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Little Rock Conference Defeats Union Of Conferences

SINCE the adoption a year ago, by the Little Rock and North Arkansas Conferences, of similar resolutions regarding the possible union of the two conferences the question of "union" has been a live topic of conversation throughout the conference year. Interest has centered on two major questions; First, there was interest in the nature of the Plan of Union which was to be worked out by the Joint Committee on Union. Second, there was of course intense interest in the action the conferences might take on the Plan of Union.

As the Little Rock Conference met first, it was necessary for that conference to consider the question first. The Plan of Union was presented at the opening session of the Conference last Wednesday morning and Thursday afternoon was fixed as the time for voting on the Plan. When the question came up for consideration Thursday afternoon, a proposal to postpone a vote on the matter until after the North Arkansas Conference had acted favorably on the Plan was decisively defeated. Without further discussion a vote was then taken on the Plan of Union. The Plan of Union was also overwhelmingly defeated.

In view of the action taken by the Little Rock Conference, a vote in the North Arkansas Conference either approving or disapproving the Plan would be largely meaningless. In view of that fact it is quite possible that the North Arkansas Conference will not vote directly on the Plan of Union.

The Little Rock and North Arkansas Conferences should never unite unless there is an overwhelming sentiment for union in both of the conferences. They have worked together beautifully in the past as separate conferences and will continue to do so in the future. It is quite probable, however, that the question of organic union of the conferences will now have a long, peaceful rest.

Our Faith In The Kingdom Of God On Earth

WHEN we talk of the Kingdom of God, we are dealing with a question that is too big for the human mind to fully comprehend.

We catch a glimpse of what the Kingdom is like through the many parables of Jesus dealing with the subject and in other parts of His teachings. However, because of the various circumstances and situations to which the Kingdom is likened it is possible, unless we are careful, to get a limited view of the Kingdom by emphasizing one viewpoint to the exclusion of many others just as important.

Jesus taught us to pray for the coming of the Kingdom of God in this present world. We do not believe that He taught us to pray a meaningless, hopeless prayer. We do not believe the church faces a hopeless situation in the world where it must confess defeat of its major purpose, the evangelization of the world. It is difficult to realize just how a church defeated in its mission on earth could become the church triumphant in the world to come. How can we supinely accept defeat here and expect victory there?

Kingdom building is a slow business but the power and promises of an omnipotent God undergird His church and we believe He will bring it off victorious, here and hereafter.

Conference Preacher At North Arkansas Conference

MEMBERS and visitors in attendance at the North Arkansas Conference meeting this week in North Little Rock at Gardner Memorial are to enjoy, as Conference preacher, Dr. Kenneth Wilford Copeland, pastor of Travis Park Methodist in San Antonio, Texas.

Our people will be interested to know that Dr. Copeland is a native-born Arkansan. He was born at Bexar, Arkansas, April 3, 1912, and is another example of the valuable contributions Arkansas has made to the spiritual edification of Texas Methodism.



DR. KENNETH WILFORD COPELAND

He attended Westminster College, East Texas State Teachers College and Southern Methodist University. He received an A. B. degree from Southern Methodist University in 1938.

Before the union of the three branches of Methodism which now compose the Methodist Church, Dr. Copeland was a member of the Methodist Protestant Church and served the following appointments in that church in Texas: Corsicana, 1931; Cooper, 1932-33; Dallas, 1934-38. He was President of the Texas Conference in the Methodist Protestant Church for the year before the union in 1939. Since union he has served in Wichita Falls and Stillwell, Oklahoma. He is now pastor of one of the great churches of Texas Methodism—Travis Park.

The Methodist Protestant Church made many valuable contributions to the United Church. One of the great assets it brought to the union is found in church leaders like Dr. Copeland who are taking a large place as leaders in the United Church.

We welcome Dr. Copeland back to the land of his nativity. Because of his ministry with us at this time, and because of Arkansas' interest in all of its native sons who have "made good," we are sure that our people will follow his ministry in Texas, or wherever he may serve, with a deep personal interest.

Highlights Of The Little Rock Conference

THE 97th session of the Little Rock Conference which met last week in Hot Springs will be remembered for several significant happenings during the course of its proceedings. Among the matters of unusual interest were the rejection of plans for union with the North Arkansas Conference; the report of the sale of the Little Rock Conference owned Methodist Hospital of Arkansas at Hot Springs; an adopted resolution which provided that the number of districts of the Conference remain at six; the acceptance by the Conference of a \$25,000.00 share in a \$50,000.00 campaign in Arkansas Methodism for Wesley Foundation building purposes in Fayetteville; provisions for a Joint Commission with the North Arkansas Conference to study the advisability of having a retail outlet of Methodist materials in Little Rock or a central location; and the reading of the appointments.

Among out of state personages to address the conference was Dr. Roy L. Smith, one of the Methodist Publishing Agents, who spoke in the interest of the 160th anniversary of The Methodist Publishing House. The music of the Circuit Riders Quartet, dressed in the habit of early Methodist preachers, and who represented individuals early associated with Methodist publishing interests, was enthusiastically received. Dr. Caradine Hooten, Executive Secretary, Methodist Board of Temperance, spoke impressively concerning Methodist temperance work and strategy. Dr. W. B. Selah, the Conference Preacher, gave ample evidence of his right to a place among the great preachers of Methodism as he was heard with appreciation and benefit. He delivered the Commemoration Sermon, the Ordination Sermon and also preached Wednesday night and Thursday and Friday afternoons. Dr. Paul Womeldorf, Executive Secretary, South Central Jurisdiction, Dr. J. Wilson Crichlow, and Dr. Umphrey Lee, president of Southern Methodist University, were also present and spoke to the conference.

Surely one of the high points of the five day session were the addresses given by Bishop and Mrs. Martin as they spoke of India and their recent trip to that distant land. These messages were given as a part of the Advance emphasis and were the means of making very real the great missionary work of The Methodist Church. The large sanctuary of the First Methodist Church Hot Springs was crowded to capacity Sunday morning to hear Bishop Martin preach and read the pastoral assignments for the next conference year.

Four men were Received on Trial into the conference, two men were Admitted into Full Connection; four men were given the retired relation; five men were ordained Deacons and three men were ordained Elders. Two persons were consecrated as Directors of Christian Education.

Comparatively speaking, there were not as many changes in pastoral appointments as is usually the case. In fact, less than 33% of the pastoral charges will have new preachers next Sunday and one-half of these changes is among Accepted Supply Pastors who are not members of the conference. There were only 28 changes of appointments among the 138 effective ministerial members of the conference.

Statistical reports show that during the year 2,096 persons were received into local churches on profession of faith, 2,992 by transfer of membership. The Little Rock Conference now has

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Individual Reports Of Pastors - Little Rock Conference

TRASKWOOD: H. A. F. Ault, pastor. Members received on profession of faith 16, and by certificate 7. Charge paid 100 per cent on Askings. Total raised for purposes \$4,213.09.

CAPITOL VIEW, LITTLE ROCK: Doyle T. Rowe, pastor. Members received by transfer 34, and on profession of faith 26. Salaries and World Service 100 per cent. Charge raised \$350.00 for Advance Special.

WILMAR: J. C. Van Horn, pastor. Members received by transfer 12, and on profession of faith 12. Salaries and World Service 100 per cent. Charge paid increased Askings on World Service. Charge raised \$131.00 for Advance Special.

HUMPHREY: Joe W. Hunter, pastor. Members received by transfer 1, on profession of faith 1. Salaries paid 95 per cent and World Service 100 per cent. Charge paid increased Askings on World Service. Charge raised \$110.00 for Advance Special.

NEW EDINBURG: C. R. Andrews, pastor. Members received by transfer 5, and on profession of faith 13. Salaries paid 87 per cent plus, and World Service 80 per cent. Charge raised \$80.00 for Advance Special. Paid for improvements on church \$685.00.

PRINCETON: Bruce H. Bean, pastor. Members received on profession of faith 4. Salaries and World Service 100 per cent. Paid for improvements on church \$75.00. A 15 per cent increase in Church School enrollment and attendance.

LEOLA: John Kauffman, pastor. Members received by transfer 3, and on profession of faith 9. Salaries and World Service 100 per cent. Paid for improvements on church \$500.00.

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE LITTLE ROCK CONFERENCE

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an active membership of 67,797, with a total membership of 91,740. There are 53,567 persons enrolled in Church Schools of the conference with an average attendance of 27,934 pupils. \$851,793 was spent the past year on buildings and improvements and \$116,865 was contributed to World Service. A total of \$2,243,595 was spent for all purposes.

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A 25 per cent increase in Church School attendance.

SWAN LAKE: C. R. Roy, pastor. Members received by transfer 4, and on profession of faith 29. Salaries and World Service 100 per cent. Charge paid increased Askings on World Service. Paid for improvements on church \$750.00 and on parsonage \$250.00.

TAYLOR: R. C. Walsh, pastor. Members received by transfer 8, and on profession of faith 8. Salaries and World Service 100 per cent. Charge paid increased Askings on World Service. Paid for improvements on church \$895.00, and on parsonage \$125.00. A 25 per cent increase in Church School enrollment and attendance.

WHITEHALL-SULPHUR SPRINGS: Edward Hollenback, pastor. Members received by transfer, 8 and on profession of faith 12. Salaries 98 per cent and World Service 100 per cent. Charge paid increased Askings on World Service. Charge raised for Advance Special \$60.00. Paid for improvements on church \$350.00.

FOREST PARK, LITTLE ROCK: James R. Sewell, pastor. Members received by transfer 26, and on profession of faith 6. Salaries and World Service 100 per cent. Paid for improvements on church \$225.00. A 2 per cent increase in Church School enrollment and a 1 per cent increase in Church School attendance.

DELIGHT CIRCUIT: Osborne White, pastor. Members received by transfer 4, and on profession of faith 4. Salaries and World Service 100 per cent. Charge paid increased Askings on World Service. Charge raised \$200.00 for Advance Special. Paid for improvements on church \$1,516.00.

JACKSON STREET, MAGNOLIA: W. R. Boyd, pastor. Members received by transfer 16, and on profession of faith 10. Salaries and World Service 100 per cent. Paid for improvements on church \$3,044.00. A 35 per cent increase in Church School enrollment and a 10 per cent increase in Church School attendance.

FAIRVIEW, TEXARKANA: C. H. Farmer, pastor. Members received by transfer 17, and on profession of faith 12. Salaries 100 per cent. Charge paid increased Askings on World Service. Charge raised \$250.00 for Advance Special. Raised on building fund \$15,000.00. A 10 per cent increase in Church School enrollment.

DIERKS: John Rushing, pastor. Members received by transfer 8, and on profession of faith 3. Salaries and World Service 100 per cent. Charge paid increased Askings on World Service. Charge raised \$75.00 for Advance Special. Paid \$325.00 on church improvements. Gas installed in parsonage.

ROCKPORT: J. R. Diffie, pastor. Members received by transfer 2, and on profession of faith 14. Salaries and World Service 100 per cent. Paid for improvements on church \$900.00. Raised on building fund \$700.00. A 60 per cent increase in Church School enrollment and a 75 per cent increase in Church School attendance.

GEYER SPRINGS: Clyde T. Parsons, pastor. Members received by transfer 5, and on profession of faith 14. Salaries 100 per cent and World Service 200 per cent. Charge paid increased Askings on World Service. Paid for improvements on church \$100.00. Raised on debt retirement \$750.00. A 10 per cent increase in Church School enrollment and a 15 per cent increase in Church School attendance.

HOPE: J. M. Hamilton, pastor. Members received by transfer 50, and on profession of faith 19. Salaries and World Service 100 per cent. Charge raised \$2273.00 for Advance Special. Paid for improvements on church \$2500.00 and on parsonage \$300.00. Raised on building fund \$5000.00. A 12 per cent increase in Church School enrollment and a 6 per cent increase in Church School attendance.

VILLAGE: D. L. McCauley, pastor. Members received by transfer 8, and on profession of faith 9. Salaries and World Service 100 per cent. Paid for improvements on church \$15,000.00 and on parsonage \$200.00. Raised on debt retirement \$300.00. A 14 per cent increase in Church School enrollment and a 20 per cent increase in Church School attendance.

LOUANN: R. M. Crain, pastor. Members received by transfer 8, and on profession of faith 10. Salaries and World Service 100 per cent. Charge raised \$292.00 for Advance Special. Paid for improvements on church \$969.00 and on parsonage \$240.00. A 10 per cent increase in Church School enrollment and attendance. Organized three M. Y. F.'s. Baptized 6 babies.

DEWITT: Van W. Harrell, pastor. Members received by transfer 23, and on profession of faith 12. Salaries and World Service 100 per cent. Charge paid increased Askings on World Service. Charge raised \$470.00 for Advance Special. Paid for improvements on church \$14,000.00 and on parsonage \$300.00. An increase of 30 per cent in Church School enrollment, in attendance 180.

SPRINGHILL: S. L. Durham, pastor. Members received by transfer 5, and on profession of faith 11. Salaries paid 95 per cent and World Service 65 per cent. Charge paid increased Askings on World Service. Charge raised \$10.00 for Advance Special. Paid for improvements on church \$100.00 and on parsonage \$10.00. An 80 per cent increase in Church School attendance.

WASHINGTON: W. C. Lewis, pastor. Members received by transfer 4, and on profession of faith 3. Salaries and World Service 80 per cent. Charge paid increased Askings on World Service. Paid for improvements on parsonage \$235.00. A 10 per cent increase in Church School enrollment and a 20 per cent increase in Church School attendance.

EMMET: L. E. Wilson, pastor. Members received by transfer 9, and on profession of faith 19. Salaries and World Service 100 per cent. Charge paid increased Askings on World Service. Charge raised \$170.00 for Advance Special. Paid for improvements on church \$1,400.00 and on parsonage \$57.00. An 8 per cent increase in Church enrollment.

MONTICELLO: Roland E. Darrow, pastor. Members received by transfer 39, and on profession of faith 27. Salaries and World Service 100 per cent. Charge paid increased Askings on World Service. Paid \$25,000.00 on church building fund. A 30 per cent increase in Church School enrollment and a 40 per cent increase in Church School attendance.

TWENTY-EIGHTH STREET, LITTLE ROCK: S. T. Baugh, pastor. Members received by transfer 22, and on profession of faith 7. Salaries and World Service 100 per cent. Charge raised \$500.00 for Advance Special. Paid for improvements on church \$500.00 and on parsonage \$300.00. A 10 per cent increase in Church School enrollment.

ROE: S. W. Mooty, pastor. Members received on profession of faith 6. Salaries paid 100 per cent. \$265.00 paid on World Service. Charge paid increased Askings on World Service. Paid for improvements on church \$1,775.00. Raised on building fund \$375.00. A 25 per cent increase in Church School enrollment and a 30 per cent increase in Church School attendance.

ENGLAND: Charles W. Richards, pastor. Members received by transfer 17, and on profession of faith 36. Salaries 100 per cent and paid \$1,000.00 on World Service. Amount raised for Advance Special \$400.00. Paid for improvements on church \$500.00 and on parsonage \$1,495.00. A 30 per cent increase in Church School enrollment and a 15 per cent increase in Church School attendance.

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O Lamb Of God, I Come



By WILLIAM M. WILDER, Pastor, Sylvan Hills Church, North Little Rock

Scripture: John 6:37

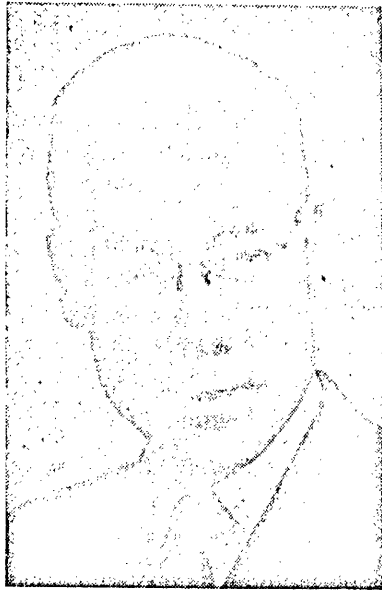
If you were asked what is the greatest promise that Jesus ever made, what would you reply? What promise would you give as the greatest one in your opinion? Would you quote the words, "And he that believeth on me shall never die"? Would you mention the well-known bank draft on God, "My God shall supply all your needs according to his riches in glory through Christ Jesus"? Would you state solemnly the words of Jesus, "I go to prepare a place for you, and if I go, I will come again that where I am ye may be also?"

A little over 100 years ago there lived in England a woman by the name of Charlotte Elliott. For some 50 years of her long life she was an invalid—sometimes up and about, but most often confined to her bed. No one will ever know the pain she endured, or the mental anguish that was hers. Here was a person who yearned eagerly to serve in some way, but though the spirit was willing the flesh was constantly weak. To Miss Elliott the Bible was a great source of comfort and strength, and to her, the greatest promise that Jesus made was expressed through the words of John's Gospel, "Him that cometh to me I will in no wise cast out." From that promise she wrote one of the best loved hymns of our church; a hymn that we use year in, year out; a hymn that has helped many men to come to Christ; a hymn that expresses in a beautiful way the faith inspired by that promise of Jesus, "Him that cometh to me I will in no wise cast out."

What a relief to you and to me—to know that the salvation of Jesus Christ is available to all! It is no wonder that men in every age have heard with gladness and joy the story of Jesus. Men have come from every walk of life. Men have turned from every conceivable kind of sin. From the gutters of life have come men, great men, to follow and serve the Master. Was it good words that brought and saved them? No. Many had never known good works until after they came to Christ, and works without faith are nothing, just as faith without corresponding works is dead. But the glad story is that men come to God, not through individual effort alone, but through the grace of Jesus Christ. That's why rough men could accept the call—they had nothing to offer save themselves. That's why harlots and sinners could change their ways and follow after him. That's why the whole sinful world looks up with hope. "Just as I am without one plea, but that Thy blood was shed for me, and that Thou bidst me come to Thee." Here are no formal utterances—but "just as I am—Jesus take me—I am unworthy, but use me as Thou wilt." Gladness breaks around us as we realize the significance of these words, "Him that cometh to me I will in no wise cast out."

Today we live in an age of learning. We have more knowledge than any previous generation. We have more possibilities of learning

than any people have ever had. Yet, for some strange reason our faith seems more confused and less vital. The truth is, if we would but recognize it and admit it to ourselves, faith is rarely based on knowledge. Too many people without much knowledge have had a vital faith for it ever to be dependent upon knowledge. True, knowledge often helps a great deal, but faith is not just knowledge—it is something



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more, something that goes beyond. Today the more we learn, the less we seem to really know—which is not resulting in a happier, more peaceful world. We need a vital faith that our knowledge may be really useful.

Miss Elliott, too, lived in a world that had made a god of knowledge. The 19th century was the dawn of our scientific twentieth, and was the beginning of an almost rabid search for knowledge. She, too, from her invalid's bed, wondered about the meaning of life, and why ill health should be her lot for fifty years. Why should she, eager and desiring to serve, be confined to a sick bed, unable even to do the simplest things?

Out of her questioning, she turned to the Bible, and through that Bible her hope began to shine past her doubts and fears. Surely God who had made the world could also care for her; surely He was still guiding and leading; had not His Son said, "Him that cometh to me I will in no wise cast out." Out of her faith and from that promise of Jesus came these words, "Just as I am, tho' tossed about with many a conflict, many a doubt, fightings and fears within, without, O Lamb of God, I come."

Sometimes in these days we are overwhelmed with our troubles. It is not enough that we have our own—through the radio we hear night and day of the troubles of others, troubles

that we must listen to and heed. Every newspaper we read is filled with the stories of the troubles of others. Never before has the world been so aware of the universal evidence of trouble on every hand. Perhaps that is why this hymn, "Just as I am," has been such a universal comfort. The woman who wrote it knew whereof she wrote. She wrote it out of the deep trouble that was hers constantly for many years. And it was her faith that said, "Just as I am, I'll come, Lord, poor, wretched, blind." She was thinking mostly in spiritual terms. Though an invalid, she was never utterly destitute or blind. But this highly spiritual woman, like all of us, had her doubts and fears, and her spiritual blindness and poverty was a sorrow to her. She longed for spiritual sight, riches, and healing of the dark places of her mind. She longed to see with the vision of Jesus, to know the riches of his glory, to have his healing of her mind that would bring quiet and peace to her troubled soul. These words continue to live as part of our hymnody because this woman wrote to us from her heart: "Just as I am, poor, wretched, blind; Sight, riches, healing of the mind, yea, all I need in Thee, I find, O Lamb of God, I come, I come."

When Miss Elliott wrote these words, she was in despair because of her physical inability to help someone else. Her preacher brother was trying to organize a school, St. Margaret's at Brighton, England, where the daughters of poor ministers could be educated without charge, since the school system of England did not then permit that. He had organized a bazaar, and had asked his sister to help, since she was good at things like that. But on the opening day of the bazaar, Charlotte Elliott was confined to her bed, unable to be of the smallest help. I can picture her in my mind, sick to the soul that she was unable to help in this small thing required of her. But it was in these moments, obsessed by her uselessness and in despair because of her helplessness, that she wrote words, "Just as I am, Thou wilt receive, wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve; because Thy promise I believe, O Lamb of God, I come."

Here is a mighty faith for an invalid to speak, and to write down at such a time. And God must have taken special note of this faith—for beneath the words of this hymn when published in the early additions are these words: "sold for the benefit of St. Margaret's, Brighton, England." And it is said that the sale of this hymn aided her brother's cause far more than any bazaar could possibly have done.

What greater testimony could we have that God accepts our trust, and uses us as we are, than the sale of this hymn, a hymn composed in frustration and uselessness, and sung with joy and faith! No wonder these words were to her a glorious promise that she believed with all her heart, "Him that cometh to me I will in no wise cast out." No wonder we sing with her today, "Because Thy Promise, I believe, O Lamb of God, I come, I come!"

INDIVIDUAL REPORTS OF PASTORS, LITTLE ROCK CONFERENCE

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FAIRVIEW-TIMOTHY: Charles H. Giessen, pastor. Members received by transfer 26, and on profession of faith 27. Salaries and World Service 100 per cent. Charge raised \$250.00 on Advance Special. Paid for improvements on parsonage \$300.00. Raised on debt retirement \$3,000.00. A 33 1/3 per cent increase in Church School enrollment and a 35 per cent increase in Church School attendance.

ARCADELPHIA CIRCUIT: Horace M. Grogan, pastor. Members received on profession of faith 2. Salaries and World Service 100 per cent. Charge paid increased Askings on World Service. Charge raised for Advance Special \$5.00. Paid for improvements on church \$215.00. A 5 per cent increase in Church School enrollment and an 8 per cent in Church School attendance. Three arrivals and one ten-day camp meeting held.

BAYOU METO: Palmer Garner, pastor. Members received by transfer 3, and on profession of faith 3. Salaries 10 per cent. Charge paid increased Askings on World Service. Charge raised \$147.00 for Advance Special. Paid for improvements on church \$494.00 and on parsonage \$300.00. Raised on debt retirement \$200.00 and on building fund \$150.00. A 10 per cent increase in Church School attendance.

COLUMBIA CIRCUIT: L. Gray Wilson, pastor. Members received by transfer 7, and on profession of faith 20. Salaries and World Service 100 per cent. Charge raised \$60.00 for Advance Special. Paid for improvements on parsonage \$45.00. Raised on building fund \$300.00. An 8 per cent increase in Church School enrollment and a 20 per cent increase in Church School attendance.

RICHMOND: Claud Clark, pastor. Members received by transfer 10, and on profession of faith 3. Salaries and World Service 100 per

cent. Charge paid increased askings on World Service. Paid for improvements on church \$123.00 and on parsonage \$89.00. A 10 per cent increase in Church School enrollment and a 25 per cent increase in Church School attendance. A 45 per cent increase in church attendance.

CHIDESTER: Joe H. Robinson, pastor. Members received by transfer 1, 21 on profession of faith and 15 re-instated. Salaries and World Service 100 per cent. Charge paid increased Askings on World Service. Charge raised \$262.00 for Advance Special. Paid for improvements on church \$2,350.00. Raised on building fund \$1,235.00. An 8 per cent increase in Church School attendance. Started fund for educational building at Chidester. Revived abandoned church at Shady Grove and held revival there with 15 re-instated and 13 received on profession of faith. Raised \$1,600.00 more than ever before in one conference year. Set alltime high for attendance in Church School at Chidester on Easter Sunday.

Little Rock Conference District Reports

ARKADELPHIA DISTRICT

Robert B. Moore, District Superintendent

There are 72 churches or preaching places in the 28 pastoral charges of the Arkadelphia District, since the re-districting of the conference.

The charges have received 365 new members by profession of faith, forty-four from other churches and 384 by certificate, and have baptized 111 babies this year.

The pastors and members of the local churches have kept up a vigorous evangelistic effort throughout the year, as the large number of members received will indicate. Dr. J. A. Wade has been our director of evangelism and has continually kept this important work before us.

We have 61 church schools in the district. Our pastors and church school officers have tried diligently to correct their rolls and to effect an increase in attendance and membership.

Mrs. E. E. Fohrell recently conducted an institute for Vacation Bible Schools, with each charge represented, and with the aid of Mrs. John B. Hefley has led our children's workers in a splendid way. Rev. Dan R. Robinson, our youth director, continues to lead our youth in a great work. We now have 4 sub-district youth groups doing effective work. The adult work continues to move forward, with especial emphasis upon adult attendance at Sunday School and lay work.

Our Woman's Society of Christian Service, with Mrs. W. G. Harrington, as president, continues to do excellent work. There are 28 societies with a membership of 1250 and 6 Wesleyan Guilds, with 149 members.

The financial program for the district this year has been heroic. Though there has been some confusion as the result of the change of boundaries and, also, because of almost complete crop failures in some sections, our people have done well. The charges have met their obligations and have made good progress in the Advance for Christ, Retired Minister's endowment, Week of Dedication, and all of the special offerings. All conference askings are reported paid.

The district has subscribed for 1254 Arkansas Methodists and 111 Christian Advocates and is fairly well supplied with the various literature of the church.

There are 23 parsonages, including the district parsonage. Considerable repairs have been made upon the parsonages and furnishings added to them. The district parsonage has been repaired recently.

Tigert Memorial has completed a new educational building and Malvern First Church has finished paying for and has dedicated a \$50,000 recreation building.

Seven young men have been licensed to preach within the year from this district: Robert A. Simpson, Carl C. Tillman, Crosby Key, Arthur Sears, Connie Robbins, Robert B. Moore, Jr. and Withers M. Moore.

Our district lay leader, Herschel Z. Reed, in co-operation with the Conference Lay leader, Roland Shelton, led us to 100% participation in the Layman's Day program.

We have had a busy year in our

effort to increase our efficiency through training. Our pastor's reports show 778 training credits received this year.

We are made to feel most humble, as we report the work of the year 1949-50, because we realize the work and sacrifice on the part of the pastors, their families and the membership of the churches represented. Also, we know that whatever of good that has been accomplished has been done by the power of God and not our own. We give thanks to Him through Christ for His presence and guidance and the work of the Spirit among us.

CAMDEN DISTRICT

Connor Morehead, District Superintendent

There are thirty charges in the Camden District made up of ninety-two churches. Of the thirty charges, only five are strictly stations, twenty-five of the charges having two or more churches.

New churches have been built during the year at Village, where a beautiful \$20,000 structure has been erected and paid for; at Mt. Pisgah and at New Era where entirely new and adequate church buildings have been built and paid for in these rural communities. At Mt. Pisgah there had been no regular services for twelve years. Mt. Pisgah reported a Week of Dedication Offering of \$140.

The following churches have been dedicated during the year: Willisville, Rev. J. Wayne Mann, pastor, where our Bishop delivered the dedicatory sermon and dedicated the church; at Village, Mt. Pisgah, and at Emerson. The new church at Magnolia has been completed at a cost of \$200,000 and will be ready for dedication by our Bishop at a very early date. This is one of the most beautiful churches to be found anywhere and under the leadership of John M. McCormack, pastor, our people at Magnolia have accomplished a great undertaking. The indebtedness on the Educational Building at Lewisville has been paid in full and is ready for dedication. A \$5000 educational building has been added during the year at Pleasant Grove and will be ready for dedication after Conference. Large sums have been expended during the year for refinishing and redecorating the sanctuaries at Chidester, Jackson St., and at Smackover.

Two of the handsomest parsonages in our Methodism have been bought during the year at First Church El Dorado and at First Church, Camden. A new parsonage has been built on the Columbia Ct., L. Gray Wilson, pastor. This is a thoroughly modern and completely furnished parsonage valued at \$8000 and without debt. Church School enrollment and average attendance will show an increase. In fact, First Church El Dorado, First Church Camden and Camden, Fairview, have attained "all time highs" in attendance and enrollment, El Dorado, First Church far exceeding any past records. Training Schools have been held. We deeply appreciate the cooperation of Rev. Roy E. Fawcett, Executive Secretary, in the work of this district. He has given invaluable assistance and counsel

especially in our rural situations.

The District exceeded its quota on subscribers to the Arkansas Methodist. El Dorado, First Church reports 111 subscribers to the Christian Advocate and is accorded first place in the Conference.

There are 41 Woman's Societies of Christian Service, two newly organized and two new Wesleyan Guilds. Four Societies in the district have attained the 100% standard of excellence: Timothy, West Side, Buena Vista and Chidester. The Woman's Division has assigned a Rural Worker to the Camden District and she will begin her work in September. We are deeply grateful to the Little Rock Conference Woman's Organization for their help in this matter. The need is great.

Six have been licensed to preach during the year. Three of these young men are already in college and seminary and two others will be in college at an early date.

Our finances are 100% on all salaries in every church including pastor, district superintendents' fund, episcopal fund, conference claimants and minimum salary. Assessments for General and Jurisdictional Funds, District and Area, are in full. The charges accepted \$20,309 on World Service and Conference Benevolences and this amount has been paid in full, plus \$13,259 has been paid on the Advance For Christ by the Churches of the District. \$20,866 has been paid on the Retired Ministers Endowment. Week of Dedication offering \$1153, from 20 charges participating. There have been 1020 additions; 449 by vows and on profession of faith; 571 by certificate. Well planned and highly successful Visitation Campaigns were conducted at El Dorado, First Church and Vantrease and at Camden, First Church and Fairview.

I am deeply grateful for the privilege of serving with the pastors and churches of this truly great district. Without exception, every pastor has been true and loyal to the task; our people have responded nobly and generously. I am keenly conscious of the fact that this is a report of work done by others. We have only given a sketchy summary thereof. This has been a good year in the Camden District. We thank God and ascribe unto Him the honor and the glory.

HOPE DISTRICT

E. D. Galloway, District Superintendent

After the change in district boundaries in September, we were faced with a complete re-organization job due to the fact that the major parts of the Prescott District and the Texarkana District were combined. Even the matter of selecting a new seat for the district was necessitated by the transition. Because of a marvelous spirit of Christian understanding and attitude, this task has been completed in a magnificent spirit of unity.

The Hope District is now composed of 29 pastoral charges, in which there are 100 preaching points, located in seven counties. Church property in the district has a total estimated value of \$900,000. A total of \$109,000 has been raised

during the year for building and improvements. New church plants are soon to be started at DeQueen and Blevins. Emmet and Hatfield are now using new educational units. First Church Prescott has installed a set of chimes at a cost of \$1800. Our churches at College Hill, Texarkana, and Mineral Springs have been beautifully refinished. First Church Nashville has renovated its parsonage, after a disastrous fire, at a cost of around \$7000. First Church Texarkana has remodeled the sanctuary, provided for a three manual Moller Organ, and air-conditioned the sanctuary, at a cost of \$60,000.

The district has a total church membership of approximately 14,000, with 627 added this year. There are seventy-one Church Schools, with an enrollment of around 7000. We have forty-three MYF organizations, with a membership of over 1000. There are 33 W. S. C. S. organizations, having a membership of 1300.

We had almost reached our Advance Goal of \$6000 for the district, two weeks previous to conference, according to reports from the pastors. A gratifying response was made to the Week of Dedication Offering, with a total offering of \$1854. Our church at Hope led the district, and we believe, the conference also, with an offering of \$1,036. The total amount raised for all purposes will be close to \$230,000.

Construction on the new district parsonage, which is to be located at Hope, will begin immediately after conference.

No district superintendent ever had a warmer reception, or more wholehearted cooperation and support, by both the pastors and the laity than the one who has served the Hope District this year. I am humbly grateful. It has been a great personal blessing to have worked with them in sponsoring the various interest of the Kingdom.

LITTLE ROCK DISTRICT

E. C. Rule, District Superintendent

The Little Rock District is in a time of church property improvement and building. At present three congregations in the city of Little Rock are engaged in building places of worship which when completed will represent an outlay of over \$500,000. Another is engaged in a remodeling and plant enlargement program which will represent an outlay of \$350,000. Two open country congregations have rebuilt their churches. One small town has a new plant under construction. Others are maturing plans and raising money for new construction.

Since last Conference we have received 1704 members into the church. We have reached an enrollment of 13,374 in our Church Schools. We have received 375 training credits. We have set up plans for 35 Vacation Church Schools. Enrollment in our summer assemblies promises to be high. We have 3111 women enrolled in our Woman's Societies of Christian Service and in our Wesleyan Guilds, and they have raised over \$30,000. We have contributed \$30,600 to World Service and Conference

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Benevolences which is 20% above the asking. \$9337 has been raised for our Methodist Children's Home. Over \$400,000 has been expended on church and parsonage buildings. We have \$13,060 for the year on our retired minister's endowment, which is not a good record, for many of our congregations have not yet begun to raise their part of this fund. On this year's advance we have \$12,837 reported which is \$2,437 above the apportionment. This with our over payment on World Service will put us much above the established goal. Our total giving this year will approach \$700,000.

This is a report for nearly six years also. We have received 10,813 new members. We have given over \$600,000 to benevolent causes. Our investment in new plants, 8 new parsonages, 8 improved parsonages and 17 new or reconstructed sanctuaries or education buildings is nearly \$925,000. The total expended for all purposes has been over \$2,700,000.

It has been a privilege to work with a great people living in and around our Capitol City, and to have had close association with an able, loyal and progressive group of Methodist pastors. We are grateful to God for everything in which we have been privileged to share.

Certainly we would betray our real feeling did we not express our thanks to the Bishop for his confidence in this appointment; to those with whom we have served in the cabinet; to the large minded, generous, devoted lay men and women who have made possible every achievement. And gratitude is in our heart to a number too large to mention for their innumerable expressions of favor toward us and our work.

MONTICELLO DISTRICT

T. T. McNeal, District Superintendent

We count it a privilege to make this Annual report for the pastors and members of the Monticello District. This report by no means reflects the full work done in the District through the untiring efforts of the pastors and the splendid cooperation of the membership of the various Charges.

There are twenty-six Charges in the District with sixty-eight churches and a total membership of 12,137. 366 people have been baptized and 650 have united with the church. Nearly every charge in the District has held a revival or conducted a Visitation Evangelism Campaign.

There are 662 Church Schools with a membership of 66,341. This represents a substantial increase over last year. The pastors' reports reveal 81 per cent of the active membership of the Church enrolled in our Church Schools.

There are 33 Woman's Societies of Christian Service Organizations with a membership of 1,142. These 1142 women have raised for Missions a total of \$7,700.00 which means an average of \$7.00 each, for missions. In addition, these women have raised for Local work \$12,000.

We have splendid Young People's organizations in the District with four active Sub-districts which meet monthly. With the summer

program at our Conference Camp and our District Camp at Camp Keener, our young people will enjoy a full camping program throughout the summer.

There are 68 church buildings in the District valued at one and a half million dollars. There are 29 parsonages valued at \$160,000.00. Since our last Annual Conference, the congregations at Warren and Crossett have moved into their new buildings and are now enjoying the fruits of their labors. These two structures are among the most beautiful in the Conference and we rejoice with the people upon the completion of these splendid projects. The new educational building at Monticello is now being used and will soon be completed. The pastor and the membership of the church have done most of the labor on this building. They have constructed it at one-third of a contract price. Star City has recently completed an educational building.

The congregation at Kingsland is now engaged in the construction of a new church and hope to be in it sometime in the early fall. The congregation at Hampton is engaged in building a new educational structure and completely remodeling the present building. Extensive repairs have been made on the church at Dumas. Plans are well underway at McGehee for the erection of a new Sanctuary. Martin's Chapel and Watson Church are free of debt and ready for dedication.

Since last Conference, the beautiful new parsonage at Lake Village has been completed and the pastor, Reverend Fred W. Schwendemann and his family are enjoying it very much. The new District parsonage at Monticello is nearing completion; somebody can move into it, in about three weeks. All of the charges in the District are keeping their houses of worship and parsonages in good repair.

In spite of the fact that all of the ten counties, in which the Monticello District is located, were declared disaster counties because of the crop failure last fall, our finances are in good order. Two or three pastors will not receive full salaries, but all conference items are paid. The pastor's reports show \$84,700.00 paid to the preachers, above \$10,000.00 paid to Conference Claimants, above \$9,000.00 paid on The Retired Ministers' Endowment, \$15,800.00 paid on World Service which is above the District apportionment, one-half quota paid on Advance program.

There is not a pastor or a church without some special achievement this year.

PINE BLUFF DISTRICT

We have closed one of the most pleasant years of our ministry. This is due to the fact that a District never had a more loyal group of pastors, and it goes without saying, that no District has a finer constituency than the memberships of the churches within the Pine Bluff District. This, also, includes Carthage, England, Keo and Leola which became a part of the Pine Bluff District when one District of the Conference was absorbed. These charges immediately felt at home within our bounds and conferences, and some of the best reports will come from these charges.

We are losing two of our pastors from active service this year. Broth-

er George W. Robertson retires. I would like to take this opportunity to say that we shall miss him from the active ranks. He has been one of our most faithful pastors and always has done a magnificent work wherever he has served.

Brother W. I. Small, an accepted supply for a number of years, was forced to retire in January. His health failed and he went to Tucson, Arizona. All of us will miss Brother Small. He, too, has done a fine work within the Conference.

The highlight of the year was on April 16th when Bishop and Mrs. Martin visited us and brought wonderfully interesting messages on India. We think this inspiration will be of lasting good to the cause of missions and the Advance for Christ.

As this report was written it seemed that World Service and Benevolences would be paid in full, and the Advance for Christ would be a bit overpaid—\$6,300.

All claims of the Church are in full: Episcopal Fund \$1,217; District Superintendent Fund \$9,411; Minimum Salary \$1,600; World Service \$17,529; General and Jurisdictional Administration \$1,005; Superannuate Endowment \$18,000; raised for buildings \$97,290; W. S. - C. S. \$22,000; Church Schools \$20,000; M. Y. F. \$2,500; P. C. Salary \$75,000. Total—\$273,636. We have 1400 subscribers to the *Arkansas Methodist*.

One Educational plant is in the process of building, First Methodist Church, Stuttgart, cost about \$100,000.00 and another one will be started soon at Lakeside in Pine Bluff.

We have completed the building of two rural churches—Union and Brewer's Chapel. Also, completed the re-building of the church at Roe. One new parsonage has been erected for the pastor at Lakeside at a cost of \$16,500.00. We have accumulated \$1,100 for re-building the District Parsonage. Over four hundred dollars has been expended on that this year.

Our Woman's Society of Christian Service, under the leadership of Mrs. E. J. Adams, has had a wonderful year. In almost every church new members are reported and new budgets are reported as being paid, and many study courses taken. There is no group quite so thorough and successful.

The Church School, regardless of what the statistics indicate, has grown in enrollment and attendance. This is true in practically every church within the District, and there is not a finer or more active Methodist Youth Fellowship in the State. Some of the most inspiring meetings I have attended have been District or Sub-District meetings. The Pine Bluff District Youth will build a cabin at the new Lake Assembly Grounds.

Men's clubs or Family Clubs are found throughout the District. Sidney L. Good and Roland Shelton are doing a fine job in the laymen's program. Almost every church had a layman in the pulpit on Layman's Day.

We have had 380 additions by vows and 353 by certificate, making a total of 733 additions. Have had 147 training credits in Training Schools, 29 Vacation Schools with 1,462 in attendance.

It has been a good year, and our people have asked for the return of the District Superintendent and the Bishop.

NORTH ARKANSAS CONFERENCE METHODIST YOUTH ASSEMBLY

The North Arkansas Methodist Youth held their 1950 Conference Assembly May 30 to June 3 on the Hendrix College campus.

The theme throughout the Assembly was, "Jesus' Way, Our Way—Through Church and Vocation." The inspirational speaker was Rev. Paul Bumpers from Fayetteville. Rev. James Upton was dean of the Assembly.

There were five classes taught during the assembly. The delegates had the opportunity to choose the class in which he was to be. The classes and teachers were:

Christian and Race, instructor, Rev. E. J. Holifield; Youth Faces the Alcohol Problem, Rev. Joel Cooper; The Christian Ideal in My Community, Rev. Harold Spence; Vacation and Life, Rev. N. Lee Cate, and the Methodist Youth Fellowship, Miss Viola Callahan. A course for adults, Guiding Seniors and Older Youth was taught by Dr. Ira A. Brumley. At the close of each course a credit card was given to the young people who had successfully completed the course.

Everyone enjoyed the special projects which were well carried out. These projects and classes were: Crafts, photography, dramatics, sub-district planning for Youth Activities Week, and Vacation Bible Schools.

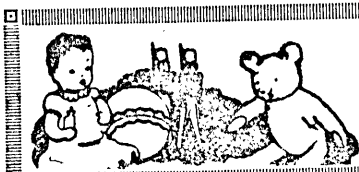
Each evening we had a different type program. The programs consisted of Commission Work, Talent and Stunt night and the last night we had our dedication service in which three young people dedicated their lives to fulltime Christian service.

During the assembly officers were elected for the new year. Stan Reed, a junior at Hendrix from Jonesboro, was elected president, succeeding Lola Featherston from Paris. Other officers are: Vice-president, Ray Thomas, Brinkley; Secretary, Freda Lou Wilson, Greenbrier; Treasurer, Martha June Warner, West Memphis. Chairmen of the four commissions are: Worship, Bob Edwards, Blytheville; Community Service, Barbara Meachum, Batesville; Recreation, Danny Roebuck, Ft. Smith; and World Friendship, "Bud" Milion, Pocahontas.

The one hundred five delegates, sixty-eight girls and thirty-seven boys, the teachers and helpers all agreed that the 1950 Assembly was one of the best or the best, they had ever attended. They advise any young person to take advantage of the privilege of attending these assemblies from year to year as it is a wonderful opportunity.—Freda Lou Wilson, Secretary.

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THE CHILDREN'S PAGE

ANNIE WINBURNE, Editor



IN STORYLAND

ROBIN REDBREAST

A Legend of the Northland

In the long, long ago, a great fire blazed brightly in the Northland—and it was the only fire in all the world. All day long, and through the dark night, a hunter and his little boy kept it burning. The animals crept near the bright flames to warm themselves, and the Indians came and got burning coals to take to their homes so they could cook their food.

At last the hunter fell ill, and he had to go away and leave his little boy alone to tend the fire. And the brave lad did the very best he could. Again and again and again he gathered twigs and dry leaves and heaped them upon the fire. For whole days and nights he stayed awake and kept it burning brightly.

But the time came when he could not stay awake a minute longer. When at last he fell asleep, the flames were crackling merrily.

Now, it happened that an old white bear lived near by in the woods, and he hated the fire worse than anything else in the world. He was watching, ever watching, for a chance to put it out. Now that chance had come; for the little boy was fast asleep.

The old white bear crept toward the fire. The boy did not stir. Right into the fire walked the bear, and he stamped until he had stamped out all the flames.

But there were still sparks of live fire on the ground. So the old white bear stamped and stamped on the sparks until, as he supposed, he had stamped them out too.

Nothing could be seen but a big black place, now, where the fire had been.

"At last I have put out the fire," thought the bear with a growl of content.

In those cold regions of the Northland lived the little gray robin. Sitting quietly in a tree top near by, she had seen what the old bear had done. How sorry she felt! But what could such a tiny thing do about it—only a gray something, anyway. She flew over to the great charred black spot. And, to her delight, she found a tiny spark of fire that was still alive.

Then she hopped and fluttered about and fanned the spark with her tiny gray wings. And at last it flamed up, and a little fire was started.

She hopped and fluttered about some more. And the small fire reached out and touched the dry leaves and the branches and twigs that were scattered about.

Suddenly the gray robin felt something burning and stinging. Looking down, she saw that her breast was scorched. But she did not care about that—she was so happy that she had been able to start the fire again.

By the time the little boy woke up, the flames were burning as brightly and as merrily as ever. The gray robin flew back to the tree top.



A BEAUTIFUL WORLD

Mother and I like to climb
To the top of a steep, steep hill,
The valley spreads before us
So peaceful and so still.
The distant mountain stands
In purple and in blue,
The gleam from the river
Then comes into our view.
The streets in the village,
The homes so neat and trim,
The church with its steeple,
We give thanks until Him
For a lovely world
And for His gentle care
Which He gives to His children
Here, there and everywhere.

—A. E. W.

And the old white bear slunk deep into the woods with a fierce growl.

As the gray robin sat singing sweetly in the treetop, again she looked down at herself. And what do you think she saw? Wherever the flames had touched it, her dull, gray little breast had turned to a bright, beautiful red.

It was a wonderful surprise to her, for never once had she thought of becoming beautiful. She had only meant to do a good and noble deed.

No wonder the people in that far-away Northland love her dearly. They never tire of telling their children this story. And those children are quite sure the little gray robin that kept the fire burning was the great-great-grandmother of our Robin Redbreast.—Retold by Marion Madison. In *The Burning Bush*.

For her 5th grade spelling lesson, a Larchmont, N. Y. teacher illustrated the use of the word "worry" with the sentence, "Do not worry about the outcome."

One little boy said soberly, "My father would say, 'Worry about the income'."—NEA Jnl.

IN THE WORLD OF BOYS AND GIRLS

THE BOY WITH A GUN

By Maude Wood Henry

The roving boy who has gun is
just a thoughtless lad—
I'm positive that in his heart he
isn't really bad;
He loves to shoot, but I feel sure
that it has not occurred
To him that it's a cruel sport to
hunt a little bird;
A little feathered mother bird, may-
hap, with younglings near,
Her heart abrim with love and pride
because they are so dear;
I can't believe the boy who kills a
bird has e'er been taught
The sadness of his wanton deed or
gives it conscious thought;
He has a gun and so he goes about
among the trees
A-popping blithely right and left
at anything he sees.
If someone gave that lad a talk and
showed the little nest,
Took up the tiny mother with the
stilled and bleeding breast
And pointed out the reason why
such deeds should not be done,
I think that almost any boy would
nevermore raise gun
To aim at any helpless bird that
does its best to give
The world a bit of happiness—he'd
want to let it live.—Our Dumb
Animals.

A RIDDLE

I have a head, a little head,
That you could scarcely see;
But I have a mouth much bigger
Than my head could ever be.

That seems impossible, you say;
You think 'twould be a bother?
Why, no! My head is at one end,
My mouth's at the other.

I have no feet, yet I can run,
And pretty fast, 'tis said;
The funny thing about me is,
I run when in my bed.

I've not a cent in all the world,
I seek not fortune's ranks!
And yet it is true that, though so
poor,
I own two splendid banks.

I've lots of "sand," yet run away;
I'm weak, yet "furnish power;"
No hands or arms, yet my embrace
Would kill in half an hour.

You think I am some fearful thing,
Ah, you begin to shiver;
Pray, don't, for after all, you know
I'm only just a river.

—St. Nicholas.

JUST FOR FUN

Two old cronies were discussing the latest local news. "I don't see," said one, "why Sen. Frost got sore because the newspaper announced he was retiring from politics."

"Well," commented the other, "it might have been because the printer, by mistake, put the article under the heading, 'Public Improvements'."—Watchman-Examiner.

Rufus: What is it that always goes with its head down?

Goofus: I give up. What is it anyhow?

Rufus: A nail in your shoe.

Eddie was by far the laziest and most inefficient person in the office. One day a customer noticed that he was absent and asked about him.

"We fired Eddie," said the manager.

"Have you anyone in mind for the vacancy?" queried the customer.

"No," replied the manager. "The

fact is Eddie didn't leave a vacancy."
—Canadian Underwriter.

"Sorry, old man, that my hen got loose and scratched up your garden."
"That's all right, my dog ate your hen."

"Fine! I just ran over your dog."

SEARCY PAYS INDEBTEDNESS ON EDUCATIONAL BUILDING

By J. ALBERT GATLIN, Pastor

AMONG the outstanding achievements of the Searcy Methodist Church during the conference year closing was the completion of payment on the educational building which was planned and built during the pastorate of Rev. C. N. Guice. Payment of the total indebtedness of \$15,000 was completed on Sunday morning, May 21st, when R. D. Caldwell, chairman of the Board of Stewards, presented to J. H. McElwee, who held the mortgage papers, a check for the final payment of \$7,500. A campaign called the "Methodist Men's Victory Flight to the Promised Land" enlisted more than two hundred men in a whirlwind campaign to raise the final installment. A \$2,000.00 gift by an unknown donor made the campaign easier to conclude. A considerable amount of the indebtedness was covered with pledges. The victory flight concluded the debt payment which leaves church buildings valued at \$220,000.00 clear of debt. In addition to this expenditure \$7,314.00 has been collected for redecoration of the church sanctuary. A new roof has already been put on and pledges made to complete redecoration of the interior. The church raised this year for all purposes a cash total of \$35,305.00.

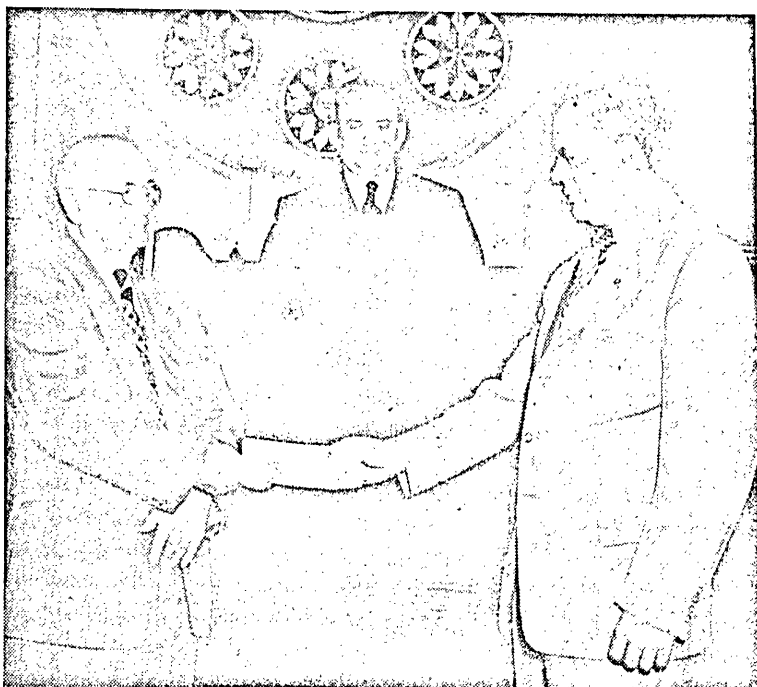
At the Fourth Quarterly Conference reports reflected the setting up of a complete organization and program for the church during the year, including scouting for Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts, and Girl Scouts with more than one hundred youngsters enrolled in this program. A Young Adult Department was organized and is doing outstanding work. The Rural Church Program has been initiated with lay speakers conducting worship services in the nearby rural churches and assisting in every way possible to enrich the church life in surrounding communities.

Visitation and the regular revival services brought eighty new persons into the church during the year. The work of the W. S. C. S. has been outstanding in every aspect, not only

for the local group but in the rural churches in this area. The Methodist Men's Brotherhood has been active and effective throughout the year. The Church School enrollment has shown approximately twenty per cent increase with the

choir director, three splendid organists, and a fine corp of singers. A financial system and mail contact service has been initiated through the business office set up by the Board of Stewards.

The Methodist Church in Searcy



Left to right: J. H. McElwee, Rev. J. Albert Gatlin and R. D. Caldwell as check for \$7,500.00, the final payment on the new Educational building, is delivered.

average attendance showing a good margin of increase. The Youth Department has gone forward in a splendid way. Seven of our young people were in the assembly at Conway. A recreational program is held each Tuesday evening for Intermediates and a snack supper is given for the Senior Young People and Intermediates each Sunday at 6:15 P. M. The Home Department of the Church School recorded more than 400 visits during the year to shut-ins with suitable literature distributed.

Attendance at all worship services has been most heartening. The worship services have been made more inspiring by music led by a splendid

has a glorious heritage and looks forward to a greater and brighter future. During the past two years it has been the writer's privilege to serve this great and good people. It is with a sense of deep regret that he severs his relationship as pastor in charge to enter another, though related, field of service. The many expressions of appreciation from leaders and members, including children and youth, bring a great sense of satisfaction though it deepens the feeling of regret as the day of departure draws nearer. The writer bespeaks for his successor a great pastorate among a great people.

Even before Whistler painted his mother's portrait he etched her with words. "I don't know as how you would say she was exactly fine looking," he once said gently, and paused as though trying to imagine how she would look to a stranger—"un-

til you speak to her. Then she's beautiful."—Irving Hoffman, Hollywood Reporter.

To say you don't believe in world government is to place yourself in the position of the person who dies

from acute alcoholism while shouting that drink never hurt anybody. —Decorah (Ia.) Public Opinion.

Too many men conduct their lives on the cafeteria plan—self-service only.—Fraternal Monitor.

HATFIELD CIRCUIT

The Hatfield Circuit is moving onward in a fine way. Our pastor, Rev. C. E. Lawrence, is doing a fine job in keeping things in good shape. He is loved by the people who have heard his plain gospel preaching. The Gilham Church has added two Sunday School rooms which were badly needed. With John Gillian as superintendent the church school is gaining in numbers and the future looks promising for this group of faithful workers.

The Wickes Church has a band of real Christian workers. Cue Stemple is at the head of most of the church affairs, and things are moving on in a fine way. These good people have made some substantial improvements on the church property.

Vandervoort has a faithful band of people, who have the Lord's work well in hand, and with Mrs. Sherman at the helm, the church will move on to greater heights. These good folks have also made improvements along the way of bettering conditions in all church work.

Cove has for their leader R. S. Dagenhart. He is principal of the public school. He is a capable leader, and the church will move on to bless and give comfort to all who may attend its services.

Old Cove Church has made wonderful progress along all lines. Their church building was totally destroyed by fire some two years ago. With no insurance on the property, this was a real blow to the entire community. Services were held in an old vacant building near by, while plans were being made for a new church building. Today a new church stands at a better location, complete and without any indebtedness. Uncle Jim Rose has the church school in hand, and these energetic citizens are going right on working for the cause of Christ.

The Hatfield Church is in fairly good shape. Four rooms have been added, with a 30-30 basement. Butane system has been installed in the church building, and will soon be extended to the parsonage.

All together, there has been about \$4,000 spent on the circuit for building and repair work on church property.

The spiritual outlook is good. The Lord is blessing these hill folks with some of his choice blessings.—L. A. Cummings

An optimist is a man who marries his secretary thinking he'll continue to be able to dictate to her.—Typo Graphic.

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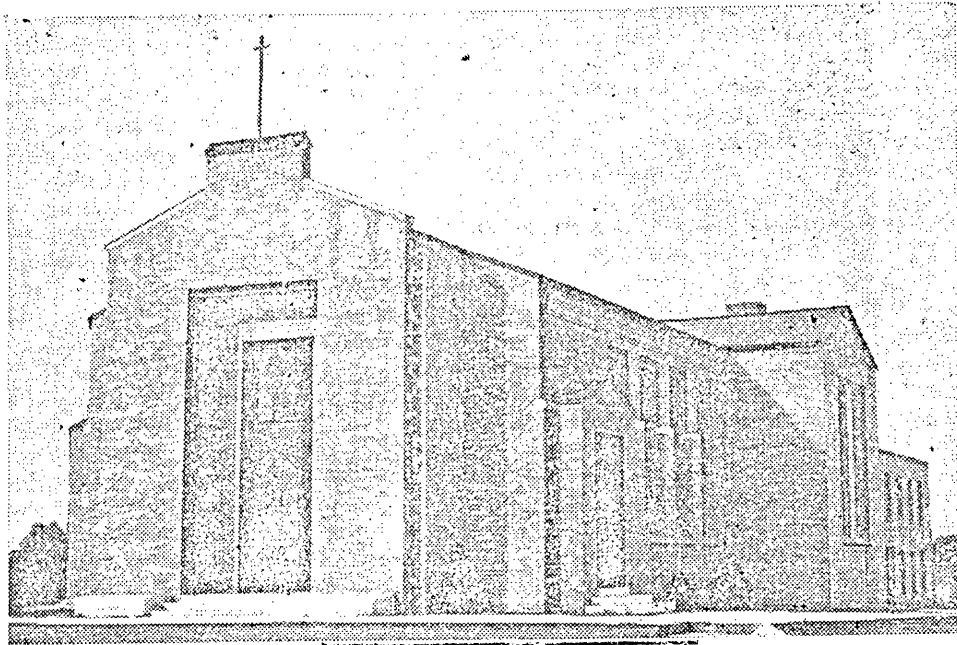
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North Little Rock, Arkansas

The North Arkansas Conference



GARDNER MEMORIAL, Seat of Conference

GARDNER MEMORIAL METHODIST CHURCH

There are exactly 1,107 people today who will rise up and say that Gardner Memorial Church located at 18th and Schaer streets, North Little Rock is the best church in the whole world. Perhaps more than that but there are surely 1,107 for that is the enrollment of the church which will play host to the North Arkansas Annual Conference June 14-18.

Gardner was organized as a mission in 1903 to the Dye Memorial Methodist Church, now known as First Methodist Church with a very small membership. The location of the church, which has remained in the same block was then on the outskirts of the City in a very densely populated section. Rev. N. E. Gardner was pastor of Dye Memorial and promoted the work of the new mission. Gardner remained as a mission for one year. During the conference year 1903-04 Rev. D. H. Conyers was associated with the

Rev. Mr. Gardner as junior pastor. It is said that Rev. Mr. Conyers did his most abiding work at Gardner. It was during the pastorate of these two men that the first church building was constructed. It was a concrete veneer building 28 x 40 feet. The building was used for 25 years, being removed in 1929. Members of the first building committee were: C. E. Moore, Jerry Miller, M. E. Hayes and Lon Ellis.

In 1904 Rev. W. E. Hall was appointed as the first regular pastor of the church. During his pastorate the first parsonage was built.

Rev. F. E. Taylor served as pastor one year, being appointed December 15, 1907.

Rev. S. L. Cochran was appointed pastor December 20, 1908 but served only a short time, dying in May 1909. Rev. J. M. Tarkington and T. O. Rorie finished out the year.

Rev. H. H. Hunt was appointed pastor December 5, 1909 and served for two years. It was in 1910, the Rev. Mr. Hunt's first

year that the church met its budget in full for the first time in its history.

Rev. I. D. McClure was appointed to Gardner in December 1911

REV. VERNON E. CHALFANT
Pastor, Gardner MemorialBISHOP PAUL E. MARTIN
Presiding Bishop

and served for four years. During his pastorate the East Argenta Mission, now Washington Avenue Methodist was started. Rev. J. W. Mitchener, a local preacher of Gardner was responsible in a large measure for the work of the mission. The Rev. Mr. McClure of course assisted him. The mission remained under Gardner's supervision until 1919.

In November, 1915, Rev. C. F. Hively was appointed as pastor of Gardner and served five years, being the first pastor to serve more than four years. It was during his pastorate that the first addition was made to the original chapel. It was during the Rev. Mr. Hively's pastorate that the Levy Church was organized known then as the Hively Memorial. This was in 1920.

In November 1920 Rev. Edward Forrest was appointed as pastor of Gardner, and served six years. These were good years. During this time another addition was made to the church and a temporary building was constructed for class work. This period showed a

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DR. KENNETH W. COPELAND
Pastor, Travis Park Church,
San Antonio, Texas

from 1942-1945. During his pas-
torate plans for the new sanctuary
were started and plans drawn by
John P. Almand. Members of the
building committee appointed at
this time were: B. M. Huddleston,
W. M. O'Quin, S. R. Gray, Willis
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Goss, Mrs. B. O. Briley, Mrs. Joe
Hirschy and J. R. Herman.

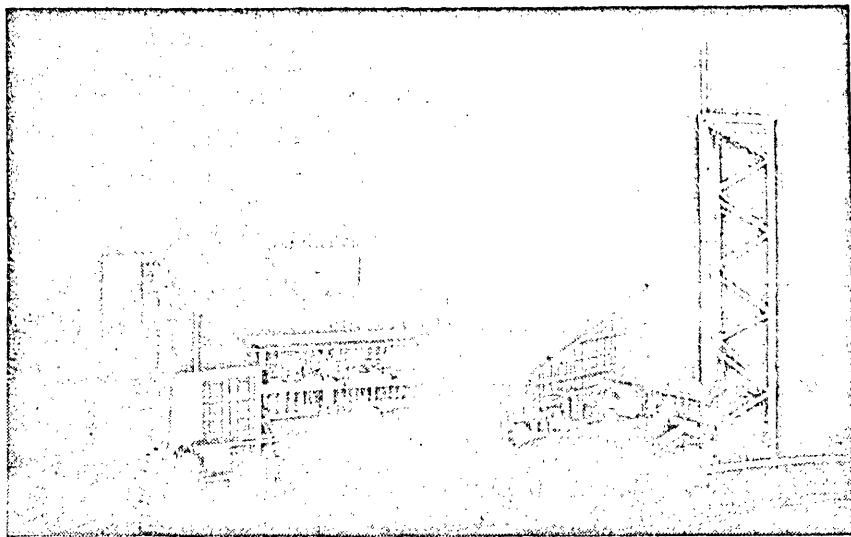
In 1945 Rev. Vernon L. Chalfant
came to Gardner and then on
August 17, 1946 a tragic event
took place; the educational build-
ing burned completely to the
ground. All equipment was lost
including the church library, nine
pianos, choir music and vestments
the church's first communion set,
Bible etc., which were treasured
very much.

Though the fire occurred on
Friday night, not a single church
service was missed. Roy Coch-
ran, owner and manager of the
JuRoy Theatre, the neighborhood
movie, offered the use of the
theatre for morning services.
Church school services were held

at the McRae School which was
also nearby and the evening serv-
ices were held on the church
lawn. When winter came the eve-
ning services were held in the
North Little Rock Boys' club.



DR. JAMES W. WORKMAN
Pastor, First Methodist



FIRST METHODIST CHURCH

It was during these days when
men and women of the church
were truly tried—especially the
pastor and his wife, but soon
church building plans were re-
drawn and it was decided to build
a sanctuary and part of the edu-
cational building. The first two
buildings for usage were secured
at Camp Robinson.

Since the parsonage would have
to be moved to make room for
the church building it was de-
cided to build a new parsonage
directly south of the church and
use the old parsonage for Sun-
day school rooms.

And now it is June 1950 and
the entire issue of the METH-
ODIST could not hold all the
things that have been done. The
new sanctuary, a beautiful red
brick, has almost been completed.
Inside the building, the chancel
is a thing of beauty. The com-
munion table, the chancel rails
etc., have been done in red wood,
wood secured by the pastor from
his father's mill in Augusta, at
no cost to the church. The par-
sonage has also been completed
and is very beautiful.

The last few months have found
the members at Gardner very
busy getting ready for the annual
conference and though much
more might be written here about
the accomplishments of these past
few years suffice it to say—come
to annual conference and see for
yourself. We're really anxious to
have all of you come to see us
and we are trying to be in
readiness to make you have the
finest time you've ever had at an
annual Conference.

HISTORY OF FIRST CHURCH, NORTH LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS

The North Little Rock First
Methodist Church has an interest-
ing history and prospect.

Argenta Mission first had Rev.
G. A. Dannelly pastor in 1881, in
the twelfth year of the White
River Conference's history. The
Charge continued as Argenta Mis-
sion until 1890 at 3rd and Main
when Dye's Chapel was erected
with W. H. Lamberson as con-

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Condensed Minutes Of Little Rock Conference

The Minutes of the Little Rock Annual Conference of The Methodist Church, held in Hot Springs, Arkansas, from June 7, 1950, through June 11, 1950, Bishop Paul E. Martin, Presiding.

Part I. Organization and General Business

1. Who are elected for the quadrennium: Secretary? R. B. Moore, 1060 Caddo, Arkadelphia, Ark. Statistician? Louis W. Averitt, Dumas, Arkansas. Treasurer? C. E. Hayes, 417 Donaghey Bldg, Little Rock, Ark.

2. Is the Annual Conference incorporated? No.

3. (a) What officers handling funds of the conference have been bonded, and in what amounts? C. E. Hayes, \$25,000; J. S. M. Cannon, \$28,000; C. M. Atchley, \$500; Otto W. Teague, \$7,500; James H. Johnson, \$5,000; Fred Gantt, \$5,000; J. Ralph Clayton, \$10,000. (b) Have the books of said officers been audited? Yes.

4. Have the boards, commissions, or committees been appointed or elected? (a) Board of Ministerial Training and Qualifications? Yes. (b) Committee on Conference Relations? Yes. (c) Committee on Accepted Supply Pastors? Yes. (d) Committee of Investigation? Yes. (e) District Boards of Location and Building? Yes. (f) Board of Trustees of the Annual Conference? Yes. (g) Conference Commission on World Service and Finance? Yes. (h) Town and Country Commission? Yes. (i) Conference Deacons Board? Yes. (j) Conference Board of Missions and Church Extension? Yes. (k) Conference Board of Education? Yes. (l) Conference Board of Temperance? Yes. (m) Conference Board of Lay Activities? Yes. (n) Conference Board of Hospitals and Homes? Yes. (o) Conference Board of Evangelism? Yes. (p) Board of Conference Claimants? Yes. (q) Commission on Christian Vocations? Yes. (r) Conference Woman's Society of Christian Service? Yes. (s) Committee on Proportional Payment of Ministerial Support? Yes. (t) Other committees, commissions, or boards? See Conf. Journal.

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

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

7. What is the schedule for minimum support for pastors? \$1400 for single men; \$1600 for married men.

8. What is the plan and what are the approved claims for the support of the district superintendents for the ensuing year? Amount equal to nearest \$100 to average of the salaries received by ten pastors in ten churches paying highest salaries with 20% additional expense up to \$1200.

9. What amount has been apportioned to the pastoral charges within the conference to be raised for the support of conference claimants? An amount equivalent to 7% to 14% of Pastor's salaries.

10. What are the apportionments transmitted by the General Commission on World Service and Finance to this conference: (a) For World Service? \$56,221. (b) For

Episcopal Fund? 1 3/4% pastors salary paid. (c) For General Administration Fund? \$2,970.

11. What amount is apportioned to this conference for the Jurisdictional Administration Fund? \$3,060.

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

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

14. What date is determined for Golden Cross enrollment? Second Sunday in May, 1951.

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

Part II. Pertaining to Ministerial Relations

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

17. Who are the accepted supply pastors? Albert Burroughs, Raymond Coulson, Horace Grogan, E. T. McAfee, John P. Miles, Connie Robins, Hollis Simpson, William H. Watson, W. W. Barron, Bruce Bean, Scott Thomas Christie, R. M. Crain, C. B. Harris, C. V. Holeman, Irl S. Lancaster, Ralph S. Mann, D. L. McCauley, H. R. Nabors, J. R. Callcott, Claude Clark, W. M. Crow, George L. Glasgow, W. D. Gray, C. L. Lawrence, H. W. Worthey, Joe Arnold, Harold K. Davis, John B. Hays, S. T. Hollowell, Donald R. Jones, J. D. Martin, Ralph Vandlingham, P. D. Alston, Fred A. Mead, J. C. VanHorn, W. E. West, Mrs. Rose P. Carithers, James Constable, Bryon Crosby, William R. Davis, Palmer Garner, Edward Hollenbeck, John L. Kauffman, W. C. Onstead, Hurshel Richert, Claude Stone, Jr.

18. What accepted supply pastors now under full-time appointment are taking the conference course of study: (a) In the first year? Ralph S. Mann, H. W. Worthy. (b) In the second year? Bruce Bean. (c) In the third year? J. R. Callcott, Mrs. Rose Carithers. (d) In the fourth year? W. C. Onstead.

19. What preachers, coming from other churches, have had their orders recognized? None.

20. Who have been received from other churches as traveling preachers? None.

21. Who are received on trial: (a) In studies of the first year? Raymond L. Diffie, Charlie Vann Mashburn, Robert Orris Simpson, Lee Gray Wilson.

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

year? Virgil C. Gell, Harold Scott. (b) Continued in studies of the second year? William Elder and Fred Wesley Reutz. (c) Exempt from course of study under the seminary rule? Barry Bailey, Jeff Davis, Jr.

23. Who on trial are discontinued? None.

24. Who are admitted into full connection? David M. Hankins, Jr., Jeff Davis, Jr.

25. What full members are in studies: (a) Of the third year? Jeff Davis, Jr., David M. Hankins, Jr. (b) Of the fourth year? O. W. Hoover, Robert L. Riffin, Robert Scott, Alfred DeBlack.

26. What full members have failed to complete the studies: (a) Of the third year? Joe Hunter. (b) Of the fourth year? Gerald Clyde Dean.

27. What full members have completed the studies of the fourth year? Howard L. Williams, Osburne Elvern White.

28. Who have been elected deacons: (a) As local preachers? Joy R. Callicott, James Charley Van Horn, Charles Leonard Martin. (b) Under the seminary rule? David M. Hankins, Jr., Jefferson E. Davis, Jr., Lamar Barry Bailey.

29. Who have been ordained deacons? Joy R. Callicott, James Charley Van Horn, David M. Hankins, Jr., Jefferson E. Davis, Jr., Charles Leonard Martin.

30. Who have been elected elders: (a) As local preachers? None. (b) As local deacons who have been received on trial? Charles V. Mashburn. (c) As conference members in the course of study? Osburne Elvern White. (d) Under the seminary rule? Howard Lytle Williams.

31. Who have been ordained elders? Charles Vanus Mashburn, Osburne Elvern White, Howard Lytle Williams.

32. Relative to accommodation transfers for ordination and reception: None.

33. Who are readmitted: (a) As deacons? None. (b) As elders? Warren D. Golden.

34. Who have been received by transfer? J. C. English, Elder, New Mexico Conf., June 11, 1950; Cecil R. Culver, Elder, North Arkansas Conf., June 11, 1950.

35. Who have been transferred out? John M. McCormack, Elder, North Arkansas Conf., June 11, 1950; Barry Bailey, Probationer, Texas Conf., June 11, 1950; Paul V. Gallo-way, Elder, East Oklahoma Conf., June 11, 1950; Joe B. Roe, Elder, Nebraska Conf., June 11, 1950.

36. Who have had their conference membership terminated: (a) By voluntary location? None. (b) By involuntary location? None. (c) By withdrawal? John William Hammons, to unite with another Church; Hal H. Pinnell, under complaints. (d) By judicial procedure (expelled)? None.

37. What ministerial members have died during the year? M. O. Barnett.

38. Who are the supernumerary ministers, and for what number of years consecutively has each held this relation? Robert L. Long, one year.

39. Who are granted sabbatical leave? None.

40. What ministers have been retired: (a) This year? Robert H. Cannon, L. C. Gatlin, George W. Robertson, George Townsend. (b) Previously? T. M. Armstrong, H. A.

F. Ault, J. D. Baker, S. K. Burnett, F. C. Cannon, Thomas P. Clark, J. L. Criswell, C. B. Davis, J. R. Diffie, F. P. Doak, S. L. Durham, Roy E. Farr, W. W. Fincher, B. F. Fitzhugh, J. O. Gold, E. D. Hanna, W. T. Hopkins, J. L. Leonard, W. C. Lewis, J. A. Newell, J. W. Nethercutt, T. W. Nunn, J. B. Pickering, R. J. Rail, John Rodgers, J. D. Rogers, J. B. Sims, L. R. Sparks, A. N. Stonecipher, J. W. Thomas, C. M. Thompson, R. C. Walsh, D. L. Wilcox, J. M. Workman.

41. Who are left without appointment to attend school? David M. Hankins, Jr., Jefferson E. Davis, Jr., Robert A. Simpson.

42. What is the number of: (a) Pastoral charges? 174. Received on trial? 4. Transfers in? 2. Received from other churches? 0. Discontinued? 0. Accepted supply pastors? 48. Received into full connection? 2. Transfers out? 4. Readmitted? 1. Withdrawn? 2. Expelled? 0. Deceased? 1. Located? 0. (b) Ministers: (1) On trial: (a) As pastors? 6. (b) Under special appointment? 1. (c) Left without appointment to attend school? 3. Total on trial? 10. (2) In full connection: (a) Effective: (i) As pastors and district superintendents? 116. (ii) Under special appointment? 10. (iii) Left without appointment to attend school? 2. (iv) On sabbatical leave? 0. Total effective? 128. (b) Retired? 37. (c) Supernumerary? 1. (c) Total of all ministers? 176.

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

Part III. Concluding Business

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

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

46. What are the detailed objectives of this conference for the coming year? See Reports in Journals.

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

48. Is there any further business? None.

49. What changes have been made in appointments since last Annual Conference session? See Journal.

50. Where are the preachers stationed for the ensuing year? (See List of Appointments.)

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Arkadelphia Circuit, Hollis Simpson 1.
Arkadelphia, John B. Hefley 6.
Bismarck Circuit, Ray Coulson 1.
Caddo Circuit, W. H. Watson 3.
Dalark Circuit, Horace Grogan 1.
Delight Circuit, Joe Hunter 1.
Fountain Lake, To be supplied.
Friendship Circuit, C. V. Holiman 1.
Glenwood, Robert S. Beasley 4.
Gurdon, George E. Reutz 5.
Hot Springs Circuit, Albert Burroughs 4.
Hot Springs Churches: First Church, E. C. Rule 1. Grand Avenue, C. Ray Hozendorf 3. Oaklawn, Noel Cross 1. Pullman Heights, H. R. Holland 4. Tigert-Morning Star, L. R. Sparks 2.
Malvern Churches: First Church, Van W. Harrell 1. Keith Memorial, W. S. Cazort 1.
Mt. Ida, Osborne White 1.
Murfreesboro, A. W. Hamilton 1.
Murfreesboro Circuit, A. N. Youngblood 2.
Okolona Circuit, E. T. McAfee 2.
Piney Grove, S. K. Burnett 2.
Rockport, J. R. Diffie 2.
Shorewood Hills, J. D. Baker 3.
Sparkman-Sardis, C. Everett Patton 2.
Traskwood Circuit, H. A. F. Ault 2.
Director of Arkansas Methodist, C. Ray Hozendorf.
District Director of Evangelism, J. A. Wade.
District Missionary Secretary, John B. Hefley.
District Director R. M. E., Van H. Harrell.
District Director Radio, E. C. Rule.
Conference Evangelist, J. A. Wade.
Conference Evangelist, R. E. Simpson.
Camp Director, R. H. Richert.

CAMDEN DISTRICT

Connor Morehead, District
Superintendent 2

Bearden, O. C. Birdwell 1.
Bradley-Garland, O. W. Hoover 2.
Buckner Circuit, Myron Pearce 4.
Camden Churches: Fairview, Charles H. Giessen 3. First Church, W. Neill Hart 4.
Chidester, Rayford L. Diffie 1.
Columbia Circuit, G. B. Pixley 1.
Dumas Memorial-Calion, Ralph S. Mann 3.
El Dorado Churches: Centennial, Thomas Christie 2. First Church, Edward W. Harris 2. Vantrease, J. D. Montgomery 4.
Emerson Circuit, To be supplied.
Harmony Grove, H. R. Nabors 7.
Holly Springs Circuit, Irl S. Lancaster 1.
Junction City, W. Braska Savage 4.
Lewisville, James Simpson 5.
Louann, R. M. Crain 2.
Magnolia Circuit, C. B. Harris 5.
Magnolia Churches: First Church, J. C. English 1. Jackson Street, W. R. Boyd 3.
Marysville-Fredonia, K. K. Carithers 1.
Norphlet, S. B. Mann 2.
Parker's Chapel-Pleasant Grove, Robert W. Core 1.
Princeton Circuit, Bruce H. Bean 2.
Smackover, A. C. Carraway 2.
Stamps, M. E. Scott 3.
Stephens, Alfred I. Doss 3.

Taylor Circuit, C. E. Lawrence 1.
Village, D. L. McCauley 3.
Waldo, J. Wayne Mann 3.
District Director of Evangelism, Alfred I. Doss.
District Director of Radio, Edward W. Harris.
District Missionary Secretary, A. C. Carraway.
District Director of Arkansas Methodist, W. R. Boyd.
District Director of R. M. E., J. D. Montgomery.

HOPE DISTRICT

E. D. Galloway, District
Superintendent 3

Ashdown, W. D. Golden 3.
Bingen Circuit, Connie Robbins 1.
Blevins Circuit, Cagle E. Fair 2.
De Queen, John L. Tucker 2.
Dierks, John W. Rushing 5.
Doddridge Circuit, W. M. Crow 2.
Emmet Circuit, L. E. Wilson 3.
Foreman, Howard Williams 1.
Hatfield Circuit, Coy Rodgers 1.
Hope, J. M. Hamilton 2.
Horatio Circuit, E. T. Miller 3.
Lockesburg Circuit, J. R. Callcott 1.
Mena, Mark F. Vaught 5.
Mena Circuit, Virgil Bell 2.
Mineral Springs Circuit, L. O. Lee 4.
Nashville, George G. Meyer 4.
Prescott, W. R. Burks 3.
Prescott Circuit, G. L. Glasgow 2.
Richmond Circuit, Claud Clark 3.
Spring Hill Circuit, S. L. Durham 4.
Texarkana Churches: College Hill, D. James McCammon 1. Fairview, C. H. Farmer 2. First Church, Fred R. Harrison 2.
Texarkana Circuit, Cleve H. Gilliam 3.
Washington Circuit, W. C. Lewis 4.
Winthrop, M. T. Rose 3.
District Missionary Secretary, George G. Meyer.
District Director of Arkansas Methodist, W. R. Burks.
District Director of Evangelism, Fred R. Harrison.
District Director R. M. E., Cagle E. Fair.
District Director of Radio, J. M. Hamilton.

LITTLE ROCK DISTRICT

Francis A. Buddin, District
Superintendent 1

Austin Circuit, J. R. Martin 1.
Bauxite, O. L. Thompson 3.
Benton, H. O. Bolin 2.
Bethlehem Circuit, Joe Arnold 1.
Bryant Circuit, F. W. Reutz 1.
Carlisle, Richard Perry 5.
Carlisle Circuit, Ralph Vanlandingham 1.
Des Arc-New Bethel, A. C. Rogers 3.
DeValls Bluff-Sardis, John Butler Hays 3.
Douglasville, Gerry C. Dean 4.
Geyer Springs, S. T. Baugh 1.
Hazen, Harold D. Sadler 3.
Hickory Plains Circuit, C. C. Vanzant 1.
Little Rock Churches: Asbury, R. A. Terry 4, Associate, Robert McCammon 2. Capitol View, Doyle T. Rowe 2. First Church, A. G. Walton 7, Associate, J. Edwin Keith 3. Forrest Park, Ralph Sewell 5. Henderson, Kirvin A. Hale 3. Highland, William L. Arnold 2. Hunter Memorial, Fred L. Arnold 2. Oak Forest, D. Mouzon Mann 6. Pulaski Heights, J. Kenneth Shamblin 3. St. Marks-

Chenault, Harold Davis 3. Scott Street, Rufus S. Sorrells 4. Twenty-Eighth St., Clyde Parsons 1. Winfield, Cecil R. Culver 1.
Little Rock Circuit, C. D. Meux 1.
Lonoke, J. E. Dunlap 5.
Mabelvale, Alfred De Black 8.
Mt. View, Donald Jones 1.
Primrose, H. D. Ginther 3.
Roland Circuit, S. T. Hollowell 2.
Executive Secretary Conference Board of Education, Roy E. Fawcett.
Deaconess, Little Rock Council, Margaret Marshall.
District Missionary Secretary, Doyle T. Rowe.
District Director of Arkansas Methodist, S. T. Baugh.
District Director of Evangelism, Fred L. Arnold.
District Director R. M. E., H. O. Bolin.
District Director of Radio, Robert McCammon.
Conference Missionary Secretary, J. E. Dunlap.

MONTICELLO DISTRICT

T. T. McNeal, District
Superintendent 6

Crossett, Dan R. Robinson 1.
Dermott, C. M. Atchley 3.
Drew Circuit, To be supplied.
Dumas, Louis W. Averitt 3.
Eudora, Robert O. Beck 5.
Fordyce, R. A. Teeter 4.
Fountain Hill Circuit, W. E. West 2.
Hamburg-Snyder, M. W. Miller 3.
Hampton-Harrell, Claud O. Hall 3.
Hermitage Circuit, S. W. Mooty 1.
Associate Pastor, Mrs. S. W. Mooty 1.
Huttig, P. D. Alston 2.
Kingsland, Fred Mead 3.
Lake Village, Fred W. Schwendimann 3.
McGehee, J. Ralph Clayton 3.
Monticello, Roland E. Darrow 5.
Mt. Tabor, John Kauffman 1.
New Edinburgh Circuit, C. R. Andrews 3.
Parkdale, J. C. Van Horn 1.
Portland-Montrose, Clem Baker 6.
Star City, Eldred Blakely 4.
Strong Circuit, Joe H. Robinson 1.
Thornton Circuit, George C. Bailey 3.
Tillar-Winchester, Omma L. Daniel 1.
Warren, J. E. Cooper 2.
Watson-Kelso, W. T. Bone 5.
Wilmar Circuit, L. C. Gatlin 1.
Wilnot-Miller, George W. Warren 2.
District Director of Arkansas Methodist, Fred W. Schendimann.
District Director of Evangelism, C. M. Atchley.
District Missionary Secretary, J. E. Cooper.
District Director R. M. E., Clem Baker.
District Director of Radio, Louis W. Averitt.

PINE BLUFF DISTRICT

J. L. Dedman, District
Superintendent 4

Almyra, Harould Scott 2.
Alzheimer-Wabbaseka, Robert L. Riffin 1.
Bayou Meto, Palmar Garner 4.
Carhage, W. W. Barron 1.
DeWitt, O. E. Holmes 1.
England, Charles W. Richards 3.
Gillett, Everette Vinson 2.
Good Faith, B. F. Fitzhugh 1.
Grady-Gould, L. Gray Wilson 1.
Humphrey-Sunshine, Claude Stone, Jr., 1.

Keo, Curtis Williams 1.
Leola, W. D. Gray 1.
Little Prairie, Byron Grosbey 1.
Pine Bluff Churches: Carr Memorial, John L. Hoover 5. First Church, Kenneth L. Spore 3. Hawley Memorial, C. D. Cade 7. Lakeside, Otto W. Teague 6.
Plainview, To be supplied.
Rison, George Kerr 2.
Roe Circuit, James Constable 1.
Rowell Circuit, W. C. Onstead 1.
Sheridan, Bryan Stephens 2.
Sherrill-Tucker, A. E. Jacobs 3.
St. Charles, William Davis 1.
Stuttgart Churches: First Church, Virgil D. Keeley 6. Grand Avenue, A. J. Christie 2.
Swan Lake, Claude R. Roy 4.
Whitehall, Edward Hollenbeck 3.
District Director of Arkansas Methodist, A. J. Christie.
District Director of Evangelism, Virgil D. Keeley.
District Director R. M. E., Kenneth L. Spore.
District Missionary Secretary, Otto W. Teague.
District Director of Radio, A. J. Christie.

SPECIAL APPOINTMENTS

With Annuity Claims

Roy E. Fawcett, Executive Secretary of Education.
R. H. Richert, Camp Director, Little Rock Conference Camp.
William Elder, Missionary in Japan.

Without Annuity Claims

James Robert Scott, Yale Divinity School.
Francis Christie, Instructor, S. M. U. Department of Religion.
Earl R. Lewis, Chaplain, Veterans' Administration.
Charles W. Baughman, Student, Hebrew Union College.
Margaret Marshall, Deaconess, Little Rock Council.

Left Without Appointment to Attend School

David M. Hankins, Jr., Perkins School of Theology, S. M. U.
Robert A. Simpson, Perkins School of Theology, S. M. U.
Jeff Davis, Jr., Perkins School of Theology, S. M. U.

Transferred In

J. C. English, An Elder, From New Mexico Conference.
Cecil R. Culver, An Elder, From North Arkansas Conference.

Transferred Out

John M. McCormack, An Elder, to North Arkansas Conference.
Barry Bailey, Probationer, to Texas Conference.
Paul V. Galloway, An Elder, to East Oklahoma Conference.
Joe B. Roe, An Elder, to Nebraska Conference.

List of Workers Serving Woman's Division Projects

Margaret Marshall, Deaconess, Little Rock Council.
Olivia Bradley, Deaconess, Director of Christian Education, First Church, Camden.

We do not live by bread but by books. To live is to progress. Without books we are but barbarians, savages, aborigines, for it was by the written word that man has lifted himself far above the brute creation.
—Jay Lewis, *Other Men's Minds*, edited by Phyllis Hanson (Putnam).

WOMAN'S SOCIETY OF CHRISTIAN SERVICE

MRS. SUE M. WAYLAND, Editor

LITTLE ROCK DISTRICT ANNUAL MEETING

The annual meeting of the Little Rock District met at Winfield Church May 12, with 193 ladies registering.

The opening meditation was given by Mrs. Faye Nunnally. Mrs. E. B. Matkin, district president, presided. During the report of Mrs. Ewing T. Wayland, district promotion secretary, each society made a report of its achievements for the year. The promotion secretary summed up the year's work in the district and showed that substantial gains had been made. She displayed a birthday cake representing the tenth birthday of the Woman's Society of Christian Service.

Mrs. F. L. Crouse spoke on "Where does Christian Citizenship begin?". Mrs. Earl Perkins spoke on work of Missionary Education and announced the School of Missions to be held at Hendrix College, June 19-23.

Mrs. E. B. Matkin and Mrs. Russell Henderson gave reports of the Assembly at Cleveland.

Mrs. Edwin Stewart presided at the luncheon, at which time fourteen Life Memberships were presented. One of the number was Mrs. Dora Hopkins of Mabelvale, who has served in the Missionary Societies for over fifty years. She is retiring this year as secretary of Children's Work in the Little Rock District.

The following officers were elected for the district: President, Mrs. E. B. Matkin; Vice-president, Mrs. R. J. Tole; Recording Secretary, Mrs. E. L. Santee; Treasurer, Mrs. Fred Longstretch; Promotion Secretary, Mrs. Ewing T. Wayland; Missionary Education, Mrs. Earl Perkins, Carlisle; C. R. S., Mrs. F. L. Crouse; Wesleyan Guild, Miss Ollie Hall; Children's Work, Mrs. Edgar Dixon; Student Work, Mrs. Fred Arnold; Literature and Publication, Mrs. R. L. James; Supplies, Mrs. M. E. Couch; Spiritual Life, Mrs. Faye Nunnally; Status of Women, Mrs. J. W. Douglass; Missionary Personnel, Mrs. C. B. Nelson; Research, Miss Margaret Marshall.

The Commitment Service and Installation was in charge of Mrs. Paul Galloway and Miss Ruby Galloway. —Reporter.

The man who monopolizes the conversation usually monotonizes it. —Coal-Getter.

ARKANSAS SCHOOL OF MISSIONS

WHAT—School of Missions Little Conference and North Arkansas Conference

WHERE—Hendrix College, Conway, Arkansas

WHEN—June 19-23
First Session 7:00 p. m.

First Meal 5:30 p. m.

WHO—District Officers, Members of Local Societies, Conference Officers

WHY—1. Participation; 2. Knowledge; 3. Enrichment.

HEAR—Dan E. Schooler, Muskogee, Okla.

NORTH ARKANSAS W. S. C. S. FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR MARCH, APRIL, AND MAY

Receipts:	
W. S. C. S. Pledge	\$ 9,440.11
Missionary Projects	630.43
Special Memberships	2,070.00
"In Remembrance"	155.00
Children	27.38
Youth	7.00
	12,329.92
Week of Prayer	163.85
Narcotic Education	228.31
World Federation	15.13
Dist. Scholarship	82.00
Misc.	63.35
Supplies	1,245.23
	1,798.52
Total	14,128.44
W. S. G. Pledge	1,791.29
Missionary Projects	490.97
Special Memberships	260.00
Scholarships	165.00
	2,707.26
Week of Prayer	15.50
Narcotic Education	45.37
"Virginia Guffey"	6.00
Picture Fund	7.00
Dist. Scholarship	20.00
Supplies	181.35
	275.22
Totals	2,982.48
Total Received from District Treasurers	17,110.92
Received Otherwise:	
M. F. Y.	162.23
Col. at Conf. for China	162.63
2 Baby Membership and pins	12.00
	336.91
Total Received	\$17,447.83
Disbursements:	
To Division:	
W. S. C. S. Pledge to Missions	\$ 4,441.37
"In Remembrance"	155.00
Missionary Projects	794.00
Special Memberships	2,060.00
	7,450.37
W. S. G. Pledge to Missions	1,650.00
Missionary Projects	440.00
Scholarships	165.00
Special Memberships	260.00
	2,515.00
M. Y. F.	175.87
Children	22.74
Total on Appropriations	10,163.98
Week of prayer	179.35
Supplies, Foreign	300.00
Home	154.10
Supplementary	162.68
Replace Membership Pins	4.50
	800.63
Total Sent Division	10,964.61
Other Disbursements:	
Administrative	384.78
District Cultivation	560.90
V. Guffey (Sunshine Fund)	96.25
Narcotic Education	250.00
Delegates to Assembly	243.91
Refunds	792.00
Audit	25.00
Total	2,352.84
Total Expenditures	\$13,317.45

MRS. BEN DeVOLL, Treasurer

FAYETTEVILLE DISTRICT MEETING

Women of the Fayetteville District were privileged to hear guest speakers of the North Arkansas Conference, when they attended the district meeting at Fayetteville early in May. Mrs. Johnnie McClure, president of the North Arkansas Conference, gave a timely talk on Knowing the Woman's Society of Christian Service. Mrs. H. H. Fulbright, Conference promotional secretary, stressed the four point program. Miss Virginia Guffey showed slides of the work at the Booneville Sanatorium. The highlights of the the national assembly at Cleveland, Ohio, were given by the district president, Mrs. Jessie Gilstrap.

The morning session opened with organ music by Mrs. Gilbert Hyde followed with prayer by Rev. D. L. Dykes. All ministers and wives were presented to the group by Rev. Hook. Mrs. R. K. Bent brought the devotional on Newness of Life—stressing spring housecleaning of your life. 150 members of the district representing 10 societies were well—

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Church; Randolph Ira Burkett, Linda Gail Williamson, Ft. Smith, Goddard Mem.

HELENA DISTRICT: Adult Life Membership: G. D. Triplett, T. B. Murray, Helena; Miss Sue Katherine Branson, Marianna W. S. G. Honorary Baby: Susan Louise Leach, Earle; Bill McCormick, Wynne; Donna Jean Woods, Forrest City. Honorary Junior: Mary Gertrude Dallas, West Memphis.

JONESBORO DISTRICT: Adult Life: Mrs. Eva Kerlin, Wilson; Mrs. W. H. Cross, Lepanto; Mrs. W. W. Richey, Jonesboro, Huntington Ave.; Mrs. S. L. Curtis, Miss Nettie Gray, Osceola; Mrs. C. T. Shamlin Sr., Blytheville, Lake Street; Mrs. J. G. Sudbury, Blytheville, First Church; Mrs. Sidney Stephens, Mrs. W. L. Oliver, Mrs. W. R. Melton, Mrs. Tom Love, Miss Elizabeth Malone (W. S. G.), Jonesboro, First Church; Mrs. John Bibbs, Jonesboro District. Honorary Baby: Linda Lee Sparks, Robin Ritter, Marked Tree; Lucy Pulliam Seagraves, Lepanto; Danny Gale Mills, Harrisburg; Judith Ellen Miller, Richard Samuel Darouse, Janey Louise Rockhold, James Alvin McCall, Jonesboro, Fisher; Shela Ann Gregory, (Turrell); Melinda Tate Guard, Janoel Smith, Lou Ellen Stephens, Michael Morgan Rainwater, Alfred Allen Williams, Blytheville, Fisher; Sally Rosa Steinsiek, Stephen Watson Lutterloh, Jonesboro, First Ch. Honorary Junior: Mary Ann Jerry, (Turrell).

PARAGOULD DISTRICT: Adult Life: Mrs. W. A. Branch, Mrs. W. H. Phillips, Paragould, First Church; Mrs. T. C. Chambliss, Paragould, Griffin Memorial; Mrs. Tarvey Farrell, Paragould First Ch.; Eloise Butler, Paragould District.

SEARCY DISTRICT: Adult Life: Mrs. C. O. Dye, Augusta; Mrs. P. J. Park, Cabot; Mrs. B. N. Ritchey, Harrison. Honorary Baby: Frazier Seymour Joyner Jr., Chyrel Anne Dodd, Michael David Maguire, Augusta.

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HISTORY OF FIRST CHURCH, NORTH LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS

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tractor, and was named after a former pastor, Rev. John H. Dye, the first pastor to serve the charge three years 1883-1885.

In 1877 preaching began at the foot of Main street. In 1878 a Union Sunday School was carried on at Moore's Mill. The Argenta Mission was under the pastorate of Rev. John H. Dye 1883-1885. Three other men had pastorates of three years each before World War I. In 1893-1895 Rev. H. M. Cryer served when the membership was 183. He is the only former pastor buried in North Little Rock. Rev. J. F. Jernigan was pastor in 1910-13 with a Church membership of 246. In 1913 the present Church building at 3rd and Maple had the cornerstone laid. Rev. W. T. Wilkinson was the first new pastor appointed to the new Church 1914-15 in the First Church, North Little Rock. Rev. Fred A. Lark was the first pastor to stay for four years 1917-20 and was followed by Rev. A. E. Holloway 1926-29. In 1930 Rev. Sam B. Wiggins began two years of very significant ministry in the growth of the Church. He was followed by Dr. E. T. Wayland who served four years 1932-35. Rev. A. D. Stewart was the first pastor to serve five years 1941-45, and Rev. J. W. Workman, present pastor, was assigned in October of 1946 and is closing the fourth year, the last year in the old Church and first year of construction of the new Church. During this pastorate three District Superintendents have had a part in planning the new Church, Rev. H. M. Lewis in 1946; Rev. Richard E. Connell in 1947-48; and Dr. C. M. Reves in 1949.

The name of the Charge was changed from Argenta Mission to Argenta Station, Argenta First Church, Dye Chapel, Dye Memorial and North Little Rock First Church in 1913. These different organizations have been located in four different sites, at the foot of Main street, 3rd and Main streets, 3rd and Maple and 22nd at Poplar and Magnolia Streets, the site of the new First Church.

Under the pastorate of Rev. F. P. Jernigan, the present building was constructed, and the name was changed to First Church North Little Rock, replacing Dye Memorial Chapel.

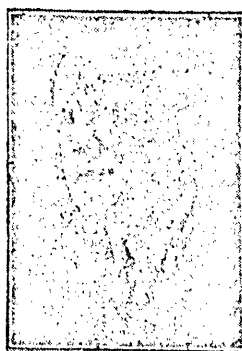
Small beginnings may produce large fruitfulness as is illustrated in the growth of First Church, out of the Mission seventy years ago. Reports are in hand for a half century of this work. In 1914 Argenta

Dr. W. W. Sweet In The Pastors' School

Dr. W. W. SWEET will offer the course on "The Meaning of Methodism" in the Arkansas Pastors' School, July 3-7.

Dr. Sweet received his A. B. degree from Ohio Wesleyan and is also a graduate of Drew Theological Seminary. He did post-graduate work at Columbia and at the University of Pennsylvania from which he received his Ph. D. in 1912.

He has spent the most of his life as a teacher, beginning his teaching career at Ohio Wesleyan in 1911 where he taught American and English history. For fourteen years he was professor of history at DePauw University where he was also dean of the college from 1925-27. He was called to the University of Chicago in 1927 as professor of American Church History and remained there nineteen years. After two years part-time teaching at Garrett and McCormick Theological Seminary, he went to Southern Methodist University in 1948 as professor of American History and Chairman of



W. W. SWEET

the Faculty of Perkins School of Theology.

In the midst of his busy career as a teacher, Dr. Sweet has found time to do extensive writing. He is the author of some twenty or more volumes, most of them on American Church History and several of them on the History of Methodism. He is an ordained minister and a member of the North Indiana Conference.—Roy E. Fawcett.

Church reported that \$804 was paid to the pastor, which was less than the amount estimated. In 1920—\$1,800; in 1930—\$3,000; in 1940—\$4,300; in 1946—\$5,000; in 1950—\$5,600 was paid for support of the Pastor. For Benevolences in 1914 a total of \$124 was paid for Missions; in 1920—\$725; in 1930—\$1600; in 1940—\$1,500; 1946—\$2,500; in 1950—\$3,400, with additional amounts making the benevolent giving for 1950 \$6,000 an amount more than the pastor's salary. The Advance for Christ Fund accounts for \$1,333 of this amount per year. During previous years generous contributions have been given to the Crusade for Christ and to Hendrix College. In the grand total spent for all the Church program in 1914—\$2,847; 1920—\$5,660; 1930—\$12,573; 1940—\$13,227; 1946—\$44,056; 1950—\$177,951.00. This amount includes \$150,000 spent on new church building, which amount has been raised over the past ten years.

The educational growth of the church and the evangelistic progress has shown a relative growth. In 1914 the Church membership was 226; 1920—303; 1930—555; 1940—939; 1946—1487; 1948—1529; 1949—1566; 1950—1602.

No parsonage was reported in 1920. The church building was reported in 1914 at a value of \$20,000 with a debt of \$3,400. The parsonage was built under the pastorate of Rev. Eli Myers before 1925 at a value of \$6,000 and the church building was reported at a value of \$50,000. The present value of the

present property and building fund in hand is \$184,689 and the parsonage \$7,500 with no debt reported for the Conference year. A debt has just been incurred for \$80,000 for construction of the sanctuary, Chapel, offices and three floors of the educational building at the new Church site.

The church has had two assistant ministers, one during the pastorate of Rev. E. H. Hook, Rev. William A. Stewart, Jr.; and in 1947 during the pastorate of Rev. James W. Workman, Miss Louise Long. Part-time youth directors have been employed from time to time.

First Church has cooperated with other churches in organizing a mission beyond the Sea wall which later was liquidated. In cooperation with other churches First Church joined in sponsoring the organization of the Sylvan Hills Methodist Church in 1947. Other extension work has been surveyed under the district board of missions.

A full description of the new plant and site has been given in the public press and the *Arkansas Methodist*.

One of the outstanding advances of the Church has been the increase in the use of Christian Literature. In 1930—19 Advocate and 3 Arkansas Methodist Subscribers were reported; 1940—7 Christian Advocate and 115 Arkansas Methodist subscribers; in 1950—456 Arkansas Methodist subscribers. Bulletins are mailed to each recorded contributor to the church budget and frequent mailings to the congregation keep

the Church program up to date.

In recent years duplicate morning worship services have been held during the seasons of Christmas, Easter, Mother's Day and special events. Musical features by the choirs of the church have been occasions of capacity congregations in the Sanctuary at festival seasons.

North Little Rock First Church was at first in the Searey District of the Arkansas Conference and in 1920 was changed to the Conway District.

Ten young ministers have gone from our congregation and the parsonage homes of First Church pastors and district superintendents: Harold Womack, Ewing T. Wayland, James W. Workman, Jr., John Sparks Workman, and George E. Stewart, Paul Q. Rorie, C. O. Hall, Eugene H. Hall, Connor Morehead and Bill Connell. Lay member families of our Church have sent into the ministry William A. Stewart, Jr., George Trobaugh, Alf M. Eason and Alvin Murray. Into the China Mission Field has gone Pearl McCain.

Memorials in the present building and cornerstone and worship aids will go into the new church from the old church. All memorial windows will be placed in the new First Church Memorial Chapel. One of these Memorial windows reads "The Lord is My Light" memorial by Lillian A. Branch, another given by the Adult Bible Class reads "I am the Bread of Life." As we enter the last quarter of the century of the new first church it promises to continue to fulfill the light and life illuminated in the memorials.

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YOUTH WEEK FOR INTERMEDIATES

First Methodist Church, Little Rock, is observing Youth Week for Intermediates this week, Monday through Friday. The week will close Friday with a swimming party and Chuck Wagon Dinner at Lake Nixon, honoring all graduates of the department, who will be promoted to the Senior Department on June 11.

Following the Snack Supper each evening Lila Bess Keith was in charge of worship services, given by various members of the department on the theme "Jesus' Way—Our Way."

Discussion groups on "Our Ideas of Right and Wrong" were led by Bill Holmes, Hendrix student, and Murray McConnell, Boys' Work Secretary at the Y. M. C. A. These topics were considered: "Right and Wrong in Our Social Life, at School, in Material Things, and in Religious Life," one each evening.

Officers of the department in charge of the week are: Ann Fakes, president; Steve Hill, vice-president; secretary-treasurer, Bill Eshelman; publicity, Leland Kitts and Gordon Turner; worship, Lila Bess Keith; missions, Carol Scheibner; junior counselor, Judy Emmet; recreation, Marsue McFaddin.

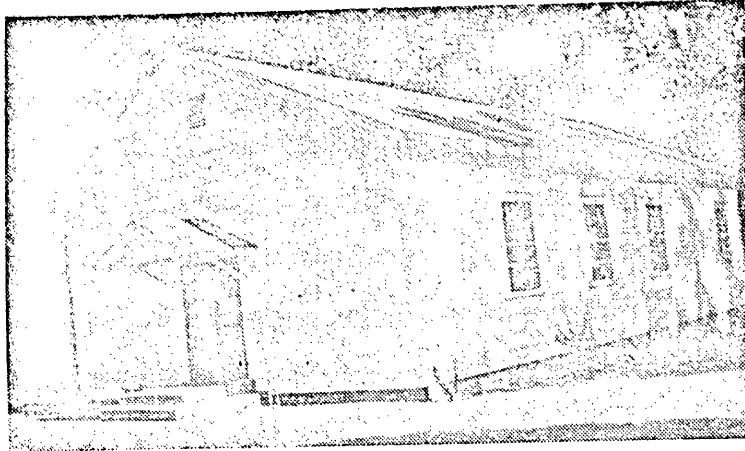
POINSETT SUB-DISTRICT

Sunday afternoon, May 28, the Poinsett Sub-District M. Y. F. met at Harrisburg for a special call meeting to elect officers for the coming year.

The following program was presented by the Harrisburg M. Y. F.:

Piano prelude, a special arrangement of "Onward Christian Soldiers"; prayer, Jeanne Hall; scripture, Beverly Whitaker; vocal solo, "No Other Like Jesus," Shirley

RECENTLY COMPLETED MT. ZION CHURCH



We have enjoyed our work on the Austin Circuit. We have had two good years. We have fine people at each church who have been loyal and cooperative.

We have done quite a bit of improvement this year. The parsonage has been newly painted. Austin has put in new screens and rest rooms. Concord redecorated interior of church. South Bend has new attic fan. Smyrna varnished pews and floors. Mt. Zion's recently completed church is a joy to all of us. This pro-

perty is valued at \$6000.00. We had wonderful cooperation in the building of this church. We have six Sunday Schools and a fine group of workers. Concord workers have recently completed a house-to-house visitation campaign and they are reaping results.

Our people have been most gracious to us as a parsonage family and we are proud to have been a part of the Austin Charge.—G. B. Pixley, Pastor.

Lilly; closing prayer, Rev. J. T. Byrd.

In the business meeting which followed presided over by the president of the sub-district, Jeanne Hall, the following officers were elected: President, George Weaver, Weiner; Vice-president, Bobby Rowlette, Truman; Secretary, Janie Sue Cooper, Harrisburg; Treasurer, Hanna Jane Parks, Weona; Assistant treasurer, Sharon Barenkamp, Marked Tree; Reporter, Shirley Spencer, Harrisburg.

The next meeting will be held at Truman on July 13. It was voted to change the time of meeting from the first Thursday to the second Thursday of each month.

Sixty-four answered roll call. The group adjourned to the recreation room where refreshments were served.—Shirley Spencer

FAYETTEVILLE DISTRICT MEETING

(Continued from page 12) comed by Mrs. Margaret Weland, president of the Fayetteville Society.

During the business meeting the following officers were elected: President, Mrs. Jessie Gilstrap of Bentonville; Vice-president, Mrs. Walter Fieback, Eureka Springs;

ELMER H. HOOK YOUNG ADULT FELLOWSHIP

The Elmer H. Hook Young Adult Fellowship of the Fayetteville District met June 1 at Lake Atalanta near Rogers. The group assembled at the picnic ground to enjoy a delicious meal and a good program. Rev. Brady Cook gave the invocation.

Rev. James Randle introduced Dr. M. Madeline Southard of Kansas City, Kansas, as the speaker. Dr. Southard is an ordained Methodist preacher and had made two trips around the world. Mrs. W. C. Bolon, vice-president of the W. C. T. U. of Arkansas accompanied her to Rogers. Dr. Southard said that all Christians should pray each day an urgent prayer that we may eliminate from the land the liquor curse.

In the absence of Rex Bair, president, Mrs. Paul Reece, vice-president, presided over a business session. The group voted to meet again the first Thursday in August at Gravette. Rev. Arnold Simpson, pastor at Gravette, extended the invitation.—H. W. Jinske, Reporter.

at an impressive ceremony by Mrs. McClure. Special music was by Mrs. Harrell C. Hall.—Reporter.

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SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

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parable of world-wide brotherhood. It was the first such parable ever to be written. It is a tragedy of the order to miss this lesson while one argues as to whether or not it is possible for a man to live for three days and nights in the stomach of a fish.

At the time of the writing of this book the majority of the Jews were isolationists. They had lived for many years in captivity. It was very hard for them to preserve their religion and keep their race pure under such circumstances. They had developed a fierce hatred for the Gentiles. They did not want to have anything to do with the Gentiles and did not want to share their faith with them. There was a small minority, however, who believed the Jews had a mission to the world and that it was their task to make God known to the world. The author of Jonah was the spokesman for this group.

Still another lesson is the fact that God has a task for everyone to do. This was Jonah's task. When he refused to carry it out, God might have called another, but he gave Jonah a second chance. It is wonderful to know that the great infinite God will condescend to reason with stubborn and rebellious individuals in his effort to enable them to make the most of themselves.

Jonah tried to escape God and hide from his duty. These two things can never be done. God is present everywhere and a person cannot any more hide from his duty than he can hide from himself. His duty is a part of himself. When one, therefore, fails to do his duty he fails both God and himself, as well as those who otherwise would have become the recipients of his acts, or charity.

Lessons For Us

This little book has some very important lessons for us in our day. It reminds us that God is interested in all nations and persons. The Ninevites were the greatest enemies of the ancient Israelites, but in spite of that fact God called an Israelitish prophet to go warn them, and when the warning was headed through repentance, love and mercy was extended. We have our enemies today. In the matter of rendering them a service we might feel pretty much as Jonah did. We might rather see them destroyed than to share our faith with them. Of course, we might excuse ourselves on the grounds that they do not want our faith. That might be the attitude of some, but knowing human nature as we do, there can be but little doubt that back of the "iron curtain" there are millions of hungry hearts today. "Man is incurably religious", and Communism cannot fully blot from his mind all ideas of God and immortality.

Jesus insists that we pray for our enemies, not that they may succeed in their wrong doing but that they may have the light. The writer would like to see all Christians in the free nations covenant to pray daily for the people behind the "iron curtain". We might do more in this

way than we think. Tennyson said, "More things are wrought by prayer than this world dreams of." The chances are there are more praying people in the Communists nations now than we can imagine. There was a time when people prayed until Holy Spirit conviction came upon the lives of wrong doers and a great revival of religion would break out. Is it expecting too much to think that enough praying on the part of consecrated Christians throughout the earth might bring about a world-wide revival of religion? Our hope lies in this more than in all implementations of warfare. To this end may we rededicate our lives today.

HOPE DISTRICT METHODIST MINISTERS' WIVES' CLUB

The Methodist ministers and their wives of the Hope District met May

24, at the City Park in Ashdown for a picnic and fish fry.

In the afternoon Mrs. E. D. Galloway, wife of the district superintendent called the women together and organized the Hope District Methodist Ministers' Wives Club. The officers elected were, President, Mrs. C. Houston; Vice-president, Mrs. George Meyer; Secretary-Treasurer, Mrs. Warren D. Golden.

Present for the meeting were: Mrs. L. O. Lee, Mrs. L. E. Wilson, Mrs. C. H. Gilliam, Mrs. Claude Clark, Mrs. W. R. Burks, Mrs. John A. Simpson, Mrs. A. J. Bearden, Mrs. Fred R. Harrison, Mrs. H. W. Worthey, Mrs. J. L. Tucker, Mrs. Cagle Fair, Mrs. J. R. Callicott, Mrs. E. D. Galloway, Mrs. M. T. Rose, and Mrs. Warren D. Golden.—Reporter.

Of two evils choose neither.—Dublin (Eire) Opinion.

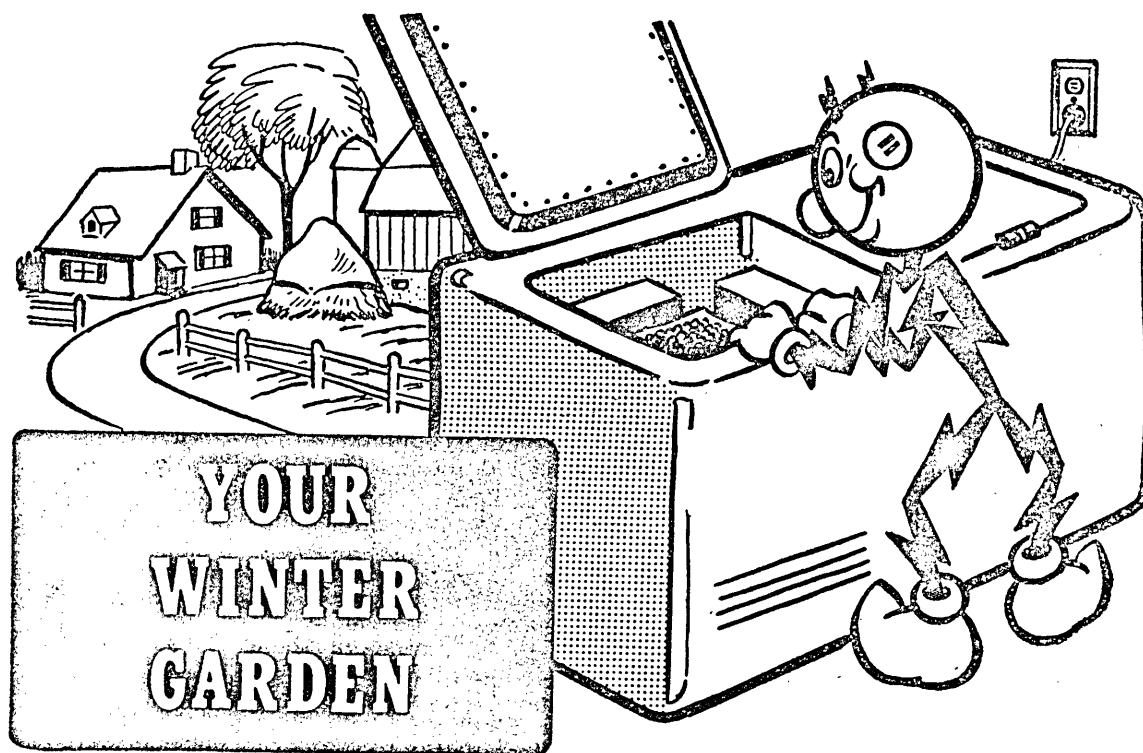
YOUNG ADULT FELLOWSHIP, NORTH LITTLE ROCK AREA

The Young Adult Fellowship of the North Little Rock area held a rally at Gardner Memorial Church. Sunday afternoon, May 27th. A period of recreation was enjoyed with Rev. Raymond Dorman and Mrs. Troy Pace directing. The Young Adult class served refreshments.

Miss Lila Church led the devotional and John Blundell presented "The Responsibilities of Young Adults."

At the business meeting, presided over by Mrs. Homer Taylor, Sub-District Director, the following officers were elected: President, E. A. Frost from Gardner Memorial; Vice-president, Miss Lila Church from First Church; Secretary-Treasurer, Mrs. Shirley Emhoff from Washington Avenue Church.—Reporter.

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DO WE WANT ALL NATIONS TO SHARE OUR FAITH?

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READ THE ENTIRE LESSON FROM YOUR BIBLE:
Jonah 3:3-6; 4.

GOLDEN TEXT: "Salvation is of the Lord."—Jonah 2:9.

The Book of Jonah

This book is unique in the fact that it is the first missionary writing in all literature. It was written sometime between 350 and 300 B. C. We do not know the name of the author. It was not written by Jonah but rather about him and his experiences at Nineveh. Many statements in the book show that it was written many years after the events described took place. It was written with a definite purpose in mind and the object of our study is to learn just what that purpose was and to apply it, as far as possible, to our day.

Jonah's Call As A Missionary

This is the first case in the Bible where we have a prophet being called to go as a missionary to foreigners. It is true that the Prophet Amos was a native of Judea and he prophesied in Samaria, the capital of the Northern Kingdom. But it will be remembered that the people of the Northern Kingdom were Israelites as same as were the Judeans. Jonah was sent as a missionary to a Gentile nation. During the reign of Jeroboam II (784-744 B. C.) there lived a prophet by the name of Jonah in the Northern Kingdom. It is thought that the author of the book had this particular prophet in mind. In that case the events of the book took place more than 400 years before the book was written. That is, all the recorded events that actually took place. Many scholars regard the book as a parable and some rank it second only to Christ's parable of the Prodigal Son.

Jonah was called to go to Nineveh the great capital of the Assyrian Empire. This was one of the largest cities of the ancient world. In size it ranked above Babylon. The Book of Jonah tells us that it took three days to walk across the city. It was situated on the Tigris River.

The people of Assyria were noted for their cruelty. They were great warriors, and conquered many nations. They brought the spoils of

these nations to embellish Nineveh. The Jews greatly feared and hated the Assyrians. When Jonah was called to go to them he determined not to go. He set out in the opposite direction. He went to Joppa and took ship for Tarshish, thinking thus to escape the presence of God and to shunt the responsibility of his call. He thought he could run away from God and hide from duty. We remember how the storm overtook the vessel and it was about to sink. The sailors felt that some one on board was responsible for the calamity. They cast lots to ascertain the guilty party. The lot fell on Jonah. He confessed that he displeased God and was trying to run away from his duty. He felt that these innocent men should not suffer for his misdoings and instructed them to throw him overboard. They did so. We are told that he was swallowed by a great fish which God had provided for the occasion. He lived for three days and nights in the stomach of the fish and was then deposited on the shore. During his stay within the fish he prayed and repented of his failure. When he was given another chance he went immediately to do his duty.

There has been a lot of foolish argument about whether or not this account is to be taken literally or figuratively. The book has some great lessons which we will note later, and these lessons are the same regardless of whether or not we take the events as historical facts or a parable to illustrate certain truths. Let it be noted, however, that Christ took the events as historical happenings. A study of Matthew 12:38-41 and Luke 11:29-32 will reveal this fact.

The People Repent At The Preaching of Jonah

We are told that Jonah traveled a day in Nineveh and then began to proclaim his message. The message in brief was the fact that the city was under the condemnation of God and would be destroyed in forty days. God wanted Jonah to tell the

people that if they would repent the city would be spared, but he kept that part of the message from them. They repented, however, anyway. From the king right on down the line to the most humble citizen all dressed themselves in sack-clothes and began to fast and pray.

After Jonah had delivered his message he went outside of Nineveh and built a booth in which he sat down to await destruction of the city. The sun was very hot. God caused a gourd vine to grow up overnight to protect the Prophet. We are told that Jonah was proud of the vine. Then God sent a worm which destroyed the vine. This made Jonah very angry. God used the event to teach him a lesson. Since the people had repented God had decided to spare Nineveh. Jonah did not want the city spared. He did not want these heathens to accept his religion. He was greatly disappointed when God spared them. He knew that they were the enemies of his people. They had already given the Israelites trouble and he realized that more trouble would follow if they were spared. God reminded Jonah that these people were his creatures. Jonah had gotten very angry over the destruction of a gourd vine, the growing of which he had had nothing to do. Now he was angry because God would not destroy a repentant people whom he had created. Jonah had made a great success. He preached to the people and from the greatest to the least they had repented. He was disappointed and angry at his own success. In this matter, however, the Prophet was not as inconsistent as it seems on the surface. It will be remembered that he did not want to preach to these folks in the beginning. He did so under pressure, and all the while he was hoping that the warning would not be heeded and that the destruction of the city would be carried out. Jonah thus represented the narrow nationalism and perverted patriotism of his day.

Lessons From The Book of Jonah

Many great scholars are highly appreciative of the lessons that come from this little book. As early as 1897 in speaking of this book Prof. Carl H. Cornill said, "I have read the

book of Jonah at least one hundred times, and I publicly avow, for I am not ashamed of my weakness, that I cannot even now take up this marvelous book, nay, not even speak of it, without the tears rising to my eyes and my heart beating higher. This apparently trivial book is one of the deepest and greatest that was ever written, and I should say to everyone who approaches it, 'take off your shoes, for the place where thou standest is holy ground'."

One of the great lessons of this book is the fact that God is interested in all people. There was a time when even the Hebrews, like all other people, believed in a plurality of gods. They felt that Jehovah was their God alone. He was interested in them alone. He loved their friends and hated their foes. He helped them fight their battles and rejoiced in their victories. Then, the idea began to get around that there was but one God. This finally was accepted by the Israelites, but on the grounds that they were his chosen people. The prophets tried to convince them that their standing before God depended upon their moral lives rather than the fact that they belonged to the Israelitish nation. Even up to the time of John the Baptist they were still depending upon the fact that they were the offsprings of Abraham as to their standing before God rather than upon their good lives. It will be remembered that he said to them, "Think not to say within your selves, we have Abraham to our father; for I tell you that God is able of these stones to raise up children unto Abraham."

So, the first great lesson of the book of Jonah is the fact that there is but one God and that he is equally interested in all people. It was this feeling on the part of the author of the book that caused him to put into writing the first missionary tract in all literature. Someone has called the book of Jonah a

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