

## How Far Have We Come?

JUST how effective the propaganda of the liquor and beer interests is can be seen in the number of well-meaning people, many within the ranks of the churches, who have fallen for the fallacious line that legalized sale of alcoholic beverages is better than prohibition of such sales. We are alarmed at the extent of acceptance of this deceitful, nonsensical talk. The mere fact that such talk has any acceptance at all is an indication of how far we have come away from a sane, common sense approach in dealing with the liquor question. Even the most ardent dry knows that prohibition is not the cure-all for the liquor problem, but we are convinced that prohibition is a long step in the right direction.

Wets argue against prohibition not because they think legal sales promote the welfare of society or of the individual but because they mean greater consumption of alcoholic beverages and thus greater profits. Those engaged in the nefarious business enjoy society's stamp of approval that legal sales seem to give and thus they would be somewhat reluctant to see such approval taken away at the polls.

Arkansas will have its opportunity to repudiate this soul-wrecking traffic this fall. In making the most of that coveted opportunity it is well that we realize how far we have strayed under the deceiving tutorage of the conceivers of "The Old Judge Sez" and "From Where I Sit."

## A Great Show Of Strength

ONE of the fruits of unification of the various branches of the armed forces of the United States is "Armed Forces Day." Heretofore we have had annual "Army Day," "Navy Day," "Marine Day," "Air Force Day," etc. Now the observance comes in one big wallop and the strength of the impression is unmistakable, the military is mightily strong. Demonstrations held in various U. S. cities and on foreign soil were intended to bring some measure of a sense of security to U. S. citizens who are feeling increasingly insecure, and to impress leaders of Communism with U. S. military strength.

UP press reports reveal that in Japan, Germany and United States the military evidence of American preparedness was paraded. 6,500 troops in battle dress marched down Washington's Constitution Avenue. "The biggest show of all went on in Germany, where more than 85,000 Yanks demonstrated their readiness."

We do not question the value of Armed Forces Day, although there might be in the minds of many people some question as to the ultimate contribution which its observance makes to the cause of peace. However, after reading all the press reports about the observance, we simply say that what the day was intended to accomplish it probably did. It is not unlikely that after Communism's May Day observances next weekend we will be sufficiently challenged to have still another great show of strength. In the foreign policy now being used, armed strength is a necessity. The actual danger lies in the false assumption that military might alone is a working basis for permanent peace.

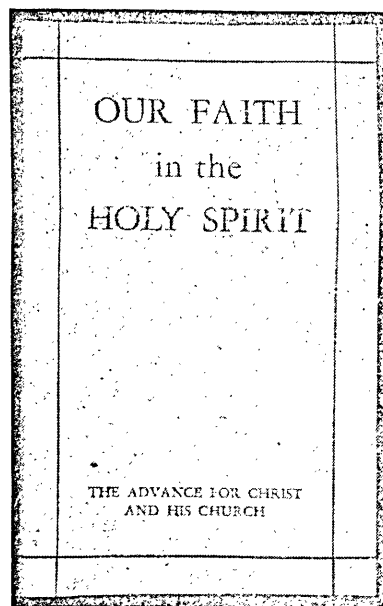
We do not know of the actual or approximate number of Protestant and Catholic workers and missionaries at work in the world today, but it is our conviction that the work of the church is being done in a more effective manner than ever before.

## Our Faith In The Work Of The Holy Spirit

IN this closing article on the general theme for May in the Advance, "Our Faith in the Holy Spirit?" we want to discuss briefly, "Our Faith in the Work of the Holy Spirit."

Since the dawn of God's dealings with man, He has not left Himself without a witness in the life of the world. In the Old Testament God revealed Himself to Israel "by day in a pillar of cloud" . . . and by night in a pillar of fire," as they journeyed from Egypt to Canaan. He was a burning bush to Moses and a "still small voice" to Elijah. Chosen prophets also witnessed for God.

While Christ was on earth mankind had another revelation of God through the life, the teachings, the death and



resurrection of Jesus. However, while Jesus was here, He repeatedly spoke of an additional revelation man was to receive of God through the presence in the world of the Holy Spirit.

According to the writers of the New Testament the Holy Spirit reveals God in various ways. Jesus said the Holy Spirit would be a Comforter of people. Jesus said of the Holy Spirit, "He shall testify of me," and also "He shall glorify me." Again He said of the Holy Spirit, "He shall teach you all things and bring all things to your remembrance whatsoever I have said unto you," and "He shall guide you in all truth."

Jesus taught us that we are to be empowered for service by the presence of the Holy Spirit in our lives when He said, "Ye shall receive power after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you." It is also the Holy Spirit that "beareth witness with our spirit that we are the children of God."

Our conscience is the medium through which the Holy Spirit reveals the will of God to us. That revelation may be limited or enlarged according to our training and individual capacity. A sensitive,

## "The Warm Heart Of Wesley"

EVERY METHODIST is interested in the beginnings of Methodism and in its founder John Wesley. A book just off the press by Dr. Elmer T. Clark, "The Warm Heart of Wesley," contains one of the most interesting, concise and informative discussions of the early ministry and the "heartwarming experience" of Wesley at Aldersgate that we have read.

This book is published by the Association of Methodist Historical Societies of 150 Fifth Avenue New York, and may be had for \$1.00. Of the book Bishop Ivan Lee Holt says, "The Aldersgate experience of John Wesley is the most significant event in Methodist history and no one has ever told that story in a more appealing way than Dr. Elmer T. Clark. I hope this book will have a wide circle of readers."

In the Advance for Christ and His Church we will soon be studying "Our Church." Few books will prepare the average layman for a larger appreciation of that study than this little book by Dr. Clark. By his extensive study of Methodist history he is especially fitted to write such a book. It is neither too brief nor too exhaustive to be enjoyed by anyone interested in this great experience of John Wesley.

## That Makes It Unanimous

IN the issue of April 13th of this year we published an editorial under the caption "Suppose Both Sides Defied the Law." In that article we were discussing the difference in the attitude of the dry and wet forces toward the laws that govern the sale of liquor. We were contrasting the fact that prohibition forces do not attempt, illegally, to interfere with the sale of liquor, where a governmental unit has voted wet, with the fact that liquor forces almost universally attempt to defy the law that prohibits the sale of liquor in any territory that has voted dry.

As the one glaring exception to that attitude on the part of dries we gave the activities of Carry Nation about a half century ago. The opening sentences of the editorial referred to reads, "Fifty years ago Carry Nation defied the law that made saloons legal. With her famous hatchet she would go into legally licensed saloons and smash bottled goods, beer containers and in general make havoc of a business operating under the law."

A letter just received from the Prohibition National Committee, organized in 1869, with headquarters at Winona Lake, Ind., states that the records show that Carry Nation did not attack LEGAL saloons. Her fight was against open saloons illegally operated in Kansas in defiance of the law. Since the sale of liquor was, at the time, outlawed in Kansas liquor dealers were not entitled to legal protection hence there was little they could do to Carry Nation for her hatchet and hammer performances.

We are glad to have this information about Mrs. Nation and glad that she did not "defy the law." That about makes it unanimous for the dries in their willingness to abide by the law wherever the law makes the sale of liquor legal. By their conduct, the wets have already made it unanimous in their readiness to attempt to break down any laws that interfere with the sale of liquor. May we quote the closing sentence of the

# One Of Methodism's Great Immortals

By DR. C. M. REVES

SO often it takes the perspective of years to enable us to see real greatness in one who has lived among us, and there is no doubt that Dr. O. E. Goddard will be even a bigger man to the generation which follows than he has been to our own. But, even so, we see him now as one of the truly great men that Arkansas Methodism has given to the world. Only once or twice in a century does God raise up such a man as he has been among us, and we are confident that we shall not soon see another of his kind.

It is a matter of great pride to us that he was born in Arkansas, graduated at Hendrix College, spent much of his ministry in Arkansas pastorates, and deliberately chose to spend his last years here. He loved Arkansas and always thought of his native state as the field where he could make the best investment of his life in the Christian ministry. Pastorates in Oklahoma and Texas and two connections with the Board of Missions made his leadership felt for good around the world, but always he kept his eyes on Arkansas and never missed an opportunity to get back to the state to continue his ministry in our midst.

Converted under the preaching of Dr. James A. Anderson, he joined the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, at Hartford, Arkansas, and soon found himself in Hendrix College preparing for the work of the ministry. In 1892 he was admitted on trial in the Little Rock Conference, and a year later, after he had graduated from Hendrix College and had married the next day after graduation, he was appointed as pastor of Magnolia Charge. In 1895 he and his young wife sailed for China where they were to give their lives as missionaries. But circumstances decreed that the stay in China was to be brief. After serving a short time as vice-president of Anglo Chinese College at Shanghai, he was compelled to return to America on account of Mrs. Goddard's health, and never was he able to resume his missionary labors on the foreign field.

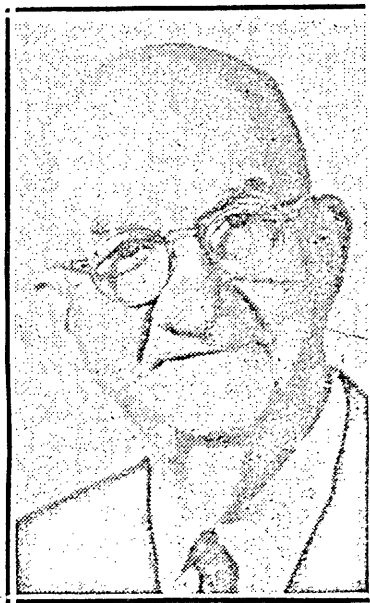
Back in America he turned to the work of the pastorate in which he was destined to render his greatest service. In the period from 1897 to 1940 he served as follows: First Church, Ft. Smith, 1897-1901; Harrison District, 1901-2; First Church, Morrilton, 1902-1905; First Church, Muskogee, 1905-8; Muskogee District, 1908-10; Superintendent of Home Missions, Oklahoma, 1910-11; St. Paul's Muskogee, 1911-13; First Church, Galveston, 1913-17; First Church, Beaumont, 1917-18; Secretary of Home Missions, 1918-22; First Church, Conway, 1922-26; Secretary of ville, 1933-37; Dodson Avenue, Ft. Smith, 1937-40.

These are the bare facts and figures of his life around which are woven a story of Christian service worthy to be found on the pages of the New Testament. Dr. Goddard was a man of unusual gifts and graces. He was endowed with a great mind, a strong will, a dynamic personality, a keen sense of humor, and an abundance of good, common sense, all of which were wholly consecrated to the work of the ministry. He would have been an outstanding success in any field of labor; he would have been a leader in any vocation. But he was called of God to be a minister of the gospel, and gladly and wholeheartedly he used all that he had and all that he was in his high calling. The secret of his success, the substance of his greatness as a man, is in the fact that throughout his whole life he said: "This one thing I do with all there is of me, for the glory of God and for the building of His kingdom in the world."

What a composite he was of the great souls of the Bible! He had in him something of the faith of Abraham; he preached and practiced the righteousness of Amos; he saw the Lord, high and lifted, and said, "Here am I; send me"; he possessed the logical mind and the pastoral heart of Paul; he had in his preaching the discernment and courage of Stephen; he had in his relationship with his brethren the sympathetic understanding and the brotherliness of Barnabas; he put into his work the enthusiasm and aggressiveness of Peter; and he was characterized by the mysticism and spiritual-mindedness of John.

Measured by any standard, he was a great preacher. Indeed, there was much of the prophetic in his preaching. This does not mean that his preaching was not down-to-earth and practical. It was—always, it was—but it was the high and heavenly brought down to earth and made practical. Like Paul, he soared high to know the mind and heart of God, and then came down to earth to make the truth the power of God unto salvation in the lives of men. He was prophetic in his preaching in that he saw with God and spoke for God. And so his preaching was deeply spiritual. He knew how to bring the things of the spirit to bear upon human lives, making religion a matter of living as if God were real. His preaching was great preaching, as the preaching of Jesus was great.

And he was a great pastor as truly as he was a great preacher. He had the heart of a shepherd, he was a good minister of Jesus Christ. He loved people and he knew how to be intimate with people for their good. He was the kind of pastor who visits his people and shares with them. No small part of his ministry was his counseling. The world beat a path to his door to seek spiritual guidance and help and to find



DR. O. E. GODDARD

inspiration and power for better living. A few days before his death I discovered on the lawn at his home a flock of goldfinches that had stopped to feed and rest in their migration northward. Delighted to see them there, I said to them, "What are you doing here? Why do you come to this man's lawn?" As they cheerfully hopped about and searched for food, they seem to say to me, "And why do you come to this man's house?" Well, whether or not the feathered creatures found his home, peculiarly, a place of refuge to which they liked to go, certainly human beings found it a place to which they liked to go for sound counsel, good cheer, and inspiring fellowship. For Dr. Goddard was, as Isaiah puts it, "a hiding place from the wind, the shadow of a great rock in a weary land."

Though circumstances changed his plans as to missionary work they did not change his spirit as to missions. Returning from China after his brief stay, well nigh broken hearted because he could not carry out his purpose to spend his life in the mission field, he bravely entered the door of service which was open to him, and through his ministry he lived with such a missionary passion that he made every church that he served mission-minded and liberal in gifts for missionary causes. Twice he was connected with the Board of Missions in full time service—three years as secretary of home work and six years as secretary of foreign work, and during these years his leadership was powerfully felt in the missionary program of Methodism.

Along with his missionary passion was his evangelistic spirit. From the beginning of his ministry to the last pastorate he served, he gave evangelism a large place in the program of his church. He was a master in holding revivals. While he was home mission secretary, he spent several months in Europe, conducting revivals

in Czechoslovakia through which more than 1000 members were added to the rolls of the Methodist Churches. Always his evangelistic efforts were sane and scriptural, although he advocated and used methods which were adapted to present day conditions. His books on evangelism have been widely read and freely used as texts in schools of evangelism.

Twice was he married, and nowhere did his religion shine more brightly than in his home. He was first married to Miss Lelia Robins who was also a graduate of Hendrix College in the class of 1890. Of their happy union four daughters and a son were born, but only the daughters have survived the father. They are: Mrs. W. W. Jackson, Mrs. D. N. Morrison, and Mrs. Virginia DuBose of San Antonio, Texas, and Mrs. Rufus Walker of Eunice, N. M. Mrs. Goddard of the first marriage passed away on Feb. 23, 1928, and on Sept. 21, 1929 Dr. Goddard was married to Mrs. J. C. Holcomb of Morrilton who has been his faithful and devoted companion for more than 20 years and an efficient helper in all his labors.

The year 1940 brought to this great spirit the necessity of retiring, after he had been for 43 years an itinerant Methodist minister. The calendar and the law of the Church declared him "retired" although his last pastorate had been one of the busiest and most fruitful of all his years. Accepting graciously the fact of retirement, he moved to Conway and established his home there. But he did not cease to be active in the service of the Lord and the Church. His last ten year proved to be as full of labors as any years of his life had been, although they were labors somewhat different from those which other years had brought. So long as he was able to be away from home, he ranged all over Arkansas, holding revivals and teaching in training schools and filling special preaching engagements. When it became necessary for him to remain at home and do his work, he found employment for all his time in writing, in intercessory prayer, and in counselling.

Notable among his activities in his last years was his work with students. In the last 8 years he has given to college students on an average of 100 books a year, and more than 100 lay and ministerial students have had substantial help, financially, from a fund which he raised through the contributions of laymen. This fund has become the Goddard Memorial Scholarship Fund and will go on for years helping young people in getting their education. And always it will remain a monument to the spirit of the man whose interest in young people was so pronounced all through his life.

Always a man of prayer in his own personal living and in the work of his pastorates, he found himself in his last days privileged to share in the work of the kingdom through intercession, and he prayed much for individuals and for causes, often saying that "More things are wrought by prayer than this world dreams of." Only last year he proposed that shut-ins everywhere band themselves together in a fellowship of intercessory prayer, and the Christian Advocate gave recognition to his proposal in an editorial.

Truthfully could it be said that to his very last days he lived a life of usefulness and made service the master word of his living. Though his last year was full of affliction and suffering, it was not without the triumphant spirit in which he has always lived. To the end he was a victor, conquering soul-bigger than anything that could happen to him and always manifesting the spirit which moved Paul to say, "For me to live is Christ."

Fittingly enough, his funeral service, conducted by Allen D. Stewart, R. E. L. Bearden, Jr., T. L. Hunt of Dodson Avenue Church, and C. M. Reeves, was held in the church which bears his name. That church, in which he had the last and one of the greatest of all his pastorates, will long stand as a monument to his character and his service. But when Goddard Memorial Church, a gem of Gothic architecture and a poem in stone, has crumbled into dust through the wasting breath of time, the name

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# THE DEVOTIONAL PAGE

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## FROM THE BOOKSHELF

There is no faltering or divided testimony among the Synoptists: All record that Jesus called for a change of mind . . .

The popular concept of repentance has been tragically shallow: it has been perverted into emotionalism or sacramentarianism . . .

The reason which John and Jesus give for repentance is not that the Kingdom of heaven may come near, but that it has drawn near. Repentance does not bring the Kingdom; it prepares men to participate in it . . .

Jesus offered citizenship in the Kingdom, not the menace of hell, as motive for repentance . . .

Repentance is the reorientation of a personality with reference to God and his purpose . . .

Paul is the best example in the New Testament of what repentance demands of one and what it does in one . . .

In doing penance the accent was placed on what man did about sin; what God had done was obscured and almost forgotten, so far as practical Christian living was concerned . . .

Jesus called for renovation of mind. Traditional piety has often been gloomy; Christian piety should be glad . . .

Morbid introspection is not regeneration . . .

There may be a reformation of conduct without touching the springs of conduct, the mind . . .

It is the tastes and inclinations of men that must be changed, before the conduct of men improves . . .

Repentance is a pilgrimage from the mind of the flesh to the mind of Christ . . .

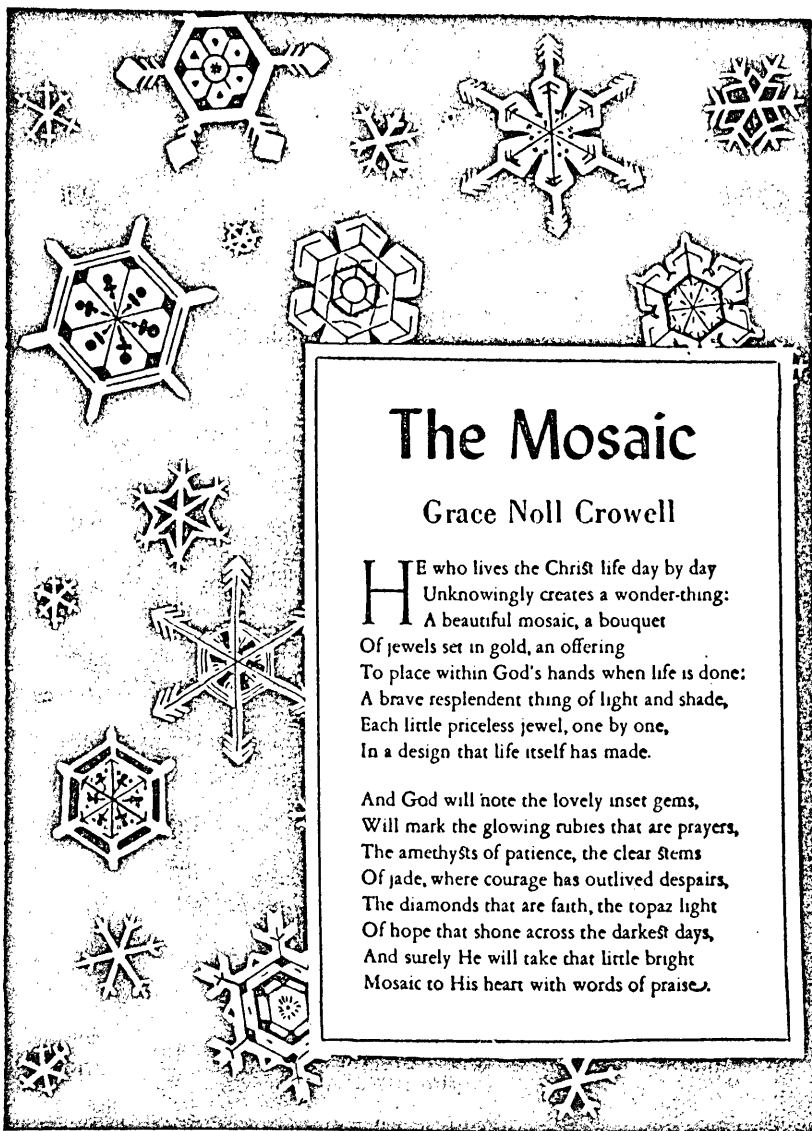
from "The Meaning of Repentance" by William Douglas Chamberlain

## WISHING OUR LIFE AWAY

I remember one day when I was little my father heard me sigh: "Gee, I wish it was Saturday!" And I can still recall the surprise I felt when kindly he smiled and asked: "Are you sure it's a good idea to keep wishing your life away?" It hadn't occurred to me in just that way.

Now I'm in school, away from my good dad's advice. But it's amazing to find that the rest of us do the same thing he warned me against. When we're in class we try to figure out how long it will be until the bell rings and we can dash home for lunch. At meals we hurriedly eat through to dessert. We pass the week thinking of our approaching Saturday night date (lucky person!) and we can hardly wait for the end of May and no more school! We keep wishing our lives away!

What about living for now?



## The Mosaic

Grace Noll Crowell

HE who lives the Christ life day by day  
Unknowingly creates a wonder-thing:  
A beautiful mosaic, a bouquet  
Of jewels set in gold, an offering  
To place within God's hands when life is done:  
A brave resplendent thing of light and shade,  
Each little priceless jewel, one by one,  
In a design that life itself has made.

And God will note the lovely inset gems,  
Will mark the glowing rubies that are prayers,  
The amethysts of patience, the clear stems  
Of jade, where courage has outlived despair,  
The diamonds that are faith, the topaz light  
Of hope that shone across the darkest days,  
And surely He will take that little bright  
Mosaic to His heart with words of praise.

## "NO FRAUD HERE"

"For our appeal does not rest on a delusion, nor spring from an impure motive; there is no fraud about it."—I Thessalonians 2:3 (American)

St. Paul was concerned about the little band of Christians in Thessalonica. He and his companions had had a rugged time there. The Jews had become jealous and had incited a mob that came near getting hold of the traveling evangelist but through the love and concern of friends they had escaped. The Apostle is writing back and you sense that deep feeling he has for the little group that had accepted Jesus Christ as their Lord and Master. He encourages them and at the same time gives a wonderful defense for the ministry that he and his companions had brought when he says, "For our appeal does not rest on a delusion, nor spring from an impure motive; there is no fraud about it."

Shakespeare's "tomorrow and tomorrow and tomorrow creeps in this petty pace from day to day" would be rather outdated if we could only remember that what we are doing now—this day—is what we've been looking forward to and what we will reminisce about in the relentlessly approaching future . . . !

What about living for now?

Read Psalm 149:1-4.

Father, help us to remember each minute as a gift of thy love, a charge to us. Amen.

Seed thought: Psalm 8:4, 5.

—In Power

Purity of motive must be in the very foundation of our appeal both as ministers and consecrated laymen. We must look within and weigh our motives in the light of the presence of Jesus Christ. Here is one minister who admits that he is in the ministry to make a living, another because it gives him social prestige. A motive of this kind is indicative of the kind of ministry that man will have. His very happiness will be determined in that attitude. A layman might be concerned that his church have a good report; not because he is concerned for the advancement of Christ's kingdom, but because he does not want anyone else to get ahead of his own local Church. A good report is a worthy motive, pride in one's church is justifiable; but, to make that the base upon which we build our service to God and our fellowman is shaky business.

We can plumb our motive if we ask the question, "Is my primary desire to help people?" As long as we can keep others ahead of self we have a constant rule by which we can judge our motives. The "others" must not be a selective group. We cannot have concern merely for those who show concern for us and for the program that we want carried on. Our concern must be for those who oppose our program, those who show no concern for the church, those who are of

another race; in truth, our sympathies must be as encircling as humanity itself. Sentimental theorizing about people of other lands is like a clanging cymbal unless we show concern for the less fortunate right around our door. The poet has expressed it this way:

Lord, help me live from day to day  
In such a self-forgetful way  
That even when I kneel to pray  
My prayer shall be for others.  
Others, Lord, yes others  
Let this my motto be;  
Help me to live for others  
That I may live like Thee.

—Charles D. Meigs

Then there is no fraud in our appeal if we constantly strive to present Jesus Christ in all his fullness. St. Paul leaves no doubt as to the foundation of his appeal in the first verse of his letter to the churches of Galatia when he declares that he was what he was by "Jesus Christ and God the Father who raised him from the dead." The gospel was not just a human affair but it is God's own message to His creation in a particular way, Jesus Christ raised from the dead. Giving allowance that Paul is thrown on the defensive here there is still ample evidence that Jesus Christ is the center of his message.

We fail to find the fullness of Christ until we find Him living in our hearts. We do not find him living in our hearts when we make him just a prophet or a great religious teacher. We find him only as we come to the recognition that he is God's own Son sent in a special way to redeem man. The basis of this redemption is the love that God has for His creatures and the cross is the picture of that love as it reaches to the uttermost to save the lost. The cross is not God's anger but His love. It is not a purchase price for a reluctant deity but that Deity entering into the human tragedy to save His children. We see the Father's love for us as Jesus hangs on the cross.

Our motives are clear if there is ever before us our part in bringing the Kingdom of God. "Thy kingdom come" must be a real part of our prayer, yes; but, more so a part of our everyday living. This is not just a prayer because Jesus prayed it, but because we must have it. So long as we can see no further than one religious organization, so long as our salvation stops with just individuals and fails to reach out into all human relationships; just that long will the Kingdom of Christ be hindered. Redeemed society must be built upon the lives of redeemed men but redeeming society and redeeming men must go hand in hand. Evils that eat like a cancer at the spiritual life of people are mortal enemies to Christ and His kingdom. Christ's Kingdom is no delusion, His redeeming power is no fraud; the Gospel must be our first concern to lead our world to the foot of God's throne. Our motives must always be squared by the spirit of the living Christ.—R. B.

A wise man is like a straight pin: His head keeps him from going too far. Napa High Growl.



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## Here And There In Arkansas Methodism By The Editors

SOMETHING new, as far as we know, in a regular hour for the mid-week prayer service is the 7:15 A. M. arrangement used by the First Methodist Church, Camden. Many churches have traditionally used Wednesday evening for this service and in many instances because of dwindling interest the service was discontinued in favor of some other type of program. However, according to the pastor, Rev. Neill Hart, interest in an early morning service in Camden's last revival meeting prompted the inauguration of the mid-week service at this early hour and the arrangement has been most satisfactory. The pastor reports that many people attend the mid-week service on their way to work. Several young people attend the service which is over before school work begins. The only other regularly scheduled service at this hour during the week that we know about is a young people's service held at Morrilton at 7:30 Wednesday mornings. It is our notion that other churches might seriously consider the advisability of using the first hours of a week day for congregational worship purposes.

Ground was broken recently at the First Methodist Church, Stuttgart, for an educational building to cost upwards of \$100,000.00. This new building will provide desperately needed educational facilities. Rev. Virgil D. Keeley is the pastor.

Methodist leaders of Hot Springs and North Little Rock are completing arrangements for the holding of the Little Rock and North Arkansas Annual Conferences. The Little Rock Conference convenes at the First Methodist Church, Hot Springs, June 7 and the North Arkansas Conference meets one week later, June 14, at the Gardner Memorial Methodist Church, North Little Rock. In both conferences all the Methodist Churches of the two cities are sharing in the responsibilities of entertainment.

With the recent announcement that Rev. Paul Galloway is soon to become the pastor of Boston Avenue Methodist Church, Tulsa, a Little Rock newspaper man talked at length with *Arkansas Methodist* editors about the number of Methodist preachers who have gone from Arkansas pastorates to churches in Oklahoma and Texas. It is an interesting experience to make a list of these brethren and the churches which they have served in those states.

## NEWS AND NOTES ABOUT FACTS AND FOLKS

BORN to Rev. and Mrs. Joel Cooper of Conway in the Baptist State Hospital in Little Rock on May 17 twin sons who have been named William Christopher and Charles Marcus.

REV. GEORGE L. MCGHEHEY, pastor at Tyronza, preached the commencement sermon for the Tyronza high school in a vesper service at the Methodist Church on Sunday, May 14.

REV. J. C. CRENSHAW, who formerly served in the North Arkansas Conference, and is now pastor at Galt, Missouri, preached the sermon for the Galt high school on Sunday, May 7.

THE Ministers Wives luncheon to be held during the Little Rock Conference will be held on Saturday, June 10, at Club Belvedere. Tickets are to be obtained from the president or treasurer of the district organizations of Ministers' Wives at a cost of \$1.50.

BISHOP PAUL E. MARTIN was the featured speaker at the annual meeting of the Little Rock Conference Board of Lay Activities which met Wednesday, May 17, at Asbury Methodist Church, Little Rock. Roland M. Shelton, Little Rock Conference lay leader and chairman of the Board, presided.

DR. GRANVILLE D. DAVIS, prominent Methodist layman of Little Rock, was recently elected president of Little Rock Junior College. Dr. Davis, a member of First Methodist Church, Little Rock, is a member of the Board of Stewards of that church, and for the past three years has been its Church School superintendent.

FRANCISCO CRUZ AEDO, president of Institute Mexicano Madero, Methodist college in Mexico, spoke at the morning service at Winfield Church, Little Rock, on Sunday, May 21. Mr. Cruz Aedo is a graduate of Southern Methodist University and for a number of years taught in Lydia Patterson Institute in El Paso, Texas.

APPROXIMATELY one hundred prospective Vacation Bible School workers from various denominations of the city of Little Rock attended the Craft Institute held at Winfield Church on Thursday, May 11. The Institute was a project sponsored by the City Association of Directors of Religious Education, which is an interdenominational group.

BISHOP AND MRS. HERBERT WELCH, of New York City, will spend the months of June and July in California, where they will be guests of their daughter, Mrs. Anthony F. Blanks, P. O. Box 1533, Carmel, Cal. While there they will celebrate their 60th wedding anniversary on June 3rd. They leave New York City on May 9, and en route to Carmel will visit other relatives in Tucson, Arizona, and in Los Angeles.

ONE of the many good letters which come to the World Service office at 740 Rush Street, Chicago 11, Illinois, reads as follows: "This is the first time we have met World Service. Have used every folder, leaflet, and also envelopes." The letter comes from the Rev. Theodore Hubbell, Deersville, Harrison County, Ohio. It has reference to the Fourth Sunday World Service leaflets, as well as the series of Every Member Canvass materials supplied by the World Service Agencies to all local churches on their order and without cost to them.

BISHOP G. BROMLEY OXNAM, one of the six presidents of the World Council of Churches and Dr. J. Roscoe Miller, president of Northwestern University, Evanston, Illinois, have announced that the Second Assembly of the World Council of Churches will be held at Northwestern University in the summer of 1953. Bishop Oxnam, on behalf of the Council authorities who chose Northwestern from among six possible U. S. locations, declared that the projected Evanston Assembly "will be crucial in the development of world-wide Christian cooperation."

INDIA'S SEARCH for new foodstuffs, both to help feed its hungry millions and to cut down

the necessity of imports from abroad, is being aided by faculty members and science classes of the Woman's College of Madras. With the use of white rats it is testing tapioca and sweet potato flours for nutrition values; it is teaching how to grow both foods, and experimenting with recipes and Indian-type dishes prepared with these flours. They are attempting to anticipate the objections of a people long accustomed to a rice diet.

### PETITIONS FOR DRY VOTE TO BE PRESENTED SUNDAY, JUNE 4

It is the plan of the Pulaski County Drys, who met on Monday, May 14, to present the petitions in the churches on Sunday, June 4. The organization asks for the cooperation of all ministers in the county. The presenting of the petitions in the churches will be followed by intensive work to secure signatures.

### NOTICE TO MEMBERS OF LITTLE ROCK CONFERENCE

Any members of the Little Rock Conference desiring that reservations be made for them in Hot Springs will please communicate with Rev. H. R. Holland, 5 Westbrook, Hot Springs. Those desiring to make arrangements for luncheons, banquets, etc., write Rev. C. Ray Hozendorf, 841 Quapaw, Hot Springs. Retired ministers and plans for their entertainment are in charge of Dr. J. A. Wade, 110 Alpine, Hot Springs. For any general information or suggestions write the First Methodist Church, Hot Springs. No letters are being written to individual members this year.—F. A. Buddin

### LITTLE ROCK CONFERENCE ANNOUNCEMENTS

The following Boards, Committees, and Commissions will meet Tuesday, June 6th, at hours named:

3:00 p. m., Board of Missions  
3:00 p. m., Board of Conference Claimants  
3:00 p. m., Board of Ministerial Training  
4:30 p. m., Town and Country Commission  
6:00 p. m., Board of Evangelism; a Dinner Meeting  
7:30 p. m., Board of Education  
7:30 p. m., Board of Temperance.

Radio Station KTHS will give "highlights" of the Conference 3:30 to 3:45 p. m., Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday.

Sunday, June 11th, both radio stations in Hot Springs will carry Bishop Martin's sermon and service, 11:00-12:00.

—S. T. Baugh, Secretary Planning Committee

### ONE OF METHODISM'S GREAT IMMORTALS

(Continued from page 2)

of Oscar Elmo Goddard will continue to shine through the life he has lived and through the works he has wrought.

Alfred Tennyson was a great admirer of the Duke of Wellington whom he called "England's greatest son." In his "Ode on the Death of Wellington" he says,

*There must be other nobler work to do  
"We doubt not that for one so true  
Than when he fought at Waterloo,  
And Victor he must be."*

Ah, that's our faith with regard to this noble soul whom we have loved. Easily can we believe that there must be "other nobler work" for him to do than anything he has yet done.

He wrote the memoir of Dr. James A. Anderson for the Journal of the North Arkansas Annual Conference (1946). At the end of that memoir he said: "I keenly miss him, my friend, my elder brother, my spiritual father. Earth is poorer, heaven is richer by his going. I hope to meet him over there." We confidently believe that he has met him "over there" and has met others whom he knew and loved in the ways of earth. For men like Dr. Goddard do not die to be no more, but they die to be alive, forever. "The hour of life is when the saints expire."

# CURRENT NEWS IN THE RELIGIOUS WORLD

Selected from Religious News Service Releases

## Offer To Produce Bibles For Russia

Although two large shipments of Scriptures in Russian have been sent to the Soviet Union since the close of the war, it was not possible for the American Bible Society to make further deliveries in 1949, it was reported at the society's 134th annual meeting in New York. Information has been received by the society that the Holy Synod of the Russian Orthodox Church had been assigned quarters in the Sergius Monastery for Scripture publishing, but so far, it was said, no copies of the Scriptures published in Russia since 1946 have reached the Bible House here. The society, its board of managers stated, "stands ready to supply the churches and the people of Russia with as many Russian Scriptures as they can use," as it has on hand the largest stock of Russian Scriptures that has ever been accumulated in any one place, waiting in New York for immediate shipment to the the Soviet Union. The society is also prepared to donate paper, printing and binding machinery, plates and funds, it was said, to help revive Scripture publication in Russia. A shortage of books "unparalleled" in the history of the Russian Church has been created by the increase of literacy in the Soviet Union and the complete lack of Scripture production for so many years, the report declared. "The American Bible Society and its friends," it added, "continue to pray that it may be Bibles, not bombs that will be showered upon Russia, and Bibles, not bombs which will be produced there in the days to come."

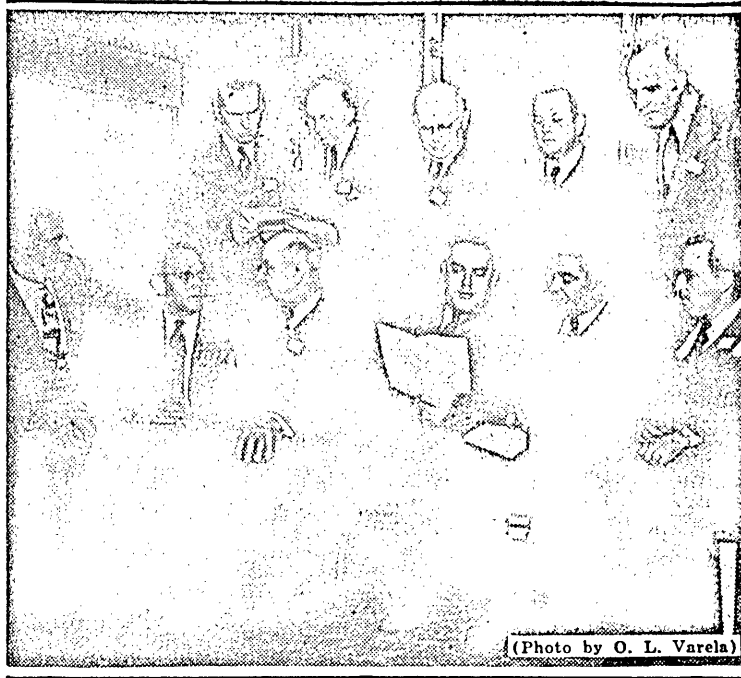
## Baptists Ask End Of Vatican Embassy

A resolution demanding that the United States Government abandon its policy of having an official representative at the Vatican was unanimously approved by delegates to the Southern Baptist Convention at Chicago. The resolution was introduced by Dr. Louie D. Newton, of Atlanta, Ga. "This continuing arrangement," the resolution said, "has alarmed and distressed our people and will, if allowed to continue, thrust upon our nation a bitter struggle in maintaining the wall separating Church and State." Termination of the Vatican representation, the resolution said, would "reaffirm the time-honored and cherished principle established and guaranteed in the First Amendment of the Constitution of the United States."

## Southern Church Leader Calls Racism 'Devil's Answer'

A Southern church leader called racism "the devil's answer to Christ's teaching of brotherhood." He is the Rev. James A. Lollis, Bowling Green, president of the Kentucky Convention of Christian (Disciples) Churches. Addressing the group's 115th annual meeting at Danville, Ky., he said: "Surely one of the major tragedies of Christianity has been its failure to make its doctrine of the universal brotherhood of man an effective reality . . . Negro Christians in the South cannot but have contempt in their hearts for us when we maintain a barrier of

## ARKANSAS PASTOR AT SEMINAR



WASHINGTON, D. C. — Representative Methodist pastors from 34 states attended the sixth annual graduate seminar here April 18-20. Theme of the conference, jointly sponsored by the American University and the Methodist Commission on Ministerial Training, was "21st Century Living." Shown as they looked over program between sessions are the following: seated, left to right—Rev. John Black, Pomona, Calif.; Rev. Theodore Loeppert,

Lombard, Ill.; Dr. J. Richard Spann, Nashville, Tenn., director of the Commission; President Paul F. Douglas of American University; Rev. S. Marion Riley, Jr., Chicago; Rev. John W. Hanger, Ft. Lauderdale, Fla.; standing, left to right—Rev. A. H. Wallschlaeger, Adrain, Mich.; Rev. Fred G. Roebuck, Ft. Smith, Ark.; Rev. C. D. Wentworth, August Maine; Rev. Edgar A. Potts, Lynchburg, Va.; Rev. W. W. Volte, Fairfax, Minn.

superiority which breaks all hope of real fellowship . . . We dare not rest until we have solved in a Christian way this dilemma of a broken Church."

## Church Women Asked to Pray For World's Leaders

Protestant church women across the country were asked to pray together on Memorial Day, May 30, for guidance of the world's leaders in efforts for peace, in an action taken at Rochester, N. Y., by the executive committee of the United Council of Church Women. The Council's belief in the United Nations as a means toward peace was affirmed in a statement sent to U. S. delegates to the United Nations by the committee.

## Methodists Seek United Italian Protestant Conference

A resolution urging the holding of a special united Italian Protestant conference was adopted at Rome, Italy, at the annual synod of the Italian Methodist Church presided over by Pastor Emanuele Sbaffi, superintendent of the Church. According to the resolution, a representative meeting of all Protestant churches in Italy is needed at the present time so that the churches may "define and proclaim their attitude toward the social and international conflict." The conference recommended that contacts be established immediately with the leadership of other Protestant churches in Italy to promote the projected conference. Representatives of all other Italian Evangelical churches and missions attended the

Methodist Synod by special invitation.

## Episcopalians Ask End Of Death Penalty

Overwhelming opposition to the death penalty was voted by the Episcopal Diocese of Massachusetts in convention in Boston. A resolution for the abolition of the death penalty in Massachusetts, which was adopted, said: "The death penalty falls for the most part on obscure, impoverished, friendless or defective individuals and rarely on the well-to-do and educated. . . . the Church believes that each individual is sacred, as a child of God, and that to legalize the killing of an offender is to deny the basic Christian doctrines of forgiveness of sin and the power of redemption, and that mercy is a Christian duty."

## Church Societies To Record Women's Voting

Methodist women of this area will have their voting in this year's primary and general elections recorded not only at the polls but also by their own local church societies. This is to spur their participation in politics and "to get them out of the kitchen long enough to vote," it was explained at annual sessions of the Woman's Society of Christian Service of the Philadelphia Conference of the Methodist Church. The 22,000 members—an increase of 1,200 for the year in 332 local churches—were asked to subscribe to the following political activity and Christian citizenship goals: (1) Every Methodist woman registered to vote; (2) every local society to

study the issues in the coming elections; (3) every local society at work on at least one community, state, or national issue requiring political action.

## Church Tries New Fund Raising Plan

A novel plan for raising funds for the Heights Baptist church's new building was announced at Texas City, Texas, by the Rev. C. C. Beaty, pastor. Mr. Beaty said each member of the congregation is being asked to lend the church \$10 per month for six months, without interest. The loans are to be paid in 1956. Will Haden, chairman of the building fund committee, said he hopes to obtain the loans from 200 individuals, which would bring in \$2,000 a month for the next six months. It is estimated the new church building will cost approximately \$18,000.

## Reports Christianity Gaining In India

Christianity's emphasis on the value of the individual has drawn many of India's people to Christ, according to Dorothy Clarke Wilson, author of "Prince of Egypt" who recently returned from a trip abroad. The writer, wife of a Methodist clergyman in Orono, Me., said she spent five months in India and the Near East gathering material for a new novel which will be aimed at popularizing the work of Protestant missionaries in India. She said Christianity's stress on the individual had caused high-born Hindus to practice the concept under their new governments. "I believe this esteem of the individual has been Christianity's major contribution to India," Miss Wilson said. "Our missionaries are serving people and not emphasizing evangelism. When they see the need for education, medical services, relief from want and proper sanitation and housing, they can follow no other course." Miss Wilson's study was sponsored by the Methodist Board of Missions and the Woman's Division of Christian Service.

## Scientist Calls For Spiritual Revival

A Johns Hopkins scientist has called upon American churches for a spiritual revival to meet the problems of the atomic age. Addressing 500 ministerial and lay delegates to the annual sessions of the New York Methodist Conference, Dr. Donald Andrews, professor of chemistry at Johns Hopkins University, asked for "a chain reaction of spiritual force" to control atomic energy and avert world destruction. He warned that "the chances are very good for the creation of a hydrogen bomb in the near future," and went on to say that before that day, "we must have a world organized to insure peace." "It is time that all who believe in the force of Christianity unite," Dr. Andrews said. "We must build up an integrated, dynamic power which will revitalize Christianity and spread its influence." Controlled and constructive development of atomic energy, he said, could raise living standards ten times their present level, but the problems of control can only be solved by "the forces of the human spirit."



# THE CHILDREN'S PAGE

ANNIE WINEBURNE, Editor



## IN STORYLAND

### THE MOST UNUSUAL PET

By Nancy Somerville

Tomorrow was the last day of vacation church school, and the day of the pet show. "We can't have a ribbon for the best pet," explained Miss Mason, "because no judge could ever decide which was the best."

"Well, if there's a ribbon for the biggest dog, I'm sure Spike will get it. He's a Great Dane," said Jimmy Dean.

Miss Mason laughed, and so did the children, for Spike was much bigger than Jimmy.

"If we have a ribbon for the smallest kitten, I'm sure my Goldilocks will get it," said Connie. "She's so little I can hold her on my hand."

"Suppose we forget about the largest and the smallest pets, and give the ribbon to the most unusual one," suggested Miss Mason.

"Let's," agreed the children.

All the while Peter and Debby were listening unhappily. "Dogs and cats are not allowed in our building," they explained to Miss Mason. "We had to leave Muffin and Kitty Kat with Grandmother when we moved here."

"Never mind," said Jimmy and Connie. "You can help us."

But Debby and Peter didn't want to help. They wanted a pet of their own.

"Let's look hard, Peter, and maybe we can find a pet," said Debby on the way home from church.

But Peter scoffed at the idea. "Maybe we could find a lost kitten or puppy, but whoever found a pet that was unusual?"

Debby giggled. "Maybe if we looked hard enough we could find a camel or a zebra or a hippopotamus. We could keep a hippopotamus in the bathtub until tomorrow. There's no rule against hippopotamuses." Of course, Debby knew better, but she enjoyed using the word.

"Girls are silly," was Peter's comment.

At last the children reached home without finding even a puppy or kitten. "I guess we'll have to give up," said Peter.

"Not yet," insisted Debby. "Let's sit here in the court a while. Something exciting might turn up."

So Peter and Debby sat down on the grass. The flower beds that edged the court were bright and gay. In one corner was a little tree, struggling to grow in the shadow of the tall building.

As they sat there talking, Debby's attention was drawn to something in the tree. "Look, Peter, what is it?"

Peter looked to where Debby was pointing. "Somebody's cat, I suppose."

"No, its tail is too bushy."

"Maybe a squirrel then," suggested Peter.

"No, it's black and white." Debby got up and moved slowly toward the tree, and Peter followed her.

"He's asleep, Peter," she whispered, as they stood near the branch where the mysterious little animal

was lying stretched out full length, partly hidden by the leaves.

"Careful, Debby," warned Peter as she reached up and touched the little fellow. "He might bite."

"He's too sweet to bite," said Debby, lifting him down and cradling him carefully in her arms. "He must be someone's pet, or he wouldn't be so tame. 'Here, Peter,' she added with a triumphant smile, 'is the most unusual pet in the vacation church-school pet show.'"

"Why, so he is," said Peter. "We can fix a little cage for him and take him to school in my wagon. And there's no rule against raccoons in the apartment any more than hippopotamuses."

The next morning the children were at church bright and early. Immediately they were surrounded by a group of curious children. As Peter and Debby were trying to answer their questions, along came a sixth-grader. "Why, he must be Dick Ford's raccoon."

"No, Dick has his. I saw him bringing him in," said one of the children.

"But he had two," explained the boy. "He would have entered them together as the most unusual pet, but one of them got away night before last."

Peter looked at Debby, who was trying to smile. Here they had found a pet and made a cage for him, and now they would not even get a chance to walk in the parade with him.

"You get Dick Ford," said Peter. "Maybe he'll know his own raccoon."

Off went the boy, and in a few

minutes he was back with another boy, carrying a raccoon that looked exactly like Peter's and Debby's.

"Why Rack, where have you been?" asked Dick.

At the sound of Dick's voice the little animal sidled over to the side of the cage, and pulled himself up on the wire, all the time making queer little noises. Then Dick opened the cage and put Roon into it. As the two little animals played together, Dick looked at Peter and Debby. "Rack and Roon, they're twins like you two." He smiled.

Just then the whistle blew for the parade. Peter and Debby drew away.

"Here, where are you going?" exclaimed Dick. "We're sure to win the ribbon with these little old 'coons."

"But they're yours," said Peter and Debby.

"Maybe," said Dick. "But if you hadn't found Rack, I'd have had only half a pair. Come on. Twins walking with twin raccoons will be sure enough unusual!"

So Peter and Debby walked with Dick beside the wagon, and when the judges awarded the ribbon to Rack and Roon as the most unusual pet, they were the happiest children at the pet show.—In The Christian Advocate.

A young Milwaukee girl came home from her 4th grade class several weeks ago and reported to her parents that she was learning "The Battle Hymn of the Republics."—Milwaukee Journal.

## IN THE WORLD OF BOYS AND GIRLS

### SPEAKING OF FAIRIES

By Nancy Byrd Turner

Oh, to be a fairy!  
Quick from flower to flower,  
Bathing in a tulip  
After every shower.

Loafing on a lily,  
Trailing through a tree,  
Napping 'neath a mushroom,  
Riding on a bee.

True, the fairies tremble  
For their fragile wings,  
Have to keep an eye on  
Spider webs and things;

Have to scurry under  
Leaves and hide themselves  
Now from clumsy mortals,  
Now from impish elves.

All the same they're happy  
Skipping in the sun,  
If you are a fairy  
Every minute's fun!

—Youth's Companion

### HOW ABOUT THIS?

Do ships have eyes when they go to sea?  
Are there springs in the ocean's bed?  
Does a Jolly Jar Tar ooze from a tree?  
Can a river raise its head?

Are French fishes crazed when found in Seine?  
Can an old hen sing her lay?  
Can you bring relief to a window pane?  
Can you mend the break of day?

What kind of a vegetable is a policeman's beat?  
Is a newspaper white when it's read?  
Is a baker poor when he's kneading bread?  
Is an undertaker's business dead?

Would a lumber yard make a good hotel  
Because of the boards that are there?  
Would you paint a rabbit on a bald man's head  
Just to give him a little hare?

—Selected

## JUST FOR FUN

A Milwaukee man took his grandchildren to the zoo. On the way home, he asked which animal they liked best.

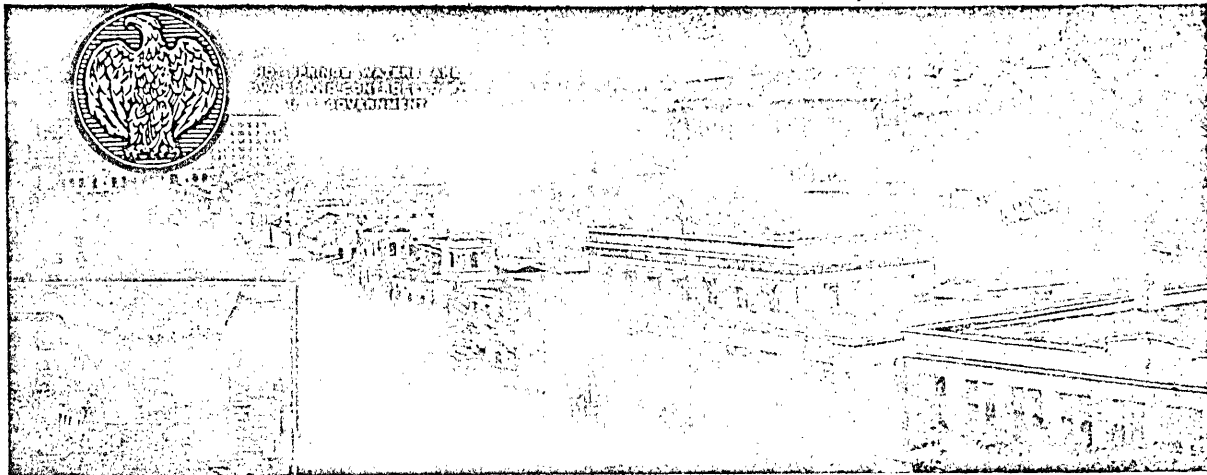
"Grandpa," one of them said, "I think that big hippo-protestant was the nicest of all."—Milwaukee Journal.

Wife (to policeman)—Oh, sir, my husband has disappeared. I've looked everywhere for him. He's been gone two days. Here's his picture—I'm very anxious to locate him.

Policeman (scrutinizing the photograph)—Why?



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# Hot Springs Methodism To Etc

## GRAND AVENUE METHODIST CHURCH

The Lord has blessed and prospered the work of Grand Avenue Methodist Church, Hot Springs, during the past twelve months. Advances have been made in all areas of the church's work. Probably the greatest advance has been in the church's first responsibility—evangelism. During the conference year 136 persons have been received into the fellowship of the church 65 of whom have been on profession of faith and vows. The success of this phase of our work is due to the effective work of the lay-

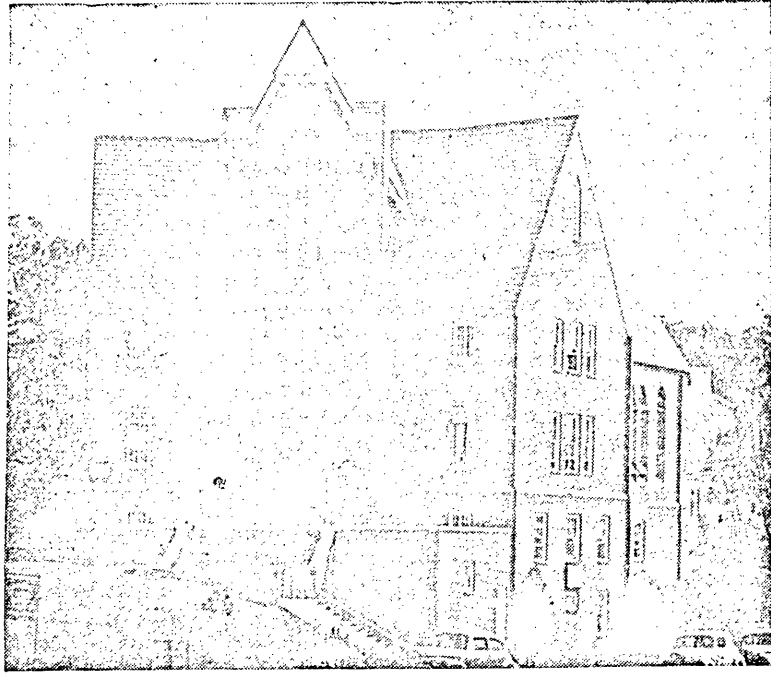


REV. C. RAY HOZENDORF  
Pastor, Grand Avenue

men in visitation evangelism. All types of evangelism have been employed in the winning of people to Christ.

The educational program

has received major interest throughout the year with increases being made in both enrollment and attendance in the church school. The loyal corps of officers and teachers, under the leadership of Pennix Thrash, Superintendent; Robert Braughton, Superintendent-



GRAND AVENUE

ent of the Adult Division; Mrs. Odas Hunnicutt, Superintendent of Youth Division; and Mrs. Guy Tillman, Superintendent of the Children's Division, has trained the membership in the meaning of the Christian religion, and brought them on the whole to a deeper loyalty to The Methodist Church.

The Youth Fellowship has carried out an active and varied program for the instruction and inspiration of the members. The group has paid \$60 to the Methodist

Youth Fund and raised \$170 on the Camp Cabin Fund. Mrs. Bertha Payne is the Counselor and Miss Alma Radley, President.

The Woman's Society of Christian Service, Mrs. E. B. Williams, President, has shown a decided growth, hav-

ing increased the membership by 20 per cent and increased the missionary giving by 33 per cent. The many outstanding things done in the local church are highlighted by the gift of a Bell-Howell 16 mm Projector by the Wesleyan Service Guild; complete landscaping of the church grounds by the Woman's Society and the gift of two new pews for the sanctuary; and the new floor covering on the pastor's study. Two life memberships were given to outstanding members of the Society: Mrs.

O. A. Martin and Mrs. Viola Covington.

The Choir under the direction of Mrs. Wm. L. Maschmeyer, with Mrs. Robert Braughton, organist, has been an inspiration to the worshippers each Sunday. The loyalty of this faithful organization is a challenge to the entire church.

The Ushers are a vital group of workers in this church of many visitors in making newcomers feel welcome and at home. These men are ably directed by Dean Bradford.

The Board of Stewards has planned and directed the affairs of the Kingdom in a systematic and faithful man-



REV. J. A. WADE  
Pastor, Oaklawn

ner. All activities of the church have had the sympathetic interest, wise counsel and devoted enthusiasm of all members of the Board. S. H. Allman has served as

OAKLAWN  
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Oaklawn Methodist Church located on the lawn, has seen rapid growth in the past few years. The new

chairman is enthusiastic and largely true to program.

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thing over 600 members of the church. One hundred sixty-six of these have been added during the pastorate of Dr. J. A. Wade. A beautiful six-room parsonage was built last year on Alpine street only two blocks from the church, and the old parsonage was con-

verted into an educational building for the Church school. This year a men's Bible class and a Young adult Sunday School class have been organized, both of which are functioning nicely. The Young adult class has a membership of 49 already. A Junior Church has recently been organized which has its regular Sunday Worship services with an average attendance of 25.

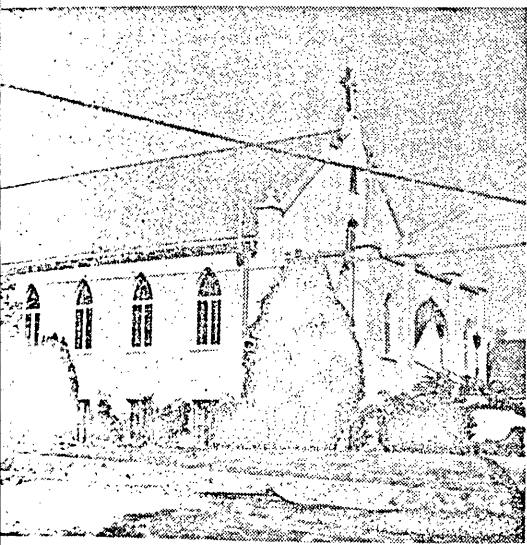
The W. S. C. S. with Mrs. G. E. Leslie president, is doing a splendid piece of work. It has organized a Wesleyan Service Guild this year which has a membership of 16, and which has raised \$85 for local and conference expenses. The

about 10%. The school has an enrollment of 354. A Vacation Bible School was held this year with 97 in attendance.

Mrs. Fred Mills is the efficient choir director, and Mr. Joe Warren the able organist. Not only does the trained choir

the one peoples' meeting of the church. Members of the congregation are appointed to lead from time to time.

Seventy-five of our people pledged themselves to undertake to read the Bible through this last year. Sixteen have reported the reading com-



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the tithes and regular systematic contributions of the membership. The success of this phase of the work is due to the diligence of Pierce Flippin, Chairman of the finance Committee, and R. L. Keith, Treasurer.

The spiritual life of the church has been enriched by the regular weekly prayer services and the Spiritual Life group of the Woman's Society.

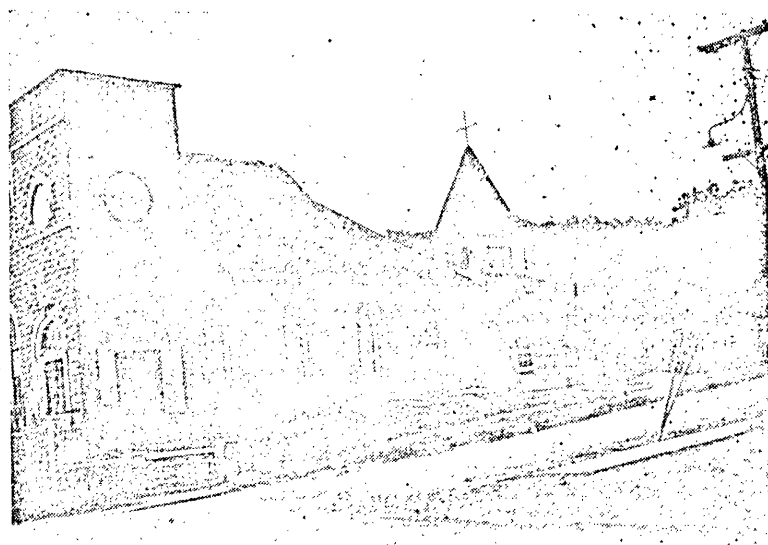
Plans are under way for additional advances in the future. With God's leadership even greater things are in store for his people in Grand Avenue Church.



REV. L. R. SPARKS  
Pastor, Tigert Memorial

W. S. C. S. has raised about \$550 this year, which was about equally divided between the local and conference work. About 60 study credits were earned.

The Sunday School, under the able leadership of Mr. G. E. Leslie has made steady progress this year. The increase in attendance has been



TIGERT MEMORIAL AND NEW EDUCATIONAL BUILDING

render the old hymns with effectiveness, but special music to the delight and uplift of all.

The M. Y. F. is sponsored by Miss Reba Thornton. This society furnished the ushers for the regular worship service on Sunday mornings. The Society is also responsible for the regular Sunday evening worship service once each quarter.

Oaklawn is one of the few churches in this section that has a regular Wednesday evening prayer service. The attendance at the prayer services has averaged 25 for the year. The prayer meeting is

pleted.

With the rapidly growing community surrounding Oaklawn Methodist Church, there is no reason why it should not become one of the leading churches of the city in its services to mankind.

The Financial record will show about \$9,000 raised this year for all purposes.

## TIGERT MEMORIAL METHODIST CHURCH

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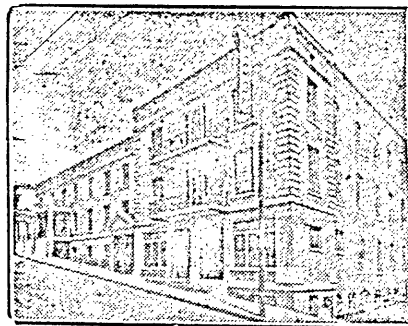
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## NORTH ARKANSAS CONFERENCE NOTES

By Ira A. Brumley

### Your Vacation Church School Poster

The North Arkansas Conference Board of Education office has a Vacation Church School poster for your church to use in announcing the Vacation Church School, if your church has not already received one from our office. Please send us a postal card for your copy of the poster and it will be sent at once.

We secured enough copies so as to be in position to send one copy to each church having a Vacation Church School.

### Report Your Vacation Church School

It is important that your vacation church school be reported just as soon as it is completed. Delay means that there is danger of the school not being reported; or that the facts reported will not be as accurate as they would have been had the school been reported just as soon as completed.

Last year some of the schools of the Conference were never reported to our office. We want to prevent such this year.

Should you need report blanks for reporting your school please write our office for these forms. You should have four copies of the report form. These reports should be sent as follows: one copy to our office; one copy to the District Superintendent; one copy to District Director of Children's Work; with the other copy being filed with the records of your church school.

### Board of Education To Meet

The North Arkansas Conference Board of Education is being announced to meet at Hendrix College, Conway, Tuesday, June 13, 10:00 a. m. It is hoped that each member of the Board can be present for this very important meeting.

### Training Council Dinner

The annual Training Council dinner for the certified instructors and Deans of training schools of the North Arkansas Conference will be held during the session of the North Arkansas Conference. The time set for this dinner is Wednesday evening. We understand that this dinner is to be held at the Levy Methodist Church.

All North Arkansas Conference certified Deans and training school Instructors are invited to attend this dinner.

### New Certifications

Miss Estelle McIntosh has been certified for the course on Cooperation for a Christian Nation (Second Series).

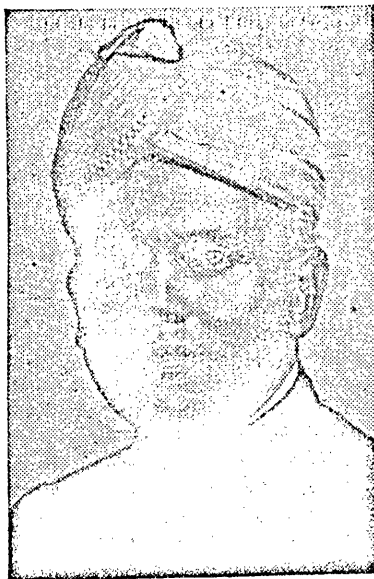
Rev. Harold H. Spence, Rector, has been certified for the First Series Course on The Christian Ideal for My Community.

Miss Wadean Foreman, Morrilton, has been certified for the First Series Course on Youth Friendships.

### Conference Youth Assembly

As these materials are being prepared for next week's Arkansas Methodist, we are glad to report that the interest being taken in the coming Conference Youth Assembly is most encouraging. A large number of registrations have already been received for the Assembly. A num-

## DR. ASIRVATHAM AND BISHOP MARTIN IN PASTORS' SCHOOL



DR. EDDY ASIRVATHAM



BISHOP PAUL E. MARTIN

**D**R. EDDY ASIRVATHAM of Madras, India, until recently head of the Department of Political Science and Public Administration at the University of Madras, and now Professor of Missions and Christian International Relations at Boston University, is rapidly becoming one of the most outstanding and sought-after lecturers in his field in America.

Most Americans admit a profound lack of information and understanding of India and the East. Dr. Asirvatham has the background and the ability to present an unbiased evaluation and interpretation of the complexities of the people of the Orient.

Dr. Asirvatham has been a member of numerous University bodies in India and was Vice-President of the Indian Political Science Association. Educated in three countries, Dr. Asirvatham is a graduate of the University of Madras (A. B.), Hartford Theological Seminary (B. D.), Edinburgh University (Ph. D.), Harvard University Graduate Work

in Social Ethics and Political Philosophy.

He has lectured widely under the auspices of the American Friends Service Committee, The East and West Association, The Foreign Policy Association, The American Academy of Social and Political Sciences, and has made numerous appearances in American Colleges and Universities. He was Merrick Lecturer at Ohio Wesleyan University in 1946.

Already well versed through travel in Europe and the Orient, he returned during the summer of 1949 to the East and Near-East, visiting his native India, China, Japan and Siam, lecturing in Indian Universities on International Problems.

Associated with Dr. Asirvatham as a resource person will be our own Bishop Paul E. Martin, recently returned from extensive travels in India. Through his presence and first-hand knowledge of the land and people being studied, Bishop Martin will make a splendid contribution to the School.—Roy E. Fawcett.

ber of churches are asking for additional enrollment cards.

Persons planning to attend the Youth Assembly, May 30 to June 3, should register at once, if they have not already done so, as we may find it necessary to close registration because of space for some groups.

The program that has been worked out is most inviting and every indication is that this will be a greater Assembly on the Conference-wide basis than any held in recent years.

### Annual Church School Report

Each minister is being asked to make out his annual report for the North Arkansas Conference within a short time. The past indicates that too often the church school and Sunday school statistics have not been very accurate in the reports of some charges. It is important that records be carefully prepared as these are permanent reports which will be filed away for future reference.

Some church schools are going to

many of our church schools.

Please be careful to see that your total enrollment for the church school includes not only the Sunday school (Sunday morning) enrollment, but also that it includes all persons taking part in any phase of the church school program. Be sure that your Nursery Home Members and Adult Home Members are accurately reported.

Many pastors serving a number of churches will need to begin at once checking with the local church school leaders in order to get the information needed to make an adequate report on church school enrollment.

### Send In World Service At Once

Many of our churches are making excellent offerings to World Service through the church school on the fourth Sunday of each month. May is the last month in the fiscal year. Since the fourth Sunday in May comes on May 28, it is hoped that all world service offerings taken in the church school will be rushed to Mr. P. E. Cooley not later than Monday, May 29.

### Methodist Youth Fund

All Methodist Youth Fund offerings in the hand of local church treasurers should be rushed to the Conference Treasurer, Mr. P. E. Cooley, P. O. Box 26, Blytheville, Arkansas.

## VACATION CHURCH SCHOOL CLINICS IN PARAGOULD DISTRICT

On March 31st and April 1st the Board of Education of the North Arkansas Conference sponsored a coaching conference for district Vacation Church School leaders. It began to pay dividends last week in the Paragould District when the district team visited Pocahontas and

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# WOMAN'S SOCIETY OF CHRISTIAN SERVICE

MRS. SUE M. WAYLAND, Editor

## FT. SMITH DISTRICT W. S. C. S. MEETS

The Ft. Smith First Church was hostess to 125 women, May 3, when the Ft. Smith District W. S. C. S. held its annual spring meeting and Officer's Training Day.

The central theme of the day's message was "To Know Him, and Make Him Known".

Mrs. Monroe Scott, district president, presided over the business meeting at which time officers for the coming year were elected. Mrs. O. W. Rollwage, president of the Woman's Society of Christian Service of First Church, in a very gracious manner, extended greetings from the local society to the visitors.

In the forenoon we were privileged to hear Mrs. Johnnie McClure, our Conference President, and Mrs. Monroe Scott, who had just returned from the Cleveland conference.

Mrs. Scott gave a most interesting report on the highlights of the Cleveland Conference.

A very important part of the meeting was the Officer's Training period with the district officers in charge.

After a most enjoyable lunch and a short period of fellowship, Miss Virginia Guffey, our religious social worker at the Sanatorium, discussed the work she is doing as she presented her slides.

Our Conference Promotion Secretary, Mrs. H. H. Fulbright, discussed the goals to be met by the local society, and stressed the very great need for more missionaries to go to our foreign fields.

The following officers were installed by our Conference president, Mrs. Johnnie McClure:

President, Mrs. Monroe Scott, Bonanza; vice-president, Mrs. E. A. Haisten, Van Buren, promotion secretary, Mrs. Geo. Galville, Paris; recording secretary, Mrs. W. H. Lewis, Greenwood; treasurer, Mrs. E. E. Sexton, Ft. Smith; Secretaries of Lines of Work: Missionary Education, Mrs. Alfred McElory, Ft. Smith; C. S. R., Mrs. Ruth Allen, Mansfield; Spiritual Life, Mrs. W. E. Smith, Ft. Smith; Literature and Publications, Mrs. David Conyers, Ozark; Children's Work, Mrs. Dwight Hawk, Ft. Smith; Youth Work, Mrs. Alex Mitchell, Paris; Student Work, Mrs. J. K. Fraser, Ft. Smith; Supplies, Mrs. J. P. Chaney, Ft. Smith; Status of Women, Mrs. W. T. Cauthron, Ft. Smith; Missionary Personnel, Mrs. T. R. Hunt, Ft. Smith; Wesleyan Service Guild, Miss Marcelle Phillips, Booneville.

## TO ALL MINISTERS' WIVES —NORTH ARKANSAS CONFERENCE:

Plans have been made to have our luncheon on Saturday noon of the Conference at Gardner Memorial Church. Mrs. Martin has graciously consented to be our speaker and so naturally our entire program will center around India. The price of the luncheon will be \$1.25 and registrations are to be sent to Mrs. Maurice Lanier, Mountain View, Arkansas, who is the secretary-treasurer of our group. I am sure you all understand how necessary it is that we have the reservations made in advance. We are hoping that many

## PRAYER FOR OUR NEEDS

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*Almighty Father, Who alone canst order the unruly wills and affections of sinful men, and in whose hands alone are the issues of life and death; as little children we come to Thee, to ask Thy help in this our hour of deepest need. Thine still is the Kingdom and the Power and the Glory. Thou still art the God of Righteousness and Truth and Love. Show Thyself we beseech Thee, to all the world as the Defender of those who look to Thee for strength and succor, and come quickly in Thy Majesty to still the forces of evil, and establish the Peace that passes all understanding in the hearts of men. We ask it in this time of mortal combat and despair, through Jesus Christ Our Lord. Amen.*

## PARAGOULD DISTRICT MEETS

The Paragould District meeting of the Woman's Society of Christian Service was held in the Piggott Church May 11th.

After singing the opening hymn, "O Zion Haste Thy Mission High Fulfilling," we were led in a period of devotion by Rev. W. O. Scroggin, host pastor. He used the theme for the day, "To Know Him and to Make Him Known."

A business session followed during which time district officers were nominated and elected.

The four conference officers present were introduced to the group. It was voted to give a Life Membership to Miss Eloise Butler from our district who is now working in India. An offering was taken and the amount given to Miss Virginia Guffey for her Sunshine Fund in her work in the Booneville Sanatorium.

A beautiful solo, "I Walked Today Where Jesus Walked" was rendered by Miss Kelly of Piggott, with Miss Ruth Gwin at the organ.

We then were privileged to hear an address by our conference president, Mrs. Johnnie McClure. She left each one of us hearers with a vow of reconsecration in our hearts.

A message was brought to us by our conference secretary of organization and promotion, Mrs. H. H. Fulbright, the subject being "The Last, the Least and the Lost Woman."

We were adjourned for a delicious luncheon served by the Piggott ladies to the ninety-five guests present.

After luncheon Miss Guffey presented slides of her work at Booneville telling the story of the work as we viewed the pictures.

We returned to the sanctuary to hear our district secretary of organization and promotion tell in a most interesting way of the Assembly meetings which she attended in Cleveland, Ohio.

Mrs. Harrington, district treasurer, gave a report of the financial status of the district.

The Conference treasurer, Mrs. DeVoll, spoke to her report.

The district officers were called to the altar and Mrs. McClure led a very beautiful installation and dedication service closing with the benediction for the meeting.—Mrs. John Bledsoe.

of you can come. We are having it at the noon hour so that many of those near North Little Rock can attend. Mrs. E. G. Kaetzell.

## DISTRICT MEETING OF WESLEYAN SERVICE GUILD

Members of the Wesleyan Service Guild of the Monticello District met at the Methodist Church, McGehee, on Sunday, April 30, at 2:00 p. m. for their regular program and business meeting, with Mrs. W. S. Anderson of Monticello, district secretary, presiding.

There were nineteen members in attendance, representing Guilds from Lake Village, Tillar, Monticello and McGehee.

Mrs. Argie Henry led the devotional after which a duet, "I Walked Today Where Jesus Walked", was rendered by Mrs. Jess Montgomery and Mrs. Ralph Clayton.

Mrs. T. S. Lovett of Grady, Promotion Secretary, of the Woman's Society of Christian Service, was guest speaker. She brought an inspiring and challenging message to the group, emphasizing the importance of supporting Guild projects and of the need of close relationship to the W. S. C. S.

Mrs. Helen Martin of Lake Village, gave a brief resume of the annual Guild meeting in Texarkana, Arkansas, where she had been a representative from the Monticello District.

During the business session Mrs. Maggie Pearson, treasurer, and Mrs. Ruby Stephens, president, of the Guild in McGehee, were elected, district secretary and associate secretary, respectively, to serve in the coming year.—Grace B. Bayliss.

## SHERILL SOCIETY

The Sherrill Society of Christian Service met April 25th at 10 a. m., for Study of Mission Text, "We The People of The Ecumenical Church". Mrs. W. E. Burnham of First Church, Pine Bluff, gave a review of the book. All were delighted in the inspiring and able manner with which she delivered her address.

The Sherrill W. S. C. S. has been favored several times by the speaker in their courses of study; and she is held in the very highest esteem by all who have been privileged to hear her.

There were fourteen members of the local society and Mrs. W. H. Bruce of First Church, Pine Bluff, was a distinguished visitor, present at both sessions. After the close of the morning session, a delightful luncheon was served in the community hall of the church.

The afternoon session was adjourned at 3:30 p. m. Our Society is growing under the able leadership of Mrs. Rush Barrett, our very sincere and consecrated president.—Mrs. A. E. Jacobs, Reporter.

## NORTH LITTLE ROCK FIRST CHURCH W. S. C. S.

The May meeting of the First Church, North Little Rock W.S.C.S. was of unusual interest, as it was the day set aside as "Guest Day".

Mrs. W. E. Phipps had charge of the program, and gave a talk on the emphasis on the May program which was Family Life.

Mrs. E. T. Wayland gave a report of the Highlights of the Assembly held in Cleveland, which she attended.

Dr. J. W. Workman, pastor, installed the new officers for the year in a very impressive service.

The group assembled in the dining room where the tables were beautifully arranged, and the new members were placed at the tables with older members of the society for further acquaintance. During the lunch hour four of the members of the society were made Life Members, by presenting them with Life Membership pins. Those honored were: Mrs. Will Routh, Mrs. S. F. Sullivan, Mrs. Edward Prothro and Mrs. Dewey Whitfield.

The business meeting followed and reports from the circles showed the society had an unusually good year in every respect, under the leadership of Mrs. George Corbet. The reports revealed there had been 54 new members who had joined the society this year. The Membership Committee, under the leadership of Mrs. Will Routh, has been very active.—Reporter.

## ARKADELPHIA DISTRICT MEETS

The Arkadelphia District meeting of the Woman's Society of Christian Service was held at First Church, Hot Springs, May 12, 1950, with Mrs. W. G. Harrington, Malvern, district president, presiding. There were 125 members registered.

Mrs. H. H. Fisher gave the opening devotional using the theme "Advance to Strengthen and Lengthen."

Mrs. R. L. Keith, chairman of the nominating committee, made her report and the following officers were elected:

President, Mrs. W. G. Harrington, Malvern; vice-president, Mrs. R. B. Moore, Arkadelphia; recording secretary, Mrs. Robert Phillips, Malvern; promotion secretary, Mrs. James Shults, Hot Springs; treasurer, Mrs. C. Ray Hozendorf, Hot Springs; C. S. R., Mrs. Joe A. Holvrrook, Hot Springs; Missionary Education, Mrs. Adran Johnson, Malvern; Wesleyan S. G., Mrs. J. M. Eastburn, Hot Springs; Student Work, Mrs. Elmer Stokes, Hot Springs; Youth Work, Miss Lillian Van Dusen, Malvern; Children's Work, Mrs. J. B. Freeze, Hot Springs; Spiritual Life, Mrs. H. H. Fisher, Malvern; Status of Women, Mrs. G. A. Leamons, Sparkman; Supplies, Mrs. Geo. Jackson, Mt. Ida; Literature and Publications, Mrs. C. L. Harlan, Hot Springs; Missionary Personnel, Mrs. Edward McLean, Arkadelphia.

Mrs. H. King Wade and Mrs. W. G. Harrington spoke on the Highlights of the General Assembly at Cleveland, Ohio.

Mrs. T. W. McCoy, vice-president, Little Rock Conference, installed the incoming officers.



# CURRENT NEWS IN ARKANSAS METHODISM

## NEWS ABOUT HENDRIX COLLEGE

### 1950 Commencement Plans Completed

One hundred twenty-one Hendrix seniors are candidates for 124 degrees to be presented at the college's 66th annual commencement ceremony May 28.

Commencement season activities will begin Friday, May 26, with the induction of members of the Class of 1950 into the Alumni Association. R. T. Steel of Conway, president of the association, will preside over the formal ceremony, which will be held in Hulén Lounge at 6:30. Others who will participate in the service are Mrs. Robert H. Cole of Magnolia, the former Lillian House, Miss Martha Stewart of Conway and Homer Dowd of Texarkana, president of the class.

Following the induction ceremony, the Alumni Association will honor the seniors at the annual alumni banquet to be held in Hulén Hall. Dr. W. Henry Goodloe, pastor of First Methodist Church of Jonesboro and vice-president of the Alumni Association, will be toastmaster, and Dr. A. M. Shaw, professor of English at Centenary College, will be speaker.

At 10:50 Sunday morning baccalaureate exercises will be conducted at the First Methodist Church. V. Earle Copes of the music faculty will be organist, and Rev. W. Neill Hart of the Camden First Methodist Church will preach the baccalaureate sermon. Dr. Robert L. Campbell, marshal of the college, will lead the academic procession. He will be assisted by Bob Newton of Warren, chief student marshal, Jim Thwing of East Lansdowne, Pa., and George Hartje and Walter Hodges of Conway, student marshals.

Commencement exercises will be in Axley Gymnasium at 4 p. m. Sunday. Mr. Copes will play the prelude and processional, and Dr. Campbell and the student marshals will again lead the procession. Special music will be provided by Donald Warmack and Miss Kathleen Rowe of the music faculty. Dr. Fred McCuiston of New York City, associate director of the General Education Board, will deliver the commencement address, after which Barbara Lawrence of Harrisburg and Norman Smith of Benton will play a piano duet.

President Matt L. Ellis will confer degrees upon members of the class, as they are presented by Dean W. C. Buthman. Honorary doctorates of divinity will be conferred upon Mr. Hart and Rev. Ira A. (Continued on page 14)

## PULASKI HEIGHTS CORNERSTONE LAID

THE Cornerstone for the new Pulaski Heights Methodist Church, Little Rock, was laid in appropriate services Sunday morning, May 14. Bishop Paul E. Martin and the pastor, Rev. J. Kenneth Shamblin, led the congregation in the service which followed the morning worship service at the Prospect Theater. The congregation is using the theater for Sunday morning services while their new church is under construction.

Placed in the stone was a sealed copper box containing several items of particular interest to the Pulaski Heights congregation. The building is approximately two-thirds completed. It is hoped that construction will be completed by the first of the year.

The \$325,000.00 structure is being constructed at the corner of Woodlawn and North Monroe, two blocks west of the present church plant. The unit now being built is the first of two units which when completed will be one of the finest and most complete church plants in the state.



Bishop Martin seals cornerstone for new Pulaski Heights Methodist Church

## TIGERT MEMORIAL METHODIST CHURCH

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eastern section of Hot Springs and has been representing Methodism in that section for almost half a century. Tigert Memorial was named for one of the bishops of earlier Methodism, Bishop John J. Tigert.

Tigert Memorial has never had a large membership and at times in the past has had some difficulties in holding its organization together and carrying on the work of the church. A heroic, consecrated group of Methodists, however, has stood by the church through all of its "ups and downs" and such a group is now leading its work. There is a progressive growing spirit in the present congregation which gives promise of a continued, hopeful development.

Rev. L. R. Sparks is the present pastor. He also preaches at Morning Star at an earlier hour each Sunday. Under his leadership the new Educational Building is practically complete and is now housing the Sunday School and the preaching services.

The new building is just at the rear of the older building and is not now connected with it. It has eight class rooms, a well furnished and well finished kitchen and the assembly room which is now furnished and in use as the sanctuary. The first services in the new sanctuary were held in early September of last year. This is a stuccoed building. \$4,000.00 has been raised this year on the church debt. The old church building is now being used as a recreational center.

This is Brother Spark's first year as pastor of the charge. He describes his membership as a small group of great people. Tigert Memorial had a great service Easter Sunday with an over-flow congregation. There were nine additions to the church Easter Sunday all on profession of faith. There has been a total of thirty-one members received this year, twenty-three of these on profession of faith. This means a very substantial gain for this comparatively small congregation. Brother Sparks reports that all assess-

## METHODIST CHILDREN'S HOME

Friends of the Home continue to remember us with gifts that are greatly appreciated. During the past week, the Junior Department of the Church School of Tuckerman, sponsored by Mrs. Lulu Biggers, sent us a beautiful and much needed supply of clothing, linens, books, and other articles. Our children wish to express their thanks to all of this fine group for this useful and much needed assortment of daily essentials. We hope that sometime some of our children may visit in the Tuckerman Church School.

Mrs. Osro Cobb, of Circle No. 15 of First Methodist Church, Little Rock, had shipped to us the other day a lovely assortment of beautiful pottery from the Camark factory, of Camden, Arkansas. There were five cases of this pottery, enough to give each of our four buildings a generous supply. Both the housemothers and the children were delighted with this very gracious gift.

The Virginia Howell Class, of Asbury Methodist Church, Little Rock, came out Tuesday afternoon, bringing cakes, cold drinks, and ice cream for all the children. This has been an annual event for this class for many years past and it is a treat that our children look forward to from year to year. The members of the class held their monthly meeting in the parlor of the administration building while waiting for the children to get home from school. This class holds a record for Christian service that few classes have ever equalled. We wish to express our thanks and appreciation to this fine group of women.—J. S. M. Cannon, Superintendent.

ments will be paid in full by conference time.

Tigert Memorial has a good Sunday School, an active Woman's Society of Christian Service and a growing Youth Fellowship. This congregation has made a splendid record this conference year as its reports will show.

Tigert Memorial is well located with reference to a wonderful field of service. It appreciates the cooperation of the stronger Methodist Churches in Hot Springs. With this cooperation this "big" little church expects to have a rapid growth in the field it serves.—Reporter

Worry often gives a small thing a big shadow.—Swedish proverb.

## A REMINDER

This is the last opportunity for local church treasurers to remit all World Service and Conference benevolence funds to Conference treasurers by May 31.

Also, all members to pay their pledges up to date to aid the work of World Service, in local Conferences and all over the world, during the coming year.

May 31 is the deadline—the end of the fiscal year for benevolence money to be in Conference treasurers' offices. Your devoted interest and cooperation is earnestly requested, now!

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## FIFTH GENERATION METHODIST PREACHERS

**ROBERT B. MOORE, JR., AND WITHERS M. MOORE**, sons of Rev. and Mrs. Robert B. Moore of Arkadelphia, were granted Local Preacher's Licenses Saturday, May 14, by the Ad Interim Committee of the Arkadelphia District in session at the First Methodist Church, Arkadelphia.

Robert, Jr., and Withers are graduates of Hendrix College. Robert, Jr., is teaching in the Monticello High School at present and will enter the Perkins School of Theology, S.M.U., Dallas, in June. Withers is already enrolled in the Perkins School of Theology.

The Moore family has long been prominent in the Little Rock Annual Conference, Robert, Jr., and Withers being the fifth generation of Methodist preachers in that conference. Their great-great-grandfather, Rev. John Withers was a local preacher in southern Arkansas, coming to Arkansas in 1832 before any Arkansas Methodist conferences were organized and four years before Arkansas was admitted as a state into the union. Their great-grandfather, Dr. H. R. Withers served his entire ministry in the Little Rock Conference. A grandfather, Rev. R. R. Moore, served 40 years as an active minister in the Little Rock Conference. Their father, Rev. Robert B. Moore is the present District Superintendent of the Arkadelphia District, Little Rock Conference, and is completing his 23rd year of service in the Little Rock Conference.

Also, the Moore family has had a unique relation to the First Methodist Church, Arkadelphia. Rev. R. R. Moore was pastor of this church from 1903 to 1906. Rev. Robert B. Moore was pastor of the same church from 1934 to 1936 and is now residing in Arkadelphia as District Superintendent. It was the quarterly conference of this church that recommended Robert, Jr., and Withers Moore for licenses to preach, and the Ad Interim Committee of the District which granted them Local Preacher's Licenses met in the same church.



Left to right: Rev. Robert B. Moore, Jr., Rev. Robert B. Moore, Rev. Withers M. Moore.

The same thing is true in the realm of health. Other things being equal, the person who co-operates best in keeping the laws of health will have the best health. Of course, there are certain inherited weaknesses that have to be taken into consideration in making this appraisal. Sometimes Christians fail to realize this fact. Something comes upon them or their families and they blame God with it and raise the question "Why did this have to happen to me?"

After all, God does not shield his children from all the hard things of life. He feels that they need some of those things to help them grow spiritual fiber. Christians lose their health, their possessions, and their children just like other folks. The chief difference is when a calamity comes upon a Christian he has some one to lean upon who is bigger than all these problems and the sinner does not. The Christian like the sinner walks through the valley and shadow of death but he does so, not alone, but in the presence of God.

## A Good Ending

The Book of Habakkuk ends on the highest note of the Old Testament. The answer is, good men live on and God never fails. God is good and goodness will finally prevail in the universe. This is true even though it carries one by the way of the cross. After all, what we need in religion is not the solution to all problems, but a consciousness of the presence of God in the midst of them. To be sure of God is the innermost secret of all spiritual religion.

Note again 3:17-19. There the Prophet declares his unbounded confidence in God. He pictures the national side of life at its worst. The orchards fail. The vineyards bear no fruit. The livestock die. The barns are empty. Not only the comforts, but the bare necessities of life are gone, but still he rejoices in his unbounded faith in God and his fellowship with him.

## VACATION CHURCH SCHOOL CLINICS IN PARAGOULD DISTRICT

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Paragould (centers for the extreme ends of the district).

The meeting at Pocahontas, May 8, was attended by 26 workers who responded well to the program of instruction. We encountered a conflicting meeting at Paragould, May 10, which involved several workers who would have attended otherwise, but 20 were present who rewarded the team with a cooperative and enthusiastic spirit.

The district team consists of the following:

Beginners, Mrs. Harold H. Spence  
Primary, Mrs. A. N. Storey  
Junior, Mrs. S. O. Patty  
Intermediates, Harold H. Spence.  
—District Reporter

Character is the one thing we make in this world and take with us into the next.—Origin unknown.

## BELLEVILLE AND HAVANA CHARGE

We moved to Belleville June 22, 1949, and were received with an old-time Methodist pounding. We have had a good year. We organized two Woman's Societies of Christian Service. Belleville branch has 33 members and Havana branch has 26 members. One M. Y. F. was organized at Belleville, which has been doing well. This group has won sub-district banner four times by having the largest attendance at these once-a-month meetings. Church Schools are in advance over last year at nearly all points. Fifty-two copies of *Arkansas Methodist* are taken, greatest number ever taken on this charge.

Revivals were blessed with 25 conversions, 20 baptisms and 8 being taken into the church by transfer. One vacation Church School was held at Belleville with 66 enrolled

## SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

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that practices such tactics will finally be destroyed. In the long run God's moral laws of this universe will take care of the situation.

## Working With God In Various Realms

Paul tells us that we are "workers together with God". Man works with God in many different realms of life. For example the farmer works with God in the plant realm. Other things being equal the one who co-operates best in that particular realm will make the best crop. This is true whether farmers are saints or sinners. The writer knew an infidel who invariably made better crops than the Christian farmers around him. The same is true in the matter of growing livestock, or running any kind of business, or obtaining an education. Those who co-operate best with the rules and regulations which operate in these various realms will succeed best there.

and 56 in regular attendance.

All Benevolences are paid in full for year. Easter was the high point in the year's work. We hope next year will bring greater results.—C. R. Nance, Pastor.

## TWO FAMILIES UNITE WITH CHURCH

**SUNDAY**, April 30, Mr. and Mrs. Ervin Riley and Mr. and Mrs. Earl Riley united with the Springtown Church on profession of faith. The pastor also baptized three children of Mr. and Mrs. Ervin Riley and two of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Riley.

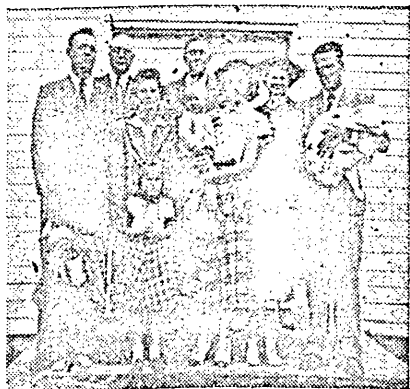
It was indeed an inspiring occasion to see two brothers and their families unite with the church on profession of faith at the same time. Rev. H. O. Riley, local preacher and father of Earl and Ervin, assisted the pastor in the administration of the baptismal and church vows.

In the picture front row, reading from left to right are Earl and his wife, Drucella, and their two children Terry and Earlane; Louise and her husband, Ervin, and their three children Jerald, Gwendolyn, and Nila.

Back row, Rev. H. W. Jinske, Rev. H. O. Riley, and Mrs. H. O. Riley,

the parents of Earl and Ervin.

This was also the 44th wedding anniversary of Rev. and Mrs. H. O.



Riley and the third of Mr. and Mrs. Ervin Riley.

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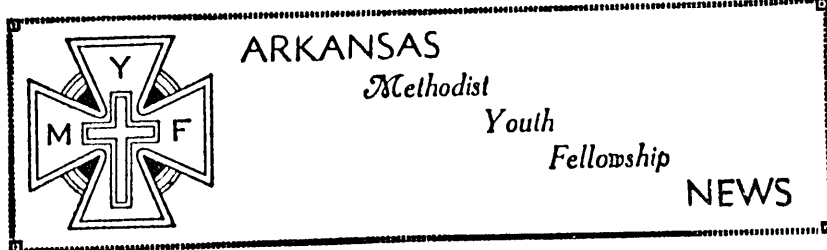
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## LAST CALL

Come on all you MYFers. We have plans for you. In just a few more days you and all your friends will be pouring in from all parts of the North Arkansas Conference to the Methodist Youth Assembly. I can hardly wait to see all the delegates of past assemblies and to meet all the tenderfoot delegates. I wonder if ole Seymour Peoples will be back? They tell me N. A. Daze can't make it this year, but his kid brother will be here to hold things together. I see that some girl named Mary Mae is registered. I don't know her but sounds interesting. And I guess Seetha Lite will be here to help on the committee to help the committees this year. Seems like everyone will be here. Yes sir, I can hardly wait. ....

What: North Arkansas Conference  
Methodist Youth Assembly  
Where: Hendrix College  
When: May 30 to June 3  
Who: Youth age 16-23

—Tryan Cashet

## NEWS ABOUT HENDRIX COLLEGE

(Continued from page 12)

Brumley, executive secretary of the North Arkansas Conference Board of Education. Dr. McCuistion will receive an honorary doctor of laws degree.

Following announcement of election to the graduate scholarship society, prizes will be awarded.

Of the seniors, nine completed their work in January, 63 are completing work this month, and 28 are expected to complete work in August. Mildred K. Shields of Conway, Bill Sybert of North Little Rock and Henry Wood, Jr., of Tillar are candidates for both the bachelor of arts and bachelor of music degrees.

## Larsen Awarded G. E. B. Scholarship

William A. Larsen of Little Rock is one of about 25 southern college seniors who have been awarded scholarships for graduate study by the General Education Board of New York.

Larsen, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Larsen of Little Rock, will graduate from Hendrix College May 28 with a major in history and political science. He expects to specialize in European history when he enters graduate study.

Dean W. C. Buthman of Hendrix, who announced the award, said the scholarship will provide for travel costs, tuition and certain required fees, and \$1125 to cover living costs for nine months.

## Publications Get New Heads And Win Awards

Juanita Lane and George Shaw, both of Conway, recently became co-editors of next year's Campus Profile, campus newspaper at Hendrix. Linda Smith of Gurdon is new business manager.

New editor of the Troubadour, college yearbook, is Lloyd Sims of Pine Bluff and new business manager is Carl Garrett of El Dorado.

This year's Profile ran a close

## LITTLE ROCK CONFERENCE M. Y. FUND PLEDGES AND PAYMENTS THROUGH MAY 1

ARKADELPHIA DISTRICT	Pledge	Paid
Amity	\$	\$ 12.00
Arkadelphia	50.00	
Arkadelphia Circuit		5.00
Hollywood		
Dalark Circuit		
Manchester	18.00	13.50
Delight	25.00	18.20
Fountain Lake	15.00	
Gurdon		43.05
Glenwood		
Hot Springs Circuit		
Bethlehem	10.00	10.00
Hot Springs Churches		
First Church	50.00	15.22
Grand Avenue	25.00	47.94
Pullman Heights	15.00	
Oaklawn	25.00	10.00
Tigert-Morning Star		
Malvern Churches		
First Church	300.00	113.21
Keith Memorial		4.60
Mount Ida		
Murfreesboro	35.00	36.00
Okolona		
Piney Grove	10.00	10.00
Rockport Circuit		
Magnet Cove		2.50
Butterfield	20.00	20.00
Shorewood Hills		7.87
Sparkman-Sardis		9.54
Traskwood Circuit		
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$598.00</b>	<b>\$378.63</b>

CAMDEN DISTRICT	Pledge	Paid
Bearden	\$	\$
Bradley-Garland		
Buckner		
Buena Vista	60.00	
Camden Churches		
First Church	30.00	15.00

race recently with the Arkansas State Teachers College Echo for top honors in state-wide competition sponsored by the Arkansas College Press Association. The Profile won first place in two general contests, advertising and display and editorial effectiveness.

At the annual ACPA convention held in Arkadelphia, Paul Page Faris of Hendrix was re-elected to a two-year term as state sponsor for the group.—Barbara Noble

A little boy was told by his mother that it was God who makes bad people good. He replied: "Yes, I know it is God; but mothers help a lot!"—Philip J. Cleveland, Church Management.

	Pledge	Paid
Fairview	25.00	63.50
Timothy	15.00	15.00
Chidester		10.00
Columbia		
Dumas Memorial		26.00
El Dorado Churches		
First Church	80.00	86.57
Centennial		
Vantrease		71.50
Emerson		
Harmony Grove		
West Side	5.00	
Holy Springs		
Junction City	25.00	17.00
Lewisville		
Louann Circuit		
Magnolia Churches		
First Church	75.00	75.00
Jackson Street	24.00	20.00
Magnolia Circuit		
Marysville Circuit		12.00
Norphet Circuit		23.70
Parker's Chapel	15.00	30.00
Pleasant Grove	20.00	23.29
Princeton Circuit		
Smackover	40.00	30.00
Stamps	30.00	30.00
Stephens	25.00	30.00
Taylor Circuit		
Village Circuit	25.00	25.00
Waldo		
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$454.00</b>	<b>\$579.56</b>

LITTLE ROCK DISTRICT	Pledge	Paid
Austin Circuit	\$	\$
Bauxite		
Sardis	12.00	
Benton	75.00	30.86
Benton Circuit		
Bryant Circuit		
Carlisle	16.00	22.00
Carlisle Circuit		
Hamilton	6.00	1.10
Des Arc		5.00
Douglasville		
Geyer Springs		
Hazen		
Hickory Plains		
Lonoke		3.00
Little Rock Churches		
Asbury	60.00	38.55
Capitol View		
First Church	70.00	61.74
Forest Park	15.00	
Henderson	25.00	35.00
Highland	25.00	55.00
Hunter	35.00	23.50
Oak Forest		
Pulaski Heights	65.00	
St. Marks		
Chenault Chapel		
Scott Street	55.00	50.00
Winfield	75.00	124.00
Twenty-Eighth Street	10.00	10.00
DeValls Bluff	5.00	5.00
Mabelvale		12.00
Primrose	30.00	30.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$579.00</b>	<b>\$506.75</b>

MONTICELLO DISTRICT	Pledge	Paid
Crossett	\$ 25.00	\$ 40.00
Dermott	20.00	
Drew Circuit		
Dumas	15.00	
Eudora		
Fountain Hill Circuit		
Fordyce	40.00	
Hamburg	25.00	
Hampton	10.00	
Faustina	5.00	
Huttig		
Kingsland		
Lake Village		
McGehee	15.00	
Monticello	50.00	20.00
New Edinburg Circuit		
Parkdale		
Star City	10.00	15.00
Portland-Montrose		
Strong		2.00
Thornton		12.00
Tillar-Winchester		
Warren	25.00	5.50
Watson-Kelso		
Wilmar Circuit		
Wilnot-Miller's Chapel		
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$240.00</b>	<b>\$ 94.50</b>

PINE BLUFF DISTRICT	Pledge	Paid
Almyra		\$ 40.00
Alzheimer	10.00	
Bayou Meto Circuit		
Lodge's Corner	60.00	45.00
Carthage-Tulip		6.00
DeWitt	75.00	75.00
England	15.00	
Gillette	15.00	
Good Faith	24.00	29.00
Grady	25.00	25.00
Gould		
Humphrey	16.00	25.65
Sunshine		
Keo Circuit		
Leola Circuit	12.00	12.00
Hunter's Chapel		3.00
Little Prairie Circuit		
Pine Bluff Churches		
Carr Memorial	30.00	15.00
Hawley Memorial	50.00	
First Church	120.00	25.00
Lakeside	75.00	60.00
Plainview		
Rison	20.00	3.00
Roe Circuit		
Rowell Circuit		
Sheridan		
New Hope		
Sherrill		
Tucker		
St. Charles Circuit	6.00	
Stuttgart Churches		
First Church	83.00	34.80
Grand Avenue	216.00	138.20
Swan Lake		
Whitehall		
Sulphur Springs		
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$852.00</b>	<b>\$526.65</b>

HOPE DISTRICT	Pledge	Paid
Ashdown	\$	\$ 36.00
Bingen Circuit		
Blevins Circuit		
Center Point		
Cherry Hill Circuit		
DeQueen	30.00	15.00
Dierks		
Doddridge Circuit		
Emmett		25.00
Foreman		10.00
Hatfield Circuit	50.00	25.00
Hope		
Horatio Circuit		
Lockesburg Circuit	10.00	
Mena	50.00	
Nashville	50.00	44.00
Prescott		
Prescott Circuit	5.00	
Shady Grove		
Springhill Circuit		
Texarkana Churches		
College Hill	20.00	20.00
Fairview	45.00	30.00
First Church	130.00	123.24
Texarkana Circuit	10.00	
Washington Circuit		
Wilton Circuit		
Winthrop		
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$450.00</b>	<b>\$328.24</b>

TOTAL AMOUNT PLEDGED FOR THE YEAR BY ALL DISTRICTS \$3173.00

TOTAL AMOUNT PAID BY ALL DISTRICTS UP TO MAY 1 1950 2414.33

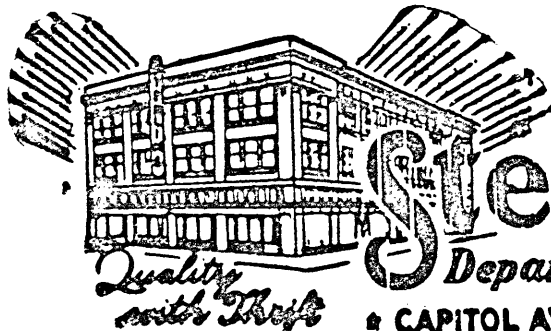
BALANCE DUE BY 1 JUNE 1950 \$ 758.67

## RECORD OF PAYMENTS TO CAMP CABIN FUND THROUGH MAY 19, 1950

ARKADELPHIA DISTRICT	Pledge	Paid
Arkadelphia	\$225.00	
Manchester (Dalark Circuit)	45.00	
Delight	20.00	
Gurdon	100.00	
Hot Springs Churches		
First Church	165.00	
Grand Avenue	150.40	
Malvern Churches		
First Church	85.00	
Keith Memorial	25.00	
Murfreesboro	75.00	
Magnet Cove (Rockport Circuit)	16.25	
Butterfield (Rockport Circuit)	30.00	
Shorewood Hills	3.00	

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<b>TOTAL</b> .....	<b>\$989.65</b>	Stephens .....	15.00	Delta Subdistrict .....	\$ 50.00	Grady .....	13.50
<b>CAMDEN DISTRICT</b>		<b>TOTAL</b> .....	<b>\$251.00</b>	(includes Dermott and surrounding churches)		Good Faith .....	33.00
Union County Sub-district .....	\$ 75.00	<b>LITTLE ROCK DISTRICT</b>		Hamburg .....	14.20	First Church, Pine Bluff .....	226.00
(includes El Dorado churches, Smackover, etc.)		Benton .....	\$ 25.00	Huttig .....	18.00	Sheridan .....	10.00
Vantrease .....	5.00	Mount Taber (Austin Circuit) .....	5.00	Dermott .....	37.85	Leola .....	15.00
Louann .....	2.00	Carlisle .....	30.00	McGehee .....	13.46	<b>TOTAL</b> .....	<b>\$903.50</b>
First Church Camden .....	48.00	Sardis .....	10.25	Monticello .....	7.00	<b>HOPE DISTRICT</b>	
Columbia County Subdistrict .....	25.00	Des Arc .....	10.00	Newton's Chapel (Tillar-Winchester Circuit) .....	10.00	Emmett .....	\$ 18.60
Jackson Street, Magnolia .....	30.00	Geyer Springs .....	12.00	<b>TOTAL</b> .....	<b>\$148.51</b>	Hope .....	125.00
First Church, Magnolia .....	35.00	Little Rock Churches		<b>PINE BLUFF DISTRICT</b>		McCaskill .....	10.00
		First Church .....	52.00	Rice Belt Subdistrict .....	\$606.00	<b>TOTAL</b> .....	<b>\$153.60</b>
		Hunter .....	20.00	(includes Stuttgart churches, DeWitt, Humphrey, Gillette,		<b>TOTAL PAYMENTS THROUGH 19 MAY 1950</b> .....	<b>\$2615.51</b>
		Twenty-Eighth Street .....	5.00				
		<b>TOTAL</b> .....	<b>\$169.25</b>				

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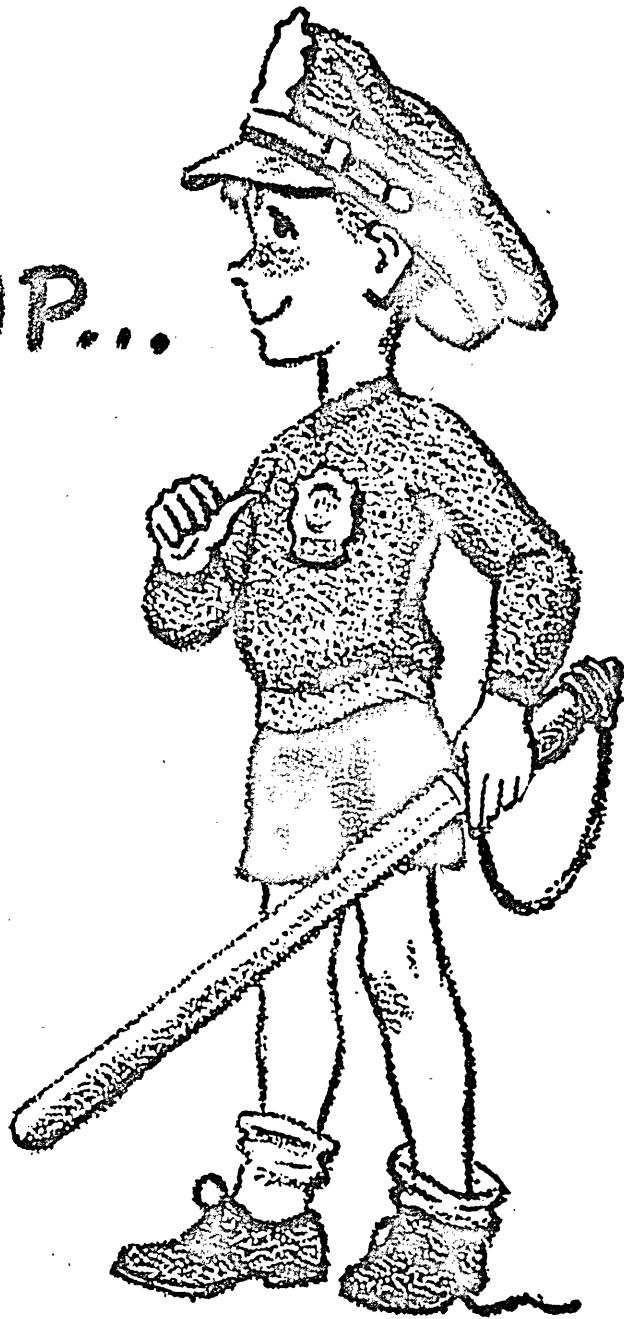
It can't happen here, you say? Well, it HAS happened in many a country. It starts slowly and gradually—so slowly that people are enslaved before they realize the danger... and all the while their leaders declare, "Everything is being done for the good of the people!"

## WHEN I GROW UP...

Yes, even in the United States, we hear people say, "Let the government control certain industries and services. Let it begin by taking over the doctors, the newspapers, the railroads, the electric light and power companies. Government control is GOOD for the people!" This is exactly how a socialistic government gets its foothold.

Remember this: Every time government gains control of something else, YOU lose something—another liberty. Eventually, government becomes stronger, and the people become slaves to the law. The friendly cop on the corner is replaced by the watchful agents of a too-powerful government.

Who wants that kind of America? Nobody! Well, it's up to YOU!

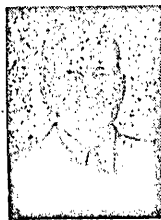


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### WHY DOES GOD PERMIT EVIL?

LESSON FOR JUNE 4, 1950

READ THE WHOLE LESSON FROM YOUR BIBLE:  
Habakkuk 1; 2:1-4; 3:17-19.

GOLDEN TEXT: "I will rejoice in the Lord, I will joy in the God of my salvation."—Habakkuk 3:18.

Our theme today raises one of the biggest questions in life—Why does God permit evil? This is a very old question. It was raised by Habakkuk who wrote about 600 B. C. Over and over again he had seen evil triumph over righteousness. During his lifetime he had seen the civilized world overrun by two evil powers—first, Assyria and then just prior to the writing of his book, Babylon. These nations were exceedingly wicked, yet they greatly prospered, at least for a time.

#### A Word About The Prophet

Habakkuk was preeminently a thinker. He took nothing for granted. This led him to introduce a new type of prophecy. His predecessors had operated pretty largely on inspiration alone. Habakkuk seasoned his inspiration, which came from God, with meditation, based on the reasonableness of things. He not only wanted to know the truth of a given line of activity, but also the reason for it.

Down through the years the prophets called attention to one great fact, in God's dealings with his chosen people—namely, when they obeyed God they prospered, but when they rebelled against him calamity always came upon them. Many times this discipline was carried out through the efforts of other nations. Prior to the time of Habakkuk the prophets did not seem to note the fact that the nations used to discipline the chosen people were far more wicked than they. Habakkuk noticed this fact and it greatly disturbed him.

In spite of the fact that Habakkuk began his book in a questioning mood, he was a man of great faith. He believed in God with all of his heart. He had great confidence in the goodness, justice, and mercy of God. He also felt that God was all-powerful.

#### What Habakkuk Saw

Habakkuk saw that good was often on the scaffold while evil was on the throne. This fact has bothered serious minded people down through the ages. It is interesting to note that the problem was discovered and so clearly stated 600 years before the coming of Christ. The problem is still with us. The greatest single example of good being on the scaffold while evil was on the throne was the crucifixion of Christ.

#### His Perplexity

The Prophet fully believed that God was good; that his laws were righteous; and that he possessed all power. The thing that bothered him was the fact that a God of that type could seem to sit idly by while evil overran the world. People are still perplexed by this same problem. During this generation we have passed through two world wars. In

the midst of each, the writer heard numerous people raise the question, "WHY DOESN'T GOD DO SOMETHING ABOUT IT?" That question is being raised with regards to the communistic nations today. Many Christians are being imprisoned, some of whom are being tortured to death. These evils are being perpetrated by a pagan regime which denies the very existence of God. No doubt many present-day martyrs, as they awaited execution, have wondered why God does not do something about it.

We have all heard a similar question raised in great bitterness of spirit. Some calamity has come upon a family. Maybe in the death of a little child, and the question arises, "WHY DID THIS HAVE TO HAPPEN TO US?" The question is raised to the assumption that the parents are good and that a good, righteous, and all-powerful God should not permit such a thing to happen to them.

#### The Answer To The Questions

Various answers have been given to these questions. In the first place let us insist that the implications that God is doing nothing about the evils of this world is all wrong. GOD IS DOING SOMETHING ABOUT THEM. People who doubt the activity of God in the world are forgetting three facts: first, that man is a free moral agent; second, that God is Spirit and does not possess a material body; and third, God hates sin but loves sinners.

Man's relationships look only in two directions—toward God and toward fellowman. Most sin is purely and simply a violation of these relationships. Righteousness means rightness of relationships. Man ought to be right with God and right with fellowmen, but he does not always so live. Through the exercise of his free moral agency he may violate these relationships. Since man has the power of free choice, God cannot prevent him from doing wrong without setting aside that power. He does, however, hold man accountable for the way he exercises free choice. Evil is condemned and the sinner will finally suffer the consequences of his sins.

Now, note the second point. Since God does not possess a material body he must needs work in a material universe through other means. In the realm of nature he works through natural laws; in that of the lower animals he works through the law of instinct; and in that of human relationships he works through the bodies of men who surrender themselves to him. Since man is a free moral agent he can refuse to let God work through him and can live in open rebellion against God. That is where the trouble between men and nations comes in. God is doing his best to lead people to love him

and to love each other, but many refuse to do it, and they thus turn aside from the only force in the world that can bring about right relationships. The trouble is not the fact that God is doing nothing about the evil of the world, many people are doing nothing about it, and in their rebellion against his will they are preventing him from building a better world order. We say it with reverence, God himself cannot straighten out the wrong relationships between individuals and nations without their co-operation. Such is the power of free moral agency.

Then, we must never forget that though God greatly hates sin, he loves the sinner. Christ makes that very plain in the parable of the Prodigal Son. All human beings are creatures of God, and are at least potentially, his children. He loves all of his human creatures far better than any human parent can possibly love a child. A parent might be ever so angry over the evil of a child, especially if the child by his sins hurts other members of the family, but he would hardly destroy the child to stop the evil. The cross stands out in the universe as the greatest illustration of God's hatred against sin, but at the same time, love for the sinner.

Another answer to God's dealing with the problems of evil is that of time. Given time enough righteousness carries with it the elements of its own peace and joy, and sin the elements of its own punishment. Sin becomes a part of the sinner, and aside from Christ, he cannot any more escape the consequences of his sins than he can escape himself.

Man's stay on this earth is so brief that he cannot fairly judge as to what is being done in the way of good by his lifetime alone. A careful study of the entire history of the human race will show that much good has been done. The race has had its terrible backsets and its moral slumps but it has never dropped back to the low level it once occupied. Taken over a long enough

period of time—though there might have been a lot of ups and downs within the period—the general trend has been upward. The world is in a bad way just now, but the chances are there has never been a time when people were more aware of evil; more sensitive to it, and this within itself is a healthy sign. A patient never sends for the doctor until he realizes he is sick. We are expecting our sick world to call in the great Physician who never lost a case.

Now, as to the matter of God using a more wicked nation to discipline Judah, there are at least two answers. The first is that taken by Habakkuk. God would use the wicked Chaldeans for this purpose all right, but he would later judge and punish them. It is an historical fact that this nation did fall in less than seventy years from the time this prophecy was made, and it has never been restored. The other way of interpreting the situation is to feel that it was the wickedness of the Chaldeans that caused them to take advantage of the weakness of the much smaller nation rather than the judgment of God on Judah. At least these same Chaldeans overrun a lot of other little nations in that same period. In our day when Russia swallows up some smaller nation we do not think it is the judgment of God on that nation, we rather feel that it is the wickedness of Russia that causes it. There is one thing true, however, any nation

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