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The Christian's Opportunity In The Present Crisis

THE PRESENT WORLD CRISIS offers the Christian one of the rare opportunities that occasionally arise to give evidence to the world of the reality and the value of Christian faith.

These are certainly times that "try men's souls." For those who do not have a personal faith in God, outward conditions generally determine the state of mind they possess. Outward conditions today are not at all conducive to a peaceful state of mind. For the Christian, whose faith is anchored to the Rock of Ages, outward conditions are not the determining factor always in his state of mind.

At the time Jesus said to His disciples, "My peace I give unto you" he was only minutes removed from the agony of Gethsemane; only hours removed from the humiliation and suffering of the mock trial before Pilate, only a few more hours removed from the tragedy of crucifixion. It is the peace that characterized the life of Christ in this crisis that should give poise and balance to us in the present situation.

No One Seems To Know

THERE may have been times when a wise course of action by the United States in its international relationships was comparatively clear. If so, we have apparently been so busy playing politics and trying to settle our internal difficulties and differences that we seem to have "missed the boat."

We have now reached a point when no one seems to know just what to expect next, or just what is the wisest course for America to follow in its efforts to preserve the peace of the world. Our present commitments in Korea seem to be inevitable if we are to continue to have any hope for peace. Further than that our course of action seems to be quite undecided. Whether we should mobilize for an all out war if it comes, or continue to follow a "wait and see policy," whether we should go all out to win the Korean war, or throw only a limited force in there while holding our real powers in reserve against the possibility of an outbreak on a larger scale elsewhere, these and other major questions seem to be without an answer at the present time.

The fight in Korea is not simply an effort to keep the Southern Koreans from being subjugated by an aggressive neighbor, it is an effort, also, to preserve the United Nations as an agency for world peace. Since the last World War we have looked on the United Nations as the one real hope for permanent peace. In the present situation, the little province of Northern Korea, in its aggressive war on Southern Korea, has openly flouted and defied the mandates of the United Nations. Unless the United Nations had accepted that challenge its usefulness as a peace agency would have been destroyed.

Because of the aid that may be given Northern Korea, secretly or openly, by Russia or Communist China, it could be possible that the Korean war may drag on much longer than expected. General McArthur, more than once, has stated that the situation at the battle front there was fluid. The facts are that at every danger spot in the world, where Communism threatens, the situation is "fluid." It is hardly thinkable however, that Russia and her satellites would defy the United Nations and risk another World War at this time. In that lies the hope that the present fighting may be confined to Korea. However, it may be said again, no one seems to know.

A Word Of Appreciation To The Arkansas Methodist

By J. ALBERT GATLIN

THE many readers of the ARKANSAS METHODIST will find a weekly column appearing in this valuable Methodist paper, concerning the work of the Town and Country Commission. The Executive Secretary of the Town and Country Commission wishes to express his deep gratitude to the Editors of the paper for their splendid presentation of the program as outlined by the Town and Country Commission. It is our hope that we may have inspiring testimonials from week to week from persons over the conference who are actively engaged in the promotion of the work in Town and Country. There is no better medium of spreading the good news of efforts and achievement of the work of the commission and the great numbers of



others who are laboring with zeal to strengthen the work of the Lord in the Country Churches over our conference than through the columns of the ARKANSAS METHODIST. The Executive Secretary will take the opportunity through the columns of the ARKANSAS METHODIST to keep all of the pastors and people informed as to the activities national and conference-wide relative to this great program. It would be impossible to keep up a weekly correspondence or to publish a weekly bulletin and send it to all who are interested. Therefore it is with deep gratitude that the Executive Secretary of the Town and Country Commission accepts the services of our State paper in the matter of lifting up the work of the Town and Country Commission over the conference.

Our slogan is "An Effective Christian Church in every Community." Will all of the Methodists of North Arkansas rise up as one man to help us in this great and demanding undertaking? To be sure, such a program will take much through, hard work and sacrificial service. There are many resources at hand to be used in the accomplishing of such a task. It is within the realm of possibility that every Methodist Church in our conference can have such a program. Let's put heart, head, hand, and hoof into this great work and see where we come out! I again say, "Thanks to the Editors of the ARKANSAS METHODISTS for their wonderful spirit of cooperation and generosity."

World Council Supports UN Action

ACCORDING to press dispatches and Religious News Service, the Central Committee (acts as an executive committee) of the World Council of Churches, in session at Toronto, Canada, adopted a statement concerning the Korean War "commending the United Nations for its prompt decision to meet this aggression and for authorizing a police measure which every nation should support." Elsewhere in the statement the World Council Committee pressed for an early settlement of the issues involved, and went on record as being opposed to the use of atomic and bacteriological weapons and obliteration bombing.

It should be remembered that this committee in speaking for the World Council in a sense speaks for member churches of the World Council. While it is true that representation in the World Council does not include churches from Russia and much of the territory actually under Russian control, the World Council does have member churches in so-called satellite countries and other countries where communistic influence is great. Even more significant is the fact that there are churches belonging to the Council from countries which will be likely targets of further communistic expansion.

It is our feeling that Christendom is gratified to know that the World Council has quickly gone on record as supporting the United Nation's action in the Far East.

Send Your Class President and Teacher

EVERY president and teacher of an Adult Sunday School Class in Arkansas Methodism should give serious consideration to the possibility of his or her attending the Methodist Convocation for Teachers and Adult Class Leaders in Oklahoma City, September 12-15. Never before in the South Central Jurisdiction has such an adult meeting been held and the potential good which can come from such mobilization of lay adult church school leaders is beyond the imagination.

The announced purpose of the meeting is "to enable presidents and teachers of adult classes in the jurisdiction to have a part in turning the tide of totalitarianism that threatens to engulf civilization." It is hoped that the meeting will help leaders of adults to catch a new vision of their work, provide information that will make Christian teaching more effective, and promote fellowship among adults. The theme for the convocation is "Christian Teaching to Turn The Tide."

A glance at the four-day program should be enough to convince anyone that nothing has been spared to make possible a most inspirational and informative experience. Speakers will include our own Bishop Paul E. Martin; Dr. J. Q. Schisler; General Board of Education; Dr. Paul Hutchinson, Editor, Christian Century; Dr. Nelson P. Horn, Baker University; Dr. J. T. Carlyon, Perkins School of Theology; Dr. Eugene M. Frank, Topeka, Kansas, pastor; Dr. Albert P. Shirkey, pastor, Houston, Texas; Mrs. Charles W. Mead, Woman's Division, Board of Missions, officer; Dr. Edmund Heinshoh, pastor, Austin, Texas; and Dr. M. Leo Rippey, Adult Leader, General Board of Education.

It is quite likely that a large group of presidents and teachers of Methodist adult classes

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Rebuilding The Foundations



By FORNEY HUTCHINSON

"If the foundations be destroyed, what can the righteous do?"—Psalms 11:3.

I visited St. Paul's Cathedral in London in the summer of 1924. That visit and the condition of that great structure still linger in my memory. It is my purpose in this sermon to compare that cathedral and our modern civilization. I believe there are sufficient similarities between the two to justify such a comparison.

I was very much distressed to learn through the old custodian that the cathedral had been condemned by the municipal authorities. It was in a dangerous condition. The trouble lay in the foundations. The cathedral was built by that world-famed architect, Sir Christopher Wren, whose dust sleeps today within its sacred precincts. On his tomb is this inscription: "Here lies Sir Christopher Wren. If you would see his monument, look about you". Sir Christopher was proud of the cathedral and counted it his architectural masterpiece. After he was confined to his chair, he frequently had them roll him beneath the vaulted dome, where he spent many exalted moments.

I found two theories advanced concerning the defects in the foundations: First, that the increased vibrations, due to increased traffic, had shaken the foundations. The coming of motor buses, heavily loaded trucks and other vehicles was more than the foundations could withstand. The other theory was to the effect that deep excavations for numerous and lofty buildings in that area had caused the clay under the foundations to dry out and crack open, thus creating a serious situation.

For our purpose, it matters little what caused the trouble. We are concerned primarily with the fact that the foundations had become not only defective, but also insufficient.

This, I think, is a picture of our modern civilization, which is often compared to a great cathedral. The foundations of our civilization are greatly endangered. Herbert Hoover said in one of the last speeches he made before he retired from the presidency of the nation, that our civilization is suffering from a "subsidence of its foundations". Dean Inge is quoted as having said recently that the very near future will reveal whether "our civilization can be mended, or will have to be ended". And even more recently, a very prominent writer said in a national magazine that our present civilization has already "collapsed, but we do not realize it."

In locating the foundations of our civilization, one could hardly fail to consider the home. That the American home is slipping to-day is undeniable. The city of Reno and the divorce courts are crowded. The average married life in America is less than seven years in duration. In a recent survey, only thirty-four out of a hundred young people expected their marriages to last a lifetime. That broken homes furnish most of the children for our institutions of correction is a fact of common knowledge. All right-

thinking people are deeply concerned for the perpetuity of the home. Through modern inventions the outside world plays in on the home altogether too much.

Another vital fundamental to our modern life is the Church, attitudes toward which in many instances are appalling. Sabbath desecration and indifference toward church attendance are everywhere in evidence. The Church school is all too poorly attended, and the Christian college is handicapped for lack of adequate support.

The State, which certainly is fundamental, is in jeopardy. Crime flaunts its ugly face from



DR. FORNEY HUTCHINSON

the front pages of newspapers, the moving picture screen, and the magazines which fill the racks in our drug stores.

The continued international unrest is but another evidence of the unstable state of modern civilization in other portions of our world. No wonder many wise men fear humanity is about to enter upon a period in history similar to that of the Dark Ages.

In the face of these facts, only a "Pollyanna optimist" could fail to see that our civilization is in danger. The foundations are shaken.

I visited London again in 1930, and of course went to the cathedral as soon as possible. After inquiry, I discovered that St. Paul's had been made more secure than it was when it was first built. The old custodian was jubilant. As the trouble lay in the foundations so also the remedy had been applied there. Soon after my first visit, William Ralph Inge had been appointed dean of the cathedral. He at once set about the task of saving the famous structure. The foundations did not simply have to be strengthened, they had to be rebuilt. He made an appeal to the

public and raised more than a million dollars, much of which came from this country. Practically the entire amount was used in restoring the foundations. The cathedral now sits upon solid rock. The foundations are broad and deep and all-sufficient.

As I had been in distress because of my comparison of the cathedral in 1924 with our fundamental institutions, I now felt comforted as I compared our condition with that cathedral in 1930. Of course our condition won't just come right, any more than the foundations of the cathedral just came right. It will require vigorous, persistent effort. It demands action. Foundations must be enlarged and strengthened. We cannot lessen traffic, even though an English bishop some year ago proposed a moratorium on scientific progress until we are able to catch up in our spiritual development. Progress, scientific and otherwise, must go on. Traffic will grow heavier rather than lighter. Then strain will become increasingly greater. The foundations simply must be made adequate.

Certainly, that involves the home, which, to a large degree, is a woman's problem. There simply cannot be a substitute for the mother in the home. If she is kept away from her task the home is like a kingdom whose queen has abdicated. It is a tragedy when she is compelled to neglect her home; it is a crime when she does it voluntarily. Somebody simply must keep the "home fires burning". Many homes are nothing more or less than "filling stations" into which children and parents run from time to time to eat and sleep.

The Church also is suffering in her foundations, but the case is not hopeless. Defeatism is fatal. Conditions will not just naturally come right. We must do something about it. The family altar must be restored, the family pew must be re-established, secret prayer must become common, and church attendance must again have a regular place in the life of our people. Men and women must learn to worship as well as work. The Christian collage must become the object of revived interest. The Church must look to her colleges and universities for leadership in this program of rebuilding. She must wrap her schools up in her prayers and endow them with her money.

The State too needs to be supported by a law-abiding citizenship. Patriotism must take the place of exploitation.

These three fundamental institutions—the Home, the Church, and the State—are natural allies. They constitute a "holy alliance". They must cooperate the one with the other. After all is said and done, however, our hope is in God. These fundamental institutions must rest upon the Rock. That Rock is Christ. Therein lies our only safety. He alone is sufficient to carry the traffic of our complex modern civilization.

"On Christ the solid Rock I stand,
All other ground is sinking sand."



Report On Week Of Dedication



By O. L. SIMPSON

REPORTS from the Week of Dedication observance are still far from complete but the estimated attendance was 768,000 and the total offering to date (May 29) is \$496,459.46.

No word has been received from 255 district superintendents, and most of the 318 superintendents reporting have indicated that their figures were incomplete. The following summary, as of May 24, must therefore be accepted as highly tentative and as probably not providing a basis for predicting the final results.

Number of district superintendents reporting	318
Number of charges in districts	13,138
Number of charges reporting observance	7,130
Number of meetings	12,950
Estimated attendance	768,000
Number of lay speakers	5,901

Total offering to May 29\$496,459.46

In keeping with General Conference action the Week of Dedication this year, as last year, was a call to all pastors to lead their people into an experience of heart-searching and of more complete commitment to the tasks which the church faces in these days. To give greater meaning to such searching and dedication, some areas of urgent need and some strategic opportunities for an expanding program were lifted up with the promise that sacrificial gifts at the altar would be used to meet those needs.

It was not a campaign for funds but there was the assurance that God bestows rich blessings upon all who share their means sacrificially for the advance of His Kingdom.

This awareness of urgent need was further awakened when on the Day of Dedication Methodists shared with fellow Christians of other denominations in One Great Hour of Sharing—

because, as everyone knows, the needs for Christlike ministry to displaced persons and to multitudes of people still struggling desperately to regain self-dependence in war-wrecked countries are still terribly urgent.

To help you understand how naturally and effectively the spiritual emphasis in Dedication Week ties in with these ministries of helpfulness envisioned in the Special Projects, consider these lines from a letter written by Rev. Riccardo Santi, director of Casa Materna, Portici (Naples), Italy. Casa Materna is one of this year's Special Projects. Says Brother Santi, in his broken English:

"I am thankful to you of having disposed things in the way they are: here in Naples in the same day we will have a particular prayer service among our folks. No material help can be considered as effective as the power, the strength

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THE DEVOTIONAL PAGE

REV. ROY I. BAGLEY, Editor

FROM THE BOOKSHELF

We have had to learn to live, for thirty-five continuous years, in a mood of crisis . . .

We have come into the stormy latitudes of history. There may be peaceful seas ahead, but the way to them lies through the stormy ones. The way of wisdom lies not in a refusal to understand these things, but rather in learning how to live in such cosmic weather . . .

We can tell what people do not have by noting what it is that they seek frantically to secure . . .

This is the only sense in which ours is "one world;" it is one in potential danger! The predicament of one group may, thanks to twentieth-century cleverness, be the predicament of all . . .

Men can think good thoughts in bad times and perform good deeds when events are most calamitous . . .

From "Signs of Hope In A Century of Despair" by Elton Trueblood

HOSPITALITY OF THE HEART

And there came a traveller unto the rich man, and he spared to take of his own flock and of his own herd, to dress for the wayfaring man that was come unto him; but took the poor man's lamb, and dressed it for the man that was come to him.

Read II Samuel 12:1-6.

Judged by Christian standards, Nathan's story has not much to do with David's deed. It must be considered by itself, where it is seen as one more piercing insight of Hebrew poetry and faith. It was good that the rich man wanted to entertain the traveller; it was despicable that he wanted to do it at another man's expense. The apparent generosity hides the essential meanness of the act.

But while avoiding that negative evil, let us go beyond and imagine the positive good. What is most truly ours to set before a wayfarer? Our food and lodging? Yes, but if we go further and entertain him with our company, that is more truly ours than the material things we give him. Entertainment, new ideas, refreshment of spirit, all these are more truly costly to us than buying meals and paying someone to make the beds.

And is it not true that the most personal thing we can give is a witness to our faith? That which is completely ours is our experience of God, however great or small. To try to give that is to set before the wayfarer what belongs to us most truly.—In Forward

There are over 100,000 Protestant Church edifices which a burglar with a jimmy could not get into on most weekdays.—Roger W. Babson, economist.—In Quote.

Honesty is the best policy—don't let the premiums lapse.—Watchman-Examiner.

IN THE GARDEN OF THE LORD

By Helen Keller

*The word of God came unto me,
Sitting alone among the multitudes;
And my blind eyes were touched with light.
And there was laid upon my lips a flame of fire.*

*I laugh and shout for life is good,
Though my feet are set in silent ways.
In merry mood I leave the crowd
To walk in my garden. Ever as I walk
I gather fruits and flowers in my hands
And with joyful heart I bless the sun
That kindles all the place with radiant life.
I run with playful winds that blow the scent*

*Of rose and jessamine in eddying whirls.
At last I come where tall lilies grow,
Lifting their faces like white saints to God.
While the lilies pray, I kneel upon the ground;
I have strayed into the holy temple of the Lord.*

from "The World's Great Religious Poetry"

HIS GUIDING HAND

"Come over to Macedonia, and help us. And after he (Paul) had seen the vision, immediately we endeavored to go into Macedonia, assuredly gathering that the Lord had called us for to preach the gospel unto them."
—Acts 16:9,10.

One of the amazing facts of life is how we trust the advice and guidance of friends of ours and do not seek the guidance of God. Perhaps this is because we feel that this has been overdone by fanatical groups. This is not a good reason for throwing our entire faith in God's guidance out, simply because we feel that some have gone to extremes with it. God either guided these men who leave their recorded experiences in our Bible or they were terribly mistaken; we need some mistakes like that today if that be the case. We need the advice and guidance of friends and we are ever grateful when they take time to listen to us; but, we need greater guidance than they can give and we need to be still and hear His voice.

This guidance that Paul had grew out of a real situation. Whatever this vision might have been; he was not unmindful of the rich field that lay before him in Greece. Where fanaticism takes over is where our guidance has no real foundation in actual situations. A woman said that God had guided her to leave her husband and three little children and go out to do His work. He may have been calling her to be a better Christian in her own community; He may have called her before her marriage to full-time Christian service; but it is doubtful if God guided her to leave her three children motherless to wander off. God's guiding hand came to Paul in a real situation and that situation called for his preaching as he had in other communities in which he had labored.

It takes a real and vital faith to arrive at the conviction that God will guide our lives. In our confusion and bewilderment we are divested of other helps and then we begin to grope for a hand that is stronger than any that we have ever known. Many of the psychopathic cases might have been avoid-

ed early by a deep religious faith that is founded on personal relationship between man and God. This faith cannot stop with an absentee God but it must push on to personal fellowship with the Father who concerns Himself with His children's need.

God's guidance is not always along an easy path. We do not travel a highway all of the time but find ourselves in hard places even though we do feel that God is guiding us. He is not just testing our faith but there is a real service to perform out there and we are selected to do that task. Courage arises from the heart dedicated to following God's will. We must have more than an emotional attitude toward God, we must yield our will to Him. Jesus prayed in the Garden of Gethsamane, "Not my will but thine be done."

*O young and fearless Prophet, we need Thy presence here,
Amid our pride and glory to see Thy face appear;
Once more to hear Thy challenge above our noisy day,
Again to lead us forward along God's holy way.*

Out of this experience comes peace and joy. Hear the Apostle Paul as he cries from his prison cell, "Rejoice in the Lord, alway; and again I say rejoice." In prison and then an exclamation like this. It hardly seems possible, yet here it is! His situation was due to his Christian zeal. He felt that he was keeping trust with what God would have him do. In this lies the secret of a happy and peaceful life, the consciousness that we have followed God's leadership. Failure may constantly follow us; suffering may be our portion; but above all God's presence is with us and that makes the difference.—R. B.

The luxury of laughter is one that all can afford.—Carbuilder, hm, Pullman-Standard Car. Mfg. Co.

RELIGIOUS TEACHERS STATE CREDO

William Jansen, superintendent of schools for New York, has approved a ten-point program through which public school teachers may promote religious and racial good will. The program was worked out by the Coordinating Committee of Teachers' Religious Associations in New York.

"The ten principles are a fine example of how people of various faiths can work together to reach those more desirable human relationships toward which we are all striving," Dr. Jansen said.

Among the points listed in the teachers' credo were:

"Let each one of us turn the searchlight upon his own conscience to examine his conduct in relation to those who differ from us racially, nationally, religiously.

"Let us make use of folk songs, folk dances, carols, etc., to show similarities in racial, national and religious observance.

"Let us encourage discussion among our pupils of the religious holy days of Jews and Christians to show how conducive to moral and ethical conduct such observance is, and to create a mutual understanding of and a respect for the beliefs of all people.

"Let us co-operate with religious organizations of all faiths and all lay organizations which have as their purpose the bringing about of mutual understanding and respect."—New Outlook

PRAYER FOR THE WEEK

Our Father, out of the past men have come with their testimony that Thou hast guided them. We seek Thy guidance for our lives through this week. Convince us that Thou dost still touch the lives of men and direct their affairs. Make us so conscious of our need of Thee that we will seek Thy counsel day by day. Our Father the special burden of our prayer this week is for peace. Already the tenseness of the world is getting hold upon us. Help the leaders of our nations and of all nations to come to the realization that difficulties can be overcome in a way vastly different from the traditional way of war. In our chaos and confusion help us to turn from mere human dependence to Divine guidance. Forgive us for our carelessness and neglect that has made possible the situation we are in. Give us courage to follow in the pathway of our blessed Lord. Amen.

The first Saturday night of the visit of de Tocqueville to America he spent in a small town, where he observed the hustle and bustle of Saturday night. The next morning he sensed a strange hush over the little town. "What is the matter?" he asked. "Is someone dead?" The reply was, "Oh, no, this is Sunday, the church day."

De Tocqueville went back to France and wrote his observations on American life. The republic had become strong, he wrote, because of 2 things; the maintenance of Puritan consciousness, and the preservation of the Christian Sunday.—Dr. Norman Vincent Peale, noted clergyman and author.

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REPORT FIVE KOREAN MISSIONARIES CAPTURED

By Religious News Service

OSAKA, Japan—Five American Methodist missionaries, three of them women, were captured by North Korean troops at Kaesong in the first stage of their drive into South Korea, it was reported here by Americans evacuated from the Korean war areas.

The American missionaries and another Methodist, Dr. Ernest Kisch, of Austria, were reportedly cut off when Communist-led troops penetrated the city, located northwest of Seoul.

According to the Rev. L. O. Brannon, of Newville, Ala., one of the Methodist missionaries evacuated from Korea, the captured Americans were:

The Rev. A. Kris Jensen, of New Cumberland, Pa.; the Rev. Larry Zellers of Weatherford, Tex.; Miss Bertha Smith of Marshall, Mo.; Miss Nell Dyer of Fort Smith, Ark.; and Miss Helen Rosser, of Cordele, Ga.

Most Protestant missionaries of the Seoul area were evacuated by air and sea to Japan, along with all other American personnel, when Communist tanks appeared on the outskirts of the city.

Commissioner Herbert A. Lord of the Salvation Army, however, joined up with government officials moving southward after having ordered subordinates to evacuate.

All denominations behind the lines have evacuated their personnel, with the exception of two missions operating some 200 miles south of the capital.

Northern and Southern United States Presbyterians, it was reported, were leaving behind five and ten men, respectively. They will remain near the port city of Fusan for the present in the hope of being able to push northward at a later date.

Missionaries evacuated to Japan will mostly remain in Japan, working among Koreans here until such time as Korea is reopened. This, they believe, will be by September 1 at the latest.

Missionaries with children and those nearing retirement will, it is expected, be on their way home soon to the United States, Canada and Australia.

We recently listened to a program between two young people on BBC and two on the *New York Times* WQXR. The two from England and the two from America discussed the problems of the world with ideals and realism interwoven as only the very young do it. Then came the blow. Asked if they felt dismayed at the task of straightening out a tired and chaotic world, one of them answered quite matter-of-factly, "Of course not—who would do it if we don't?"—Woman's Day.

NEWS AND NOTES ABOUT FACTS AND FOLKS

A meeting will begin at the Waltreak Methodist Church on July 29 under the leadership of Rev. and Mrs. J. M. Kitchens. Brother Kitchens is pastor at Vilonia.

BISHOP PAUL E. MARTIN spoke at the Methodist Church in Crossett on Sunday evening, July 16, on his recent trip to India. Rev. Marion W. Miller is pastor at Crossett.

REV. AND MRS. RAYMOND FISHER have moved from Little Rock to Stillwater, Oklahoma, where Brother Fisher is now the associate pastor of the First Methodist Church.

A \$200.00 a year scholarship for a three-year period for a ministerial student in Santiago, Chile, is being given by the Young Adult Class of Winfield Church, Little Rock. Dr. N. T. Hollis is teacher of the class.

REV. W. I. SMALL, in asking for a change of address to 927 North First Avenue, Tucson, Arizona, writes: "To my many friends I take this opportunity to say thanks for everything. Please write me as I miss your companionship and the work of the ministry very much. I feel my health has improved a little since arriving here."

A BOYS' ENSEMBLE from the Youth Choir of the First Methodist Church, Heber Springs, was heard in a broadcast over KVLG, Little Rock, on Sunday evening, July 16, in a program of sacred and secular numbers. This fine group has been heard on a number of occasions in the state. Rev. Hubert E. Pearce is pastor.

TWENTY-THREE NATIONALITIES are represented in the Community School conducted by the Presbyterian Church, U. S. A., in Teheran, Iran. When the students take their pledge of allegiance, they say: "I pledge allegiance to my own country and to the United Nations of which it is a part: one world brotherhood of peaceful nations with justice and equality for all."

DR. G. WELDON GATLIN, pastor of Glide Memorial Methodist Church, San Francisco, California, Mrs. Gatlin and their two daughters, Gwynn and Jan have been the guests of Dr. Gatlin's parents, Rev. and Mrs. L. C. Gatlin at Wilmar. They left last Saturday for Dallas and Ft. Worth where they visited Mrs. Gatlin's parents and friends. Dr. and Mrs. Charles W. Roetnerr of Winston-Salem, N. C., also visited the Gatlins last week.

REV. AND MRS. H. E. PEARCE and sons of Heber Springs were honor guests at a picnic supper served on the church lawn on Wednesday, June 28. More than one hundred were present, and a larger number participated in the "pounding" that was a part of the evening's program. This customary "pounding" is one of the many courtesies extended to the pastor and his family each year by the Heber Springs Methodist Church.

FOR WORLD COMMUNITY DAY, church women are asked to knit one garment—a scarf, sweater, socks or mittens—for aged refugees overseas, and to put aside pennies for shipping the knitted gifts to the nearest Church World Service center. The day's offering is to be divided between aiding work of the churches among the millions of refugees in Europe and the Near and Far East, and helping meet the cost of the work for peace of the United Council's Christian Social Relations Department.

THE need for clothing of all kinds is still great in China, Europe, Korea, Burma and the Holy Land, according to Church World Service which has issued an appeal for large quantities this summer. All clothing should be sent to CWS warehouses prepaid, with check to cover an 8c handling, warehousing and transportation charge. CWS warehouses are: 214 East 21st St., New York 10, N. Y.; New Windsor, Md.; 510 South Elm Ave., Webster Groves 19, Mo.; and

c/o Pacific Ports Industries, Inc., 100 Brannan St., San Francisco 7, California.

MISS MARY G. KESLER of Valley Center, Kansas, was the speaker at the 11:00 o'clock worship service at the Hazen Methodist Church on Sunday, July 16. She spoke on China. Miss Kesler, a member of the Mid-China Conference, went to Nanking, China, as a missionary in 1912 and served in the Mid-China Conference for thirty-one years, having only one visit home during that time. She came to the States in 1943, returning to China in 1947, and was there until the war caused her return home in October, 1949. She has been on a speaking tour, and is now in Hazen for a two weeks' vacation visit with her sister, Mrs. Caroline Carley. The Conference had plans for Miss Kesler's going back to China this fall, but she has been informed that conditions are such that her return is very doubtful.

BISHOP AND MRS. W. ANGIE SMITH, and their son, Shelby, sailed from New Orleans on June 8, en route to Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. Bishop Smith has been officially designated by the Council of Bishops to visit Brazil, Uruguay, Argentina, Chile, Bolivia, Peru and Panama. The family will spend the next three months in these countries, leaving Peru en route to New York City on August 22. In September the Bishop will go to Torreón, Mexico, as fraternal messenger from the Council of Bishops to the General Conference of the Methodist Church of Mexico.

IN figures just released from the General Commission on World Service and Finance, Thomas B. Lugg, Treasurer, comparing World Service giving for the year June 1, 1948 to May 31, 1949 with the year June 1, 1949 to May 31, 1950, are as follows: Little Rock Conference, 1948-1949, \$52,488.63; 1949-1950, \$42,950.27; Louisiana, 1948-1949, \$47,860.95; 1949-1950, \$44,395.24; North Arkansas, 1948-1949, \$49,991.98; 1949-1950, \$53,729.77. The total for the Area shows that in 1948-1949, World Service giving totaled \$150,341.56 while in 1949-1950, the total was \$141,075.28.

THE following young people from Arkansas are attending the Methodist Youth Caravan Training Center at Williamsport, Pennsylvania, preparing for voluntary service in local Methodist churches during the next seven weeks: Nancy Sanders, Little Rock, member of Asbury Church and Junior at Hendrix College, working in the field of recreation, caravanning in the Pittsburgh Conference; Joan Powledge, El Dorado, member of First Church and Junior at S. M. U., working in the field of Community Service, caravanning in the Philadelphia Conference; Pryor R. Cruce, Jr., Morrilton, student at Perkins School of Theology, S. M. U., who will serve for seven weeks in the West Virginia Conference and Eleanor Ayers, Little Rock, student at S. M. U., who will serve in the Indiana Conference. They are four of 280 college young people and 70 adult counselors who will work as members of Caravan teams this summer. Caravaners will serve a total of 500 churches in the United States, Cuba and Hawaii this season.

SEND YOUR CLASS PRESIDENT AND TEACHER

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from Arkansas will be in attendance at this convocation. This certainly ought to be the case. Many adult classes will be taking whatever steps are necessary to make it possible financially for their presidents and teachers to attend. The information and inspiration which these class representatives will bring back will certainly be worth any investment which classes may have made. It is not every year that such an opportunity comes to adult leaders in the local church school. Consult your pastor.

CURRENT NEWS IN THE RELIGIOUS WORLD

Selected from Religious News Service Releases

Ecumenical Worshippers Hear Modern Preaching Criticized

Christians need to take "a searching, hungering, yearning look at God" as an antidote to both the "groundless optimism" and "dark-est foreboding" of today's world, it was asserted at Toronto by Dr. Franklin Clark Fry of New York, president of the United Lutheran Church in America. Dr. Fry spoke at an ecumenical service held in Timothy Eaton Memorial Church in connection with the annual meeting of the Central Committee of the World Council of Churches. He laid the responsibility for man's alternate moods of high optimism and deep depression at the door of modern-day preaching, much of which, he said, "is morbidly obsessed with man" to the exclusion of God. "Man's predicament, man's peril, man's capacity for heroism" provide the points of departure for most sermons, he said, and the "intensifying incentives and the raw material" of the illustrations used. "Even when man's sin comes into focus we brood over it," he added. "We distort its utter heinousness into hopelessness because we stare at it apart from the grace of God. Our trouble is a fatal fixation upon ourselves." Dr. Fry said that in periods of optimism, when progress seems to be the trend, "nothing can hold us back from becoming Utopian. We flatter ourselves that we are building the Kingdom of God and glory in our success, forgetting that it is God's Kingdom and He is the builder," he said. "What is most shocking of all is that so few of us even sense the arrant presumption of puny man usurping God's place."

Stresses Need For Contact With Iron-Curtain Christians

The World Council of Churches must use "all possible opportunities" to remain in contact with Christians behind the Iron Curtain, the Council's 90-member policy-making Central Committee was told at its third annual meeting in Toronto. Dr. W. A. Visser't Hooft of Geneva, Switzerland, general secretary of the World Council, warned that Christians in Communist countries are in danger of being forgotten "precisely at the moment when they are in the midst of their great spiritual battles and learn hard and wonderful lessons by which the whole of Christendom should be enriched." He urged that prayers embrace men and women who, like Lutheran Bishop Lajos Ordass in Hungary or the Protestant pastors in Bulgaria, "have become the victims of the totalitarian attempt to silence the voice of the Church." He also urged prayers for those church leaders in China or Eastern Europe "who remain wholly loyal to the Christian cause and fight against atheism in its various forms."

Catholic Missionaries Ordered To Remain In Korea

Roman Catholic missionaries in South Korea have been ordered to remain at their posts despite war conditions there, Vatican sources said. They disclosed that instructions to this effect have been sent by the Vatican to Bishop Patrick J. Byrne, Apostolic Delegate to Korea, whose residence is at Seoul.

METHODIST BOARD CALLS HOME 11 KOREA MISSIONARIES

Eleven Methodist missionaries from Korea, who were evacuated to Japan recently, have been authorized to return to the United States because of ill health or eligibility for retirement, it was announced by Dr. Thoburn T. Brumbaugh, one of the secretaries for Methodist work in Japan and Korea. Five children will also return. The action was taken at a special meeting of the staff of the Division of Foreign Missions.

Fourteen missionaries evacuated from Korea will remain in Japan indefinitely or until further developments.

No further information has been received concerning the six Methodist workers who were marooned in the city of Kaesong (Songdo) one and one-half miles south of the 38th parallel. Requests for information concerning the mission missionaries have been sent to the State Department and the International Red Cross.

Missionaries who will return home are: the Rev. and Mrs. L. C. Brannon, of Echo, Ala., and Campbellsburg, Ky.; the Rev. and Mrs. James H. Moore, of Johnson City, N. Y., and their three children, Billy, David, and Ronnie; the Rev. and Mrs. Carl Judy, of Charleston, W. Va., and their two children, Karl Wesley and Margaret Carlene; the Rev. and Mrs. M. O. Burkholder, of Detroit, Kans., and Nicholasville, Ky.; the Rev. and Mrs. Archer Turner, of Clarksville, Va.; and Mrs. Lawrence Zellers, of Weatherford, Tex.

Evacuated missionaries remaining

in Japan are: the Rev. and Mrs. William E. Shaw, of Chicago, Ill., and Latty, Ohio; the Rev. and Mrs. James W. Spitzkeit, of Mississippi City, Miss.; Mr. and Mrs. Donald Payne, of LaJunta, Colo.; the Rev. and Mrs. Charles A. Sauer, of Powellsville, Ohio, and Decatur, Ind.; Dr. and Mrs. Charles D. Stokes, of Summerton, S. C., and Kidron, Ohio; the Rev. and Mrs. Lyman P. Taylor, of Conneaut Lake, Pa.; Dr. Fred Manget, of Marietta, Ga.; and Mrs. A. K. Jensen, of New Cumberland, Pa.

Most of the evacuated missionaries are being housed at Kwansei Gakuin in Nishinomiya, a school founded by the Methodist Church, South, and now operated by the United Church of Japan.

Mr. and Mrs. Lyman P. Taylor are in Tokyo, where they probably will study the Japanese language in preparation for service in Japan. Dr. Manget will serve personnel of the Methodist Board and other foreign personnel in the Kwansai area.

Some of the missionaries may be assigned to Japan for a period of service, Dr. Brumbaugh said, but he hopes they will all be able to return to Korea soon.

Those still in Korea are: Dr. Anders K. Jensen of New Cumberland, Pa.; Lawrence Zellers of Weatherford, Tex.; Miss Bertha Smith of Marshall, Mo.; Miss Nellie Dyer of Conway, Ark. Miss Helen Rosser of Cordele, Ga.; and Dr. Ernest Kisch, an Australian Methodist.

compromise has been reached under which the new constitution will merely state that Islam is the religion of the President of the republic and that the country's laws will be inspired by Moslem law. The last point is subject to varied interpretation and it is not known yet whether Christian leaders will agree to it.

Minister Takes Congregation Fishing

When the Rev. Arthur Farrell of First Baptist church at Council Bluffs, Ia., noted that his pews were empty on balmy Sunday mornings and heard reports that fishing was good at nearby Lake Manawa, he met the issue squarely. "The men of the church and I are going fishing Sunday morning," he announced. "We hope to fill our baskets and then we will be back in time to fill the pews. You might say it's an object lesson to show that recreation need not take precedence over one's religious life."

Sunday School Pupils Break Ground

There was a lot of dirt turned at the ground-breaking ceremony for the new \$275,000 educational unit of St. Mark's Lutheran church at Toledo, O. Armed with toy shovels, 350 Sunday school pupils, between the ages of 3 and 16, joined with the pastor, Dr. A. L. Burman, in the mass ceremony. The children were per-

mitted to retain the shovels as souvenirs provided by the Sunday school. The unit will contain Sunday school rooms, gymnasium, kitchen and recreation rooms. Completion is expected by Easter.

Prohibition Petitions Filed In Arkansas

Initiative petitions to put a proposal for state-wide prohibition on the November general election ballot in Arkansas were filed with the secretary of state's office. Secretary of State C. G. Hall said the petitions contained the unusually large number of 53,244 signatures. Only 19,945 signatures were required. Opponents of the proposal said they were considering court action to keep it off the ballot on the contention that the petitions were not filed in time to meet legal requirements. C. C. Coulter, director of the Temperance League of Arkansas, sponsors of the prohibition proposal, said he would have been "surprised" if the wet forces had not tried such a move. "They are always and naturally looking for grounds, real or imaginary, to stop any advances the dries try to make," he said. Leading Protestant church groups are backing the prohibition move.

Million Holy Year Pilgrims Visit Rome

Well over a million pilgrims visited Rome during the first half of the Holy Year, according to official estimates. About two-thirds of the pilgrims travelled by railroad, 7,000 came on foot, and 12,000 made the journey by bicycle. Most of the pilgrims came from various parts of Italy. The largest foreign contingents were from France, Belgium, Germany and Austria.

KAGAWA WILL NOT POSTPONE U. S. TOUR BECAUSE OF KOREAN WAR

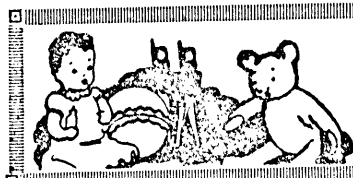
Dr. Toyohiko Kagawa, world-renowned Japanese Christian leader, will not cancel his six-month evangelistic tour of the United States because of the uprising in Korea, J. Henry Carpenter, secretary of the Kagawa Committee, announced today.

Kagawa had previously expressed concern about the impact of the Korean war on the political situation in Japan, and strongly considered cancelling his projected tour in the United States and Canada to return to his own country, Dr. Carpenter explained.

Kagawa, who is considered Japan's foremost Christian and who is one of the prominent leaders of his country's Social Democratic party, felt that his presence might be needed in his homeland to continue to oppose the current Communistic pressure there.

Dr. Carpenter made his announcement of Kagawa's decision after receiving a cablegram from Kagawa stating that he would arrive in New York on July 14 as scheduled. He will then commence a speaking tour that will take him to one hundred and forty-six localities. His first engagement was at Princeton Seminary, his alma mater, on July 16. Besides speaking in most of our larger cities, such as New York,

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THE CHILDREN'S PAGE

ANNIE WINBURNE, Editor



IN STORYLAND

LITTLE SHADI'S PRAYER

I want to tell you a story about a little boy's prayer. His name was Shadi. He lived far away in India. He was a little orphan boy, and when he was just six years old, he went to live with a missionary lady, who was very kind to him and taught him to love Jesus, and have him a little prayer for his own. One night when he was going to bed his missionary mother said to him, "Now, Shadi, I want you to pray a little prayer of your own." What do you think the little boy's prayer was? It was very short, for you know he was only six years old and it is only old people who make very long prayers.

This is what he said: "Dear Jesus, make me like what you were when you were six years old." Don't you think that was a good prayer for a little six-year-old boy? To be like Jesus when He was only six years old would be the very best thing in all the world for a little boy who was just six years old himself.—H. T. Karr in Ex.

WHAT MARY GAVE

She gave an hour of patient care to her little baby sister, who was cutting teeth. She gave a string and a crooked pin and a great deal of advice to the three-year-old brother who wanted to play fishing. She gave Ellen, the maid, a precious hour to go and visit her sick baby at home, for Ellen was a widow, and left her child at its grandmother's while she worked to get bread for both. She could not have seen them very often, if Mary had not offered to tend the door while she went away.

But this was not all that Mary gave. She dressed herself so neatly, and looked so bright and kind and obliging, that she gave her mother a thrill of pleasure whenever she caught sight of the young pleasant face. She wrote a letter to her father, who was absent on business. She gave patient attention to a long story by her grandmother, and when it was ended, made her happy by a goodnight kiss.

Thus she had given valuable presents to six people in one day; and yet she had not a cent in the world. She was as good as gold, and she gave something of herself to all those who came in touch with her all the livelong day.—Apples of Gold.

PARENTS ARE PEOPLE WHO HURRY

I wish that parents could for just
A single day change places,
And see if they would like it much—
This "hurry wash your faces!"

—Elizabeth Beck Davidson

He—"Then it's all set. We elope at midnight?"

She—"Yes, darling."

He—"Are you sure you have everything packed in your suitcase?"

She—"I'm positive. Papa and mamma helped me." —Mississippi Spectator.

CHICKIE CHICK

By B. Y. PORTER

CHICKIE CHICK was the softest, little, yellow chicken you ever saw. He lived with Madame Hen, his very beautiful White Leghorn Mother, and with ten brothers and sisters who were all just as downy and yellow as he. Their home was a grocery box that said "SOAP" on the top in big red letters.

When the children were very small Madame Hen kept them at home. She knew how easy it is for little chickens to wander too far

not catch him.

Mister Hawk would never think of hunting Madame Hen. Then after he flew away the children could come from their hiding place and chase bugs again.

Now it happened that Chickie Chick thought he knew a great deal more than his lovely white Mother. When she would tell them bed-time stories about how she had been frightened by Mister Hawk when she was a little girl, Chickie Chick would not listen.



away from home and get lost. But when they grew older she would let them play outside all day.

Often she would take long walks with them. Sometimes Chickie Chick would jump up on her broad white back, and have a grand ride until he slid off!

She taught her children all the important things that little chickens should know. Certain calls meant to look carefully for long, juicy worms. There was one very important danger signal.

Madame Hen knew that Mister Hawk liked to steal little downy chickens. That was what he liked better than anything else, when he was sure that Farmer Jones could

One day while he was searching for his dinner, he wandered farther away than usual. Madame Hen called him several times. He did not listen to her. He walked farther and farther away.

Suddenly he saw something very large and black flying above his head. It was wicked Mister Hawk! "Cluck-cluck-cluck," he heard his Mother call. Nowhere could he see her.

Oh why had he not listened to his Mother!

Then Mister Hawk dug his sharp claws into him. He was whisked into the air so fast that he could hardly get his breath.

Up into the air flew cruel Mister

IN THE WORLD OF BOYS AND GIRLS

THE KITTY-CAT BAND

Two little kittens,
Friendly, understand,
Decided they would like to form
A kitty-cat band.

And so beneath my window,
One bright, moonlight night,
They met so they could practice
With all their strength and might.

One had a trombone,
T'other had a flute,
Each took a long breath—
Then began to toot.

They practiced all the hardest notes,
Ran up and down the scales
And made nice variations
With low, mournful, kitty wails.

The neighbors hissed and hooted
And loudly called out "Scat,"
But each determined kitty
Just stayed where he sat.

And there was never given
A concert half so grand
As the one on that night, rendered
By the kitty-cat band.

—Alice K. Warden, in
The Watchword

Hawk.

Up into the air he carried little Chickie Chick.

Now it happened that Farmer Jones was out with his gun that day looking for Mister Hawk and before Mister Hawk got very far off the ground, Farmer Jones saw him.

"Bang! Bang!" went the gun. It frightened Mister Hawk so much that he let go of Chickie Chick.

Down, down, down... fell Chickie Chick.

Plump! He fell to earth in a little yellow heap!

Just as soon as he was able to jump up and run, you may be sure he scampered back to his home and to the loving wings of Madame Hen just as fast as his little yellow legs could carry him.

It was many a day before Chickie Chick forgot about Mister Hawk. He stayed under Madame Hen's wings most of the time. Even when his brothers and sisters called to him to come out to play, he would stick his funny little head out from under one side, and shake his head "No!"

He could not forget what a foolish little Chickie Chick he had been to run away from his kind Mother.

JUST FOR FUN

A farmer's barn burned down and the insurance agent, explaining the policy that covered the structure, told him that the company, instead of paying the claim in cash, would build another barn just like it.

"Well," said the farm, "if that is the way your company does business, you can cancel the insurance on my wife."—Muelser Record.

BOSSY

Old Bossy stands happily chewing her cud—
She wouldn't change places with you if she could.
She's fed and she's stabled—she's milked twice a day
And gets all she cares for in grain, grass and hay.
She nuzzles your arm for a pat from your hand
And, if you command her, will patiently stand
While you take of her milk though she knows you won't stop
Till you leave her quite dry, to the very last drop.—Dolly Strong
Rambo, Siloam Springs, Ark.

FUN FOR THE FAMILY

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

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

A DREAM COMING TRUE

By C. RAY HOZENDORF

IN the summer of 1942 three or four young people who were officers of the Little Rock Conference Methodist Youth Fellowship sat on the porch of the book store at Mt. Sequoyah talking about plans for the next year for Conference youth. Among those young people were James E. Christie, then of Texarkana, Miss Peggy Brown, Malvern, and Eloise Nelson, Little Rock, the others I do not recall at the present. After completing our plans one of them said, "What we need is a Conference Camp for our Assembly meetings." With much enthusiasm the others gathered there responded, "But definitely." All agreed to return home and to begin talking about the need for a camp. Thus began the dream among these particular young people. Others have dreamed about the camp for years, although no record has been made of these dreams. Many of the pastors of these young people took hold of the dream, and at the Annual Conference of 1945 an "Enabling Act" was passed authorizing a committee to select a suitable camp site. The persons presenting this were Kenneth L. Spore, Roy E. Fawcett, A. G. Walton and E. Clifton Rule.

The Committee was made up by elected representatives of the W. S. C. S., Board of Missions, Board of Lay Activities, Board of Evangelism, Board of Temperance, Board of Ministerial Training, Board of Education, the Little Rock Methodist Council. The following officers were elected: Kenneth L. Spore, Chairman, T. W. McCoy, Vice-Chairman, and Mrs. T. S. Lovett, Secretary.

For two years the Camp Committee sought and investigated one location after another with the same general result—not suitable for our purpose. It was at this time that an offer came from the late M. W. Greeson, Prescott, of a site near Murfreesboro on the lake to be made by the construction of the Narrows Dam. Several trips and thoughtful consideration was given to the possibilities of this site, and all agreed that it was a beautiful location and that Mr. Greeson's offer was most generous on his part. However, the majority of the committee felt that because it was not centrally located that for the best interests of camping in the Conference that Mr. Greeson's gracious offer could not be accepted. Many were disappointed but in the interest of the total program of the Conference, joined with the others in looking for a more central location. The Committee will always be grateful to Mr. Greeson for his foresight, his interest in the youth of the Conference and for his generosity in making this offer.

In the early part of 1948 Dan Robinson, pastor at Malvern, told the committee about a 300 acre tract of land on Lake Catherine belonging to Mr. Kilpatrick. During that year the acreage was purchased, and the committee in its report to Conference said: "In the opinion of the Committee, the site combines all of the essentials for the building of the kind of institution which the Conference has been so long and so greatly needing." Many members of the Conference have expressed the same opinion during the years following. After the purchase of the land plans were immediately set in motion for the development of the Camp. Much credit must be given to Roy E. Fawcett, Executive Secretary of the Conference Board of Education, for the many days and long hours he has spent in bringing the camp

program to its present stage of development. B. F. Fitzhugh has served well during the past two years in supervising the construction of buildings and managing the camp development.

The first meal served at the camp was for the members of the Board of Trustees early in May. On June 10 many members of the Conference and young people from all over the Conference inspected the site under the direction of Miss Emogene Dunlap, Conference Director. June 12-16 forty young men and women attended the work-camp and contributed much to the readiness of the opening camp on June 19.

On June 19 the camp was invaded by 169 young people of high school age and 16 adult workers. A six-day program of worship, study, inspiration, fellowship and recreation had been planned. Edward Dunlap, Lonoke, served as the Director; Richard Perry, Carlisle, Business Manager; M. W. Miller, Hamburg, Water Front Director; Mrs. J. L. Tucker, DeQueen, Dean of Women; Rufus Sorrells, Little Rock, Dean of Men and Vesper speaker; Mrs. Dorothea Funk, Arkadelphia, Nurse; Mrs. John Behrens, Malvern, Dietician.

Leaders of discussion groups on the Church were Otto Teague, Pine Bluff, J. Edwin Keith, Little Rock, R. O. Beck, Eudora, J. E. Cooper, Warren, Louis

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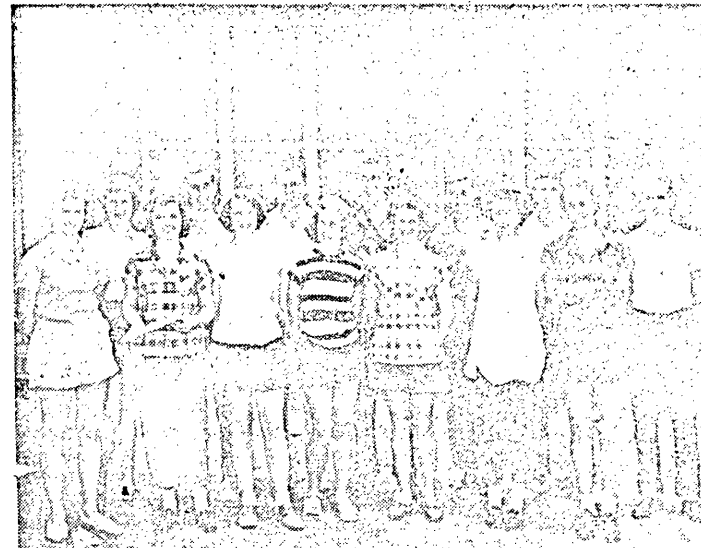
RIGHT—Top: Delegates in the Assembly period in the dining hall singing folk songs under the direction of J. E. Cooper.

Second from top: Steering Committee—First row, left to right, Charlene Hillman, Lodge's Corner; Marilyn Nisler, McGehee; Pat Hunter, Manchester; Anita Copeland, Hope; Mary Ann Kincannon, Little Rock; Delores Tucker, DeQueen; Emogene Dunlap, Conference Director, Little Rock. Second row, Jerry McNeal, Monticello; Marvin Lloyd, McGehee; Rev. J. E. Dunlap, Lonoke, Director of Camp; Buzzy Teague, Pine Bluff; John B. Hays, DeValls Bluff; Jimmy Flack, Little Rock; Fred Cazort, Little Rock.

Third from top: Horizontal hour in the afternoon finds Rev. Owen Beck, Eudora, Gaines Young, Carlisle and Joe Bueker, Stuttgart in a typical scene during rest period. One wonders what big fish story Brother Beck was telling.

Bottom: Recreation Planning Committee led by Buzzy Teague, Chairman, and Miss Emogene Dunlap, Conference Director.

BELOW: A minor accident is being given first aid treatment. Pat Lee of Little Rock cut her finger and came running to the nurse, Mrs. Dorothea Funk, from Arkadelphia. Susan Eberice, Warren, looks on sympathetically.



Commitment Day Dividends

By BISHOP WILBUR E. HAMMAKER

MANY people want to know about "Commitment Day, The Third". I wrote concerning it in the November issue of THE VOICE. Then it was to be. Now it has been. "What happened?" That question has come to me hundreds of times within the last two weeks.

Following the practice of the two former years, we have depended on "spot reports". These had been arranged for, so that they would come from all over the Church, some from Annual Conferences, some from Districts, some from all the churches of a city, some from individual city or town churches, some from Circuits. The intent was to get a good picture of the total situation.

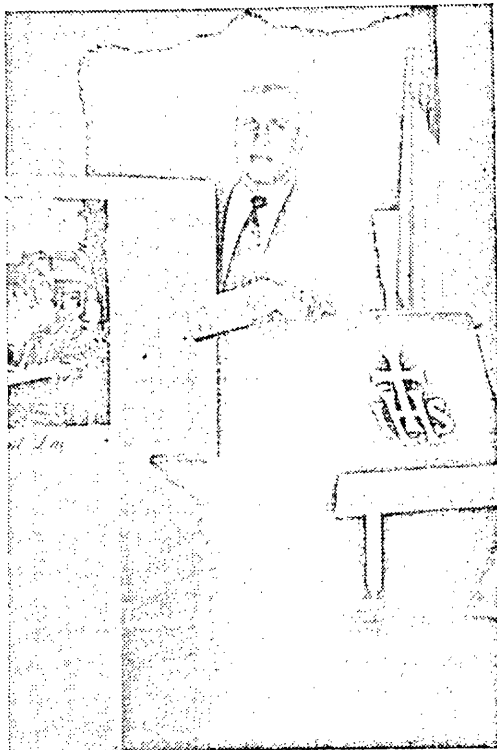
These reports indicate that a majority of the Charges observed the day, probably, seventy-five percent. I am told that such an observance, percentage-wise, is fine. Maybe so. But where are the twenty-five? Why were they outside "the blessed company" of "the observers"? I wonder if they shall be haunted by "vain regrets". Sad, sad those words: "It might have been". My prayer is that no church shall stand and behold a smirched or ruined young life this year and say: "If he or she had signed the pledge, 'it might have been' different".

More than two and a half million pledge cards were used in the presentation of the plea for commitment in abstinence from the use of beverage alcohol. About six hundred and fifty thousand "signed up". This brings the total for three years—1948, 1949, and 1950—to a total of a little more than two and a half million. No mean figure that! But, "much land remains to be possessed". Nobody sees that more clearly than I. We must press forward. Thank God and take courage; for we are on the way.

No report on a great day like this one would be even halfway adequate if it dealt only with figures, heartening as they may be. One must look behind and beneath statistics. Very often they stand for facts of experience. In this instance, they are athrob with life for all who have eyes to see. They tell of more than a half million human beings, most of them under thirty years of age, who have made an investment. A serious, dividend paying investment. An investment in "The Bank of Godly Purposes." It may mean more, far more, than an investment of twenty-five thousand dollars in Government Bonds. Or in "arms for Europe". These "dividends" in a sense of security against the assaults of beverage alcohol are bound to come in; and

their worth to the individuals concerned is beyond calculation.

Now a picture or two of how it was done. Out in Tilden, Nebraska, they "featured" Richie Ashburn, star out-fielder of the "Phillies". It was Richie's last day at home. He was due to leave Monday morning for the Spring Training



Richie Ashburn holding Pledge Scroll

Camp. See him in the picture, standing beside the pulpit of the Church, holding the "Richie Ashburn Scroll", patterned after Mr. Lincoln's pledge. Richie had just signed it. He is urging everyone in the congregation to do likewise. Among other things, he said: "Liquor plays no favorites. It cuts down the high school boys, college boys, and the professionals. Let's play safe, and leave the stuff absolutely alone."

Writes a pastor in the Middle West: "We observed Laymen's Day and Commitment Day concurrently last Sunday. Comments from the congregation indicate that it was the best Laymen's Day yet in our church. The results in

pledge signing were splendid. Beyond either of the previous years. Another sends this word: "On hundred and fifty-nine at the service. Eighty-seven signed; most of them youth and young people". I could give you similar "cameos" by the score, but space forbids.

I cannot refrain from tucking in a sentence about broader observances. In some churches, Conferences, and even Areas, cards were used that summoned signers to a number of commitments, which had vital relations to aspects of the liquor situation, other than and beyond personal abstinence.

Any comprehensive backward look at Commitment Day, however brief, would be utterly inadequate if it did not have a word or two about "The Post-Commitment Day Period." How are the signers treated in your church? Are they congratulated and encouraged? It would be too bad if no leaders in your church paid any attention to so significant an event. Be sure to see to it that there are heartening follow-up contacts. Of course, the preacher will not miss the opportunity. But others, too, should be concerned and should in more ways than one manifest gladsome interest. Maybe some sort of recognition service in the worship hour, or in the Church School would be wise and helpful. Use your ingenuity, stimulated by the response to your prayer for guidance.

Let me tell you a short story, a beautiful story that one of our outstanding preachers told me last October. This is about what he said: "Following Commitment Day last March, I wrote several scores of letters by hand. I wanted them to be personalized to the nth degree. Each one was different. Each had a note intended to strike a particular chord in the mind and heart of the recipient. These scores of letters took hours, and yes, days, of back-tiring toil. They were to the boys and girls that had signed Commitment Cards on the preceding Sunday. You cannot imagine the reactions of those lads and lassies or their parents. Most of those letters are going to be kept as precious possessions and shown by these boys and girls in twenty or thirty years to their children, when they are coming into their teens."

It's a lovely story, is it not? It opens up vistas that reach onward and upward through time and space and out into eternity. God grant that many thousands of Methodist preachers shall thus reach down into the hearts of signers. Oh! what possibilities are wrapped up in Commitment Days — those of yesteryears and of years yet to be!

REPORT ON WEEK OF DEDICATION (Continued from page 2)

of the prayer . . . When I started, as a poor and humble Methodist pastor here in Naples, I would never have imagined that from those two little orphans I found in the street and welcomed in my poorly furnished two rooms, some day I could have the joy of seeing around me 400 children. Isn't that the miracle of the faith and the prayer?"

The needs of Casa Materna with its 400 orphans are urgent. But they are no more urgent than the needs of the other institutions listed as Special Projects in the 1950 Week of Dedication. No more urgent than the relief program which Church World Service and our own Methodist Commission for Overseas Relief stand ready to carry out. No more urgent than the Crusade Scholars fund.

Still remembering that the reports are far from complete, the seven districts reporting the highest offerings, and the amounts, are the following:

- Cleveland District, N. E. Ohio Conference, J. W. Flynn, D. S., \$7,754.68.
- Jackson District, Mississippi Conference, B. M. Hunt, D. S., \$7,610.41.
- Hutchinson District, Central Kansas, J. S. Plouffe, D. S., \$6,300.00.
- Dodge City District, Central Kansas, J. R. Throckmorton, D. S., \$5,336.09.
- Canton District, N. E. Ohio, W. Dwight Heaston, D. S., \$4,872.00.
- Chicago Northern District, Rock River, W. E.

Bradburn, \$4,340.00.

Richmond District, Virginia Conference, J. A. Engle, D. S., \$4,061.69.

Up to this time, the highest Week of Dedication offering from any one church was that of Galloway Memorial Church, Jackson, Miss.—\$3,205.00. Dr. W. B. Selah has been pastor of this great church since 1945.

We are not overlooking the fact that size does not necessarily determine worth. Without doubt some of the most worth-while results in the observance of the Week of Dedication have been achieved in some of our small churches in every section of the country.

By way of summary, it must be understood that with very fragmentary reports from many districts and with nearly 50 percent of the district superintendents not yet reporting, the returns from the Week of Dedication do not provide data for dependable evaluation. In some districts in which church attendance was small (there was much rain or snow, wind, ice, cold weather nearly everywhere) the pastors were planning to revamp programs and try again. This may or may not cause the reports to come in slowly. In any case, it probably will be months before we shall know how widely Methodist churches observed the Week of Dedication.

There is, admittedly, a wide span between the \$496,000 Dedication Day offering reported to date and the anticipated million dollars. The beneficiaries in needy and strategic centers cannot afford to wait patiently to cover it. The people who can least afford to wait are they who may have heard the call and failed to heed it.

STANLEY JONES RETURNS TO INDIA

Dr. E. Stanley Jones, Methodist missionary and evangelist to India, flew from New York to India, April 30 to May 2, and was in that country through July 1. His itinerary included a visit to Premier Nehru in New Delhi, conferences with the Minister of Health concerning a new sanatorium to be started in Lucknow and Sat Tal by a Christian psychiatrist. Dr. Dagmar Norell, evangelistic services in Shillong and Darjeeling, and a month's Ashram in Sat Tal.

"Shillong is a place where the ancestors of the present Christians were headhunters," says Dr. Jones. "Now these people sing beautifully the Hallelujah Chorus . . . I am going back to my beloved India with great expectation and faith—glad to be beginning our Psychiatric Center to help people who are upset."

Upon his return to the United States in July, Dr. Jones will spend a few days with the fifty young people who have been recruited by the Methodist Church for three years of missionary service in South America; they will be in training at Hartford Theological Seminary. This will be followed by attendance at five Ashrams in July and August; a "crusade" for the United Church in September; in October, November and December, evangelistic missions in various American cities; and in January a visit to Hawaii, Korea, and Japan; then back to India in May 1951. Meanwhile Dr. Jones is engaged in writing another of his series of devotional books.

Korea Evacuation

(Excerpts from letters received by Dr. Thoburn T. Brumbaugh, from Dr. William E. Shaw and Mrs. A. K. Jensen of Seoul, Korea. This information was received after their arrival with other evacuees from Korea, in Japan.)

SUNDAY, June 25th, unaware of anything out of the ordinary I preached at a nearby church on "The Hope of the World." We were resting after dinner when two of our men came over with the word that there was something happening on the 38th parallel, and that the public had been urged to stand by for a radio announcement from the American Embassy here at 3 p. m. That report was that there had been a heavy attack at 4 a. m. at various places on the Line from East to West and we were asked to await further announcement as to its scope and purpose.

At 5 p. m. I conducted the Seoul Union Church service knowing that Songdo (Kaesong) had already fallen to the Northern Communist forces, which meant that six of our Methodist missionaries (Kris Jensen, Dr. Ernst Kisch, Nell Dyer, Bertha Smith, Helen Rosser, and Lawrence Zellers) had been caught behind the lines that morning. We have been unable to get word or help to them, and have received no word about them.

From the time we got home from church on into the night we could hear heavy artillery firing to the North, perhaps 30-35 miles from Seoul. We listened to the 11 p. m. news which told of the attack, then tried to get a little sleep. One of our men called us at 1:30 a. m. to say that all women and children were ordered to report with light baggage to the Embassy residence at 3 o'clock. Adeline threw together a small suitcase and a plastic bag full of things and I drove her with our jeep to the Embassy and thence in a long procession of jeeps, busses and cars to Askom City, 20 miles west of Seoul. There at a former U. S. Army installation, 682 women and children (State Department, ECA, business and missionary dependents) were organized to be loaded on a freight ship at Inchun about ten miles further west. I left with other men at 9 a. m. in order to get back home before the enemy blew up the big bridge across the Han river.

Back in Seoul, business seemed as usual: long lines of children going to school, the long queues of working people waiting for cars and busses to get them to their Monday tasks, etc. I had a quiet breakfast, the cook and the house boy being astounded that "mother" had to leave without even a hint of any danger or a chance to say good-bye. I spent the day clearing up some business matters for the Mission Treasurer who had left earlier with the other women. Their ship got off for Fukuoka, Japan, about 5 p. m. Monday.

All afternoon Monday the news was encouraging. Weary after the all-night vigil, I turned in at 8 p. m. for a good night's sleep (sic). I awakened at five, had my quiet hour of Bible reading and prayer, stopping at fifteen minute intervals for some possible special word from our Embassy over the Armed Forces radio station. No news—just nice quiet music! It seemed like the situation was well in hand and that perhaps the Embassy had been a bit hasty in getting our women and children away.

Shortly after 6:30 Tuesday morning, the 27th, I heard my Korean fellow-worker, Dr. H. J. Lew, coming up to my bedroom, calling quietly to me as he came. I was still in bed with my Bible. He told me that the Communists were twelve miles out of town. He wondered what he should do with his family. What were my plans? I said I had none. That fact is, I had practically unpacked my suitcase. While Dr. Lew was talking, a boy brought a note from my neighbor, Frank Williams, saying he had just heard that the enemy was already within the city limits, outside East Gate.

I then got dressed, put my stuff back in my suitcase, threw a few things in a second bag and went over to see Mr. Williams. He too was just getting up. I suggested that he put some stuff in a suitcase and dress for any eventuality. We then listened to the 7:30 radio news. Still very optimistic. It was from Tokyo and was about twelve hours old. Then the sweet music resumed, but was interrupted in thirty seconds

with "Stand by for special announcement." All American personnel were to report to the American Embassy. We knew that this call could mean only one thing, that the Americans were getting out. We called the rest of our men in town—just nine of us left. By 8 a. m. American trucks were loading hundreds of suitcases, busses were taking on scores of State Department, ECA and business people, and missionaries. All the local Catholic priests were there except two who were said to have diplomatic status. I loaded my jeep with small items, and with Dr. Manget went to Kimpo Airport in a long convoy of busses and private cars, all of which we had to leave behind as we got out. An enemy airplane strafed the head of the convoy on the way, but soon left.

Forty women and children had failed to get away on the ship on Monday, so they were awarded first place on the C-54's which flew over from Fukuoka in Japan to get us. There were some 360 of us to be evacuated altogether.



DR. THOBURN T. BRUMBAUGH,
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Extension

Mr. Bunce of ECA and First Consul Stone were among us. Ambassador Muccio, I was told, went to Suwon, 30 miles south of Seoul, to be with the South Korean government which had already flown down there. All of the American Military Advisory group, except for a few reported missing or captured, were flown out of Suwon; 16 C-54 loads of them.

Simple mathematics will indicate that five planes built for a maximum of sixty passengers, with a crew of four, could not carry off 360 people. Every one repacked his baggage and reduced it by half. By the time they got to the fifth plane which carried off 85 men, all baggage was being left. Thirty-six men who were left watched the fifth plane take off without knowing what the outcome was to be. Women and children were lined up first and left with twenty men in plane No. 1. Another group of sixty left on plane No. 2. I was lined up for plane No. 3, and we saw No. 4 loading as we took off at 2:45 p. m., Tuesday. Just as darkness was falling and a heavy rain had set in plane No. 2 returned from Japan and as No. 6 took the remaining 36 men away. There might have been room for most of the baggage remaining, but they felt there was no time to spare; so they took off without it at 7:30 p. m. All afternoon artillery fire from the North indicated that the enemy was probably in the city of Seoul. While the six planes were making ready we were covered over the airport and vicinity by five of our fighter planes, two of them jets.

I say we got off at 2:45 p. m. At 3:20 we were passing over the new Teachon Beach. All of the Presbyterians had been in annual meeting there with secretary John C. Smith from their Board in New York. With them at the beach were the newly-wed Taylors, Ruth Martin of our mission, and Bob Sauer, son of our missionaries. These all caught a train to the South, after an

ardous mountain road journey, and were safely evacuated to Japan. Our Wonju folks (Burkholders, Stokes with baby, Carol Ann, and the Misses Sadie Maude Moore, Esther Laird and Mary Jane Spindlow), left their station in three motor vehicles and caught a train farther south for Jusan, where they were taken by boat to Fukuoka.

Some time about 5 p. m., when we were about sixty miles from Japan, we must have passed the ship on which Mrs. Shaw and 681 others were sailing. We were well cared for at an army camp near Fukuoka, and got some much-needed sleep until called at 5 a. m. Wednesday for breakfast, after which we were put on trucks to take a train for Osaka. We reached the Shinodayama camp, about 200 miles from Osaka, about 2 a. m. Thursday. We have phoned back to Fukuoka and learned that "Mother's" ship arrived safely some time yesterday, and that they were well quartered in barracks last night. Our women and children expect to entrain for Osaka immediately, and we hope to see them all early tomorrow morning.—W. E. Shaw.

The women shipped out of Inchon at 7 p. m. Monday, after being assembled at 3 a. m. at the Embassy residence in Seoul. We in our house were called at 2 a. m. and left at 2:40—you can understand why we have nothing but a bare minimum of clothing with us. We were told to take only what we could carry, so most of us have nothing.

We travelled in the hold of a freighter—between eight and nine hundred of us—the tiny babies, many mothers with two and three children of young age, many pregnant women, and so on. It poured rain most of the time, even into the holds at first. They did wonders in caring for us, but facilities of all kinds were extremely limited. Many of us helped in one way or another, and certainly in "baby-standing." We had inch-thick cheese sandwiches for breakfast, dinner and supper—plus an egg, or canned stew, or soup. Also tiny paper cups of juices, and tea or coffee. Everyone was cheerful, and the children were wonderful.

We were met in Fukuoka harbor at 2 p. m. Wednesday, were taken off, "processed," and shipped to nearby destinations. Some went to Camp Hakata, the rest of us to 118th station hospital and barracks. We had cots in quonset huts, showers, washrooms and toilets, a great improvement over the boat! And there was good food in the hospital mess hall. Here we finally got telephone connections with most of our other Methodists.

I have just had a call from Charles Germany, asking me to stay with them. He says they have decided to locate as many of our people as possible with our Methodist missionaries here. Some of our older may prefer to be sent home but I know most of us want to stay. I want to stay as close to Kris, or to word about him, as possible. Only Frances Zellers and I have our husbands gone.

As to why those six were in Songdo, all but Dr. Kisch and Miss Rosser had come to Seoul for the wedding, and they wanted to get back home without delay. Mrs. Zellers had been ill and could not return, but felt that someone should go and find a cook to take care of her husband and Dr. Kisch in her absence. Therefore, Kris said he'd go along to look after them. They left about 3:30 p. m., driving up in the jeep with Nell Dyer and Bertha Smith with just time to get there before night. Fighting broke out Sunday about 2 a. m., and the city was lost by 9:00. So they must have heard the firing, but thought it was the usual thing in and around Songdo.

Enough for now. This is our first really restful stop—comfortable and beautiful, good food, time to rest, and so on—a real boon to many of the mothers.—Mrs. A. K. Jensen.

Large numbers of church women of all denominations, at the call of the United Council of Church Women, have written their congressmen and senators urging that surplus food, now in government storage, be used to feed the hungry of this and other countries; and that the government Point IV program be implemented through the United Nations program of technical assistance to underdeveloped areas.

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NORTH ARKANSAS CONFERENCE NOTES

By Ira A. Brumley

Vacation Church School Reports

The following Vacation Church Schools have been reported to our office:

Batesville District: Batesville First Church; Batesville Central Avenue; Calico Rock; Swifton; Newport; Umsted Memorial; Weldon; Mountain View; Newport First Church; Fairview; Alicia; and Viola.

Conway District: Dardanelle; Atkins; Russellville; Sylvan Hills; Conway First Church; Greenbrier; North Little Rock First Church; Washington Avenue; Gardner Memorial.

Fayetteville District: Rogers; Springdale; Sulphur Springs; Alpena; Wiggins Memorial, Fayetteville; Siloam Springs; Green Forest; Huntsville; Lincoln; Springtown-Highfill; and Berryville.

Forrest City District: Marion; West Memphis; Wheatley; Hughes; Crawfordville; Marianna; Brinkley; Forrest City; and Helena.

Fort Smith District: Huntington; Paris; Midland Heights; Clarksville; Parks; Waldron; Charleston; Fifth Street; Goddard Memorial; Hackett; Greenwood; St. John's, Van Buren.

Jonesboro District: Weiner; Hickory Ridge; Jonesboro First Church; Osceola; Marked Tree; Wilson; Harrisburg; Yarbro; Leachville; Trumann; Fisher Street, Jonesboro; and Whitton.

Paragould District: Pocahontas; Griffin Memorial; Corning; Marmaduke.

Searcy District: Jacksonville, McCrory; Bald Knob; Clinton; Augusta; Leslie; and Valley Springs.

North Arkansas At Leadership School

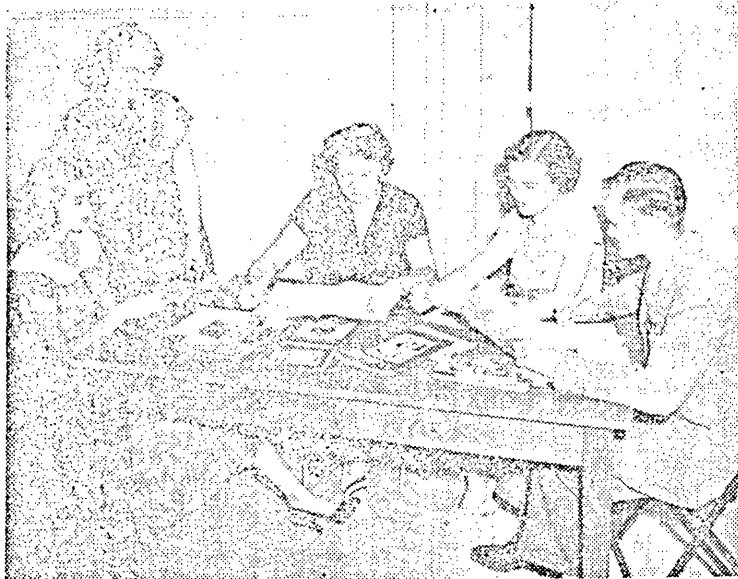
The North Arkansas Conference is being represented in the Leadership School by a number of Conference and District workers. The following Conference and District workers have been registered for the school and others are expected to attend: Mrs. W. P. Gibbs, Forrest City; Mrs. A. N. Storey, Paragould; Mrs. Carl Meeker, Harrison; Mrs. S. O. Patty, Prairie Grove; Byron McSpadden, Mt. Home; Lee Cate, Lincoln; I. L. Claud, North Little Rock; Edwin Dodson, Widener; J. Clarence Wilcox, Mt. Home; Ira A. Brumley and Mrs. Brumley, Conway.

A number of other persons from local churches have registered for the school.

Rev. H. O. Eggensperger and Miss Lula Doyle Baird of the North Arkansas Conference are members of the faculty for the Leadership School.

Recent news releases to the effect that there are more children than adults in Methodist church schools did not take into account the fact that 80 per cent of church school officers and teachers are adults, it was said by the Rev. Walter Towner, director of the Department of General Church School Work of the General Board of Education. This brings the total of adults to 2,440,780, according to statistics compiled for 1949 by the Department. Total number of children is given as 2,138,308. The remaining 20 per cent of officers and teachers are youth, making the total for that division 1,240,994.

NORTH ARKANSAS CONFERENCE CARAVAN TEAM



Miss Rose Marie Backstrom, Miss Marie Lewis, Miss Viola Callahan, Miss Doris Marie Bennett, R. Kent Garrison

The North Arkansas Conference Caravan Team, composed of the following persons: Miss Rose Marie Backstrom, McLain, Mississippi; Miss Marie Lewis, Anton, Texas; Miss Viola Callahan (Counselor), Clover Bend, Arkansas; Miss Doris Marie Bennett, Ft. Worth, Texas; and R. Kent Garrison, Hutchinson, Kansas, is serving seven weeks in the Conference.

This team trained in Abilene, Texas and came to the North Arkansas Conference to begin their work June 24. They have been or will be at the following places: Central Church, Fayetteville, June 24-30; Russellville, July 1-7; Conway, First Church, July 8-14; Helena, July 15-

21; Brinkley, July 22-28; Blytheville, July 29 to August 4; Batesville, First Church, August 5-11.

Should your church be near one of the remaining centers, we hope your young people and their adult leaders will take advantage of the opportunity that is theirs.

This Caravan program has been made possible by the local churches, having the team, making financial contribution to largely provide for the travel as well as the entertainment of the Caravan Team.

One church has already made application for a team next year. It is not too early for your church to make application, if a team is desired for next year.—Ira A. Brumley.

NEW HEAD OF YOUTH DEPARTMENT

Nashville, Tenn.—The Rev. Harold W. Ewing, director of the Joint Department of Christian Vocations since December 1948, has been elected by the General Board of Education meeting in Cincinnati May 1-4, to head the Board's Youth Department, it has been announced by Dr. John Q. Schisler, executive secretary of the Division of the Local Church.

A member of the Northeast Ohio Conference, Mr. Ewing succeeds the Rev. Hoover Rupert, resigned, who has been director of the Youth Department since 1945.

During his term as director of the Joint Department of Christian Vocations Mr. Ewing, among other accomplishments, has assisted in establishing commissions on Christian Vocations in 34 annual conferences and has developed a body of literature for promoting the enlistment of youth and for the training of workers with youth in this field.

As director of the Youth Department Mr. Ewing with his staff of eight persons will be largely responsible for forming standards and preparing programs for the organization and work of Christian education in the local church for Meth-



REV. HAROLD W. EWING

odism's one million youth.

Mr. Rupert has been appointed pastor of First Church, Jackson, Michigan. He took over his new duties the first of June.

Philosopher: A person who always knows what to do until it happens to him.—Fireman's Fund Record.

The chief end of education is a corresponding estimate of values, and a corresponding choice.—Chas. W. Emerson, Reader's Scope.

PROGRESS OF METHODIST CHURCH SCHOOLS

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

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

Gain of 144,400 was reported for church school membership, making the total 5,799,823. This brings the church school membership to 67 per cent of the church membership of 8,771,707.

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

Last year Methodist church schools contributed to World Service and conference benevolence \$2,654,901. This was \$96,107 more than the 1948 contribution.

Number of church school pupils joining the church on profession of faith was reported as 169,777, making a gain of 17,846.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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SEARCY DISTRICT EXECUTIVE MEETING

The Searcy District W. S. C. S. Executive Committee met in Searcy, June 6. Mrs. P. B. Davidson, President, presided, and introduced the new officers; and also gave the devotional.

Fifteen were present and each one discussed her work and plans for the new year.

The group voted to allow expenses for all District officers attending the annual meeting. It is customary to allow eight dollars for each officer who attends the School of Missions at Hendrix each year.

Mrs. H. H. Fulbright and Mrs. Walter Jimmerson, former District officers, and now Conference officers were present and discussed work of interest to the District.

The schedule for W. S. C. S. visitation was read, and plans were made to carry out this recommendation.

Two seminars will be held in the District early in September. The time and places will be announced later.

District Officers are as follows: President, Mrs. P. B. Davidson, Kensett; Vice-President, Mrs. Arthur Lewis, Clinton; Recording Secretary, Mrs. H. E. Pearce, Heber Springs; Promotional Secretary, Mrs. J. D. Kinley, Beebe; Spiritual Life, Mrs. Stivers Blair, Clinton; C.S.R. & L.C.A., Mrs. Roy Hudspeth, Harrison; Missionary Education, Mrs. Jack Andrews, Heber Springs; Literature and Publications, Mrs. J. H. Johnston, Kensett; Student Work, Mrs. Troy Brand, Harrison; Youth Work, Mrs. Boyd Johnson, Beebe; Children's Work, Mrs. Bertis Hombs, McRae; Supplies, Mrs. C. W. Good, Cabot; Status of Women, Mrs. Vera Bone, McRae; Missionary Personnel, Mrs. Vance Thompson, McCrory; Wesleyan Service Guild, Miss Helen Stevens, Clinton, and Mrs. John Fryar, Augusta; Research Committee, Mrs. Hugh Garrett, Beebe.

W. S. C. S. MEMBER HONORED

At a recent meeting of the Weona-Centerview Woman's Society of Christian Service Mrs. M. A. Graves was presented with a Life Membership pin and certificate by the members of the societies.

This was done in appreciation of the work done by Mrs. Graves for the societies and for her church. Mrs. Graves reorganized the two societies and served as president of the Weona W. S. C. S. the past year. At the beginning of this year the two societies combined.—Reporter

"AMERICAN MOTHER OF THE YEAR"

Mrs. Henry Roe Cloud, chosen "American Mother of the Year," by the American Mothers Committee of the Golden Rule Foundation is an active member of First Presbyterian Church, Oregon City, Oregon. A daughter of a Chippewa Indian mother and a German homesteader father, Mrs. Roe Cloud is mother of four daughters, all college graduates. She was herself graduated from Hampton Institute, Virginia.

JAPAN BEGINS AGAIN

By Grace Noll Crowell

*Rising out of the midst of wreck and ruin,
Lifting its eyes toward the morning sun,
This land draws breath to shake away the stupor
Caused by the havoc of a war now done.
Up from cold ashes homes again are lifting
And mission bells peal out a joyous welcome
As a brave, courageous land begins again.*

*Begins again with faith in a brighter future
Because its people have learned of the risen Christ
Through the earnest zeal of Christians of other nations
Who have brought them the news that his great love will suffice
To aid mankind in its bitterest, darkest hour,
And thus sustained, they rise to begin again,
And out of the utter wreckage and destitution,
They will build it better and stronger—the new Japan.*

CONWAY DISTRICT MEETING

The Conway District W. S. C. S. met in the Methodist Church in Danville, in May.

Eighteen Societies were represented with 66 women in attendance. Mrs. Vernon Chalfant, vice president, presided over the morning session.

The meeting opened with a devotional led by Rev. Thomas Whiddon, host pastor, with the music by the children's choir, led by Mrs. Whiddon.

The chief business of the morning session was the election of the following officers: President—Mrs. Rife Hughey, Atkins; Vice President—Mrs. Vernon Chalfant, North Little Rock; Promotion Secretary—Mrs. James Bell, Dover; Recording Secretary—Mrs. A. L. Riggs, Plainview; Treasurer—Mrs. James Berry, Conway; Secretaries in lines of work—Missionary Education—Mrs. R. J. Goss, North Little Rock; C.S.R. and L.C.A.—Mrs. Thomas Whiddon, Danville; Spiritual Life—Mrs. Elmus Brown, Dardanelle; Children—Mrs. Stanley Haney, Atkins; Youth—Mrs. C. E. Brown, North Little Rock; Student—Mrs. Raymond Dorman, Levy; Supplies—Mrs. John Page, Dover; Literature and Publications—Mrs. Louis Konnings, North Little Rock; Status of Women—Mrs. Doyle Baker, Pottsville; Missionary Personnel—Miss Maud Moore, Russellville.

Visitors presented to the group were six pastors, the Rev. Mr. Womack, Minnis, Weatherford, Riggs, Nance; and J. W. McNutt, layman.

Mrs. Dorman presented Mrs. L. A. Maxwell, outgoing Spiritual Life Secretary, with a life membership from the district.

Mrs. Johnnie McClure, Conference President, explained the "Typical Methodist Woman" to the group and asked the District to select one and send the name to Mrs. Upton, Conference Secretary.

The report of the recent meetings in Buck Hill Falls, and the Assembly in Cleveland were most interestingly given by Mrs. McClure and Mrs. James Upton. The group was dismissed for lunch which was served in the Home Economics Cottage by the Home Ec. Department of the Danville School.

After lunch the group reassembled at the church. A short business ses-

FT. SMITH DISTRICT EXECUTIVE MEETING

The first Executive meeting for the Ft. Smith District was held in First Church, Ft. Smith, June 29th. Mrs. Monroe Scott, district secretary of Spiritual Life, assisted by Mrs. Alfred McElroy had charge of the devotional.

It was with deep regret that the resignation of Mrs. David Conyers was accepted, as district secretary of Literature and Publications. Mrs. Conyers was moved from the district following the recent session of the Annual Conference.

Reports were made from the different officers, and plans outlined for the new year's work, showing unusual growing interest in the work generally. Mrs. Alfred McElroy, secretary of Missionary Education discussed tentative plans for the Seminar, with the plans for dates and places to be announced later.

Mrs. Fraser, Mrs. Lewis and Mrs. Bond were appointed on the Research and nominating committee for the new year.

The following officers answered roll call: Mrs. Monroe Scott, Mrs. Dwight Hawk, Mrs. Alfred McElroy, Mrs. T. R. Hunt, Mrs. J. B. Chancey, Mrs. J. K. Fraser, Mrs. W. E. Smith, Mrs. E. A. Haisten, and Mrs. W. H. Lewis. Mrs. Smith dismissed the meeting with prayer.—Reporter

sion was presided over by the president, Mrs. Hughey. The Group voted to hold two seminars in the district in the fall. They also voted to change the Scholarship to a study grant and a committee was appointed to work on the grant. On the committee are Miss Moore, Mrs. Dorman, and Mrs. Cooley.

Highlighting the afternoon program were talks by Miss Guffey of Booneville, and Mrs. H. Fulbright of Searcy, Conference Secretary of Promotion.

Mrs. McClure led the installation and commitment Service and Rev. W. M. Womack of Perry dismissed the group with prayer.—Mrs. A. L. Riggs.

Call on God, but row away from the rocks.—Indian proverb.

THE W. S. C. S. AND WESLEY GUILD HAVE INSTALLATION SERVICE

The Heber Springs Woman's Society and the Wesleyan Service Guild had a joint installation service at the evening church hour, June 25th.

The following officers were installed: President, Mrs. R. Olmstead, Vice president, Mrs. G. P. Houston; Treasurer, Mrs. Cecil Alexander; Recording Secretary, Mrs. Fred Johnston, Promotion Secretary, Mrs. Henry Irwin.

Lines of Work: Spiritual Life, Mrs. J. T. Bridwell; Missionary Education, Mrs. John Moose; C. S. R., Mrs. W. R. Giffin and Miss Sudie Manning; Youth Work, Mrs. Jack Andrews; Student Work, Mrs. Neill Reed; Children's Work, Mrs. Floyd Reynolds; Supply Work, Mrs. Eugene Herold; Literature and Publications, Mrs. Merrill Stark; Status of Women, Mrs. C. M. Reaves; Publicity and Printing, Mrs. Hubert Pearce; Hospitality, Mrs. Shelby Henderson and Mrs. Joe Smith.

The following Guild Officers were installed: President, Mrs. Thomas Massey; Vice president, Mrs. Jewel Dougherty; Treasurer, Mrs. Paul Young; Recording Secretary, Mrs. Wilford Logan; Promotion secretary, Miss Pearl Sims;

Lines of Work: Spiritual Life, Mrs. J. A. Sims; Missionary Education, Mrs. Jack Andrews; C. S. R., Mrs. Agnes Mauk, and Mrs. J. T. Matthews; Supply Work, Mrs. Watson Taylor; Literature and Publications, Mrs. Joe Smith.

These two organizations have had the church kitchen rebuilt and furnished. An electric urn and a service for 100 in glassware and china have recently been purchased by the two groups.

At its June meeting the guild voted to begin the giving of \$25.00 annually to the Seward Alaska Sanatorium, and will call this project the Matthews Memorial Project in honor of Dr. and Mrs. J. T. Matthews of Heber Springs.

HARRISBURG OFFICERS

The following officers of the Woman's Society of Christian Service of the Methodist Church at Harrisburg, who were elected at the regular May meeting in the home of Mrs. Mary E. Freeman, were installed at the morning service on Sunday, May 28th, by the Rev. J. T. Byrd, pastor:

President, Mrs. J. Brinkerhoff; Vice-president, Mrs. Essie Yarbrough; Recording Secretary, Mrs. M. M. Mills; Secretaries: Spiritual Life, Mrs. M. C. Pickett; Missionary Education, Mrs. J. T. Byrd; Literature and Publicity, Mrs. Sue Holmes; Christian Social Relations, Mrs. L. J. Phillips; Supplies, Mrs. Claud Heeb; Children's Work, Mrs. J. M. Simmons; Youth Work, Mrs. Earl Whitaker; Student Work, Mrs. Jimmie Spencer; Status of Women, Mrs. Mary Mahan. Circle Chairmen: Edith Martin Circle, Mrs. Roy Frank; Willing Workers Circle, Mrs. U. L. Smith.—Miss Floy Nelms.

The world is full of men who are making good livings but poor lives.—Protestant Voice

CURRENT NEWS IN ARKANSAS METHODISM

ARKANSAS CFO MEETS

This summer there were two unusually successful periods of the Camp Farthest Out which were held at Petit Jean State Park—the first period, May 24-31 and the second period, June 1-8. The lodge and cabins were reserved for these two weeks for those who registered. A total of 174 persons attended—65 the first week and 109 the second week. States represented and the number attending were: Louisiana, 40; Oklahoma, 13; Texas, 42; Illinois, 6; Missouri, 9; Mississippi, 5; Minnesota, 7; South Carolina, 2; Michigan, 3; Washington, D. C., 2; Florida, 1; California, 1; and Arkansas, 43.

This is the second year Arkansas has had sessions of the CFO. It is an interdenominational spiritual retreat which strengthens one's faith and encourages his enthusiasm for his own local church after he returns home. It is open to anyone who desires to register. The enthusiastic response last year made possible the two camps this year, and for the same reason two weeks have been reserved for the 1951 sessions. Over the nation this year are being held 22 other similar camps, with two in foreign countries—Hawaii and Europe.

Leaders this year were: Dr. Glenn Clark, founder of the Camps and outstanding prayer leader of the nation; Rev. and Mrs. Roland Brown, Baptist leaders of Chicago; Norman Elliott, layman, Sunday School teacher and Managing Editor of *Clear Horizons* magazine; Mrs. Marge Lawrence, song leader from Michigan; Mrs. Gretchen Clement, head of the School of Prayer from Washington, D. C.; and Mrs. Roberta Fletcher, Prayer Hostess from Dallas, Texas.

Activities consisted of three daily inspirational messages, creative arts and writing, directed rhythms, and meetings of prayer groups.—R. E. Simpson, Hot Springs

FOUNTAIN LAKE

The members of the Little Rock Annual Conference will recall that I was given an evangelistic relationship in the appointments at annual conference. Since the adjournment of the conference Rev. R. B. Moore, District Superintendent of the Arkadelphia District, has asked me to take charge of Fountain Lake church which had been left unsupplied at conference.

Fountain Lake is a practically new church located seven miles out of Hot Springs on the Little Rock highway, and has a membership of about seventy-five of as fine a people as one can find anywhere in the bounds of the Little Rock Conference. These people have graciously received me and pledged their full cooperation and support in the work there.

A reception was held last Friday evening at which time several members of the Official Board expressed their delight in having us for their pastor and pledged us their full cooperation. After the reception all enjoyed an old-fashioned fellowship dinner together.

When the ceremonies were apparently over the W. S. C. S. pre-

Last week in the Little Rock Conference a new church was born—the U-Share-It Church, with 28 members in full fellowship and 2 in training. Their names are found in the ledger were: Mrs. Hogan Pelton, Benton; Mary Ann Kincannon, Little Rock; Dorothy Baber, Little Rock; Peter Hawkins, Little Rock; Oarr D. Racop, Pine Bluff; Gaines Young, Carlisle; Winston Comer, El Dorado; Carolyn Rawls, El Dorado; Judy Sayre, Eldorado; Virginia, Warren; Helen Hamilton, Little Rock; Mrs. Edward W. Harris, El Dorado; Mrs. Joe S. Williamson, El Dorado; Jimmy Cox, Little Rock; Jo Richardson, Little Rock; Emogene Dunlap, Little Rock; Carolyn Ricketts, Bauxite; Margaret Marshall, Little Rock; Earleen Lewis, Arkadelphia; Mary Sue Smith, Pine Bluff; W. Cannon Kinnard, Conway; Pat Hunter, Arkadelphia; Betty Jo Bittinger, Grady; Jeanne Bonar, Pine Bluff; Clarice M. Bowman, Nashville, Tennessee; Fred Arnold, Little Rock; Mrs. C. B. Nelson, Little Rock; Mrs. V. B. Story, Little Rock; Mrs. J. R. Henderson, Little Rock; Dick Nelson, Little Rock; and John Henderson, Little Rock.

Although this church came into being on July 10th and disbanded on July 15th its members, everyone, went back to their other churches to "Share It"—the Aldersgate experience. 'Tis true that the church was organized at Aldersgate, Little Rock, but the experience came from within rather than without.

These members were called together by the Town and Country Commission of the Little Rock Conference to have a Laboratory experience in learning how to make the program of the Methodist Youth Fellowship live. All of the boards of the church and the Woman's Society pooled their resources, financial aid and leadership, to make this experience possible. Then the Board of Education made it possible for Miss Clarice Bowman to come as the leader.

A visitor coming to camp might have found the entire congregation in the church auditorium singing, worshipping, or discussing. Three times a day you would have seen them in the dining hall faring sumptuously. Again they might have been on the lawn learning new games and how to lead them. Small groups

sented the pastor with a table loaded down with groceries as a token of appreciation from the membership of the church. It was literally an old-fashioned pounding. "A very delightful occasion and a most joyous surprise" are words the pastor used in his response.

The members of the conference may reach me at 1514 Seventh St., Hot Springs, where we will reside for the conference year.—J. A. Wade

Morris Ploscowe, N. Y. magistrate, gave his definition of a gambler: "A mentally sick individual whose passion to risk his possession is beyond reason."—Baltimore Sun.

Life can only be understood backwards, but it must be lived forwards. —Cominco Mag., Consolidated Mining Co.

WESLEY RIDES AGAIN!

By MARGARET MARSHALL

might have been seen here, there, and yonder seated under the trees planning as teams for work in a special local church. Again one might have seen one person, or five, or all the congregation gathered under Dedication Oak "Practicing the presence of God."

However, should one have come between the hours of two-thirty and five-thirty they would have seen teams of three, four and five persons boarding cars as they sang "Go Tell It On the Mountain That Jesus Christ Is Born." These teams went into eight churches in the Little Rock District on the invitation of the church and pastor. They went, not to put on a program, but to work with the members of the Youth Fellowship and their leaders in planning together how best to "Make His Way Known." The churches into which they went were Lonoke, Hunter, Oak Forest, Martindale, Walnut Grove, Bethel, Mabelvale, and Des Arc. As each team came back after dinner, work, worship, and play in the local church, it was with a spirit of humility and exultation that they were being used of God to further His Kingdom. This period of the sharing of experiences was one of rich fellowship.

In one short week the group became, not only a church Fellowship but a Christian Family, a family in which adult and youth had a voice in the making of the policies and the adopting of the schedule of the day. Never did youth or adults work harder, but never did a group feel any greater sense of the importance of their mission. The names of the leaders, the ministers, laymen and women, who contributed and the part they played would make an interesting story, but they want the reader to think of them, not as individuals, but as "little people with great commitments," little people who have met God and who feel that together great things can be accomplished.

From the communion table where the representatives from each district went together on the last morning, they went back home, pledged to carry the Message into special churches in their district, with a sense of assurance that they knew how it should be done. Yes! Wesley Rides Again!

CHOIR AT HUNTER MEMORIAL ELECTS OFFICERS

Hunter Memorial Methodist Church, Little Rock, with Mrs. A. E. Montgomery as its minister of music, held its annual election of choir officers for the new church year at a recent business meeting. The business meeting followed a delicious chicken dinner given the choir in recognition of its presentation of an Easter cantata, "Love Triumphant."

The following officers were elected: President, Mrs. Frank Agee; Vice-president, Bobby Montgomery; Secretary-treasurer, Patsy Ifwerstrom; Publicity chairman, Louise Mulkey; Librarians, Mary Arnold and Smith Lynn Galusha; Robe committee, Mrs. E. A. Ashcraft and Mrs.

ARKANSAS METHODISTS GIVE LEADERSHIP IN LEADERSHIP SCHOOL

Several Methodist leaders of Arkansas Methodism have places of responsibility in the annual Leadership School of the South Central Jurisdiction at Mt. Sequoyah, Fayetteville, July 17-28. This school is primarily for Conference staff members, district directors of children's, youth, adult and general church school work, district superintendents, pastors, directors of Christian education, certified instructors, and other resource leaders with major responsibility for Christian education.

Dr. Ira A. Brumley and Rev. Roy E. Fawcett, executive secretaries of the Boards of Education of the North Arkansas and Little Rock Conferences, respectively, are serving on the Board of Managers and the Program Committee. Another Arkansan, Miss Lula Doyle Baird, District Supervisor of Public Schools, Morrilton, is also serving on the Board of Managers as Director of the Laboratory Section of the program. Miss Emogene Dunlap, Conference Director of Youth Work, Little Rock Conference, is serving as an assistant instructor in the course, Guiding Seniors in Christian Growth. Rev. Harold O. Eggensperger, pastor of the First Methodist Church, Russellville, is the instructor for the course "Planning for Camping." Rev. D. L. Dykes, Jr., pastor of the Central Methodist Church, Fayetteville, is leading in the daily Vesper Service. Dr. Matt L. Ellis, president of Hendrix College, is delivering an address "Totalitarian Church in a Democratic State," the evening of July 20. Dr. J. Q. Schisler, Executive Secretary of the Division of the Local Church, Board of Education, and member of the North Arkansas Conference, is delivering an address "Education for What and For Whom," on the evening of July 25. Miss Violet Holbrook, Morrilton, is serving as Playground Supervisor.

The sermons on Sunday, July 23, will be delivered by Bishop W. C. Martin, of the Dallas-Fort Worth Area. Rev. Earl Cunningham, of the Department of Leadership Training, Board of Education, is serving as Dean of the School and Dr. Paul D. Womeldorf, Executive Secretary of the South Central Jurisdiction, is serving as Registrar.

A fellow has to be a mighty big egotist to feel important while looking at the stars.—Chicago Tribune.

Smith Lynn Galusha. The entertainment committee will be appointed by the president. There are thirty-one members of the choir.—Louise Mulkey, Publicity Chairman.

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A DREAM COMING TRUE

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Averitt, Dumas, C. H. Geissen, Camden. Interest Group leaders on the Methodist Youth Fellowship were Mrs. V. B. Story, Little Rock, Miss Olivia Bradley, Camden, Miss Ruby Galloway, Little Rock, Miss Mary Ann Kincannon, Little Rock, Miss Emogene Dunlap, Little Rock, Conference Director of Youth Work.

Elected youth officers attending the camp were Mary Ann Kincannon, Little Rock, President, Marvin Loyd, McGehee, Community Service, Buzzy Teague, Pine Bluff, Recreation, John B. Hays, DeValls Bluff, Board of Missions.

Believing that the conference at large would be interested in this first full scale Conference Camp to be held at the new site, the writer accompanied Walter McGonagill, of Jack and Jill Studies, Hot Springs, to the Camp on Wednesday to record some of the activities. These pictures tell accurately the creative and interesting program in progress at the camp.

Some of the typical expressions heard around the camp were as follows: Ann Wilson, Hot Springs, said: "I do not think we could have found a better place. The program is wonderful. I definitely want to come back next year."

"I like the camp," declared Charles Cook, Magnolia, "but mainly Vesper point and the vesper hour. The program is fine and I like the morning discussion on the church. I'll be back next year, naturally."

"I really like the camp. It is beautiful—the prettiest I have ever seen," stated Delores Tucker, DeQueen, "I like the vesper services at the point. I positively want to come back to camp next year. The food is the best we have had."

One of the adults, Olivia Bradley, said: "I like the camp. It has big possibilities. I'd like to work again next year. The youth are discussing their problems and how to solve them in their tents as well as in the discussion groups. I don't mind roughing it, but will be glad when we have our cabins."

With the continued cooperation of pastors, parents and young people in the local church one by one the needed buildings will be completed and in addition to the caretaker's home, and the dining room and kitchen; the out-door chapel will become a reality, and the cabins will be completed. Then our dream of a camp for youth and adults will be a dream come true.

READ Matthew 20:28

All human progress up to God has stained the stairs of time with blood.

—Francis H. Rose

The author of the above lines was one of the eleven missionaries put to death on the Island of Panay, Philippine Islands, in December, 1943. Each of us must give his life for something. Simply clinging to it means losing it; throwing it into a great cause is saving it. Sidney Powell tells of a boy who rowed a small boat to an ice floe in a swirling, flooded river to catch a rabbit he saw on it. The boat capsized and the boy drowned. The body was recovered, and a friend took the bed-raggle, dead rabbit from his pocket, and said, "That's what he gave his life for!"

We offer Thee our lives, dear Saviour. Give us grace to pour them out freely in Thy service that they may be saved eternally. Amen.—Selected.

GRAVETTE WELCOMES PASTOR AND FAMILY

Thursday evening, July 13, the members of the Gravette Methodist Church gave the parsonage family a very cordial reception and pounding. In the receiving line were J. E. Potter, chairman of the Board of Stewards, Mrs. Newt Douglas, Mrs. F. H. Milburn, Rev. and Mrs. H. W. Jinske and daughters, Betty Jean and Joy Nell, and Carole Lou Fulmer of Conway.

W. A. Fisher, superintendent of the Church School, extended greetings and words of welcome to the parsonage family on behalf of the church. The pastor responded with words of appreciation and Mrs. Jinske gave the invitation to go through the beautiful new parsonage. Throughout the reception Mrs. Clarence Teeter played soft music. The church sanctuary was decorated with sprays of gladioli and mixed garden flowers.

After the serving of refreshments in the church's dining room the parsonage family was presented with a pounding of a variety of groceries. It was indeed a beautiful expression of the fine Christian spirit of the church. The pastor and his family deeply appreciate it.

The beautiful new parsonage was decorated throughout with sprays of gladioli and dahlias.

The reception committee was composed of J. E. Potter, Mrs. Newt Douglas, and Mrs. F. H. Milburn.

The committee on pounding was composed of Mrs. Georgia Dunagin, Mrs. Guy Mitchelltree, Mrs. Elmer Nease, Mrs. J. W. Murphy, Miss Jenny Perkins, Mrs. G. R. Brown, Miss Ruth Weaver, and Mrs. J. L. Oswalt.

Mrs. Newt Douglas sang a solo, and a quartette, accompanied by Mrs. Charles Ferrel, and composed of W. A. Fisher, J. E. Potter, Frank Hidy, and J. W. Murphy rendered special music.—H. W. Jinske, Pastor

RUTHERFORD AND PRAYER

We pray for union with Jesus, and God severs natural ties and lets our best friends misunderstand or become indifferent to us (John 15:2).

We pray for more love, and God sends peculiar suffering, and puts up with apparently unlovely persons and lets them say things to rasp nerves, lacerate the heart, and sting the conscience: for love suffers long and is kind; love is not impolite, love is not provoked, love bears, love believes, hopes, and endures; love never faileth (I Cor. 13:4-8; John 15:9, 10).

We ask to follow Jesus, and He separates us from home and kindred, for He Himself said: "Whosoever he be of you that forsaketh not all that he hath, he cannot be My disciple (Luke 14:33).

We pray for the lamb life, and are given a portion of lowly service, or we are injured and must seek no redress; for He was led as a lamb to the slaughter, and opened not His mouth (Isa. 53:7).

We pray for gentleness and there comes a perfect storm of temptation to yield to harshness and irritability.

We pray for quietness, and everything within and around is confusion, that we may learn when He giveth quietness no one can make trouble (Job 24:29).—Samuel Rutherford

Unused ability is no better than an unread book.—Animator, hm, Alexander Film Co.



"Along a Country Road"

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TESTIMONIAL OF A LAY SPEAKER

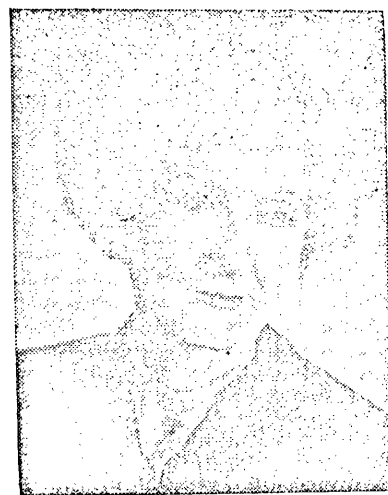
Mrs. Wilma Fulbright, a member of the First Methodist Church, Searcy, and Promotional Secretary for the North Arkansas Conference Woman's Society of Christian Service, knows from first hand experience the value of cooperation between the Town and Country Church. Mrs. Fulbright has for several months been assigned as a lay speaker from her home church to the Rosebud Methodist Church, a rural church participating in the Town and Country Program in and around Searcy.

"I commend unto you, Phoebe, our sister." With these words Paul endorsed the work of a woman of his day as she was sent forth from one church to another to minister to it. I think I know how humble she must have felt as she took up her new work, hoping that she would be worthy of his recommendation, and praying that through her efforts the knowledge of Christ would be increased among the people. It was with a similar sense of humility that I received the assignment as lay speaker of Rosebud church in October, 1949—the only woman of a team of four going out from the Searcy church. I felt it a high honor and a privilege to be sent to work with the Rosebud people whom I had already learned to love, and to assist the pastor, the Rev. Henry Carpenter, and I knew that a new doorway of service had been opened for me.

Preceding the assignment there had been much inspiration given for this type of work—a revival service—an old-fashioned tent meeting with real gospel preaching done by the Rev. J. Albert Gatlin of the Searcy church; the singing of old-fashioned Methodist hymns led by Joe Pierce and heartfelt testimonials given by those who had received a true blessing. And, as the women met together under the shadow of the trees, and by the light of the stars, for the fellowship of prayer each evening before the service began, we all knew that God was there and that we who were from the large church and those from the rural church were one body working for the glory of His kingdom.

Rosebud Methodist Church is a large frame building having only one room. It has a resident membership of about 38 families. My assignment who "to do anything that a pastor would do if he were there." I tried to do just that as well as possible, living twenty miles from the church. I became a member of the adult church school class and I confess, at times, I built the fires and carried in the wood—as I should have done if there was none other to do it.

It was my desire to conduct a Methodist worship service with its beauty and dignity each Sunday morning that I was there. The messages have been based upon love,



MRS. WILMA FULBRIGHT

and developing from that, service—none other could I give. It was my privilege to lead the services for the securing of funds for the Methodist Children's Home and Hendrix College, and to bring the message preparatory to the signing of the Commitment cards.

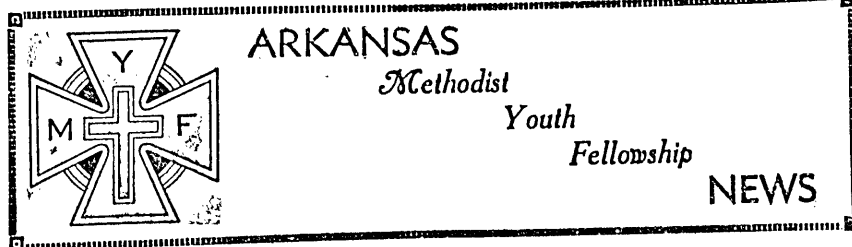
The work of the Woman's Society of Christian Service has grown through the efforts of the lay speakers and co-operation of the Searcy pastor. Rosebud society has grown in membership and has enjoyed the fellowship, one with the other, of Searcy women as each shared in meetings with the other. The Center Hill-Smyrna society has grown rapidly and is endeavoring to carry out a full program with all officers and an approved study program. Only a year ago it was organized—mostly on faith of the pastor, the district promotion secretary and the three women who were present. Now all women of the two churches are members but three.

It has been a lovely thing, and one of great inspiration, to watch the development of these churches under the leadership given them. For the opportunity to be a participant in this part of God's work, I shall be forever thankful. We have become more vitally aware that we can worship anywhere. We use the words of an inspired poet:

"Beautiful is the large church, with its stately arch and steeple;
Neighborly is the small church with groups of friendly people;
Reverent is the old church, with centuries of grace;
And a wooden church or a stone church can hold an altar place.
And whether it be a rich church, or a poor church anywhere,
Truly it is a great church if God is worshiped there."

"With a single stroke of the brush," said the school teacher, taking his class through the National Gallery, "Joshua Reynolds could change a smiling face to a frowning one."

"So can my mother," said a small boy.—Western Recorder.



INTERMEDIATE CAMP AT WAYLAND SPRING

Intermediate camp for the Paragould District was officially opened at Wayland Spring at 2:00 p. m. Monday, July 10, when registration began.

There are fifty-one students and twelve councilors. The councilors are as follows: Rev. J. M. Barnett, First Church, Rector; Rev. J. H. Holt, Griffin Memorial, Paragould; Rev. A. N. Storey, district superintendent, Paragould; Rev. Dewey Dark, Morning Star Circuit, Bard; Rev. James Beal, First Church, Rector; James Z. Hendrix, Griffin Memorial, Paragould; Kim Yap, Izah, Malaya; Miss Hettie Lou Wilson, First Church, Paragould; Mrs. Dewey Dark, Morning Star Circuit, Bard; Miss Freda Lockwood, Griffin Memorial, Paragould; Mrs. J. M. Barnett, First Church, Rector; Miss Norma Holt, Griffin Memorial, Paragould.

Five classes are being taught as follows: "This is Your Church", J. M. Barnett; "Beyond Our Church Doors", J. H. Holt; "Using My Bible", James Beal; "Ways We Worship", Hettie Lou Wilson; "Recreation", James Hendrix.

With Brother Barnett in charge of the camp and everyone participating, this will be a wonderful camp. Kim Yap is a native of China and will be with the camp for four weeks to help with the work.—Reporter.

ALL ABOARD!

WHAT? The Little Rock District MYF Planning Conference.

WHO? All district, sub-district officers and counselors, and any conference officers living in the district.

WHY? To make plans for the new year.

WHEN? July 21 and 22 — beginning at 5:00 p. m. on Friday and closing at 1:30 p. m. on Saturday.

WHERE? Camp Aldersgate — 3½ miles from the city limits on Highway 12. If transportation is needed, write a card to Miss Margaret Marshall, 1018 Scott Street, Little Rock, Arkansas.

BRING? Swim suit, bed roll and pajamas, about 50c in money, a notebook and pencils, and a sack lunch for Friday night.—M. L. Scott, President, Little Rock District.

ARKANSAS RIVER VALLEY SUB-DISTRICT

The Arkansas River Valley Sub-District met Tuesday night, July 11, at Clarksville, for its monthly meeting. Spadra M. Y. F. had charge of the worship services. The theme of the program was "Freedom."

President Frank Clemmens presided over the business session. Collection was taken for the purpose of sending Charolette Felkins to Mt. Sequoyah. There were 42 members present. After the business meeting games were played and refreshments were served. The next meeting will be held at Ozark.—Sherry Cline.

THE GRACE CURTIS SUB-DISTRICT M. Y. F.

The Grace Curtis Sub-District M. Y. F. met in Piggott, June 12 for the regular meeting with 128 present. The installation service was held at this time. Three songs were sung by the group. Two Piggott girls sang the beautiful hymn, "Whispering Hope." Rev. Harold H. Spence talked to the group concerning the duties of officers and cooperation with these new officers. Brother Spence's talk was very helpful to everyone present.

At the end of Brother Spence's talk we sang "Give of Your Best to the Master" while the new officers came forward. The officers are as follows:

President, Dix Stallings, Piggott; Vice-President, Bobby Winemiller, Griffin Memorial, Paragould; Secretary, Ruthie McCluney, Rector First Church; Treasurer, Jennie Renfro, Wrights Chapel; Chairman of Commission on World Friendship and Missions, Faye Lewis, Piggott; Adult Counselor, Rev. W. O. Scroggin, Jr.; Chairman of Commission on Community Service, Willyne Hass. Marmaduke; Adult Counselor, Miss Fern Cook; Chairman of Commission on Recreation, Jessalee Devall, Paragould First Church; Reporter, Nadine Davis, Rector First Church.

The new president was called forward with the vice-president, secretary, and treasurer. Dix presided over the business meeting.

Last year's president, Alfreda Lockwood, has done a considerable amount of good work in our sub-district. She was a very good president and always kept us informed on important events and activities.

Last year the secretary, Mary Ella McCluney, was married during her term and was replaced by her sister, Ruthie. We were very grateful to Ruthie for accepting this important office. She has now been elected to serve as secretary for this year. Even though the office is a big responsibility and requires much hard work, we are sure that she will be just as fine as she was last year.

Johnny Underwood gave a very interesting and very thorough report on the studies and activities at the assembly at Conway. The Methodist Youth Assembly must be a wonderful conference to attend. It would be very interesting, we are sure, to go there.

Following the M. Y. F. benediction, we gathered on the beautiful lawn of the church, where our hosts served refreshments and directed games.—Nadine Davis, Reporter.

M. Y. F. AT HELENA

Approximately twenty-five young people from the Methodist Church and other churches in Helena and West Helena participated in a scavenger hunt given by the Methodist Church in Helena, Friday night, July 7th. An assortment of thread, buttons, needles, shoes, socks, men's trousers, women's dresses, blouses and skirts, bars of soap and half dozen boxes of washing powder was obtained and sent to the Navajo Indian School at Farmington, New Mexico.

MISSISSIPPI COUNTY SUB-DISTRICT

The Mississippi County Sub-District met July 10th at Blytheville First Church. Churches represented were: Blytheville Lake Street, Dell, Luxora, Osceola, Wilson and Whitton.

The worship center was a picture of Jesus praying in the Garden of Gethsemane. The worship program emphasized the importance and duties of the individual to his local Methodist Youth Fellowship as well as the Sub-District.

The business meeting was presided over by President Jimmy Gosset, of Blytheville First Church.

Rev. Roy Bagley, pastor of First Church, Blytheville, introduced the new pastors: Rev. George L. McGhehey of Lake Street, and Rev. G. C. Taylor of Osceola, to the group. The next meeting will be held at Lake Street Methodist Church, Blytheville, August 14th.

For recreation the group played a number of games.

Punch and cookies were served for refreshments. The group formed a friendship circle and were led in singing by Brother Bagley. The Council met during the refreshment hour.

The meeting was closed with the MYF benediction.—Patsy Cone, Reporter.

PRAYER FOR THE WEEK

Eternal Father, Thou hast shown us Thyself in Jesus Christ, Thine only Son. Through Him Thou hast commissioned us to make disciples of all nations. Help us, we pray Thee, to strengthen us for the task. May ministers and laymen gird themselves with renewed spiritual strength to obey Thy command. May we see in our giving that we are sending Thy people to tell of Thy redeeming love. We cannot go but we do send them in Thy name. Our prayers are for them. Grant that sincere laymen may seek Thy presence more and more that they may be more effective witnesses for Thee. May we know that Thy message is the only hope for our world. Amen.

After returning from the hunt with the above articles the group was served refreshments by Mrs. W. F. Barker and Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Reed, followed by an impressive worship service by Shirley McCarty.

The M. Y. F. will learn more about the Navajo Indian at their Sunday Evening Fellowship meeting. — Nancy Grace Smith.

BATESVILLE SUB-DISTRICT

The Batesville Sub-District Methodist Youth Fellowship met at the Lock and Dam No. 1, Monday night, July 10. There were eighty-five representatives present from the following churches: Asbury, Central Avenue, First Church, Bethesda, Cushman, Desha, McHue, Moorefield, Newark, and Salado.

The business meeting was presided over by President Robby Leonard. The meeting schedule for the coming year was presented. The next meeting will be a picnic, held in the park at Cave City.

Dobbs Franks, Worship Chairman, was in charge of the devotional and was assisted by Leah Walbert.

Following the worship service the group was directed in some games by Ann Wilford, Recreation Chairman. Refreshments were then served to the group. — Carol Ottinger, Reporter.

MAY FELLOWSHIP DAY

To help break down barriers between various economic groups in local American communities — "so that Judy O'Grady and the Colonel's lady will be equally welcome at the same church, and workman O'Grady and factory-owner Colonel met for amicable discussion of their common problems"—is an objective of the annual observance in churches across the land of "May Fellowship Day" on Friday, May 5. Observance of the Day, around the theme, "Our Daily Bread," was fostered by the United Council of Church Women, and by numerous state and local councils. Mrs. George B. Martin, of Summit, N. J., was chairman of the committee in charge.

KAGAWA WILL NOT POSTPONE U. S. TOUR BECAUSE OF KOREAN WAR

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Philadelphia, Chicago, Minneapolis, Memphis, and Los Angeles, he will appear at many well known conference grounds such as Montreat, N. C., and Silver Bay, N. Y., and at many colleges and seminaries.

Dr. Kagawa, who is now concluding a speaking tour in the British Isles and other European countries, cabled Dr. Carpenter from Norway. The cablegram read: "Promise for visa received from London. Will fly July 13 to New York."

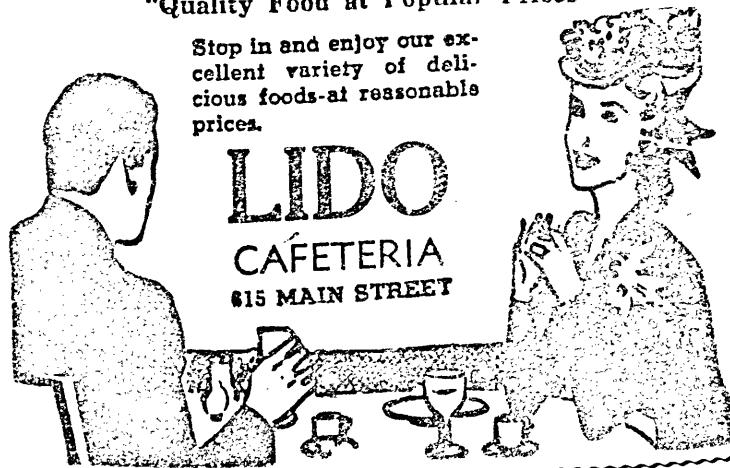
The Kagawa Committee, which has made arrangements for this visit, represents the major Protestant denominations and various interdenominational agencies in welcoming Dr. Kagawa to this country.

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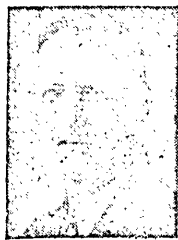
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On A Wide Circuit

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THE RIGHTS OF THE CHILD



It is unfortunate that the world press has given so much over-emphasis to the difficulties and clashes and disagreements within the organizations of the United Nations that some of the truly significant achievements, plans, and trends within many less spectacular agencies of the body have gone unreported. For example, what can you tell about the Social Commission? what it is doing for children? what for the world's poorly-housed, or undernourished? what for people who are aged and displaced? what to end traffic in persons? Yet very real progress has been made in these fields—made quietly and without headlines and fanfare—by the Social Commission—advisory to ESC, WHO, UNICEF and other United Nations bodies.

A recent study by the Social Commission brought to light that there are 600,000,000 children, under 15 years of age, in the so-called underdeveloped areas of the world; and that about 80% of them suffer from undernourishment, malnutrition, and lack of educational and medical facilities. In most of this same area, it was discovered, 50% of all children die before reaching their fifteenth year; and the mortality rate of children (one to fifteen years) is five to ten times higher in the underdeveloped than in the more developed countries.

The Social Commission recently drafted a "Declaration of the Rights of the Child" (likewise little publicized) which attempts to set up goals in child treatment for UN member nations. They are high-sounding principles: one can but hope that before too many years this creed will become the practice of the nations—U. S. A. included:

"The child shall be given the means necessary to enable him to develop physically, mentally, morally, spiritually and socially in a healthy and normal manner and in conditions of freedom and dignity.

"The child shall be entitled from his birth to a name and a nationality.

The child shall enjoy the benefits of social security. He shall be entitled even from before birth to grow and develop in health. He shall have the right to adequate nutrition, housing, recreation and free medical services.

"The child shall be given opportunity to grow up in economic security, in the care of his own parents whenever possible, and in a family atmosphere of affection and understanding favorable to the full harmonious development of his personality.

"The child shall be given an education which will bestow upon him general culture and enable him to develop his abilities and individual judgment and to become a useful member of society. Such education shall be free.

"The child shall in all circumstances be amongst the first to receive protection and relief.

"The child shall be protected against all forms of neglect, cruelty and exploitation. . . .

"The child shall be protected against any practice which may foster racial or national discrimination or hatred.

"The child who is physically, mentally or socially handicapped shall be given the special treatment, education and care required by his particular condition.

"The child shall enjoy all the rights set forth above, irrespective of any consideration of race, color, sex, language, caste, religion, political or other opinion, national or social origin, birth, legitimacy or other status."

SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

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not subject to the laws, rules, and customs that governed ordinary people.

Sin And Its Consequences

One of the outstanding lessons from the life of David is the fact that when a man is through with his sins they are not through with him. He may thoroughly repent and be forgiven, but still he suffers certain consequences of his sins. There is a sense in which he reaps what he sows. No one ever repented more thoroughly than did David, but still he and his family suffered because of the sins he had committed. One of his sons ruined his own half-sister and in return was killed by another son. At least two of his sons rebelled against their father and that in the time of his old age.

The repentance of David, however, accomplished two great purposes. First, it made it possible for God to use him. And second, it made David conscious of the approving presence of God in his life and thus to face the consequences of the evil he had formerly done.

Money is not required to buy one necessity of the soul.

SUMMER ISSUE OF SOURCE BOOK

Just as heretofore, this issue of the Source Book is now available for purchase from the branches of the Methodist Publishing House at fifty cents a copy.

We believe that this will prove to be the most useful source book issued so far. It contains much more material and a wider range of selection. It covers the months of June, July, August and September.

For October, November and December, 1950 a fall issue of Source Book is planned. It is hoped that by April, 1951 we will have the materials for the Methodist Sunday Evening Fellowship moving through regular curriculum channels with the curriculum materials appearing in the church school periodicals and with special guidance manuals for administration, planning promotion, and the like.—Department of General Church School Work.

Most people in pursuit of happiness are in such a rush they pass it right by.—Jos. Chas. Salak, Chicago Tribune.

Perfectness is giving of the best we have to the highest we know.—Rev. Elmer L. Harvey, Gobin Methodist Church, Greencastle, Ind.

OBITUARY

LESSENBERRY—Henry Lee Lessenberry was born in Milan, Tenn., in 1871. He and Mrs. Lessenberry, with their family, came to Bay Village, Ark. in 1909. He spent several years teaching in the school at Bay Village and during that time, a very substantial brick building was erected. In 1919 he became county supervisor of schools of Cross County. He held this position until his death May 24th, 1950. The schools of Cross County have been greatly improved during the thirty-one years he served as county supervisor. He was one of Arkansas' pioneers in education, and an excellent school man.

Mr. Lessenberry was a member of the Methodist Church, and very active in the work of the church. He served as Sunday School superintendent for several years and in the absence of the pastor, he conducted many funeral services. He was a member of the Board of Stewards of the Vann Dale Methodist Church for more than twenty-five years. He is survived by his wife, Mrs. H. L. Lessenberry of Vann Dale; six sons, Ben and Wilbur of Little Rock, Lenard of Vann Dale, Guy of Parkin, Robert of Lonoke and Marvin of West Memphis; three daughters, Mrs. James Hamilton of Wynne, Mrs. A. L. Bledsoe and Mrs. W. B. Grafton of Vann Dale; a sister, Mrs. Charlie Baker of Dallas, Texas; twelve grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

The funeral services were held in the Vann Dale Methodist Church May 25th, in the afternoon, by his pastor, Rev. J. H. Richardson and a former pastor, Rev. M. A. Graves. Burial was in the Vann Dale cemetery.—M. A. Graves.

WEAVER—Rev. David Norman Weaver was born at Scottsboro, Alabama, on November 1, 1857. He moved with his parents to Ozark, Arkansas in February 1869. On July 8, 1878, he was married to Miss Emma Hulsey. Born to them were four daughters and three sons as follows: Mrs. Jessie Barry, Muskogee,

Oklahoma; Mrs. E. A. Jennings, Ponca City, Oklahoma; Mrs. James Hawkins, Spokane, Washington; Mrs. E. O. Simpson, Ft. Smith Arkansas; Charles Weaver, Vian, Oklahoma; Sumner Weaver, Ft. Smith, and Max Weaver, Westonville, California. There are fourteen grandchildren and eighteen great grandchildren.

Brother Weaver was licensed to preach at Central Methodist Church, Ft. Smith, on March 21, 1890 and joined the Arkansas Conference in 1892. Among the churches he served were Dyer, Clarksville, Charleston, Hackett, Kibler, Mulberry, Quitman, Waldron, Mansfield, Midland, Hartford, Greenwood and South Ft. Smith. On account of the health of his wife he retired in 1918 having to his credit twenty-six years besides his pastorates as a local preacher. After the death of his wife, he made his home with Mr. and Mrs. E. O. Simpson, son-in-law and daughter who lived in Ft. Smith.

With limited educational advantages, Brother Weaver made good. He studied and knew his Bible, preaching biblical and animated sermons. Through his work as a pastor, his preaching and power of exhortation many were converted and joined the Methodist Church. He lived with his people, often during the summer taking his family with him for the different revival meetings.

Many of us who knew this godly man during his active days loved him and were lifted to better lives because of his life and work. We know where to find D. N. Weaver. Men die, but their work—never.—J. J. Galloway.

The world is not interested in the storms you encountered, but did you bring in the ship?—Circle-News, hm, B. F. Goodrich Co.

A person may know all the natural science one small head can hold, all the mathematics, the techniques of language or several languages, and yet be ill fitted for co-operating with his fellow men.—Journal of Education.

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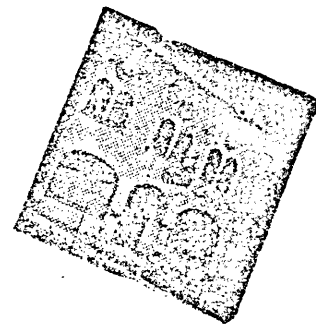
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The Sunday School Lesson

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CAN GOD USE SINNERS? LESSON FOR JULY 30, 1950

READ THE ENTIRE LESSON FROM YOUR BIBLE:
II Samuel 5:1-5; 7:1-6, 17-22; 9:1-7.

GOLDEN TEXT: "Thou art great, O Lord God: for there is none like thee, neither is there any God besides thee, according to all that we have heard with our ears."
—II Samuel 7:22.

We have come to the study of one of the most attractive characters in all the Old Testament. In many ways David was a great sinner, but at the same time he had many admirable qualities. It is very fitting that he be used as an answer to the question of the lesson "CAN GOD USE SINNERS?" The answer, of course, is that God greatly used David and David was a sinner. Samuel anointed the boy, David, to replace Saul as king of Israel because Saul had failed God. Yet in many ways David was a greater sinner than Saul. The difference between the two men was the fact that when David sinned he confessed to God and repented, but Saul never did. It is true that Saul once said, "I have sinned", but his confession was not followed by true repentance.

Not only could the life of David be used—as it is used here—to illustrate the fact that God can and does use a repentant sinner, but it also might be used to prove that God forgives and restores those who truly repent.

David's Evil Qualities

David began his independent career as the leader of a band of outlaws. At first there were some four hundred of these men, but more were added from time to time. They were chased from place to place by King Saul, and were forced to live by plunder.

David and his men escaped to Gath in the land of the Philistines and allied themselves with Achish, the ruler of the country. Achish gave David the city of Ziklag and he and his men lived there. From time to time they went out on raids in which they killed off whole communities and took their property. In I Samuel 27:11, we read, "And David saved neither man nor woman alive, to bring tidings to Gath, saying, Lest they should tell on us, saying, So did David, and so will be his manner all the while he dwelleth in the country of the Philistines."

David, like all others in his day, was superstitious in the matter of religion. In the 21st chapter of II Samuel, we read of a famine in the land. David got an idea that it was caused by some evil which Saul had committed against the Gibeonites. He asked these people what he could do to satisfy their grievance. They requested seven offsprings of Saul that they might hang them publicly. David gave them the sons of Rizpah whom she had borne to Saul, and the sons of Merab, Saul's daughter. These latter are listed in the Bible as the sons of Michal, the daughter of Saul. But they were her adopted children. It will be remembered that Michal was one of the wives of David. She simply reared and adopted the sons of her dead sister. She and David never got along too well in their married life,

and he gave over these sons to be killed by the Gibeonites.

One of the darkest blotches in the life of David was the sin he committed against Uriah and Bathsheba. Uriah was one of David's most trusted soldiers, but David lusted after his wife. While Uriah was away in war, David committed adultery with his wife, and then to hide his treachery, had Uriah put in the front of the battle where he knew he would be killed. The ugliest thing about this whole situation was the fact that he sent the sealed letter by Uriah to the general, Joab, telling him to put Uriah in the front of the battle. David knew that Uriah was too good and faithful to break the king's seal and read the letter. This sin was made still uglier by the fact that David had a whole harem of women at the time and could have brought in as many more unmarried women as he desired.

This evil streak followed David right down to the time of his death. The two men above all others who had stuck with David through thick and thin were the sons of his sister, Zeruiah. Over and over again they had risked their lives for him. On more than one occasion they saved his life. In listing the mighty men of David, the Bible puts these two at the top. David took an oath of eternal friendship with them. These men did something, however, that displeased David. For example, they slew David's close friend, Abner. They did this because Abner had on a previous occasion slain their brother. Then later Absalom, David's favorite son, was slain by Joab. This event occurred, however, in the midst of battle. Absalom had rebelled against his own father and was trying to kill him in order that he might reign in his stead. No doubt, Joab did about the only wise thing that could be done under the circumstances. The death of Absalom ended the rebellion and thus saved the lives of hundreds of other men. But David never forgot. He was determined to make these two men suffer. Because of his oath of eternal friendship, he would not kill them himself, but as he lay on his deathbed he instructed Solomon to have Abishai and Joab put to death, and in the early days of his reign he carried out his father's instruction.

Surely, if God could use a man like David, we can answer the question of the lesson—"CAN GOD USE SINNERS?"—in the affirmative. Then, too, if God uses any human help at all he has to use sinners, for "all have sinned and come short of the glory of God." From the religious standpoint there are only two types of people in the world—repenting sinners, like David; and unrepenting sinners, like Saul. Jesus knew that when he gave the best men that ever lived the Lord's Prayer. While here in the flesh, we will never get above making the petition of that

prayer—"Forgive us our trespasses." There are many different types of sin. There are sins of the flesh and sins of the spirit. There are sins of wilful premeditation and sins of surprise. There are sins of omission and sins of commission. Many who claim the greatest state of perfection only do so because they have not gotten close enough to God to realize just how sinful sin is. Paul, the greatest of all Christians, had come near to the end of life, and yet he still called himself the chief of sinners. He had gotten so close to God that he greatly magnified the least fault in his own life.

David's Virtues

As suggested above, David was one of the world's greatest repenters. He sinned grievously but no one has ever outstripped him in the matter of repentance. One would search all literature in vain for greater statements of repentance than those found in the fifty-first and thirty-second Psalms. Both of these Psalms were written after David had committed his terrible sin against Uriah and Bathsheba. The great French infidel, Voltaire, once started to write a parody on the fifty-first Psalm. He was overwhelmed with the beauty of petition and the strength of its repentance, and he never finished his writing.

David was a man of many talents. He seemed to excel along several lines in life. In the Home Quarterly, Lewis H. Chrisman quotes Robert W. Rogers as saying of him:

"He is also the greatest figure in respect to many-sidedness. Others excel him in one quality or another, or in some special achievement; none equal him in this one characteristic. Most men do one thing well and no more. Most famous men represent one particular type of greatness. David differs from most of them in that he represents nearly every side of his country's development, greatness, and glory."

He was loyal to his friends. There are not many people who are capable of such friendship as that which existed between David and Jonathan. These two men are ranked as among the two greatest friends in all the history of the world. It broke David's heart when Jonathan was killed in battle. He never forgot him. After reigning fifteen years he raised the question as to whether or not there was some offspring of Jonathan whom he might help. He was told that Jonathan had a crippled son by the name of Mephibosheth. David made provision for his future care, even to the extent of bringing him into the palace

where he ate at the king's table.

David was very religious by nature. He was constantly praying and praising God. Many of his prayers have been preserved in Psalms and his songs of praise are among the greatest poems in the Hebrew language. The twenty-third Psalm is said to be one of the greatest passages in the entire Bible. He wrote the twenty-fourth Psalm in celebration of the bringing of the Ark of the Covenant into the city of Jerusalem. A careful study of this great Psalm will reveal something of its strength and beauty. This Psalm was to be sung or chanted antiphonally by two great choirs as the Ark was carried through the gate into the city. "Lift up your heads, O ye gates; and be ye lifted up ye everlasting doors; and the King of glory shall come in. Who is this King of glory? The Lord strong and mighty, the Lord mighty in battle."

David was humble. When success came to him, he did not take any of the credit to himself but gave it all to God. Other monarchs of his day celebrated their victories through sensual affairs in which all types of sins were committed. David celebrated his in praise and worship of God.

In spite of the fact that David occasionally stepped aside in paths of sin, the main trend of his life was toward God and religion. He was constantly thinking about God. As soon as his enemies were conquered and peace came to the land he turned his attention toward the erection of a temple for the worship of God. Because he had been a warlike man, he was not permitted to build the temple, but he gathered much of the material for it and it was finally erected by his son and successor, Solomon.

The nation of Israel needed just such a man as David at the time he came to the throne. It was surrounded by enemies and David was one of the greatest warriors of his day. The nation was disorganized and he was a great organizer. He knew how to weld a group of more or less jealous tribes into a strong central government. He was a good administrator. He saw that justice was rendered to all alike. He was especially interested in and solicitous of the poor of the land.

If a man is to be judged fairly he must be measured by the standards of the time in which he lives and works, and measured by that standard David was a great and religious man indeed. He came at a time when it was thought that the king could do no wrong. He was

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