to a combined service of Batesville Methodist congregations and on Sunday afternoon he and Mrs. Martin will address a District Advance Rally.

The Little Rock Conference went out of the hospital service last week when the Hospital's Board of Trustees concluded negotiations with a group of Hot Springs physicians and business men, who purchased the Methodist hospital and bath house. The sale of the property was authorized by a special session of the Little Rock Conference last December. The hospital was purchased by the Conference in 1945 and since that time has rendered in the name of the church a great amount of service. Rev. R. E. Simpson, who has been Superintendent of the Hospital since 1946 is to be commended for his leadership in this enterprise which because of its limited size seems to have had financial worries from the very start.

Last week in this column we told the story of Miss Louie Coe and of her support of two foreign students and one native pastor. In this week's issue on page twelve is a letter from one of the students which will be of interest to many of our readers.

NEWS AND NOTES ABOUT FACTS AND FOLKS

REV. H. O. BOLIN, pastor of the First Methodist Church, Benton, preached the commencement sermon for the Bryant High School on Sunday evening, May 14.

DR. HAROLD A. BOSLEY, dean of Duke University School, was named by the Council of Bishops to succeed the late Dr. Ernest Fremont Tittle as a member of the World Peace Commission of The Methodist Church.

COMMENCEMENT exercises for the Methodist Hospital School of Nursing at Memphis, Tennessee will be held on Saturday evening, May 27 at 8:00 o'clock at the Madison Heights Methodist Church, Memphis.

REV. O. L. DANIEL, our pastor at Mountain View, Little Rock District, who preached the sermon for the graduating class at the Joe T. Robinson school last year will again have that service for the graduating class this year on Sunday morning, May 21.

MISS SUELLA ANDERSON of Little Rock will serve as director of Christian Education in the Youth Area in the First Methodist Church, Jonesboro, during the summer months. She succeeds Miss Martha Love. Miss Anderson served in this capacity last summer until the opening of Hendrix College where she is a student. She will enter Hendrix again in the fall.

MISS MARY SKINNER, director of the Department of Christian Education of Children of the General Board of Education of The Methodist Church, passed away in Nashville, Tennessee, on May 8. Burial was at Demopolis, Alabama. Miss Skinner was well known and loved in Arkansas where she has been in many institutes and training schools. A letter in regard to a memorial to Miss Skinner is found on page 10 of this issue.

THE Young Adult Fellowship of the North Little Rock Area will hold a rally at Gardner Memorial Church, North Little Rock, on Sunday, May 28 at 2:30 p. m. Rev. Raymond Dorman, pastor at Levy, will direct a "Get-Acquainted Period" in Fellowship Hall at 2:30 p. m. At 3:00 p. m. a program and business meeting will be held in the sanctuary. Miss Lila Church will lead the devotional service. John Blundell will talk on "Responsibilities of Young Adults." The nursery will be open for small children.

IN 1946, the Young Women's Christian Association founded the School of Social Work in Delhi, India. At the commencement this year, twenty-five young Indian men and women will receive Master's degrees in social work, at the end of two-year courses. These are the first such degrees to be awarded in all Asia. The School is now affiliated with the University of Delhi. The principal is Miss Dorothy Moses, an Indian Christian, educated in India, the U. S. A., and Great Britain. It aims to give young people of "dedicated purpose" training which will "help them meet the welfare needs of the new Asia."

AN excellent though brief story concerning our Methodist Christian colleges is told in an attractive two-color leaflet which will be issued by the World Service Agencies for distribution throughout our churches on the Fourth Sunday of June, 1950. This is the Sunday for World Service emphasis. The title of the leaflet is "Like the Wideness of the Sea," and the text was prepared by Dr. Boyd M. McKeown, of the Division of Educational Institutions, Board of Education of The Methodist Church. Pastors may secure quantities of this leaflet without cost to them by sending direct to the Service Department, 740 Rush Street, Chicago 11, Illinois.

ONE hundred three young people of the Methodist Church were approved during March for service as missionaries and deaconesses, at home and overseas, and will be commissioned and assigned to posts by the Board of Missions and Church Extension of the Church, it is announced

DOLLARS HELD IN WORLD SERVICE TREASURIES DO NOT SERVE THE WORLD

May 31 is the deadline for local church treasurers to send all World Service money to Conference treasurers. Church members please pay your pledges to date.—Council of Secretaries

by Dr. Melville O. Williams, 150 Fifth Avenue, New York. Dr. Williams' job, as missionary personnel secretary, is to secure and have trained at least 1,000 new Methodist missionaries and deaconesses during the years 1948-52. He is now about "on schedule" with more than half the total selected. Dr. Williams is now recruiting fifty young, single, college-trained Methodist youth for special three-year educational or evangelistic work in Brazil, Chile, and Bolivia, Peru, Cuba, Central America, Argentina, and Uruguay. They will be given intensive training for their work this summer on the campus of Hartford Theological Seminary.

SPEAKING in Columbus, Ohio, at the annual meeting of the International Council of Religious Education of which he is president, Harold E. Stassen, also president of the University of Pennsylvania, recently proposed that the religious leaders of the Protestant churches, the Catholic Church, and the Jewish faith be called together "to consider the moral and religious implications of the hydrogen bomb." He pointed out that the bomb and the mass destruction of human life which it envisions, "poses an almost new moral question" and one which needs careful and prayerful attention by churchmen of all religions. Churchmen at the ICRE meeting were in general approval of the movement, and it is believed that—while that body cannot call the proposed consultation—it will urge denominations and interchurch and interfaith groups to call one spontaneously in the near future.

BISHOP AND MRS. MARTIN TO BE IN DISTRICT RALLY

Announcement is made that Bishop and Mrs. Paul E. Martin will appear as speakers in a District wide Rally at Batesville First Church at 3:00 o'clock Sunday afternoon, May 21st. Each will speak on the experiences of the recent trip to the Orient. Particular emphasis will be given to the work of the North Arkansas Conference in the Gujarat Conference. Caravans of cars are expected from the various charges bringing the leaders from local churches.

Bishop and Mrs. Martin will be guests in the home of Rev. and Mrs. S. B. Wilford while in Batesville for the Rally.

Bishop Martin will preach at the Sunday morning hour to the combined congregations of Asbury, Central Avenue and First Church at First Church.

Rev. M. L. Kaylor is pastor of Asbury, Rev. J. H. Hoggard of Central Avenue and Rev. Raymond L. Franks is pastor of First Church.

METHODIST SUNDAY EVENING FELLOWSHIP

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be of such assistance that in February a second source book was issued for the period February through May. The third such manual will be available soon.

The remarkable word to be said about this new program is that it works in churches of all sizes. It has been demonstrated that very small churches with limited facilities have successfully launched this program. Some of our largest churches are now turning to it as a solution to the problem of a dwindling uninteresting Sunday evening service. The Arkansas Methodist hopes to present in the near future a series of three articles showing how such a program has worked out in a small, average and large size church.

CURRENT NEWS IN THE RELIGIOUS WORLD

Selected from Religious News Service Releases

Evanston Selected For World Council Assembly

The Second Assembly of the World Council of Churches, scheduled for the United States in 1953, will be held at Northwestern University in Evanston, Ill., according to a joint announcement by Methodist Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam of New York, a World Council president, and Dr. J. Roscoe Miller, president of Northwestern. Bishop Oxnam said the Evanston Assembly "will be crucial in the development of world-wide Christian cooperation." He stressed that the meeting would be the first time, since the formation of the World Council at Amsterdam, the Netherlands, in 1948, that "member churches will examine together the actual work which they have done cooperatively. 'At Evanston,' Bishop Oxnam said, 'each member church must face the questions: 'How have we lived up to the commitment made at Amsterdam?' 'How worthy have we been as trustees of the great hope of Christian unity?'" Plans for the Evanston Assembly, it was announced, will be drawn up in detail at the annual meeting of the 90-member Central Committee of the World Council, to be held in Toronto, Canada, July 8-15.

Quakers Ask New View Of Soviet Problem

American relations with the Soviet Union must be treated "as a problem to be solved rather than as a combat to be won or lost," according to the Friends Committee on National Legislation. In a statement on legislative policy, the committee condemned "the present totalitarianism and the ruthlessness" of the Soviet government and called on the U. S. "to take the moral initiative in seeking to combat the idea that war is inevitable." The Quaker group declared that the present international crisis was "partly a reflection of the deep fears which each country has of the other's policies and intentions" and appealed for "a sincere and thorough effort to reduce these fears." "We call," said the statement, "for prophetic leadership by the United States in an all-out effort for universal disarmament. The United States should seek new and creative ways to break the present deadlock over the control of atomic energy. The atomic bomb is not a police weapon. The goal should be the complete outlawry of the atom bomb and weapons of mass destruction, and the utilization of atomic energy for peaceful and creative purposes." At the same time, the Quaker body reiterated its "determined opposition to universal military training, to the Selective Service System, to the increasing militarization of America through military training in the schools, to the military control of research and atomic development, to the military domination of American foreign policy and to the large proportion of Federal expenditures which go for military purposes."

Southern Baptist Revival Adds 120,000 Members

A simultaneous revival held by Southern Baptist churches west of the Mississippi River in April gained 120,000 members for the denomi-

METHODISTS TO CONSTRUCT NEW BUILDING

Final approval of the construction of a new headquarters building in Nashville for the General Board of Education of The Methodist Church was given recently by the Board in its annual meeting in Cincinnati, Ohio. The building will be located diagonally across 19th Ave., S. from Scarritt College and will have 3 complete floors and a fourth floor on the South wing.

The building, which has been designed by Donald W. Southgate, a Nashville architect, with Odie C. Poundstone of Atlanta, Ga., as consultant, is to be of concrete and steel construction with the exterior of stone. It is hoped that the contract may be let within the next few weeks and that the building will be ready for occupancy by the Board not later than September 1951.

The administrative offices of the Board's Division of Educational Institutions and of the Division of the Local Church, together with the Board's accounting and service departments, will be housed in the new building which is planned specifically to meet the needs of these groups. Provision is also made for a projection room to be used by the Audio-Visual Department and for a snack room. A large dining room will be available for use on special occasions. The Editorial Division of the Board which is related to the Publishing House organization, will continue to occupy its quarters in the Methodist Publishing House as at present.

The main entrance to the building which will be on the first floor level leads at once to a lobby which will serve as an approach to the main stairway. Flanking this entrance will be an information office and a reception hall. In discussing the interior arrangements, Mr. Southgate said that it is unique in that it is unlike a typical office building. He pointed out that the building is designed to incorporate the best features of a typical downtown office building and also of the type of building often used by large private companies.

The building's lighting will be fluorescent. The ceilings will be acoustically treated and a year-round air conditioning unit will make for the comfort of the office personnel.

The exterior appearance of the building, according to the architect, will be a modernized classical style. The attempt has been to give the structure a streamlined appearance that will express utility as well as beauty. The outside walls will be of quartzite stone taken from the vicinity of Crab Orchard, Tenn. and will harmonize with the stone structures on the nearby Scarritt campus.

nation, it was estimated here by Dr. C. E. Matthews, evangelism superintendent for the Southern Baptist Convention. Dr. Matthews based his estimate on incomplete returns from churches in eleven states. Some 7,000 churches participated in the revival, the first attempt at large-scale mass evangelism in the history of the Southern Baptist Convention. Returns from 43 of the 117 Texas associations (Baptist church geographical groupings) showed 13,028 membership additions. These returns were compiled by Dr. C. Wade Freeman, evangelism superintendent for the Baptist General Convention of Texas which comprises some 3,000 churches. Dr. Freeman estimated that returns from all the Texas churches which took part in the revival would show about 30,000 additions. Arizona churches reported 1,197 additions and New Mexico churches 2,059. Other partial returns included 9,761 new Southern Baptist members for Oklahoma and 5,198 for Arkansas. Twenty-four churches in Los Angeles, Cal., gained 489 members.

Qualifications of A Preacher

On the bulletin board of the Toronto Baptist Seminary appeared the following notice:

WANTED: A young preacher with the experience of a parrot, the sagacity of an owl, the strength of an eagle, the grace of a swan, the gentleness of a dove, the friendliness of a sparrow, up with the lark, at work with the hawk, and when they get him caged they expect him to live on the feed of a canary.

Baptists Oppose Successor To Taylor

Appointment of a successor to Myron C. Taylor as special envoy to the Vatican was opposed by the Buffalo Baptist Association at its 140th annual meeting at Buffalo, N. Y. Delegates from 33 Western New York churches adopted a resolution urging President Truman and Secretary of State Acheson to terminate relations with the Vatican on the ground that "there can be no entangling alliances between free democratic government ecclesiastical totalitarianism."

Methodist Hospital To Accept Government Funds

Duke University, a Methodist institution, has announced it will accept state and federal funds to aid in the construction of a million-dollar nurses' home. The nurses' home, to be used in connection with Duke Hospital and the university's School of Nursing, was made possible by a gift of Mrs. Elizabeth P. Hanes, widow of the late Dr. Frederic M. Hanes of the Duke School of Medicine. According to the announcement, the gift will be augmented by the federal government to the extent of \$440,000. The amount to be provided through the North Carolina Medical Care Commission was not specified.

Church Wedding Re-enacted Before Class of Students

A Long Beach couple reaffirmed their marriage vows at California Heights Methodist church in Long Beach in the presence of their five-year-old son and a group of high

school students. The couple, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Huey, provided a climax to a marriage study course which members of the church's High School Methodist Youth Fellowship undertook with their pastor, the Rev. E. Clayton Burgess. Prior to the wedding ceremony, the pastor explained the purpose of the five-month course, in which 50 members of the youth fellowship took part. "The course was based on three decisions which we must all make," he said. "These are the choice of a life philosophy, the choice of a life work, and the choice of a life companion." The minister said he had taken the class through the same procedure he follows with every couple whom he unites in marriage. The last phase of the course was a discussion of the wedding itself, he said. "My prayer is that when these young people choose life companions they will remember some of the things discussed," he added, "and that when they establish homes the church will play a part in them."

Ministers Prevent Transit Strike

An appeal by a group of Atlanta ministers is credited with the "ninth hour" decision of 1,500 strike-minded trolley operators to postpone a scheduled walkout at Atlanta, Ga.

Transit union members, urged by the ministers to "think of the public welfare," halted immediate strike plans only three hours before a midnight deadline. The clergymen, headed by Dr. D. J. Evans, pastor of the Gordon Street Baptist church, appealed to union heads to consider a 15-day postponement. Union leaders conferred further with Federal conciliators and with C. B. McManus, president of the Georgia Power Company, which owns the public transportation system. Mr. McManus granted transit employees a 15-day extension of their 1949 contract and the postponement was announced. "It is our sincere hope and prayer," Dr. Evans told union leaders, "that a real sense of good will prevail in seeking a solution to the problem."

Protestants May Join To Establish Alaska College

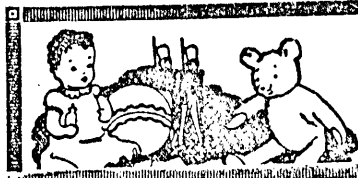
A possibility that American Methodists may be joined by other Protestant Churches in opening a Christian college in Alaska became known at a meeting at Cleveland of the Alaska Christian College Committee, a Methodist group. It was announced that a sub-committee has been named "to initiate discussions with other denominations working in Alaska through the Home Missions Council of North America."

And what should we ask of life here or indeed hereafter, save leave to serve, to live, to love, to commune with our fellowmen and with ourselves; and from the lap of earth to look up unto the face of God?—Michael Fairless.

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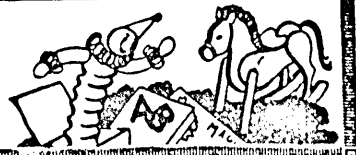
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THE CHILDREN'S PAGE

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IN STORYLAND

THE ORGAN GRINDER

By Margaret Jordan Sprinkle

The warm breeze, heavy with the fragrance of blossoming shrubs, drifted in the schoolhouse window making it difficult for the fourth grade pupils to concentrate on their spelling lesson.

"I hear a bob-o-link," Tommy thought as he tried to spell hammock.

"It will soon be warm enough to go swimming," Gladys thought as she looked wistfully out the window and misspelled hammock.

"These children," thought Miss Summers desperately, "are so listless. Will they ever learn to spell?"

"I'll be glad when school is out," Ted erased hammock and tried spelling it with another "m."

"All right, class, hand in your papers and see if you can put a little more life into your arithmetic." Miss Summers tried to sound energetic. But spring was tugging at her also.

She moved over to the window and looked out. Just as she did so an organ grinder came around the corner and stopped on the street across from her classroom. She watched him idly. The school principal was very strict about distracting noises close to the school grounds. "He will send the poor man away," she told herself.

The organ grinder man stood in the shade of a tree, adjusted the strap around his neck, and began to wind. At first there was a wheezing noise. Then the battered old organ began to play Yankee Doodle.

Miss Summers motioned for the man to go away. But he misunderstood her, and wound the crank harder than ever. The rollicking notes poured forth faster and faster.

Suddenly, the principal appeared on the school ground. "Go away," he spoke with dignity. "Go away."

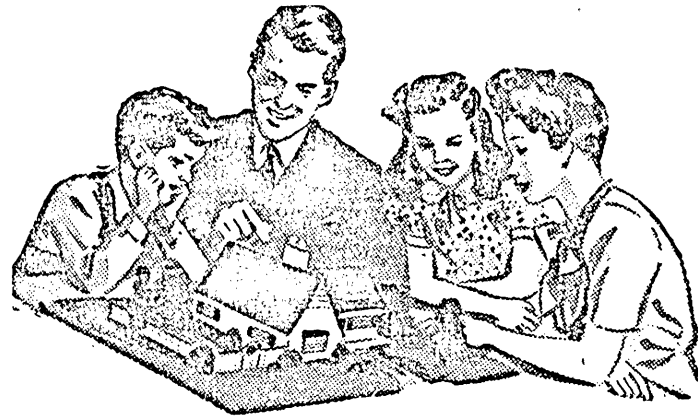
"T'ank you, t'ank you," the organ grinder spoke in broken English, not understanding a word the principal said. "T'ank you." He bowed low and again began winding his organ. This time Anchors Aweigh floated into the schoolroom.

The children lost their listless expression and began to tap their feet. Arithmetic was forgotten as they swayed to the swift-moving tune. Even Miss Summers forgot that the day was hot, and the pupils slow and disinterested.

"Let's march," she said before she realized what she was doing. "We need exercise." And away she went marching up one aisle and down another, followed by her thirty pupils.

When they passed the window she glanced down to catch the principal's eyes fastened indignantly upon her. She knew she should have herded the children back into their seats and started on arithmetic problems again, but the music had magic in it. And, without meaning to do so, she shouted down in a most undignified manner, "Lovely music, isn't it?"

Then the principal did the most



A NEW HOME

We are planning the kind of home to build,
We each one have a part,
But ideas come so thick and fast
We hardly know where to start.

Of course, we want a lovely house
With porches and windows wide,
A colorful roof and plenty of doors
That call for a look inside.

And a room where we meet at end of day
When stars peep out from above,
The kind of a home we think the best
Is a home that is filled with love —A.E.W.

unexpected thing. He smiled back at her, saluted the organ grinder, and began to beat time to the music.

Again the organ grinder bowed deep. "T'ank you, t'ank you very much," and swung into Rock-a-bye Baby.

The principal's hands dropped to his side as the sleepy tones enveloped him. Miss Summers found that she was very tired and slowly led her pupils back to their desks. The children, too, were glad to sit down again.

Even the organ grinder turned the crank slower and slower.

The principal looked apologetic as he went back to his office, closed the door, let his head rest on his desk, and fell asleep.

Miss Summers tried to bring herself back to the neglected arithmetic lesson, but her eyes got heavier and heavier. Just before she surrendered to the soothing music, she saw that every child in the room was sleeping as peacefully as if he were in his own bed.

Outside the organ grinder grew sleepy himself. So he sat down on the curb, leaned back against the tree, and snored a loud Italian snore.

Two o'clock came; no bell rang for change of classes. Three o'clock came; no bell rang out the end of school. Three-thirty came, and the telephone in the principal's office buzzed on and on.

All around the schoolhouse mothers in parked cars waited for their tardy children, but no noisy feet shuffled along the silent halls.

It was almost four when a policeman tapped the slumbering organ grinder on the shoulder. "Move on," he said. The organ grinder awoke with a start and began grinding out loud, discordant notes.

Inside the schoolhouse the principal sat erect, looked at the clock on the wall and muttered, "I must

have that fixed right away. It's fast again."

Miss Summers rubbed her eyes and peeped over the rim of her desk at thirty pupils suddenly coming to life. "All right, you may put your books away. School is over for today." She hoped she looked more alert than she felt.

The children, dragging their feet as if in a daze, started silently towards the door.

As the organ grinder moved off down the street he struck up his favorite tune, Dixie. At the same moment the doors of the schoolhouse swung wide, and the tramp of many feet echoed merrily on the spring breeze in perfect time with the music.—North Carolina Christian Advocate.

JUST FOR FUN

The city banker was visiting the farm. "I suppose," he said, nodding toward a figure in the farmyard, "that's the hired man."

"No," replied the farmer, tongue in cheek, "that's the first vice-president in charge of cows."—Woodmen of the World Magazine.

A noted Canadian entomologist was delivering a lecture on the danger of rat infestation. The 6th grade class listened with apparent attention and after the lecture one of them wrote the lecturer a note of thanks. It concluded by saying: "We didn't even know what a rat looked like until you came."—American Legion Magazine.

An executive of an American firm with a branch in Great Britain entertained at dinner a titled Englishman from their foreign office.

IN THE WORLD OF BOYS AND GIRLS

GOODNIGHT PRAYER

Father, unto Thee I pray—
Thou hast guarded me all day;
Safe I am while in Thy sight;
Safely let me sleep tonight.

Bless my friends, the whole world
bless;
Help me to learn helpfulness;
Keep me ever in Thy sight—
So to all I say goodnight.
—Henry Johnson in Ex.

THE CURIOUS CASE OF BETSY BURR

The curious case of Betsy Burr
Is known throughout the city,
And other girls all speak of her
With mingled praise and pity.

You see, it seems to be the height
Of all her daily wishes
To lend a hand at morn and night
When mother washes dishes.

Before she starts away to school—
So well does mother trust her—
It is her fast, unfailing rule
To use the broom and duster.

And in her little room upstairs,
Her ribbons, shoes and laces,
And all the things that Betsy wears,
Are always in their places.

You must agree that Betsy Burr
Is not a common maiden;
Yet every day that comes to her
With happiness is laden.

—Virginia Bowden In The Youth's Companion.

It was a small informal affair and the six-year-old daughter of the house listened wide-eyed while her mother and father said: "My lord, have you seen this?" or "My lord, have you gone to so-and-so?" Finally she saw that milord was speculatively eyeing a compote of marmalade while he fingered a roll. Her mother was deep in conversation and did not notice.

"Mommy," firmly interrupted the little one. "God wants some jam." —Wall Street Journal.

The grouch was dissatisfied with a letter which his stenographer presented for his signature. He signed, but made her put it back into the machine and add: "P S—Dictated to a poor stenographer."

She folded the letter and put it in the envelope, but no sooner was her employer's back turned than she took it out and added: "P S No. 2. The reason I am so poor is because he pays me only \$25 per week."—Radiator, Mass Mutual Life Insurance Co.

"I'm sorry, madam," said the attendant at the movie, "but you can't take the dog into the theatre with you."

"How absurd," protested the woman. "What harm can pictures do to a little dog like this?" —Catholic Fireside.

A Spirit To Build

AS EVIDENCED IN THE HELENA DISTRICT

By EWING T. WAYLAND

IF the spirit to build is indicative of the spirit manifested in carrying out the program of the church then the Helena District of the North Arkansas Conference has the spirit so necessary to accomplish great ends for the Kingdom of God. One thing is certain, the churches of the Helena District have the spirit to build. Practically every charge in the District has completed within recent years a building program of some sort, or is now engaged in some building enterprise, or is contemplating the launching of some such project.

Local church leaders are realizing today as perhaps they have never before that if the local church is to fulfill its mission in the community or city with a well-rounded balanced program, an adequate well-equipped church plant is a prime requisite. Qualified and talented leadership without tools and a place to work is handicapped from the very beginning. A church plant that is neither adequate nor inviting to the eye presents a weak challenge. On the other hand when the church building by its very appearance seems to say that religion has a very important role in the community's life, it usually does. Adequate religious facilities are a testimony to the wisdom, vision, consecration and sacrifice of souls who see in their use unlimited possibilities in developing character. Such seems to be the spirit to build that has gripped the ministers and laymen of the Helena District as they build with an eye on the future.

Among those churches which have completed building programs during the present conference year is the First Methodist Church, Clarendon, where an additional building has been constructed. This new building will meet a long felt need and will make possible needed expansion in the program at Clarendon. Of frame construction, with asbestos shingle siding, the building is located on an adjoining lot west of the main church plant. Construction was begun in early December and the Dedication Services will be held in the near future. The building has a large social and recreational room, twenty-eight by thirty-six feet, with a large adjoining kitchen soon to be completely furnished. Also located in the building are restrooms and two large classrooms for the nursery and Kindergarten age groups. Furnished, the building will cost approximately \$7,000.00 but it has a value conservatively estimated to be \$10,500.00.

This building project was originally launched by the Wesleyan Service Guild of the Clarendon church but before its completion the entire membership of the church had opportunity to have a part in it. The building is a decided improvement not only to the church but also to the city of Clarendon.

Among other recent improvements made at the Clarendon church is the installation of a Hammond Organ and Chimes by Henry Bateman and Mrs. Helen Bateman as a memorial to the Bateman family which has so long been active in the Clarendon church. Rev. E. E. Stevenson is the Clarendon pastor.

Of simple lines and yet unquestionably the most attractive building in the community is the new Methodist Church at Mellwood. Located nine miles south of Elaine between the Mississippi and White Rivers amidst the spacious delta farms, this new church represents many months of planning and working by people who have been without a church in which to worship since 1927 when the flood of that year swept it away. For twenty-three years services have been held

has been the Advance Home Mission Special for the Helena District during the present conference year, \$1,200.00 of this amount has been contributed by other churches of the district. The building is being completed with a debt of \$2,000.00.

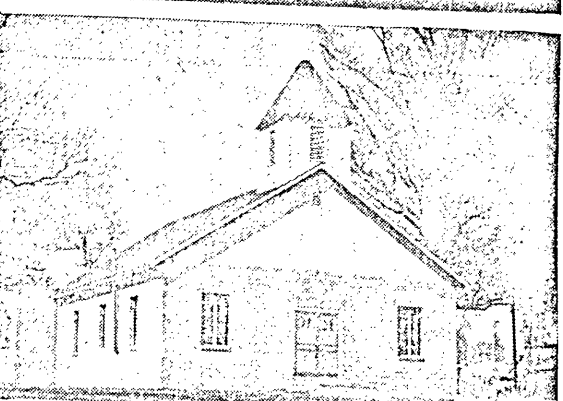
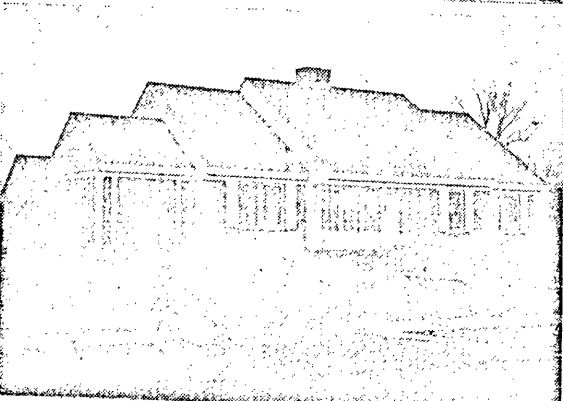
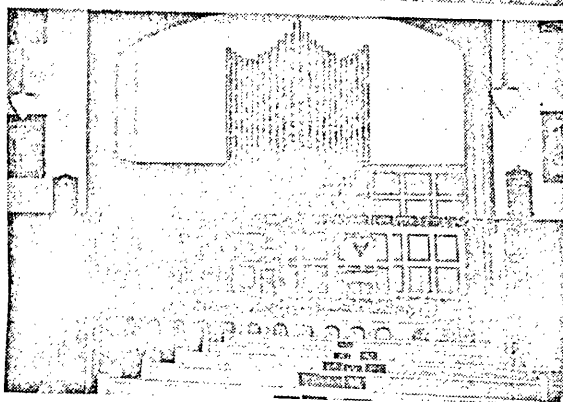
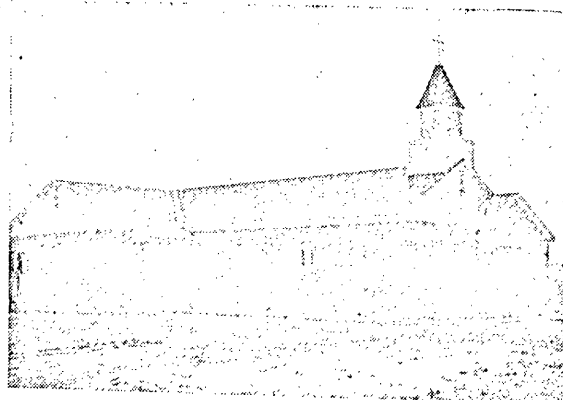
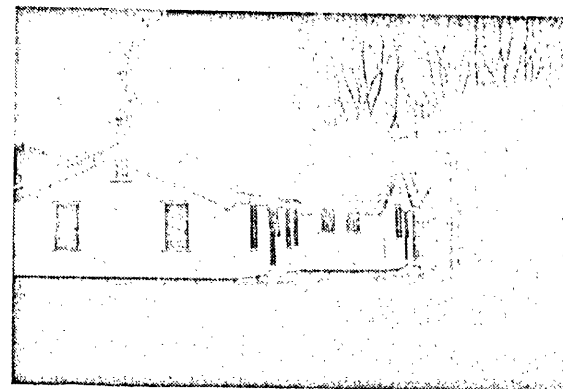
The worship sanctuary is finished in natural woodwork, with a divided chancel arrangement, complete with dossal covering the wall behind the altar. Throughout the building the walls are of light colored plaster with celotex ceilings and light colored pine floors. The pews in the sanctuary, seating 100 persons, the built-in pulpit, lectern, pulpit furniture and altar were built by the Leird Lumber Company, Little Rock. The building is of hollow-tile construction and besides the sanctuary has six class rooms, and two restrooms. A kitchen, in one of the rooms, will be completed at a later date. The building has a second entrance through one of the classrooms. Sidewalks have been laid and chat scattered over portions of the yard providing all-weather parking, a decided asset in any delta community. The building was built under a labor contract with the church buying its own building materials. Bob Beith has served as chairman of the Building Committee. Mrs. W. L. Meacham, Ross T. McGinn and C. A. McGrew are other members of this Committee the last two serving as secretaries. R. H. Knowlton is the Church School superintendent. Rev. Glenn Bruner is the pastor of the Elaine Charge.

A marvelous example of what can be done in rearranging existing facilities to provide a more worshipful sanctuary and better use of other space for educational purposes is the recently completed remodeling project at the First Methodist Church, Marianna. The sanctuary in this instance has been completely rearranged, the pulpit rostrum being moved from one corner of the former sanctuary to one end of the newly arranged rectangular shaped sanctuary. This rearrangement not only increased the seating capacity of the sanctuary but also made possible five additional Sunday School rooms and a small kitchen. The new sanctuary has been refloored, redecorated and refurnished. A new heating system has been installed as well as a fan cooling system. The organ in the old sanctuary has been completely re-built and installed in the new sanctuary.

The congregation worshipped in a nearby theater and the Sunday School met in the grammar school while the remodeling was in progress. The cost of this remodeling program was \$45,000.00 and there is no debt. The building committee for the program was W. G. Hoyle, Chairman and Treasurer, G. E. Dooley, Mrs. Charles Yancey, Mrs. Cayce Turner, W. C. Oursler, Mrs. John Mann, Mrs. W. T. Gerrard, Mrs. Oliver Payne, Sr., Mrs. Hugh Mixon, A. L. Whitten, Jack See, J. L. Gentry, Dan Felton, and E. D. (Continued on page 13)

Right, from top to bottom, new social and church school building, Clarendon; new church plant at Mellwood, Elaine Charge; interior view of newly rearranged and redecorated sanctuary at Marianna; new Methodist parsonage at Marion; new Methodist Church of Cherry Valley; additional church school space has been added to The Methodist Church of Vanndale.

Below, interior view of the new sanctuary of The Methodist Church, Round Pond, Widener Charge.



Youth Advance In

Little Rock Conference

Senior Youth Camp Ages 15-17

Under the direction of Rev. J. Ed Dunlap of Lonoke, the senior youth of the Little Rock Conference will meet together for a week of training and fellowship at the New Conference Camp on Lake Catherine, June 19-24. As a part of their study and work in the Advance for Christ and His Church, delegates will spend the



REV. ED DUNLAP
Senior Camp Director

quest period in the study of "The Methodist Church and its Work." Quest leaders will be Rev. Otto W. Teague, Rev. J. Edwin Keith, Rev. J. E. Cooper, Rev. R. O. Beck; other leaders for this camp include Rev. Richard Perry, Rev. M. W. Miller, Rev. Roy E. Fawcett, Mrs. John L. Tucker, Mrs. V. B. Storey, Mrs. Helen Couch, Mrs. Edward McLean, Mrs. C. B. Nelson, Miss Olivia Bradley, Miss Ruby Galloway and Miss Emogene Dunlap.

Expenses. Total cost for the Senior Youth Camp is \$13.50. The pre-registration fee of \$3.50 should be sent by June 12 to Rev. Roy E. Fawcett, 326 Exchange Building, Little Rock, Arkansas. Since accommodations are limited as first year, the maximum registration will be 175, so plan to send in your pre-registration fee immediately.

High School Graduates are urged to attend the Older Youth Camp this year if that is convenient for them—this would greatly relieve the overcrowded conditions which are expected in the Senior Camp.

What to bring. Sheets, pillow cases, towels, toilet articles, flashlight, fishing tackle, hiking shoes, light blanket, rain coat and overshoes, Bible, pencil, note book, camera, bathing suit, softball and other play equipment.

Work Camp For Senior and Older Youth

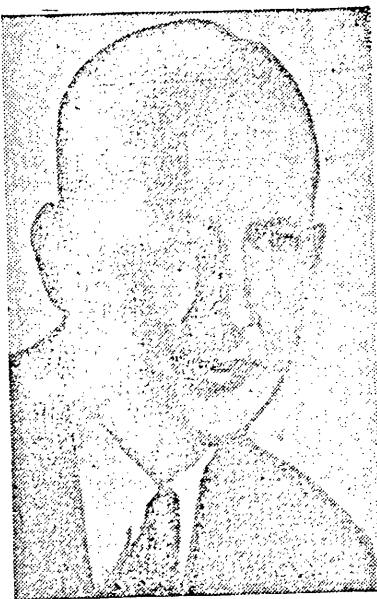
During the week of June 12-17, seniors and older youth who can spare the time and want to help in the development of the new Conference Camp will have such an opportunity this summer. There will be work on clearing the grounds, on the buildings, pitching tents, setting up cots, kitchen duty and other odd (but not unfamiliar) jobs.

All this work will be done toward getting the camp in readiness for the summer program. Applications for acceptance to work in this camp should be made immediately—there are only a few places left in the maximum registration of 40 which is set for this first work camp.

The only cost to the individual is his transportation to and from camp. Send your application for acceptance to: Miss Emogene Dunlap, 326 Exchange Building, Little Rock, Arkansas.

Older Youth Camp Ages 18-23

For the first time, Older Youth of the Little Rock Conference, will meet together in a camp session of their own during the week of August 21-26 at the New Conference Camp. Rev. Mark Vaught



REV. MARK VAUGHT
Older Youth Camp Director

of Mena will be the director of this camp which will also have as its central theme of study, "The Methodist Church and its Work."

Other workers in this camp include Rev. George Meyer, Rev. Mouzon Mann, Rev. Dan R.

Robinson, Rev. Roy E. Fawcett, Rev. Charles H. Giessen, Miss Margaret Marshall, Mrs. V. B. Storey, Miss Ruth Nolze, Mrs. Edward McLean and Miss Emogene Dunlap.

Total cost for the Older Youth Camp is \$13.50. The pre-registration fee of \$3.50 should be sent by August 14 to Rev. Roy E. Fawcett, 326 Exchange Building, Little Rock, Arkansas.

High School Graduates are urged to attend this camp instead of the Senior Camp since there will be particular interest groups for those who are planning to enter college in the fall, and for those who have just gone to work following their graduation or who plan to in the near future.

What to bring. Sheets, pillow, pillow cases, light blanket, towels, toilet articles, flashlight, fishing tackle, hiking shoes, rain coat and overshoes, Bible, pencil, notebook, camera, bathing suit, softball and other play equipment.

Fellowship Team Training Laboratory

Five to seven young people and two adult workers with youth from each of the districts in the conference will be meeting in a week of concentrated training and enrichment in preparation for working as members of fellowship teams throughout the conference during the rest of the summer.

The type of training to be had at this session will be of a laboratory nature — the teams will actually work in the afternoons and evenings of the week at Aldersgate in several of the churches of the Little Rock District.

Each applicant must be willing and able to give this particular week for training plus a minimum of four week ends to serving as a member of a fellowship team working in his own district. The only expense to the individual will be his transportation costs to and from Camp Aldersgate.

Applications for acceptance at the Laboratory Training School for Fellowship Teams should be made to the District Director of Youth Work immediately. Churches over the conference interested in securing the services of a Fellowship Team on some week end of the summer months should also apply to the District Director of Youth Work.

During this week at Camp Aldersgate, July 10-15, Miss Bowman of Nashville, Tennessee, will serve as director of the laboratory and she will be assisted by the following adult workers: Mrs. Edward Harris, Miss Margaret Marshall, Rev. J. Ed Dunlap, Mrs. V. B. Storey, Mrs. C. B. Nelson and Miss Emogene Dunlap.

District Camps For Intermediates (ages 9-12)

ARKADELPHIA-PRESCOTT-
TEXARKANA DISTRICT
Christian Adventure Camp at
New Conference Camp
July 10-14

Total Cost: \$11.50
Pre-Registration fee: \$3.50
Rev. C. Everett Patton, Director

CAMDEN DISTRICT
Christian Adventure Camp at
New Conference Camp
July 17-21

Total Cost: \$11.00
Pre-Registration Fee: \$2.50
Rev. Charles H. Giessen, Director

LITTLE ROCK DISTRICT
Christian Adventure Camp at
Camp Aldersgate
First Session: June 26-30

Second Session: July 31-Aug. 4
Total Cost: \$12.50

Rev. Richard Perry, Director
First Session
Rev. Gerry Dean, Director
Second Session

MONTICELLO DISTRICT
Christian Adventure Camp at

Training For A

Special help is available this summer for adult workers with youth — at the South Central Jurisdiction Leadership Training School at Mount Sequoyah, July 17-28, several courses for youth workers will be offered:

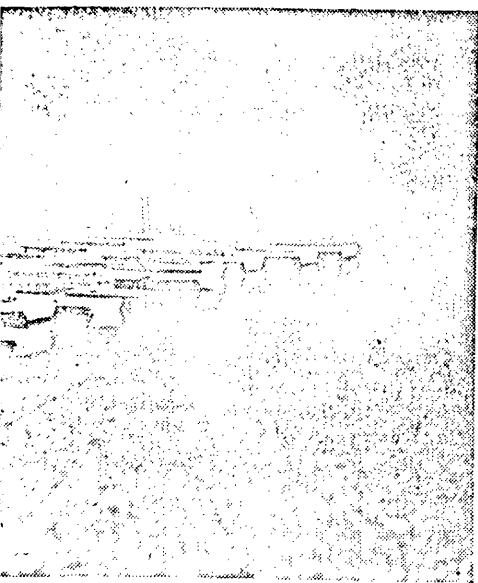
Laboratory School for Workers with Seniors—Rev. A. Merritt Dietterich, instructor

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between two and four p. m. on May 30. The program will close with the noon meal on Saturday, June 5.

Persons planning to attend this assembly should make reservations at a very early date by sending in registration card and the \$2.00 registration fee.

The cost of the Assembly will be as follows: Registration fee, \$2.00; Room and meals; \$8.00; and a small amount for text materials, crafts, and incidentals.

A limited number of adults may attend by clearing through the office of the District Director of Youth Work.

The following courses are to be offered in the assembly:

Christian and Race, Rev. E. J. Holifield of Helena.

The Christian Ideal For My Community, Rev. Harold Spence of Rector.

Youth Facing the Alcohol Problem, Rev. Joel Cooper of Conway.

The Methodist Youth Fellowship, Miss Viola Callahan of Clover Bend.

Choosing A Vocation, Rev. Lee Cate of Lincoln.

Guiding Seniors and Older Youth, Rev. Ira A. Brumley of Conway.

The Inspirational Speaker will

be Rev. Paul M. Bumpers of Fayetteville.

Rev. James S. Upton, Director of Youth Work of the Conference, will be Dean of the Assembly.

Recreation will be under the direction of Rev. Wayne Banks of Fayetteville. Crafts and Interest groups will be directed by Rev. Raymond Dorman of Levy and Miss Vivian Hill and Mr. Paul Page Faris of Conway.

The theme of the Assembly will be "Jesus Way — Our Way Through the Church".

The Purpose of The Assembly

The Conference wide Youth Assembly is held for the purpose of training local church and Sub-District leaders for their work within the local church and the Sub-district.

Local churches should select persons that promise leadership possibilities and make it possible for these persons to participate in this program.

The program will be built around the plans of worship, commission interests, organizations of youth groups, and inspiration.

What To Bring

There seems to be some confusion as to what persons need to bring to the Assembly. You will need your own pillow case, sheets, towels, washcloths, soap. Bring your Bible, Kodak (if you have one), tennis racket (if you desire to play tennis). Bring clothing for worship and classroom activities and play clothing for recreation. There will be no formal occasions. A white dress, if you have one, will be appropriate for the Dedication Service.

District Camps For Senior and Intermediates

A large number of camps are being worked out for the intermediates and seniors, these being held on District or Sub-District basis. The following are the list of camps by districts:

BATESVILLE DISTRICT

Batesville District Intermediate Camp, May 29-June 2, Wayland Spring.

Batesville District Senior Camp, July 17-21, Wayland Spring.

CONWAY DISTRICT

Camp Petit Jean for Intermediates of Conway, Perry and Polk counties, May 29-June 2.

Camp Petit Jean For Seniors of Conway District, June 2-6.

Camp Nimrod for Intermediates of Yell County, August 7-11.

FAYETTEVILLE DISTRICT

Camp Sequoyah for Intermediates of Fayetteville District, July 31-August 5.

Camp Sequoyah for Seniors of Fayetteville District, July 31 to August 5.

FORT SMITH DISTRICT

May 29-June 2, Crawford County and Arkansas Valley Camp for Intermediates.

June 26-30, Magazine Sub-District Camp.

July 17-21, Sabascot County Camp.

July 31-August 5, Senior Camp of the Fort Smith District.

HELENA DISTRICT

The Helena District is planning for an Intermediate Camp, but the date is not yet ready to be announced.

JONESBORO DISTRICT

Jonesboro District Intermediate Camp, June 5-9, Wayland Spring.

Jonesboro District Senior Camp, July 24-28, Wayland Spring.

PARAGOULD DISTRICT

Paragould Intermediate Camp, July 10-14, Wayland Spring.

Paragould District Senior Camp, July 31-August 4, Wayland Spring.

SEARCY DISTRICT

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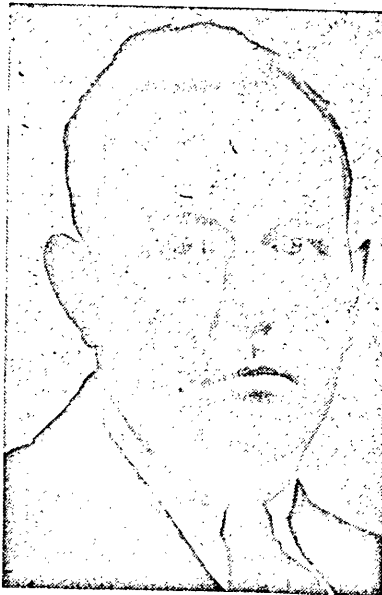
Van Buren County Intermediate Camp, May 30-June 3.

Newton County Camp date has not yet been set.

Searcy District Seniors will be in one of the Senior programs being planned at Wayland Spring.

Batesville District Worker

Miss Regenia Watson of Imboden, Arkansas, and a student at Hendrix College, is to work in



REV. JAMES S. UPTON
Conference Director of Youth Work and Dean of Assembly

the Batesville District, giving guidance to youth groups during the summer months.

Miss Lola Featherston of Paris, Arkansas, and a student at Hendrix College, is to spend the summer in various districts of the Conference helping youth groups

to plan for Youth Activities Week and other youth programs of the local churches.

Youth Caravan Team

A Caravan Team has been scheduled for the youth program of the North Arkansas Conference for the period of June 24 to August 11.

We hope to give at an early date the schedule of the places



MISS LOLA FEATHERSON
Conference President

to be visited by the Caravan Team. Miss Viola Callahan of Clover Bend, has been selected as the Counselor for the Caravan Team.

Jurisdictional Youth Workshop

The North Arkansas Conference is fortunate in having the Jurisdictional Youth Workshop meeting within the bounds of its territory. The quota for the North Arkansas Conference for this program this year is thirteen young people and three adults. The date of the conference is August 8-18.

Youth Activities Week

Youth Activities Week has become an outstanding program for youth during the summer months. Every local church should plan for Youth Activities Week. The May copy of WORKSHOP for youth leaders gives on page nine and following a statement about Youth Activities Week. Help will be given those attending the Conference Youth Assembly for planning for such a program. You can order from The Department of Youth Work, P. O. Box 871, Nashville 2, Tennessee, a copy of May WORKSHOP, if you do not have this material.

It is suggested that a Christian Adventure Week be planned for Intermediates as that program will more nearly meet their needs.

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A MEMORIAL TO MISS SKINNER

(The following letter was received by Mrs. W. F. Bates, Little Rock Conference Director of Children's Work from the staff of Children's Department of the General Board of Education. Mrs. Bates says: "Children's workers in Arkansas are deeply grieved to hear of the death of Miss Mary Skinner. She has been our beloved leader for many years. Her sincere interest in all children has inspired all of us. It was felt that many would want to contribute to a memorial fund through which work for children in Japan might be continued.")

810 Broadway
Nashville 2, Tennessee
May 8, 1950

Dear Mrs. Bates:

This is to notify you that Miss Skinner passed away quietly early this morning, May 8. Her brother was with her.

A prayer service will be conducted in Nashville at 2:30 p. m., May 9. Burial services will be held at Demopolis, Alabama.

Because Miss Skinner had been invited to work for a short time in Japan, the family requests no flowers but friends may contribute to a memorial fund for children's work in Japan. Contributions should be sent to this office.

Miss Skinner always worked with real devotion and insight. Her work was her life and the children of the church were her chief concern. Each of us shall miss her and her leadership.

Sincerely yours,
Children's Department Staff
Ethel Ristine
E. Mae Young
Margie McCarty
LaDonna Bogardus
Vera V. Zimmerman

METHODIST SUNDAY EVENING FELLOWSHIP

The Methodist Sunday Evening Fellowship is a way whereby local churches may double the time available for the teaching of Christian beliefs and attitudes. Not only religious leaders, but sociologists, philosophers, and scientists look to a rebirth of Christian values as the only way to world peace and security.

Like an answer to prayer—as indeed it is—the Methodist Sunday Evening Fellowship idea is spreading across the country, reclaiming Sunday night for the church. For years Methodist leaders have dreamed of a program so vital, so attractive, that Methodist churches would be filled and active on Sunday nights.

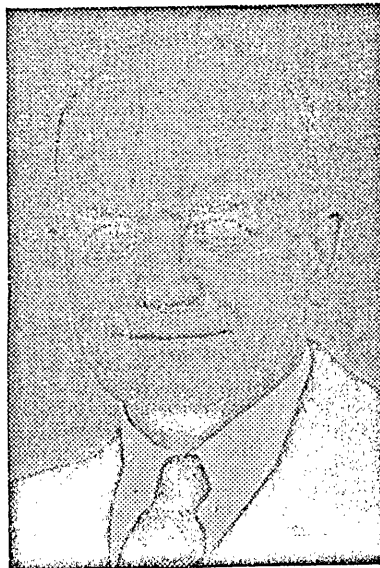
The result of their planning is the Methodist Sunday Evening Fellowship. Publicized for the first time last fall, hundreds of churches have adopted it as their Sunday evening feature or incorporated it into their already successful programs.

Several characteristics are outstanding in this program: (1) Plans suggested by the Board of Education are flexible enough to be adapted to any situation; (2) Provision is made for people of all ages to participate actively; and (3) The Methodist Sunday Evening Fellowship

Dr. Towner To Be In Little Rock Conference

DR. WALTER TOWNER of the General Board Staff has accepted an invitation to spend Christian Education Week, Sept 24 to October 1, in the Little Rock Conference. A series of district meetings is being planned to which will be invited pastors, general and associate superintendents, teachers and officers of the Church School.

Further announcements of the meetings will be made when dates have been set and details have been arranged. In the meantime, let's put this week down in our church calendar, and as far as possible see that there are no conflicts. Let's see to it that this is "Christian Education Week" in reality as well as in name.—Roy E. Fawcett.



MORE WORLD OF FUN RECORDS

Dean W. J. Faulkner of Fisk University, Nashville, Tennessee, has recorded six Negro folk tales for the World of Fun series. Sponsored jointly by the Audio-Visual and the Youth Departments of the Division of the Local Church of the General Board of Education, these are good listening for everyone—even small fry will enjoy hearing how Bre'r Rabbit Went a Courtin' or Bre'r Tiger and the Big Wind—but there is food for thought in them too; and you'll find yourself remembering them with a smile long after your introduction to them.

This group of records, like others in the World of Fun series, is for use in the fellowship programs of the church.

Each 12-inch plastic disc has two stories and sells for \$1.35. You will want to order all three for \$3.95. Ask for Numbers S-251, S-252, S-253 from the Methodist Publishing House. — Division of the Local Church.

ship is technically a part of the church school, and gives opportunity for lay leadership.

The source Book for the Methodist Sunday Evening Fellowship, issued quarterly contains two sets of program plans, publicity ideas, and suggestions of interest groups and resource material. The current issue, covering February, March, April, and May, in the 2nd Source Book (8192-BC). The summer issue of the Source Book, available in May, will cover June, July, August and September. Each issue contains 64 pages and may be ordered from the Methodist Publishing House serving your territory at 50 cents a copy.—Board of Education.

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CHURCH SCHOOL PROGRESS 1949

Nashville, Tenn.—What progress did Methodist church schools make last year?

This question is answered by Dr. John Q. Schisler, executive secretary of the Division of the Local Church, in his forthcoming report to the Board of Education of which the Local Church Division is a unit and which met in Cincinnati, Ohio, May 2-4.

Gain of 144,000 was reported for church school membership, making the total 5,799,707. This brings the church school membership to 67 per cent of the church membership of 8,771,707.

Average attendance was 2,874,423, representing a three-per-cent gain of 81,923.

Last year Methodist church

schools contributed to World Service and conference benevolences \$2,654,901. This was \$96,107 more than the 1948 contribution.

The year 1949 marked the expansion of the services of the Division in two important directions — the Methodist Sunday Evening Fellowship and cooperation in the Advance for Christ and His Church.

The first is a Sunday evening program at the church for all ages—from the youngest to the oldest. It features worship, teaching and fellowship with especial emphasis on attendance by families.

Begun last fall, the success of the Methodist Sunday Evening Fellowship has already justified its existence. Word from the field concerning the enterprise seems to indicate widespread approval on the part of district superintendents, pastors and church school workers.

Church schools are cooperating wholeheartedly in the Advance for Christ and His Church. Through "Our Workbook for the Advance in the Church School" a three-year plan for reaching the goals and implementing the emphasis of the Advance as they relate to the church school has been offered to ministers and church school workers. That "Our Workbook" is being used more and more throughout the church is evident from the widespread demand for it.

Dr. Schisler's report reveals that the Division of the Local Church is an enormous enterprise in that it develops a comprehensive and unified program of Christian education in 38,000 church schools reaching nearly 6,000,000.

This total is the result of progress made from year to year, this year's gains being one of the largest in the history of Methodist church schools, according to Dr. Schisler.—Division of the Local Church.

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WOMAN'S SOCIETY OF CHRISTIAN SERVICE

MRS. SUE M. WAYLAND, Editor

PINE BLUFF DISTRICT MEETS

The Pine Bluff District W. S. C. S. was held May 3rd at Grand Avenue, in Stuttgart. Registration of 59 ladies revealed the highest attendance for a number of years.

Quiet music played by Mrs. George Roebbke at the organ did much for setting hearts a-tune for the program of the day. The theme "To Strengthen and Lengthen", was used in the Meditation that was given by Mrs. A. J. Christie. The Scripture was Isaiah 54:2.

The president, Mrs. A. E. Adams, presided, and a short business session was held. New societies were welcomed and the Society of England, recently annexed to the Pine Bluff District, had one of the largest delegations present. Mrs. Adams gave a concise report of "What's been done in the District" and thanked Mrs. T. S. Lovett, Conference Secretary of Promotion, for carrying on this work in our district since the moving away of the district secretary several months ago.

Election of officers followed and the new officers are: President, Mrs. C. L. McNutt, Stuttgart; Vice-president, Mrs. L. D. Crenshaw, Pine Bluff; Secretary, Mrs. Lev Goodrich, Pine Bluff; Treasurer, Mrs. C. H. Walsh, Pine Bluff; Secretary of Promotion, Mrs. L. G. Waldrep, Grady; Student Work, Mrs. W. E. Arnold, Pine Bluff; Youth Work, Mrs. Wm. Hargrove, Lodges Corner; Spiritual Life, Mrs. Frank Whittenhauer, Stuttgart; Christian Social Relations, Mrs. W. C. Shepherd, Gould; Missionary Education, Mrs. J. M. Spicer, Stuttgart; Missionary Personnel, Mrs. R. W. Evans, Pine Bluff; Literature and Publications, Mrs. Ross Helvie, Pine Bluff; Status of Women, Mrs. O. C. Landers, Altheimer; Supply Work, Mrs. R. H. Whitehead, DeWitt.

Later in the morning these officers were installed by Rev. A. J. Christie, host pastor.

Mrs. C. L. McNutt, the new president, was elected to go to the Mt. Sequoyah Assembly which will be held July 4th to 15th. Mrs. Erick Jensen, Conference Secretary of Missionary Education told about the School of Missions that will be held at Hendrix College June 19th to 23rd, and urged as that many women as possible attend.

The Stuttgart Girls Glee Club, under the direction of Mrs. Lee Berry, sang well "Thanks Be to God" by Dickens and "Hold Thou My Hand" by Briggs.

After the singing of the theme hymn of the Assembly, Mrs. Van Harrell told of the trip to Cleveland and also about the Youth Assembly. The theme of that meeting of 5000 women was "Christian Faith for a World in Revolution". The Little Rock Conference has three women who are Jurisdictional officers and included on the program were three from this Conference.

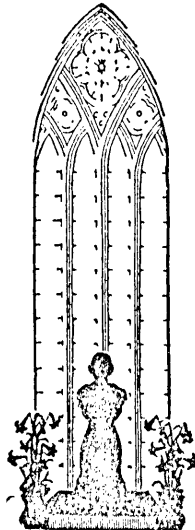
Mrs. T. S. Lovett, Conference delegate, was the speaker of the day. Speaking on the theme, some of her thoughts were: "We must discipline our lives every day severely. In every art, one has to discipline one's self if they would succeed and so we must in Christian living. We

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MORNING WATCH

I knelt in harmony with God
For one brief quiet hour—
And every moment of my day
Was radiant with His power!

—Elizabeth Beck Davidson



NORTH ARKANSAS CONFERENCE Third Quarter, ending February 28, 1950

MRS. W. F. COOLEY, Promotion Secretary

Districts	Batesville	Conway	Fayetteville	Fort Smith	Helena	Jonesboro	Paragould	Searcy	Total
No. Societies	35	35	25	40	30	48	28	36	277
No. Reporting	21	31	23	40	30	45	24	36	251
No. Members	1035	1464	1483	1963	1232	1737	704	1202	10820
W. S. G. Units	6	1	8	16	14	11	10	11	87
W. S. G. Members	168	283	225	424	405	273	279	357	2414
Total Adm. Members	1203	1747	1708	2387	1637	2010	938	1559	13234
No. in Study	257	261	400	371	236	381	151	204	2261
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to Meth. Wom.	2	2	3	3	2	2	2	1	36
Using Goals	11		11	22	23	44	6	23	140
Secretaries									
Spir. Life	18	34	22	40	30	48	24	36	252
Miss. Edu.	17	33	22	32	30	43	23	28	228
C.S.R. & L.C.A.	18	31	22	32	30	40	22	32	227
Student	11	16	15	24	27	37	11	14	156
Youth	12	18	17	22	24	40	9	18	160
Children	13	21	18	25	25	38	12	30	182
Lit. & Pub.	18	23	19	27	29	36	15	21	188
Supply Work	18	24	21	26	30	36	17	21	193
Stat. of Women	60	17	18	19	21	35	9	14	139
Committees									
Program	19	24	21	34	28	39	13	33	203
Membership	14	20	14	24	28	44	13	32	189
Finance	13	20	17	21	26	27	12	32	168
Pub. & Prtg.	8	17	8	18	17	25	9	11	113
Personnel	5	14	8	13	98	34	6	6	84

LIFE MEMBERSHIPS—25 Adult Life, 18 Baby

MONEY SENT DIVISION

Cash Supplies—\$1046, All Sources, W. S. C. S.—\$8963.54, All Sources, W. S. G.—\$1938.60

TOTAL GAINS

Net Gain in Societies—35, Net Gain in Membership—560, Net Gain in Total Adult Membership—725

Three Districts reported 100%: Fort Smith, Helena, Searcy

Four Districts have a Spiritual Life Sec. in every society: Fort Smith, Searcy, Helena, and Jonesboro

Jonesboro District has 20 District members.

Helena District has Missionary Education, CSR and LCA, and Supply secretaries in every society!

100% Societies: Alicia—Batesville District, Bonanza—Fort Smith District, Dover—Conway District, Kibler

WE RECOMMEND:

1—That in promoting the Advance Program the emphasis for the year 1950-1951 be "TO LENGTHEN and STRENGTHEN," strengthening what has already been accomplished toward the reaching of the four goals of Advance and continuing to aim for increase in ALL lines of work in the local society.

2—That in striving to make "Every Methodist Woman a member of the Woman's Society of Christian Service:"

a. We continue the general policy of person-to-person contacts, stressing again the slogan "Each one Win one."

b. A plan for chain visitation be prepared by the District Promotion Secretary whereby every society shall visit some other society or some unorganized church in the course of the year, preferably during the early fall; that this plan be furthered by recognition of 1950 as the Tenth Anniversary of the founding of the Woman's Society of Christian Service, with appropriate birthday features of promotional intent.

c. We continue to emphasize that the membership committee is a "Must" in every local society.

d. The Promotion Secretary in the local society shall be a member of the Membership Committee, possibly its chairman, and shall stimulate the widest activity on the part of this committee.

e. "District Member" shall be the term used for the individual member in a church where as yet it has been impossible to organize a society, and the District Promotion Secretary shall be responsible for her cultivation.

f. Work toward closer cooperation with District Superintendents and pastors.

3—That a membership record book be used in the local society.

4—Insofar as possible, distribution of offices, so that no one woman will be asked to serve in District and Conference, or Conference and Jurisdictional official at the same time.

5—That a wide use of new literature throughout the conference be urged, calling special attention to the new program booklet prepared particularly for newly organized societies but which should prove of value also to established societies and the plan for circle programs now being promoted through THE METHODIST WOMAN.

6—That Local Societies use one meeting to study the minutes of the Annual Meeting, stressing the recommendations for this year.

CAMDEN DISTRICT MEETING AT WALDO

The Camden District Woman's Society of Christian Service convened at Waldo Methodist Church May 3rd with two hundred women and ten Methodist ministers in attendance. Miss Delilah Burke played organ music as a prelude after which Mrs. Nelson Thornton, District President, opened the meeting. Prayer was led by Rev. J. W. Mann of Waldo, which was followed by the welcome address by Mrs. J. W. Rhea, president of the Waldo W. S. C. S. The theme for the day was "Advance — To Strengthen and Lengthen." Mrs. Thornton gave her report which included highlights of the Assembly held in Cleveland.

A very impressive memorial service was conducted by Mrs. Alfred Doss of Stephens and Mrs. W. C. Farley of El Dorado.

Mrs. R. H. Cole of Magnolia, also reported on the Assembly, giving personalities of the various speakers who addressed the convention. She was followed by Mrs. E. D. Galloway, who also attended the meeting in Cleveland. She explained the project of the United Council of Church Women, known as "The First Million on the Ecumenical Registrar of Church Women." So impressive was her appeal that one hundred and fifteen women came forward with a dollar each for the project.

At noon the ladies enjoyed a delectable luncheon in the church basement. Following the meal an officers training period was held.

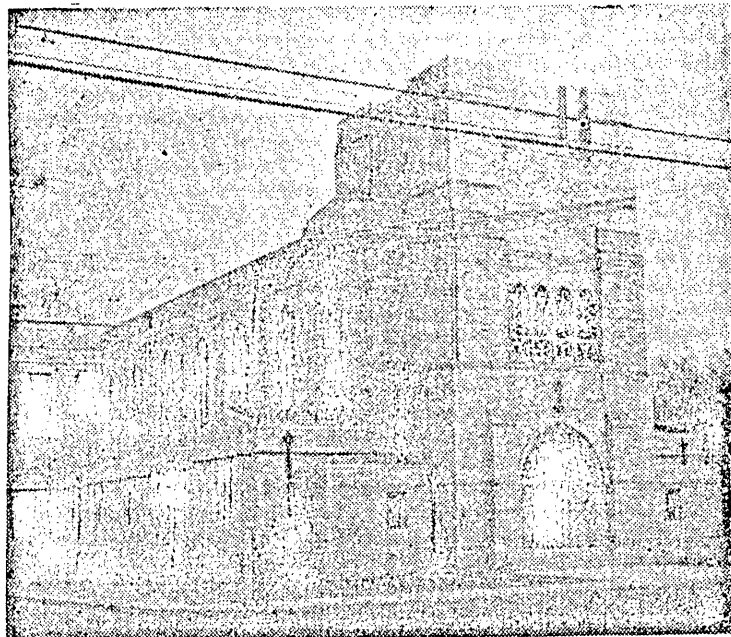
Two minute reports were heard from the thirty-one societies represented. Mrs. Ernest Glaze of Camden, retiring secretary of promotion, gave her report. She named four 100% societies, Chidester, Timothy, West Side and Buena Vista. On motion of Mrs. Otis Fincher of Waldo, Mrs. Glaze was presented with a Life Membership in appreciation of her untiring efforts in promoting the work of Camden District. Tribute was also paid to Miss Florence Whiteside of Magnolia, Deaconess Emeritus, who is retiring as Secretary of Missionary Personnel.

Dr. Connor Morehead installed the following district officers: President; Mrs. Nelson Thornton; Vice-Pres., Mrs. W. C. Farley; Recording Secretary, Mrs. J. W. Rhea; Treasurer, Promotion, Mrs. Charles Primm; Secretary of Missiary Education, Mrs. M. E. Scott; Secretary of Christian Social Relations, Mrs. Charles Geissen; Children's Work, Mrs. Calvin Moseley; Youth Work, Mrs. Joe Williamson; Student Work, Mrs. W. P. Reasons; Supply Work, Mrs. T. H. Owen; Spiritual Life, Mrs. Alfred Doss; Literature and Publications, Mrs. Harvey Crumpler; Status of Women, Mrs. J. C. Brown; Missionary Personnel, Miss Olivia Bradley; Wesleyan Guild, Mrs. Esdelle Finch.

Mrs. M. E. Scott was named delegate, and Miss Olivia Bradley, alternate, to the school of missions to be held at Mt. Sequoyah in June. Mrs. Edward Harris of El Dorado, Conference Secretary of Missionary Personnel, spoke on "Recruiting." Mrs. Otis Fincher conducted the Dedication service in a very impressive manner at which time pledges were made by the various societies of the district. Mrs. Neill Hart of Camden, led the closing prayer.—Reporter.

CURRENT NEWS IN ARKANSAS METHODISM

THE CHURCH AT OSCEOLA



This is the almost completed addition to the Methodist Church in Osceola. Services were held for the first time in the new sanctuary Easter Sunday, April 19. The work was done at a cost of \$165,000, and when completed (tower and furnishings) will cost \$200,000. It was revealed at the fourth quarterly conference May 2, that under the leadership of the pastor, Rev. Herchalle Couchman, a total of \$106,844 had been raised for all purposes during the past three conference years or an average of \$3,560 per month.

The total program of the church has been carried on despite the heavy building program. The Benevolences were increased 33 1/3%,

the pastor's salary increased \$1200 and the "Advance for Christ" askings of \$1,670 has been paid in full. Church attendance has increased by one-third, the present membership being 677 with 81 additions this year. The Church School attendance ranges from 244 to 278. The W. S. C. S. has purchased a \$15,000 Mohler Pipe Organ which has been delivered but not yet installed. The ladies have raised to date about \$12,000 of the amount needed.

The commencement service for the High School graduating class was held in the new sanctuary May 14. Brother Couchman, the pastor, preached the sermon.

ELMER H. HOOK YOUNG ADULT FELLOWSHIP

The Elmer H. Hook Young Adult Fellowship of the Fayetteville District met at Bentonville, May 4. With Mrs. Alf Eason at the organ the group sang "Blest Be The Tie That Binds" as the opening hymn. Rev. James Randle led in the opening prayer.

Vaughn Picard, president of the Bentonville Young Adult Fellowship, introduced Alvin Seamster, attorney-at-law in Bentonville, who spoke on the "Early History of Northwest Arkansas." Mr. Seamster

discussed and presented some interesting relics of pre-Civil War days, among which were old Methodist songbooks, a volume of sermons published in 1815, a geography text published in 1769, an old Kentucky Bible used in the 1830's, a lady's bonnet 100 years old, a piece of stone from Solomon's Temple and a sheepskin deed to a piece of property signed by President John Tyler in 1843.

During a business meeting conducted by Rex Bair, Rev. H. W. Jinske proposed that the group set

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STUDENT IN INDIA WRITES

Last week in the "Here and There in Arkansas Methodism" column of the Arkansas Methodist, page four, was an account of Miss Louie Coe's support as an individual of two foreign students and one native pastor. The Arkansas Methodist here presents, with Miss Coe's permission, one of the many letters which Miss Coe has received from Ernest B. Sandaram, student in India. This letter although several months old, was selected because it tells a great deal about the student himself.

May 21, 1949

Dear Patron,

Thank you very much for the very great help you have rendered me so far. This monetary help has enabled me to successfully complete my final exams at the great city of Bombay.

I am just 24 years old and have gone to a Christian high school in my home town, and for two years had to do a pre-medical course at the Madras Christian College, Tambaram, Madras. Afterwards I entered the Christian Medical School, Miraj, and after nearly five years completed my course.

During my school days I was very much interested in games and my special extra-curricular activity was the Christian Endeavor (of which I was the Secretary) and the Sunday School. In College I represented my college in hockey and basketball and sports; and took a keen interest in the Student Christian Movement. In Medical School I was elected President of the Student's Union for the Golden Jubilee Year, 1948-49. As a medical student I served as a Volunteer with the National Christian Council; and worked for two months among the refugees both in Pakistan and Kuruketra (Delhi). It was at the time when our country was divided into Pakistan and India.

Last month I have sat for my final examinations at Bombay. Students from five other colleges also appear for these exams from all over the Presidency. Among eighty-eight students I was placed first in these examinations. These examinations were conducted by the State Medical Faculty, Bombay. I have also appeared for the exams conducted by the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Bombay. The results will be declared on the 23rd of this month. It has taken nearly fifty-four years for our Medical School to produce three "first class-first" students.

I am planning to go to a Medical College for a course which extends for about two years, which will give me a degree (M. B. B. S.) so that I can do post-graduate study either here in India or abroad.

India needs medical care, and like most of the tropical countries is far behind even the most basic needs. Even the elementary essentials of hygiene and Public Health are lacking. Our big hospitals and specialists are all crowded in the big cities, and it is the Christian Mission Hospitals which are the hope of the poor masses. The invaluable and sacrificial work these institutions are doing has been recognized by the Government. The whole Christian Community has only one Medical College at Vellore. And the Medical School from where I graduated has to close down due to lack of funds—as all the Medical Schools are required to be raised to the status of a college.

When I am fully trained I am also going to one of these institutions. For I believe that this is the most forcible way of presenting Christ to the people of India. And just at present it seems as if the non-Christian can only be approached from this angle in an effective manner. The art of healing has a great scope of service and sacrifice in our country. Recently a country-wide experiment B. G. G. Vaccination to reduce the mortality due to tuberculosis has been undertaken. But, we in the Medical field strongly feel that the root of all these epidemics is lack of food, clothing and simple sanitary measures. Until these needs are fulfilled no disease can be effectively controlled. Cholera, plague, malaria, and infantile mortality reaches a colossal figure and the Vital Statistics show us the average life-span of an Indian is just 27 years. Mass education, a higher economic standard, and sacrificial service seems to be the only answer. The diseases I mentioned before, I hear, are only rarities for a common medical practitioner of your country.

With the advent of antibiotics like penicillin and streptomycin—group of drugs is having an easier task. But it is surgery that our country acutely needs. Even in the large cities the Surgeons are scarce and the ordinary one is not too good. Since our Medical School has a Surgical department which is well-known all over the Sub-Continent, most of us have a great inclination to that subject. When I receive sufficient help I hope to specialize in that subject and in tropical medicine.

I thank you once again for helping me at this critical juncture, and enabling me to go through my examinations. I am sure God will bless you and all those who give to our country both materially and in Spirit. Remember our country in your prayers and all those who strive to make it a better place to live in. We will also remember all of you in our daily prayers and hope you will continue to show the same interest in us.

Yours Sincerely,
Ernest B. Sandaram



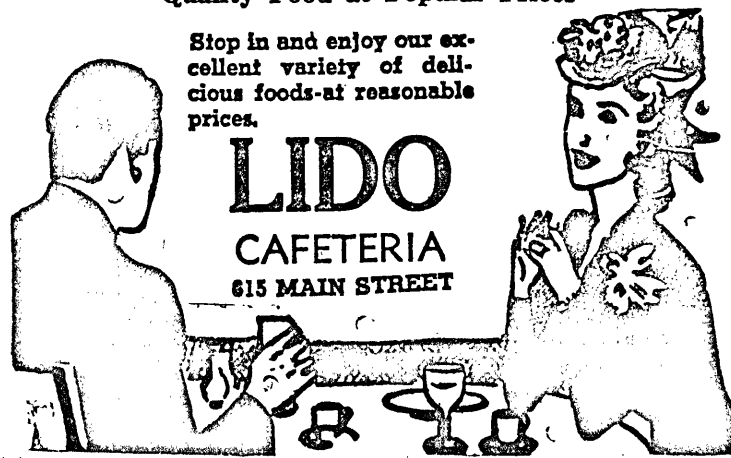
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PINE BLUFF DISTRICT
MEETS

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must discipline ourselves in honest thinking. Everything we do must be secondary to the will of God. The most important thing in the world today is the Missionary program of the churches. If we set anything before the will of God, we sin. It is what God wants us to do that counts most."

A few thoughts from Bishop Oxnam's address on "Jesus Christ, the World's greatest revolutionist" were: The greatest revolution that Jesus talked about was in the Spiritual realm. He told about the practice of love. We accept the religious concepts of Jesus Christ but do not live accordingly. His was a practice commensurate to His principals. Christian revolution begins in one's own heart and then must move out into action. It must deal with the material things of life and cannot deal with just the spiritual things. Christian social relations is not something we can do ourselves. It is better to put it "what can God do through me". We will have the right perspective if we look at this problem with a trifocal vision—me, they and we.

The missionary enterprise must become the central interest of every Christian. A Christian alternative to war must be found. We must be global minded as well as being good neighbors to those close around."

The morning session was closed with prayer by Rev. J. L. Dedman, district superintendent.

The Grand Avenue ladies served a very delicious luncheon and with appropriate table decorations in keeping with the theme of strengthening and lengthening. They also had packages of Stuttgart rice for every lady present.

Mrs. Erick Jensen, president of the Grand Avenue Society, presented a moving picture, "Strange Gods of India", which was obtained

through the courtesy of the Esso Company.

After group meetings were held, all returned to the sanctuary where "What's been done locally?" was next on the program. Each president gave a brief summary of the year's work in her society. Mrs. G. M. Sewel gave the report of the Courtesy Committee.

A beautiful dedication service closed the program of the day. Those taking part were Mrs. C. J. Maupin, Mrs. Leslie Helvie, Mrs. W. E. Arnold, Mrs. E. A. Adams, Mrs. Kenneth Spore, Mrs. T. S. Lovett and Mrs. L. D. Crenshaw. Mrs. C. L. McNutt led the group in the prayer of Dedication and then gave the benediction.

MAUMELLE SUB-DISTRICT

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and Roland. Five ministers were present: Rev. O. L. Daniel, pastor of Mountain View, Rev. Don Jones of Mt. Pleasant and Walnut Grove, and Rev. Sam Hollowell of Martindale, Cross Roads, and Roland. Rev. Jesse W. Nethercutt and Rev. Rufus Sorrells were visiting ministers. Mrs. Ray Payne and family of 28th St. and Mrs. J. H. Monday and Miss Margaret Marshall, Council workers, were also in attendance.

Mr. Higginbotham of Martindale led the group in singing hymns, both old and new, then Rev. Rufus Sorrells preached on "Faith in God" leading all present to resolve to "lengthen our cords and strengthen our stakes."

Raymond Foster of Mountain View is chairman of the sub-district. Mrs. Hollowell is secretary. The workers of this area have a meeting in the various churches of the section the third Sunday of each month. The next meeting will be held at Walnut Grove in June.—Reporter

CONFERENCE PREACHERS



DR. W. B. SELAH
Pastor Galloway Memorial Church,
Jackson, Mississippi—Little
Rock Conference



DR. KENNETH W. COPELAND
Pastor Travis Park Church, San
Antonio, Texas—North
Arkansas Conference

ELMER H. HOOK YOUNG
ADULT FELLOWSHIP

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out some shrubbery and flowers at the remodeled cottage on Mt. Sequoyah. A sum of \$20.00 was voted for the project and Mr. Bair appointed Rev. J. T. Randle and Rev. H. W. Jinske to carry it out. Mr. Bair stated that the \$50.00 appropriated to a school boy in the Gujarat Conference in India is now in hand and will be forwarded.

Fred Douglas showed some interesting slides he took on a recent trip through New Mexico, Arizona, California, Idaho, and Colorado.

Refreshments were served in the educational building.—H. W. Jinske, Reporter.

Seek State Ban On
Liquor Advertising

A rally launching a campaign to ban liquor advertising in the state was held in Portland, Ore. Purpose of the rally was to spur the signing of petitions asking that the question appear on ballots in next November's elections. Clayton Wallace, general superintendent of the National Temperance League, Washington, D. C., featured rally speaker, deplored the effects of liquor ads on children who "sit cross-legged in front of television screens." He said the tide was turning "against the liquor traffic."

We often see things not as they are, but as we are.—Sign.

A SPIRIT TO BUILD

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Conner. G. E. Dooley is Chairman of the Official Board, A. L. Whitten, Church School superintendent, and Rev. Sam G. Watson is pastor.

At Marion, where Rev. Grover C. Johnson is pastor, the Methodists have provided their pastor with a new parsonage, completely modern in every detail and arrangement. This lovely home has been constructed just south of the church building and replaces an older dwelling a block away which had served as the Methodist parsonage for many years. Built at a cost of approximately \$18,500.00, including the lot and furnishings, the house is of red brick construction, is trimmed in white, and is complete with new sidewalks and appropriate landscaping. Construction was completed November 1 and there is no indebtedness. The house has three bedrooms, dining room, living room, kitchen, breakfast room, two baths, floored attic, a side screened porch, an adjoining garage, and ample closet space. The building committee for this dream of every parsonage queen included: A. B. Wylie, Chairman, James C. Hall, Cecil R. Nance, J. F. Rieves, Jr., and Elton A. Rieves, Jr. Bishop Martin visited the Johnsons Palm Sunday morning and dedicated the new parsonage.

Other improvements made by the Methodists of Marion include the installation of carillon bells and chimes at a cost of \$5,000.00 and the purchase of the lot east of the church from which a residence has since been removed to another location. These improvements together with others planned for the future will give the Marion Methodist Church adequate space and facilities for its program.

At Cherry Valley, on the Vanndale Charge, where Rev. J. H. Richardson is completing his second year as pastor, Methodists have a new church plant which was erected on the site of an older building. The new building has a

sanctuary and four classrooms, is of hollow tile construction and has a concrete floor, fluorescent lighting, celotex ceilings, plastered walls, colored frosted windows, and is complete with a cross atop the steeple. For the present, furnishings from the older building are being used in the new building. The plant was completed last summer at a cost of \$7,500.00. The building committee for this project includes R. E. Dexter, Chairman, W. L. Parker, and L. Bigham. Mr. Dexter is also chairman of the Official Board. Ralph Diggs is superintendent of the church school.

At Vanndale the church plant has been enlarged considerably by the addition of a two-story section to the present building. This annex makes possible an expansion of the church school program and makes for a more efficient use of available space in the original building.

One of the outstanding accomplishments in the field of church buildings in the Helena District, or for that manner in Arkansas Methodism, is the new building of the Round Pond Methodist Church, Rev. Edwin B. Dodson, pastor. When the size of the community and the congregation is kept in mind the significance of the accomplishment is even greater. A \$21,000.00 church plant for a church which has a resident membership of 33 persons may seem to some to be a heavy investment by so few in number, but those who know the Methodists of Round Pond know this is but an expression of their vision, loyalty, and sacrifice.

Opening services for this new sanctuary were held November 20, 1949, and those services climax many months and years of planning and working by the Round Pond congregation for a church plant, which it had never had during the sixteen years of its history. While other pastors have given much in leadership to this project, much of the credit for this achievement is due the present pastor and the people of the congrega-

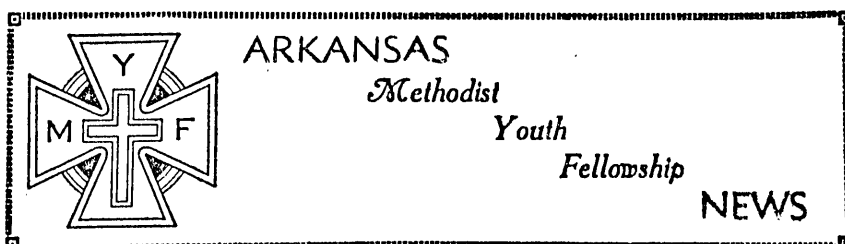
tion who have followed his and the building committee's leadership.

The building has poured concrete walls, asphalt tile floors, celotex ceilings, casement windows, with a floor arrangement for sanctuary which seats 100 persons, six class rooms, choir room and restrooms. The building is equipped with a butane heating system and a Parsons Pure Air kitchen unit (water facilities, refrigeration, and heat) installed in one of the class rooms. Removable partitions between two groups of class rooms provides additional space for larger social gatherings.

Dr. B. P. Murphy, of the General Board of Missions and Church Extension, was so impressed with the achievements of this small congregation that he recommended to the General Board a grant of \$500.00 for paying on the incurred debt. The General Board is now carrying the relatively small debt on the project.

The Building Committee at Round Pond includes Edwin B. Walker, Chairman, J. A. Clark, R. C. McNeil and Small Morgan. A. L. Devereux is the Church School Superintendent. The energetic young pastor of the Widener Charge, of which the Round Pond Church is a part, preaches four times each Sunday, weather and roads permitting. His schedule includes services at 10:00 a. m. at Widener, 11:00 a. m. Round Pond, 3:30 p. m. Tuni and 7:30 p. m. Madison.

There is one person who is vitally interested in all these and other building enterprises of the Helena District. He is the quiet, hard-working district superintendent, Rev. Ethan Dodgen. He is aware that the fullness and effectiveness of any program is dependent somewhat upon the physical facilities in which such a program is presented. Thus, he encourages the pastors and laymen of the district to provide building structures worthy of the great program of The Methodist Church. This they are doing in the Helena District.



CHRISTIAN VOCATIONAL CLINIC

A Christian Vocational Clinic, directed by Rev. James S. Upton of Hendrix College, was held at the First Methodist Church, Conway, on May 5-6. Students from Hendrix College serving on the team were: Sue Osment, George Wayne Martin, Hettie Lue Wilson, James Beal and Bill Holmes.

The clinic began with a banquet in the recreation room of the Church. Sarah Workman, president of the Conway Senior M. Y. F., welcomed the guests and introduced Rev. James S. Upton who spoke on "Christian Vocations and Making Your Vocation Christian." He told of the importance of a life philosophy, a life mate and a life work. The team members were introduced to the group. Recreation was enjoyed and a dramatic worship service, "Where Is God?" was presented by the team.

The Saturday schedule included a "hymn sing," four class discussion groups: "Short Term Projects," "Full Time Service at Home," "Full Time Service Abroad," and "The Christian Ministry." These discussion periods were arranged so that every person participating could be in each of these groups. The film strips, "It's Your Life," and "Christian Student Life" were used to help in pointing up some of the ideas of Christian vocations and the opportunities on the college campus.

The closing worship service was an impressive candlelight service which began with organ music. A challenging message on "Sharing the Glory of Christianity" was brought and each person was asked to come forward and light his candle and turn in a dedication card.

Young people from all of the Methodist Churches in the Conway District were invited to attend. They were guests of the senior M. Y. F.

We believe that this is one of the finest things that the Hendrix Deputation Teams are doing.—Reporter

OSCEOLA M. Y. F.

The Osceola M. Y. F. began its Easter activities with a menu consisting of bean soup, rice and a tiny piece of hard bread. It was held in the M. Y. F. room at 6:30 P. M. with a program planned by the World Friendship Commission. At 7:30 p. m. the group went into the sanctuary to observe the Lord's Supper with the rest of the church membership. They gave \$15.00 to Overseas Relief.

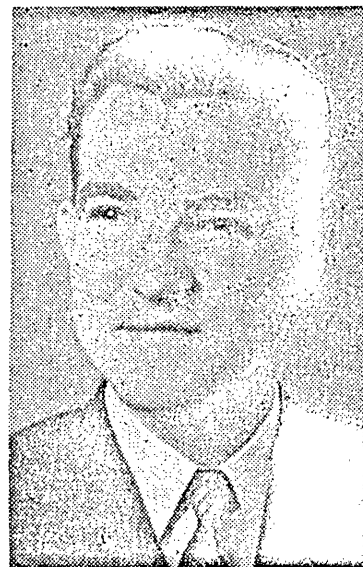
Easter Sunday night they were in charge of the Church Services.

On April 26th Luxora M. Y. F. was our guest at supper and a Youth Forum composed of Betty Joe Fielder and Martha Rose, Dwayne Couchman and Donald Watson. Rev. E. B. Williams, district superintendent, was the moderator. The subject was "Boy and Girl Relationships."

On May 7th Highland Heights

REV. J. KENNETH SHAMBLIN TO BE SPEAKER AT CONFERENCE YOUTH RALLY

Rev. J. Kenneth Shamblin, pastor of the Pulaski Heights Methodist Church of Little Rock, will be the speaker of the day at the annual Conference-Wide Youth Rally which



REV. J. KENNETH SHAMBLIN

is to be held this year in Hot Springs on June 10. More complete details of the youth rally will be announced later when the entire program has been worked out. It is hoped

Methodist M. Y. F. of Memphis, Tennessee, was guests at our youth services at 6:15 p. m., and Church services at 7:00 p. m. Our M. Y. F. was in charge of this service, the theme of which, was "Christian Stewardship." An hour of fellowship was enjoyed in the recreation room following.—Martha Rose, reporter.

that the largest delegation of young people ever to assemble in the Little Rock Conference will be present on that day.

For the afternoon program, the Conference Camp Committee and the Youth Council have planned to celebrate the official opening of the new camp on Lake Catherine followed by a picnic supper to be served at the camp. In order to make these plans, it will be necessary for all youth groups to tell their pastor before he leaves for Annual Conference how many reservations to make for them for the evening meal. All groups are urged to make plans now for transportation to Hot Springs for the biggest and best youth rally of the Little Rock Conference.—Emogene Dunlap.

MAUMELLE SUB-DISTRICT

The May meeting of the Fellowship of Workers of the Maumelle Sub-district of the Little Rock District was held at Robinson school, Sunday May 7th. Since this was Family Week all families were invited. The program began at eleven o'clock for church members who were not having preaching in their own churches. Rev. O. L. Daniel of Mountain View Church preached. At twelve o'clock in spite of torrents of rain members of the other churches in the sub-district as well as visitors from Little Rock began to arrive.

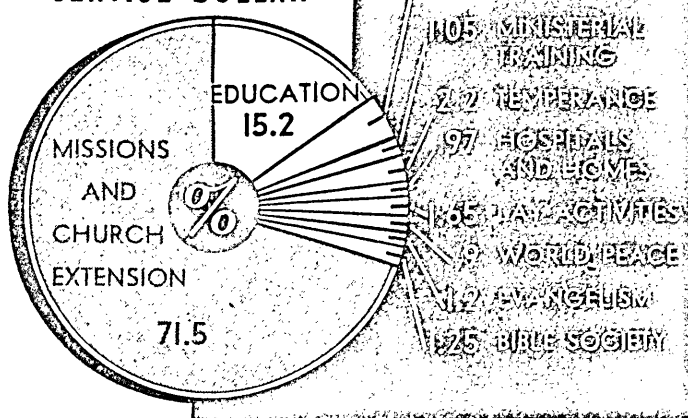
Dinner was spread. All church people in Arkansas know the bounty of such gatherings. After the blessing and many helpings the fragments filled many baskets.

During the period of fellowship which followed old friends re-lived past experiences, and new friendships were made to enrich the days that are to come. There were members from Mt. Pleasant, Walnut Grove, Martindale, Mountain View, (Continued on page 13)

WORLD SERVICE DOLLARS

Must be at work

DIVISION OF THE METHODIST WORLD SERVICE DOLLAR



ANNUAL FIXED AMOUNTS—PENSIONS \$147,651
DEACONESS PENSIONS \$32,000

THE far reaching benevolence work of Methodist World Service for this present year must be done with the money received from our local churches by

MAY 31, 1950

Local church treasurers should send all money on hand to Conference treasurers before that date. Church members aid greatly by paying balances due through May, before the last of that month.

Let us observe this important deadline.



Little Rock Conference Treasurer's Report



From June 15, 1949 to May 1, 1950

Charge	Bishops Fund	Conference Claimants	Benevolences	World Service	Dist. Supt. Salary
PINE BLUFF DISTRICT (Continued from last week)					
AREA FUND:					
Almyra \$3.00, Altheimer \$3.00, Wabbaseka \$4.00, Bayou Meto \$1.00, Brewer \$1.00, Lodges Corner \$1.00, Cypress \$1.00, DeWitt \$5.00, England \$63.00, Gillett 5.00, Good Faith \$3.00, Gould \$1.00, Grady \$2.00, Crigler \$2.00, Tomberlin \$2.00, Camp Shed \$2.00, DeLuca \$1.00, LaFargue \$1.00, Prairie Union \$1.00, Carr Memorial \$6.00, First Church, Pine Bluff \$13.50, Hawley Memorial \$3.00, Lakeside \$12.00, Center \$1.00, Mt. Olivet \$1.00, Prosperity \$2.00, Sherrill \$3.00, Pleasant Grove \$2.00, First Church, Stuttgart \$8.00, Grand Avenue \$10.00, Swan Lake \$4.00, Glendale \$2.00, New Hope \$1.00, Sulphur Springs \$2.00, White Hall \$1.00.					
Total	\$173.50				
ADVANCE FOR CHRIST OFFERING:					
Almyra \$94.00, Altheimer \$82.65, Wabbaseka \$7.85, Bayou Meto \$63.00, Brewer \$22.00, Lodges Corner \$58.00, DeWitt \$445.00, England \$350.00, Gillett \$250.00, Good Faith \$53.70, Faith \$8.00, Grady \$45.00, Humphrey \$105.50, DeLuca \$5.21, Prairie Union \$20.00, Carr Memorial \$430.00, First Church, Pine Bluff \$957.50, Lakeside \$100.00, Plainview \$5.00, Center \$8.75, Prosperity \$50.70, Sherrill \$64.00, First Church, Stuttgart \$441.00, Grand Avenue, Stuttgart \$225.00, Pine Bluff District Special Collection \$586.90.					
Total	\$4176.76				
WEEK OF DEDICATION OFFERING:					
Bayou Meto \$20.84, DeWitt \$25.00, England \$50.00, Carr Memorial \$15.00, First Church, Pine Bluff \$100.00, Hawley Memorial \$27.00, Lakeside \$113.00, Prosperity \$13.50, Sheridan \$25.00, First Church, Stuttgart \$50.00, Grand Avenue, Stuttgart \$50.00.					
Total	\$489.34				
WORLD-WIDE COMMUNION OFFERING:					
Almyra \$14.00, Altheimer \$17.85, Wabbaseka \$7.25, Gould \$12.00, Grady \$15.00, Carr Memorial \$30.00, Lakeside \$62.50, Rison \$15.00, Sherrill \$11.00, First Church, Stuttgart \$35.00, Grand Avenue, Stuttgart \$69.18.					
Total	\$288.78				
PHILANDER SMITH COLLEGE—RACE RELATIONS:					
Bayou Meto \$14.95, Lodges Corner \$15.00, Carr Memorial \$10.00, Sheridan \$6.50, Grand Avenue, Stuttgart \$56.69.					
Total	\$103.14				
GRAND TOTAL					
					\$35,094.92

HOPE DISTRICT					
ASHDOWN	\$ 47.25	\$ 350.25	\$	\$ 75.00	\$ 345.00
RICHMOND	3.00	20.00			21.00
BINGEN CT.					
Avery's Chapel	1.00	5.00	21.00		10.00
Biggs Chapel	2.00	4.00	20.00		5.00
Bingen	3.50	18.50	62.50		30.00
Doyle	2.00	10.00		32.00	16.00
Friendship	2.00	11.00	26.00		9.00
Pump Springs	1.00	4.00	3.00		1.00
Sweet Home	2.00	11.00		15.00	
Total	13.50	63.50	132.50	50.00	71.00
BLEVINS CT.					
Bethel	3.50	22.00			27.00
Blevins	13.50	87.00	213.00		105.00
Macedonia	2.73	17.16			21.00
McCaskill	5.56	34.98			43.00
Sweet Home	4.48				34.56
Total	29.77	161.14	213.00		230.56
BROWNSTOWN	3.00	13.00	5.00	5.00	19.00
CENTER POINT CT.					
Center					17.00
Center Point					2.00
Trinity					10.00
Wakefield	1.00	5.00		5.00	10.00
Water Creek	1.00	5.00		11.50	10.00
Total	2.00	10.00		16.50	42.00
CHERRY HILL CT.					
Cherry Hill			10.00		10.00
DEQUEEN	52.50	420.00	750.00	30.00	405.00
DIERKS CHARGE					
Dierks	27.30				210.60
Green's Chapel	3.00	20.00	42.00		27.00
Total	30.30	20.00	42.00		237.60
DODDRIDGE CT.					
Doddridge	2.50	13.00		20.00	19.00
Concord	1.00	3.50		2.50	3.00
Fouke	3.00	18.00	8.75	17.50	27.00
Olive Branch	3.06	15.75	7.56	14.75	20.75
Silverina	1.50	9.00		15.00	13.50
Total	11.06	59.25	16.31	69.75	83.25
EMMETT CT.					
DeAnn				7.00	
Emmett	24.00	164.16	100.00	100.00	222.75
Holly Grove	4.00	23.00	50.00		28.00
Midway	6.00	37.40	100.00		45.90
Total	34.00	224.56	250.00	100.00	303.65
FOREMAN CHARGE					
Foreman	21.00	216.00			243.00
Wallace	1.00	10.00			11.75
Wade's Chapel		23.00		8.00	26.00
Walnut Grove	1.00	7.00			7.00
Total	23.00	256.00		8.00	287.75
HATFIELD CT.					
Cove	3.00	11.00		16.00	15.00
Gilham	3.00	18.00		30.00	27.00
Hatfield	7.00	20.00		35.00	35.00
Old Cove		9.00		13.00	14.00
Vandervoort				14.00	20.00
Wicks	3.00			23.00	124.00
Total	16.00	58.00		104.00	486.00
HOPE	84.00	504.00		2750.00	
HORATIO CIRCUIT					
Horatio	9.00			9.00	110.00
Walnut Springs		10.00		15.00	10.00
Williamson	1.00	5.00	10.00		6.50
Total	10.00	15.00	10.00	24.00	126.50
LANGLEY-NEW HOPE CT.					
Lockesburg				18.00	10.00
Belleville					
Lockesburg		50.00	50.00		135.00
Total		50.00	50.00	18.00	135.00
MENA	58.30	466.70	833.30	45.00	450.00
MINERAL SPRINGS CT.					
Mineral Springs	21.00	120.00	75.00	35.00	162.00
Ozan	5.00	30.00	16.00		42.00
St. Paul		20.00	52.00		25.00
Sardis	1.00	4.50	30.25		7.50
Schaal					1.75
Shiloh					1.50
Total	27.00	174.50	173.25	35.00	239.75
NASHVILLE	73.50	588.00			567.00
PRESCOTT STATION	33.50	266.00	625.00		256.50
PRESCOTT CT.					
Caroline	4.00		2.00		27.00
Fairview	5.00	21.00	53.00		40.00
Harmony	2.00				14.00
Mt. Moriah	2.00	8.00	17.50		14.50

Charge	Bishops Fund	Conference Claimants	Benevolences	World Service	Dist. Supt. Salary
Moscow	2.00	7.00		25.00	14.00
New Salem	2.00	7.00	25.00		14.00
Pleasant Ridge					8.75
Total	17.00	43.00	97.50	25.00	132.25
SHADY GROVE CT.					
Dallas	3.00	12.00	25.00		20.00
Potter	3.00	12.00	10.00		20.00
Rocky	1.00	6.00	10.00		10.00
Shady Grove		24.00	28.00		40.00
Total	7.00	54.00	73.00		90.00
SPRINGHILL CT.					
Bethlehem				35.00	
Oak Grove	4.00	3.16	1.00	15.33	
Springhill					40.00
Total	4.00	3.16	1.00	90.33	45.00
TEXARKANA CHURCHES:					
COLLEGE HILL	37.00	231.00		412.50	235.90
FAIRVIEW	32.00	252.00	400.00		402.02
FIRST CHURCH	114.00	909.50	3800.00		878.00
TEXARKANA CT.					
Few Memorial	11.00	78.00		78.00	88.00
Harmony	11.00	20.00		20.00	88.00
Pleasant Hill					7.00
Rondo	11.00	78.00		78.00	66.00
Total	33.00	176.00		176.00	249.00
WASHINGTON CT.					
Washington	7.00	28.00	61.50	12.00	35.00
WILTON CT.					
Allene					12.00
Ben Lomond					15.00
Hicks	1.00	8.00		10.00	5.50
Oak Hill			15.00		35.50
Ogden	4.00	27.00		40.00	23.00
Wilton			75.00		18.00
Total	5.00	35.00	90.00	50.00	119.00
WINTHROP	4.00	14.00		35.00	10.00
DISTRICT TOTALS	\$ 807.18	\$5465.56	\$7633.36	\$4131.08	\$6646.73

GENERAL ADMINISTRATION AND JURISDICTIONAL CONF. EXPENSE FUND:	
Ashdown \$38.00, Richmond \$5.00, Avery's Chapel \$2.00, Biggs Chapel \$2.00, Bingen \$5.50, Doyle \$3.00, Friendship \$4.00, Pump Springs \$1.00, Bethel \$8.00, Blevins \$6.00, McCaskill \$8.00, DeQueen \$36.00, Green's Chapel \$9.00, Concord 50c, Doddridge \$2.50, Fouke \$3.75, Olive Branch \$2.62, Silverina \$1.50, Emmett \$12.00, Midway \$8.00, Foreman \$15.00, Cove \$3.00, Gilham \$4.00, Hatfield \$6.00, Hope \$40.00, Horatio \$6.00, Williamson \$2.00, Mena \$33.75, Mineral Springs \$15.00, Ozan \$4.50, Sardis \$3.00, Nashville \$54.00, Prescott \$27.00, Caroline \$3.00, Fairview \$4.00, Harmony \$2.00, Moscow \$2.00, New Salem \$2.00, Dallas \$2.00, Potter \$2.00, Rocky \$1.00, Oak Grove \$2.00, College Hill \$28.00, Fairview \$18.00, First Church, Texarkana \$75.00, Few Memorial \$9.00, Harmony \$9.00, Hicks \$2.00, Ogden \$5.00, Rondo \$9.00.	
Total	\$546.62
MINIMUM SALARY FUND—PASTOR:	
Blevins \$25.00, Mena \$40.00, Nashville \$33.25, Rondo \$9.50, College Hill \$21.00, E. D. Galloway \$66.00, First Church, Texarkana \$65.00.	
Total	\$259.75
MINIMUM SALARY FUND—CHURCH:	
Ashdown \$33.00, Bethel \$4.00, Blevins \$15.00, McCaskill \$6.36, DeQueen \$60.00, Emmett \$33.00, Holly Grove \$4.00, Midway \$13.80, Foreman \$24.00, Hope \$96.00, Mena \$60.00, Nashville \$84.00, Prescott \$38.00, College Hill \$42.00, Fairview \$36.00, Few Memorial \$13.00, Rondo \$9.50, First Church, Texarkana \$65.00.	
Total	\$636.66
ADVANCE FOR CHRIST OFFERING:	
Bethel \$35.00, Blevins \$72.00, McCaskill \$26.00, Trinity \$3.00, Wakefield \$4.00, DeQueen \$262.50, Doddridge Ct. \$50.00, Emmett \$50.00, Hope \$699.00, Horatio \$100.00, St. Paul \$12.00, Caroline \$4.00, Fairview \$6.00, Harmony \$3.00, Moscow \$3.00, New Salem \$3.00, College Hill \$62.56, First Church, Texarkana \$430.00, Rondo \$25.00.	
Total	\$1760.06
AREA FUND:	
Bethel \$1.00, Blevins \$1.00, McCaskill \$1.00, Trinity \$2.00, Wakefield \$2.00, Green's Chapel \$1.00, Concord 50c, Doddridge \$1.50, Silverina \$1.00, Emmett \$4.00, Hope \$10.00.	
Total	\$25.00
WEEK OF DEDICATION OFFERING:	
Richmond \$6.00, Doyle \$3.00, Friendship \$5.68, DeQueen \$45.25, Midway \$8.50, Foreman \$6.00, Hope \$103.60, Horatio \$28.00, Mena \$21.50, Prescott \$73.21, College Hill \$16.00, Fairview \$24.00, First Church, Texarkana \$100.00, Emmett \$16.00, Ogden \$9.60.	
Total	\$1398.74
WORLD-WIDE COMMUNION OFFERING:	
DeQueen \$13.25, Dierks \$11.00, Doddridge \$12.45, Emmett \$7.00, Hope \$51.00, Horatio \$14.00, Langley \$2.00, Mena \$29.00, Prescott \$22.50, Fairview \$17.00, Few Memorial \$8.15, Harmony \$3.25, Rondo \$3.60.	
Total	\$194.20
PHILANDER SMITH COLLEGE (Race Relations Offerings)	
Blevins \$20.00, Foreman \$12.50, Wade's Chapel \$8.00, Hope \$300.00, Mena \$15.00, Fairview, Texarkana \$9.00, First Church, Texarkana \$146.50.	
Total	\$511.00
GRAND TOTAL	

RECEIPTS FROM LITTLE ROCK CONFERENCE—Period June 15, 1949-May 1, 1950					
RECAPITULATION					
District	Bishops Fund	Conference Claimants	Benevolences	World Service (4th Sun. Off.)	Dist. Supt. Sal. Fund
ARKADELPHIA	\$ 874.50	\$ 5,267.53	\$ 8,257.96	\$ 2,147.16	\$ 6,312.56
CAMDEN	1,167.24	7,175.00	8,130.13	3,007.16	8,245.55
LITTLE ROCK	1,545.01	9,880.00	23,124.05	1,682.48	8,614.34
MONTECELLO	1,171.28	7,125.82	5,095.50	4,258.77	8,231.08
PINE BLUFF	999.12	5,938.22	9,280.75	4,174.29	7,363.52
HOPE	807.18	5,465.56	7,633.36	4,131.08	6,646.73
TOTAL	\$ 6,564.33	\$40,852.13	\$61,521.75	\$19,400.94	\$45,413.76
District	Gen. Adm. & Jur. Conf. Exp. Fd.	Minimum Salary (Pastor)	Minimum Salary (Church)	Area Fund	Advance For Christ Offerings
ARKADELPHIA	\$ 597.00	\$ 339.50	\$ 657.30	\$ 119.81	\$ 3,230.27
CAMDEN	820.57	415.50	876.75	94.70	1,365.01
LITTLE ROCK	960.33	579.25	1,597.00	168.22	2,637.42
MONTECELLO	669.12	185.50	380.37	119.99	206.10
PINE BLUFF	659.25	304.50	843.75	173.50	4,476.78
HOPE	546.62	259.75	636.66	25.00	1,760.08
TOTAL	\$ 4,252.89	\$ 2,084.00	\$ 5,491.83	\$ 701.22	\$13,675.62
District	World-Wide Communion Offering	Dedication Offering	Race Relations Offering	Methodist Student Day Offering	District Total
ARKADELPHIA	\$ 287.53	\$ 426.09	\$ 253.51	\$	\$28,770.72
CAMDEN	301.63	320.49	186.59	40.63	32,146.95
LITTLE ROCK	273.82	974.74	635.30	5.00	52,676.96
MONTECELLO	106.73	25.00	165.00	28,240.24
PINE BLUFF	288.78	489.34	103.14	35,094.92
HOPE	194.20	1,398.74	511.00	30,015.94
TOTAL	\$ 1,452.69	\$ 3,634.40	\$ 1,854.54	\$ 45.63	\$206,945.73
GRAND TOTAL					\$206,945.73
C. E. HAYES, Treasurer					

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HOW CAN WE ACHIEVE HUMAN RIGHTS?

LESSON FOR MAY 28, 1950

READ THE ENTIRE LESSON FROM YOUR BIBLE.

Micah 4:1-5; 5:2-4; 7:18-20.

GOLDEN TEXT: "Who is a God like unto thee, that pardoneth iniquity, and passeth over the transgressions of the remnant of his heritage? he retaineth not his anger forever, because he delighteth in loving kindness."—Micah 7:18.

This is the second and the last lesson from the Book of Micah. As in Amos and Hosea, the book contains two parts—one part deals with the doom or condemnation of the nation and the other with redemption and restoration of a remnant of the nation.

Human Rights

The lesson of last week raised the question, WHO HAS A RIGHT TO HUMAN RIGHTS? The answer, of course, is, every human has a right to human rights, and that, through the simple fact that he is a human being. These rights should be extended to every person regardless of race, creed, color, nationality, social, economic, or political standing.

Before attempting to answer the question of today—HOW CAN WE ACHIEVE HUMAN RIGHTS?—it will be well to note briefly what those rights are. The following are listed in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights: Life, liberty, security, freedom from slavery and torture, recognition as a person before the law, freedom from arbitrary arrest or exile, fair and public trial for criminal charges, freedom from interference with or attack upon privacy, family home, correspondence, honor and reputation; freedom of movement and residence within the state and right to leave it and return to it; right to own property; freedom of thought, conscience, and religion; freedom of opinion and expression, peaceful assembly and association; right to take part in the government; social security; right to work and protection against unemployment; rest and leisure; adequate standard of living; education and participation in the cultural life of the community.

All of the above items will readily be admitted to be rights which belong to all people everywhere. All people may not claim these rights. Many may not feel the need of some of them, but none the less they are listed as rights which belong to all alike. When any of them are denied to any person, then that person is being denied that which is his just due.

Space will not permit us to deal with all of these rights individually, but we might note a few of the most important. The first in the list is that of life. Until he forfeits that right, every human has a right to life. This is the first and most important of all human rights. Deprived of this, no other right can be granted to the individual. The next right mentioned is liberty. Until forfeited, every person has the right to liberty. In protection of that right, along with many others, the law provides that an accused person is to be considered innocent until proven guilty. Another right is that of the security of

person. The city, county, state, and national governments go to great pains to assure this right to each individual citizen. Government attempts to protect the life of its citizens and make them secure.

There is a human right which is being greatly violated by a certain "ism" of the world. The nations behind the "iron curtain" are depriving many people of their right of personal liberty. They are reduced to slavery and tortured in numerous slave labor camps. This practice is so inhuman that the whole world is shocked at it. The right of the individual to own property is also taken away along with his freedom of conscience, thought, and religion. The one-party system also does away with political freedom.

There are certain of these human rights which have been more or less violated here in our own land. For example, the right of fair and public trial for criminal charges is sometimes denied to certain individuals. Regardless of what a human being has done his case should be settled before the law courts of the country rather than at the hands of a mob.

Again, all people have a right to work, and all should receive the same wages where the work is the same and the service is equal in the matter of efficiency. It is a fact that the employer has a right to determine whom he hires under certain circumstances, but after due allowance is made at this point the fact remains that many citizens of our nation are discriminated against too much at this point. We will never settle this trouble, however, by law. The way out is a greater assumption of the spirit of Christ which leads all concerned to a more earnest desire to be fair.

One of the most fundamental rights of human beings is that of equality in the matter of self-development and self-culture. The greatest thing on earth is personality. The greatest need in the world is personal development. The opportunity for such development should be equal to all. Then, the status of the individual or the group in the social order will be determined by the way he or it takes advantage of this opportunity. The standing of an individual or group in the social order cannot be determined by law. It has to be earned by effort along the lines of self-development. But, on the other hand, there should be no law or custom that would prevent the earning of such standings. We need to be very careful at this point for it is here, more than any other place, that we are likely to go wrong and deprive people of their rights.

The Prophet of Human Rights

Micah has been called the prophet of human rights. A careful study of

his book will show that he deserves such a title. Like Amos, he belonged to the peasant class, and he championed their cause against the greedy rich. As stated above, the first part of his book deals with the doom of the nation because of the activity of these selfish people. The later part of the book, from which our lesson today is taken, deals with the redemption of a remnant of the nation. This remnant, of course, would be made up of the poor who were being mistreated and who were in no wise responsible for the doom of the nation. It will be noted that these poor people of the nation were being denied their human rights. This activity on the part of the greedy rich so displeased God that the nation was doomed. God has so constituted this universe that in the operation of his moral laws good is rewarded and evil punished. Any time a nation or an individual goes counter to God's laws, it or he is headed for trouble. There is a sense in which sin always carries with it the elements of its own punishment.

Taking Stock of Our Nation

We have the example, not only of the fall of Israel and Judah, but many other nations, through the violation of human rights and the disintegration of the human life. This should serve as a warning to us. The sins of individuals and nations always find them out. We need to take stock of our own nation and ascertain our standing along these lines. Some human rights which we are violating have been mentioned above. A careful study of our present national conditions as compared to the above listed rights from the Universal Declaration of Human Rights will bring other violations to light.

We must never forget that "Righteousness exalts a nation, but sin is a curse to any people." The strength of our nation is not altogether in its armies, navy, air force, and other implements of destruction. There can be no doubt that we are placing too much hope for our security in these things. Greater strength and even more security is to be found in obedience to the moral law of God and spiritual standing before him. Without these qualities in the life of the individual or the nation, all other forces on earth cannot bring permanent security and lasting peace.

Micah had a great dream and a wonderful ambition for his nation. This is expressed in chapter four, verses one through four. He hoped that Jerusalem might become the religious capital of the world. He had a vision of other nations coming there for religious help and guidance. He saw a time when implements of destruction would be transformed into implements of production. A time when nations would look to God for their support; to hope for their motive power; and to friendly arbitration for the settlement of all disputes.

This great vision of Micah is not a mere pipe-dream. It can come to pass. No nation in all the history of the world has ever been so favorably situated to bring that dream to pass than is the United States today. Our nation can lead the world toward the fulfillment of this great ideal if we will practice faithfully and fully the teachings of our Constitution and the doctrines of our Bill of Rights.

Communism is our chief enemy and rival for world leadership. But it will finally fail for it denies to people practically all of their human

rights. The moral laws which are the foundation upon which this universe is built will ultimately strike it down. Communism can only exist where starvation abounds; where selfish individuals or groups oppress their fellows; and where racial prejudice and hatred are practiced. Take these evils out of a nation and Communism can never overrun it. It is simply left without any legs to stand upon. There is nothing that will bring greater strength to our nation and to Democracy throughout the world (for the world is looking to us) than the complete elimination of these evils.

The Achievement of Human Rights

To achieve this goal we must first fully understand what human rights are, otherwise we will be shooting in the dark. He who shoots at nothing usually hits what he shoots at—nothing. A careful study of the various items of human rights and understanding of their implications are very important. Those listed in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights are to be found near the beginning of this article. There mere learning of these rights, however, will not be sufficient. It is necessary that the learner deeply resolve to put them into practice in his daily life and in the midst of the conditions he faces. Democracies have been too much inclined to use beautiful words concerning human rights and then fail to practice the implications of what they say. They fall under the condemnation of Christ when he raised the question, "Why call ye, ne, Lord, Lord, and do not the things I say?" The nation that faithfully practices the teachings of the Sermon on the Mount can rest assured that it is violating no human rights. All true Democracy has its roots in those teachings.

In achieving the end of faithfully practicing human rights there are two vital needs: First, we need to improve our system of education. Our present system is too far removed from the realities of life; there is too much theory and not enough practice in it. The second need is to revitalize our teaching and practice of religion. We need to emphasize the salvation of the social order along with the salvation of the individual. No one can read the teachings of Christ concerning the Kingdom of God with an open mind and miss this point. Not only must the individual be saved but the Spirit of Christ must be exhibited in all of his relationships with his fellowman. When this is done human rights will be achieved. Without this, they can never come to pass in a selfish world.

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