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## A New Birth Of Freedom

WE have been reading now for months of spurious peace crusades, movements which have been projected to divide free peoples on the question of unity against communistic aggression and tyranny. Now comes a Crusade For Freedom which we both unqualifiedly recommend and commend. This is a movement subscribed to by people representative of every walk and station of life, of various political parties, of various religious backgrounds, all sharing a common dream, freedom for all people everywhere. Its leaders are now busy securing signatures to Freedom Scrolls which set forth a "Declaration of Freedom" and which will be enshrined in the base of a Freedom Bell at a Freedom Shrine to be dedicated on United Nations Day, Oct. 24 in Berlin, Germany.

Another commendable feature of the Crusade for Freedom program is the Freedom Radio Station which, supplementing the U. S. State Department's "Voice of America," beams broadcasts to iron curtain countries telling of the sacred experience of freedom. Financial contributions to this crusade help to make these broadcasts possible.

If you have opportunity to sign a Freedom Scroll and make a contribution to this cause, consider it a privilege to do so.

## Young People A Reason For Adoption Act No. 2

LAST week we said that the danger of drunken drivers alone is sufficient reason for adopting Act Number 2. In this article we want to say that, if there were no other reason worthy of consideration, OUR CONCERN FOR OUR YOUNG PEOPLE IS REASON ENOUGH FOR ADOPTING ACT NUMBER 2.

A close friend to ours was in conversation with a young man from Mississippi as they were traveling across our state by bus. Mississippi is one of the two states of the nation that is legally dry. With slightly veiled sarcasm the young man was commenting on Arkansas' advertising slogan, "The Land of Opportunity." He was saying, with intoxicating drinks available at almost every cross roads and street corner, that youth must have a very poor "opportunity" for normal development in Arkansas.

It is our feeling that Arkansas has committed a moral crime against its youth when, under its laws, we force them to be exposed daily to the ruthless, conscienceless propaganda and other activities of the liquor traffic. The direct temptation our young people must face daily, through the attractive display of liquor advertising on billboards; the numerous show windows filled with bottled liquor and the sale of intoxicating drinks all about them is a frightening hazard that has meant the utter destruction of many of the most promising of our young people. "his destruction of multitudes of our youth will continue as long as present conditions prevail.

Arkansas is unfair to its young people who look to the leaders of our state for guidance and direction if, for a price, we continue to camouflage, by legal sanction, the deadly pitfall liquor digs in the pathway of every boy and girl in Arkansas.

The most priceless possession Arkansas has is found in its youth. We are guilty of unpardonable blindness if we sell them short. Some willingly support liquor, thinking any hurt it may bring will be to people outside their own family. Vote for act Number 2. "The CHILD you save may be your own."

## A Red Feather In Your Hat

IT is Community Chest time again and once more citizens' minds are being directed to the support of local agencies organized to meet needs immediately about us. In the multiplicity of calls intended for John Q. Public's person and purse it is no little job to make him aware that there are needs in his own city and community which if met must have his support. In this day when we are often asked to sacrifice for the welfare and life of peoples in other lands it is so easy to overlook needs that are really very close to each one of us.

For more than two dozen years now most of the welfare agencies which are dependent upon the public's support for their resources have been combining their



appeals for funds through one annual campaign, the Community Chest Campaign, of late referred to as the Red Feather Campaign. Wherever conducted these campaigns have the support and leadership of the community's most responsible citizens and funds are solicited for agencies which render the community or communities concerned a distinct unselfish and acceptable service. Very few informed persons will doubt the wisdom of these several agencies making their appeal for funds in a united effort. This plan conserves the time of those who are interested in soliciting funds for these worthy causes, and it also enables the contributor to give with complete confidence.

In many communities this year the successor to the USO of World War II, Associated Services, will be included in the agencies receiving funds in the campaign. Those who benefited in any way from services rendered by the USO will be glad to know that during the present international emergency Associated Services will continue to be "a home away from home" for the servicemen.

All of these agencies are limited in the good they can do only by the amount of money which is placed at their disposal. Through the magic of humanitarianism these agencies transform these funds into services and blessings to those immediately about us many of whom are less fortunate and need our help. Wear a Red Feather.

## When Gyppers Are Gypped By Gyppers

LAST week the press carried a story which told of a scheme by which some Memphis gamblers out-smarted some bookies operating in Forrest City and "took" them for quite a sum of money. A direct report on the results of a race by long distance phone plus a short wave radio enabled the supposed "sucker" to place a sure thing bet with the bookie after the race had been won by his horse.

This scheme had been worked in many cities over the nation to the tune of thousands of dollars before the bookies got wise to the racket. When those profiting by the scheme were arrested they simply said that it was a case of the "gyppers gypping the gyppers." It developed that the law had no case against them for operating their smart scheme.

We are told that "there is honor among thieves." Be that as it may the professional gambler thinks nothing of gypping even another professional gambler to say nothing of the poor average "sucker" who is stupid enough to think he has a chance against such a well planned, well organized racket. What chance has a business man, who knows baseball only as he has watched it from the grand-stand, of breaking into big league baseball? He has a better chance than the average "bet placer" has of winning in a gambling racket where professional gamblers hold the stakes.

## Two Doctrines Of The Early Church

THERE are differences of opinion about some things the early church believed. Nevertheless, there are some things about the faith of the early church concerning which there is apparently no doubt.

The early church did believe in the resurrection of Christ. Whatever form faith in the resurrection may take for some today, for the disciples it meant faith in an empty tomb and faith that Jesus appeared to them alive, after His death on the cross, in a body which bore the scars of the crucifixion experience. That faith was the basic foundation and the motivating force which undergirded the spiritual life of the early church.

In the minds of the apostles, so important was the doctrine of the resurrection that the reason given for selecting some one to fill the place of Judas the traitor was that the eleven might have another former companion of Jesus "to be a witness with us of the resurrection." Half of the sermon of the apostle Peter on the day of Pentecost was a discussion of the fact of the resurrection. Peter's sermon at the house of Cornelius was largely a discussion of the resurrection. When Peter and John healed the man at the Gate Beautiful and a surprised multitude gathered, Peter preached a sermon on the resurrection "whereof we are witnesses," so be declared.

When Stephen, the first martyr, preached his great sermon it was climaxed with a vision of the risen Christ. As he bore witness to the resurrection his enemies "stopped their ears and ran upon him." Paul based his claim of discipleship on a personal vision of the risen Christ. The doctrine of the resurrection ran through the whole ministry of Paul like the refrain of a great hymn.

Another great moving force in the early  
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# Facts About The Liquor Problem

By HORACE M. LEWIS, Pastor at Forrest City

(The following sermon was preached by Brother Lewis in his church at Forrest City on Sunday morning, September 17.)

THE book of Proverbs contains the distilled wisdom, not only of the Hebrew people but of all people until that time. In the 20th chapter and the first verse are to be found these words: "Wine is a mocker, strong drink is raging, and whosoever is deceived thereby is not wise."

I remember just a few days after the kick-off of the Muse Argonne Offensive of World War I, when after we had been going for about five days and when our ranks had been pretty well depleted, the enemy chose that time to counter-attack. I was machine gunner. My assistant gunners had been put out of action, so I was left to man the machine guns. The captain came crawling down the line and wanted to know if I could hold the position. I told him that I thought if I had sufficient ammunition I could hold it. He stripped off several bandoliers of ammunition, gave them to me, and said to me "Give 'em hell" and with that he disappeared over the rim of the shell-hole.

When I come to speak on the liquor question I am inclined to heed the captain's advice. However, I think that a more calm approach can be more devastating. I remember on February 15, 1948, I spoke on the liquor question, using a title "Straight Thinking". I built that discourse around the four points that you cannot think good and evil at the same time, that liquor is morally evil and therefore good cannot come out of it, that liquor is economically unsound since it destroys and never builds anything, and finally that liquor is physically harmful and therefore cannot build physically. I should like this morning to talk about the facts of liquor during which I shall answer some of the misconceptions that are put out by the liquor crowd.

## Some Misconceptions About Liquor

The first misconception is that of taxes. The liquor industry widely advertises the fact that it pays enormous taxes. The fact of the business is, liquor pays no taxes. But liquor is subsidized by public taxation. In 1949 the Aemrican people spent nine millions of dollars for liquor. Three billions were contributed by the liquor industry in what they choose to call taxes. This nine billions of dollars is more than was paid to the churches of America and to public school education. For every dollar received in taxes the public pays \$10 toward the cost of the liquor industry. That is not taxes, that is subsidizing the liquor industry. I am one of the fortunate individuals who pays an income tax. All of my expenses are deducted from my income, and I pay a tax on the money that I earn over and above my expenses. If the liquor industry were forced to pay the expenses of its trade, it would pay not 3 billions but 90 billions in taxes. Needless to say there would be no liquor industry. I once heard a story that illustrates this point. It seems that a jackass went down to a pond to get a drink. When he stuck his nose in the water and a leech fastened himself to his nose and began to suck blood, the jackass ordered the leech to depart. Then the leech made him the proposition that for every 10 drops of blood that the leech drew, he would give back to the jackass one drop. The jackass agreed. An owl, so the story goes, overheard the conversation, then flew away and as he went he was heard to say "Only a jackass would enter into such a bargain." Liquor pays no taxes.

Another misconception of the liquor people is that under present conditions the liquor is controlled. I spent the greater part of two days checking the records of the police court of the city of Forrest City from 1926 down to the present time—that is, 6 years under prohibition and those six years were during the roaring 20's. And 16 years under legal liquor. I checked the police court records rather than the records of J. P. courts because the police court is a court of record and the J. P. court is not. I am not quoting from New York records of Shangrila or from somewhere else. I am quoting records from our own city. For the 6 years, 1926 through 1932,

of prohibition, the number of drunks arrested was 129 or 21 each year, or 1 for every 2½ weeks. For the 16 years of legal liquor there were 4984 arrests or 312 per year or six per week, which means that the police force of our city arrested one drunk man for every working day for the last 16 years. This is a matter of taxation again. During the 6 years of prohibition the fines for drunkenness—the fine for drunkenness is \$6.50—amounted to \$798. For the 16 years of legal liquor the fines amounted to \$32,996. There is a difference of over \$31,000 that liquor took out of the productive laborers' pocket of Forrest City during the last 16 years.

If these figures are startling, hold on to your hat; we are really going for a buggy ride now. The liquor forces tell us that bootlegging and liquor transportation flourished under prohibition. But listen to these figures. During the 6 years of prohibition—the roaring 20's—there were 34 arrests for possession of liquor. That meant 6 per year and for transportation there were 18 arrests for the 6 year period or 3 per



REV. HORACE M. LEWIS

year. Possession and transportation are not crimes under our legal statutes. When we come to the question of bootlegging or selling, the contention of the liquor folks is completely demolished by the record. During the 6 years of prohibition there is not one case on record of bootlegging. During the 16 years since repealed, there are 37 cases on record or more than 2 per year. In other words, bootlegging increased under legal liquor 3700 percent. Remember now, I am taking these statistics from the record of the police court in Forrest City.

Another one of the claims of the liquor group is that control is conducive to temperance. We must remember that the taste for alcohol is an acquired taste. The Lord created man with a longing for food but not a taste for alcohol. God created man with a need for water, but not for liquor. It cannot be too definitely and emphatically stated that a taste for alcohol is an acquired taste. If there is no liquor available there is no liquor taste. Scientists say that one person out of 20 who takes his first social drink will become an alcoholic. They tell us that there are 50 million people in the U. S. today who drink. One out of 20 is an alarming prospect.

Another one of the claims of the liquor crowd is that prohibition cannot be enforced. To my way of thinking that is too silly to warrant attention but I shall give it anyway. I was one of 3 million men who in 1918 were uprooted from their homes and transported across the ocean and made to fight on a foreign soil. I didn't want to go, neither did any of the others want to go—but we went. During World War II over 10 million men and women were taken from their homes and transported all over the world to fight. Thousands of them gave their lives. They didn't want to go, but they went. It is perfectly silly to say that a government

that can uproot and transport its young men and women all over the world to fight her battles cannot enforce liquor laws. The laws against the sale of certain drugs are enforced. The laws against the transportation and sale of adulterated foods are enforced. The laws against white slavery are enforced. We could go on adding incidents. But it is not necessary. The U. S. is big enough to enforce the laws against liquor. I will admit that I am somewhat ashamed because never on any battlefield has the American flag had to be lowered or permanently withdrawn. But when we come to the question of the prohibition amendment, we did under the leadership of some unscrupulous men retreat from some very hard won position. We can control by outlawing and that is the only way to control liquor.

## Liquor Control

The question that most vexes,  
Before the nation now,  
Upon the whole is booze control  
And when and where and how.

Committees, Board, Commissions  
To regulate the stuff,  
Yes, that's their goal  
But booze control is more or less a bluff.

For rum is always lawless  
No matter what the law.  
It works its will to maim and kill,  
To feed its greedy maw.

Can you control the cyclone  
That sweeps across the land,  
And in its track leaves wreck and wrack  
And woe on every hand?

Can you control the ocean  
Which lifts its waves on high  
As with a roar, they lash the shore,  
And bound up toward the sky.

Can you control the tiger  
Who thirsts for blood of man,  
Who stalks his prey by night and day?  
Control him if you can.

If beasts with wilder nature  
By man cannot be bound,  
No chain you'll find can ever bind  
This thirst that drags men down.

Then why should state and nation  
Make lawful such a thing,  
In part or whole they can't control  
And thus will ruin bring.  
There is one proper method  
To deal with alcohol,  
The trade o'er throw that brings such woe  
Destroy it once for all.—E. Burdette Kemm

## What Are The Facts?

There are some facts about liquor that I would like to present. There are 39 dry counties in the state of Arkansas at the present time. In 1933 when President Roosevelt was campaigning for the repeal of the 18th amendment, he said that the saloon would never return. It has returned for today there are 482,000 liquor stores in the U. S. That is more than the combined total of churches and schools in this country. Liquor is the greatest criminal that the world has ever known. It has killed more men than all of the wars of history. It turns men into brutes, it destroys the happiness of millions of homes each year, it transforms young men and women into derelicts. It makes smooth the downward path of destruction, it destroys the weak and weakens the strong, it makes a wise man a fool and traps the fool in his folly, it ensnares the innocent and betrays the virtuous. More wives and children have been abandoned because of liquor than for any other cause. More children go hungry because of liquor than for any other reason. Liquor ruins its millions each year and will continue to ruin unless we rise up and put a stop to it in our state.

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# THE DEVOTIONAL PAGE

REV. ROY I. BAGLEY, Editor

## FROM THE BOOKSHELF

No history of the religious influence in our higher education can forget the Christian motives that fired some of the great college presidents of the last century. . . .

In the middle of the century liberal education has become the education of free citizens. Thus it is the concern of all thinking people. . . .

The conviction rises everywhere, both in school and out, that free, responsible citizens, the products of good liberal education, are an increasing need. . . .

A liberal education that omits religion is not, in the nature of things, liberal at all. . . .

Liberal education looks toward a man who knows how to think, how to express his thought, and how to receive the thoughts of others. . . .

For liberal education is no sleek adventure in shrewdness and more self interest. It has one superb objective above all others—to open the mind and heart, under law, to the highest excellence and most significant life possible to man. . . .

Man's whole intellectual history is a shorn story without the knowledge of his quest for religious faith.

The conception of reason as an impeachable judge holding antiseptic court in a vacuum is a wilder kind of wishful thinking than that religion is so often accused of. . . .

Pascal pointed out long ago that being busy is one way to avoid the misery of thinking. . . .

No good man expects another good man to be neutral on important issues. . . .

The committed Christian surrenders a certain freedom of action. But he does not lose his freedom of inquiry. . . .

From *THE MIND'S ADVENTURE* by Howard Lowry

## THE RICH YOUNG MAN

*If thou wilt be perfect, go and sell that thou hast, and give to the poor, and thou shalt have treasure in heaven: and come and follow me.*

*But when the young man heard that saying, he went away sorrowful: for he had great possessions.*

Read St. Matthew 19:16-22.

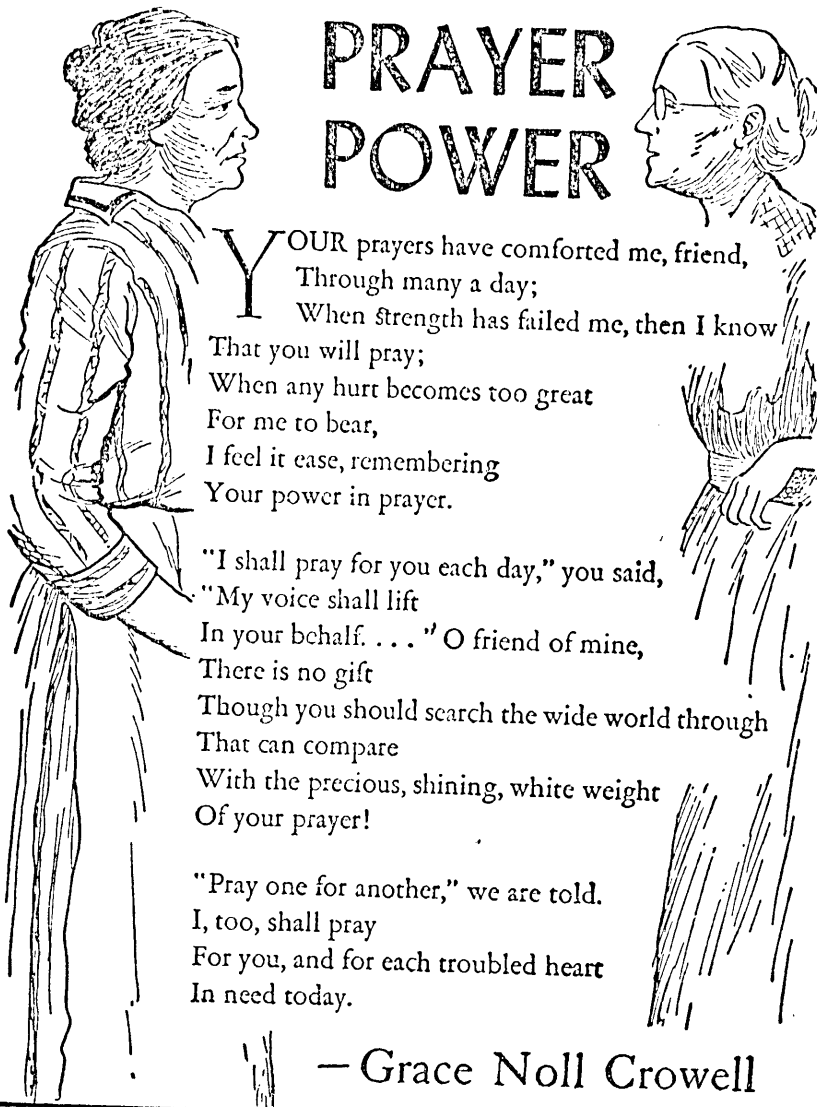
Here again is Jesus' swift, sure diagnosis. In a flash He saw exactly what a young man needed, and He was proved to be right.

Jesus found him high-minded and attractive, and He had no doubt that he really did keep all the commandments and really did yearn for something higher and harder, that he might attain to eternal life.

Jesus liked him so much and saw in him such great possibilities that He wanted him for a disciple. The young man needed to take but one step to come near to perfection; and Jesus knew just what that step was, for the man "had great possessions."

Were these possessions so much a

## PRAYER POWER



YOUR prayers have comforted me, friend,  
Through many a day;  
When strength has failed me, then I know

That you will pray;  
When any hurt becomes too great  
For me to bear,  
I feel it ease, remembering  
Your power in prayer.

"I shall pray for you each day," you said,  
"My voice shall lift

In your behalf. . . ." O friend of mine,  
There is no gift  
Though you should search the wide world through  
That can compare  
With the precious, shining, white weight  
Of your prayer!

"Pray one for another," we are told.  
I, too, shall pray  
For you, and for each troubled heart  
In need today.

—Grace Noll Crowell

## THE MIGHTY MEEK!

*"Blessed are the humble-minded, for they will possess the land!"*  
(Matthew 5.5)

WHAT a startling contradiction of our estimate of who will possess the land! We look to great power shown in wealth, politics, armies, explosives, and many other sources for conquerors but not in the meek person. Yet, in the declaration of Jesus, the eternal quality of character that will eventually possess the land is the humble-minded, or the meek.

Then our ideas of meekness must be out of place somewhere. Humble-mindedness must have been misinterpreted. We have thought of meekness as weakness. It has been a quality of character that was accepted only if you could not take your place "in the world of men." There is not the slightest trace of

similarity between weakness and meekness.

Take one character out of the New Testament who portrays this genuine Christian virtue, Saint Paul. Before his conversion Saul of Tarsus was anything but humble-minded. He was going to choke off the Christian group and force his religious views on the group. Then something happened in the life of Saul of Tarsus that changed him. He is now ready to suffer for those who oppose him, pray for those who spitefully use him and listen to those who had opposite views. Well, you say, "Look what happened to him." What did happen? His spirit leaps up through the centuries and buttresses our faith today. His spirit is one of the mighty meek that is possessing the land.

When we look at humble-mindedness in our intellectual life we begin to see the truth a little clearer. Here is a person who will accept nothing that he cannot prove in an objective way. His stupidity has already closed an avenue of information that would enrich his whole life. Spiritual values are taboo for they are will-o-the-wisp somethings that cannot be brought down to test and know. Yet these very spiritual values have been the determinant factors in the history of the world. When we have departed from them we have slipped back; when we

## WHAT DO YOU PRAY FOR?

*Not every one who says to me, "Lord, Lord" . . . Matthew 7:21*

What do you pray for? What do you think will happen to you when you pray?

If you pray because you want God to speak to you and guide you, do you know what you are asking for?

There could only be one point to God's speaking to us. There is only one reason why God would reveal himself to us. The only point of the revelation of God to us is to change us into his likeness.

Why do we listen for God to speak if we are not going to do what he tells us to do? And if we do what he wants us to do we will be different somewhere. God is not satisfied with us as we are; we are not even satisfied with ourselves as limited as our idea of goodness is. So when he reveals himself to us; he wants to change us.

Yet you will run across people today who claim to have had a revelation of God who are not changed a bit in their life. Do not be fooled. You will be better changed for the good in some aspect of your life today if you really meet God in prayer.

A lot of other teachers have told their followers to pray, to meditate, to worship, to be calm and brave. Jesus is different because he told his followers that they must love everyone, even their enemies as God does; that they must give every attention to helping others, especially the underprivileged, instead of themselves; and that inasmuch as they did it for the least of these they did it for him.—From Power

have zealously and intelligently sought them and their relation to our lives we have moved forward. The bigoted intellectualist is as obnoxious as the bigoted religionist. They are cut from the same cloth.

Jesus says this is the blessed man, the happy man. There are many reasons for this happiness but look at just one. He is happy because life is an adventure. He knows that there is a multitude of discoveries that he will make until the day he dies. He does not have a false front that has to be maintained at any price. He does not live in fear of "being found out". He does not fear mistakes for he knows that he will make them but he knows that with the proper attitude of mind that he will profit from his mistakes and move higher in the full appreciation of life. This is a blessed way where each day offers a new opportunity for discoveries that will enrich life.

This is the spirit that will be possessors of the land; but, strangely enough they do not want to possess the land. They are chiefly concerned that the blessedness that they have discovered will be the experience of all. Some will say that this is fantastic, is it? Is not the idea that the swaggering bigot can trample underfoot the righteous and possess the land the fantastic idea? Does not history verify meekness as the eternal prevailing virtue while its opposite has come to destruction? May we seek this humble-mindedness that God's gifts to mankind may be shared by all alike.



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## FACTS ABOUT THE LIQUOR PROBLEM

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I spoke just a while ago of bootlegging. I want to go into that just a little further. It is claimed by the wets that bootlegging obtains only in dry areas. That is not true. There are 554 legal outlets for liquor—legalized by the U. S. but not by the state—in the state of Arkansas. Of this 554 only 92 of them are to be found in dry counties. Let us take a look at St. Francis County. There are 14 saloons in this county licensed by the state. There are 37 bootleggers licensed by the federal government but not by the state. There are 2½ times as many bootleggers as there are legal saloons in this very county. The secretary of the American Distilled Spirits Institute, speaking in 1938, said that there were 256 distillers licensed by the federal government in this country. He said that there were 256,000 illegal stills. For every licensed liquor-maker, there were 100 bootleggers. Of course, this gentleman never expected that these figures would be remembered by the dry forces. During the year 1938 the alcohol tax unit, the enforced division of the U. S. Government, destroyed 11,407 moonshine stills and yet the wets tell us that bootlegging flourishes only in dry areas.

### Can Any Good Result?

Over 1900 years ago one of Jesus' disciples, Peter, went to call his scholarly brother, Andrew, from his meditations under a fig tree. Peter asked his brother to come and meet the Messiah and Nathaniel answered, "Can any good thing come out of Nazareth?" I should like to paraphrase this statement and say "Can any good thing come out of liquor?" No father advises his son to drink. No mother ever advises her daughter to drink. No one ever says that because a man drinks he will make a good husband or because a woman drinks she will make a good wife, or because a worker drinks he will make a better worker, or because a teacher drinks she is a better teacher, or because a minister drinks he is a better minister, or because a church member drinks he is a better church member. Can any good thing come out of liquor? Bishop Locke has this to say: "The very idea of collecting revenue from the predatory traffic to help run this government is most reprehensible. It is national stultification. It is morally humiliating." We might as well collect revenue from murders, from rapists, from incendiaries, kidnappers and harlots. It is a specious, plausible, illogical, and vicious proposition. It is contrary to rectitude and altogether bad. Repeal for revenue—what a blow to American idealism! Can any good thing come out of liquor? I think you will agree with me that it cannot.

Some minds are so fervent that their thoughts go up in smoke and are consumed the moment they are formed.—Jos Joubert

## NEWS AND NOTES ABOUT FACTS AND FOLKS

REV. F. WESLEY REUTZ, former pastor at Bryant, is attending Vanderbilt University and is serving an appointment in the Tennessee Conference.

V. EARL COPES, of the music faculty of Hendrix College, has been selected by the Little Rock Philharmonic Society of Little Rock to direct the annual presentation of "The Messiah" in Little Rock on December 17.

DR. JOHN W. CLINE writes that his address is now 4717 49th Street, N. W., Washington 16, D. C. Dr. Cline, who spent many years in China as a missionary, says "I have 'retired' but not 'retreated'."

MISS ELIZABETH M. LEE, executive secretary for Latin America in the Woman's Division of Christian Service, Board of Missions, was recently elected a member of the Ad Interim Committee of the International Missionary Council.

MRS. J. RUSSELL HENDERSON of Little Rock, South Central Jurisdictional secretary Christian Social Relations and Local Church Activities, Woman's Society of Christian Service, was the speaker at the Little Rock District Guild meeting at Des Arc on Sunday afternoon, October 1. One hundred fifteen Guild members registered for the meeting.

BECAUSE of the greatly increased military forces now stationed in Alaska, the Armed Services Department of the Young Men's Christian Association is raising some \$300,000 by voluntary subscriptions for the construction of a new YMCA center in the city of Anchorage. The Department emphasizes the need for recreational and morale-building facilities in this remote area of American defense.

DR. WALT HOLCOMB, minister and biographer of Sam Jones, will hold a "ONE NIGHT REVIVAL" at the Bellevue Baptist Church, Memphis, Dr. R. G. Lee, pastor, October 15, commemorating the 44th anniversary of the death of Sam Jones and celebrating the 103rd anniversary of his birth. Dr. Lee, who is also president of the Southern Baptist Convention, has written the introduction to "Best Loved Sermons of Sam Jones" by Walt Holcomb, which is now on the press and will be ready for the October anniversaries of Sam Jones.

MISS PHYLLIS GIFFORD, of Denver, Colorado, who went to Brazil as a special term missionary for three years of service, has now become a regular missionary of the Board, serving under the Woman's Division of Christian Service. During a recent meeting of the Central Council of The Methodist Church of Brazil, Miss Gifford was commissioned in an impressive service held in the Methodist Church in Piracicaba. Bishop Cyrus Dawsey presided and was assisted by Bishop Cesar Dacorso. The service was in Portuguese. Miss Gifford has been appointed to teach in Colegio Piracicabano.

THE best answer to communism, according to a statement of the Board of Foreign Missions of the Presbyterian Church in the U. S. A., is "more and better Christianity." Christians, it points out, "can surpass the achievements of communists even on the material level where communism lives . . . and meet man's eternal need for God on the spiritual level where communism has nothing to offer . . . American Christians can thank God that there are Christian churches in all communist countries. We have faith that they will survive and eventually will modify and even transform the communist philosophy itself. Meanwhile we must maintain every possible tie with these churches, understanding the terrific pressures under which they exist."

THREE service and educational agencies of the Methodist Church are uniting in a series of "seminars on the United Nations," to be held at Lake Success and at Methodist headquarters in New York City. The first seminar will be October 31 to Nov. 3, and others will follow

## DR. F. M. TOLLESON PASSES AWAY

Dr. F. M. Tolleson, for many years a leader in Arkansas Methodism, died in a Ft. Smith Hospital Saturday, September 30th.

Dr. Tolleson was admitted on trial in the old Arkansas Conference at the session which met in Springdale in 1899. He served in the active relation for forty-one years, retiring at the session of The North Arkansas Conference which met at Harrison in 1941.

He is survived by a daughter, Mrs. M. F. Lepitch of Norris, Tenn., and a son, Francis J. Tolleson, of San Antonio, Texas. A more complete account of his life and passing will be published later in the *Arkansas Methodist*.

Funeral service was held at the First Methodist Church, Ft. Smith, Monday at 2:00 p. m. Burial was in Highland cemetery at Ozark.

throughout 1951 and 1952. The seminars are planned to help church leaders understand how to work for world peace through the UN and its agencies, and to secure peace action in the local churches. The cooperating agencies in this program are Methodism's Board of Education, the Commission on World Peace, and the Woman's Division of Christian Service of the Board of Missions. In charge are Dr. Charles F. Boss, Chicago, Miss Thelma Stevens, New York, and Miss Doris Dennison, Nashville.

WHAT has been described as "the most important gathering of Protestants in the history of the American church" will be held in Cleveland, Ohio, Nov. 28 to Dec. 1 of this year. It is the meeting for the organization of the "National Council of the Churches of Christ in the U.S.A."—an agency which will serve the interests of 22 Protestant churches and of four Eastern Orthodox churches which have a combined membership of 26,000,000 churchgoers. It will coordinate the activities of these churches in the fields of home and foreign missions, Christian education, evangelism, race relations, and national and international affairs. Actually some eight national agencies now in existence in the United States, and serving some fifty communions, will become departments in the new agency. These are: the International Council of Religious Education, the Foreign Missions Conference of North America, the Missionary Education Movement, the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America, the Home Missions Council of North America, the Protestant Council on Higher Education, the United Stewardship Council, and the United Council of Church Women.

## NOTICE REGARDING ENDOWMENT CAMPAIGN

All remittances for the Endowment Campaign for retired ministers and widows should be sent to me as soon as possible so that they may be included in the published report to be carried in the issue of December 14 of the *Arkansas Methodist*. — Otto W. Teague, Treasurer, 1501 Olive Street, Pine Bluff, Arkansas

## THE DOCTRINES OF THE EARLY CHURCH

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Christian church was the belief that Christ meant the Christian message for everybody everywhere and also that He had charged His followers with the responsibility of carrying the message. Christianity was the first missionary religion. This was the first time that the leaders in any religion felt a personal responsibility for bringing the rest of the world to believe religiously as they believed. This was the most revolutionary faith, aside from faith in the resurrection, that ever stirred the hearts of religious leaders in any age.

# CURRENT NEWS IN THE RELIGIOUS WORLD

Selected from Religious News Service Releases

## Protestant Radio Commission Plans New Program

Plans for a new television program series and three radio series were disclosed in New York by the executive committee of the Protestant Radio Commission. Designed to show the contributions of Protestantism to American life, the radio programs will consist of a transcribed series of popular hymns, a program of special interest to women, and a dramatic series portraying courageous acts of Christians that have helped establish the American tradition of freedom.

## Plan Drive-In Vesper Services

Drive-in vesper services will begin in the Limberlost Drive-In Theater at Geneva, Ind. Sunday, October 1, under the auspices of the Geneva Methodist church. The Rev. Clayton Steele, pastor, will give a series of sermons in the 45-minute services beginning each Sunday at 4:00 p. m. The public was invited through the press.

## Eric Johnston Named Brotherhood Week Chairman

Eric Johnston, president of the Motion Picture Association of America, has been named general chairman of Brotherhood Week, to be observed next February 18-25 under the sponsorship of the National Conference of Christians and Jews, it was announced in New York by Dr. Everett R. Clinchy, NCCJ president. Mr. Johnston said he accepted the post "as a chance for solid spadework where it counts the most. We talk about building bridges of brotherhood around the world in answer to the Communist pretensions, and that's a splendid vision," he said. "But Brotherhood begins on a man to man basis here at home and not on a mass to mass basis across the oceans. Without that footing, it is idle talk and an empty vision. We can't afford to blind ourselves to the disturbing and undermining racial and religious antagonisms in America. They will defeat our good intentions for a world brotherhood until we cast them out and live as brothers in our States, communities and neighborhoods—not for a single week in any year but day by day and year by year."

## Southern Baptist Leaders Go To Japan

Dr. Duke K. McCall, executive secretary of the Southern Baptist Convention Executive Committee, and Dr. W. A. Criswell, pastor of First Baptist Church, Dallas, Tex., left Zurich, Switzerland for Japan to consult with co-religionists and Southern Baptist missionaries. A Southern Baptist preaching mission to Japan, which would have taken fifteen ministers on a two-months' tour of the country, was postponed because of the war in Korea. However, the Japanese Baptist churches are projecting a special evangelistic crusade this fall in connection with the 16th anniversary of their Convention. In a cablegram to the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board they requested that Dr. McCall and Dr. Criswell come to Japan. The two churchmen were visiting the Baptist Theological Seminary in Zurich.

## MINISTERS GO ON DUTY AT ARMY INDUCTION CENTER

Atlanta, Georgia, ministers are believed to be pioneering in a new program of having a clergyman on duty daily at the Army's main Induction Center here.

The plan, suggested at a meeting of the Atlanta Christian Council, may be adopted by other cities.

The Rev. Vernon S. Broyles, who originated the idea and brought it up at a Council meeting, set up an informal office for visiting ministers in the Induction Center.

The Rev. James P. Westberry, pastor of the Morningside Baptist church, who served as Chaplain of the House of Representatives in Washington, D. C., last summer, was first minister to take his turn at the Center.

He reported "one of the most interesting days" of his career.

"We really don't have a set schedule," he said. "We just come down in the morning and sort of leave things open."

Representatives of Atlanta's leading churches volunteered to make sure one minister will be on hand from 8 a. m. to 5 p. m. daily. Ministers go down the lines of men waiting to take physical examinations, talk and joke with them, and console those with special problems.

Brig. Gen. George H. Weems, Chief of the Georgia Military District, commented: "It's working out fine. It seems to give the men a sense of security to know a minister is here, even if they don't make use of the opportunity."

Gen. Weems said he intends to write other induction centers and inform them of the unique Atlanta program.

## Methodist Youth To Work For Prohibition

Methodist young people of the Little Rock Conference attending an "older youth" camp on Lake Catherine, Hot Springs, voted to lend their aid in getting a state-wide prohibition law passed in the November elections. They proposed to set aside a fund in the Conference budget for promotion of the campaign; to promote interest in alcohol education through informal discussion in sub-district and local groups, and to push the campaign to remind every citizen to pay his poll tax before October 1. The young people pledged the use of their cars to convey voters to the polls on election day. The Rev. George Meyer, Nashville, and Miss Margaret Marshall, Little Rock, co-chairmen of the community service committee of Little Rock Conference Youth Fellowship, will direct the young people in the prohibition effort.

## Dallas Uses Another Church For 'Emergency' Classrooms

A third church has been added to the Dallas, Texas, public schools "emergency" classrooms. W. T. White, superintendent of schools, announced that five classes from Preston Hollow School would move to the Park Cities Baptist church. Over the city, enrollment continued to grow beyond predictions from last spring's school census figures. This factor explained the use of the Park Cities church and the continued use of the other two churches. The Lancaster Avenue Methodist and the Cedar Crest Baptist churches were pressed into service last year as schools for 199 lower grade students in the Cedar Crest area of South Oak Cliff.

## See German Church-State Conflict Nearing Crisis

Religious leaders in Berlin have expressed fear that the State-Church conflict in the Soviet Zone of Germany is nearing its climax. They said that the campaign against the Church has reached its most critical

stage since 1945. Special seriousness was attached to the action of 60 "progressive" clergymen of East Germany who, at a German Democratic Union party rally, called for the setting up of a "People's Church." The German Communist press gave wide publicity to the ministers' alleged appeal for a church that "would serve the cause of peace as pronounced by the leader of all peace-loving nations, Stalin," according to reports of the West German Radio.

## Canadians Transfer Mission Property To Native Churches

Mission property of the United Church of Canada in China and northern India was donated to the native Churches of the two countries by the Church's General Council in session in Toronto. Dr. Jesse H. Arnup, secretary of the overseas mission board which recommended the step, said that the United Church's mission work was conducted on behalf of the native peoples. He said that the church had always intended to turn over its properties as soon as the Chinese and Indian Churches were strong enough to assume the responsibility for them. "Now comes a government in China," he said, "that looks askance at foreigners, and the Church of Christ in China is willing to take over." The United Church will continue to send missionaries to India and China, Dr. Arnup said.

## Army To Double Chaplains Corps

By the end of this year the U. S. Army chaplains corps will probably be doubled, Maj. Gen. Roy H. Parker, Chief of Chaplains, declared in an address in Dallas, Texas. He said he could assure the mothers of America that "the chaplain will be on the job," giving spiritual care to members of the armed forces at home and overseas. "He may not be of your particular faith, but he will be a man of God," he said. "If your son can't get what he wants from

his chaplain, the chaplain will direct him to one who will give him what he wants." He praised chaplains who had served in World War II, and mentioned especially those now serving in Korea. "Once again American husbands, brothers and sweethearts have been called upon to fight for democracy and peace," Gen. Parker said, "and once again clergymen of all denominations are serving as chaplains wherever Americans are stationed. "These soldiers of God have already contributed a glowing chapter of heroism and service in the Korean campaign. We have had chaplains killed in action and others wounded; we have had battlefield promotions and decorations for courageous acts in combat."

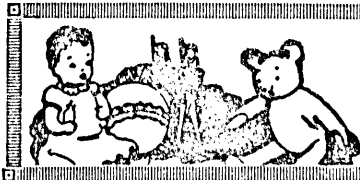
## Urge Continued Soviet-American Diplomatic Efforts

Continued diplomatic efforts between the United States and the Soviet Union "to find a road to peace through negotiations, the opening of channels of trade, education, and free mingling of its peoples," was urged in Ocean City, N. J. by the New Jersey Methodist Conference. The delegates from nearly 400 churches in the state also adopted a resolution urging tighter federal and state control over the liquor industry. Governor Alfred E. Driscoll and the New Jersey State Legislature were asked to enact a law forbidding the sale of alcoholic beverages on Sunday and to set up a program to rehabilitate alcoholics. The resolution also requested state legislation for the purchase and distribution of scientific apparatus to enable police to make prompt tests of drivers involved in accidents, for symptoms of intoxication. The aim would be "proper punishment of drunken drivers and deserved exoneration of innocent drivers." A report by the board of temperance declared that "the Church around the world is looking to the Methodist Church to take the lead once again in a mighty crusade against the wet forces. The Conference sent a message to President Truman urging an end to any American government diplomatic representation at the Vatican. The Conference adopted a report which declared: "We are opposed to the appointment of an ambassador, a personal representative of the President or any other type of official personnel, to the Vatican. We believe that if the Vatican is thus recognized as a political State its representatives in this country should be registered as foreign agents."

(Bishop Paul E. Martin presided at the New Jersey Methodist Conference.)

## New Anti-Church Drive Planned

The Christian Democratic Union of the Soviet Zone will in the future take lead in the fight against "reactionary" church managements, the political committee of the party declared at Berlin. Announcement of the policy came after the committee had completed the draft of a plan "for an increased and more efficient struggle against both the Evangelical and Roman Catholic leadership." The plan provides particularly for huge propaganda efforts aimed at winning the clergy for the "peace movement" of the National Front.



# THE CHILDREN'S PAGE

ANNIE WINBURNE, Editor



## IN STORYLAND

### HE LEARNED CONTENTMENT

Very early one morning a little boy left his home and started down a long road to look for something.

He didn't know exactly what it was he wanted to find. But he was tired of his tent in the back yard, his hobbyhorse, his little red drum, his tin soldiers and the silver bowl from which he ate his bread and milk. And he was sure that if he would hunt long enough he could find something nicer than all of these. And so he meant to look for the nicest thing in the world.

He had walked a little way when he saw a tiny bird, sitting in a tree by the roadside and singing.

She looked so contented—perhaps she could tell him how to find what he wanted. So he called her, "I'm looking for the nicest thing in the world. Do you have it?"

The little bird flew over to her nest and chirped, "Sweet, sweet, sweet, here it is."

The boy climbed up and peeped into the nest.

"I don't see anything very wonderful about that," he said. "Maybe it's your nicest thing but it couldn't ever be mine."

He walked on a little distance and soon he saw a wild rosebush by the roadside. Sitting down beside it, he sniffed the sweet fragrance of the blossoms.

"Pretty rosebush, what is the nicest thing in the world?"

"The nicest thing to me," said the bush, "is the bee that's coming right now. He will lie down in the heart of my blossoms and drink the sweet juices. And by and by, when winter comes and my petals are gone, he will have the honey he made from my flowers."

"But I don't think he is nice at all—he might sting me," the little boy cried, and he ran away as fast as his short legs could carry him.

A little farther down the road he saw a rabbit and asked her opinion about the nicest thing in the world. She did not answer; she only dropped a turnip at his feet, as if to say, "That is it." He nibbled it, but it tasted bitter to him and he threw it back to her.

And then it commenced to rain. The little boy ran as fast as he could to the woods at the end of the road and tried to find some shelter under a large tree. But the rain dripped through the branches and down on his straw play hat and then ran off the brim inside the collar of his shirt—and he was most uncomfortable.

"This isn't nice at all," he cried. "And I'm looking as hard as ever I can for the nicest thing in all the world."

"Why, how strange," murmured the great, tall tree. "My roots think there is nothing nicer than this rain. But there's Mrs. Woodmouse. Ask her."

And so the little boy asked Mrs. Woodmouse what was the nicest thing in all the world.

"It is this big leaf at present," she said. "After this rain is over, it will be that nice ear of corn I tugged



## FRIENDS

No, Rover, you can't go with me,  
I'll have to leave you here.  
You know that dogs can't go to school,  
I wish you could stay near.

It's time you know for girls and boys  
To work and then to play;  
So run on home, I'll meet you there  
At the end of this busy day.—A.E.W.

into my hole this morning."

"I think you're very silly," said the little boy rather crossly, for he was getting more uncomfortable every minute.

"Oh, do you?" asked Mrs. Woodmouse. And as she scampered away, she said, "My advice to you, little boy, is to hurry home and ask your mother about it."

Just then it stopped raining, and the sun peeped out from behind the clouds, and the little boy decided to do as the woodmouse said.

It took him quite a while to find the road, and after he found it he had a very long way to walk before he reached his home. But at last, just as the sun was going down, he turned in at his own garden gate.

The setting sun shone upon his striped tent, and it looked very pretty with the hobbyhorse in the doorway. Inside the tent was his little red drum, and up in the playroom window were his toy soldiers. In the house was his mother, waiting for him, with his silver bowl full of bread and milk.

"Why, I've found it!" he cried as he ran straight into his mother's arms.

"What have you found, dear? And where have you been all day?" his mother asked.

"I've been looking for the nicest thing in all the world, and it's right here at home. It's having my supper, and the toys—and YOU!" — Florence Huntington Jensen In Burning Bush.

## BIDDY HEN

Old Biddy Hen is quite industrious  
And, though she sometimes makes no little fuss,  
And brags about it when she lays an egg  
Then comes up to the door some food to beg,  
She eats the bugs that feed upon our beans  
And worms that eat our lettuce and our greens.  
She works the garden with her funny feet  
And finds the very choicest grubs to eat  
And then we take her big, nice eggs away  
And let the old glass artificial stay.—Dolly Strong  
Rambo, Siloam Springs, Ark.

## IN THE WORLD OF BOYS AND GIRLS

### SLEEPY-HEADS

When I am tucked in bed at night  
The stars look sleepy, too.  
I see them blink to keep awake  
Exactly as I do.

I blink at them—they blink at me,  
I give my head a shake.  
At last I always fall asleep  
With those stars still awake!

—Paul D. March in  
Religious Herald

### THE SLEEPY MAN

Nurse says the sleepy man  
Is coming—let us run,  
And watch him through the keyhole;  
'Twill be such glorious fun.

So they softly crept to the playroom,  
Little Ted and blue-eyed Nan—  
And waited long and patiently  
To see the sleepy man.

At last it came their bedtime,  
And nurse looked all around  
For Baby Nan and little Ted,  
But neither could be found.

So then she sought the playroom,  
And lo, behind the door,  
The sleepy man had caught them both  
And laid them on the floor.

—Selected

### AS A BOY SEES IT

The earth makes a resolution every twenty-four hours.

The difference between air and water is that air can be made wetter and water cannot.

We are now masters of steam and eccentricity.

Things that are equal to each other are equal to anything else.

Gravity is chiefly noticeable in the autumn, when the apples are falling from the trees.

The axis of the earth is an imaginary line on which the earth takes its daily routine.

A parallel line is one which, if produced to meet itself, it does not meet.

Electricity and lightning are of the same nature, the only difference being that lightning is often several miles long, while electricity is only a few inches.—Ex.

## JUST FOR FUN

Mother: "I'm going down to the cellar. If the butcher comes, let me know. I want to talk to him."

The boy forgot who his mother wanted to see. When the minister called the boy shouted downstairs. "Ma that man's here now."

Mother: "I can't come yet. Give him a quarter out of my purse, and tell him we didn't like his tongue last week, and we are going to change."



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## NORTH ARKANSAS CONFERENCE NOTES

By Ira A. Brumley

### Church School Rally Day Offerings

Church School Rally Day offerings are beginning to come to the office and the reports thus far have been most encouraging. We have had reports of excellent programs held on last Sunday, September 24.

We will make our first report on Church School Rally Day offerings on October 4. We feel certain that we can make a splendid report at that time.

Should your church have found it unwise to observe Church School Rally Day on September 24 or October 1 we hope you will plan to observe this day at the earliest possible date. We hope that churches that have the offering in the budget will observe the day with a program.

Should your church need Church School Rally Day programs please let us know as we still have copies in the office.

### Training Work In October

Three of our larger training schools will get under way during the month of October: Fort Smith, Jonesboro, and Searcy. A number of our people will participate in the inter-city school held in Little Rock.

A number of local churches are carrying on a training program over a number of weeks. Other local churches will be having one-unit schools during October.

Four months of the Conference year have passed and we are now in the best season of the year for a training program.

The North Arkansas Conference has a large number of able instructors which should have the opportunity of teaching a course in their own churches or in nearby churches.

Consult your June issue of the Christian Education Bulletin for the courses on which North Arkansas Conference Instructors are certified. Write the conference office when we can be of service to you in helping plan your training program.

### Conference-Wide Cultivation

Late August and the whole of September have been given over to a program of district or sub-district cultivation in terms of the program of Christian education. Along with district and sub-district meetings, a number of local church institutes have been held.

The interest revealed in these various type meetings indicates that many of our churches are ready for an advance in the program of Christian education.

Please study your community to discover what the responsibility of your church is for the Christian education of children, youth, and adults, that your church may be able to make plans for a constructive advance in reaching more people and doing a more constructive type of educational work.

There are 120,000,000 people in the United States who are not enrolled in any program of religious training. How many of these are the responsibility of your church? How many of these will your church become responsible for during the

## Korean Students Continue Studies In U. S.



Two of about 30 Korean students who are studying in the United States under sponsorship of the Methodist Church, are shown above shortly after they first heard the news of war in Korea. Ho Un Lee, left, whose wife and five children were in Seoul when he came to

America in September, is a student at Garrett Biblical Institute. Mr. Kim, also from Korea, is at Boston University School of Theology. When the war began, they were attending a Conference of Crusade Scholars of the Methodist Church at Greencastle, Indiana.

## HENDRIX COLLEGE NEWS

Students enrolled at Hendrix for the fall semester number above 500 as released by Victor Hill, registrar. Last fall's enrollment totaled 512.

Fourteen religious denominations are represented in the college. Methodists lead by the large majority of 353, about 70 per cent. Baptists with 54 make up 10 per cent and are followed by Presbyterians with 30 or six per cent. Other denominations in decreasing numbers are Episcopal, Christian, Christian Science, Nazarene, Church of Christ, Greek Orthodox, Lutheran, Protestant, Quaker, and Unitarian.

Seventeen states, other than Arkansas, and two foreign countries are represented. They are Texas, Louisiana, Missouri, Kansas, New Mexico, Wyoming, Oklahoma, Tennessee, North Carolina, California, Virginia, Minnesota, Pennsylvania, Michigan, New York, Indiana, and Brazil.

Fifty-four veterans are studying under the GI bill, Dean W. C. Buthman announced.

### Students to SCA Meeting

Hendrix students prominent in Hendrix Christian Association work

next eight months?

### Christian Vocations

The Methodist Church will soon be entering the third period of the "Advance for Christ and His Church", this program getting under way soon after the beginning of the new calendar year.

The Conference Commission on Vocations is making its first emphasis upon listing all of the youth of the conference who have dedicated themselves to Christian Vocation in the employment of The Methodist Church. There will soon go out from the Conference Board of Education office a request to pastors to give a list of names of persons who have made this commitment. It is hoped that pastors will begin to prepare such a list even in advance of this request. Our purpose is to prepare district lists for the purpose of cultivation and guidance.

attended a meeting of the Arkansas section of the Student Christian Association in Little Rock recently. They met at the Phyllis Wheatly YWCA.

The delegates to the SCA were James Beal, president of HCA, Rector; Marion Sorrells, Little Rock; Coreta Cowart, Alma; George Wayne Martin, Morrilton; Gerald Fincher, Waldo; Mary Ann Kincannon, Little Rock; Louise Fincher, Waldo; Rev. James S. Upton, Hendrix professor of religion.

### Copes to Direct "The Messiah"

V. Earle Copes of the Hendrix music faculty has been selected to direct the Little Rock performance of Handel's "Messiah" this year.

The Little Rock presentation of the Christian oration is sponsored each year by the Little Rock Philharmonic Society. It was at the society's invitation that Mr. Copes became director for this year.

Mr. Copes has directed a performance of "The Messiah" every year since 1943. As minister of music in Highland Park Methodist Church, Dallas, Texas, he directed its presentation in the season from 1946 to 1948. Prior to that he directed performances in New York and Texas churches. Last year as the director of the Hendrix Choristers, Mr. Copes presented the college group in excerpts from the work.

Mr. Copes is assistant professor of music and instructor in organ.

### Homecoming Plans

Homecoming at Hendrix will be held November 11, Miss Elizabeth Poole, alumni coordinator at the college, has announced.

The first activity scheduled will be the homecoming football game between the Hendrix Warriors and the Arkansas College Highlanders. A large group of alumni is expected to return to the campus to witness the game and to participate in the other festivities of the day.

The election of the homecoming queen will be held soon, Miss Poole said. Preparations for the day will be conducted by the Booster Club under the leadership of Jim Jef-

## VACATION SCHOOL AT ST. LUKE'S, FT. SMITH

The Vacation Church School at St. Luke's Methodist Church, Fort Smith, was an unusual experience in that it was held each evening from 7:00 to 9:00 for a two week period, five evenings per week, beginning August 14. There were classes for children from nursery age through the intermediate age group. The Nursery and Kindergarten were combined and were led by Mrs. Frances Robison. The Primary Class was led by Miss Anna Rose Miller, one of our district directors of children's work. The Junior and Intermediate groups were also combined and were led by Mrs. Frances Winter, our other district director of children's work.

The attendance in all age groups was phenomenal in its consistency, the enrollment was 64 with an average attendance of 60.

The following courses recommended by the Board of Education were used: THE WORLD ABOUT US, Kindergarten; OUTDOORS IN PALESTINE, Primary; PEOPLE WHO LIVED IN JESUS' DAY, Junior and Intermediates.

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series of Little Rock, president.

### Freshman Election

Phil Dixon of Little Rock was elected president of the freshman class of Hendrix, Student Body President Jim DuPree of England, announced recently. Travis Williams of Jonesboro was chosen for the post of freshman senator.

Dixon and Williams were chosen from a field of six candidates at last Tuesday's election. Both will be members of the Student Senate, the student-elected governing body which directs most campus activities at Hendrix.

President of the Little Rock High School student body last year, Dixon is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Edgar F. Dixon of Little Rock. He is majoring in political science. Williams, the son of Rev. and Mrs. E. B. Williams, Jonesboro, is a ministerial student at the college. Rev. Mr. Williams is the district superintendent of the Jonesboro District of the Methodist Church.

### President Ellis Attending Conferences

Dr. Matt L. Ellis has been attending important church and educational conferences in Indianapolis and Washington, D. C. this week.

During the first of the week he was in Indianapolis at a mid-quadrennial meeting in connection with the Advance for Christ and His Church. He is a member of the national committee of about 30 members which is directing the Advance. Meeting with the committee were all the nation's more than 500 Methodist district superintendents. Plans for the forthcoming two years were under consideration.

On Oct. 6 and 7 he is scheduled to be in Washington representing the North Central Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools at a conference of college presidents called by the American Council on Education. Dr. Ellis is president of the North Central Association, important regional accrediting agency. —Hendrix News Bureau

# On A Wide Circuit

By W. W. REID

THEY MAY WELL BE CONCERNED



A widely circulated news story says that the Licensed Beverage Industries, Inc., is "very much concerned with the problem of the excessive drinker."

This "concern moved Dr. Frank C. Tucker, of Centenary Methodist Church, St. Louis, Mo., to write in "Centenary News" that he knows of no other association of producers of a commodity, legally used, who have to be concerned with its effect upon human consumers.

"What kind of logic is it," asks Dr. Tucker, "by which an industry can advertise its product lavishly, sing its praises, plead with people to use it, and at the same time express concern about the savage effects of the product on the purchasers of the same? Alas, mankind is little moved by logic!

"All business and industries are concerned about the excessive drinker. According to the Yale School of Alcohol studies, 1,370,000 excessive drinkers are employed in the manufacturing, construction and utility industries. It is known that 2,060,000 are employed in all industry.

"Each of these more than two million employees loses 22 working days per year. That is, according to my arithmetic, more than 44,000,000 lost work days each year—with corresponding loss of wages and production. That is a colossal total loss.

"It should be remembered that 'alcoholics' are not involved here—but the 'excessive drinker.' What makes one an excessive drinker has not yet been clearly defined.

"The score is made worse by further facts. The excessive drinkers are responsible for 1500 fatal accidents at work each year and 2850

away from work—a total of 4350. More than 4,000 persons die, generally violently, each year because there are those who assert their right to drink and others who assert their right to make the stuff and sell it. This total of more than 4,000 deaths per year is by no means the grand total due to alcohol. Thousands of deaths are caused by the 'moderate' and 'occasional' drinkers who drink too much at the wrong time and in the wrong place.

"The disease of alcoholism, of which 'excessive drinking' is one of several typical manifestations, affects all kinds of classes of workers in business and industry. From the owner and managing executive all the way across the field to the gate-man and day laborer, alcoholism displays its sorry samples. Losses of life and production and money mount . . .

"The Licensed Beverage Industries is always crying aloud its great contribution to the country through taxes. If one will compute the money values of the losses of life, efficiency, happiness, wages, health, and the police, court and penal institutions required by the anti-social results of drinking, one would quickly see that the whole liquor business is a net loss to the country when compared with taxes derived for the whole industry. But, alas, men are moved no more by statistical facts than they are by logic.

"Medical research is seeking a cure for alcoholism . . . The excessive drinkers and the alcoholics are a miserable, unhappy lot of people to whom a cure would be a merciful release from a cruel bondage.

"All alcoholism can be prevented by a very simple and not too difficult prescription—never take the first drink. It's the first drink that is always fatal—not the last one."

## LITTLE ROCK CONFERENCE TREASURER'S REPORT (Continued from page 9)

Charge	Bishops Fund	Conference Claimants	Benevolences	Fourth Sunday Offering	Dist. Supt. Salary Fund
Tulip	3.00	10.00		10.00	10.00
Total	13.00	50.00		10.00	60.00
DEWITT					50.00
ENGLAND	31.50				112.50
GILLET					
GOOD FAITH CHARGE					
GRADY-GOULD		5.00		15.00	24.00
Gould					25.00
Grady	16.00	25.00	25.00		25.00
Total	16.00	30.00	25.00	15.00	49.00
HUMPHREY CHARGE					
Humphrey				39.88	50.00
KEO-TOMBERLIN-HUMNOKE					25.00
Humnoke					37.50
Keo	5.00	33.00		35.00	15.00
Tomberlin	2.50	18.00		18.00	15.00
Total	7.50	51.00		53.00	77.50
LEOLA CT.		16.00	27.00		15.00
LEOLA					
LITTLE PRAIRIE CT.				10.00	9.00
LaFargue	2.00	7.50			
PINE BLUFF CHURCHES:					
Carr Memorial				160.00	120.00
First Church					62.00
Hawley Memorial					
Lakeside			171.74	332.90	
RISON					
ROE CT.					
Shiloh	5.00			10.00	10.00
Ulm				1.70	
Total	5.00			11.70	10.00
ROWELL CT.					
Center	1.25	6.25			8.50
Prosperity		10.00	3.00	11.00	15.00
Union				5.54	
Total	1.25	16.25	3.00	16.54	23.50
ST. CHARLES CT.					35.00
St. Charles					
SHERIDAN CHARGE					
New Hope	3.50	7.00		13.20	12.50
Sheridan					101.00
Total	3.50	7.00		13.20	113.50
SHERRILL-TUCKER					37.50
Sherrill					
Redfield				9.28	
Total				9.28	37.50
STUTTGART CHURCHES:					
First Church	21.88	175.00	293.75		156.25

## SCRIPTURES FOR KOREA

The American Bible Society has published a special edition of 50,000 copies of Korean Scriptures for distribution to the Korean Army, Navy and Air Force. The books were printed at the request of the Korean Bible Society, whose headquarters is in Seoul, and will probably be distributed by the Chaplains Corps under the supervision of the Korean Bible Society. The books, bound in black fabrikoid, contain the four Gospels and the Book of Acts. One hundred thousand copies of the Sermon on the Mount in Korean and English are also available and will be sent to Korea, with the Scriptures, as soon as shipping arrangements can be made.

The Rev. Young Bin Im is secretary of the Korean Bible Society. No direct word has come from Mr. Im but it was agreed that if there was an invasion of southern Korea, he was to stay at his headquarters in Seoul.

The people of Korea have been avid Bible readers. They have had the complete Bible since 1911. During 1945, due to lack of printing facilities and paper in Korea, publication of the Korean Scriptures was inaugurated in this country. Since then 250,000 Korean Testaments and 125,000 each of paper-bound Gospels of Luke and John have been shipped to Korea by the Bible Society. Binding materials and paper were also sent to Korea by the American Bible Society so that Scripture publication was taking place there. Special paper required for Braille Scriptures was also furnished by the Bible Society and an edition of the complete New Testament in Braille com-

## "STOCK CERTIFICATES" SUPPORT MISSIONARIES

The First Methodist Church of Lubbock, Texas, had money in its treasury to support its Advance Foreign Special, but this money didn't have to be used. Undertaking the support of the Rev. and Mrs. Drewer Johns, missionaries to India, the Lubbock church printed "stock certificates" and offered them for sale at \$36 each. Members responded enthusiastically, and the 100 shares were soon distributed. The "certificates" feature a picture of Mr. and Mrs. Johns with a map of India in the background and have been framed by some stockholders.

We have learned that alcohol, as commonly used today, causes more disease, disability and death than any other cause of ill health which is wholly in the power of the individual to prevent and avoid.

Since the end of the war in the theatre of European operations, there have been more deaths among American troops in Europe from alcohol than from all communicable diseases combined, according to the chief of preventive services. Men in the army in the last stages of European offensive died in larger numbers from use of alcohol to the point of self-destruction than were lost by all the communicable diseases put together.—Dr. Haven Emerson.

It's better to lift your spirits with prayer than with your elbow.—Mutual Moments.

pleted. A Braille New Testament in Korean requires ten large volumes. A set of these books is in the library of the Bible Society in New York.

Grand Avenue	39.50	156.00			141.00
SWAN LAKE				28.00	
WHITEHALL CT.			14.11		
Oak Grove		10.00			10.00
Sulphur Springs		10.00	14.11		10.00
Total	7.00		20.00		14.00
GLENDAL					
DISTRICT TOTALS	\$ 165.13	\$ 649.75	\$ 604.60	\$ 854.59	\$ 1,241.25
Minimum Salary Fund (Pastor):					\$ 6.00
Humnoke					
Minimum Salary Fund (Church):					
Alzheimer \$27.00, Wabbaseka \$6.75, England \$72.00, Keo \$6.00, Tomberlin \$2.50, Carr Memorial \$66.00, First Church, Stuttgart \$40.00, Grand Avenue, Stuttgart \$45.00.					\$ 265.25
Total					
Advance For Christ Offering:					
Alzheimer \$36.00, Tomberlin \$2.00, Shiloh \$5.00, Pine Bluff District Intermediate Camp \$26.65.					\$ 69.65
Total					
Area Fund:					
Alzheimer \$3.00, Carthage \$2.00, England \$8.00, Gould \$1.00, Grady \$2.00, Keo \$2.00, Tomberlin \$1.00, LaFargue \$1.00, Carr Memorial \$6.00, Hawley Memorial \$3.00, Shiloh \$2.00, Prosperity \$2.00, First Church, Stuttgart \$8.00, Grand Avenue, Stuttgart \$10.00, Glendale \$2.00.					\$ 53.00
Total					
General Administration and Jurisdictional Conference Expense Fund:					
Alzheimer \$18.00, Wabbaseka \$4.50, Brewer \$4.00, Carthage \$12.00, England \$50.00, Gould \$6.00, Grady \$12.00, Keo \$2.50, Tomberlin \$2.00, Carr Memorial \$40.00, Hawley Memorial \$25.00, Shiloh \$3.00, St. Charles \$10.00, First Church, Stuttgart \$15.00, Grand Avenue, Stuttgart \$40.00, Glendale \$5.00.					\$ 249.00
Total					\$ 4,158.22

RECAPITULATION					
District	Bishops Fund	Conference Claimants	Benevolences	Fourth Sunday Offering	Dist. Supt. Salary Fund
ARKADELPHIA	\$ 272.16	\$ 994.00	\$ 982.00	\$ 813.85	\$ 1,646.41
CAMDEN	487.64	1,964.03	2,117.65	930.15	2,421.37
HOPE	265.49	970.00	2,071.63	233.25	1,348.08
LITTLE ROCK	730.06	2,944.00	7,461.75	339.97	2,311.72
MONTICELLO	301.01	1,576.97	1,143.91	1,402.57	1,735.32
PINE BLUFF	165.13	649.75	604.60	854.59	1,241.25
TOTAL	\$ 2,221.49	\$ 9,098.75	\$ 14,381.54	\$ 4,574.38	\$ 10,704.15
District	Gen. Adm. & Juris. Conf. Exp. Fund	Min. Sal. Fund—Pastor	Min. Sal. Fund—Church	Area Fund	Advance For Christ Offerings
ARKADELPHIA	\$ 166.60	\$	\$ 139.50	\$ 31.00	\$ 538.85
CAMDEN	370.24	33.30	305.25	61.20	162.00
HOPE	238.70	8.75	199.85	70.00	553.94
LITTLE ROCK	513.25	86.75	506.05	180.00	433.43
MONTICELLO	214.91	28.81	206.67	49.77	55.41
PINE BLUFF	249.00	6.00	265.25	53.00	69.65
Conference At Large					80.30
TOTAL	\$ 1,752.70	\$ 163.61	\$ 1,622.57	\$ 444.97	\$ 1,893.58
District			Wesley Foundation Fund	Methodist Student Day Offering	Race Relations Offerings
ARKADELPHIA			\$	\$ 55.00	\$
CAMDEN				9.00	10.00
HOPE				13.00	
LITTLE ROCK			187.00		
MONTICELLO			171.75		
PINE BLUFF					
TOTAL			\$358.75	\$ 77.00	\$ 10.00
GRAND TOTAL					\$47,303.49

C. E. HAYES,  
TREASURER,  
LITTLE ROCK CONFERENCE.



# WOMAN'S SOCIETY OF CHRISTIAN SERVICE

MRS. SUE M. WAYLAND, Editor

## CAMDEN DISTRICT EXECUTIVE MEETING HELD IN EL DORADO

The lovely parsonage home of Rev. and Mrs. Edward Harris of El Dorado, was the meeting place of the executive board of Camden District Woman's Society of Christian Service, Friday, September 15th, with Mrs. N. S. Thornton of Camden, district president, in the chair. The following district officers answered to roll call: Mrs. Charles Primm, Smackover; Mrs. W. C. Farley, El Dorado; Mrs. Otis Fincher and Mrs. J. W. Rhea, Waldo; Mrs. Harvey Crumpler and Mrs. J. G. Brown, Magnolia; Mrs. Charles Geissen, Camden; Mrs. Alfred Doss, Stephens; Mrs. W. P. Reasons, El Dorado. Conference officers included: Mrs. Neill Hart, Camden; Mrs. J. P. Carpenter, Stephens; Mrs. Wilmar Lewis, Magnolia, and Mrs. Edward Harris, El Dorado. Mrs. Otis Fincher, District Treasurer, made her report.

The secretary read a letter from Mrs. E. D. Galloway, Conference President, concerning the selection of youth delegates to the annual meeting of the Little Rock Conference. Miss Hallie Joe Hart of Camden, Miss Louise Fincher of Waldo, and Miss Joan Powledge of El Dorado, were chosen as the three from Camden District, having been nominated by Mrs. Edward Harris, Conference Secretary of Missionary Personnel, Mrs. Wilmar Lewis and Mrs. Reasons.

A letter was read from Miss Sunny Mann, district worker, expressing her appreciation for the privilege of attending the recent assembly at Tulsa. Mrs. Harris told something of the program plans for the oncoming annual meeting in Little Rock and urged full attendance.

In the absence of Mrs. M. E. Scott, plans for the Seminar were discussed by Mrs. Chas. Geissen. Mrs. Brown reported on the work to date on the Roll Call of Methodist Women. Mrs. Crumpler reported that Week of Prayer material had been sent to all societies of the district. Mrs. Alfred Doss reported on the Tulsa conference, and also thanked the members for making it possible for her to attend. Mrs. Doss asked for volunteers to serve in the special prayer room at Asbury Church during the annual conference. Several members agreed to serve in this capacity. Mrs. Reasons reported much activity in Student Work. Mrs. Farley reported that she and the district president had organized a Circuit Society to be composed of members from Zion, Providence, Princeton, Macedonia and Waverly. The following are officers of the circuit. Princeton: President; Mrs. J. P. Lawrence; Vice-President, Miss Mabel Ramsey; Secretary-Treasurer, Mrs. Sam Taylor; Secretary Social Relations, Mrs. Walsh. Holly Springs: President, Mrs. Olive Proctor; Vice-President, Mrs. Marvin Ramsey; Sec.-Treas., Mrs. Clovis Hankwitz; Missionary Education, Mrs. I. S. Lancaster; Secretary Christian Social Relations, Mrs. Cleo Riggs. Mrs. Farley also announced that a new project is under way to be known as CHAIN VISITATIONS with four group leaders for the District. Mrs. J. S. Williamson, chairman of Youth

## "TOGETHER THROUGH FAITH"

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Little Rock Conference Woman's Society of Christian Service  
Asbury Methodist Church

October 17, 18, 19, 1950

GREETINGS FROM THE PROGRAM COMMITTEE TO  
EVERY LOCAL SOCIETY!

This is an eventful year in many ways, especially so for us as Methodist Women as we celebrate our Tenth Year as a united organization. We hope you will be joining with all the other Methodist women in the Annual Meeting this October by your representation at the Meeting and by your prayers. It will be a time of soul searching as to our Faith and our Mission in meeting the desperate needs of today's world.

"This is our Faith Tremendous

Our wild hope —

Who should scorn?

That in the Name of Jesus

Our World shall be reborn!"

### PRE-VUE OF HIGHLIGHTS OF THE ANNUAL MEETING

GUEST SPEAKERS: Bishop Paul E. Martin will have the opening address on October 17, at the World Federation of Methodist Women Banquet.

Dr. George C. Baker, Chaplain of Southern Methodist University, will bring a series of Faith messages throughout the the meeting.

Miss Pearle McCain, missionary to China from the North Arkansas Conference, will present our Methodist work in China.

Mr. Willard P. Bass, Superintendent of our Navajo Methodist School, Farmington, New Mexico, will acquaint us with our work in this home field, to which one quarter's supplies from our conference will go this year.

Rev. George B. Workman, missionary from our conference who has just returned from China, will tell us of the present status of the Church and the Christian missionary there.

PRAYER VIGIL: We hope you have already begun in your local society and prayer groups to undergird all phases of our work and especially this Annual Meeting with prayer. Prayer Vigil during the whole time of the Annual Meeting.

WORLD FEDERATION OF METHODIST WOMEN BANQUET: This beautiful banquet on October 17, at 6:30 p. m., Skyway Room of the LaFayette Hotel, will be the first official session of the Conference. Mrs. T. W. McCoy, Vice-President, is in charge of the banquet which will feature direct greetings from the Presidents of groups of Methodist Women around the world, each country represented in authentic costume. Bishop Martin will bring the message. Advance reservations may be made by writing Mrs. J. H. Tole, Local Banquet Chairman, 7308 Kingwood Road, Little Rock, Arkansas. Tickets for the banquet (\$1.65) will be on sale for those making reservations at the Registration Desk at Asbury Church, the afternoon of October 17.

YOUTH DELEGATES: For the first time there will be officially Youth Delegates attending the Annual Meeting—three girls selected from each District. The Little Rock Sub-District Methodist Youth Fellowship will be host, providing bed and breakfast. A YOUTH BANQUET will be held on Wednesday evening, October 18, at Winfield Methodist, for the Conference Youth Delegates, the youth of the Little Rock Sub-District, plus other youth over the conference who may wish to attend the Banquet. Dr. George C. Baker will be the speaker. Mrs. Edward McLean, Conference Youth Secretary, is Chairman of all arrangements. All reservations (without sending the money for tickets) must be sent in to Mrs. McLean, Gardner Apartments, Arkadelphia, Arkansas, not later than October 11. Mrs. Daune Brothers, Counselor of Little Rock Sub-District M. Y. F., is the Local Banquet Chairman, assisted by Miss Ruby Galloway of Winfield Methodist. The Secretaries of Youth and Student Work in Little Rock will prepare the meal. Tickets for those making advance reservations, will be at the Registration Desk at Asbury Church. Besides the youth, each District Secretary of Youth, Student Work, or Missionary Personnel is invited to make reservations for this banquet.

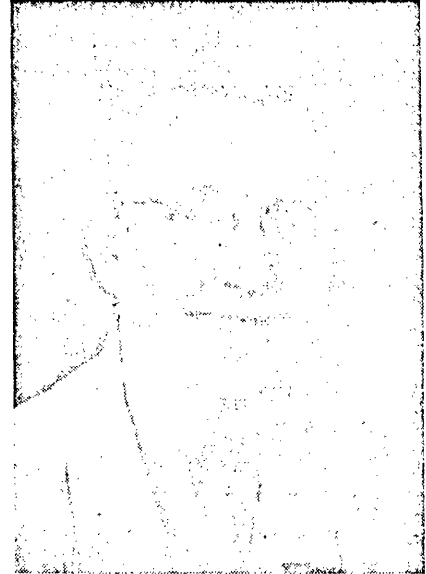
WORKSHOPS: Discussion Groups in which every woman is urged to participate and from which may come some direct action from the Conference as a whole, will be conducted the afternoon of October 18, in four areas: 1. "The Local Church Woman Building a World Christian Community"; 2. "Faith"; 3. "Conference Projects"; 4. "Recruitment". An excellent panel of leaders will direct the discussion in each of these fields.

OTHER SPECIAL FEATURES: Will include—A "KODA-REPORT"—a Pictorial Review of the work of the past year; a PROJECTS LUNCHEON on Wednesday noon, October 18; an ANNIVERSARY LUNCHEON on Thursday noon, October 19; INFORMAL RECEPTION for all Conference Delegates and Guests on Wednesday evening; an EXCURSION to Camp Aldersgate; a MEMORIAL SERVICE on Wednesday morning; a PROMOTION HOUR, "Lengthening and Strengthening", by Conference Officers on Thursday morning; SPECIAL MUSIC by Choirs from our two Methodist colleges in the state—Hendrix College Chapel Choir on Wednesday Evening and the Philander Smith Choir on Thursday morning; and the SERVICES OF COMMITMENT—Pledging, Installation and Dedication—Thursday afternoon, October 19.

Work, sent her report, which showed much activity in her department.

Mrs. Thornton expressed appreciation of the good attendance and

urged the members to attend the annual meeting at Little Rock in October. She also asked the ladies to put forth a greater effort this



## PEARLE McCAIN TO VISIT IN NORTH ARKANSAS CONFERENCE

Intineration of the North Arkansas Conference by Dr. Pearle McCain will be the highlight of the Woman's Society of Christian Service program during the month of October.

Dr. McCain is on leave from her missionary work in China. She returned to the states last October, having begun her missionary work in 1929. She has worked in three places in China: first at McTyeire School for Girls in Shanghai, then at Susan B. Wilson School of Sungkiang, and last at the Bible Teacher's Training School for Women in Nanking. She spent five years in occupied China during the war years when she devoted herself to community and evangelistic work. She was president of the Bible Teacher's Training School in Nan King during the years of 1946 to 1949.

Miss McCain's intineration includes speaking to members of the Woman's Society of Christian Service, Wesleyan Service Guild members, Methodist Youth Fellowship groups, pastors and laymen of the areas where she is being sent.

Her schedule is as follows:

Springdale, October 9  
Conway, October 11  
Searcy, October 12  
Pocahontas, October 15  
Forrest City, October 22  
Batesville, October 24  
Jonesboro, October 25  
Fort Smith, October 29

The district promotion secretaries of each district represented here will be sending out information as to the type of meeting and the time of each to the units of the church.

year in the program of Advance, ever remembering the slogan for Camden District, "IT CAN BE DONE".

Mrs. Harris was assisted by the following hostesses: Mrs. Cilas Primm, Mrs. W. C. Farley and Mrs. W. P. Reasons, who served a delicious luncheon. The house was decorated with late summer flowers in profusion. After adjournment the ladies looked over the parsonage

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# CURRENT NEWS IN ARKANSAS METHODISM

## SEARCY DISTRICT MINISTERS' MEETING

The ministers of the Searcy District met Monday morning, September 11, at Clinton.

The meeting was opened by a brief devotional led by the district superintendent, Rev. Coy E. Whitten. Brother Whitten emphasized the need of prayer and preparation for the task that lies ahead.

Several district and conference workers were presented, and they spoke to the group.

Rev. Ralph Hillis, Searcy District Director of Evangelism, presented the program of evangelism as adopted by the North Arkansas Conference, and emphasized the important periods of preparation and harvest time ahead.

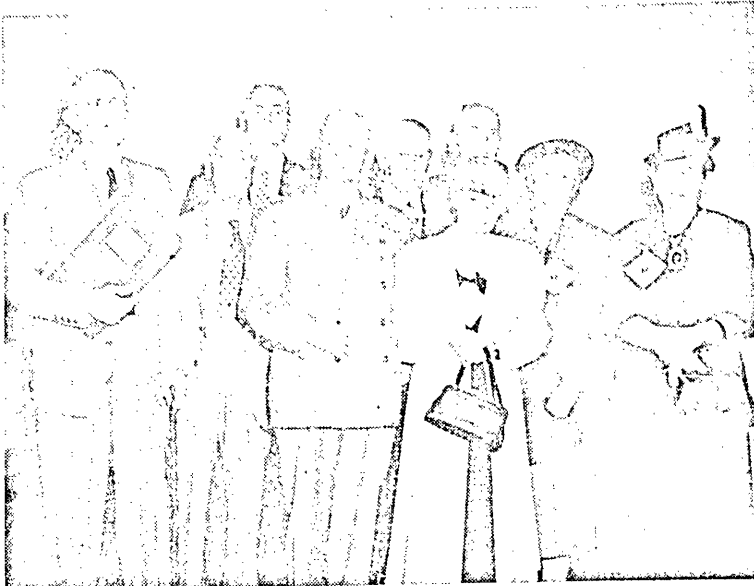
Mrs. H. H. Fulbright, Conference Promotional Secretary, W. S. C. S., presented the program of rural emphasis being carried on through visitation by organized W. S. C. S. groups, and emphasized the challenge of organizing new units of the Woman's Society.

Dr. Ira A. Brumley, Executive Secretary of the Board of Christian Education, stated that the responsibility for the program of evangelism for the next six months will be shared by the Board of Education and the Board of Evangelism. Dr. Brumley, also, emphasized the importance of Christian Education week, September 24 to October 1, and Church School Rally Day. A meeting of the pastors and Church School workers for the purpose of considering the Sunday Evening Fellowship to be led by Mrs. Beauchamp of the General Board was announced for September 25, 4:00 p. m., at Searcy.

Brother Whitten led the group in a discussion of the above matters. The importance of carefully selecting workers for the visitation evangelism program, and the need of a complete community survey were emphasized. Every minister was asked to organize an active Membership and Evangelism Committee. As a result of this discussion period, the following schedule was set-up.

September 17, A survey in each

## Hendrix Celebrates 60th Year In Conway



Pictured here are nine Hendrix College alumni who attended the college in 1890-91, the first year it operated in Conway. They and a large group of other Hendrix friends were guests of Mason E. Mitchell of Conway at a luncheon at the college September 16 on the 60th anniversary of the college's opening in Conway.

Mr. Mitchell is at the far left holding the college's record book

for 1890, containing the names of the entering class entered personally by Dr. A. C. Millar, then president.

Others in the picture, left to right, are Dr. John W. Cline of Benton and the following from Conway: O. L. Dunaway, Dr. John Hugh Reynolds, W. D. Cole, Dr. W. P. Whaley, Mrs. Maude Greenlee Moseley, Mrs. Callee Grisard Buck and Mrs. Maggie Holloway Glass.

Charge of the district.

September 25, A list of the names and addresses of all prospects be handed to the district superintendent.

November 7, Evangelistic Rally, Searcy Area, Searcy.

November 8, Evangelistic Rally, Harrison Area, Harrison.

December 31-January 4, Simultaneous Visitation and Preaching Revival, Harrison Area (Northern half of district).

Brother Whitten presented the challenging opportunity of preaching this fall and winter in the Advance Program in the Church, and of carrying out the great program planned by the district.

After Bro. Whitten closed the meeting with prayer, the ladies of

the Clinton Church served the group a delicious meal.—Floyd G. Villines, Jr., Secretary.

## SUNDAY SCHOOL AT CARLISLE HAS SUCCESSFUL YEAR

The Sunday School of the Methodist Church, Carlisle, ended another successful year with a special program Sunday morning, September 24th. Many outstanding achievements were made in each of the three divisions of the school. Twenty-four members were given awards for perfect attendance records. Most of the twenty-four have a perfect attendance record of from three to six years. Special recognition was given to the W. L. Murray family for their perfect attendance record as a family. Mr. and Mrs. Murray and Frances have not missed a Sunday in over six years. It is a family that can be counted on to do every task asked of them. They take pride in their church and enjoy their Sunday School and are good workers in it.

Another outstanding perfect attendance record is that of C. C. Perkins. He has a perfect record of twenty-nine years with the exception of two Sundays and these two Sundays he was in bed seriously ill.

The Sunday School has grown from an enrollment of 294 in 1946-1947 to 340 to date. The average attendance four years ago was 160. The average attendance for the year ending last Sunday was 192. There has been a gradual growth in the school with a decided gain this year. This is the highest record ever set by the Sunday School of this church.

Rev. Richard T. Perry is serving his fifth year as pastor of the Carlisle Church. Archie E. Owens is general superintendent of the

## CHURCH SCHOOL RALLY DAY AT GRAVETTE

Rally Day was observed at the Gravette Methodist Church Sunday, September 24. The entire Church School assembled in the sanctuary of the church for a program given by the various departments of the church school. W. A. Fisher, general superintendent, presided.

A record breaking attendance was recorded. Out of a total church school enrollment of 156, 139 were present for the rally program. The usual attendance is between 80 and 100. Twenty dollars was raised for Christian education.

At the 11 o'clock hour the pastor preached a sermon on Christian education and received eleven persons into the membership of the church, seven on profession of faith and four by letter.—H. W. Jinske, Pastor.

## A LETTER TO CHILDREN'S WORKERS

Dear Children's Workers of the North Arkansas Conference:

Do you know your District Director of Children's Work? Find yours in this list:

Conway District, Mrs. J. Albert Gatlin, 366 Donaghey Ave., Conway, Arkansas.

Ft. Smith District, Miss Anna Rose Miller, P. O. Box 27, Ft. Smith, Arkansas.

Fayetteville District, Mrs. S. O. Patty, Prairie Grove, Arkansas.

Searcy District, Mrs. Carl Meeker, 910 W. Spring St., Harrison, Ark.

Batesville District, Mrs. Paul Jamison, Newport, Arkansas.

Paragould District, Mrs. A. N. Storey, 711 W. Emerson, Paragould, Arkansas.

Helena District, Mrs. W. P. Gibbs, Rt. 1, Box 65, Forrest City, Ark.

Jonesboro District, Mrs. H. D. Castleberry, 716 W. Washington, Jonesboro, Arkansas.

Get acquainted with your District Director. Visit her. Write to her. Invite her to YOUR CHURCH.

She is your friend.—Mrs. Ira A. Brumley, Conference Director, Children's Work.

Character is what you are—reputation is what you get caught at.—Gilcrafter, hm, Gilert Paper Co.

Church School.—Archie E. Owens, Superintendent.

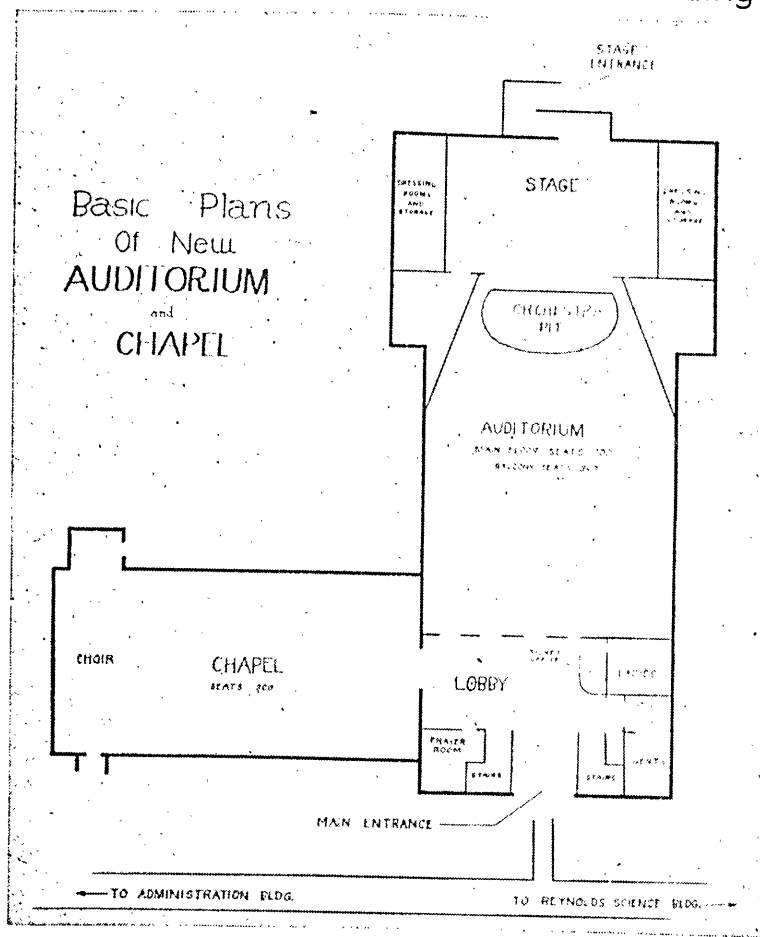
Pictured below is a portion of the 300 members of Gardner Memorial Church, North Little Rock, who attended the annual picnic at Boyle Park on Wednesday night, August 30. The regular midweek prayer service was also held at this time. In the foreground are Rev. Vernon Chalfant, pastor of the church, Mrs. Chalfant and their daughters.



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## Architect's Floor Plan For Hendrix Building

THE CHURCH GROWS  
IN BRAZIL

An eight per cent increase in the number of active church members has been reported for the District of Cruz Alta in Brazil, where the Rev. William F. Rogers is superintendent.

The district received 229 on profession of faith and 64 by transfer. This was an average of 50 a year for each of the six pastors. A loss of 138 made the total net gain at 160. The total membership in the district is less than 2,000.

Work of the Rev. and Mrs. William E. Andrews, missionaries in Santo Angelo, has doubled since they arrived there in 1949. The number of preaching points has increased from seven to fourteen, the number of churches from two to five. Instead of four societies there are now eleven; instead of five Sunday schools there are now ten.

Funds are being raised for five new buildings. Included will be a \$3,000 social center and a Sunday school building in Santo Angelo. A nurse has been added to the church staff. A pharmacist, a doctor, and a dentist have offered their services free. Steps are being made toward organization of a dispensary with a regular health service to include classes in hygiene. Films available through church sources and from the American Consulate will be used

in the educational program.

Mr. and Mrs. Rogers, from Pelham, Ga., are supported by Trinity Church, Newport News, Va. He received his B. D. at Emory University and was engaged in city mission work in Macon, Ga., before entering the foreign field.

Mr. and Mrs. Andrews are supported by Central Methodist Church in their home town, Albemarle, N. C. Mr. Andrews, born in Davidson, N. C., was a pastor in that state from 1940-46. He was educated at Wofford College, Spartanburg, S. C., and Duke University. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Franklin Andrews of Tyron, N. C. Mrs. Andrews, a former school teacher, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. S. E. Sloop of Mt. Ulla, N. C.

NEW BUILDINGS FOR  
ROBINSON SCHOOL

A superintendent's home and teacherage will be erected on the grounds of the George O. Robinson School, Santurce, Puerto Rico, in the near future.

The former home, which was destroyed by termites, has been razed. Plans for the new structure have been drawn by Luis Arroyo, well-known architect. Funds from the Pfeiffer Estate will provide for construction of the handsome two-story building.

The modern termite-proof structure will care for six teachers, superintendent, and guests. It will have office space as well. The Robinson School is maintained by the Woman's Division of Christian Service.

The wit of conversation consists more in finding it in others than in showing a great deal yourself. He who goes from your conversation pleased with himself and his own wit is perfectly well pleased with you.—Jean de la Bruyere, French author & moralist, quoted in Ladies' Home Journal.

There is something sweeter than receiving praise: the feeling of having deserved it.—Origin unknown



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Rev. J. Albert Catlin, Executive Secretary

## LAY SPEAKERS OF THE JONESBORO AREA

After these things the Lord appointed other seventy also, and sent them two and two before his face into every city and place whither he himself should come.

Therefore said he unto them, 'The harvest truly is great, but the laborers are few: pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he would send forth laborers into his harvest.'—Luke 10:1,2.

ALL over the North Arkansas Conference laymen are answering the call to the harvest fields. Like the Seventy they are going out to prepare the way before "Him". The fields are truly white unto harvest. There are millions in the nation and more millions over the world who are perishing. There are communities that are languishing. There are many small and rural churches that are famishing. One of the ways to meet the needs of the multitudes is for seventy times seventy and more laymen to take seriously their call to Christian service. This includes not only the laymen of the towns and cities but also laymen of the rural and small communities. There are many who through the inspiration of the Holy Spirit and the deep desire to serve can bring forth a clear word about the things of God.

A group of laymen, together with the pastors and the district superintendent of the Jonesboro District, is carrying out a most outstanding program. This program will grow in power and effect as all who within the areas being served and the areas serving catch more of the significance of the program. The ever recurring and re-echoing cry for the Word of God will finally break through into the live conscience of church leaders and members alike. When that time comes there

will be an all out effort to plan and execute the plan for better serving the multitudes now sorely neglected.

Dr. Robert W. Goodloe in a recent article in the Christian Advocate lifted up the startling fact that 1,500,000 Methodists are left without the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper because unordained pastors are serving them. We can add to that great number a larger number who have worship services only part time in their churches. The answer is found in the getting back to realities and essentials in the Christian ministry and the putting of human need above religious mechanics. There is a middle ground course, which if followed will meet such human need and at the same time give due recognition to the necessities of ceremony and administration.

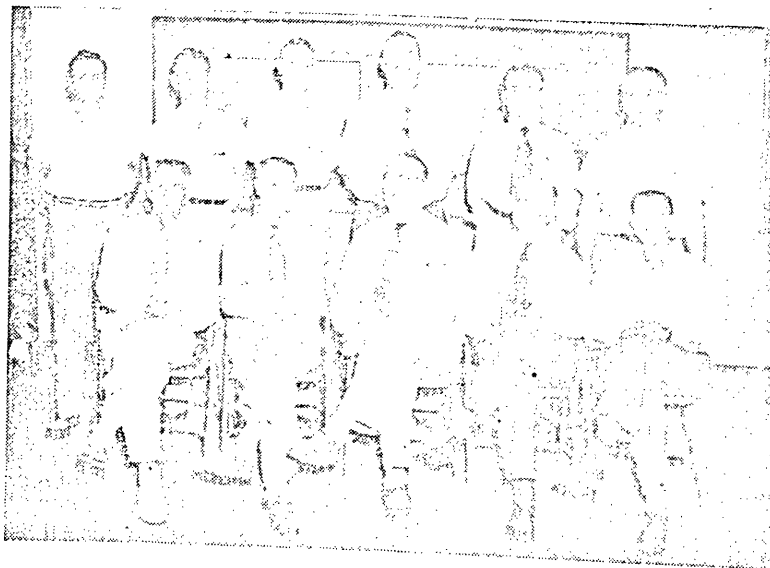
Surely, one of the crying needs of this hour is for a rebaptism of the spirit of compassion for the souls of men and a burning desire to see our church aflame with the evangelical fire.

It all gets back at last to the "grass roots". Every Methodist preacher and every Methodist layman should bring into the compass of his responsibility all the people within his own personal reach. He should not go to sleep until he has set his heart and mind on the noble objective of reaching those persons. How can it be possible for a Methodist Church to die within a thirty minute drive of a great and going church without the pastor and laymen of that larger church looking into the situation?

We pay humble respect to the laymen and pastors of the Jonesboro area for their sustained interest and devotion. May the circle of  
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Front Row, l to r, Rev. Norris Greer, Arthur Henderson, Henry Baldwin, lay "Presiding Elder," Rev. E. B. Williams, L. O. Beard.  
Back Row, l to r, Dell Settemire, Fred Moore, Tom Love, Judge Foster Clarke, Foster Bowden and Charles Stuck.

All the men are members of the First Methodist Church Jonesboro except Brother Williams, Jonesboro District Superintendent, Brother Green, pastor Pleasant Valley-Lunsford, and Mr. Beard, member Huntington Ave., Jonesboro.

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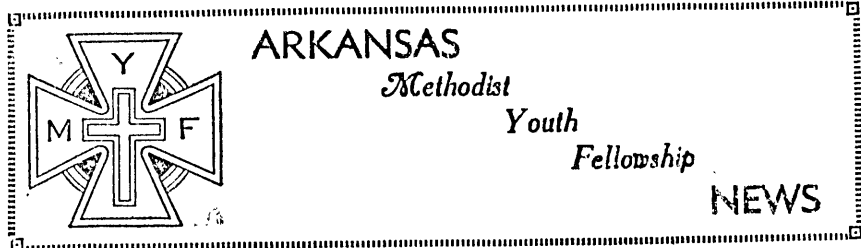
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### MEETING OF POLK COUNTY M. Y. F.

The Polk County M. Y. F. met Monday night, September 4, at the Shady Grove Methodist Church. The program was presented by the adults with Mrs. Roma Simpson in charge. Group singing was led by Rev. James Simpson of Lewisville. Following the program, Beulah Ryals took charge of the business session. Election of officers was as follows: Glenna Hilton, president; Modyne Farmer, vice-president; Shirley Joplin, secretary; Ruth Ann Richards, reporter; Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Jones, Counselors. Mountain View offered to let another church use the picture that they had been keeping. Hatfield was decided upon because of their new building. We agreed to continue counting attendance by the percentage method.

There were 79 present, Hatfield having the largest percentage. Hatfield, Mena, Mountain View, and Shady Grove were represented.

Following the recreation period, refreshments were served in the annex. Our next meeting will be held at Mt. View.—Ruth Ann Richards, Reporter.

### YOUTH FELLOWSHIP AT TURRELL-GILMORE

The Turrell-Gilmore Youth Fellowship has had a busy summer. Early in the summer the W. S. C. S. voted to sponsor a recreation program for the M. Y. F. during the summer months. Tuesday evening was set aside for this purpose. The group played volley ball, badminton and softball. Softball was the favorite. At the close of the evening the group met in the church at Turrell for choir practice. They took over the choir and led the opening worship on Sunday night during the summer months. They prepared worship centers and took charge of the service, Brother Weaver preaching the sermon.

On Sept. 5th they entertained the Poinsett County Sub-District with a program on "Whose World" with a worship service and dramatization after which they showed the picture, "This Road I Walk."

The W. S. C. S. at each of the churches furnishes cool drinks for the Sunday night session.

The following are the officers: President, Oneita Scott; vice-president, Virginia Thrasher; secretary, Bettie Lou Dixon; Reporter, Edna Grace James; treasurer, Billy Sue Horton; Commission Chairman, Worship and Evangelism, Majorie Rogers; Community Service, Peggy Phillips; Missions and World Friendship, Billy Sue Horton; Recreation, Bettie Lou Dixon.

The high school girls have organized a World Friendship Club with eleven members which meets once a month. Mrs. Lester Weaver is counselor.—Reporter.

Whenever we find ourselves being unfair to our children, we ought to admit our error as honestly as we expect them to admit theirs. It's just as important to forgive as to be forgiven.—Better Homes & Gardens.

### INTERMEDIATE YOUTH FELLOWSHIP ORGANIZED AT OSCEOLA

Miss Bettye Taylor of Osceola, daughter of our pastor, Rev. G. C. Taylor, is the counselor for the new Intermediate Youth Fellowship which has just recently been organized in the First Methodist Church of Osceola.

The following officers were elected to serve for the next three months: President, Charlotte Peterson; vice-president, Wade Rogers; secretary-treasurer, Dawn Fletcher; Methodist Youth Fund Treasurer, Clara Colbert; song leader, Betty Bowles; reporter, Patsy Robbins.

There are now twenty-three enrolled in this group. They meet each Sunday evening at 6:15 and then at 7:00 they go into the sanctuary of the church to help make the youth choir for the worship services.

We are happy to have Miss Taylor as our counselor and we hope to do many things for Christ and His Church.—Patsy Robbins, Reporter.

### BUFFALO ISLAND SUB-DISTRICT M. Y. F.

As the strains of soft organ music filled the air we silently assembled in the Manila Methodist Church for a period of reverent worship, Monday night, September 18.

The program was on the theme of "Love." Phyllis McDonal led the group in the responsive reading "love never faileth" and Iva Dell Downing sang a solo following this theme. Woody Townsend told the beautiful story of the painting "Praying Hands." The worship center was a copy of this painting surrounded on either side by a lighted candle.

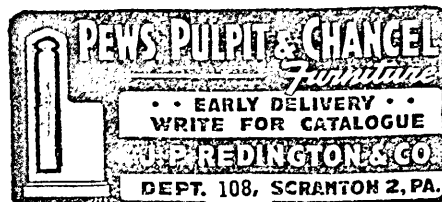
The business session was presided over by Audrey McKisson, president. The banner was presented to Delmore. There was a discussion about the MY Fund and it was voted that the Buffalo Island Sub-District make a pledge to be paid each month. A definite sum was not decided upon pending further investigation by our president.

There were 90 representatives from these churches: Black Oak, Caraway, Delmore, Lake City, Manila, Monette, Macey, and St. John.

The group adjourned for recreation directed by Mary Ellen Tipton and refreshments.

The next meeting will be at Leachville, October 16. —Lura Wheeler, reporter

You don't keep a crumbling building standing by putting a new coat of bright paint on the outside; you have to go into its walls and foundations and put in iron girders to do it.—Irwin Shaw, Young Lions. (Random House)



### CARAWAY M. Y. F.

The Caraway Methodist Youth Fellowship has elected a pianist and the program chairman has appointed a worship center committee. The new pianist is Jill Hollis and the worship center committee is composed of Hugh Welch, Jill Hollis, Preston Haag, and Louise Wheeler.

The other officers are: Tommy Riggs, president; Clara Ransom, vice-president; Patsy Beaton, secretary-treasurer; Lura Wheeler, reporter; Sue Winemiller, program chairman; and J. B. Upton, social chairman. The counselors are Mr. and Mrs. Wilson Dallas.—Lura Wheeler, Reporter

### CAMDEN DISTRICT EXECUTIVE MEETING HELD IN EL DORADO

(Continued from page 11) which has recently been redecorated throughout. This is a large eight-room residence, the former home of Mrs. W. F. McWilliams on Summitt Street and is one of the most modern and livable parsonages in the Little Rock Conference.—Reporter.

It is sometimes harder to be a follower than it is to be a leader. Too many of us are willing to be used of the Lord provided we are used in an advisory capacity only.—Wesleyan Christian Advocate

### LITTLE ROCK DISTRICT-WIDE MEETING

The youth of the Little Rock District will hold their fall district-wide meeting Sunday night, October 7th at 7:30 p. m. at Lonoke in the High School gymnasium, as announced by M. L. Scott, district president.

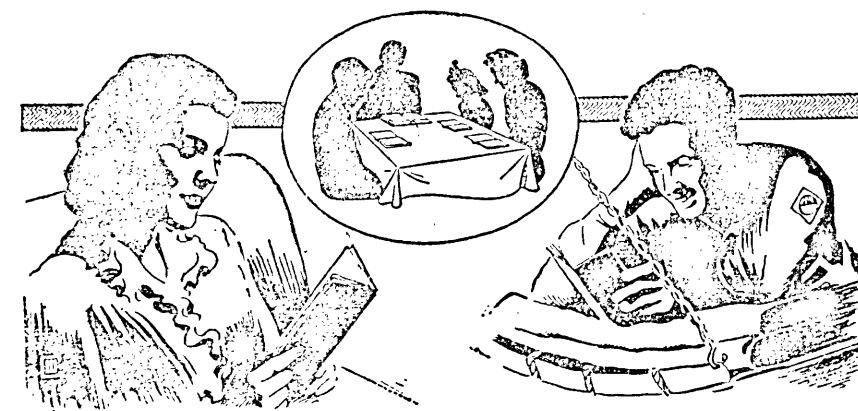
The first hour of the meeting will be a period of fellowship and recreation led by Betty Lou Thomas, Jimmy Flack, Jack McDaniel, Joe Martin, in cooperation with Miss Emogene Dunlap, conference youth worker. The high point of the meeting will be a panel discussion led by Rev. J. E. Dunlap and Rev. Rufus Sorrells, and participated in by all of the youth, on the Christian attitude toward alcohol and youth's responsibility in law making.

The evening will close with a period of worship under the direction of Joe Richardson and Peggy Tull.—Reporter.

Very few business men realize that the annual tribute by industry to employe frauds is about \$400 million. That's a pretty good-sized industry in itself.—J. S. Seidman, Credit Exec.

It used to be an insult to offer a girl a drink, but nowadays she just swallows the insult.—Ireland's Sat. Night.

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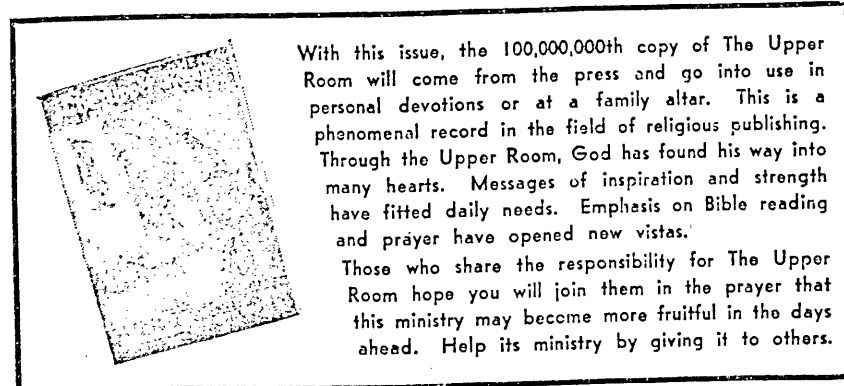
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## OBITUARY

**FARRIS**—Mrs. Lenah Lee Farris, the daughter of Dr. William Fariss, and Amanda Taylor Fariss, of Tullahoma, Tennessee, and the wife of the daughter of Dr. William Fariss, was born at Tullahoma, Tennessee, June 18th, 1870, and died at her home in Wynne, Arkansas, June 30, 1950, thus attaining the ripe age of more than eighty years.

Sister Farris was born and reared in a consecrated Christian home. Early in life she gave her heart and life to Christ, and united with the Methodist Church, and for more than seventy years she walked down through life with God, and her church, thus giving to them her consecrated life, following the example of her godly parents.

She was married to Rev. John Kelly Farris, December 21st, 1901, and she went with him to Wynne, where he had just been assigned as pastor of the Wynne Methodist Church. Down through their entire itinerant ministry, they always thought of Wynne as their home. As a pastor's wife she rendered a very valuable service to the Kingdom of God in the Church and community where she served with her husband.

In 1887, Sister Farris was graduated from the Nashville College for Women, and was a member of the United Daughters of the Confederacy. She was very active in the Methodist missionary work until she suffered a serious illness more than eight years ago. Her untiring efforts and outstanding services in her relationship with her church were recognized by other church leaders. She was highly honored by the women of the First Methodist Church at Wynne, when they named a Church School for her, (Mrs. Lenah Lee Farris).

The writer has known Sister Farris more than thirty-five years, and during that time, he has looked upon her as his true spiritual mother. She was a noble Christian character, because the mercy of God was a living reality within her daily life. He is sure that she and her good husband have experienced a joyous reunion along with others in that land where they never shall again grow old. "Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord." She will be greatly missed, and her memory cherished by her many friends, and especially the people at Wynne who were so kind to both of them in their last days.

Sister Farris leaves a daughter, Mrs. Ann Lee McTeirman, of Wynne, a brother, Dr. H. B. Fariss, of Nashville, Tennessee; three sisters, Mrs. H. B. Herrin, Sr., of Dalton, Georgia, Mrs. B. N. Kimbro, of

LAY SPEAKERS OF THE JONESBORO DISTRICT  
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their influence grow and continue to grow and may their lives be deepened and further enriched.

"Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he would send forth labourers into his harvest."

Charles Stuck of the First Methodist Church, Jonesboro, has been honored along with his church by having an article published in the current issue of the Methodist Layman. It is related to the work of the Lay Speakers program. Mr. Stuck is the District Lay Leader for the Jonesboro District. Through his leadership the Lay Speakers program will continue to grow this district.

Maurice Webb, Church School Superintendent of the Church School at First Church, Blytheville, has sold his two grocery stores, answered the call to the ministry, enrolled in Hendrix College and is getting ready to make a great contribution to the Kingdom of God as a preacher. Mr. Webb did a great work as Church School Superintendent of a great church. Most significant is the fact that he served as a Lay Speaker in the Blytheville area for four years. More than one fine layman will find as he goes out to serve as a lay speaker that deeper call to full time ministry. Mrs. Webb is a niece of Rev. E. B. Williams, district superintendent of the Jonesboro District. She has always served her church with love, devotion and marked ability. We hope for the Webbs a great joy in their new relationship and greater service to the church.—J. Albert Gatlin.

Holdenville, Oklahoma; and Miss Virgil Fariss, of Jacksonville, Texas.

Funeral services were held Saturday afternoon, July 1st, at Kernodle Funeral Chapel, in Wynne, with the writer officiating, assisted by Rev. Lloyd M. Conyers, her pastor. Her body was laid to rest by the side of her husband in the Cogbill Cemetery, near Wynne.—J. W. Moore, Caraway, Arkansas.

Wine is a mocker, strong drink is raging; and whosoever is deceived thereby is not wise.—Proverbs 20:1.

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On the last evening of the school, open house was held for parents and friends, closing with a worship service in the sanctuary.

Mrs. J. T. Willcoxson served as dean of the school; others who assisted in the various departments were: Mrs. Ruth Robison, Mrs. Mack Burke, Mrs. Floyd Robison, Mrs. E. O. Newsum, Mrs. Hubert Potts, Mrs. Johnnie Quick, Mrs. Dannie Tyler, Miss Leila Clark.

This was the first vacation school held in the Methodist Church in the South Fort Smith community for several years, and we are grateful to those who worked to make it a success.—J. T. Willcoxson, Pastor.

## HEADS INTERBOARD COMMITTEE ON CHRISTIAN VOCATIONS

Nashville, Tenn.—Rev. Richard G. Belcher of Nashville has been chosen to head the Interboard Committee on Christian Vocations to succeed the Rev. Harold W. Ewing. Mr. Ewing has recently been made director of the Youth Department of the Division of the Local Church of the Methodist Board of Education.

The Committee on Christian Vocations, of which Bishop Charles Wesley Brashares of Des Moines is chairman, was organized two years ago. Its program is designed to provide guidance to young Methodists in choosing a life work and gives attention not only to recruitment for the ministry and allied callings but also seeks to provide a service motivation to youth by which they will recognize as Christian all vocations which meet some worthy human need.

Mr. Belcher has been a staff member in the Department of Leadership Education of the Division of the Local Church. He is a member of the New England Southern Conference, having served churches in Massachusetts and Rhode Island.

When he came to Nashville headquarters June 1, 1947 he was Executive Secretary of the Board of Education of his conference.

Mr. Belcher received his B. S. degree from Boston University School of Religious and Social Work and the S. T. B. degree from the School of Theology, Boston University.

## SEND REPORTS OF SUMMER CAMPS

Nashville, Tenn.—In a recent communication to deans of senior and older youth summer agencies, the Rev. Joseph W. Bell of the Youth Department staff, General Board of Education, urges them to send him their reports on their summer institutes, camps or assemblies.

"These reports are increasingly important to us," Mr. Bell state, "It will take only a few minutes of your time and it will help us greatly in getting a clearer picture of this part of our youth work."

This year a total of 381 summer agencies were held for senior and older youth, with an estimated attendance of 100,000, according to Mr. Bell.

Happiness is not the end of duty, it is a constituent of it. It is in it and of it; not an equivalent, but an element. — Henry Giles, Wesley News.

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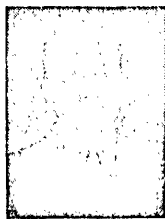
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### HOW CAN THE BIBLE ENRICH PERSONAL CHRISTIAN LIVING?

LESSON FOR OCTOBER 15, 1950

READ THE ENTIRE LESSON FROM YOUR BIBLE: Psalms 19:7-11; Acts 8:26-35; II Timothy 3:14-17.

GOLDEN TEXT: "Thy word have I laid up in my heart, That I might not sin against thee." (Psalms 119:11)

#### What The Bible Is

In calling attention to what the Bible is it might be well to mention some things that it is not. For example, it is not a fetish. Many people treat it as if it were. They feel that there is much virtue in merely having it around, though they never study it. They profess much faith in the truths of the Bible. They will boast of the fact that they believe it from cover to cover and then wind-up by never opening it and by never bothering themselves to obey its precepts. Such faith in the Bible is vain. After all, "Faith without works is dead, being alone." If one really and truly believes the Bible he must show his faith by his works and not by mere talk. It is a fine thing to believe the Bible in child-like simplicity, but one is better off who believes only portions of it and does something about it than the one who professes to believe all of it and does nothing. Our faith must be active otherwise it means nothing.

Again, the Bible is not a book of science. The writers of the Bible accepted the scientific teachings of the various centuries during which they wrote. Those who go to the Bible for their scientific information will often be in error and still more often be disappointed. Many great truths have been discovered by science since the writing of the Bible. When these discoveries are proven to be truths, such for example as the shape of the earth and the movement of the planets, they should be accepted as such. God is the maker of the universe just the same as he is the author of the Bible and truth is his truth wherever it is found. The Bible is far more than a book of science; it is the Book of Life and people should go to it to learn how to live abundantly.

The Bible is the revelation of the mind and will of God. It is called God's Word because it expresses God's thought. Jesus is also called the Word of God for the same reason. He revealed the Person and will of the Father and expressed his thought for mankind.

The Bible is the history of man's experience in his search after God and truth. In fact, it is a cross section of man's search after God and God's search after man. This search continued through the ages coming ever nearer to the truth concerning the personality of God until the Father was fully revealed through the Son. The Bible, therefore, is the history of the growth of religion.

Many wonderful books have been written on the subject of righteous living, but the Bible is the greatest of all. In fact the most of the writers of other good books got their inspiration from the Bible. The Bible is unequalled in its revelation of spiritual truths and it sets the

world's highest standard of moral living.

The Bible grew out of the needs of humanity, and since human nature has remained about the same down through the centuries, it is just as helpful today as it has ever been. Some one has said that "Truth is what works". The Bible gives a record of certain principles that have been applied to problems and solutions found. We have those same problems—selfishness, hatred, fear, greed, misunderstanding, dishonesty, prejudice, etc., and we know that the application of those principles to these problems in our day will work just as they did in the past. The Bible has proven itself to be the truth because it meets the needs of humanity.

#### What The Bible Does

Our first passage of Scripture (Psalm 19:7-11) gives some half dozen things that the Bible does. It is called the law here and the law is made up of the first five books of the Bible. The Jews thought of the Old Testament as consisting of the law, the prophets, and the writings. The passage goes on to tell us that the law restores the weary spirit. Many are deceived and led away and spiritual life is wrecked, but the keeping of the law restores the spirit. Then, the law furnishes guidance, "making wise the simple". This refers to the individual with a child-like spirit or open mind. One who is teachable. To such, the law furnishes guidance. The next promise is that of joy. The precepts of the Lord are right and those who obey them will find their hearts full of joy. "The commandment of the Lord is pure, enlightening the eyes." That is the commandment uncontaminated by selfishness or other moral defilements, and it enlightens the eyes by bringing moral insight. "The fear of the Lord is clean, enduring forever." This is not a cringing fear but a fear that is born of love. There is such a thing as one loving the Lord and his way of life so much that he has a wholesome fear that he might, by mistake, do something that would hurt the cause. The idea of "enduring forever" simply means that these truths will stand down through the years as generations come and go. "By them is thy servant warned: In keeping them there is great reward." The servant is warned by the law of the Lord. Warned away from evil and led to do the right. In keeping these commandments there is great reward. There is the reward of a clear conscience. The reward of peace and contentment of life. The psalmist also felt that there were many material blessings attached to the keeping of the law. We now know (even to a fuller extent than did the psalmist) that there is the reward of a never ending life in a place of an ever in-

creasing peace, satisfaction, and joy.

#### Need of Interpretation

There are many who try to get along without Bible helps. They insist that the student use only the Bible and take it for what it says. The trouble is often some doubt as to just what it says. There are many passages that an individual can never understand unless he knows something of the circumstances and background under which the statements were made. The average student does not have access to much of this background material, nor the time to master it if he did have. Therefore, most of us must depend upon the scholars for information that will aid in interpreting the Scripture.

Our second passage of Scripture tells of the conversion of the Ethiopian eunuch. His case stands out as an illustration of the help that many people need in understanding the Bible. Philip found him reading a portion of the fifty-third chapter of Isaiah. This chapter contains the greatest prophecy concerning Christ in the Old Testament. The Ethiopian did not know who the prophet was referring to. He asked Philip, and we are told that Philip began at that passage and preached to him Jesus. He believed and was baptized. Had there not been a proper interpretation of this passage, this glorious result would not have followed.

Not only do we have here an illustration of the need of interpreting the Scripture, but we also learn that when God impresses one person to go to another he himself is always working at the other end of the line. God reached the Ethiopian before Philip did. He was already in a receptive mood and was reading the most appropriate passage in the whole Old Testament.

Still another good lesson is the fact that Philip began with the Ethiopian where he found him. That is one of the best methods of teaching. Many teachers fail to gain the interest of their pupils because they are not willing to begin with their pupils where they find them. Philip was not willing to tarry at the point where he found the Ethiopian but he led him to believe in and accept Christ.

#### The Bible Must Be Believed

It is not sufficient to seek the truths taught in the Bible merely through curiosity or just for the sake of knowing them. One must study the Bible with a purpose in mind, and that purpose should be the learning of these truths in order to live them. No one can ever fully understand the Bible unless he attempts to put its teachings into practice. Christ made this fact plain when he said, "If any man wills to do God's will, he shall know of the doctrine whether it be of God or man." One only fully knows as he puts those truths into practice. That is why many times the great spiritual truths of the Bible are better understood by some humble, uneducated, loyal Christian than by a brilliant, scholarly unbeliever. Many of these truths are spiritually discerned. Christ was referring to this fact when in prayer to the Father he once said, "I thank thee, Father, that thou hast hidden these things from the wise and prudent and revealed them to babes and sucklings."

#### How And Why The Bible Was Given

The last passage of our lesson tells us how and why the Bible was given. Paul was writing to his son in the gospel, Timothy. Paul admonished Timothy to continue

steadfastly in the doctrine he had learned. No doubt Paul had a lot to do with teaching Timothy. Timothy had also been carefully taught by his grandmother and mother, from childhood. Timothy's father was a Greek but his mother was a Jewess. As such she knew the teachings of her nation and had passed them on to her son. Paul reminded Timothy that this same Scripture had made him wise to salvation.

Paul then speaks in a general way of how and why all Scripture is given: "All scripture is inspired by God." This fact puts the Bible in a class by itself. The Apostle Peter in speaking on the subject of inspiration said, "For the prophecy came not in old time by the will of man: but holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost." Paul then goes on to tell us that the scripture is "profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work."

The Bible is our teacher. It teaches us what is right and what is wrong. In speaking to the Lord the psalmist said, "Thou wilt show me the path of life." God has more than one way of showing man the path of life but the Bible is his chief means. Through the Bible God exonerates us when we do right and condemns us when we do wrong.

The Bible is one of the greatest forces for righteousness on this earth. No one can estimate the influence it has had in building civilization up to its present level. It is true that we have not made the progress we should, but our failure at this point can be charged, at least partially, to our neglect of the Bible. A careful study of the Bible and the faithful practice of its teachings on the part of all Christians would bring about a deepening of spiritual interest on a worldwide basis. This is our number one need. May all of us make a careful study of its truths with the purpose of transforming them into life. The blessings of God will rest richly upon the nation or the individual who faithfully does these things.

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