

## Little Rock Conference At Hot Springs

THE ninety-seventh session of the Little Rock Annual Conference of The Methodist Church will convene at the First Methodist Church, Hot Springs, 10:00 A. M. Wednesday, June 7, with Bishop Paul E. Martin, presiding. While conference sessions will be held in the First Methodist Church, all the Hot Springs Methodist churches are cooperating in entertaining the conference.

Several important matters are scheduled for attention which will be of more than usual interest to ministerial and lay members of the Conference. Among these matters is the report of the Joint Commission to Plan Union of the Arkansas annual conferences; the quadrennial Advance for Christ and His Church Program; the Temperance emphasis; the Town and Country Commission recommendations; and, of course, the making of the pastoral appointments for another conference year.

The conference by its own decision meets each year in Hot Springs. On two occasions the conference accepted invitations to meet elsewhere but returned the following year to Hot Springs.

## Methodist Student Day, June 11

THROUGHOUT The Methodist Church Sunday, June 11, Methodist Student Day will be observed. This observance is designed to magnify Methodism's obligation in helping to produce an educated Christian citizenship. Offerings taken on this day are made available through a scholarship program to deserving young people for use in Methodist institutions of higher learning. During the five years that this program has been in operation more than 2300 scholarships have been awarded and the ultimate value of the leadership which these scholarship holders will give can in nowise be measured. They have helped in a magnificent manner to educate ministers and laymen alike.

Methodist Student Day in Arkansas Methodism has not had the wide observance that it has had in many other sections of the church. Figures released by the Division of Educational Institutions, General Board of Education, show that for the year ending May 31, 1949, a total of less than \$500.00 was contributed by Arkansas Methodism to this cause. Yet during the same year \$1,896.53 was made available in scholarships in Arkansas to Methodist young people in the National Methodist Scholarship program. In other words, the program is putting back into the lives of Arkansas Methodist young people more money than the Methodists of Arkansas are contributing to the program. This means that many of our churches are not having a part in this program.

During this past year six young people have been studying at Hendrix College as holders of National Methodist Scholarships. One of the high honor graduates, Miss Louise Martel, Magnolia, was a scholarship holder. A scholarship may be held for not more than two years and its retention is conditioned on the maintaining of certain scholastic standards.

May this observance find a larger place in the program of the churches of Arkansas Methodism so that Arkansas Methodism at least will put as much money into this program as the program is putting into the developing of leadership among Arkansas Methodist young people.

## Our Presiding Bishop Through Seven Annual Conferences

JUNE brings the sessions of our two Conferences in Arkansas. With these two Annual Conferences Bishop Paul E. Martin will have presided over our Conference in Arkansas for seven consecutive years. Never before has any Bishop been "Our Bishop" through so many Annual Conferences.

Never before has any Bishop and wife made their home so long in our midst. With each passing year their unusual powers of usefulness seem to increase. Their tireless willingness to serve has been a constant challenge to Arkansas Methodism. Bishop Martin has preached to more people in Arkansas than any other Bishop of our church. He has preached in practically every Methodist center in the state. He has preached, also,



in more of our medium sized churches and more of our churches in the open country than any other Methodist Bishop. In much of his work and extensive travels over Arkansas he has been accompanied by Mrs. Martin. Wherever they have gone in this ministry the power and prestige of Methodism has grown, and the power, prestige and practical usefulness of the office of Bishop has been demonstrated to our people.

The deep affection of Methodists in Arkansas for our episcopal family was impressively demonstrated in the statewide dinner meeting in Little Rock, honoring Bishop and Mrs. Martin just before their extended trip to India. On this episcopal assignment the church, of course, paid Bishop Martin's expenses. At this dinner-meeting a substantial sum of money, sufficient to pay her expenses on the trip, was presented to Mrs. Martin, in order that she might accompany Bishop Martin on this wonderful trip. Each of the fifteen districts of the state shared equally in the gift.

In recent years it has not been unusual for a Bishop to spend his entire episcopal ministry serving one area. We can think of no happier arrangement for our episcopal supervision than for the Martins to "settle" in Arkansas and be our episcopal leaders for the remainder of their active ministry.

## The Gambling Craze

PROBABLY at no time within the last generation has the general public's conscience been so awakened to the question of gambling as it is today. As investigations continue by Congress, governmental agencies and private sources, there is revealed more and more the vast extent of this business, legally and illegally. Dealing in the billions of dollars annually, it is definitely "big business."

From latest press reports it now appears that those who prophesied that "something would be done about it" were a bit hasty in their prophesies. A guess is that political pressure of gambling interest has been brought to bear. Perhaps, a better guess is that the public likes to gamble and to legislate against the wishes of such a large segment of potential voters is political dynamite. Ernest E. Blanche, Chief Statistician for Logistics Division, General Staff, U. S. Army, says in a series of articles in last week's Memphis Commercial Appeal that "Fifty million adults gamble regularly." If this statement is correct, it is no wonder that the public takes so lightly America's financial ailments.

## Change Of Leadership At Mt. Sequoyah

THROUGHOUT this section of The Methodist Church practically every Methodist has heard of Mt. Sequoyah, and the very mention of Mt. Sequoyah brings to mind the man who has made Mt. Sequoyah what it is today. Elsewhere in this issue of the Arkansas Methodist is a brief account of the recent change in leadership at Mt. Sequoyah. Rev. Sam M. Yancey, for twenty-three years Superintendent of Mt. Sequoyah, has reached the age of retirement and has been succeeded by Rev. Elmer H. Hook.

Those who know anything at all about Mt. Sequoyah will remember that Mt. Sequoyah has "grown-up" during the administration of Brother Yancey. The assembly was not very old when Brother Yancey succeeded his predecessor, Rev. James W. Workman, then acting superintendent, but it was old enough to be having severe growing pains such as a heavy debt, inadequate accommodations, etc. Time has shown that Brother and Mrs. Yancey going to Mt. Sequoyah was an instance of the right persons for the right job at the right time, for in these twenty-three years debts have been paid, Mt. Sequoyah is worth several hundred thousand dollars, it has become one of the beauty spots of Methodism, it is visited annually by thousands of Methodists from over the South Central Jurisdiction, and the work done there through the various programs has brought inspiration to untold numbers of people. Brother and Mrs. Yancey have helped to bring all this to pass and in the name of Arkansas Methodism we want to commend them for these many years of faithful devoted service to a cause which has meant so much to so many people. Mt. Sequoyah as it is seen in buildings and facilities today is a testimony to the leadership that this devoted man and his wife have given to the Western Methodist Assembly. Few Methodist preachers and their wives have been known and appreciated by so many as the Yanceys.

The Board of Trustees of the Western Methodist Assembly acted wisely in its choice of Brother Yancey's successor, Rev. E. H. Hook. Brother Hook across the years has had the interest of the Assembly at heart and in his close

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Philander Smith College, Little Rock, is owned and operated by the Central Jurisdiction of the Methodist Church. Its remarkable growth and progress have made it an outstanding Methodist institution. It is a fully accredited institution rendering notable service.

# Philander Smith College Keeps Pace With The Times

By DR. ED McCUISTION,  
State Department of Education

**C**HANGING times and tides in the affairs of men call for corresponding changes in the organization, leadership and services of our social, religious and educational institutions.

For 83 years Philander Smith College has kept continuous contact with the developing interests and concerns of her people, alumni, and supporting religious organizations and institutions. How well she has kept pace with these new demands for leadership and services is clearly exhibited by her recent admittance into full membership of the North Central Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools.

The real spirit and sinews of the College were forged in the fires of these more than four score years of great pioneer Christian leaders who have given up their whole lives in order to serve the cause represented by the College. When we see the College emerging in these post war years as a fully accredited higher institution, accredited by one of the nation's best known accrediting associations, we pause to do honor to these outstanding pioneer heroes in the history of the institution.

## Founders' Day Reveals College History and Growth

Founders' Day Exercises observing the 83rd year of continued service by Philander Smith College were highlighted this year by several unusual events. There were reminiscences portraying the history of the College by a representative from the faculty and the student body of more than 60 years ago. Mrs. J. T. Bridwell of Heber Springs represented the faculty. She came to Philander Smith College some 64

years ago and knew the persons for whom the Institution is named personally. She often referred to them as Philander and Adeline (Philander Smith and Mrs. Adeline Smith. The College is named after Mr. Smith and the largest dormitory on the campus is named after Mrs. Smith.)

Thoroughly imbued with the missionary passion and zeal, she came to the Institution as a brilliant young woman eager to serve when the school was not more than a rectangle shaped frame building, partitioned by curtains to provide classrooms. She challenged the students with the power of insight and zeal of the three faculty members at that time, and the enthusiastic response of the students who were eager to learn. Her message presented a contrast which was a source of inspiration to the college community and its friends. Rufus C. Childress, the first degree graduate from the College, represented the student body. The high point in his address was the occasion of his returning the diploma received 62 years ago to the President to be placed in the archives of the institution. President Harris commented by saying that as the first degree graduate of the Institution, Mr. Childress has set a high standard for every graduate of Philander Smith College. He had given himself unselfishly to serve others and so defended the Institution in his conduct that it was a joy to return the diploma unmarred and as a symbol of having kept the faith.

Rev. C. T. Hawes of Norfolk, Nebraska, recently elected a member of the Board of Trustees delivered the special meditation and challenge following brief addresses representing faculty and student body. His remarks centered upon the role of the Christian College in a secular world and the opportunities for service, as well as the responsibility resting upon the present faculty and students whose resources are far more adequate than were those of the early years. Invocation was offered by Dr. E. T. Wayland, Editor of the Arkansas Methodist; and the benediction by Dr. C. M. Reves, District Superintendent of the Conway District. Bishop E. W. Kelly, Chairman of the Board of Trustees, read the lesson from Scripture. Music was highlighted by the College Choir which sang "How Lovely is Thy Dwelling Place" and "There is a Balm in Gilead." The congregation joined in

"Faith of Our Fathers" and "Lord I Want to be a Christian."

Following the dinner hour at 1:30, the afternoon was devoted to a tour of the campus and buildings. A large delegation was headed by Mrs. Bridwell, and Rev. H. E. Pearce, her minister, came from Heber Springs. There was also a large group from the W. S. C. S. from the Scott Street Methodist Church. The occasion was also graced by Mrs. Paul E. Martin and many others.

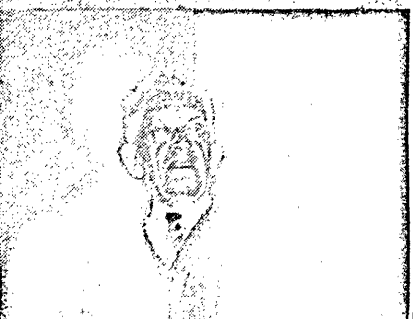
## College Needs Remain Great

For 83 years Philander Smith College has wrought well, but changing times impose new demands upon all institutions. Philander Smith is no exception. The ever increasing numbers of young men and women coming to the College campus from all sections of Arkansas and the mid-west are bringing a wider and more difficult set of experience and training needs than in any time in our history. If the College is to continue her fine record of training these young people and the new high standards required of her by the North Central Association she must have considerable increase in financial resources with which to provide competent faculty, physical equipment and other enriching resources with which to work.

If this College is to continue effective service, there must be a more adequate financial support. The rigid demands upon accredited institutions for well-trained faculties and good equipment impose a financial burden which sometimes is not fully appreciated by the communities they strive to serve. This is especially true of all good religious colleges in times like these. And yet, they are necessary to insure a "balanced diet" in our educational philosophy. They are essential to the preservation of the democratic way of life. Philander Smith College is academically sound at present. But its financial resources must be strengthened in order to maintain its status. In view of this situation, a campaign is now in progress for \$500,000.00 to meet this emergency.

This campaign was launched in April, 1949. Citizens of Greater Little Rock and Arkansas face a rich opportunity to invest in the development of fine characters, good and useful citizenship and interracial goodwill by contributing to this campaign. Colleges like Philander Smith are urgently needed. Yes,

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Top: Mrs. J. T. Bridwell, one of the first teachers at Philander Smith College. Mrs. Bridwell spoke at Founder's Day program.

Middle: Dr. M. Lafayette Harris, president of Philander Smith College.

Lower Left: R. C. Childress, first graduate of Philander Smith, who spoke at Founder's Day program.

Below, center: Philander Smith Choir, known throughout Arkansas Methodism, which sang at Founder's Day program.

Below, right: Board of Trustees and other guests at the Founder's Day program. l to r: Rev. Hubert Pearce, pastor Heber Springs; Dr. C. M. Reves, Conway, Board member; Dr. M. Lafayette Harris, president; Mrs. C. T. Hawes, Norfolk, Neb.; Mrs. J. T. Bridwell, former teacher; Dr. Ed McCuiston, Little Rock, Board member; Rev. C. T. Hawes, Norfolk, Neb., gave principal Founder's Day address, Board member; Bishop Edward Kelley, Board member; Dr. E. T. Wayland, Little Rock, Board member; R. C. Childress, Little Rock, first graduate; Rev. Robert Pruitt, Ottawa, Kans., Board member; J. S. Cullins, Little Rock, Board member; and B. F. Neal, Gary, Ind., Board member.

# THE DEVOTIONAL PAGE

REV. ROY I. BAGLEY, Editor

## FROM THE BOOKSHELF

Civilization has come alarmingly near a failure of nerve . . .

The moment of crisis may also be big with prophetic possibilities, not the least of which is the liberating perspective which it brings to bear upon ourselves and our world . . .

In the period of crisis, then, two fundamental aspects of our human situation stand opposed: our "fatal heritage" and "our heritage of faith" . . .

A crisis is not itself the end: it is the moment of fevered suspension when everything hangs in doubt between life and death, between victory and defeat . . .

The soul has been shaken to its roots. What complicates the issue is that in this moment of crisis when we stand "between the times," every cast off notion rises to renew its relevance, and the faiths and passions which we thought dead prove now that they were dormant only . . .

Western civilization has reached a parting of the ways; and men of faith are now engaged in renewing vitally our heritage of faith, since by it alone can we transform the fatality that now besets us into an occasion for a fresh beginning in the world.—From *THE CRISIS OF FAITH*, by Stanley Romaine Hopper

## A PRAYER FOR STRENGTH AND GUIDANCE

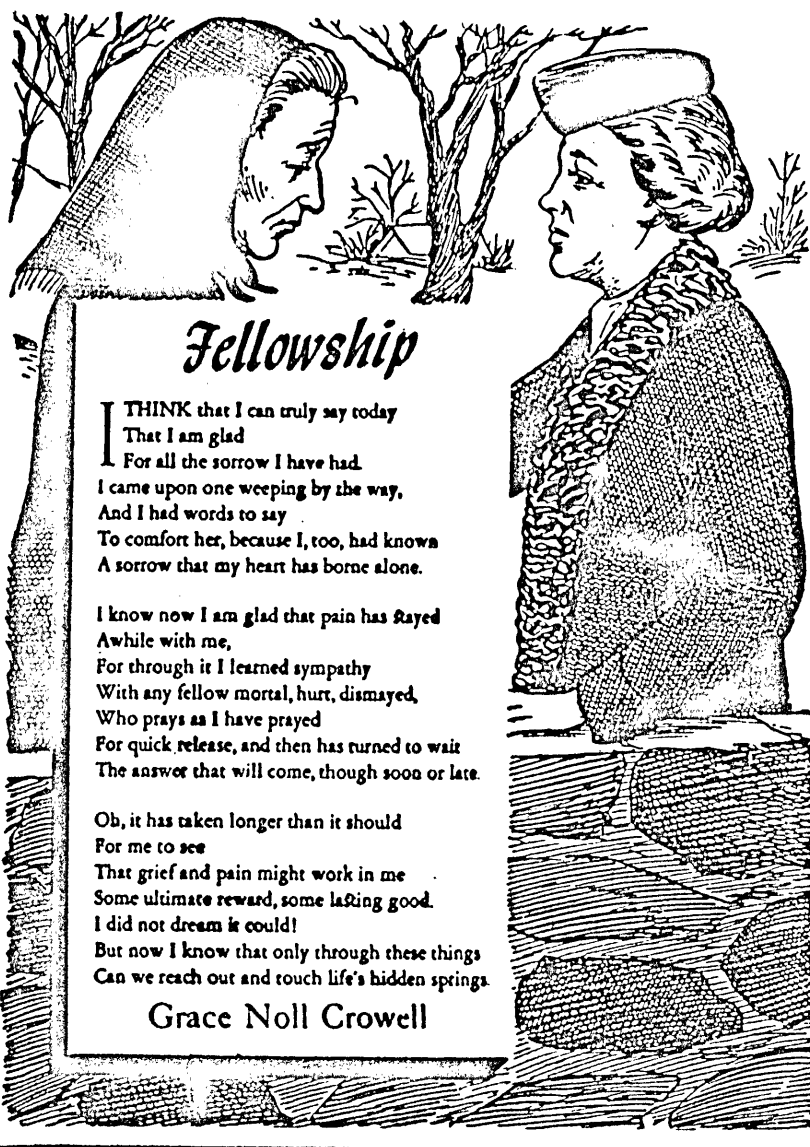
Kind Father, thou knowest me far better than I know myself. Thou knowest my every weakness, my every strength, my greatest needs, my inherent capacities to serve thee and my fellowmen. Help me to discover the great meanings of life as I journey along. Confusing paths reaching forth into unknown "out yonders" challenge, prove, and test me as a Christian servant. Lead me, dear God, to do the things thou wouldst have me do.

Lord, I do not pray for a path of ease. I do not ask for fame or fortune. I only ask to toil in thy white fields. Give me the courage and will to be a faithful servant in a world of need. Let me accept hardship or shadow with the dignity of a Christian—only hold my hand in the hour of trial and assure me of thy nearness and love when I'm too weak to stand on my own strength.

"Thy will be done"—only grant, dear Father, that I accept it proudly, trusting ever that great and understanding love which wills no needless pain to the least of thy children, but which works all things for the best for them who love, trust, and serve thee on the testing grounds of life. I ask in Jesus' name. Amen.—Herbert Wendell Austin, in *The Church School*.

I once asked a great newspaper editor, "How did you get to be the editor of this paper?"

His simple reply: "I wanted to be."—Norman Vincent Peale, noted clergyman and author, *Kansas City Star*.



## Fellowship

I THINK that I can truly say today  
That I am glad  
For all the sorrow I have had.  
I came upon one weeping by the way,  
And I had words to say  
To comfort her, because I, too, had known  
A sorrow that my heart has borne alone.

I know now I am glad that pain has stayed  
Awhile with me,  
For through it I learned sympathy  
With any fellow mortal, hurt, dismayed,  
Who prays as I have prayed  
For quick release, and then has turned to wait  
The answer that will come, though soon or late.

Oh, it has taken longer than it should  
For me to see  
That grief and pain might work in me  
Some ultimate reward, some lasting good.  
I did not dream it could!  
But now I know that only through these things  
Can we reach out and touch life's hidden springs.

Grace Noll Crowell

## WHERE IS GOD?

A little girl walking with her father one night looked up at the stars as they glittered in a cloudless sky and said, "Daddy, God put the stars up there." Then before answer could be given she asked, "Daddy, where is God?" That question asked by childish lips has been a prevalent question. In the time of deep trouble men have asked, "Where is God?" The question was asked frequently during the dark days of the last war, "If God loves His children why doesn't He come in and do something?" God has always been in His world. Upon every battlefield; beside every bed of suffering, through every dark night He has been with His children wooing them to a greater trust in Him and a more complete surrender of our ways to His way.

The Psalmist had passed through a dark valley and comes to declare,

Even though I walk in the darkest valley,  
I fear no harm, for thou art with me;  
Thy rod and thy staff—they comfort me.—Psalm 23:4.

He had found that his faith was justified and that His God was with him in his hour of deep need.

Jesus reached out in the dark hour of the cross for the Father and finds His love and constant care. He declares with complete assurance and confidence,

"Father, I intrust my spirit to your hands."

In that confidence he yielded up his spirit with the consciousness that he had finished his work.

In the declaration of the Psalmist there is no greater faith in the ever present God.

Whither shall I go from thy spirit?  
And whither shall I flee from thy presence?

If I ascend to the heavens, thou art there!

If I make Sheol my bed, thou art there also!

If I take up the wings of the dawn,  
And dwell at the back of the sea,  
Even there thy hand will guide me,  
And thy right hand will hold me.

If I say, "Darkness will surely cover me,"

Then the night becomes light about me.

Darkness makes it not too dark for thee;

But the night is as bright as the day;

Darkness and light are both alike to thee.—Psalm 139:7-12

God is in the varied experiences of life. He is in the sunshine and the shadows; the joy and sorrows; in life and in death. In our sins He speaks to us to lead us back to a life of purity. In our temptations He speaks to us of strength that will bear us up and give us power to overcome. In our highest moments He is there to make those deeper and richer moments.

God has entered human life in Jesus Christ. We have found Him in

## PRAYER FOR THE WEEK

Our Father, we would not hide from Thy presence for in Thy presence are all the things that make life rich and beautiful. When we have sinned we are prone to hide from Thee for we know that Thou art holy; but, in our confession and surrender we find that Thou art love. In Thy love for us Thou dost forgive us. In our confusion help us to seek Thy counsel. Condemn our self-sufficiency and lead us again and again to the fountain source of all true wisdom. Help us in the hour of temptation to know that Thou art ever near to give us strength to overcome. Thou knowest our weakness and our strength; Thou knowest the intents of our heart, make us strong where we are weak and may the intents of our hearts become the action of our lives. We pray in the name and in the spirit of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

the blessedness of that life. In our human frailty we needed more than just rules and laws; we needed a life that we could look to and pattern our own by. In the fullness of His love He gave us His Son and in Him we find the ground for our faith.

We find God in prayer. Jesus did not pray just as a matter of form, it was life to him. When our prayers become a matter of form and not a vital living communion we miss His presence. Our prayers are not petitions alone; but also waiting that we may find His counsel. If we would know His presence we must, "Be still and know that He is God."

In true worship we find God. Many times we go into our worship services expecting to hear good music, or a good sermon, or enjoy the beauty of a pretty ritual; but far from our minds is the idea of meeting God there. We forget that where His followers are gathered together in the name of Christ that He is in their midst. We go from our worship services empty because we did not come expectant of enough. Let us go to our worship services expecting to meet God there and in that spirit we will not be disappointed.

Then we meet God out where men are wrestling with their problems. Where there is sin and suffering; where there are poor and needy people; where life has broken down and all the joy is gone out of it. It is our glorious privilege to share with them the message of hope and consolation that we have found in His presence.

We cannot tell a little girl all of that, but we can live in such a way that children will find that out for themselves. They will make the supreme discovery that God is with them and they can live lives pleasing in his sight.—R. B.

Ever notice—when a man gets up near the top of the ladder of success—there are always a few friends and fellow workers steadying it for him?—Gilcrafter, Gilbert Paper Co.

It is easy to forget how to plow when every one wants to be a harvester. — W. Arthur Simpson, Pathfinder.



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## Here And There In Arkansas Methodism

By The Editors

INTEREST of Arkansas Methodism was focused on Hendrix College last week as the school's sixty-sixth year was brought to a close. Alumni, families and friends of Hendrix graduates and students were on the campus Saturday and Sunday for the closing exercises. Baccalaureate services were conducted Sunday morning at the Conway First Methodist Church under the direction of Dr. Matt L. Ellis, president, Rev. Allen D. Stewart, pastor, and Dr. W. Neill Hart, who delivered the sermon. The capacity crowd heard Dr. Hart speak on "The Measure of a Man."

Many of the visitors had Sunday dinner in Hulen Hall, new student union and dining hall building. During the noon hour many of these visitors inspected for the first time Hulen Hall. This new building houses besides dining facilities, the various student activities offices, the book store, post office and social rooms. Hulen Hall was completed last fall and has been in use since the first of this year.

Graduation exercises were held in Axley Gymnasium at 4:00 p. m. Dr. Fred McCuistion, associate director General Board of Education, New York, delivered the Commencement Address, "Just Imagine" and degrees were conferred upon 124 Hendrix Seniors who had completed their work. Dr. Fred McCuistion was honored with an honorary degree of Doctor of Laws, while two Arkansas Methodist ministers, Rev. Ira A. Brumley and Rev. W. Neill Hart, received honorary degrees of Doctor of Divinity. All three men are Hendrix alumni.

Plans for the new Hendrix auditorium-chapel building are now being prepared by the college's architect and it is expected that these plans will be available in a short time. This second new building will be located between the Administration Building and Reynolds Hall (Science Building) on the west side of the sidewalk between these two buildings. A question frequently heard Sunday was "will the new auditorium be completed in time for next year's commencement exercises?"

Arkansas Methodism has just cause to be proud of Hendrix College, its tradition, its academic standing, its leadership and faculty, its campus, its alumni, and the great work it is doing for the church, state, nation and world.

Attention of Arkansas Methodism will be quickly turned from school graduations to the

## NEWS AND NOTES ABOUT FACTS AND FOLKS

REV. H. D. WOMACK, pastor at Prairie Grove, preached the sermon for the Prairie Grove High School on Sunday, May 21.

REV. R. E. L. BEARDEN, JR., pastor of the Goddard Memorial Methodist Church, Ft. Smith, preached the commencement sermon for the Ft. Smith Junior College on Sunday, May 28.

REV. H. LYNN WADE, pastor of the Methodist Church at Wilson, preached the sermon for the Wilson High School on Sunday, May 21, at the Baptist Church at Wilson.

DR. ALBEA GODBOLD, pastor of St. John's Methodist Church, St. Louis, Mo., preached the baccalaureate sermon for Henderson State Teachers College, Arkadelphia, on Sunday, May 28.

REV. C. V. MASHBURN, pastor at Amity, preached the sermon to the thirty-one graduates of the Amity High School on Sunday morning, May 14. Brother Mashburn had a son and daughter in the graduating class.

REV. LELAND CLEGG, former pastor in the Little Rock Conference and for the past several years pastor of the Trinity Methodist Church, El Paso, Texas, has been appointed District Superintendent of the Oklahoma City District, West Oklahoma Conference.

WORD comes of the death of Mrs. Martha Ann Martin of Harrison on May 12. Mrs. Martin is the mother of Miss Edith Martin, missionary in the Belgian Congo. For the friends who will want to send messages of love and sympathy to Miss Martin, we give her address: M. E. C. M., Congo Belge, Lusambo Afrique.

REV. JOHN M. McCORMACK, pastor of the First Methodist Church, Magnolia, preached the sermon for the Magnolia High School on Sunday morning, May 21. There are eighty-six members of the class. Brother McCormack also gave the commencement address to the graduating class of the McNeil High School on Friday evening.

REV. AND MRS. GLENN SANFORD and son are moving this week to Madison, New Jersey from Conway. Brother Sanford, former pastor and executive secretary of the Town and Country Commission, North Arkansas Conference, is now Secretary of the Town and Country Work, Board of Missions and Church Extension, with headquarters in New York City.

REV. J. ALBERT GATLIN, pastor of the First Methodist Church, Searcy, was elected last week as the Executive Secretary of the Town and Country Commission of the North Arkansas Conference to succeed Rev. Joel Cooper who has been Acting Secretary since the resignation of Rev. Glenn Sanford last December. Brother Gatlin will assume his new duties at the close of the annual meeting of the North Arkansas Conference, June 18.

THE sympathy of friends goes out to Rev. J. L. Dedman, district superintendent of the Pine Bluff District, in the death of his mother, Mrs. P. C. Dedman, at Swan Lake on Tuesday, May 23. Mrs. Dedman who was 82 years of age had lived her entire life in Arkansas. Funeral services were held at Mount Carmel Church in Dallas County on Thursday, May 25. Other survivors are a son, A. T. Dedman of Malvern and a daughter, Mrs. Willis Lee of Swan Lake.

THE many friends of Claude K. Wilkerson are grieved at his sudden passing on Saturday, May 27, at his home in Little Rock. Mr. Wilkerson was an active layman in the Methodist

Church. He was a member of the Board of Stewards of the Pulaski Heights Church, Little Rock and was active in civic affairs of Little Rock where he had lived for the past twenty years. Surviving are Mrs. Wilkerson, a daughter, Mrs. Charles Powell of Greensboro, N. C.; a son, C. K. Wilkerson, Jr., a brother, three sisters and two grandchildren.

### WANTED FOR CONFERENCE CAMP

Both a piano and a portable organ will be needed for the new Little Rock Conference camp soon to open.

Any church or individual having either of these instruments to donate will be doing the camp a real service.—Roy E. Fawcett

### BOARD OF TEMPERANCE MEETING

All members of the Little Rock Conference Board of Temperance are called to meet at the First Methodist Church in Hot Springs, on the evening of June 6th, at 7:30. This is a very important meeting and all are urged to be present. See Page 6 of the 1949 Little Rock Conference Journal for the members.—J. L. Tucker, Chairman.

### ONE HUNDREDTH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

The year 1950 marks the one hundredth anniversary of the organization of the Rhodes Chapel Methodist Church on the Strong Charge. In recognition of this anniversary an all-day program and celebration is being planned, to be held on the fifth Sunday of July, (July 30th). All members and former members and all former pastors are especially invited to attend this celebration.—Joseph B. Roe, Pastor.

### CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION AT CRAWFORDSVILLE

The Crawfordsville Methodist Church will hold its Centennial Celebration—1850-1950—on June 4th. An informal session of the church will be held in the morning at ten o'clock with the reading of the church history and roll call of former members, former pastors, and members. Dinner will be served at one o'clock on the church lawn, and the Rev. Ethan W. Dodgen, district superintendent and former pastor of the Crawfordsville Church, will preach in the afternoon.—Lyman T. Barger, Pastor.

### MINISTERS WIVES' LUNCHEON

The annual luncheon of Minister's Wives of the Little Rock Conference will be held on Saturday, June 10th, at Club Belvedere in Hot Springs. The Conference president, Mrs. Ralph Clayton of McGehee, is hoping for one hundred per cent attendance of the minister's wives of the conference. A very interesting program has been planned; the arrangements being in the hands of the following committee: Mrs. J. L. Dedman, Pine Bluff; Mrs. Ray Hozendorf, Hot Springs; Mrs. Kenneth Shamblin, Little Rock; Mrs. W. R. Burks, Prescott; Mrs. Charles Giessen, Camden; and Mrs. Francis Buddin, Hot Springs. Reservations should be in by June 5. Tickets are in the hands of all of the presidents of the District organizations of Minister's Wives. Conference officers of the organization are: President, Mrs. Ralph Clayton, McGehee; Vice-president, Mrs. Paul Galloway, Little Rock; Secretary-Treasurer, Mrs. G. W. Robertson, Altheimer.

### CHANGE OF LEADERSHIP AT MT. SEQUOYAH

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association with the work there both as a Board member and as a Fayetteville resident, he has had amply opportunity to learn the responsibilities of the work. It is our opinion that Brother and Mrs. Hook will bring to the program at Mt. Sequoyah a quality of leadership that will be appreciated by all those interested in the work being done there.

meeting of Arkansas's two Methodist annual conferences. For many years the North Arkansas Conference met first with the Little Rock Conference meeting the following week. This order was reversed last year when the time for their meeting was changed from the fall to late spring.

# CURRENT NEWS IN THE RELIGIOUS WORLD

Selected from Religious News Service Releases

## Dulles Warns Against Religious Test Of UN Members

Appealing in behalf of the United Nations, John Foster Dulles, consultant to the State Department, said at Cleveland, Ohio: "Let us not destroy an organization which, just because it includes potential enemies, can be the bridge to peace." Mr. Dulles made the plea at the 100th anniversary banquet of The Temple, largest liberal Jewish congregation in the United States. He made no direct reference to the recent speech by former President Herbert Hoover who suggested reorganization of the United Nations without the Communist nations in it. But Mr. Dulles obviously was referring to the Hoover proposal when he said: "Most of us would feel an emotional satisfaction if nations represented by atheistic governments were thrown out of the United Nations. But it is dangerous business to mix politics and religion and to seek to impose a religious test upon membership in a world organization of governments."

## Oberammergau Passion Play Reopens

More than 5,000 persons witnessed the first presentation of the famed Passion Play in Oberammergau to be given in 16 years. Among honorary guests were President Theodor Heuss and Chancellor Konrad Adenauer, of the West German government; and John J. McCloy and Gen. Sir Brian Robertson, United States British High Commissioners, respectively. Held every ten years since its origin in 1634, the Oberammergau performance was suspended in 1940 because of the war.

## Churches Pushing Saturday Night Bell Ringing

A custom which originated a century ago in Zurich, Switzerland, has reached Westchester, County in New York as the villages of Larchmont and Mamaroneck have inaugurated a 15-minute church bell program to be heard throughout the community every Saturday night. St. Thomas's Episcopal church, St. John's Lutheran church and the Mamaroneck Methodist church were the first to toll their bells from 7 to 7:15 p. m. The following Saturday they were joined by the Larchmont Avenue Presbyterian church where a memorial carillon was installed last year. Plans are under way to interest other Westchester communities in the program.

## Houston Baptists Seek Newspaper

The Houston Baptist Pastors Conference appointed a committee to study plans for a \$50,000 campaign designed to bring the Gulf Coast Baptist, a locally-published newspaper, into the hands of the Conference. The newspaper, published by Dr. John A. Held, a Baptist minister, serves the Texas Gulf Coast area. In a proposal presented to the Conference, plans were outlined to raise enough money to buy out the present stockholders and relocate the printing plant at Houston.

## South Pacific Conference Praises Missions

High tribute to the educational work of Protestant and Roman

## Striking Picture Emphasizes Lay Witness



©Warner Sallman

NASHVILLE, TENN.—Warner Sallman's striking picture, "Feed My Sheep," presents the challenge of evangelism to laymen. It will have world-wide distribution on the cover of the all-laymen issue of The Upper Room, devotional guide published here. Writers of the daily meditations are laymen and laywomen of many occupations including: housewives, farmers, editors, merchants, manufacturers, labor leaders, lawyers, engineers, doctors.

The churches of the United States and Canada are participating in a United Evangelistic Advance. The all-layman issue of The Upper Room emphasizes the place of laymen and laywomen in this movement. Thirteen editions of this devotional guide are printed in its world-wide circulation, with more than two million copies distributed in the United States.

Catholic missionaries was voiced by leading delegates to the South Pacific Conference which concluded two-week sessions at Suva, Fiji Islands. The conference—first of its kind ever held—brought together native delegates and Christian missionary observers from 16 island communities. It was presided over by Sir Leslie Brain Freeston, Governor of Fiji.

In a typical comment, a delegate from French Oceania declared that "both Roman Catholic and Protestant missions are doing valuable work in education and they must be encouraged."

## New Zealanders Back Christian Empire Crusade

Growing support is reported throughout New Zealand for the Christian Empire Crusade—a peace movement originating in what is known as 'the twelve fathers' petition.' The petition, signed by a group of 12 men in the town of Napier who had lost sons in the war, asked parliament to request the king to call its "wise men" together to formulate a charter of peace based on the laws of God.

The parliamentary petition committee gave the document favorable consideration, but because of its commitments to the United Nations, the government said it would not forward the request to the King.

This initial setback did not, however, halt the movement. In 1948, civic and other leaders in the Napier district, including Mayor T. W. Hercok, submitted another petition to the Governor General, who did not disclaim it but asked for more information. Soon afterwards, 12 clergymen in Napier signed a peace proclamation. When, in the same year, the King sent a message to the Lambeth Conference of the Anglican communion embodying the aims of the 12 fathers in Napier, the movement felt it had been given the lead it was waiting for. Through its organizing arm, the White Army of Peace, it drew up two manifestos linked to the King's message. Subsequently, it was decided that the movement's best approach was through the individual to church and civic leaders and through them, in turn, to national leaders. The work of approach has now been going on for many months, and the White Army has reported overwhelming support in many parts of the country. Prominent men in all the main centers have given financial assistance and the mayors of these cities have expressed sympathy with the crusade. "From all parts of the world," a leader of the crusade declared, "there is a great longing for a spiritual uprising, for a clear lead. There is a widespread longing that the British people will arise again to lead and serve the world. In this

crusade, there is a clear definition of peace and of purpose, and a clear answer to the King. Given facilities and leadership, it will run through the empire like a flame." The spokesman said he was confident that before long, public support of the crusade would be expressed in a national petition to the King—that from the idea of the 12 fathers "there would be germinated, first an empire, and then a world that, holding to divine precept, need no longer fear the threat of war."

## Reports Episcopal Parochial Schools Spreading

Episcopal parochial schools are spreading throughout the South and their rapid growth during the past few years is "the Church's answer to a too materialistic public school system." So said the Rev. David C. Colony, rector of St. Martin's Episcopal church, Metairie, La., and newly-elected national president of the Episcopal Parish School Association. Mr. Colony said that during the last two years, 11 Episcopal schools have been established in Louisiana, and "they are mushrooming throughout the nation, especially in the South." Religious institution, superior academic training and guidance are the goals of the new schools, Mr. Colony said. They have been necessitated, he explained, by a patent failure of the public school system to recognize man as anything more than an automaton in an amoral universe.

## Distribute Third Edition Of Anti-Religious Textbook

East Zone authorities are distributing the third edition of an anti-religious Soviet history textbook to State schools despite repeated protests against the book by Protestant and Roman Catholic leaders. The new edition is expected to increase by 30,000 the 55,000 copies of the textbook already issued by the official printing shop of the German Democratic Republic Fundamentally anti-Christian and atheistic, the textbook in question—a German version of "History of the Antique," by the Soviet historian, Professor A. W. Michulin—glorifies the Communist ideology. It asserts that Jesus Christ never lived, that there is no God, and that the Bible is merely a collection of myths, legends and tales. Prof. Michulin's book is one of a set of four history texts written by Soviet historians which are being issued to East German teachers as a guide for history classes. The other three, similarly anti-religious, are Professor Kosminskij's "Medieval History," Professor Jefimow's "Modern History I," and Professor Subok's "Modern History II." Distribution of the third edition of Prof. Michulin's book has caused considerable concern among Christian leaders.

## Tenn. Methodists Ask Prohibition

Passage of a state law prohibiting the sale of alcoholic beverages was favored by delegates to the Nashville District Conference of the Methodist Church at Nashville, Tenn. The Methodists urged the adoption of such legislation at the next Assembly session.



# THE CHILDREN'S PAGE

ANNIE WINBURNE, Editor



## IN STORYLAND

### WHEN MAMMA WAS AWAY

Mamma was just lifting a pan of hot, spicy cookies from the oven when the message came. "O dear," said she, "Janet's baby has the croup dreadfully, and, of course, that child doesn't know what to do for him until she gets the doctor, and he lives so far. Lucy"—and she turned to the little girl who stood close by—"I must go right away to your Aunt Janet's. I'm sorry it is Mary's day off, for I hate to leave you alone so long."

"Couldn't I ask Lizzie May to come over and stay till you get back?" asked Lucy eagerly.

"Why, yes," replied mamma, "that is a very good idea. I'll leave you these cookies, some fruit and milk, so that you won't get hungry. Now, I'll hurry, and you can telephone to Lizzie."

Mamma was just ready to start when Lizzie came. She was a pretty girl who lived quite near, and she and Lucy were devoted friends. "Goodbye," said mamma, kissing them hastily. "Be good children, and I'd rather you played indoors, for the sun is so terribly hot," she added, as she closed the front door after her.

The children got along very well, and the morning passed rapidly. They ate plate after plate of cookies and drank huge glasses of milk; then, all at once, Lucy explained, "Oh, I've just the best idea; let's play 'ladies.' I know where there are a lot of mamma's things that she wouldn't mind our using, and we'll dress up and have just lots of fun."

"Oh, how lovely!" cried Lizzie. "And Lucy, I'll come to call on you and tell you about my children and how smart they are, and you can tell me about how sick you've been, and we'll pretend, oh, just lots of things."

In a short time the little girls were wonderfully decked out in long skirts and odd-fitting waists. Lucy wore one of her mother's old hats with a veil which cleverly concealed her bobbed hair, and Lizzie was even more successful, as she could tuck up her long curls under a little bonnet which she had found.

"And look," cried Lucy, "I found a lemon in the pantry, and I'm going to make a little bit of lemonade, so that when you come to call on me I can offer you some refreshments. Mamma always does."

"It won't make much," said Lizzie, eyeing the lemon rather doubtfully.

"Company isn't 'spected to eat much," returned Lucy, somewhat indignantly. "Besides, there're some more cookies, as we didn't eat quite all."

Lizzie brightened a little. "Anyway," said she, "the comp'ny always has the most, an' I'm going to call on you first."

Lucy hesitated a moment; then she drew her skirts closer and started for the next room.

"The front room'll be my house," said she. "You can have the para-



sol, an' I'll take the fan. It's lots easier to pretend when you got somethin' like that."

Lizzie had raised her parasol, and was just preparing to make her call when a sharp ring at the front door-bell caused both children to jump.

Lucy ran to the window and looked out. Then she turned to her companion with a very ugly frown on her face. "It's old Miss Marsh; she's come to see mamma. I know mamma gives her sewing sometimes, and she comes real often, and, oh, Lizzie, she stays and stays. We just won't have a chance to play 'ladies' at all. I jus' wish she hadn't come."

"Let's play we didn't hear it," said Lizzie.

Lucy hesitated. "We might pretend we're deaf," said she, "and after awhile she'd go away."

She glanced out of the window again. How hot the sunshine looked, and how tired Miss Marsh must be! But then, they were all dressed up, and they had meant to have such fun. Then, all at once, Lucy remembered how mamma had told her real ladies were always kind and polite. It wasn't what you had on that made you a lady; it was how you acted. Lucy couldn't imagine mamma pretending not to hear the bell, and mamma was a real lady.

Miss Marsh had a lovely visit. She drank the weak lemonade and ate many cookies. She laughed at the children's queer costumes, and told them stories about what she used to do when she was a little girl.

Just as she was leaving mamma came home. She laughed when she saw the children. "Dear me, you've grown up since I've been away," she said; then she added, "The baby's all right again, and Uncle Jim brought me home in the car. It's outside, and we'll take Miss Marsh home, as it's such a long way for her to walk."

The children were delighted. They had a lovely ride, and, best of all, they felt they had been real ladies. —S. L. Bacon, in Presbyterian Advance.

## GOOD TIMES

*My dog and I have such good times,  
He's friendly as can be.  
I'm always kind to him and he  
Is always good to me.*

*We think of lots of things to do,  
We romp and skip and play,  
And then it's time to do our chores,  
We've had a happy day.—A.E.W..*

## JUST FOR FUN

A little girl was crossing the Atlantic with her mother. It was her first ocean trip. The sea was as smooth as the proverbial millpond for the first three days; then the ship began rolling and pitching heavily.

The child could not understand what had happened. "Mother," she cried. "What's the matter? Are we on a detour?"—The Sailor's Magazine.

Little Johnny was asked to describe a bolt and nut and turned in this gem:

"A bolt is a thing like a stick of hard metal such as iron with a square bunch on one end and a lot of scratching wound around the other end. A nut is just like a bolt only opposite, being a hole in a little square bunch of iron sawed off short, with wrinkles around inside the hole."—The Job Rater.

An easterner planned to move to the West for his health and, before deciding on a specific location, visited several communities to check on conditions. In one small town he encountered an old timer sitting on the steps of the general store and, during a short chat, he asked:

"What is the death rate here?" To which the old timer replied: "Same as any place, bub. One to a person."—Honey Dew News.

Magistrate: Come, now, you really don't think he meant to put your eye out?

Plaintiff: No, your Honor, I don't; but I do say he tried to put it further in.—Baptist Observer.

Culled from a school boy's exam: "Inclement is where Mr. Atlee's meals go."—Dixon's paper Circular, L. S. Dixon & Co. (Liverpool)

## IN THE WORLD OF BOYS AND GIRLS

### THREE LITTLE PANSIES

By Marjorie Allen Anderson

*Three little pansies  
Bloomed in a row,  
Looking up brightly,  
Faces aglow.*

*The yellow one said to  
The purple one near,  
"I'm feeling so happy  
And full of good cheer."*

*The purple one said to  
The blue one near by,  
"I'm sure you're not feeling  
As bouncy as I."*

*The blue one laughed gaily  
And said to the two,  
"Do you know what I'm wishing  
And longing to do?"*

*"Have somebody pick me  
And take me today  
To a child who is sick and  
Whom I could make gay."  
—The Christian Advocate.*

### DONKEY PICTURES

*When mother tucks me in my bed  
And I my evening prayers have said,  
She makes me pictures on the wall,  
And one I like the best of all,  
I ask her for 'most ev'ry night—  
A donkey picture that can bite.*

*He opens wide his mouth, and I  
Just push my finger in. And my!  
He snaps he jaws just dreadfully,  
But doesn't hurt a bit, you see,  
Then mother laughs and 'fore I know  
That naughty donkey's grabbed my toe.*

*I pull my foot up under me  
And right there on the wall I see  
That selfsame donkey laughing now.  
Just 'cause I hollered, "Ow--oo-ow!"  
Then mother kisses me good night  
And finally turns out the light.  
—Margaret Brown Elms, in  
Zion's Herald.*

### LAUGHING SONG

By William Blake

*When the green woods laugh with  
the voice of joy,  
And the dimpling stream runs  
laughing by;  
When the air does laugh with our  
merry wit,  
And the green hill laughs with the  
noise of it.*

*When the meadows laugh with  
lively green,  
And the grasshopper laughs in the  
lively scene  
When Mary and Susan and Emily  
With their sweet round mouths sing,  
"Ha ha he!"*

*When the painted birds laugh in  
the shade,  
Where our table with cherries and  
nuts is spread  
Come live, and be merry, and join  
with me,  
To sing the sweet chorus of "He ha  
he!"*

—From The Children's Poets



# YOUTH DAY

## Little Rock Annual Conference

June 10, 1950 . . . . 2:30 p. m. . . . First Methodist Church, Hot Springs

### OFFICIAL OPENING OF NEW CONFERENCE CAMP SCHEDULED FOR JUNE 10

As the main feature of the afternoon program of Youth Day at Annual Conference, all youth accompanied by their pastors and wives and other interested adult friends will journey to the New Conference Camp where they will be conduct-



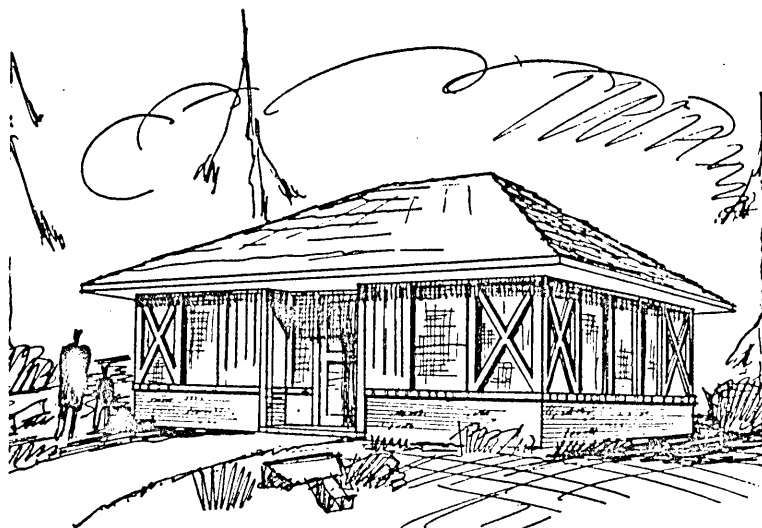
REV. KENNETH L. SPORE

ed on a tour over the camp grounds prior to joining in the ceremony which will mark the official opening date of the camp. Rev. Kenneth L. Spore, pastor of the First Methodist Church, Pine Bluff, is now serving as chairman of the Board of Trustees of the Camp and will preside over this part of the program.

With the cooperation of their pastor, Rev. John B. Hefley, and counselor, Mrs. Edward McLean, the Arkadelphia young people will present a "radio program" which they used in their own church when they were working to raise their pledge to the Cabin Fund. So successful were their efforts in their own church, that it seemed a wise idea to have a repeat of the program as a part of the Conference-wide Youth Rally in order that other groups might see what they did and perhaps follow a similar plan as they make plans to complete their total pledge during the conference year just ahead.

Mrs. J. T. Behrens, of Malvern will be in charge of serving the meal at the camp site following the afternoon's activities. It is necessary that she have some idea of how many persons to prepare for, so you are urged to send your money for a meal ticket (75c) by your pastor when he leaves for conference. He will then give you your tickets when you arrive in Hot Springs on Saturday.

In order to make sure everyone has transportation from Hot Springs to the Camp and back, it will be necessary for all youth and adults who plan to go to the camp to notify their pastor before he leaves



ARCHITECT'S SKETCH OF A CAMP CABIN

### CABIN FUND CONTINUES TO GROW AS ANNUAL CONFERENCE DRAWS NEAR

Above is a sketch of what the cabins will look like when they are completed at the new conference camp. Each cottage will accommodate eight campers using single-decked beds. All cottages will be equipped with running water and modern conveniences. Lockers will provide the needed closet space. The floor plan is so designed that the cottages will lend themselves to family use, by screening off the sleeping quarters with folding partitions or heavy curtain material.

for conference so he can report that at conference. On the basis of this report, arrangements will then be made to provide transportation for those who do not have a ride otherwise. This transportation will cost you 25c per person.

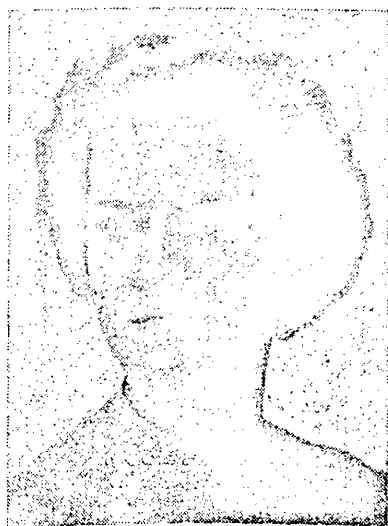
Following the evening meal, the entire group will go back to Hot Springs for the evening service at First Church at which time Rev. J. Kenneth Shamblin will speak. Plan now to be there!

At a planning meeting of the Conference Youth Council last August, the group there voted to ask each district MYF to assume the responsibility for raising the amount of money (\$2500) needed to construct a cabin for each district. Then at a series of district meetings held during September and October, all six districts assumed this as a part of their goals for the next two years.

To date, there has been paid into the conference office from all of the districts enough funds to pay for one cabin, the construction of which will begin soon after the opening of the new conference year. The amount of money now on hand totals \$2642.51 having been sent in by the several districts as follows:

Arkadelphia District	\$1012.65
Camden District	251.00
Little Rock District	173.25
Monticello District	148.51
Pine Bluff District	903.50
Prescott-Texarkana District	153.60

There is an interesting story back



MISS MARY ANN KINCANNON

Conference President



MISS EMOGENE DUNLAP

Conference Director of  
Youth Work

### SPEAKER FOR YOUTH RALLY TO BE REV. J. KENNETH SHAMBLIN

Rev. J. Kenneth Shamblin, pastor of the Pulaski Heights Methodist Church in Little Rock, will be the inspirational speaker at the evening hour on Youth Day at annual conference this year. Bro. Shamblin is well known throughout Arkansas Methodism having served pas-



REV. J. KENNETH SHAMBLIN

torates in both of the Arkansas conferences, and being a native of Fayetteville, Arkansas. He is a gifted inspirational speaker and one who is vitally interested in young people, their achievements and their problems. This is exhibited in the very active youth program which is being carried on in his church at the present time, and the fact that he is so frequently called upon to speak to youth groups throughout the state.

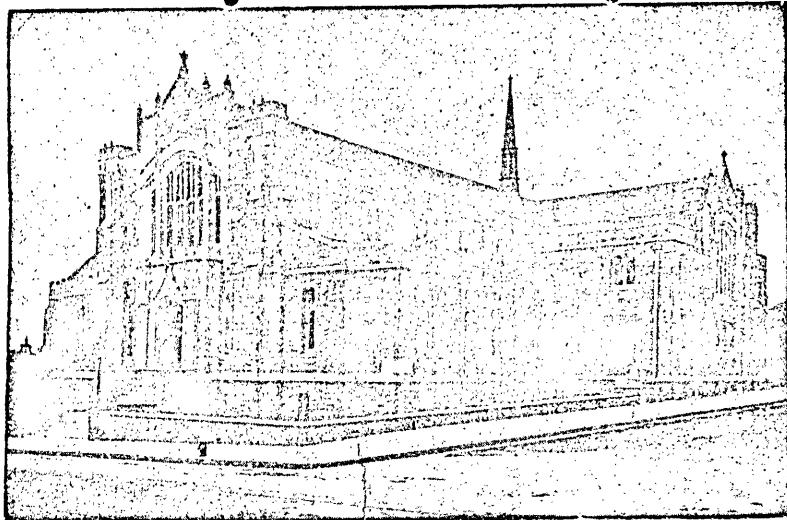
Mary Ann Kincannon, conference youth president and also from Pulaski Heights Methodist Church, will preside over the evening session and will be assisted by several other members of the conference youth council.

It is hoped this year to have present the largest delegation of youth and their adult friends that has ever assembled at previous youth rallies in the conference. Youth everywhere are Advancing for Christ and His Church . . . none will want to miss this opportunity for personal enrichment and advancement — BE THERE!

of almost every contribution which has been made to this fund. Unique ideas for raising money and for stimulating interest in this program have come out and will be elaborated on at the program at the camp on the afternoon of June 10 when the new camp will be officially opened. Any group which has not already paid its pledge during the next conference year will get some good ideas at this particular part of the program and can carry them back to be used in the local church. Make your plans to be there!

# Hot Springs Entertains Little Rock

## FIRST METHODIST CHURCH



FIRST METHODIST CHURCH, Seat of Conference

### FIRST CHURCH, HOT SPRINGS

The first record of organized Methodism in Hot Springs dates back to February, 1852 when the Rev. Samuel Morriss, an itinerant Methodist preacher rode into the little village. Hot Springs was then within the area of the Rockport Circuit. Mr. Morriss conducted his first service in the dance hall of the Hale House. After this he preached once a month in a rudely constructed log house on Exchange Street where the Milwaukee Hotel is now located. The house was also used for a school house.

Following a ten days revival in August, 1852 a Methodist Church was organized with twenty-seven members. It was the first Church to be organized in Hot Springs.

In 1855 Rev. James E. Caldwell was appointed to the cir-

cuit. The membership of the Church in Hot Springs has grown to thirty.

In 1859 Hot Springs was made a station, and the Rev. W. A. Chamberlain was appointed pastor. He immediately initiated plans for a building. A lot was given on Central Avenue near where the Rockafellow bath house now stands and a log house of worship erected. The membership had grown to 74.

From this meager beginning the First Methodist Church has evolved. Its history is a story of uninterrupted progress, save for the tragic days of the Civil War. In 1861 Hot Springs boasted a population, but as a result of the War, at the end of 1863 the town was depopulated and for a period of five years thereafter no records appeared in the minutes of the Little Rock Conference from Hot Springs.

The Church has had its building destroyed by fire four times, and as many times has changed its location, but constantly carried on. Among those who have served as ministers appear the names of some of the most illustrious men who have served Methodism, and who have stamped their influence indelibly upon the Church we love: Augustus R. Winfield, Julian C. Brown, Thomas H. Ware, Alonzo Monk, Forney Hutchinson, H. B. Trimble, J. D. Hammons, W. C. Watson, and others. Among those who are still active in this Conference, and others nearby are the Rev. J. L. Dedman, Dr. Homer T. Fort, Dr. W. B. Slack, Francis A. Buddin is the present pastor.

First Methodist Church occupies a commanding place in Hot Springs. Its beautiful and

commodious building is made available for many community interests. Its membership of approximately 1800 is high-



BISHOP PAUL E. MARTIN  
Presiding Bishop



DR. F. A. BUDDIN  
Pastor First Methodist Church

ly organized, and each department is headed by capable and consecrated leaders as follows:

Mrs. Harvey W. Couch, director of Christian Education, Mrs. Julia D. Corley, Financial Secretary, Eugene A. Matthews, Chairman board of stewards, Mort S. Cox, Chairman Board of education, E. H. Eckler, Chairman, board of trustees, Wilkes Crume, Supt. Church School, Mrs. Billy G. Wilson, President of W. S. C. S. Miss Dora Jane Ledgerwood, choir director, Richard G. Morris, Jr., Organist, H. L. Disheroon, Custodian.

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nex has been completed this year. The brick walls of the entire church have all been pointed up and water-proofered. The chapel has been complete-



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

ly redecorated. A new ampli- fying system has been added which brings joy to all the community. Considerable work has been done on the parsonage. All of this is paid for.

The Church School under Mr. L. B. Hardin and a faith- ful corps of workers has made steady progress. Mr. H. D. Bennett has led the Board of Stewards in a progressive pro- gram. The W. S. C. S. with Mrs. J. A. Holbrook as presi- dent has continued to go for- ward. The choir with Miss Ruth Rigsby as organist would do credit to any church in the conference. Our Youth Fel-

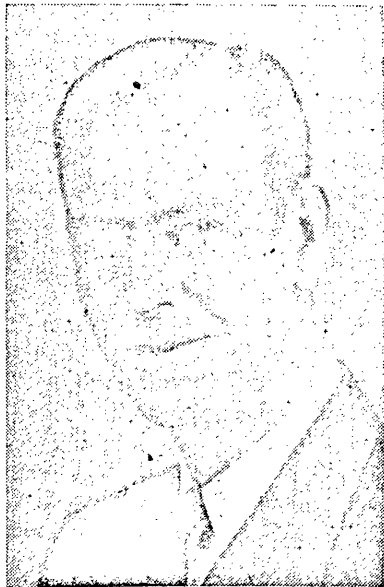
lowship with Ronald Williams as president is one of the most faithful bodies in the church. Practically one hundred per cent of them are in all worship services of the church. Several members sing in the morning choir and all the members are in the evening choir.

With a consecrated people and the leadership of God we look forward to greater things for Pullman Heights.—H. R. Holland, Pastor.

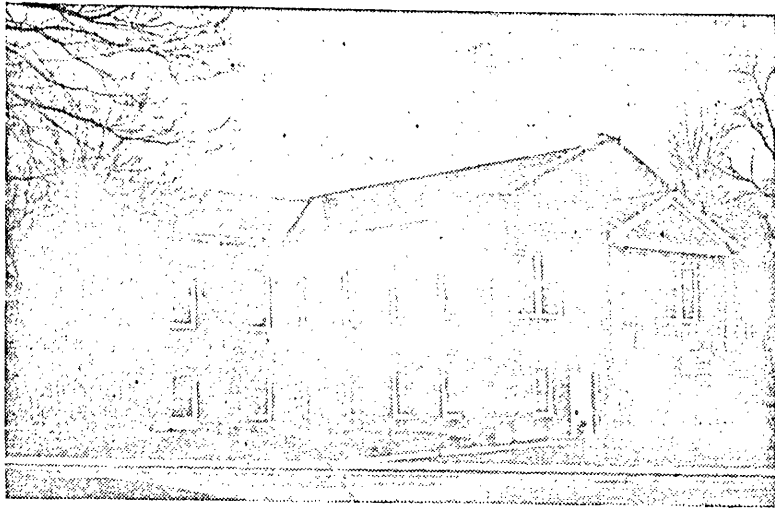
## HOT SPRINGS NATIONAL PARK

Hot Springs National Park, the place of meeting of the 1950 Conference, is a health resort known nationally and internationally for its healing waters.

The fame of its thermal waters is centuries old. By special Act of Congress in



REV. HERSTON R. HOLLAND  
Pastor Pullman Heights



PULLMAN HEIGHTS

1882 this National Park was created for the purpose of protecting the hot waters for the people of the nation as a health and recreational center for all time.

Despite the fact that rec- ords show that Hot Springs has passed the century mark as a federal possession, and legend labels the Spa gener- ations old, the actual definite age of Hot Springs is really unknown and scientists dis- agree on the specific source of the hot, health-giving waters which flow from the many springs at the base of Hot Springs Mountain. It is known, however, that the city of Hot Springs takes its name from the thermal waters which flow at the rate of a million gallons a day to furnish the several palatial bath houses of the city.

Hot Springs is not only a wonderful place for confer- ences and conventions of many kinds, it is a vacation

center which draws people from all parts of the United States and from many parts of the world. Two weeks or a ten-day course of the famous medical baths, or even a week end, will prove to be an ex- cellent tonic for reviving jaded nerves and worn bodies. The harder you work the more you need the recreation- al facilities of a health center to enable you to remain at the peak of efficiency.

If one is concerned about accommodations he may be assured that Hot Springs has a very wide assortment from which to choose, ranging from deluxe ultra modern hotels, apartments, motor tourist court and trailer facilities to the furnished rooms at prices suitable to every purse and taste. There are also lakeside cabins and fishing barracks and nearby camping sites.

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## VACATION SCHOOL INSTITUTES

### Little Rock Conference Arkadelphia District

A Vacation Church School Institute for all of the Arkadelphia District was held at First Church, Arkadelphia, April 29th. Mrs. Emogene Fohrell was in charge. Assisting her were Mrs. John Hefley, Arkadelphia; Mrs. J. R. Knox and Mrs. Naomi Thompson of Hot Springs, and Mrs. Milton Teague of Arkadelphia. This was an all-day meeting with a pot luck lunch served at noon. There were about 125 teachers and pastors present, and all but one of the churches in the district, were represented. Everyone was most enthusiastic about the institute, and felt that it was one of the best ever held in the district. Rev. Robert Moore cooperated in planning and conducting the meeting, and had a special meeting with the pastors during the afternoon.

### Camden District

Dr. Connor Morehead, district superintendent, and Mrs. Neill Hart planned and conducted a district-wide institute on Vacation School work at Smackover, May 9th. About 140 pastors and church school workers were present, and most of the churches in the district were represented. Mrs. C. B. Nelson, Mrs. E. Fohrell, Mrs. Maude Monday and Mrs. W. F. Bates assisted Mrs. Hart with the institute. A pot luck lunch was served at noon.

### Monticello District

Mrs. M. W. Miller, District Director of Children's Work, was in charge of the Institute on the Vacation School work which was held April 26th. Assisting Mrs. Miller were Mrs. K. G. Chesley, Crossett, Mrs. H. G. Boyd, McGehee, and Mrs. O. E. Holmes, Crossett. Most of the churches in the district were represented with 50 children and intermediate workers present. Rev. T. T. McNeal, district superintendent, cooperated in the institute.

### Hope District

There were four institutes on the Vacation School work held in the Hope District: April 11, Mena, April 12, Texarkana, First Church; April 13, Lockesburg; and April 14, Emmett. Mrs. John Rushing, District Director of Children's Work, was in charge of the institutes. Rev. Ed Galloway, district superintendent,

## THE PASTOR AND CHRISTIAN EDUCATOR

**D**R. WALTER TOWNER will offer the course on "The Pastor and Christian Educator" in the Arkansas Pastors' School, July 3-7.

Dr. Towner is director of the Department of General Church School Work, Division of the Local Church, Methodist General Board of Education. As a young man he left the University of Missouri School of Engineering to go into the machinery manufacturing business with his father and brothers, and became secretary and manager of the company. His business career of ten or twelve years was interrupted by service in the Air Corps of the First World War. Subsequently he entered the Methodist ministry in the North Texas Conference. In preparation for the ministry he attended Southern Methodist University, Dallas, Texas, where he received the degrees of B. A., M. A., and B. D. Upon graduation he became director of Christian education and associate pastor at Highland Park Methodist Church, Dallas. He also served pastorates in the North Texas Conference.

In 1931 he came to the General Board of Education of the M. E.

cooperated in the planning and promotion of the institutes.

Leaders assisting Mrs. Rushing were: Mrs. Jeff Paul, Foreman; Mrs. H. C. Scroggin, Nashville; Mrs. Herman Ryange, Emmett; Mrs. T. D. Bruce, DeQueen. There were 122 persons attending the institutes, and most of the churches in the district were represented. The institutes were all-day meetings with school-girl lunches served in each place.

Institutes in the Pine Bluff and Little Rock Districts have been held and will be reported in the near future. Attendance in each of the districts has been as large or larger than in previous years, and all of those attending have been most enthusiastic over the leadership and the plans for Vacation Schools which were presented this year. The district directors of Children's Work and the district superintendents in each district have been responsible for the success of the institutes. Many thanks are due these persons for the fine work they have done. —Mrs. W. F. Bates.



DR. WALTER TOWNER

Church, South, as director of the Youth Department, in which capacity he served until unification of the Methodist Church. He headed the Youth Department of the united church until 1945 when he was appointed to his present position.—Roy E. Fawcett.

## NORTH ARKANSAS CONFERENCE NOTES

By Ira A. Brumley

### Conference Youth Night

Friday night, June 16, has been designated as Youth Night in the Session of the North Arkansas Conference, to be held June 14-18, in North Little Rock. Friday night is the time for ordination of Deacons

and Elders. The young people are to attend this session of the Annual Conference.

The North Arkansas Conference Youth Council will work out some activities for the young people for Friday afternoon beginning probably at 3:00 p. m. Announcements will soon be out to the local churches with reference to these activities.

Churches within 100 miles of North Little Rock should begin making plans to have a fine delegation of young people attend the activities on Friday, June 16.

The central idea to be presented in these activities for young people will be Christian Vocations. The emphasis in the Advance for the coming year will be first of all The Church, to be followed by the emphasis on Christian Vocation. This rally of young people will give emphasis to the importance of this program of Christian Vocations.

Rev. Billy V. Dennis of Russellville has been certified to teach the courses on Teaching and Counseling Seniors and Teaching and Counseling Older Youth.

### Training School At Swifton

A one-unit training school, using the course on Christian Beliefs, was held at Swifton, May 14-16, with an enrolment of 25 with 15 completing the work for credit. Swifton and Alicia, the two points of the charge, both took part in this training program.

### Training School At Melbourne

A one-unit training school, offering the course on The Church and Its Work, was held at Melbourne, May 20-22, with an enrollment of 15. Wiseman and Melbourne were represented in the school.

War doesn't settle anything, not even its bills.—Banking.

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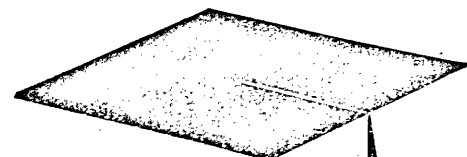
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# WOMAN'S SOCIETY OF CHRISTIAN SERVICE

MRS. SUE M. WAYLAND, Editor

## NATIONAL MEETING OF WESLEYAN SERVICE GUILDS AT CLEVELAND

Representatives of the nation's Methodist working women of the Wesleyan Service Guild, a branch of the Woman's Society of Christian Service, held their third quadrennial Assembly at the hotel Allerton April 22-23. The meeting was held in conjunction with the Woman's Society of Christian Service Assembly. Seven hundred Guild representatives and visitors from every state were registered.

Miss Marion Lela Norris of New York, director of the Guild, said that the meeting emphasized the promotion of the United Nations and the causes for which it stands, the national roll call of Methodist women voters, and the carrying of Christian principles into the business world.

"A new nation-wide poll of Guild members reveals that the organization is made up of 122,000 women in every conceivable line of work," Miss Norris stated. "In addition to office workers and teachers we have coal mine operators, masseurs, reporters, lawyers, doctors, morticians, chemists, factory workers and others."

"Twenty eight percent of all American workers are women," Miss Norris said, "and approximately one million of these working women are Methodists. The Guild is the fastest growing organization in the church. It is obvious with this potential for new members, one of the greatest opportunities for expansion in the church is in the Guild itself."

"Pastors are finding gold mines in the talents of these women. For a long time there was no place in the church for working women, except perhaps as Sunday school teachers. Now, through the Guild, their professional talents are being used by the church in social service work, public relations, fund raising, etc."

Among the speakers for the convention, which opened with a get acquainted tea, was Bishop Hazen G. Werner of Columbus, O., who addressed a dinner meeting at the ballroom on "Faith in Christian Vocations."

The Saturday morning session was addressed by Whiting Williams, public relations counsellor of Cleveland, on "What the Human Heart Desireth."

Mrs. Frank G. Brooks of Mt. Vernon, Iowa, president of the Woman's Division of Christian Service, addressed the group on Saturday evening on "Life and Work of Women in the Church."

A joint address on "What's Ahead for the Wesleyan Service Guild" was given Sunday afternoon by Miss Norris and by Mrs. Adella M. Langill, executive secretary of the Y. W. C. A. in Battle Creek, Mich. The final address on "Christian Faith at Work," was delivered by Dr. Glora M. Wysner of New York, secretary of the International Missionary Council.

Delegates attended an early communion service at the First Methodist Church in Cleveland at 8:30 Sunday morning.

All genuine progress results from finding new facts. No law can be

## WESLEYAN SERVICE GUILD

The Wesleyan Service Guild is an organization for gainfully employed women, functioning through the Woman's Division of Christian Service of the Methodist Church. It is a distinctive part of the Woman's Society of Christian Service in the local church, operating under its own by-laws.

Through its program of World Brotherhood, Christian Social Relation and Local Church Activities, Highest Use of Leisure, and Enrichment of Spiritual Life, its goal is to help gainfully employed women to find fellowship and constructive living and to render service in the Christian way of life.

## WESLEYAN SERVICE GUILD LAUNCHES SERVICE PROGRAM

At the third quadrennial "week-end" sponsored by the Wesleyan Service Guild—an organization of employed business women related to the Woman's Society of Christian Service, Methodist Church—and held recently in Cleveland, Ohio, Mrs. Charles W. Mead, of Omaha, Neb., chairman of the Guild's Standing Committee, announced funds in hand for initiating ten "Marion Lela Norris Scholarships" for the training of missionary personnel at Scarritt College, and another ten for similar training at the National College for Christian Workers. The Committee, she said, had originally planned to provide one scholarship (at \$500 each) in each institution, but the interest and response was so great that a total of twenty will be provided.

Miss Norris, in whose honor the scholarships have been named, was the founder of the Guild and is now its executive secretary with offices at 150 Fifth Avenue, New York City. Miss Norris will retire from her post, to which she was elected with the unification of the Methodist Church in 1940, during the current year.

Mrs. Mead also reported that she had received a telegram from Mrs. A. C. Johnson, of Hopkinsville, Ky., chairman of the Home Department of the Woman's Society of Christian Service, asking the Guild to provide half the emergency funds needed for the building of a new home for nurses in Seward, Alaska. The previous home was destroyed by fire a few weeks ago, and the fifteen nurses barely escaped with their lives. The head nurse at Seward is a member of the Guild. The Guild meeting voted to assume this rebuilding, and they expect to raise \$30,000 for the project within the next two years.

"Faith in the Christian Vocation" was the theme of the quadrennial meeting over the weekend. Speakers at various dinners and meetings included: Bishop Hazen G. Werner of Columbus, Mrs. Frank G. Brooks of Mount Vernon, Iowa, Miss Dorothy McConnell of New York, Mrs. Maud Turpin of Nashville, Tenn., Mr. Whiting Williams, Dr. Glora M. Wysner of New York. About 600 women, from all parts of the nation, attended.

Among the emphases which the Guild will press during the coming months are: each Guild member to

passed to make an acre yield 300 bushels. God has already established the laws. It is for us to discover them, and to learn the facts by which we can obey them.—Wheeler McMillen, publisher, Pathfinder.

## FAYETTEVILLE DISTRICT GUILDS MEET

The Wesleyan Service Guild of Siloam was hostess to the Guilds of the District at their regular quarterly meeting.

A delightful lunch was served at the noon hour in the basement of the church, at which time the pastor, Rev. W. T. Watson and Mrs. Watson and several ladies of the local WSCS were introduced to the Guild members.

Mrs. Velma Oaks spoke on the Assembly that she had attended in Cleveland, Ohio, and displayed materials she had brought back from her trip.

Mrs. Orah Clark, district secretary, presided at the business session in the afternoon, which was held in the sanctuary.

Following an organ prelude and singing of the Guild hymn, Rev. W. T. Watson led in prayer. Scripture reading was given by Miss Irma Wilson. Mrs. Opal gave the devotional, using as her subject "When We Walk in Christ We Walk in Love."

Roll call revealed the following places were represented: Bentonville, Fayetteville, Prairie Grove, Rogers, Siloam Springs. There were 61 present.

A letter containing the highlights of the Wesleyan Service Guild Week-End at Morrilton was given to the presidents of each Guild.

The Guilds voted to dismiss their regular district meeting in July and attend the Guild Week-End on Mt. Sequoyah. Miss Bessie Andrews dismissed the meeting with prayer.—Reporter.

"exert her Christian influence and convictions concerning alcohol under all circumstances" and "use her vote wherever possible against the liquor traffic"; each member consider whether or not she can become a missionary, and each search for others who may be enlisted as missionaries; each study the Human Rights program of Christianity and endeavor to apply it individually and in groups; and each member to enroll, study the issues of local, state, and national election, and vote upon them in the light of Christian belief, and also endeavor to have other church women vote on all matters before the electorate. And the members, before their adjournment, voted as their mission "to help build a world of brotherhood by bringing into the Guild fellowship many more gainfully employed women and helping all Guild members to carry into their everyday living the attitudes and teachings of Jesus."

Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on thee: because he trusteth in thee.—Isaiah 26:3.

## JONESBORO DISTRICT MEETS AT BLYTHEVILLE

The W. S. C. S. of the Jonesboro District met in Blytheville at the Lake St. Church on May 10. Mrs. Ashbranner's beautiful and impressive devotional opened the meeting at 10 a. m., and Mrs. Goodloe's dedication service closed the morning session.

A record attendance of 152 women from 35 societies were present, including two newly organized groups. We were most fortunate in having four Conference officers and Miss Virginia Guffey with us. Every retiring officer and all new ones, except one, were present.

Mrs. McClure gave the opening address and also conducted the installation service. Mrs. Goodloe and Mrs. Hickox brought reports from the Assembly and Mrs. Fulbright spoke on the goals, lifting up each one and pointing out those that need special emphasis. Miss Guffey spoke about her work at Booneville as she showed her films of the sanatorium.

Mrs. Heeb conducted the pledge service in which the district pledged \$8188.00 to the Conference, with almost every society pledging the 15% increase.

Such a meeting gives a feeling of great satisfaction to those who have planned, worked and prayed over the year's program and also to each one who had a part in carrying out the plans, but the greatest happiness comes in knowing our abilities and what we can do in the coming year to "Know Him and to Make Him Known."—Mrs. George Disinger.

## DANVILLE W. S. C. S. HAS "AFTER SCHOOL TEA"

Mrs. Joe Nunn opened her home for an "after school tea" for teenage girls of the Methodist Church in connection with the program and social meeting of the Danville WSCS in April. Mrs. Julia Keathley and Mrs. Virgil Keathley were co-hostesses.

Mrs. Eric Caviness, program leader, used the program material on "Youth—Our Partners in Kingdom Building." She was assisted by Mrs. Carl Squires, Mrs. C. R. George, and Mrs. W. C. Landers.

Mrs. Eston Smith, Kaythrn Nunn, and Mary Collum took part in a short skit concerning the need for new recruits in church work.—Reporter.

## PARAGOULD DISTRICT HAS 100 PER CENT SOCIETY

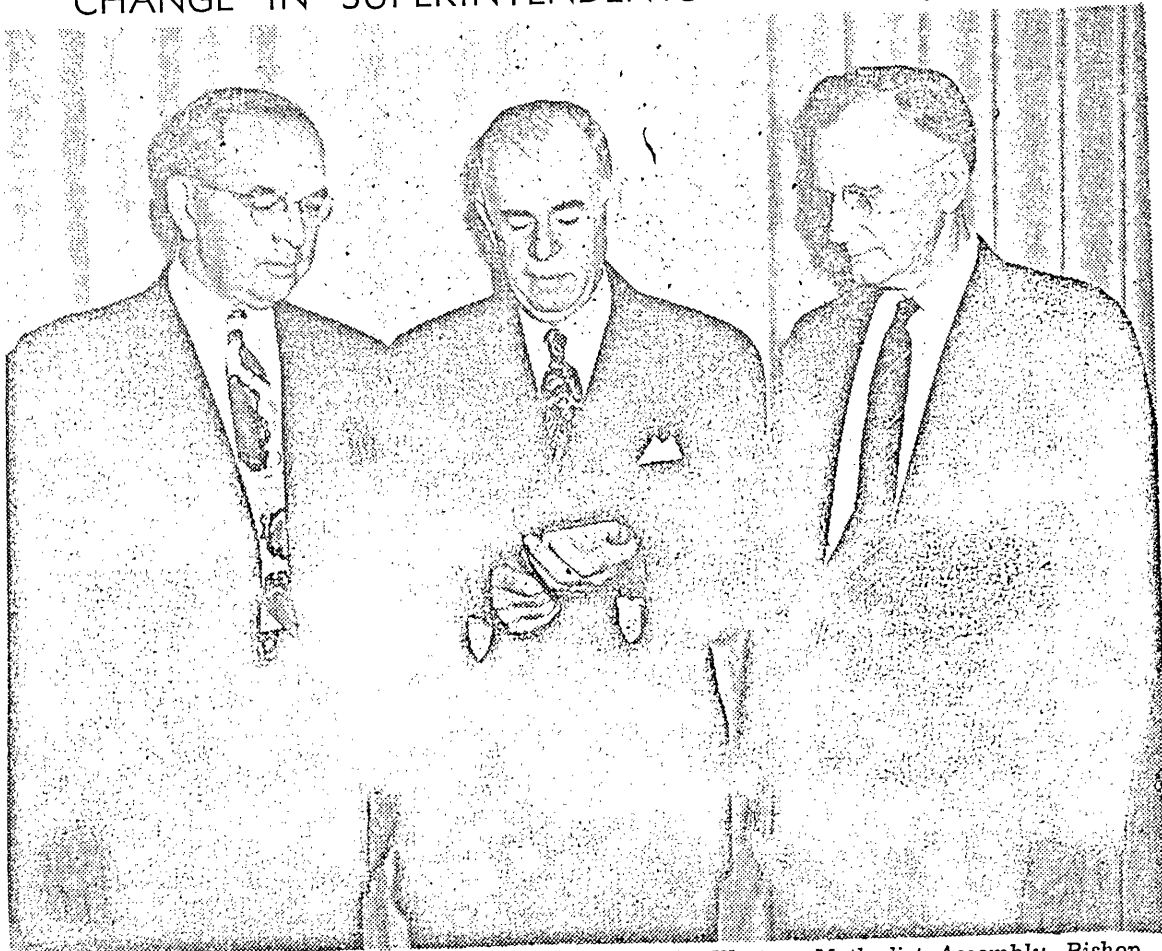
The Paragould District now has a Society that has every lady who is a member of the church, a member of the Woman's Society of Christian Service.

Shughtown is now a 100 per cent Society. They organized two years ago. Mrs. Jessie Beaten is president. She was elected District Secretary of the Status of Women in a recent meeting. This church is on the Baird Circuit. Rev. Laymon Bounds is pastor. Mrs. T. C. Chambliss is promotion secretary of the Paragould District.



## CURRENT NEWS IN ARKANSAS METHODISM

### CHANGE IN SUPERINTENDENTS AT MT. SEQUOYAH



Rev. Elmer H. Hook, left, new superintendent of the Western Methodist Assembly, Bishop Paul E. Martin, and Rev. Sam M. Yancey, retiring superintendent. This picture was taken following the breakfast which members of the Board of Trustees attended during the meeting of the Board.

Rev. Sam M. Yancey of Fayetteville ended twenty-three years of service as superintendent of the Western Methodist Assembly on Mt. Sequoyah on May 16 when he was officially succeeded by Rev. E. H. Hook, district superintendent of the

Fayetteville District, at a meeting of the Board. Bishop Martin presided at the meeting.

Brother Hook will be the fourth superintendent in the twenty-seven year history of the Western Methodist Assembly.

Brother Yancey came to the Assembly in 1927 from Clarksville where he was pastor. He and Mrs. Yancey will continue to live in Fayetteville. Their new address is 304 N. Willow Street.

### MISSISSIPPI COUNTY SUB-DISTRICT

The Mississippi County Sub-District met at Osceola on May 8th, at 7:30 p. m. with Bob Edwards of Blytheville, president, presiding.

The Osceola MYF gave the worship program, which was centered around "Stewardship", with each member of the Osceola group taking part. A vocal solo was sung by Patsy Cone, and a double duet by Shirley Cone, Catherine V. Day, Betty Nell Robbins and Joyce Cannon.

During the business session the following new officers were elected: Jimmy Gossett, Blytheville, First Church, president; Jimmy James, Osceola, vice-president; Jane McClendon, Luxora, secretary; Lottie Stillwell, corresponding secretary, Blytheville Lake Street; Martha Nell Mead, Luxora, secretary; Sherrod Segraves, Osceola, MYF Treasurer; Patsy Cone, Osceola, reporter; Billy Jackson, Blytheville First Church, chairman of worship commission; Betty Hern, Blytheville, First Church, Chairman World Friendship Commission; Reba Beasley, Blytheville Lake Street, chairman community service; Dianna Stephens, Luxora, chairman of reception commission.

Mrs. Steve Ralph was in charge of recreation. Group games were played. The Council met during the refreshment period.

Luxora will be hostess to the next meeting on June 12th, at 7:30 p. m., at which time the new officers will be installed.—Martha Rose, Reporter.

Good will is no easy symbol of good works. It is an immeasurable and tremendous energy, the atomic energy of the spirit.—Eleanor B. Stock, Think, International Business Machines Corporation.



## A Remodeled Sanctuary And A New Organ

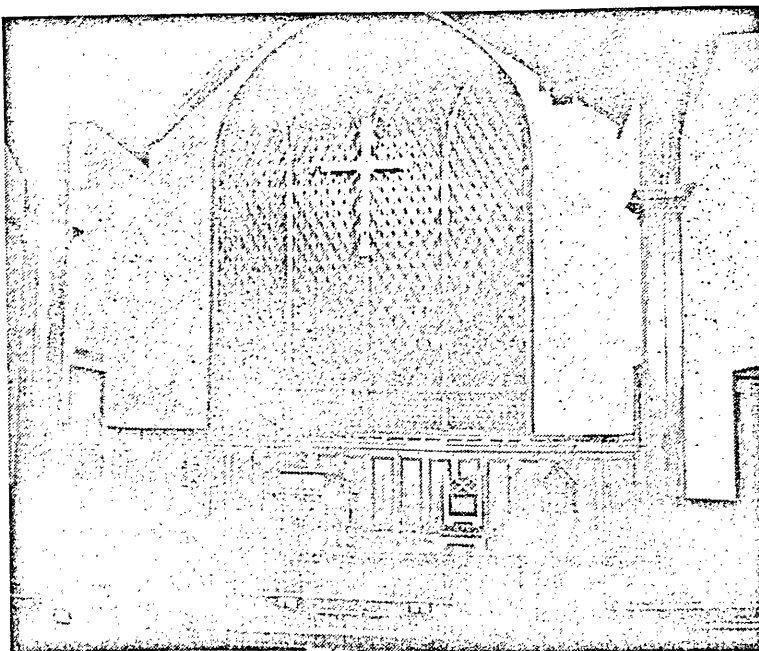


**A**N extensive remodeling program in First Methodist Church, Texarkana, has just been completed, which has made possible the installation of a new organ, and a complete air-conditioning system (heating and cooling), at a cost of \$65,000. The choir loft was changed from the left side of the pulpit and placed immediately behind the pulpit. The organ chamber was built in the room formerly known as the chapel. The rest of the chapel was divided into rooms for a music studio and choir practice room. The second story was remodeled to house the Senior-Young People's Department of the Church School.

The organ, built by the M. P. Moller Co. Inc., Hagerstown, Md., the world's largest manufacturers of pipe organs, was ordered during the last year of the pastorate of Rev. Edward W. Harris. It arrived for installation just before Christmas. A campaign to raise the last half of the cost was successfully made in September with D. F. McLaurine as Chairman. It is a three manual organ of 34 ranks of pipes, containing a total of 2157 pipes. It is recognized as one of the outstanding organs in the entire Southwest. Super-

vision of the purchase and installation of the organ was handled by Mrs. Winston Montgomery of the

Music Committee. Special emphasis was given to achieving a bouyant ensemble tone



Music Committee.

This organ provides a tonal structure which is capable of playing anything required in the services of the church, as well as the standard repertoire of the instrument for re-

for encouragement and leading congregational singing.

An additional color resource has been provided in the 25 note set of Deagan chimes, presented as a memorial to the late B. S. Atkinson, by

Mrs. B. S. Atkinson, Miss Annie Claire Atkinson, Joe Atkinson, and Searcy H. Atkinson, Chairman of the Music Committee.

The oak grille, also manufactured by the Moller Co., was fashioned after a design submitted by the church's Music Committee. It carries the gothic arch of the lovely stained glass windows in the sanctuary. Its artistic workwork and graceful lines are enhanced by the beautiful gold cross in the upper center. The cross has a special lighting system, which makes it the center of worship in the sanctuary.

Miss Ruth Turner, of Charlotte, N. C., began her duties as organist and choir director in September. She holds a bachelor of music degree and a master of sacred music degree. Under her direction the church has five choirs: Chancel, Youth, Intermediate, Junior, and Cherub. Sunday evening, May 21, the five choirs gave an inspiring program of sacred music.

During April, two recitals were given on the new organ. Gordon Young, Ft. Worth, widely known organist and composer, gave the introductory recital April 14. On April 27, Virgil Fox, organist of the Riverside Cathedral of New York, gave a

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## METHODIST MEN AT HEBER SPRINGS CHURCH

By HUBERT E. PEARCE

ON Wednesday evening, May 3, Dr. Matt Ellis spoke at the organizational meeting of the Heber Springs Men's Club. The supper had an attendance of 96. Joe Pierce, District Lay Leader, and J. H. Wiseman, District Director of Adult Work, were guests. The officers elected were J. L. Mullens, president, Deward Henderson, vice-president, and C. M. Reaves, secretary. The club is being chartered. Dr. Ellis spoke on the church's concern in today's world.

A highlight of the meeting was the presence of the church's oldest member, J. A. Casey, who was celebrating his 90th birthday. He spoke briefly of his 62 years in the membership of the church.

This meeting was significant not only because it was the setting up of a men's organization with four score members, but also because it was the final step in the new organization of the Heber Springs Church.

Since the early 1880's Methodism in Heber Springs has been served by two churches—one with a Methodist Episcopal connection, known in the early days as the North Methodist and more recently as Central Church, and one with a Southern affiliation, known popularly as First Church.

These organizations operated for more than 60 years three blocks apart, and each had in its leadership some of the prominent names in local church history.

The idea and hope of the union of the two congregations began with Methodist unification in 1938. It was found at that time, however, that it was not practical. It was tried again in 1946 but the mechanics of a new

organization could not be worked out.

Early in 1949 the subject came to the front of our thinking again and just before the meeting of the annual conference in June the legal



REV. HUBERT E. PEARCE  
Pastor Heber Springs Church

steps were taken to form a united church. Since the conference each detail has been worked out with much prayer and much careful study and planning.

The Official Board and Board of Trustees were formed simply by uniting the boards of the two churches.

In setting up the educational organization Miss Mary Shipp Sanders, of the General Board, came and,

after a weeks class, arranged the Children's Division. It is one of the most efficient to be found. In addition to the Sunday program it has a largely attended extra session on Tuesday afternoon. The Young People's program has both Intermediate and Senior fellowships—each with an elaborate program. The Adult Division has five classes which provide for a wide range of interests.

The quality of the music department is well known. Of the three choirs, the Youth Choir, composed of 30 high school students has gained a wide reputation for the quality and range of its performance. It has given a number of radio performances in Little Rock and has received many invitations to sing over the state. In recent music contests four of the soloists won college scholarships in music.

As is the case in most churches, the Woman's Society of Christian Service and Wesleyan Service Guild, with their combined membership of 106 constitute a very vital part of the church's active program. Two of the District officers are members of this group.

The effectiveness of the program has been considerably facilitated by the construction of a 1500 square foot unit housing the Young Adult and Young People's Departments and the church office. It accommodates also a reception room and prayer chapel. This department is finished with colorful tile floors and pastel tinted walls and has sealed plate-glass windows and is mechanically cooled. It has set the pattern by which the remainder of the church is being redecorated. Plans are being made for a complete remodeling of the sanctuary.

## A REMODELED SANCTUARY AND A NEW ORGAN

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brilliant recital. The Music Committee plans to present one or two outstanding organists each year.

First Church suffered a severe loss in the sudden passing of Dr. T. E. Fuller on February 1. Dr. Fuller had served as Chairman of the Board of Stewards for the past eighteen years and one of the teachers of the Men's Bible Class. He was a member of the Board of Hospitals and Homes of the Little Rock Conference. Dr. Fuller was devoted to his Church and was one of the best read laymen in the Church. He was generous with his money and time in the interest of the Church.

In September, Miss Ruth Knolze, joined the staff of First Church as Director of Christian Education. In addition to directing the program of Christian Education through the Church School, Miss Nolze is leading a splendid recreational program among the youth of the Church.

Miss Sarah Corban is the efficient church secretary, as well as the church treasurer.

Bishop Paul E. Martin was the special speaker in the Week of Dedication services, March 26-31. A reception in honor of Bishop and Mrs. Martin was given March 26 by Rev. and Mrs. Fred R. Harrison in the church parlors.

The new air-conditioning system will be ready for use by June 1st. This provides a Carrier cooling system for the summer and a new heating system for the winter. Guss Orr, is chairman of the Air Conditioning Committee, and W. Pearson Walsh has headed the campaign to raise the necessary money to provide this added improvement to the Church.—Reporter

## 1950 GRADUATING CLASS OF HENDRIX COLLEGE

## Bachelor of Arts

Patsy Ann Baber, Little Rock; Derwin Roy Ball, Conway; Curtis Franklin Bradbury, Conway; Robert Lee Bradbury, Conway; Martha Ann Branch, Little Rock; Jo Ann Rawls Broadway, Conway; Richard S. Broadway, Conway; John R. Browning, Conway; Ray E. Bruce, Pine Bluff; William S. Buffalo, Jr., Little Rock; Carol Elizabeth Cade, Pine Bluff; Buford W. Carter, Harrisburg; Coly Stroud Clark, Fort Smith; Odie L. Cleaver, Clinton; William Pierce Connell, Paragould; Billy Howard Cox, Huntsville; Curtis Alvin Daniel, McGeehe; Danny Barton Daniel, Hot Springs; Homer Milburn Dowd, Texarkana; Wendell Oscar Evanson, Walnut Ridge; Joseph Key Farish, Jr., Camden; Gloria Hopkins Finch, Conway; Charles H. Garner, Little Rock; Billy M. Gibson, Little Rock; Richard Orville Gooden, Conway; Charlotte Lenora Goodlett, Nashville; Sam Clement Harris, Beebe; Robert William Henry, Conway; Allan E. Hilliard, Russellville; Ralph Mosley Hodges, Forrest City; Frederick Marion Holt, Jr., Warren; Phyllis Ann Horn, Conway; Byron Wesley House, Jr., Little Rock; Juanita Evelyn Hutchins, Damascus; Loretta Mae Jenkins, Cabot; Leon Carlton Jinks, Jr., Lake Village; William Ray Keadle, North Little Rock; Frances Louise Lambert, Monticello; Melton Bennett Lancaster, Little Rock; William L. Lobdill, Van Buren; Verne Langford McClellan, Pine Bluff; Elizabeth McDowell, Mt. Ida; Georgia McNeal, Monticello; Betty Jean Matthews, Conway; Margaret Mauzel Matthews, Calico Rock; Juanita Marie Metcalf, Jonesboro; Gloria Sue Miller, Pine Bluff; Marion M. Miller, Hamburg; Herbert Marshall Moore, Jr., Little Rock; Charles Ray Morris, Conway; Peggy Jean Murray, Little Rock; Johnnie A. Myers, North Little Rock; Ferris Wendel Norton, Jr., Pine Bluff; Virginia Sue Osmont, Jonesboro; Kenneth Whitten Parker, Conway; William J. Pattillo, Little Rock; Mary Elinor Payne, Marked Tree; Virginia Sue Plummer, Little Rock; Harold O'Brien Porter, Morrilton; Nancy Lane Purkins, Warren; James Taylor Ragar, Conway; Mrs. Donna Ragar, Conway; Thomas M. Robinson, Jonesboro; James D. Rush, Jr., Little Rock; Wadena Marie Scott, North Little Rock; Hal Rucks Sessions, Jr., Lake Village; Nolan Leroy Simmons, Little Rock; Robert Arris Simpson, Hot Springs; Charlotte Mae Smith, Kansas City, Mo.; Albert Roy Snow, Jr., Carlisle; Carmine August Stahl, Paris; Norris Steele, Plumerville; Clyde Hanson Stephens, Fort Smith; George Buchanan Stewart, Conway; Martha May Stuck,

Jonesboro; Billy Sybert, North Little Rock; Wayne Russell Tate, Conway; James Murray Tennyson, Smackover; Carl R. Tillman, Hot Springs; Robert George Walker, Conway; William Clendenning Ware, Jr., Little Rock; Edwin Lee Warren, Conway; Charles F. Wells, Little Rock; James Howard Wells, Parkin; Paul Hervey Wilson, Conway; Barney Mac Wisinger, Pine Bluff; Henry Franklin Wood, Jr., Tillar; Elizabeth Teague Workman, Conway; John Sparks Workman, Conway; William Leslie Yates, Dyess.

## Bachelor of Science

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## Bachelor of Music

Charles Richard Baldenweck, Stuttgart; Barbara Lawrence, Harrisburg; Billy Sybert, North Little Rock; Abe S. Tipton, Morrilton; Charles Stanford Willhite, Jr., Mt. Vernon, Texas; Henry Franklin Wood, Jr., Tillar.

Seniors graduated with high honors were Robert Louis Jones, Conway, Bachelor of Arts; Helen Marie Warren, Conway, Bachelor of Arts; Carolyn Louise Martin, Magnolia, Bachelor of Arts; Charles Louis Hamilton, Little Rock, Bachelor of Arts. Graduated with honors were Benjamin Andrew Hardy, Beebe, Bachelor of Arts; James Richard Smart, Conway; Mary Patsy Wood, Pangburn, Bachelor of Arts; Mildred K. Shields, Conway, Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of Music; William Andrew Larsen, Little Rock, Bachelor of Arts; Ben D. Rowland, Little Rock, Bachelor of Arts and Eloise Marie Arnold, Monticello, Bachelor of Music.

## MAGNOLIA FIRST CHURCH, MAGNOLIA

The congregation of the First Methodist Church, Magnolia, went into the new sanctuary on September 25, 1949. The services from that day have been broadcast each Sunday over KVMA, 10:45-11:45.

The Board of Stewards has voted

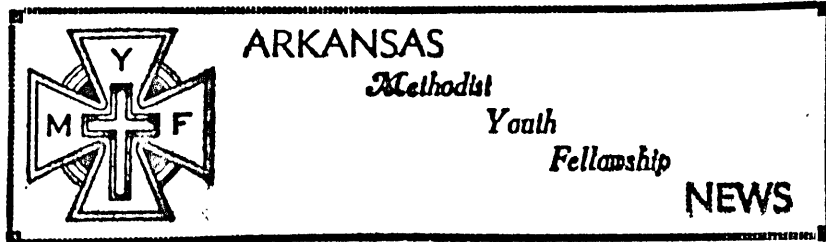
to air-condition the sanctuary. Bids are now being received. On last Sunday the church was filled, with chairs being brought in to seat the people. Richard Oliver, choir director at the church and band director

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### BUFFALO ISLAND SUB-DISTRICT

The Buffalo Island Sub-District M. Y. F. met Monday night, May 15, at Del Fore, with 159 present.

The theme of the worship service was "Memorial Day." Claudine Jackson read Psalm 8, followed by the history of Memorial Day told by Kay Blasingame. Fern Woodsmall read a very impressive story of our nation's wars from the American Revolution to World War II. At various intervals in her story, roses were placed on the altar beneath a large white cross in memory of those who died for our country. In conclusion, a white bouquet was placed on the altar commemorating the fact that Jesus died for us. Rev. Gail Anderson, of Black Oak, led the group in prayer.

The business session was presided over by President Judy Hargrove. The minutes were read by Secretary Audrey McKisson, and approved by the group. The banner was presented to Manila.

It was moved, seconded, and passed that our meeting time be changed from 7:30 to 8:00.

A nominating committee composed of local M. Y. M. presidents, counselors, and pastors met to select candidates for office, who were to be voted upon by the group.

The new officers are: President, Audrey McKisson, Monette; Vice-president, Ernest (Buddy) Bedwell, Jr., Manila; Secretary, Judy Hargrove, Black Oak; Treasurer, J. L. Bollinger, St. John; Reporter, Lura Wheeler, Caraway; Counselor, Rev. Frank McDonal, Manila.

The group adjourned for games and refreshments.—Lura Wheeler, Reporter.



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### CARAWAY M. Y. F.

The Caraway M. Y. F. met Sunday evening, May 21, to elect new officers for the year 1950-51.

The new officers are: President, Tommy Riggs; Vice-president, Clara Ransom; Secretary-treasurer, Patsy Beaton; Reporter, Lura Wheeler; Program Chairman, Sue Winemiller; Social Chairman, J. B. Upton; Counselor, Mr. Wilson Dallas.

We have one new member this month, Vera Reagan.—Lura Wheeler, Reporter.

### METHODIST CHILDREN'S HOME REPORT

#### Report

This will be our last report before the meeting of the Conferences. It has been a good year and we are looking forward with confidence, believing that the coming conference year will see yet greater advance in the work of the Home.

#### Sunday at Rondo

Sunday, May 21st was spent with brother C. H. Gilliam, pastor of the Texarkana Circuit. Rondo church was established in 1861. Some years ago the old church was torn down and a beautiful brick structure was built. Lunch was served at the church, and what a lunch it was. Nine of our older boys were with me and greatly enjoyed the day, especially the lunch. After the service, the church treasurer and friends handed me \$52.00 in cash for the Home. Needless to say, this added much to our enjoyment of the day.

#### A Housemother

The home is in need of a housemother. Do you know a good Methodist woman who might be interested in coming to us to work with our children? Address inquiries to me at the Home.

Gifts received since our last report, include several boxes of clothing from the Junior Department of the Tuckerman church school, under the direction of Mrs. Lula Biggers. Junior Department of Hamburg, box of cookies. Three boxes clothing from Mrs. E. E. Strang, Lavaca, brought by Rev. C. L. Martin. Mrs. Louis Averitt, scrap book; Mrs. Vici Sanders, chinaware.

#### Memorials

In memory of:  
Mr. Floyd Monyingo, given by Mr. and Mrs. H. K. Barwick, Wynne.  
Mrs. W. A. Weidemeyer, given by Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Stewart, Little Rock.  
Rev. H. H. Griffin, given by W. S. C. S., First Church, Paragould.  
Mrs. M. F. Phillips, given by W. S. C. S., First Church, Paragould.  
Mr. L. M. Cook, given by Dr. and Mrs. E. L. Davis, Foreman.  
Dr. O. E. Goddard, given by Mr. and Mrs. Roger Lynch, Fort Smith.  
Mr. Carl Helmstetter, given by Primary Department, Dermott Methodist Church.  
Bill Sitlington, given by Primary Department, Dermott Methodist Church.  
Total Memorials, \$33.00.

#### Miscellaneous Contributions

First Church, Blytheville	\$100.00
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Mrs. K. W. Haak, Rondo Church, Texarkana Circuit	5.00
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Mrs. Ruth Huggins, Rondo Church, Texarkana Circuit	1.00
Mrs. T. J. Jeffrey, Rondo Church, Texarkana Circuit	1.00
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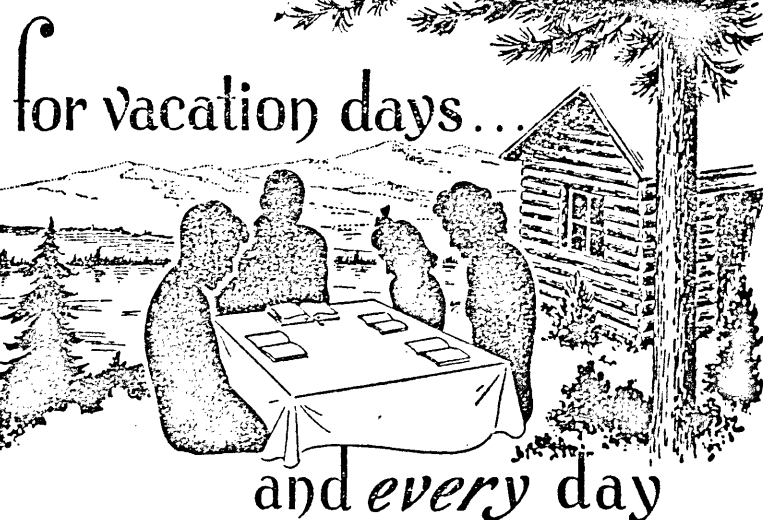
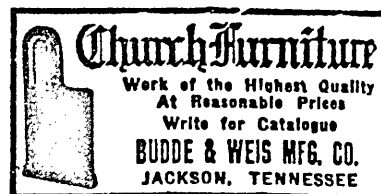
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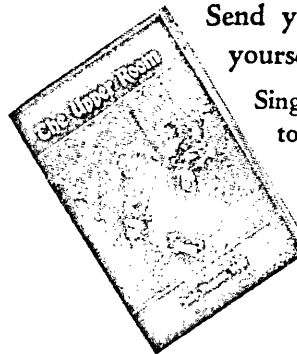


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## A MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR MRS. FARRIS

(The following memorial service was held by the members of the Cato Club in memory of Mrs. Fulton Farris, a faithful member of the Methodist Church at Cato and an active worker in the affairs of the community. The service was in charge of Mrs. Alta Risor and the following members of the club took part. Valeria Crone, Sadie Bittle, Prudie Staples, Faye Trout, Charlene Maxwell, Azzie Harrell, Mable Vick and Alta Risor. The Cato Club is made up of residents of North Little Rock and Little Rock who are former residents of Cato.)

SOURCES of all wisdom, truth, and love, grant we beseech thee that we may honor the memory of Mrs. Fulton Farris, our member who has departed. Enlarge our powers to benefit mankind and to honor Thee, our God. And when one by one each link shall fall away in death, may the parting be temporary, and the meeting eternal. In the world where death comes not, may we realize the full happiness of loving and serving Thee forever. This, is our prayer, Amen.

No matter where our journeys take us we are always reminded of the Cato Club, Cato Homecoming, and our faithful Christian teacher, Mrs. Beulah Farris. She led our devotional service at our last meeting on "Love One Another and Looking To God For Our Strength." It is not in vain that we hear the lessons given by our departed sister repeated from time to time. It is true our sister hears not with mortal ears. But may not her quickened spirit, freed from its earthly tenement yet hover around the loved ones here assembled, listen to our words and perceive with clearer vision our every movement?

She needs not to be ministered unto, but may she not now minister unto us? Are they not all ministering spirits? saith the Apostle.

Love is an attribute of the soul and imperishable. Our sister's affection ceases not. Therefore, may she not now be whispering to grief-stricken hearts: "Peace, be still." "Lo, I am with you always." Think not that the spirit world is distant. Our loved ones although lost to mortal sight may still be with us in spiritual existence. Let their loving presence be to us a perpetual inspiration, calling us to higher moral and spiritual life.

These beautiful flowers are the highest expression of nature's loveliness. We never tire of looking at their perfect delicately variegated tints. From time immemorial they have been endowed with impressive language. They speak to us; "To whisper hope whenever our faith grows dim."

But these floral emblems with all their exquisite loveliness are but dim reflections of the glories that may be unfolded to our spiritual vision. In token of our hope that such an unfolding of spiritual life may come to us all, I deposit these flowers. May we cherish the memory of Beulah Farris and emulate her virtues.

I am the way, the truth, and the light; no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.

I am the resurrection, and the life; he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live; and whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die.

And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sor-

row, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain. And there shall be no night there; and they need no candle, neither light of the sun; for the Lord God giveth them light; and they shall reign forever and ever.

Because I live, ye shall also. Peace I leave with you. My Peace I give you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid.

In the early record of God's dealing with His people, a servant of God, named Job, cries out in the anguish of his soul, "If a man die, shall he live again?"

Down through the ages that same cry has been the great question of the human heart, "If a man die, shall he live again?"

In the beginning was God. All things were made by Him, and without Him was not anything made that was made. In Him was life and the life was the light of men.

Let not your heart be troubled, ye believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house are many mansions, if it were not so I would have told you.

The Infinite Father's ever watchful care is nowhere more impressively taught than by His voice speaking to us through the floral kingdom. Over the whole earth where life exists, flowers bloom in endless variety and profusion; there is no place so obscure but that they blossom there and give to the world their beauty and fragrance. Some open with the rising sun and close with his setting rays. Others open to the full moon and starry firmament and shrink before the piercing gaze of the king of day.

So the Father's love goes forth by day and night to the weakest, most humble, and obscure of His children.

We are told to consider the lilies of the field and learn the paternal love of Him, beyond whose watchful care none can stray. Not a sparrow falls without His notice. "Ye are of more value than many sparrows."

The lessons and the sentiments brought to us by the flowers have been sweet and beautiful, but they have for us still another significance. Year by year we see the flowers bloom in all their beauty, live their life, and then wither, fade, and pass away. But, we know they are not

dead. We know that, in God's own time, they will bloom again in richer, more abundant beauty. We know this sleep that we call death is not the end.

He whose coming was heralded by the Star in the East has said, "I am the resurrection and the life, he that believeth in me, though he be dead, yet shall he live, and whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die." "Believeth thou this?" Yes, we believe this, and with this light of faith and hope beaming upon us and filling our hearts, we say "Oh grave, where is thy sting?"

To you my sisters, and especially to you, the relatives of our dear sister, I say, our sister is not dead. She has only gone on before us for a little while. She has just stepped through the heavenly portals into that larger and more beautiful life that awaits us in that not made with hands and has entered into that reward which God has promised to all those who faithfully serve Him. We have but to keep the faith and, "beyond the smiling and weeping" we, too, shall join the loved ones gone before.

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(Continued from page 2)

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### DO WE NEED TO REPENT?

LESSON FOR JUNE 11, 1950

READ THE ENTIRE LESSON FROM YOUR BIBLE:  
Zephaniah 1:12-18; 3:1-5, 17-18.

GOLDEN TEXT: "Seek ye the Lord, all ye meek of the earth, that have kept his ordinances; seek righteousness, seek meekness; and may be ye will be hid in the day of the Lord's anger."—Zephaniah 2:3.

#### A Word About The Prophet

Zephaniah belonged to the nobility. In the beginning of his book he traced his lineage back to Hezekiah who was one of Judah's greatest kings. Belonging as he did to such a group, we are a bit surprised to find him so strict in the matter of religion.

Zephaniah prophesied about the middle of the reign of the good king Josiah. In fact he and the king were about the same age. Josiah reigned from 639 to 608 B. C. He was only eight years of age when he came to the throne. Zephaniah prophesied about the year 625 B. C., at which time both he and the king were 23 years old.

Judah's greatest revival of religion broke out under the reign of Josiah. It took place in the year 621 B. C. There were two great contributing factors to this revival—the prophecy of Zephaniah which was written some four years before the revival and the finding of the Book of Law which had been lost for many years in the rubbish of the Temple.

#### The Condition of The Nation

Josiah was preceded on the throne by his grandfather Manasseh who reigned 54 years (692-638 B. C.) Not only was his reign long, but it was the most wicked in all Hebrew history. Under his leadership the nation went from bad to worse. Its sad plight was largely occasioned by the influence of this wicked king. Zephaniah referred to Judah's thoughtless, self-seeking princes as "roaring lions" and her dishonest bribetaking judges as "evening wolves." He regarded the religious leaders as no better than the princes and judges. He speaks of the prophets as "light and treacherous persons" and he accuses the priests of profaning the sanctuary and breaking the law.

With leaders like these in every realm of life we cannot wonder at the fact that the nation was in a bad way. Since the fountain was impure at its source the prophet could have no hope either for his nation or for the world. He saw the poor oppressed on every hand. He noted the disposition of the people to ape the customs and practices of the surrounding heathen nations. They turned their backs upon Jehovah to worship the gods of these nations. Their religion was filled with all kinds of superstitions. In chapter one and verse nine the prophet, in seeking for God, has this to say, "I will punish all that leap over the threshold." Through contact with these heathen religions the people had come to believe that demons inhabited their homes. These demons were thought to take up their position at the thresholds of the doors. Like the heathens, the Israelites formed the habit of leaping over the thresholds to avoid

coming in contact with these evil spirits.

#### The Prophet's Message

Zephaniah's message was one of warning and doom. Some scholars say that it is the most pessimistic in the Bible. It has been called "the day of wrath" of the Old Testament. In the Home Quarterly L. H. Chrisman emphasized the harshness of Zephaniah's message in these words: "Back in the mid-seventeenth century a New England preacher-physician by the name of Michael Wigglesworth wrote a terrible poem entitled 'The Day Of Doom' which was popular among the American Calvinists for several generations. It makes up in savagery for its great lack of poetry. In its merciless depiction of the sternness of the Deity, it is unsurpassed in modern literature except by Jonathan Edwards' famous sermon, 'Sinners in the Hands of an Angry God.' Both Wigglesworth and Edwards knew their Old Testament; there is little doubt that they were influenced by writings like those of Zephaniah."

Zephaniah predicted the destruction of all the traditional enemies of Judah—the Philistines, Ethiopians, and Assyrians. He also predicted the doom of Jerusalem. The fall of Jerusalem, however, did not take place as soon as the prophet thought it would. The message of Zephaniah and the finding of the Book of Law in the Temple brought about a revival in Judah which extended the life of the nation some 39 years. It finally fell in 586 B. C. The destruction of the other nations against which the prophet spoke began almost immediately. Like all the prophecies of the Bible, the Book of Zephaniah closes on a very high note. This passage is found in chapter three verses 17 to 20. Some scholars believe that this passage was added to the book some hundred years after it was written. They contend that the book, as it was originally written, was from first to last a prophecy of doom.

We are told that there are sixteen thousand promises in the Bible. The latter part of this book contains some of the most precious of these promises: "The Lord thy God is in the midst of thee, a mighty one who will save; he will rejoice over thee with joy; he will rest in his love; he will joy over thee with singing. I will gather them that sorrow from the solemn assembly, who were of thee; to whom the burden upon her was a reproach. Behold, at that time I will deal with all them that afflict thee; and I will save that which is lame, and gather that which was driven away; and I will make them a praise and a name, whose shame hath been in all the earth. At that time will I bring you in, and at that time will I gather

and a praise among all the people of the earth, when I bring back your captivity before your eyes, you; for I will make you a name saith the Lord."

The real message of the book is a call to repentance to a wicked, selfish, and greedy people. The leaders in every realm of life were corrupt. The prophet was certain that the judgment of a Holy God was upon the nation.

The wickedness of the people had been greatly aggravated by a wrong conception of God. They had come to feel that God was neutral: "The Lord will not do good, neither will he do evil." Not only did they feel that God had lost interest in their welfare but also in their character. To all intent and purpose, these people were atheists. A neutral God is about the same as no God at all. The prophet insisted that God was interested in the character and welfare of the people. He would search Jerusalem out with lamps. That is, he would turn the searchlight on the city to ferret out its evil doers for punishment.

#### The Message For Us

Zephaniah not only had a message for his generation, but he speaks with equal authority to all generations. The history of the human race shows that sin is always followed by punishment. The fact that people reap just what they sow is shown in nature and in character. Sin becomes part of the sinner and aside from repentance and reformation he cannot any more escape it than he can escape himself.

#### Repentance

There are several elements in true repentance. Many people feel that because they are sorry for their evil doings that that is repentance. We are told in the Bible that godly sorrow works repentance, but even godly sorrow alone is not the whole of repentance. Many people are truly sorry for their sins but they stop at that point and continue in them. We must remember that there are two types of sorrow—one is godly sorrow which if properly exercised leads to repentance and life; the other is sorrow of a worldly type which leads to stagnation and death. One is truly sorry for the wrong done, knowing that the sin has been committed against a holy God. The other is sorrow over the fact that the sinner is apprehended in his sins. This type of sorrow never leads to true repentance and reformation.

True repentance is a double turning. One may reform by simply turning from his sins. If one has strong enough will power he can break with his evil habits while he leaves God entirely out of the picture. An infidel might even do this. What we are seeking is not reformation, but regeneration. To have this, one must make a double turn; he must turn from sin and turn to God. This, of course, is done through faith in the price paid by Christ for the sinner's redemption.

Repentance does not always remove the consequences of sins. A person, through debauchery, sins against his body. He thoroughly repents, but in spite of this he may go through the remainder of his life with depleted health. The writer heard of some fox hunters who got on a big drunk. One of them became so paralyzed under the influence of liquor that he got his feet in a fire they had built and so burned them that they had to be amputated. He repented of his sins and became a minister of the Gospel, but he went through life minus his feet.

The greatest evil that sin causes is the fact that it separates the sinner from God. Repentance brings him back into harmonious fellowship with God. He goes on and suffers many of the consequences of his sins but he does so in conscious, harmonious fellowship with God, a thing which gives him great strength and courage.

#### America Needs To Repent

History shows that nations can go so far in the wrong direction that repentance does not help a lot. A nation is like a very heavy body rolling down a mountain side. The further it gets the faster it goes until it reaches such a momentum that nothing is able to prevent its fall. Our nation must be careful at this point.

America needs to repent of her materialism. It is said that materialism feeds upon itself; that is, the more a person or nation gets the more he or it wants. Since we are the wealthiest nation in the world, we are in more danger at this point than any other nation. We are inclined to measure success in material things rather than spiritual values.

Again, the most favored citizens of this nation need to repent of their treatment of the underprivileged. Some take advantage of their favored positions to press others. No one would argue for a moment that all of our citizens are treated fairly.

We need to repent of the abuse of our freedoms. Democracy grants more freedom than any other form of government. This freedom can be abused, and many abuse it. Let it be remembered that freedom works both ways—it can be used to do wrong or right. The only hope of the continued wellbeing of a government that grants so much freedom to its citizens is to emphasize the spiritual side of life. People must be made unselfish and led to use their freedom in the right way, otherwise it will become a curse rather than a blessing. True religion is the only antidote for selfishness and the abuse of freedom.

Let us bear in mind that the message of Zephaniah is one of warning against evil and a clarion call to repentance. The prophet was sure that God looks with disfavor upon sin and that, in the very nature of things, he is forced to judge and punish sin. His message is just as applicable to our day as it was his own. If we will heed it before it is too late both as individuals and as a nation, all will be well.

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