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## The World Celebrates United Nations Day

THE United Nations came into existence, officially, on October 24th, 1945. On that day the twenty-ninth nation of the original group which met in San Francisco filed notice of its ratification of the document. The twenty-ninth nation to officially ratify the United Nations happened to be Soviet Russia. While there are now about twice that number of members of the United Nations, we celebrate October 24 as the birthday of this greatest of all peace agencies.

Because of delaying tactics by Soviet Russia, it appeared for a while that the United Nations might suffer the fate of other world efforts for peace. However, with its handling of the Korean war, the United Nations has grown in prestige and stature to the extent that hopes have revived that it may become the effective agency for peace for which the world has hoped so long.

This year United Nations Day on October 24 should have special significance. We may hope that the "growing pains" that have troubled the United Nations since its beginning will be less severe and that it may become the decisive factor for world peace it could be, with the sincere cooperation of all of its members. Let us be thankful for the successes which have accompanied the work of the United Nations and pray that it may "go on to perfection."

## Act No. 2 Is Not A Political Question

WHETHER we like it or not politicians and all major political parties have bypassed the liquor question. No major, national political party makes any pronouncements in its party platform regarding the liquor question. No major political party or leading politicians in Arkansas made an issue of the liquor problem.

In view of this "aloofness" on the part of political parties and politicians regarding the legal sale of liquor it would be a far-fetched cry to accuse one of meddling in politics because he is active in the fight for the adoption of Act Number 2.

No Methodist preacher should hesitate to take his stand on any question where a moral issue is involved whether the question be political or otherwise. The pulpit is a poor place to promote partisan politics. A minister could hardly be fair to the total membership of his church if he used his pulpit and his prestige as a religious leader to promote the interest of some particular person because of personal friendship or political relationships. Nevertheless, it is the responsibility of Christian people to speak out on moral issues wherever they may be found.

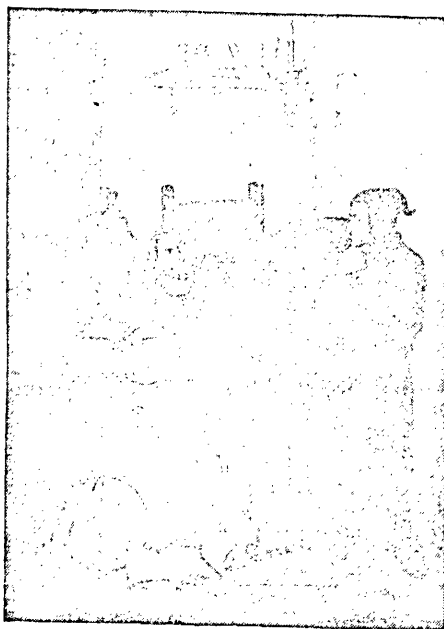
It so happens however that Act Number 2 is so completely divorced from politics that it should be possible for ministers everywhere, in their pulpits and outside the pulpit, to make a wholehearted fight for its adoption without it being possible for anyone justly to accuse them of playing politics.

The liquor question is a moral question always whether politicians are interested in it or choose to disregard it. As such it should command the attention of all good people everywhere. Because liquor can and often does destroy character and even human life the destruction of liquor becomes a moral question which should have the support of soberminded people everywhere.

## The Reformation Was The Birthday Of Protestantism

WITH the fall of the Roman Empire in 476 the world entered in the period called the "Middle Ages," which lasted until the middle of the fifteenth century. The first six centuries of this period have been called by some the "Dark Ages."

Through the period of the Middle Ages, which lasted almost a thousand years, the Catholic Church, with headquarters at Rome, was the most powerful organiza-



tion on earth. By the close of this period some powerful states had grown up. The Roman Catholic Church, however, was in effect an international state that exercised wide powers both political and ecclesiastical in all of the countries of Europe.

In its efforts, through this period, to function both as a political and spiritual power in the world the church found it necessary to give much of its time and thought to plans for political and material welfare. As a result the spiritual functions of the church degenerated and were often made to serve its political and financial ambitions.

With the general awakening which stirred the world in the period of the Renaissance, the church also began to feel the spirit of the new day that was dawning. Instead of the apathetic, blind acceptance of the pronouncements of the church leaders, there were those who began to question the propriety, the justice and the righteousness of some of the practices of the church.

Martin Luther was the leading spirit in the movement which finally became the Protestant Reformation. It is doubtful that the early leaders of the movement had any idea that its results would be so far-reaching. They possibly hoped to bring about a reformation of the existing church. The leaders of a church that had tolerated no opposition to its pronouncements for centuries soon demonstrated the fact that it was unwilling to be influenced

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## "Together Through Faith"

AS this is being written Methodist women from over south Arkansas are gathering in Little Rock to attend the annual meeting of the Little Rock Conference Woman's Society of Christian Service. The conference is being held at Asbury Methodist Church Tuesday through Thursday of this week. The theme of the meeting is "Together Through Faith."

This conference organization is observing its tenth anniversary since Methodist Union at which time the present organizational set-up of the W. S. C. S. was effected. Like the many other activities of Methodism these ten years for the Little Rock Conference W. S. C. S. have been fruitful ones. Its program, usefulness, membership and giving have shown remarkable progress.

A glance at the program for the week indicates that the conference sessions will be helpful and inspirational. The sessions are being undergirded spiritually with a continuous prayer vigil in the Asbury Memorial Chapel throughout the time of the conference program.

Anyone who has the privilege of an objective view of the contribution which the women of The Methodist Church make to the advance of the Kingdom cannot help but feel that the work of Methodist women is nothing short of monumental. While they have their own organization, leadership and program, their work is a most vital part of the Methodist movement and they are measuring up in a marvelous manner to the challenge and opportunity which are theirs.

In the name of Arkansas Methodism we congratulate the Little Rock Conference W. S. C. S. on its tenth anniversary and pray that their annual meeting will be everything that its leaders have planned it to be.

## The Way Is Now Cleared

THE last obstacle to an opportunity to vote Arkansas dry in the November election was cleared Monday, October 16 when the Arkansas Supreme Court ruled unanimously that the initiated prohibition measure would not be stricken from the November ballot. The court decided that none of the points raised by the contesting "wets" was valid. Sufficiency and validity of petitions, time and procedure in filing had been questioned on the appeal to Supreme Court.

Prohibition leaders have been confident all the while that Act No. 2 would be on the ballot. We find it difficult to believe that those fighting the prohibition measure ever entertained any real hopes that the Supreme Court would rule in their favor. It is not unlikely that their appeal was a move intended to further mislead the voting public's thinking on the matter, divert the energy and effort of prohibition leaders from the main course of the campaign, necessitate expenditure of some of the limited dry funds, and to be of whatever nuisance value such a move might be. Just to what extent they have succeeded in this direction is difficult to say, but the dries can take further hope that the appeal helped to focus the voters' attention on the issue.

This appeal of the wets to the Supreme Court is strictly in keeping with their past action in practically every prohibition election in recent years in Arkansas. In most instances the wets are afraid to let the public vote on the question and they hold on to every thin thread of hope until that hope has been exhausted.

Prohibition leaders all over the state will be encouraged in this Supreme Court decision and will work all the harder to "get the vote out" on November 7 to vote Arkansas dry.

# Methodist Sunday Evening Fellowship

By J. EDWIN KEITH

**Editors' Note:** The following article is one of a series of articles which the Arkansas Methodist purposes to present showing the program of the Methodist Sunday Evening Fellowship in various size churches. This article shows what can be done with this program in a large city church. Other articles will picture such a program in smaller churches.

ANYONE who happened to pass by the corner of Eighth and Center Streets in Little Rock about 5:45 on Sunday evening during the latter part of April or the first part of May would have found an answer to the question, Can a downtown church the size of First Methodist Church in Little Rock have a Sunday evening program? You would have seen mothers and fathers, daughters and sons, grandmothers and grandfathers filing into the dining room for a snack supper which began the two and one-half hour program of fun and fellowship, study and worship.

The Sunday Evening Family Fellowship program had its beginning during the month of February when the church staff and the Board of Christian Education assumed the responsibility for setting up and publicizing the first Family Night Programs in First Church, to be held on each Wednesday evening. The success of that series was noted by comments throughout the church: "It's unbelievable," "Isn't it grand?" "I never enjoyed a thing so much," "We must have this again."

And have it again we did. A planning committee was set up, and they began work, keeping in mind that if people continued to come they would have to be given something more than a substantial meal. After much planning, a new program was launched to begin in April and culminate with Christian Home and Family Week, these to be held on Sunday evenings instead of Wednesday.

Being optimistic about the program planned, little effort was made to publicize the series, because the facilities were limited to accommodate only about 300 people.

From the beginning to the end, the response was splendid. It indicated a great need in the church for such a program. The young and old, the large and small came at 5:45 for a "snack" of ham, salads, cakes and coffee or cold drinks in the over-crowded dining room and the improvised kitchen, which had to be built while the new educational building is under construction.

## SHE HAD A BUSY SUMMER

A young college girl from West Virginia, a volunteer worker in the Methodist Church, spent the summer in Alabama as painter, Bible teacher, youth leader, and choir director in four churches. She is Miss Phyllis Stuckey, who is majoring in speech at Shepherd College, Shepherdstown, W. Va.

Miss Stuckey worked under the supervision of Miss Martha Allman, rural deaconess in North Alabama. She held a Youth Activity Week in Hackleburg which included choir practice, discussions on missions, and recreational activities. They painted the equipment in the town park as

Families visited with other families whom they had no opportunity to see at any other time. At 6:15 o'clock the knives and forks were laid aside for group singing and fun. When 6:30 came, the families were divided into study and interest groups. For the children from the Juniors down, a period of creative activity and play was planned under the direction of the departmental heads. The Youth departments studied for an hour under the direction of carefully selected leaders such subjects as "Boy Meets Girl," "This I Believe," and "Preparation for Marriage."

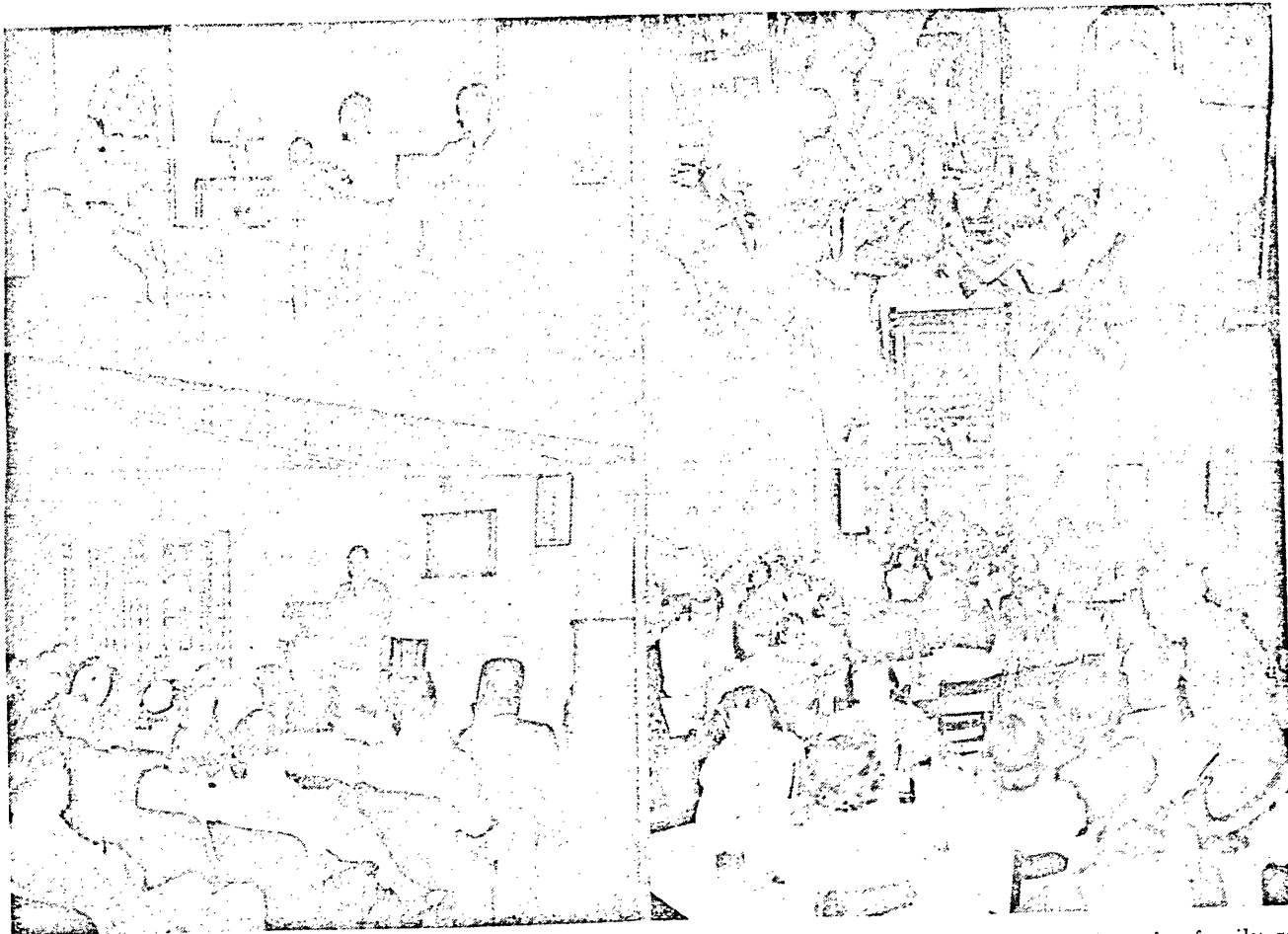
Adults and Young Adults were able to choose one of the four topics for their study: (1) The Bible Speaks to our Generation, led by Mr. J. B. Breazeale, Professor of Bible at Junior College; (2) Preparation for Marriage, led by Dr. Eva

Dodge, Professor at the University School of Medicine; (3) Psychiatry and Religion, taught by Doctor Kolb and Doctor Faust, resident psychiatrists at Fort Roots Veterans Hospital; and, (4) A Mission Study Group, sponsored by the Mary McSwain Guild and directed by outstanding resource people. Interest in these study groups was so great that many who could not find room at the snack supper came only for the periods of study and worship.

At 7:30 the family assembled in the sanctuary for a period called "The Family at Worship." Congregational singing was led by Mr. John H. Summers, with Mrs. Summers playing the organ. On the first evening Bishop Paul E. Martin spoke to a packed house about his trip to the Far East. The second period of worship consisted of an outstanding religious film. The third evening

Mr. Summers discussed "Church Music," the congregation participating. On the final Sunday evening Mr. and Mrs. Miles McPeck and their three children presented a drama "A Holy Alliance," which showed the effectiveness of family devotions each evening in the home.

Family time at First Church has made a great contribution to the religious life of our Church. Its contribution removes it from the place of a "special" in the church program to the place of a regular feature. Herein we have found a more adequate way of meeting one of our major objectives, the building of Christian homes. The Christian home "is God's first organized unit, the grandest of all institutions, a nursery of infinite value," the strength of any church, and may become the very vestibule of Heaven.



Top Left: A dramatic skit, "A Holy Alliance," given by the Miles McPeck family, a demonstration of a family at worship.

Top Right: A busy group from the Junior Department, assisting from left to right, Miss Vivian Haley, Mrs. William Treadway, Mrs. J. Edwin Keith and Mrs. Maurice Studer.

Bottom Left: A class studying "Psychiatry in Religion," taught by Dr. Walter H. Faust, chief of Continuous Treatment Service at Ft. Roots.

Bottom Right: Dining Hall scene—Snack supper, a delightful part of the program.

their community service project.

She was a Bible school teacher in Red Bay the second week. The interior of the new church was incomplete, so they held classes on benches in the yard. The minister, who is also a carpenter, was building the church with the aid of Advance funds and members of the congregation assisted. Women who "liked to sing" came every afternoon for choir practice. The church had forty members.

About 25 young people took part in the Youth Activities Week at Town Creek. They helped paint a new educational building and part of the furniture, made a religious survey, and held worship services.

At the end of the week, four young people who had never joined the church dedicated their lives to Christian service.

A similar program, on a smaller scale, was held at Rogers Chapel where the congregation is widely scattered. About fifteen people participated.

Miss Stuckey told of her activities at the meeting of the Woman's Division of Christian Service in New York City recently. She wants to take graduate work at Scarritt College.

We seldom lose our religion by a blow out; usually it is just a slow leak.—Chaplain

Thank God every morning when you get up that you have something to do which must be done, whether you like it or not. Being forced to work, and forced to do your best, will breed in you temperance, self-control, diligence, strength of will, content, and a hundred other virtues which the idle never know.—Jas. Russell Lowell.

Literacy without skill and competence is useless; without character and moral principles, it can be dangerous.—Pedro T. Orata, deputy head, Division of Fundamental Education, UNESCO, School & Society.

A fallen lighthouse is more dangerous than a reef.—Origin unknown

# Echoes From Indianapolis

**Editors' Note:** The following paragraphs are excerpts from two addresses at the recent church-wide meeting of the District Superintendents of The Methodist Church held in Indianapolis, October 2-5.

## GET READY FOR GOD'S NEW DAY

By Bishop W. C. Martin, Chairman,  
Advance Committee

"Get rid of your sins and turn toward God, for a new day is about to be born."

This was the urgent call upon the lips of John the Baptist, of Jesus, and of the first disciples sent out to preach and heal. "Repent ye, for the Kingdom of Heaven is at hand." The old age was passing, a new day was coming, and these children of the new birth were commissioned to usher it in.

This day of ours, in spite of all its differences from that far-off time, is much like it. No prophetic vision is required to know that we have already entered the beginning of a new and different world.

But people are saying, "What's new about it? Can't you see it's the same old world? Yes," they say, "we know; the scenery is shifted a little, and some of the actors are changed, but it's the same old plot. The same old struggle for world power and dominion in which only big armaments count and the individual is forgotten. Even before we are far enough away from one war to get the bodies of our sons buried in the soil of their native land we are sending their younger brothers into another war. What's new about it?"

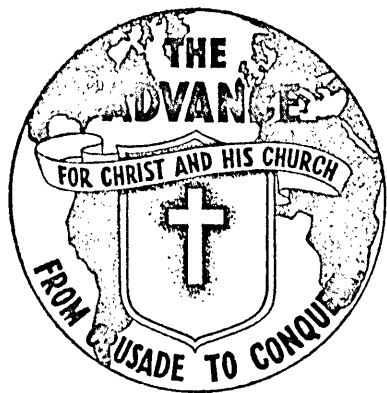
This is the background of bewilderment, disillusionment, and hopelessness against which the Advance for Christ and His Church must write its record during the next two years. It will be a record worthy of 9,000,000 Christians only to the extent that our people are brought to realize that this is not "the same old world" and that every member of The Methodist Church has a chance to help in determining the kind of new world we shall have. Let me point out three factors that have never been faced by any generation before ours.

First, there is a new understanding of the basic unity and solidarity of the human race. The fact that today American soldiers are fighting in Korea and are on guard at a dozen other places in the world is eloquent and tragic evidence that isolation is dead. America cannot be maintained as an island of peace and prosperity in a sea of poverty and warfare. This does not mean that the standard of living around the world will be identical nor that all people will have the same form of government. It does mean, however, that wide distinctions in economic goods and political systems will not continue indefinitely side by side in a world that has become so conscious of its essential unity.

This changed outlook has lifted the whole missionary call from the level of a marginal and optional activity to the very center of the church's life, exactly where Christ meant it to be.

Second, this essential unity of the race is intensified by new methods of communication and interpenetration of ideas which have made it impossible for nations to live in separate cultural compartments. Today any significant event in one part of the world immediately influences every other part. Iron curtains cannot be made secure enough to keep the truth from filtering through. Scientific progress has pushed us together into a small world. In such a world the struggle will continue in all forms—ideological, economic, and military—until the system which is in closest accord with the demands of Reality, which is the will of God, has won the victory.

But what becomes of the individual in a world where only titanic national powers seem to count? Instead of relieving him of the responsibility of choice and action, such a day increases these obligations by making each individual a personal factor in influencing the direction of the entire human family. What a favorable day this is for confronting young men and women with the fact that every life counts,



that in this game there are no seats for spectators, and that God has a plan for every man's life which he is seeking to make plain.

It is also a good time to clear the way, by the right kind of instruction, and counsel for the call of God to get through to the hearts of young people whom he wants for full-time service in the church. Could we ask for a better time than this for an emphasis upon "Our Ministry?"

Third, there is a new recognition of the fact that "our hope is in God." "That could be wishful, preacher thinking," the cynic says. "Where is the evidence?"

Evidence of a negative character is easy to find. Wherever men have turned from God and have refused to admit the light of his truth, disaster has always followed. Without faith in the Christian God there can be no worthy conception of man—or of truth or honor or freedom.

The ethnic religions—Confucianism, Buddhism, Mohammedanism—have no power to dominate men's minds and loyalties on an extensive scale. Humanism, which made a brave show of producing the fruits of Christian faith with the faith itself left out, is now recognizing its moral and spiritual bankruptcy. Communism, which at the moment is asserting itself with godless insolence and arrogant assurance, will run its brutal, fiery, vengeful course, leaving great areas of the world seared and disillusioned. Built upon the denial of God and his truth, it can never satisfy the deeper hunger of men's souls.

Christianity, on the other hand, is not a "fair-weather" religion that can fulfill its mission only in calm and prosperous times. Again and again, as in the time of Amos, the "Day of the Lord" is not a day of light but of darkness. And we must never forget that the central symbol of our faith is not an upholstered chair, but a cross.

When the nightmare of communism, that strange combination of hope and hatred, has collapsed, the overarching question will be, "What is left of the foundations upon which we can build the new world?" The answer will be found in the degree of faithfulness to which the church maintains its witness through the days ahead. Even if there had been no program of Advance, the obligation to keep that witness true and courageous would have compelled us to a rethinking of the origin, nature, and mission of "Our Church."

Crucial, trying days—yes—but great days for people who, by God's grace, have faith and hope!

## METHODISM IN A BEWILDERED WORLD

By Bishop Arthur J. Moore, President,  
Division of Foreign Missions

The Methodist Church from the hour of its birth, has looked out upon the world through the eyes of Christ. It has never flown either a national or a racial flag. The song of the pioneer has ever been in its heart and upon its lips. While we gather here its flag floats above more than a half hundred of the nations of the earth. No words of mine can describe the sacrifices made, the hardships endured, or the unconquerable spirit manifested by our spiritual children in this bewildered century. For their shining virtues and glorious deeds, I am profoundly grateful.

No sane person can deny that there are tremendous realities that haunt and confuse us. There is a ghastly mass of pain and loneliness, of breaking hearts and bewildered lives. While we are assembled here millions of our brothers and sisters are besieged by fierce perplexities. For them familiar landmarks have been removed, old securities wrecked, and the ways and habits and the pre-occupations they have heretofore known, banished, never to return. Certainly we cannot pass all this by with studiously averted faces, and proceed to fashion for ourselves some cheap theory which refuses to recognize anything that does not fit into our cozy pollyanna world.

Usually in great periods of intellectual and moral change it is possible to discern a dominant trend, a prevailing wind, but our times are incoherent and chaotic. If there is a prevailing wind it is a whirlwind.

The nations of the world have been divided into opposing camps, vast quantities of wealth that might have given sustenance and hope to the disinherited, have been blown to bits; whole sections of the earth have fallen into the hands of plunderers, and democracy is fighting for its life. Surely none of us are so blind that we fail to see that this universal crisis has not left religion untouched, nor go on imagining that the church is a peacefully riding ark while everybody and everything else is battling for life in the waves.

Let us devoutly pray that the great church of which we are a part, may come to a new missionary concern which will express itself in these directions: a renewal of the consciousness of God and a better understanding of His majestic purpose; a quickened imagination by which we are made aware of the whole sobbing story of human need; an accentuated conviction that the human race is astray and its only hope is in Christ; a more constructive Christian statesmanship by which the gospel dealing with the fundamental facts of life, is preaching in language all can understand, resulting in a thoroughgoing application of its ethics to all the affairs of modern life.

In some nations the church is being compelled to live in the midst of new and unfamiliar reality. Christianity is beleaguered by narrow nationalism, subtle secularism and atheistic communism. Many have become either hostile or indifferent to the message of the church.

The "one world" about which we dreamed a short while ago is not here. Instead we have two worlds, and the difference between them is too deep and dangerous to be ignored or glossed over. It is more than a conflict between two economic systems, Capitalist and Socialist; it is a struggle between freedom and tyranny; a world built upon the recognition and worship and service of Almighty God, and a world built upon the insistence that God is a myth and immortality a hoax. Atheistic communism has set up its banners in many fields and its purpose is to drive out the cross.

In Asia nations are being tossed violently upon a sea of insecurity and unrest. One feels immediately upon arrival that he is in the presence of problems upon whose solution the peace of Asia and the world depends. The prime cause of this unrest is war and the fear of war. The one thing that would restore hope to the millions of Asia and revive trade, would be the assurance of peace. The bold and sweeping measure initiated by the United Nations in Korea and supported by the member nations, has given a new lease on life to the teeming millions of Asia. If men and nations would seek first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness, all these things, peace, economic prosperity right peaceful relations, would be added.

Within recent years old colonies have become new states and to these fledgling nations has been transferred the burden of defending much of Asia against a new and powerful imperialism. More phenomenal changes have taken place in this section of the world during the last half century than in the whole span of the preceding three thousand years. If these nations had come to birth in a quiet and evolutionary

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period of history they doubtless would have been able to work out all their problems, both domestic and foreign. But unfortunately they have come to birth in a turbulent and revolutionary time. I fear that with some of these young nations the situation is deteriorating seriously.

Christianity is not a religion of averages, and it never flourishes by maintaining the status quo. It lives and expands only when world vision is constantly before its eyes, and when its ministers and the people are heroic adventurers and brave pioneers, ready to follow their Lord in the dangerous way of the cross.

The loss of China to the communists is an event of critical import to every American. China is the key to Asia and the capture of all Asia is the goal of the Soviets. American influence in Chinese affairs is ended for the time being.

Please do not ask me why America should send multiplied millions to stop the spread of communism in Europe and then desert the only government in China favorable to democratic ideals and the Christian faith. An Asia dominated by Russia is as sad a case as Europe dominated by Russia, and all the evidence in my possession indicates the trend is in that direction.

We must never forget that when Christianity was born, the world seemed to have the rattle of death in its throat, and yet within an incredibly short time heroic men and women who thought Christianity worth living for, had brought it out of the catacombs of Rome and off the hills of Judea, to a place of influence over the then known world. These lion-hearted men and women rode forth gallantly with banners unfurled to change the face of the earth, and with their bare hands they pulled down the gates of evil. Christ is still looking for disciples who can keep company with danger, and are not afraid of hostile crowds; men and women who with faith can remain confident under what seems to be impossible conditions. No ebb and flow of the tides of history can ever cancel or modify the great commission Christ gave to His church. The gospel is not for an age but for all ages.

## THE CONGERS SAIL FOR INDIA

Rev. Hiram G. Conger, photographic specialist in the Division of Education and Cultivation, Board of Missions is en route with Mrs. Conger for a seven-months stay in India and Pakistan. Mr. Conger will spend much of the time in India and in Pakistan photographing people and institutions related to the Advance for Christ and His Church and the World Service programs now being carried on there by the Board of Missions. Mr. and Mrs. Conger will make their headquarters in Bareilly, India, where their daughter

## NEWS AND NOTES ABOUT FACTS AND FOLKS

REV. GEORGE B. WORKMAN, returned missionary from China, was the guest preacher at the Dardanelle Methodist Church on Sunday, October 15.

REV. R. E. CONNELL, pastor of the First Methodist Church, Paragould, and Rev. John M. McCormack, pastor of the First Methodist Church, Jonesboro, exchanged pulpits at the evening service on Sunday, October 15.

REV. D. L. DYKES, pastor of the Central Methodist Church, has been chosen as the guest speaker for Religious Emphasis Week at Hendrix College this year. The week of religious activities will begin on October 22 and run through October 26.

THE following officers have been elected for Methodist Men of the First Methodist Church, West Memphis: President, Charles Smith, Jr.; Vice-president, Z. V. Freeman and Secretary-Treasurer, Jeff Eaton. Rev. Alfred A. Knox is pastor.

BISHOP AND MRS. PAUL E. MARTIN will be the speakers at a District Rally of the Jonesboro District to be held at the First Methodist Church, Jonesboro, on Sunday evening, October 22 at 7:30 p. m. They will speak on their visit to India.

AMONG the one hundred forty-six students at Scarritt College for Christian Workers, Nashville, Tennessee, is Miss Georgia Daily, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George B. Daily, 819 Orleans, Texarkana, Arkansas. She is majoring in sociology and is assistant to the director of public relations.

MRS. C. B. NELSON was elected chairman of the Board of Education of the Warren Methodist Church at its meeting on Monday, October 9. Mrs. Nelson recently moved to Warren from Little Rock where she was active in the work of Christian Education in the church. Mrs. J. E. Cooper was elected as new member of the Board.

MISS JEANINE CHALFANT, daughter of Rev. and Mrs. Vernon Chalfant of North Little Rock, and James Soule, son of Mr. and Mrs. L. F. Soule of North Little Rock, were married on Friday evening, October 6, in Gardner Memorial Church, North Little Rock, the bride's father, who is pastor of the church, performing the ceremony.

THE Committee on World Friendship Among Children, sponsored by Church World Service (214 East 21st Street, New York 10), is promoting its sixth annual "World Christmas Festival." It is asking church people especially to share "friendship packages," or shoes, or clothing, with some boy or girl, 6 to 18 years of age, in one of 16 European countries or in India or Japan.

THREE new motion pictures, designed to give religious instruction within all Protestant churches and schools, have recently been issued by the Protestant Film Commission, in cooperation with the International Council of Religious Education. "What Happened to the community; A Job for Bob" suggests various Christian vocations for young people; and "Birthday Party" is an application of the Golden Rule to everyday life.

THE Archbishop of York told the congregation of the Cathedral at Liverpool recently that, "When the hydrogen bomb is made there will be in men's hands weapons far more destructive than those which blasted into ruins two Japanese cities. Now that the race to make these super bombs has been started it will only end either by their use in war or by international agreement to prohibit or control their manufacture. This is the only alternative—destruction or agreement."

and son-in-law, the Doctors Charles V. and Wilma C. Perrill, are in charge of the Clara Swain Hospital.

REV. J. J. CLARK, pastor at Greenwood, writes: "The Greenwood Methodist Church is observing the fiftieth anniversary of the erection of the present church building with a Homecoming Day celebration on October 29. Morning worship will be at 11:00 o'clock with a fellowship dinner in the education building at noon with introductions, recognitions and a program following. All former members, all former pastors and all non-resident members and friends of the Greenwood Church are invited to attend. Please write us you are coming."

THE Central Methodist Church, Fayetteville, Rev. D. L. Dykes, Jr., pastor, has received word from the Board of Missions that Rev. Jayanand Isudas Chawan, who is Methodist teacher in the Gujarat United School of Theology at Baroda, has been assigned to Central Church as its pastor in India. Rev. Mr. Chawan joined his Conference on trial in 1937. He is assistant secretary of the Conference and has held other places of responsibility. He graduated from Leonard Theological College, Jobbulpore.

DR. TOYOHICO KAGAWA, noted Japanese Christian evangelist, now on a visit to the United States, is not confining his speaking to the large churches and the large cities; he is here, as he is in Japan, concerned with rural communities and farm people and interests. On October 20 he will be speaking in three charges of a six-point Methodist circuit in Montgomery County, N. C.—in the rural churches of Troy, Mount Gilead, and Parson's Grove. Rev. William Wells, of Mount Gilead, is the pastor of this circuit, and the church in that community has only fifty members.

BISHOP WILLIAM C. MARTIN, of Dallas, Texas, says: "We have become a nation with fears, and doubts, and jitters of late. That means that we have an unhealthy situation in American life. It is because we have a mechanized society without proper spiritual undergirding. We do not have inner security of soul. The mechanism we have developed goes at such a speed that men cannot live up under it. Some of our types of living are so abnormal that we are in danger of losing life itself. The rocket plane, for example, can now go so fast that man will fall to pieces if he rides it. We need to get back to the soil, and to the making of things with our hands. And the job of the church and of the minister is to preach that philosophy."

## THE REFORMATION WAS THE BIRTHDAY OF PROTESTANTISM

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by protests, however just and right they might be.

It soon developed that Martin Luther and his co-workers discovered that they could no longer carry on their work inside the Roman Catholic Church. Believing, as they did, that vital religion needed a new birth they dared to break with the existing church and despite everything the Roman Church could do the Protestant Reformation was born.

## CLARKSVILLE METHODIST OPENS NEW EDUCATIONAL BUILDING

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square feet of floor space and nearly forty separate rooms. Mr. Almand estimates that the building would accommodate some eight hundred Church School pupils, which is an indication of the far-sighted planning of the Building Committee.

One of the many commendable features about the building is that the materials were practically all purchased through Clarksville dealers and the work was done by Clarksville workmen.

This is another one of the finer church construction projects which has been completed during recent years which will make possible further expansion in religious educational work for peoples of all age groups.

# CURRENT NEWS IN THE RELIGIOUS WORLD

Selected from Religious News Service Releases

## Samaritans Ask Recognition As Special Religious Group

The Samaritans, small Jewish sect whose members claim to be descended from the Ten Tribes and to possess the orthodox religion of Moses, are demanding recognition as a special religious group. Some 50 Samaritans are living in Israel at present, mainly in Jaffa. Samaritan leaders recently announced plans to establish their first synagogue. They declared that owing to a difference in the Jewish and Samaritan ritual, they have been unable to eat any meat for the past two and a half years. Bulk of the Samaritans, descendants of foreigners brought to Israel by the Assyrians after the destruction of Samaria, are still living at their ancient home in Nablus, Arab stronghold in Palestine. Last year a group of Samaritans were transferred to Israel.

## Truman Meets Committee On Religion In Armed Forces

Representatives of the country's major faiths visited President Truman and presented him with a statement asking the churches to cooperate fully with the religious ministry to America's Armed Forces. The statement was presented in the name of the President's Committee on Religion and Welfare in the Armed Forces by its chairman, Frank L. Weil. It was signed by Bishop John S. Stamm, president of the Federal Council of Churches; Francis Cardinal Spellman, Archbishop of New York; and Rabbi Bernard J. Bamberger, president of the Synagogue Council of America. With Mr. Weil in the White House ceremony were Bishop Charles W. Flint, president of the General Commission on Chaplains, representing Bishop Stamm; Bishop William R. Arnold, Roman Catholic military delegate to the Armed Forces, representing Cardinal Spellman; and Rabbi Bamberger.

## Nashville Daily Launches Prayer Crusade

A new feature has been added in Nashville, Tenn., by the Nashville Banner, evening newspaper—short, front-page editorials urging readers to devote themselves to daily prayer. The following is a sample of the editorials which various clergymen have been submitting at the newspaper's invitation: "Godless Communism wins by default when it—or anything else—succeeds in crowding God out of a people's mind and heart. It won such a preliminary victory on behalf of Soviet Russia when it succeeded in forbidding prayer in the delivery room where the United Nations organization was born. The explanation candidly admitted at the time was a reproach upon this nation and all others having a claim to faith as a God-fearing people; for the explanation was that we didn't want to 'offend' Russia by offering prayer to a God in whom the militant atheists did not believe. Prayer, consecrated and fervent, is an imperative and constant need. Devote at least a moment to it, every day at noon. Pray for delivery from a threat which overshadows the world; for wisdom and strength to meet this challenge and overcome it. Pray for peace."

## HOT SPRINGS MINISTERS TAKE STAND

As citizens and as clergymen of Hot Springs, we are gravely concerned by reports in the press and by discussions and opinions among the people relative to the November elections.

We are aware that we do not—and cannot—have full and accurate knowledge of all the factors involved in these elections. The same is true regarding the existence of any agreements, explicit or implied, between candidates and those who support them in their campaigns. But we are reluctant to remain silent concerning issues which involve the life of the total community, and we will not remain silent merely because we are in an area where complete and certain information is not possible. We feel compelled to express our convictions and our feelings.

It is a matter of conviction with us that gambling is both a moral evil and an economic evil in the life of any community. We know that any man seeking public office must run upon a platform which says "Law Enforcement." It is our feeling that the actually crucial issue is the entire matter of gambling and that this issue will focus about the contested race for the Circuit Judgeship.

We are aware that, whatever his personal knowledge of the existence of gambling in the community, it is possible for a Circuit Judge to fulfill the letter of his oath of office without the existence of gambling ever coming to his official attention. The fundamental issue, then, will be the extent to which the Circuit Judge will use both the powers and the influence of his office to secure full and impartial administration of the laws regarding this vice.

Simply by reason of being clergymen we are in a position to have seen clearly the erosive effect of the so-called "Liberal" attitude toward gambling upon the moral fiber of our Community. And having seen this, we are compelled to do whatever is within our power to combat such an attitude.

One course of action open to us appears both proper and Christian.

First, we hereby beg the candidates for the offices of Sheriff, Prosecuting Attorney and Circuit Judge to declare publicly, explicitly and without reservation their intentions in the matter of securing full and impartial administration of the laws regarding gambling.

Secondly, we bind ourselves in a fellowship of prayer, entreating Almighty God to deliver our community from the chronic curse of gambling and all its attendant ills both social and political. At hours and places which will be announced, we call the people of Hot Springs who believe in the power of God to join us in solemn gatherings of public prayer to that same end.

Submitted as ordered by the Public Relations Committee of The Hot Springs Ministerial Alliance.

## Missionaries Called Better Investment Than Military Campaigns

Two Mississippi newspapers have taken the editorial position that missionary activities would be a better U. S. investment than military campaigns in countries like Japan and Korea. The Clarion Ledger, Jackson, one of Mississippi's leading dailies, endorsed an editorial in the Greenwood Morning Star which said: "We Americans are a queer lot; we spend billions for bombs, but only a pittance for missionaries to promote good will." The newspapers said that Korea and Japan were notable examples of many nations where, "instead of defending the American way of life with bullets," American missionaries "could be serving as goodwill ambassadors for peace."

## Warns Vatican Envoy May Cause National Disunity

Establishment of diplomatic relations between the U. S. Government and the Vatican may lead to national disunity, the United Lutheran Church in America was told at its 17th biennial convention in Des Moines, Ia. Dr. Franklin Clark Fry, president of the ULCA, warned that everyone in the United States would interpret the appointment of a representative to the Vatican as "be-

ing a recognition giving a special place to one of the religious Churches in the United States. That is wrong," he said. "It is insidious. It is dangerous. And it might finally introduce into the body of the nation such disunity as would be very expensive to the nation." Dr. Fry labeled as "pure fiction" the claim that "the representative of this government would be a representative to a tiny secular state, one-sixth of a square mile in area, 1,250 persons in population. Every man alive who has an ounce of candor in him," he said, "knows the real purpose of the proposal has nothing whatever to do with such secular relations with a miniscule secular state, hardly larger than a respectable golf course."

## Gideons Report Heavy Bible Requests From Formosa

Christian evangelistic movements sweeping over Formosa and Japan have caused unprecedented demands for Scriptures and other religious literature, it was disclosed at the California-Nevada Gideon convention in Fresno Calif. Mr. A. A. McClellan of Oakland, president of the state group, said that 400,000 Gideon New Testaments in Chinese had been requested for Formosa, where, according to one report, 28,000 Chinese Nationalist soldiers have

become Christian believers. The Gideon Society, it was stated, has recently shipped 25,000 New Testaments to the Nationalist island stronghold. Mr. McClellan also reported that orders had been placed to take care of current heavy demands from Japan, and that Bibles were going there as rapidly as possible.

## Railroad Gives Locomotive Bells To Churches

A locomotive bell now rings out over the hillsides, atop a new white church built by coal miners at Royal Blue, Tenn., in their spare time. It is the gift of the Southern Railway, which with the placing in service of more Diesels has changed the tune of its locomotives. The Royal Blue bell is one of several hundred given to churches in the South and elsewhere by Col. Ernest E. Norris, the Southern's president. "We think the church steeple is a fitting resting place for these bells to repose," said D. W. Brosnan, the Southern's general manager at Knoxville, in a talk at the dedication of the bell for the Royal Blue Baptist church steeple. "May God bless its use and may it serve you well. The bell used to serve the Southern and now it serves the Lord."

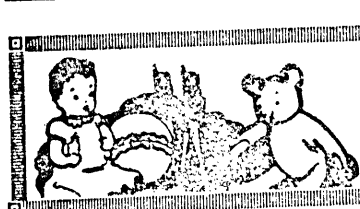
## CWS Relief Supplies Reach Korea

Some 523 tons of Church World Service relief supplies have reached Korea and are already being distributed by field personnel, it was announced at the interdenominational agency's headquarters in New York. The announcement was made by Dr. Henry D. Appenzeller of Los Angeles, newly appointed Church World Service director for Korea. He said that, in addition, \$100,000 worth of cotton, clothing, bandages, shoes and food was being provided for United Nations relief forces working in Korea. Dr. Appenzeller's announcement was made during a visit to the New York headquarters to arrange for an enlargement of the relief and rehabilitation work of the Protestant agency. He pointed out that the needs of the millions of Korea refugees have increased and sharpened with the approach of winter.

## Dallas Baptists Set Up \$1,000,000 Church Aid Fund

The Dallas Baptist Association voted to set up a \$1,000,000 loan and trust fund to aid small and struggling Baptist churches in Dallas County. Action on the proposal of the property and survey committee of the Association was taken at the group's annual meeting in Dallas.

Funds will be raised through the 133 churches of the Association which have a combined membership of about 95,000. The Association is affiliated with the Baptist General Convention of Texas and the Southern Baptist Convention. Dr. McKinley Norman, chairman of the property and survey committee, said plans for raising the million dollars will be completed by committees to be named later by the Association. A seven-member board of trustees will administer the fund. It will comprise three pastors, three laymen, and a woman.



# THE CHILDREN'S PAGE

ANNIE WINBURNE, Editor



## IN STORYLAND

### SNOWBALL'S ADVENTURE

Snowball was a very important cat—at least he thought he was. He was the only white cat on the street. There were black ones, striped ones, grey ones, and some black and white ones, but not one like himself—all white with not a single colored hair in his whole fur coat. Then he had a collar with a tiny bell around his neck. No other cat on the street could boast of that. But better than all these things, he had his own scratching post fastened to the floor of the side terrace. All the other cats had to sharpen their claws on tree trunks, but not Snowball.

There were times, however, when Snowball felt very lonesome. He had no one to play with and nothing to do. So one night he walked down to the gate to watch for Tinker, Spot, Blackie, Tiger and Ginger. Every night they passed his gate and Snowball decided to find out where they went and what they did.

Soon they came along just as he had expected, and without saying a word he followed along behind. Down they went to Mr. Grundy's house and climbed his fence and sat there looking at the moon shining in the dark blue sky.

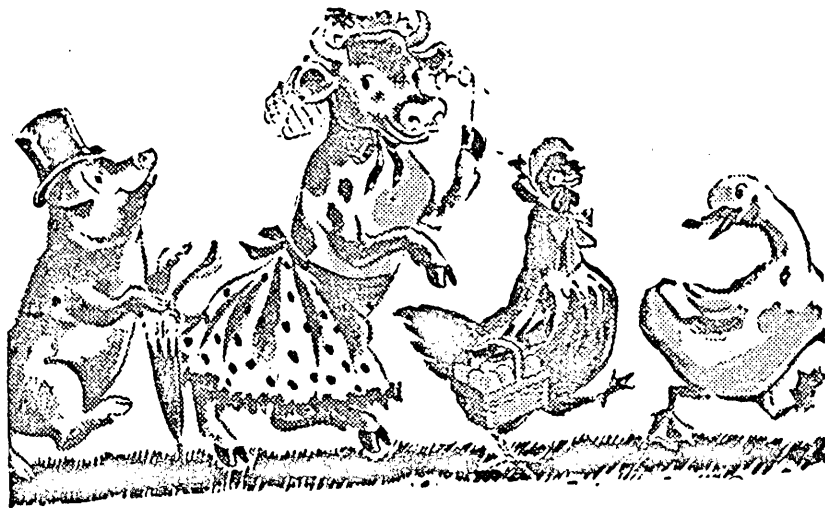
"Silly cats," he thought. "Stupid, I'd say, to come here night after night and sit on that fence just to look at the moon when they could lie on a cushion at home and see it through the windows, and that's exactly what I'm going to do right now." But just as he turned around he heard Ginger sing. Then Tiger, Blackie, Tinker and Spot joined in the song.

"Well now that is fun," he cried. "I'll just join them and I'll show them what a fine voice I have. I'm sure I can sing better and louder than any of them."

So Snowball climbed the fence, sat down beside the cats and started his song. He started softly at first, but when the other cats looked at him in disgust then he did sing. He sang so long and so loudly that the other cats jumped down and left him alone. Then Snowball sang louder than ever. He was so pleased when he heard Mr. Grundy open a window. Of course, he thought Mr. Grundy was delighted with his song and only opened the window so he could hear it better. Instead he got a big bump from something that Mr. Grundy threw out of the window, and poor Snowball ran off home thinking that singing at the moon was a silly idea after all.

He knew it was silly when he got home and found all the doors of his house shut tightly. Now he didn't want to ask to get in either, because he still remembered the bump he felt when he was singing on Mr. Grundy's back fence. So poor Snowball, sleepy and sad, curled up on the floor of the terrace beside his scratching post and went to sleep.

Early the next morning along came Spot, Tiger, Blackie, Ginger and Tinker and invited him to play a game until he could get indoors.



## STORY-BOOK FRIENDS

Here comes a parade from Story-book Land,  
A lovable, happy and carefree band.

They are friends of every girl and boy,  
And help to fill their lives with joy.

You will find these friends if you only look  
Through the pages of your favorite book.

A. E. W.

Snowball thought they were very kind indeed and it was a game he had often watched them play, and that was tree-climbing. Up they ran, chasing each other up and down the trees, but once again Snowball wanted to show his importance and when Tiger chased him he went up and up and up until he reached a tiny little branch on the tip top of the tree and there he lay down to rest and purr softly at Tiger, who only stood looking up at him from a branch far below. Then down went Tiger to join his friends who were playing on the trees next door.

"What fun to be up here," thought Snowball, as he sat purring and watching the other cats.

After what seemed like a long time he heard his mistress calling him and he stretched out his paw to get down, but the tiny branch swayed and bent and he was afraid to move, so he just sat and cried.

His mistress heard him and soon found him, but how was she to get him! She couldn't climb trees. She went for a ladder, but the branch was so thin the ladder only pushed it farther away and it made poor Snowball more frightened and he held on tighter than ever. The more his mistress coaxed, the more frightened he became, so he just had to stay there until late in the day when Mr. Grundy passed the gate. Snowball's mistress called to him and asked him if he knew how to get Snowball down.

"Got a hose?" he asked, and when Snowball's mistress nodded and said it was fastened to the faucet at the side of the house he said, "I'll get him down."

Mr. Grundy went in and said, "If I thought it was your cat that wailed and woke me up last night I'd turn this hose right on him, but I know you keep your cat at home so I'll just squirt the water beside him, not on him."

The water came so close that Snowball was sure the water was going on him and not just beside him, and so he decided the safest thing to do was to jump down, and with much sliding and jumping he got safely down and ran to the house. He was so glad Mr. Grundy didn't know exactly who he was, and once more he thought those other cats were silly, stupid cats, and he decided right then and there he'd never, no never, follow any other cats anywhere. — In The United Church Observer

## JUST FOR FUN

After several hours of fishing, the little girl suddenly threw down her pole and cried, "I quit!"

"What's the matter?" her father asked.

"Nothing," said the child, "except that I can't seem to get waited on."

"How are you getting along in your driving," inquired an interested friend of the novice.

"Oh, fine," she bragged. "Yesterday I went 50 miles an hour and tomorrow I'm going to try opening my eyes when I pass another car." — Meath (Eire) Chronicle.

Lady Customer: "Of course, you understand I want my shoes comfortable, but at the same time good looking and stylish."

Clerk: "Yes, Ma'am. I think I understand perfectly. You want them large on the inside and small outside."

The conductor was perplexed. "Who on earth," he sputtered, "would want to steal a Pullman ladder?"

Just then the curtains parted and

## IN THE WORLD OF BOYS AND GIRLS

### HER QUILT

"I made it all myself," said Bess  
"My quilt so warm and cozy,  
Now this is grandma's wedding dress

And this a gift from Rosie;  
This little piece of polkadot  
Was sent by Cousin Ella;  
When I was just a little tot  
This was my silk umbrella.

"I sewed my quilt in summer time,  
Out in the orchard resting;  
I read a little nursery rhyme  
And saw the birds a-nesting;  
And when they wanted cloth or thread

For nest I let them take it;  
I love my quilt upon my bed,  
So many helped to make it."

—Child's Gem

### PUMPKINS FOR HALLOWE'EN

Most of us have made Jack-o'-lanterns out of pumpkins for hallowe'en. Far the safer thing to do is to use a flashlight inside your Jack-o'-lantern instead of a candle. They will not smell as nice perhaps, but they look just as nice, and are much safer both outside and indoors than the candle.

Have you ever made a pumpkin flower vase? This is a lovely gift to take to Sunday School on the Sunday nearest Hallowe'en. You cut the top off your pumpkin, the end where the stem is, and scoop out all the seeds. That is all, but it should be done only the day before you want to use it, or it might get mouldy and spoil. Then you can fill your pumpkin with water and put in a bunch of chrysanthemums from the garden, or bittersweet or Japanese lanterns. This is very pretty for a party table, for the classroom, or just on your own table at home.

It is fun to have Jack-o'-lanterns around the house or in your school room even before Hallowe'en. Only when they are cut and cleaned out, they spoil very easily, so this year ask Daddy to make one that will keep.

Don't cut the top off or take out the seeds. Daddy can use a jack-knife and just cut out the skin of the pumpkin for eyes, nose and mouth, leaving all the inside yellow of the pumpkin showing. Then, with colored chalk you yourself could color the eyes any color you like, the nose, too, and even put in colored teeth. Then use some colored paper and cut out two big ears. Bend them back a little, on the flat side, and pin them on each side of the pumpkin head.

While a regular Jack-o'-lantern may spoil after three or four days, this fellow will last a full week or even longer.—Margaret G. Wilson, in The United Church Observer

a little old lady poked her head through cautiously. "Porter," she whispered, "you may use mine if you like. I won't need it until morning."



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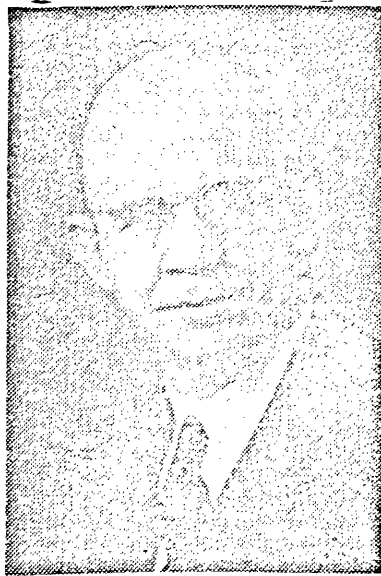
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Tuesday night, beginning at 8:00 P. M., October 24, 1950, will be SAM MORRIS NIGHT in Little Rock, as a great climax of the state-wide prohibition convention. Mr. Morris will be heard in the First Baptist Church. In Tulsa, Oklahoma, September 1949, 5,000 people heard him expose the Lieqor Traffic as a lying, cheating, thieving, murderous enemy of every decent thing in American life. He frequently has people in his audiences who have driven from 30 to 75 miles or more to hear him. Don't miss this great treat!



BISHOP PAUL E. MARTIN

Sam Morris is the greatest temperance speaker in America today. Nationally known as "The Voice of Temperance," he has spoken to more people on temperance and prohibition, in person and by radio, than any other man alive. Liquor forces hate and fear him; and God is mightily using him. Collier's Magazine said, "If prohibition returns to this country, Sam Morris will probably be more responsible for it than any other person." Be sure to hear him.

Bishop Martin is Bishop of the Arkansas-Louisiana Area of The Methodist Church and President of the Methodist Board of Temperance, Washington, D. C. He has, through the years, been a vigorous, wise and courageous champion of temperance and prohibition. He warns of the increasing menace of the liquor traffic in Arkansas and the nation. He will inspire you and thrill you with his message. Be sure to hear his great and challenging message.

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## HENDRIX COLLEGE NEWS

Rev. D. L. Dykes, pastor of the Central Methodist Church, Fayetteville, will be the guest speaker when the annual Religious Emphasis Week at Hendrix begins Oct. 22. The week of religious activities will close October 26.

Rev. Mr. Dykes has as his theme for the entire week, "Christ—Our World's Need." The popular campus Religious Emphasis Week speaker will begin the week of religious activities when he conducts evening services, Sunday, October 22, at the First Methodist Church, Conway.

A graduate of Centenary College, Shreveport, La., Mr. Dykes did graduate work at Southern Methodist University, Dallas, Texas, and received his bachelor of divinity degree from Emory University, Atlanta, Ga. He was associate pastor at the First Methodist Church, Shreveport, before entering the North Arkansas Conference.

He will speak on the Hendrix Campus at two morning services and at evening services each night. Rev. James S. Upton, Professor of Religion, announced. Plans for the services of the entire week are under the direction of the Religious Activities Committee, John Miles of Hot Springs, chairman. They also include evening worship programs and counseling groups conducted by Conway ministers of all denominations in the three residence halls.

## Blue Key Elects

Fifteen men were elected to the Hendrix chapter of Blue Key, national honorary leadership fraternity, last week. They were chosen from the junior and senior classes.

The new members are James Beal, Rector; Clint Burleson, Gurdon; Dick Farr; Wynne; Pat Flanagan, Little Rock; Bill Holmes, Little Rock; Jim Jefferies, Little Rock; Cannon Kinnard, Franklin, Tennessee; George W. Martin, Morrilton; James Moseley, Conway; Dick Neely, Warren; Bob Newton, Warren; Ashley Ross, Little Rock; Al Tredway, Marianna; Leo Trulock, Pine Bluff; Scott Wasson, Pine Bluff.

Walter Hodges, Conway, was selected last spring for the Outstanding Sophomore Award and will be inducted with the other new members soon, Jim Clemons of Wynne, president announced.

Dr. H. I. Lane, Professor of Mathematics, was re-elected faculty sponsor for the organization. Dr. John P. Anderson, Professor of Psychology, and Joe G. Robbins, Assistant Professor of Physics, were named to a faculty advisory committee.

## Board of Trustees Meets

Members of the Hendrix Board of Trustees held their fall meeting at the college yesterday. The meeting was presided over by Alton B. Rancy of Little Rock, Board president.

Four new members of the Board, elected by the two annual conferences last June, attended the meeting. They were R. Percy Goynes of Shreveport, La., Dr. Elmer Munn of El Dorado, and H. F. Buhler and Rev. Roy Fawcett of Little Rock. All are Hendrix alumni.

Three other new Board members were absent because of illness or other causes. They are B. T. Fooks of Camden, Leslie E. Bryant of Clarksville and Col. Graham R. Hall of Little Rock.

President Matt L. Ellis in his report to the Board said that Hendrix

## How Christianity Advances In Pakistan



There are three generations of village Christians (Methodists) in a community three miles from Raewind in the Punjab, Pakistan—seat of the famed Raewind Christian Institute.

Naina's mother (right) is illiterate. Her deceased husband was illiterate, but he became a loyal Christian. They sent Naina (second from right) to a Christian school as long as they could afford it—but only for a few years. There Naina met his wife (second from left.) He

became in time the village Christian leader, organized the school which a Christian teacher now conducts, and he built the village church. (Bishop Pickett secured funds in America to make the roof and doors.)

But Naina's five children are now in Christian schools: Martha, studying to be a nurse; Samuel, to be an engineer; Emanuel is in high school; and the two smaller children are still in the village grade school.

A WORD FROM  
REV. W. C. LEWIS

On September 3 Washington Charge relieved me of pastoral duties for as long as I needed that I might enter the Howard County Memorial Hospital at Nashville for an operation. I was operated on on September 4 and the operation has proved to be successful. I remained in the hospital until the 17th. During my stay there I was greatly helped by the flowers, cards, letters and visits of friends.

On the 17th I was dismissed from the hospital and I went to the home of my son, Eugene Lewis, in Little Rock. I stayed in his home for three weeks. Many brethren of the ministry called on me both in Nashville and Little Rock. Everyone I contacted during the thirty days I was a shut-in was nice to me.

I am not back in Washington and will assume my regular duties, feeling like a new person.

The local preachers and laymen on the charge kept the work going and we are now moving on in a very satisfactory manner. We will hold some revivals soon.—W. C. Lewis.

## BEN FEW CAMP MEETING

Then Ben Few Camp on the Princeton Charge closed its 52nd annual camp meeting Sunday evening, Sept. 3, after ten days of gospel singing and preaching.

Rev. J. C. Van Horn, pastor of the Parkdale Methodist Church, led the singing. Rev. H. R. Holland of Pullman Heights Church, Hot Springs, brought the morning and evening messages. He preached the old-time gospel with power.

We only had two conversions but Christians were greatly revived and seemed to think that this was one of the best camp meetings ever held at Ben Few Camp.

Those who think the days of camp meetings are over should have been there for the 3 o'clock service on the last Sunday and heard the wonderful testimonies.

As has been the custom down through the years an offering was taken for the host pastor on the last Sunday night, which was \$118.54. This was greatly appreciated, but how unworthy this humble servant of God feels for such blessings, "But thanks be to God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ." Pray for us.—Bruce H. Bean, Pastor

CHOIR ORGANIZED AT  
MASSARD CHURCH

A meeting was held at the church after the prayer service, October 11, for the purpose of organizing the choir. The following officers were elected: President, Mrs. Ben Young; Secretary-Treasurer, Mrs. Vann Hooker; Director, Miss Hetty Burnett; Organist, Harold Young; Membership Committee, Mrs. Harold Young, Mrs. Harlan Ruth, and Mrs. Ben Young. By organizing the choir we hope to build a greater interest in the singing in the church, and also to have better singing. The members of the choir will meet each Wednesday evening and have their practice. A business meeting will be held each month. We plan to buy choir robes in the near future. After the meeting was adjourned, refreshments were served.—Reporter.

The characteristics which make good bosses are the same qualities which make men good husbands, good fathers, good friends. These are the simple virtues—honesty, loyalty, moral courage, tenderness, generosity.—William G. Given, Jr., president, American Brake Shoe Co., "The Social Responsibility of Management from the Viewpoint of Management," Railway Age, 9-9-'50

has not suffered the decline in enrollment that most institutions have. There has been a national drop of about 10 per cent. E. W. Martin, college treasurer, also made a report to the Board.

The Board discussed at length the need for increasing the college's income for current expenditures. A number of plans were suggested by Board members and the matter will continue to be studied.

Present at the meeting in addition to those already mentioned were William R. Stuck of Jonesboro, Dr. G. G. Davidson of Siloam Springs, Marvin E. Bird of Earle, Dr. C. M. Reves of Conway, J. T. Thompson of Little Rock, Rev. Fred R. Harrison of Texarkana, Rev. Arthur Terry of Little Rock, Dr. Aubrey G. Walton of Little Rock, C. E. Hayes of Little Rock, W. P. Gully of Little Rock, Dr. E. C. Rule of Hot Springs, Ed McCuiston of Little Rock, Lewis P. Mann of Marion, Mrs. W. P. McDermott of Little Rock, R. T. Steel of Conway, Dr. J. S. Rushing of El Dorado, H. F. Trotter of Pine Bluff, Dr. Connor Morehead of Camden, Harvey C. Couch, Jr. of Little Rock, George E. Foke of DeWitt, Bishop Paul E. Martin of Little Rock, and Paul Page Faris of Conway.

President Ellis Addresses  
Group

Dr. Matt L. Ellis spoke last week to a Methodist layman's group in St. Louis, Mo., in connection with the annual Missouri conference of The Methodist Church.

Cardinal Key Fills Vacant  
Offices

In a meeting last week members of Cardinal Key, national honorary leadership sorority and sister organization to Blue Key, filled three vacant offices, Dot Wilson of Huttig, president announced.

Elected were: vice-president, Barbara Blackburn of North Little Rock; treasurer, Dot Shaw of Gurnon, Okla., historian, Ann Tennyson of Smackover. Miss Marie Williams, Dean of Women, was re-elected faculty sponsor.—Hendrix College Public Relations Office.

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# Clarksville Methodists Open New Educational Building

By EWING T. WAYLAND

SUNDAY, October 8, was a big day in the life of the First Methodist Church at Clarksville, Rev. C. N. Guice, pastor. Activities began with the Sunday School followed by the morning worship service at which time Bishop Paul E. Martin preached. Then at two o'clock in the afternoon the Bishop, with the assistance of the District Superintendent, Dr. W. Henry Goodloe, and the pastor, led in a Dedication Service for the furnishings of the small chapel in the New Educational Building. From 2:30 until late in the afternoon Open House was held in the New Educational Building which was being formally opened that day. Hundreds of people from Clarksville and nearby cities were on hand to inspect the new building. The young people had their evening service and then gathered with older members of the congregation once again in the sanctuary for the evening worship service.

Yes, it was a full and happy day, a day that brought a real sense of accomplishment to the Clarksville congregation but no one outside this congregation could understand nor fully appreciate the unmeasured amount of sacrifice, time, work, cooperation and prayer that had made the activities of that day possible. The occasion was, of course, the formal opening of a New Educational Building.

Ground was broken and the construction begun during the first week in October, 1949, but a new educational building had been in the minds and planning of the Clarksville Methodists for several years. The present sanctuary building has been inadequate for church school work for some time, and the Clarksville Methodist Church has the added responsibility of serving the Methodist students attending the College of the Ozarks, Presbyterian College located in Clarksville. Prior to Brother Guice's pastoral administration \$50,000.00 had been raised for new educational facilities.

When the present pastor was appointed to Clarksville, he left the First Methodist Church, Searcy, where under his leadership a magnificent educational building had been built. In Clarksville he began his task over, and now has to his credit two of the finest religious educational buildings in the state.

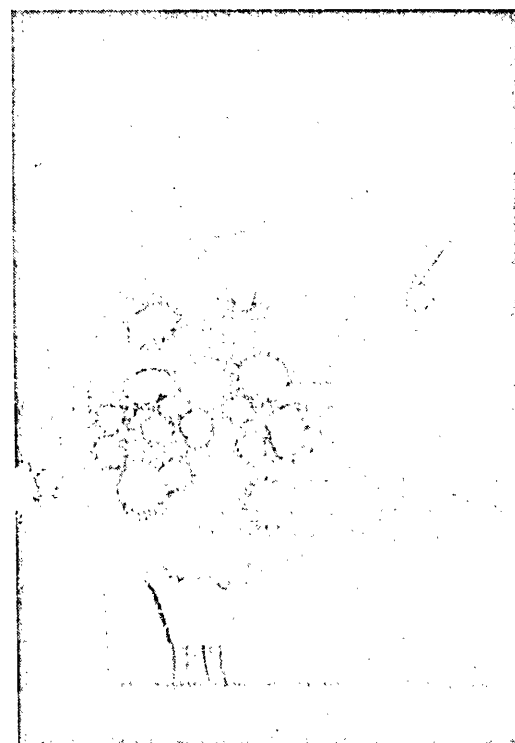
But Brother Guice is modest about his building accomplishments and readily gives credit for the Clarksville building to a hard working Building Committee, a far-visioned and sacrificial congregation, an understanding architect, and sympathetic contractor and workmen. The Building Committee was composed of A. P. McKeithen, Chairman, Charles H. Bryant, Leslie E. Bryant, Lawrence W. Clark, Dr. W. R. Hunt, E. K. Johnson, E. A. King, Mrs. Armil Taylor, Mrs. Fletcher Thompson, H. R. Pierce, J. T. White, L. Wert, Wish, J. C. Wish, Joe W. Curtis, and Joe B. Mills. John P. Almand, Little Rock, was the architect. Mr. Almand, incidently, was the architect for the Searcy Educational Building, and several other Methodist building projects in Arkansas. Eugene Wilhelm, Clarksville, was the contractor.

The cost of the new unit including furnishings is approximately \$200,000.00. During Brother Guice's pastorate more than \$100,000.00 of this amount has been raised in cash. This sum added to that raised before his coming accounts for the building being seventy-five per cent paid for. The congregation has already in pledges more than enough to pay for this debt of \$50,000.00 during the next five years.

As to the building itself, it is of beautiful Cabin Creek stone, cement and steel construction, with a considerable amount of wood paneling and wainscoting. Located immediately south of the present sanctuary the Methodist property now occupies the whole block and has entrances and exits onto the four streets around the property. The "New" U-shaped structure fronts on the west side and the main entrance is under a ninety-six feet steeple tower, atop of which is a cross. A light in the tower just under the cross can be seen a distance at night.

On the main floor of the new building is the church office, a Sunday School office, the pastor's study, the Educational and Recreational Director's office, a small chapel accommodating approximately one hundred worshippers, facilities for the Nursery, Kindergarten, Beginner, and Primary groups of the Children's Division, a reception room and Ladies' Lounge, Recreational and Rumpus Room, Kitchen, Snack Bar, and a large several purpose room which can be used as a banquet hall, large recreational room, theatre, (with raised curtained stage at one end), etc.

The Chapel has an outside entrance from the court between the two wings of the building. Its walls are of solid Honduras mahogany paneling. The memorials in the Chapel were given by the following persons: Pulpit Bible—Mrs. Everett Stewart and Mrs. Ben Watkins, in honor of their parents, E. H. and Eugenia Cox Hook; Pulpit chair—Rev. E. H. Hook, in memory of Eugenia Cox Hook; Pulpit chair—Mrs. John Haynes and children, in memory of John M. Haynes; Communion rail—Dr. W. R. Hunt, in memory of Dr. and Mrs. W. R. Hunt, Sr.; Lectern—Mr. and Mrs. H. D. Coffee; Pews—Mrs. E. M. Thompson and children, in memory of E. M. Howell and Ewell Thompson; Mr. and Mrs. Armil Taylor, in memory of Ethel Taylor; Mr. and Mrs. Armil Taylor, in memory of Anna Strong Ladd; Mr. and Mrs. E. A. King, in memory of Ruthella and Evan King; Lillian Hunt King, in memory of Dr. W. R. and Ruth H. Hunt; Their Children, in memory of Paul and Pearl McKennon; Mr. and Mrs. T. M. Clark; Raymond May, in memory of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Edgar May; Joe and Ada Mills, in memory of Thomas J. Mills; What-so-ever Sunday School Class in honor of Katie Cogswell Klink; Grandchildren, in memory of Mrs. Martha A. Montgomery; Children, in honor of Mrs. Sam Laser; Earle K. Johnson, in memory of Hattie King Johnson; The Church, in memory of Judge Hugh Basham. The new Hammond organ in the Chapel was



Bishop Martin and Clarksville pastor, Rev. C. N. Guice, in Chapel where furnishings were dedicated.

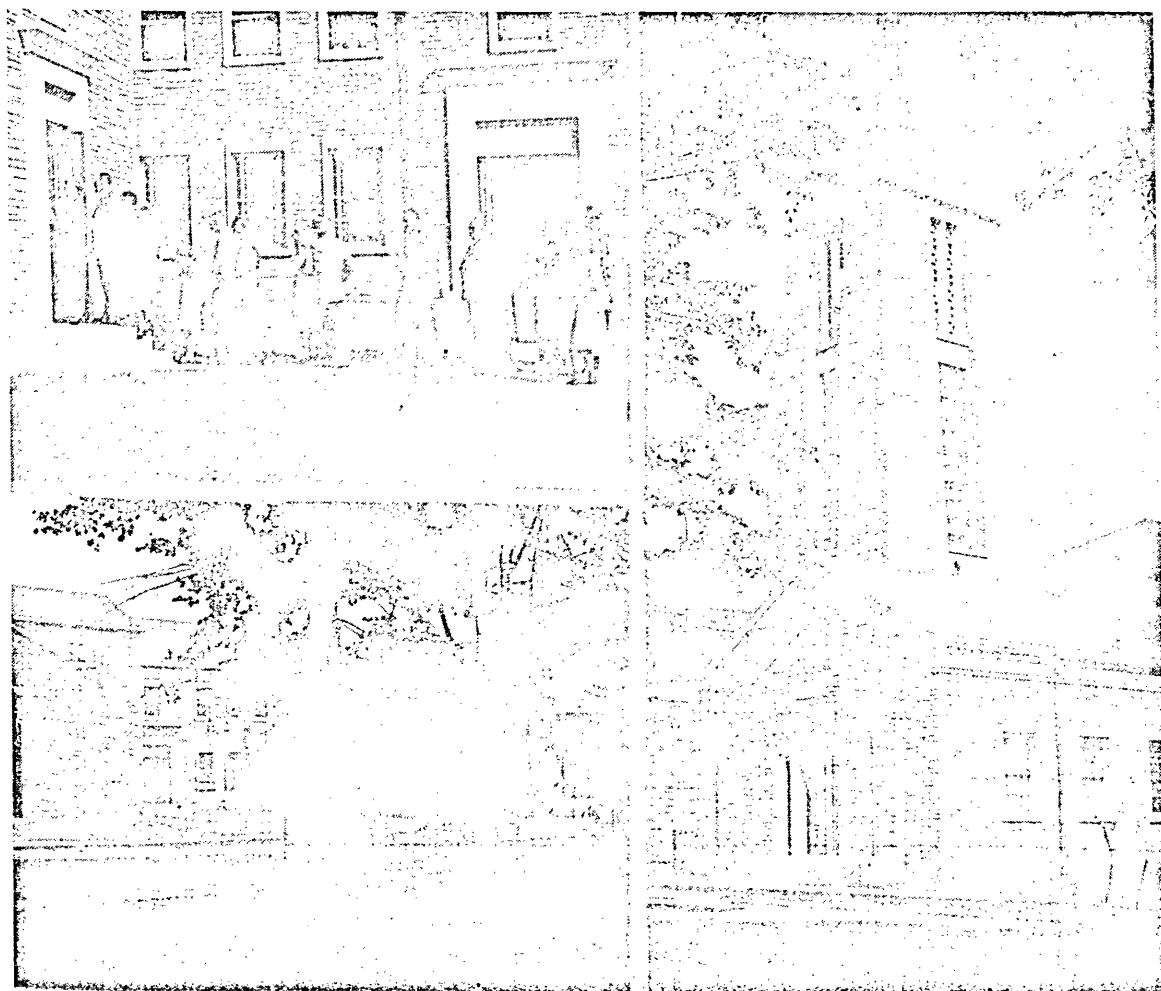
provided by a group of friends. All of these Chapel furnishings were dedicated in the Dedication Service.

On the second floor is located the Junior, Intermediates, and Senior High Groups of the Young People's Division, and several of the classes of the Adult Division. Two Adult Classes meet on the main floor, one in the Chapel. A small kitchen and snack bar is also located on the second floor. Each Church School department has its own chapel with a separate room for each class. The building has new furnishings throughout.

The structure is heated by a Bryant forced draft system, and approximately two-thirds of the lower floor is air conditioned for comfort in the summer by a York system. The floors are asphalt tile on concrete. The building has 200,000

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BELOW: Top left, group entering Chapel for Dedication Service; Bottom left, partial view of new Educational building; Bottom right, Tower of new Educational building with cross not shown.



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## A GOOD VACATION CHURCH SCHOOL

A combined Vacation Church School was held at Turrell, Sept. 15th through 25th for the Turrell-Gilmore churches with eighty-six boys and girls enrolled and average attendance of sixty-five.

Rev. Lester Weaver, pastor, was dean of the school.

The Kindergarteners studied, "Stories About Jesus" and was led by Mrs. W. R. Gregory, Mrs. Don Stalls, Jr., and Mrs. Bob Fraley. The Primaries studied "Jesus, the Friend" and were led by Mrs. W. L. Walker, Miss Oneita Scoot, Mrs. Alex Stirewalt, Jr., Mrs. O. E. Salley and Miss Lawson Speegle. The Juniors studied, "People Who Lived in Jesus' Day" with Mrs. Chas. Wilkinson and Mrs. James Young leaders. The High School group studied "Exploring the Bible with Intermediates" with Mrs. Lester Weaver leader. Mrs. Carlton Jerry was pianist for all groups.

Monday night the school had its closing program. Each group participated with skits, dramatizations, new hymns which they had learned, etc.

The school centered around "Jesus, the Friend of All Peoples." Each group carried out a missionary project. The Primaries brought money with which to send pictures to the hospital in Nome, Alaska, the Kindergarteners visited a grandmother, Mrs. A. B. McCorkle, and presented her with a basket of candy and sang songs for her.

This was the largest and most successful Vacation Church School ever held on the charge.—Reporter

## SEMINAR ON UNITED NATIONS

Nashville, Tenn.—The Division of the Local Church of the General Board of Education is cooperating with the Woman's Division of Christian Service and the General Commission on World Peace in a seminar on United Nations, October 31-November 3.

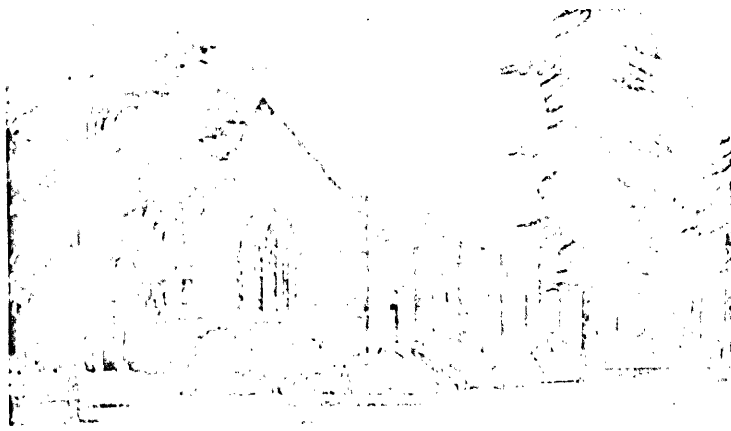
The meetings will be held at Lake Success, New York, seat of United Nations, and at 150 Fifth Avenue, New York, headquarters of the Board of Missions and Church Extension. By this plan persons attending the seminar will be able to see United Nations in operation and will be provided opportunity at 150 Fifth Avenue to discuss what they have seen and to work out ways in which they can be effective leaders in helping people understand the critical situation we face.

Members of annual conference and district committees on World Peace, executive secretaries of conference boards of education, and conference secretaries of Christian Social Relations are urged to work in the direction of having several persons attend the seminar from their respective conferences.

This is one of a series of United Nations seminars sponsored jointly by these three agencies. Other seminars are planned for spring and fall of 1951 and spring and fall of 1952.

Force is the only thing aggressors respect.—Forbes

## UNDER CONSTRUCTION AT HENDRIX



THIS painting by the architects shows how Hendrix College's impressive new Chapel and Auditorium will appear when completed.

The view is looking northwest from the location of the administration building. The Chapel is in the foreground, with a cross over the altar end and a large gothic stained glass window in it. This will be the view which visitors will have as they enter the Front Street entrance to the campus.

The stairway in the immediate foreground leads to a study room. The main entrance to both the Chapel and the Auditorium behind it is seen at the far right of the picture. The organ now in the college's Recital Hall will be moved into the Chapel. An organ for the Auditorium has not yet been provided for, but plans provide space for it. Seats in the Chapel will be

pews. In the Auditorium they will be of chair type with the seat folding up when desired. Fittings in the Auditorium are designed to make that room also appropriate for religious programs and services.

Excellent weather during the first days of October has made rapid progress possible on pouring concrete footings and foundations for the two buildings. Members of the Board of Trustees at their campus meeting October 10th expressed delight with progress on construction and also with the way in which the buildings are going to meet urgent needs on the campus.

The buildings will cost approximately \$325,000, which is \$75,000 more than funds which are available from receipts in the Million Dollar Campaign. The finance committee of the Board of Trustees has been authorized to work out means of obtaining the \$75,000 needed to complete payment on the buildings.

## PERFECT ATTENDANCE RECORD FOR EIGHT YEARS

Eight years of perfect attendance at Sunday School is the proud record of Leon Putman, 10-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Grady Putman of Van Buren.

Leon was honored recently, in a service at St. John's Methodist Church for having gone "half his life" without missing a single Sunday in Church School. When out of town on Sunday with school organizations or on vacations, he maintained his unbroken attendance by visiting a Methodist Sunday School wherever he happened to be, and seeing that a record of that visit was returned to his home church. When Leon recently passed the eight-year mark in perfect attendance St. John's church presented him with an "8-years" gold bar to go with an attendance medal he already possessed.

At the same service, Miss Joan Thurman of Van Buren was given an award for two years' perfect attendance, and the following were presented pins for having gone one year without missing a Sunday: Miss Joyce Clegg, Mrs. Charles Gullette, Miss Beverly Hicks, and Ray Lemley. In charge of the service was Charles Gullette, general superintendent of the St. John's church school.—Robert Paul Sessions, Pastor

## GOLDEN GATE SERVICE AT GEYER SPRINGS

The last two years we have had a special service at the end of the Church School year. We call this service "The Golden Gate Service." Some of the men took their hammers and saws and a few pieces of lumber and made a beautiful gate that looked like a yard gate and painted the post white and the gate a beautiful golden color. Everyone who attended the entire year without missing a Sunday can walk through that gate. Seven walked through last year and ten went through this year. Four of these people have gone to Church School two years without being absent. They are: Wesley Jones, Charles McCardell, Pete Crippen and Drucilla Blackwell. Those attending one year without missing are: Betty Jo Crippen, Billy Lyle, Bonnie Sue Batchelor, S. E. Whitwell, Mrs. Roy Huffstutler and Marion Blanstetter.

Those of us who walked through that gate felt a deep sense of satisfaction because we had put forth the extra efforts and reached the goal we had set out to make.

Our pastor, Rev. Stanley Baugh, threw out a challenge to everyone to make a special effort to walk through the gate next year. He made an encouraging talk just before we walked through the gate to receive our beautiful attendance pins presented to us by the church.

We are looking forward to great

## "WINNING YOUTH FOR CHRIST AND HIS CHURCH"

Nashville, Tenn.—Anticipating the largest youth population in American history during the next ten years, the Youth Department of the General Board of Education is putting forth special effort to help win millions of young people for Christ and the church.

This effort ties in with the emphasis on "The Church" scheduled for October 1950 through March 1951 by the current Advance for Christ and His Church and is being launched by the distribution of a new leaflet, "Winning Youth for Christ and His Church," in which church school leaders of youth are urged to a new awakening to "youth's needs and God's hour of opportunity." In this connection, three lines of endeavor are stressed:

1. To deepen the spiritual life of youth.
2. To improve the adult leadership for youth by securing more workers who are better trained.
3. To extend the Methodist Youth Fellowship to indifferent youth of the church and to the unchurched youth in school and community.

The leaflet contains suggestions as to how to proceed in these three directions. It contains also a "Progress Check" the use of which will show just how much progress has been made in a local Methodist Youth Fellowship in one year's time.

The Rev. Harold W. Ewing, director of the Youth Department, summarizes the material in the leaflet as follows: "The desire to win persons for Christ and his way is the only reason for the existence of the Methodist Youth Fellowship. Let us be sure we keep our attention centered on it."

The booklet (No. 2324-B) may be obtained free from the Service Department General Board of Education, The Methodist Church, Box 871, Nashville, Tennessee.

## CHURCH SCHOOL GIVING

During 1949 Methodist church schools contributed \$2,654,901 to World Service and Conference Benevolences. This was 21 per cent of the total of \$12,908,816 from all sources for World Service. Last year our church schools gave \$368,293 to the Methodist Youth Fund and \$304,660 to the Rally Day offering.

Since the column headed "Raised by Church School for All Purposes" was omitted on the last revision of the pastor's report form, 1948 was the last year figures are available on totals raised by our church schools for all purposes. That year the per capita giving of church school members through the church school was \$2.57, amounting to \$14,521,621. This was in addition to amounts given by church school pupils through other organizations in the church and to the church itself.

spiritual growth in our church under the leadership of our pastor and his wife. We feel that truly God has been good to us and we thank him for it.—Mrs. Roy Huffstutler, Reporter

# WOMAN'S SOCIETY OF CHRISTIAN SERVICE

MRS. SUE M. WAYLAND, Editor

## SEARCY DISTRICT SEMINARS

Two Fall Seminars were held in the Searcy District. They were at Marshall on September 7, and at Searcy on September 8. More than 150 women attended the sessions.

Mrs. Jack Andrews, Heber Springs, who is Secretary of Missionary Education, was in charge of both meetings. Mrs. P. B. Davidson, Kensett, District President, called the groups to Order. All the District Officers were introduced at each meeting and they gave their reports and requests. Mrs. Arthur Lewis, Clinton, discussed Enrichment Materials at Marshall, and Mrs. Davidson led the same discussion at Searcy.

Mrs. H. H. Fulbright, Conference Promotional Secretary, and Mrs. Walter Jimmerson, Conference Secretary of C.S.R. & L.C.A. attended the meetings and talked briefly on their work.

During the morning sessions two studies—Toward a Christian Community and Christian Vocations were presented by Mrs. Jimmerson, Mrs. Ernest Tims, Mrs. Fulbright, Mrs. Roy Hudspeth and Mrs. Hubert Pearce. The two other studies were presented in the afternoons of both days. They were Corporate Worship, led by Mrs. Andrews; and The Near East, directed by Mrs. Vance Thompson and Mrs. Leslie Sturdivant of McCrory.

Other District officers assisting with the programs were: Mrs. Stivers Blair, Clinton; Mrs. Tommie Killough, Searcy; Mrs. J. D. Kinley, Beebe; Mrs. J. H. Johnston, Kensett; Mrs. C. W. Good, Cabot; Mrs. Vera Bone, McRae. Five members of the Harrison W. S. C. S. presented a radio skit at the Marshall meeting.

Special attention was called to the Ecumenical Church Register; the Council of Church Women; and the celebration of the 10th birthday in September.—Reporter

## CAMDEN DISTRICT FALL SEMINAR

The Missionary Education Seminar of the Camden District Woman's Society of Christian Service of the Methodist Church met in Smackover, Arkansas September 22, 1950 with nearly two hundred women representing twenty-five societies in attendance. A beautiful worship center in the sanctuary set the stage for a day of study and inspiration.

The meeting was called to order by Mrs. Nelson Thornton, president of the Camden District Woman's Society of Christian Service, who selected as the opening hymn, "Draw Thou my Soul, O Christ," a favorite hymn at the Assembly. Rev. A. C. Carraway, the host pastor, led in prayer. Mrs. A. S. McDonald, president of the Smackover society, welcomed the visitors.

After a brief business session Mrs. M. E. Scott, Camden District Secretary of Missionary Education and Service, gave a preview of the day's program. The Little Rock Conference Secretary of Missionary Education and Service, Mrs. Erick Jensen, presented enrichment materials in program building in a very unique and practical manner.

Smackover's beautiful Education-

## GOD'S TEMPLE

By Andrew N. Smith

*The height of full grown man should be,  
By law of nature given,  
Sufficient to reach up and grasp  
The principles of Heaven;  
And him to see surrounding life,  
See fallen friend and stranger,  
And steer himself as well as them  
From out the paths of danger.*

*His stature be just short enough  
To sense all social weather  
And feel the things that God intends  
For men to share together,  
And realize the lowest born  
Oft fills the highest station  
As our Emancipator did  
When binding well our nation.*

*Man's breadth should fit the niche, that he  
Is born to fill, completely,  
And come in touch with erring man  
And deal with him discreetly.  
Thus man, in short, and breadth and height,  
Can be both great and simple,  
Perform the small deeds and the great  
As fits God's chosen temple.*

## SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT

The North Arkansas Conference Executive Committee, W. S. C. S., will meet at First Church Conway, November 2nd and 3rd. The meeting will open with supper at 5:30 p. m. and close with luncheon on Friday. All members are urged to be present.—Mrs. Johnnie McClure, President, Mrs. James S. Upton, Secretary

al Building afforded adequate facilities for the presentation of the Home Mission study and the Christian Social Relations Study before the lunch hour. Mrs. M. E. Scott of Stamps and Mrs. W. H. Yarbrough of El Dorado were in charge of the study, "Toward a Christian Community." Mrs. T. H. Owen of Stamps presented the study, "A Christian's Vocation."

After a delicious luncheon which was served by the host church the Foreign Mission study and the Spiritual Life study were presented. Helps for the study, "Near East—Islam" were given by Mrs. W. C. Farley and Mrs. W. P. Reasons both of El Dorado and Mrs. Nelson Thornton of Camden. The study, "Corporate Worship" was presented by Mrs. Edward W. Harris of El Dorado, Mrs. A. S. McDonald of Smackover and Mrs. Ralph Reed and Mrs. H. L. Rampley of Camden.

At 2:50 p. m. all assembled in the sanctuary for the closing worship which was brought by Mrs. W. C. Farley, Camden District Promotion Secretary who attended the School of Missions at Mount Sequoyah as District delegate.

Those attending the seminar availed themselves of the opportunity of buying literature which had been carefully displayed by Mrs. Harvey Crumpler, District Secretary of Literature and Publications.

The meeting was well attended and well planned so that every one received information and a spiritual lift that will be helpful throughout the year.—Reporter

## FORREST CITY DISTRICT W. S. C. S.

Forrest City District shows a gain of three new W. S. C. S. societies for the first quarter of the new year. They are: Turner—on Marvell charge, Rev. J. L. Pruitt, Pastor; Whitehall—on Hunter charge, Rev. W. G. Stegall, Pastor; and Smith's Chapel—on Colt charge, Rev. L. L. Langston, Pastor. Their officers are:

Turner: President—Mrs. Ray Fuller, Rt. 2 Box 177, Marvell; Vice President—Mrs. C. E. Hopper, Marvell; Secretary-Treasurer—Mrs. Ira Young, Rt. 1 Box 180, Marvell; Missionary Education—Mrs. W. J. Brown, Marvell; C.S.R. & L.C.A.—Mrs. A. G. Hill, Marvell.

Whitehall: President—Mrs. Geo. Guthrie, Jr., Hilleman; Vice President—Mrs. Roddy Holmes, Hilleman; Secretary & Treasurer—Mrs. John Mauldin, Hilleman; Recording Secretary—Mrs. R. W. Cole, Hilleman; Spiritual Life—Mrs. Geo. Guthrie, Sr., Hilleman.

Smith's Chapel: President—Mrs. Ruth Sullivan, Rt. 2 Box 279, Wynne; Vice President—Mrs. J. E. Nubbie, Rt. 2 Box 269, Wynne; Secretary-Treasurer—Mrs. Russell Perrin, Rt. 1 Box 179, Colt; Missionary Education—Mrs. Opal Chrisco, Rt. 2 Box 287, Wynne; C.S.R. & L.C.A.—Mrs. Joe Griffie, Rt. 1 Box 179, Colt.

We are very happy and proud of the work being done by these new societies, and we pray that they may be as strong and have the faith as a grain of mustard seed . . . nothing being impossible to them.

Some outstanding work and programs have been given by the different W. S. C. S. women in the chain visitation. We had a chain of three links with ten societies in each link, and to date nineteen of our thirty societies have either visited or have been visited by another society. The host society had charge of the program and the visiting society brought the birthday cake, after which an enjoyable social hour was

## A NOTE OF APPRECIATION

The Booneville Project is now the proud owner of a Plymouth Tudor Sedan! For some 21 months the work, a ministry of visitation and service for the Tubercular patients at the State Sanatorium, has been a full-time project sponsored by the North Arkansas and Little Rock Conference Board of Missions and the Woman's Society of Christian Service.

Since the beginning of the work, which for 15 months was on a part-time basis with the Booneville Church, transportation has been a problem as the Sanatorium is three miles from Booneville. With the expansion of the work, the need increased and cars were borrowed from other areas of work. The Booneville Commission agreed that the purchase of a car for this specific work was imperative.

The Woman's Society of Christian Service of both conferences began the drive to raise funds and with the bulk of the finances coming from these two organizations and contributions from the Little Rock Conference Board of Missions and some Church School Groups, the necessary amount was secured.

Again the call for help has gone out to our people and has been most graciously answered thereby enabling the work of Kingdom Building to go forward in a more efficient way. Thank you!—Virginia Guffey

## FALL SEMINAR OF CONWAY DISTRICT

The second Fall Seminar of the Conway District was held in the Perry church September 7th with Mrs. R. J. Goss, district secretary of Missionary Education, presiding over the meeting.

There were thirty women present for the meeting, which opened at ten o'clock with the pastor host, Rev. James W. Workman, Jr., giving the devotional, using as his subject "Serve God."

Mrs. James Upton of Conway gave a review of the study on the Book "Near East." A school girl lunch was served at noon in the church with the local society as host to the visiting ladies, serving the drinks and cookies.

During the afternoon session Mrs. Elmus Brown of Dardanelle, reviewed the Bible study, "We Seek Him Together."

Mrs. R. J. Goss spoke on the National Roll Call of the church women and passed envelopes for registering.

The group was dismissed by singing "Blest Be The Tie That Binds."—Reporter

one of the outstanding features.

Our District Superintendent has been one to help promote the work of the W. S. C. S. too. We are thankful for such men as Brother Ethan Dodgen. Mrs. Wilma Fulbright, our Conference Promotion Secretary, also has meant a great deal to our district. Also we find the pastors of the district willing to help promote the work.

Dr. Pearl McCain, returned mid- (Continued on page 15)



# CURRENT NEWS IN ARKANSAS METHODISM

## CAR OF RICE LEAVES JONESBORO FOR OVERSEAS

Jonesboro, Ark., October 13—A car loaded with broken rice left here tonight in a Cotton Belt freight train on the first leg of a journey that will carry the good will of Arkansas farmers to the needy and friendless people overseas through the Christian Rural Overseas Program (CROP).

A simple dedication ceremony was held this afternoon at the railroad siding. B. N. Wire, field representative for CROP in Arkansas, acted as master of ceremonies. Others who appeared on the program included Dean Lippert S. Ellis, of the University of Arkansas College of Agriculture, who is State Chairman for CROP; and Reverend C. Z. Holland, of Jonesboro, vice-chairman of the CROP Committee for Craighead county. The Jonesboro High School band participated in the program, which was recorded by both local radio stations for rebroadcast later.

In Chicago, the car from Arkansas, together with similar food gifts from the farmers of 17 other states, will be loaded into the MS Prins Willem III, CROP's Friendship Food Ship, whose sailing on October 24 will be an observance of United Nations Day of nationwide interest.

Similar food contributions collected under auspices of the Christian Rural Overseas Program will be shipped that day both to Europe and Asia, and additional cargoes will be sent as the 1950 harvest appeal of CROP gets under way in rural areas.

In the three years it has been in existence, CROP has shipped more than 3,000 cars of food to hungry peoples overseas. During the 1949 program Arkansas contributed over \$20,000 to CROP. This was equivalent to about 10 cars of rice.

An appropriate ceremony alongside the ship in Chicago will center attention on CROP activities. The Friendship Food Ship will be docked in the Chicago River at the busy Michigan Boulevard bridge, within view of thousands of passers-by. At 11 a. m., when the Freedom Bell will ring and whistles blow, as everywhere else throughout the country, the loading ceremony will commence.

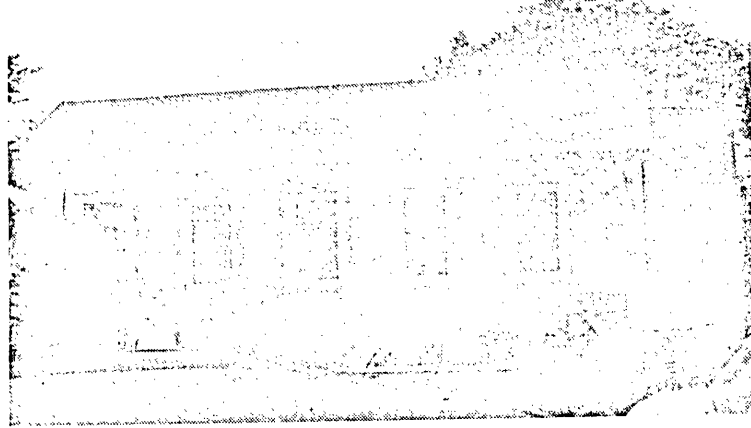
The bulk of the cargo will have been loaded by that time, but a small portion of each state's gift will be reserved as a token. The 60 freight carloads of food which will go into the Prins Willem III's holds will consist of farm produce donated by farmers of 18 states. It will also include powdered milk and dried eggs donated by the Federal Government from surplus stores for which CROP has paid costs of packing and transportation from storage points to Chicago.

## 5,000 CHRISTIAN WORKERS WANTED

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George W. Noble, The Christian Co. Dept. D, Pontiac Bldg., Chicago, 5, Ill.

## COLE'S CHAPEL DEDICATED



The Cole's Chapel Methodist Church, on the Charleston Charge, is a beautiful little stone building with a full basement. It is built on a knoll commanding a good view of the surrounding beautiful country. It is situated five miles south of Branch and ten miles north of Booneville on Highway No. 23 in the center of a prosperous farming and stock raising community.

The building is lighted with fluorescent lights and heated with Butane gas. The kitchen is completely furnished with an electric range and equipped to serve one hundred or more.

The new building was started October 1st, 1947, and was completed August 1st, 1950, and completely paid for September 1st, 1950. The value of the building is \$15,000 which does not include the value of the ten acres of land which belong to the church.

A great deal of credit and praise is due to the building committee

for their progressive foresight in building for the years ahead. This committee is composed of: L. E. Patterson, Chairman; T. H. Byrd, Treasurer; Omer Lee, Clemond McKenzie, Mrs. C. C. Cole, Mrs. E. A. McMillan, Mrs. T. H. Byrd.

The building was dedicated Sunday, October 8th, 1950, with Bishop Paul E. Martin preaching the dedicatory sermon. The district superintendent, Dr. W. Henry Goodloe and Dr. E. T. Wayland, editor, Arkansas Methodist, took part in the service.

A large crowd gathered for this very significant service and expressed their appreciation of the wonderful sermon brought by Bishop Martin and the fine work that had been accomplished.

It would be hard to evaluate or estimate the good that will accrue to this community by the building of this beautiful little church.—Rev. and Mrs. D. G. Hindman, Pastors.

## ELMER H. HOOK SUB-DISTRICT YOUNG ADULT FELLOWSHIP

The Elmer H. Hook Sub-District Young Adult Fellowship met at Prairie Grove on October 12. Rev. Arnold Simpson opened the meeting with prayer, and Mrs. Joyce Cunningham, accompanied by Mrs. Alf Eason, sang a solo.

Rev. S. O. Patty, host pastor, welcomed the group and introduced Mrs. W. F. Cooley as the principal speaker. Mrs. Cooley presented the story, "The Lost Word" by Henry Van Dyke. She impersonated the characters of the story in a very vital and effective way.

Rev. Alf Eason presided over a business session. He reported the recommendation of a committee of ministers and laymen that the group be sub-divided and put on a county basis. It was accepted almost unanimously. Benton County will constitute one sub-division and Washington County another. Madison County may choose to go with either.

Recently a Young Adult Fellowship was organized at Gravette with Dwight Bickford as president and Mrs. Dorothy Hicks as secretary. It had six representatives at this sub-district meeting.

Games were conducted in the basement of the church by Mr. Joe Bland, and refreshments were served.—H. W. Jinske, Reporter.

A good example is like a bell that calls many to church.—Danish proverb

## NEWS FROM THE JONESBORO DISTRICT

About twenty-five ministers of the Jonesboro District met at Fisher Street Church, Jonesboro, Monday, October 9th, at 8 o'clock for their second fall breakfast, and other interests concerning the work in the district. Rev. E. B. Williams, district superintendent, was in charge, and Rev. W. M. Womack was pastor host. The women of the church served breakfast.

At the close of breakfast, Brother Williams called the meeting to order. Rev. Irl Bridenthal, of Lepanto, led in singing "God of Grace and God of Glory," and Rev. H. A. Stroup, of Keiser, led the prayer. The district superintendent led in reading "The Spirit of Faith", which is the twenty-second Sunday's lesson.

Rev. LeRoy Henry, secretary for several months, has been recalled to service with the Chaplains Corps, of the Air Corps, and Rev. Lyman Barger, of Huntington Avenue Church was elected secretary. Rev. Paul Bumpers, of Marked Tree, was elected assistant secretary.

Brother Williams stressed the importance of Quarterly Conference reports. He said these reports should be accurate and on official forms, which could be filed, thus making the conference short and more interesting, with a composite report given by the pastor in charge. Our district superintendent has a record which will be hard to beat in that his shortest quarterly conference consisted of only three minutes.

In connection with the Week of Dedication discussion, Brother Williams reported on his recent trip to the meeting of bishops and district superintendents at Indianapolis. He said, "No doubt, this was the greatest meeting of its kind ever held." He also said the Week of Dedication would be February 18th, through 25th, and that if the personal dedication is stressed the offering will take care of itself.

The study books for this phase of preaching and teaching mission, "Our Church", were discussed. Rev. H. Lynn Wade, of Wilson, made a motion that the district purchase three sets, to be placed at Jonesboro, Marked Tree, and Blytheville, for loan to preachers in each area. In connection with this, Rev. Roy Bagley of Blytheville, made a motion that all ministers receiving more than \$2,400 salary pay \$1.00 each toward the purchase of these study books, and the motion carried.

It was made clear in the meeting, that from here on out in the Advance for Christ and His Church, every church is requested to have an individual foreign project. In connection with the Advance, Bishop Martin has requested the name of every church in his area which has not paid any amount on the Advance for Christ and His Church. Bishop and Mrs. Martin, are to speak at First Methodist Church in Jonesboro, Sunday Evening, October 22, at 7:30 o'clock.

Every pastor in the district was urged to have a personal evangelism campaign in his church this year. Rev. Ira Bridenthal, district director of Evangelism, spoke on the "Advance For Christ and His Church," stressing the importance of the work sheet, "Preview of Methodist Advance." He made a special request that all surplus copies be returned to him. The National Week of Evangelism is February 25th through March 1st.

A letter was read from Chaplain LeRoy Henry, and the new secretary was instructed to send greetings from the ministers of the district. Several of the ministers made announcements regarding their local situations.

Rev. C. C. Burton, Leachville, who is serving his third year as a pastor, invited the ministers of the district to have breakfast with him and his church, Tuesday, November 14th, at 8 o'clock. The meeting closed by singing "Blest Be the Tie", and the benediction was given by Rev. Ray McLester of Joiner.—J. W. Moore, Caraway, and Ray McLester, Joiner, Press Representatives.

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## CORNERSTONE LAID AT JUDSONIA



SUNDAY, October 1st, was a great day for the people of Judsonia Methodist Church, when the cornerstone for the newly-built church was placed, the church building having been completed.

The church was attractively decorated with beautiful flowers by the women of the church. Rev. David Conyers, a former pastor, brought an inspiring message upon: "Christ Making All Things New." He, in an interesting manner, applied the message to the building and those who worship there. He urged that the people be renewed in spirit, as the building had been renewed without. Rev. W. W. Peterson, also a former pastor, led in an earnest prayer for deeper consecration in life and work. Rev. Coy E. Whitten, district superintendent of the Searcy District, led in an impressive manner, in the beautiful ritual of laying of the cornerstone. The women of the church served refreshments in the recreation hall of the church while the people mingled with each other getting better acquainted.

Since the uniting of the churches, the members of this church have considered and work on a building program. Resolutions and words were changed into action in October 1949, Rev. E. C. Hance being pastor,

when the men of the church began by hard labor to tear down the old education building of the former Methodist Episcopal Church, South, and to rebuild.

Pooling what had been secured from the sale of the Methodist Episcopal Church and parsonage, and what had been secured from time to time for the building fund, with what could be secured at that time, the men went to work and a new education building has been erected, the old sanctuary being renewed without, within. It has been rocked with native stones on the outside, and sheet rocked on the inside. Now we have an attractive, worshipful place to meet and worship God, a pastor's study, a kitchen, dining room and recreation hall, and ten class rooms. The building was almost completed when we reached here in June.

This came to pass because the people had a mind to work and to contribute. They gave of their time, their efforts, and of their money. God blessed the labors of their hands. We have the building completed with an indebtedness of only \$1500.00 with three years in which to pay it.

Mrs. Sherman and I are happy in our work here with these good people.—Jefferson Sherman, Pastor.

## RESTING IN THE SHADE OF AN OAK


A more beautiful picture cannot be produced in the mind than that given in the 13th chapter of Second Kings. It is that of a prophet of God sitting in the shade of an oak tree resting from a weary journey. So long as human bodies shall continue to grow tired, and so long as kindly nature shall offer a moment's respite from scorching noon tide heat, just so long will this picture continue to make its appeal to the esthetic eye. But alas! it is a picture of danger.

This unnamed prophet of Judah had been commissioned by the Lord to go to Bethel and there to cry out against her heathen altars, and to rebuke the wicked king, Jeroboam, for having led the people into idolatrous worship. It was a hazardous and unpleasant task, but the prophet faithfully obeyed his call, and having performed his mission, he set out for home, happy in the consciousness of duty well done, and rejoicing in the victories of the day.

God had told him to do this without eating or drinking in that place and to accept no reward for his services. But only a short distance out, he halted in the shade of an oak tree and then sat down to

rest. This sitting down to rest at this particular time, marred all the glories of the day, and marked the fatal tragedy in his life. He had faithfully proclaimed the doom of idolatrous worshipers—including the king, and great was the demonstration of God's power with him—heathen altars torn down, burned and their ashes scattered. God had protected him from the hand of Jeroboam, stretched out to harm him. That hand was smitten and withered, and when Jeroboam repented and begged for mercy, his hand was restored. A great day of service in the life of the prophet.

Being tired hungry and thirsty, the few minutes' rest in the shade had intensified his desire for a more prolonged rest and for refreshment in a comfortable tent. He is now relaxed and off his guard, and an easy victim of any temptation to satisfy the appetites of the flesh. Then it was that the devil came to him in the person of a lying prophet, and induced him to do what the magnificent offers of the king had failed to do. Out of gratitude for his restored hand, the king had invited him to dine at the palace, and receive a reward besides. These alluring offers were declined.



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## METHODISM ON THE COLT CHARGE

Rev. L. L. Langston is the pastor of Colt Circuit. He has given outstanding service to the church in rural areas for a number of years. His has always been a sacrificial spirit. No man among us has given more tirelessly to the work of the Master. Mrs. Langston has been a strong and steady helpmate.

The work on the Colt Charge has gone forward in a wonderful way under his leadership. It is a high privilege to work with him and his people this year. It is our hope that the charge will be strengthened at all points as extra effort and attention are given through the Conference Parish Program.—J. Albert Gatlin

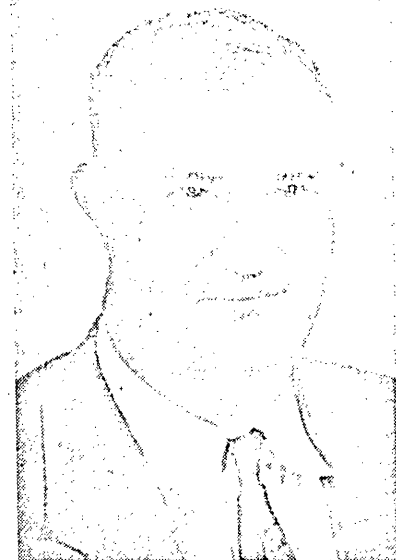
*They need not depart: give Ye them to eat. Matthew 14:16*

WE found the Smith Chapel Church on the Colt Charge in need of attention and the building in great need of repair. The pastor would preach one Sunday afternoon a month to from three to seven people. As we began to visit in the homes of these people and to show an interest in them, these people began to show more interest in the church.

Brother J. Albert Gatlin came our way in August and assisted us in a revival meeting, which resulted in twenty-four additions to the church. A Sunday School with an enrollment of sixty-four persons was organized and it now has an average attendance of fifty. We also have a Methodist Youth Fellowship evening meeting.

Mrs. H. H. Fulbright, Searcy, and Mrs. J. W. Glass, Crawfordville, came and helped organize a W.S. C.S.

The people have put a new roof on the church building, have redecorated the interior of the sanctuary, and have built concrete steps



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at the entrance. They have also purchased a piano for use in the church.

Brother Gatlin is going to assist us in all of our churches this year. He will be with us in the revival meeting at Colt in November. To date, forty-four new members have been received into membership in the churches on this charge. The average attendance in Sunday School is more than three hundred.

We feel a new day has dawned for the rural church. We have oftentimes sold church buildings because we have failed to show an interest in the people concerned. In many communities Methodism has moved out leaving the people to look to other churches for spiritual care. No other denomination can offer people what The Methodist Church can.

I hope the day is here when Methodism will move into rural areas and not out.—L. L. Langston

tragic spot, "alas! alas! my brother". For any Christian to sit down and become inactive, it is sure to work a spiritual tragedy in his life, and we will miss the moral of this story, if we overlook the fact that it was the halting, the stopping and sitting down to rest, that wrought the deadly undoing of the prophet of Judah.—J. B. Stewart, Newark.

The life of a pious minister is visible rhetoric.—Thos. Hooker

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## NEWS

## HAYNES M. Y. F.

The Haynes Methodist Youth Fellowship met on Sunday night, October 8, when election of officers was held as follows: President, Waneta Long; Vice-president, Martha Harrison; Secretary-treasurer, Dotty Sandage and Reporter, John New.

A lesson was read from the 6th chapter of Matthew and Rev. J. W. Sandage gave a talk on the meaning of the Lord's Prayer. The Fellowship chose as its favorite verse for the evening the 33rd verse of the 6th chapter of Matthew which reads, "But seek ye first the kingdom of

God and his righteousness and all these things shall be added unto you."—John New, Reporter

## WE ARE ON THE MOVE

In two weeks the presidents of the sub-districts, the counselors of the sub-districts, the District directors of Youth Work, and the Conference Youth Council will meet at Hendrix College for the annual North Arkansas Conference Sub-district Training Program. It opens with registration at 4:00 p. m., November 3, 1950, in room 110 of the Administration Building. Better put that down in your little black

book. We shall all eat together in Hulen Hall and sing some songs before we swing into discussion of our sub-district problems. There will be some reports and some time to learn to lead a little recreation. We plan to close with a short worship service at 9:30.

The Saturday morning meeting will include a program of plans for making the sub-district mean more to Methodist youth. There is a great need, also, for tying the sub-district in with the conference program so that we can all work toward the same goals, helping each other as we go.

This is our chance to make our Methodist Church beyond the local church a real part of Christian living.—Stan Reed, President, North Arkansas Conference, Methodist Youth Fellowship

## MEETING OF MISSISSIPPI COUNTY SUB-DISTRICT

The Mississippi County Sub-District met October 9th at the Luxora

Methodist Church. The meeting was called to order by Jimmy Gossit, the president. It was decided that each Methodist Youth Fellowship would have a program on Sunday evening, November 5th on alcohol.

The Osceola M. Y. F. invited the Sub-District to their Hallowe'en party to be given on Monday, October 23rd at 7:45 p. m. Everyone is to come in costume.

Churches represented were: Dell, Blytheville, Luxora, Promised Land, Yarbrow and Osceola.

Luxora was in charge of the worship service. A movie, "The Rich Young Ruler" was shown, and then a skit which gave some results of drinking alcohol. Miss Sue Osment, Youth Director of Blytheville First Church, closed the worship service with prayer.

Games were played in the basement of the church, with Mrs. Newman as director. Mrs. A. B. Rozelle was in charge of refreshments.—Patsy Cone, Osceola, Reporter

## UNION COUNTY

## SUB-DISTRICT ROUND-UP

By MRS. E. W. HARRIS

THE second Annual Fall Round-Up for Union County Sub-District Methodist Church, El Dorado, opened with a Round-Up Party and Chuck Wagon Supper with the local Youth Fellowship as host. One hundred sixty-five young people and adults registered at the Corral and went through the Brand-in' Station.

Following the Chuck-Wagon Supper which was served from a Covered Wagon by several Ranch Hands in Western dress, and gala games in Western style, the monthly business meeting of the Sub-District was conducted by the new President, Morris McKinnon of Pleasant Grove Church. The Program Calendar for the year was presented which was the result of planning done at a Day's Retreat by old and new Sub-District Officers.

The whole group was then divided by Ranch Brands into seven Discussion Groups led by Rev. and Mrs. Charles H. Giessen, Camden District Director of Youth; Miss Olivia Bradley, Camden District W. S. C. S. Secretary of Missionary Personnel; Mrs. Harvey W. Couch, Director of Religious Education, First Methodist, El Dorado; Miss Joan Powlledge, Youth Caravaner from First Church; The Sub-District Fellowship Team—composed of Mrs. J. S. Williamson, Advisor and District

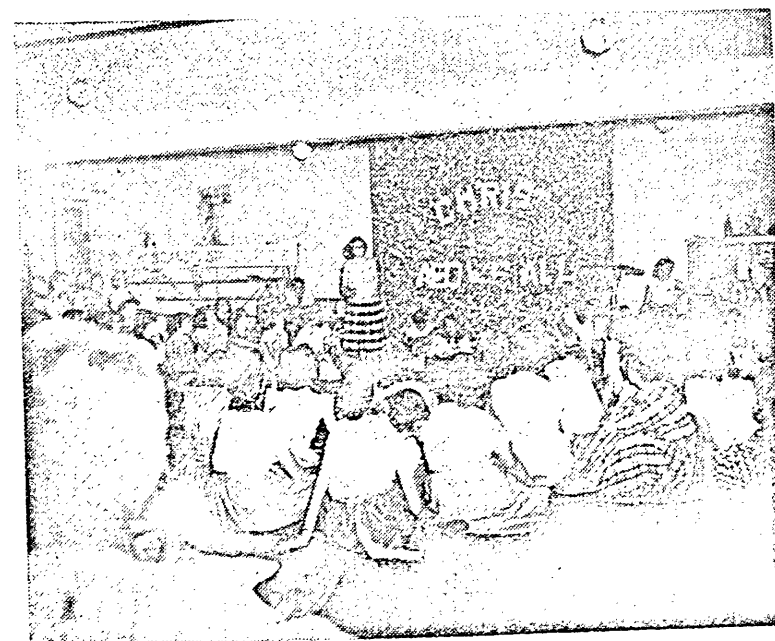
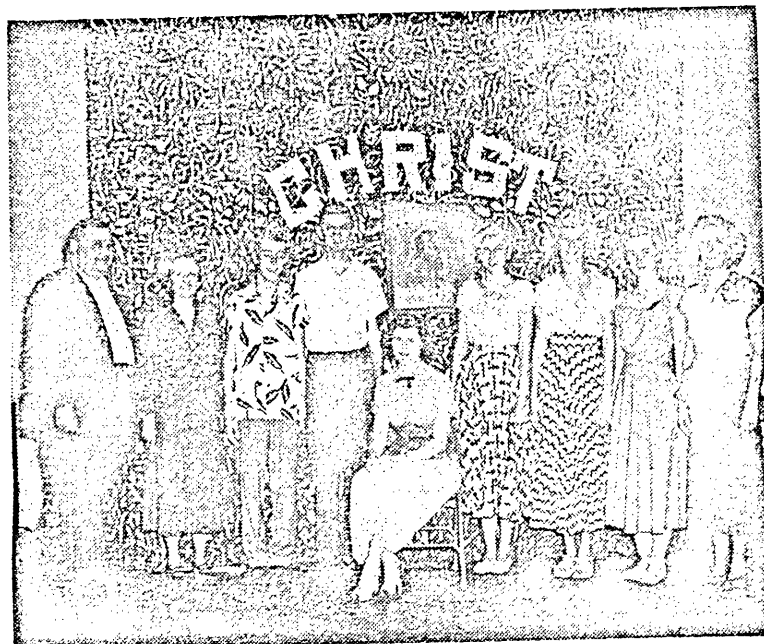
W. S. C. S. Secretary of Youth Work, Judy Sayre, Carolyn Rawls, Winston Comer and Carr Dee Racop of Pine Bluff District; and Mrs. Edward W. Harris, Sub-District Counselor. Needs and interests of local Youth Fellowships for the coming year were discussed and then shared all together with the total group in a Camp-fire Session, climaxed by a beautiful worship service on the meaning of the Methodist Youth Fellowship, led by Sub-District Worship Chairman, Miss Molly Rogers.

The last two nights of the Round-Up were planned especially for Intermediate and Senior Officers and their Adult Workers with separate Officer Training groups ("Bronco Bustin' for Officers") and five large Program Workshops. Recreation and Worship were features of both evenings. Rev. Dan R. Robinson of Crossett, directed a special Recreation Hour on the last evening—"Round-up Finale." The three-day Round-up climaxed with a beautiful Candelight Communion Service at 9:00 p. m. on Wednesday, led by the District Director, Rev. Charles H. Giessen and the Fellowship Team.

The Planning Committee for the Round-Up was made up of the Sub-District Fellowship Team, Sub-District Officers, Adult Advisors, and members, assisted by Mrs. Harvey W. Couch, and Mrs. Edward W. Harris.

New Officers for 1950-51 in Union County Sub-District M. Y. F. are as follows: President—Morris McKinnon; Vice-President—Elsie Mae Roberson; Secretary-Treasurer—Judy Sayre; Reporter—Albert Sanders. Commission Chairmen: Worship and Evangelism—Mollie Rogers, Chairman, and Mrs. Charles Herrington, Advisor; World Friendship—Paul Wike, Chairman, and Mrs. H. J. Cottrell, Advisor; Community Service—Bobby Rogers, Chairman, and Mrs. J. T. Dodson, Advisor; Recreation—Winston Comer, Chairman, and Mrs. Eric Long, Advisor.

Union County Sub-District M. Y. F. meets monthly in the various churches in the County, with a Quarterly Council Meeting and Commission Workshops at First Methodist, El Dorado.



TOP: The Fellowship Team, Youth Caravaner, District Director and Sub-District Counselor.

Seated: Center—Miss Joan Powlledge Youth Caravaner, First Church, El Dorado, Student at S.M.U., who caravaned in the Pennsylvania Conference this summer.

Standing: L. to R.—Rev. Charles H. Giessen, District Youth Director; Mrs. Edward W. Harris, Sub-District Counselor; Winston Comer, El Dorado; Mr. Carr Dee Racop, Pine Bluff District; Miss Judy Sayre, Miss Carolyn Rawls, Miss Carolyn Hawkins, and Mrs. J. S. Williamson, Counselor for the Fellowship Team, which trained at the Fellowship Team Lab at Aldersgate in July.

BOTTOM: Sharing Session, first night of the Round-up. Miss Shade Marie Rushing, President of Intermediate Youth Fellowship, First Church, El Dorado, is standing reporting from her Discussion Group.

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## THE CONGO SPANS TWENTY CENTURIES IN ONE

By LAWRENCE H. ROBINSON, Jadotville,  
Belgian Congo, Africa

**I**N a recent issue of *Congo Protestant News*, an editorial spoke of the needs of Protestant work in the cities of Congo. The needs are greater in the cities because we have folks from all over Congo, from many different tribes and villages. Can you imagine how lost you'd feel if you were from a small town and went to a big town where all things were strange and different? Can you imagine the world before the time of Christ: suddenly, in less than 100 years, civilization, as we have it in 1950, is given to that world! What would you do? How would you feel? That is the Congo's situation.

Our task is with 20th Century equipment to work with people who have just found out that they are part of a large world. Maybe a generation has passed, maybe not, since some of our friends first saw a white man. How would you feel?

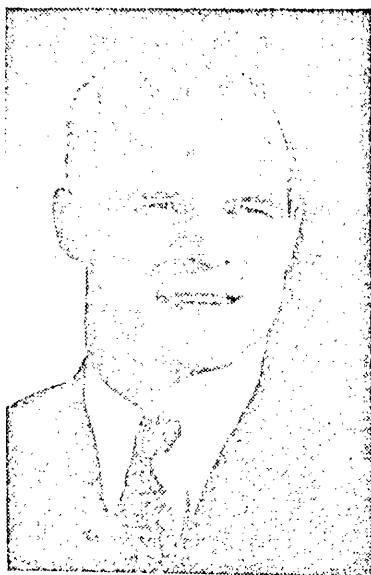
Our work in Jadotville, with 45,000 Africans, 5,000 Europeans, is enough to keep three missionaries couples busy full time. We have eleven preaching points in the city itself. We have three pastors to do the work. On the first of February we began to build a church at the native city. The walls are up, windows, and door frames up, but that is all. We're having to stop work for lack of funds. In Jadotville, itself, we had to tear down a church in September 1949 because it was condemned. When it was built over 25 years ago, it was a temporary building. We have another church at the Union Miniere section of the city that has its walls bulging with pupils in school during the week and crowded on Sundays.

Our large school of 245 pupils and seven teachers is at the native city where we are building the new church. The class rooms, finished last year, are already filled to overflowing, with the kindergarten class meeting in the old church. We need new teachers' houses. The teachers live in mud-brick, one-room houses with outside kitchens. We very recently put water on the mission grounds and would like to put electricity in so that the teachers could do better work.

We have one large group of women that meets every Thursday at 8:00 a. m. There were well over 125 most of the time. Usually one of the women gives a talk and three or four lead in prayer. The group is getting so large that as soon as we have adequate places in the eleven preaching places here in Jadotville, we will meet in the local churches each Thursday and have a large monthly meeting. But the meetings once a week aren't enough. These women have so much time on their hands they don't know what to do. In their little villages they would have gardens, wood to gather, cassava to pound into meal. Here they have enough money so they can get all those things already done in town. So they go to town, come home, fix two meals a day, and the rest of the time sit and gossip and don't do much of anything else.

We have a woman's school in one part of town, but we need two more woman's schools as there is such a distance between centers. There are two men's schools, where Swahili and French are being taught. We

could use three social centers in three different parts of town. In a very short time, they would be used from sun-up to sun-down. With electricity they would serve until 10:00 p. m. We have a fine Boy Scout troop and when we get leadership we'll have a girl's group. We've recently started a M. Y. F.



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One of the teachers spends his free afternoon once a week with the young people, in study, prayer, and play. There are 25 to 40 in this group. Again, when we get more leadership, we can expand this group.

The Jadotville district extends south toward Elizabethville for 50 miles, and 150 miles north and west past Kolwezi. There are in addition to our three pastors in Jadotville, eight others who carry on the work in this huge area. The only means of transportation for the pastors is by bicycle. They visit and work in over 60 villages and towns. Every time we visit in the villages, they ask for teachers. We have to tell them that they can have a teacher when they will support him. Pastors in Jadotville are supported by their people, but not yet in the villages.

A few weeks ago, we went to a village about 20 miles from Jadotville. It was just about five miles as the crow flies, but we went as

far as we could in the car, and then began to walk along a path where the grass was as high or higher than we were. Then we began to go down a hill to a river. There were some Africans there to meet us, and take us across the river. We were directed into a warped, bark boat, one at a time, and taken across the very swift stream. There were more folks on the bank to meet us. Then we walked about two miles through brush, gardens, and tall grass. We were met just outside the village by people singing and clapping their hands and waving flowers. We went to the chapel which was tree branches, grass roof, dirt floor, and logs on the floor for seats. It was about 5 feet by 7 feet. When we were ready to start folks began coming in and crowding, some leaning against the outside. There were over 100 there for the service.

After the preaching, there was a baptismal service. There were twenty children and thirty adults. We had to adjourn to the outside for the service, as well as for the reception of members. But before that part of the service was finished, it began to rain. It was finished in a hurry and we went back inside the chapel. There between raindrops, communion was served to about fifty persons. After the services they asked for a teacher. Again we had to give them the same answer.

There is a cry here for education, but the people can't see paying for it. Another cry is leadership: consecrated, African leadership that knows God's message to their people. There is, too, for missionaries, pastors, teachers, social workers who've had experience at home

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sionary from China, is to be with us in Forrest City on October 22 at 2:00 p. m. We hope many of the Methodist women of the district will be present to hear Miss McCain. —Mrs. Jack W. Glass, Forrest City District Promotion Secretary

Every day increases the sheer weight of knowledge put into our hands, some new power control over natural processes . . . Our age is being forcibly reminded that knowledge is no substitute for wisdom. Far and away the most important thing in human life is living it.—Rt. Rev. Frank R. Barry, Bishop of Southwell, England

Business is religion, and religion is business. The man who does not make a business of his religion has a religious life of no force, and the man who does not make a religion of his business has a business life of no character. —Maltbie Babcock.

There can be no rainbow without a cloud and a storm.—J. H. Vincent, Country Gentleman

and can help in this work. There is need for new churches to replace old ones, here in Jadotville, three social centers to help these "displaced" people; need for more school rooms for our city school; need for more women workers to help with the women's and girl's work; need for your prayers, your concern, and your money to help lighten this "dark continent."

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### HOW DO READING AND MEDITATION ENRICH PERSONAL CHRISTIAN LIVING?

LESSON FOR OCTOBER 29, 1950

READ THE ENTIRE LESSON FROM YOUR BIBLE:  
Acts 17:10-12; Philippians 4:8-9; II Timothy 2:15, 4:13.

GOLDEN TEXT: "Whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is gracious, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things." (Philippians 4:8)

#### Importance Of Reading And Meditating

Reading and meditating are two activities that cannot be over-emphasized. We read in God's Word "As a man thinketh in his heart so is he". We live like we think. No life can soar above the general level of its thoughts. One of the greatest helps to thinking is reading. When we read we think the thoughts of others. This stimulates our own thinking and in most cases gives us greater ideas than we could have ever had unassisted.

The writer of the first Psalm emphasizes this matter of meditation. In speaking of the "blessed man" he goes on to say, "But his delight is in the law of the Lord; and in his law doth he meditate day and night." Through reading the individual would come to know the law and then through meditation he would come to properly interpret it.

#### Paul's Appreciation Of Reading and Meditation

Paul possessed one of the great minds of the age in which he lived. He often spoke and wrote under direct inspiration from God, but in spite of this special help he saw the necessity of reading and meditating. He was a student of the highest type. Judging from his writings, he was well versed in the Greek, Latin, and Hebrew literature of his day. He is universally called "the great Apostle". It is said that he labored more abundantly than all the others. There can be but little doubt that one of the reasons why he was more effective than the others was because he read and meditated more than they.

Not only did Paul practice reading and meditating in his own life but he liked to see others do the same. The first scripture of our lesson today tells of some trouble that Paul and Silas had at Thessalonica. They had to leave the city by night. They made their way to Berea and began preaching the gospel there. The response in this community was different. Paul had this to say about the people there: "Now these Jews were more noble than those in Thessalonica, for they received the word with eagerness, examining the scriptures daily to see if these things were so." The trouble with the Jews at Thessalonica was they had closed minds. They refused to read and meditate. Such procedure would have enabled them to ascertain whether or not Paul was correctly interpreting the scripture. The scripture spoken of here was the Old Testament. The Jews everywhere were more or less acquainted with it. Some of them, however, were so filled with prejudice that they deliberately closed

their minds to the truth. Some open-minded reading and meditating would have prevented them from making this serious mistake. Little wonder—under the circumstances—that Paul would so greatly admire those who had the habit of reading and meditating.

#### Paul's Instruction To The Philippians

Our next scripture has to do with some instructions that Paul gave the church at Philippi. This instruction had to do with study, thinking, meditating. He gave them certain subjects to think about. Note the importance of these subjects. No one can make a habit of meditating upon them without becoming a better person. "Whatever is true"—true in the sense of being the truth. It is said that knowing and practicing the truth will make one free; true also in the sense of being genuine. "Whatever is honorable"—honorable here refers to the type of character that emerges when the truth is faithfully practiced both in word and deed. "Whatever is just"—just refers to righteousness and in the Bible righteousness always means rightness of relationships. Our relationships look out in two directions—toward God and toward our fellowman. To be just means to be right with both God and man. "Whatever is pure"—pure means cleanness of life both with regards to inward desires and outward acts. Jesus said "Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God." The pure in heart see God in the beauties of nature; the unfolding of history; the lives of good people; the Bible and other good literature; and most of all in Christ. The state of our character determines our outlook upon the world. "Whatever is lovely"—the most lovely thing on earth is a righteous character. "Whatever is gracious"—This refers to whatever is morally attractive. Paul concludes this remarkable passage with an admonition to these people to think on these high qualities of life.

#### Paul's Advice To Timothy

Timothy was Paul's son in the gospel. Paul realized that his preaching days were about over. He was very anxious that Timothy carry on in the best possible way. He realized that in order to do this Timothy must read and meditate. In so doing he would win the approval of God. "Do your best", said Paul, "to present yourself to God as one approved, a workman who has no need to be ashamed, rightly handling the word of truth." No greater advice can be given to ministers of the gospel and teachers whether such teachers be parents in the home or workers in the

church school. Many of our modern home problems would be settled if parents took more time to study in order that they might rightly handle the word of truth. The problems of lack of interest and poor attendance in the church school would be largely solved if teachers would do more studying. The church would have more power and influence in our various communities if we preachers were greater students and more efficient in handling God's Word.

#### Paul Practiced What He Preached

Talk is cheap. Unless one practices in his own life what he says there is not much use in saying it. It can be truly said of some, "What you do speaks so loudly that I can't hear what you say." This, however, was not true with Paul. He did himself what he advised others to do. When Paul wrote his second letter to Timothy he knew that he was near the end. He realized that his days of service were about over, but he still had a hungry mind. We find him saying to his son in the gospel: "When you come, bring the cloak that I left with Carpus at Troas, also the books, and above all the parchments." Some scholars think that the parchments here refer to the Hebrew Scriptures; the Old Testament, and that the books refer to writings of certain Greek and Latin authors. Paul was a great author in his own rights. He had already written some of the most remarkable literature that ever came from the pen of man, but still he was anxious to read the writings of others. Paul might well have said, "There isn't much use in continuing my reading habits. My time is about over, and too, I have already produced greater literature than these authors I am reading after, ever wrote. For the rest of my time I'll just take it easy." But he did not say that. I am sure he continued reading right down to the very day of his death. What an example to those of us who would become mentally lazy on the job. The writer has been greatly impressed by scholars, like O. E. Goddard, who continued their reading habits right down to the very end. These men were following in the footsteps of Paul.

#### Our Own Needs

What can be said to encourage all of us—the writer included—to do more reading and meditating? Shall we talk of needs? These are our greatest needs. We would not think of failing to feed our bodies, and if we did, we would soon perish physically. Yet all know when they stop to consider that the mind needs food as well as the body. When we fail to read and meditate we perish mentally. Like trees, we begin dying at the top. The Apostle Peter tells us to grow in grace and in the same breath he goes on to say, "and in the knowledge of the Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ." Peter knew that it is impossible to grow in grace without at the same time growing in knowledge.

We cannot reach a certain point in our religious development and stop. There is no place in the Kingdom of God to rest on the oars. We either go forward or backward; we progress or we retrogress. Multiplied thousands start out on the Christian way of life and then turn back. It would be quite a revelation to know just how many did so because they ceased to read and meditate. Even where one cannot read for himself others can read to

him, and the meditation can go on just the same. People do not have to be scholars to meditate. Paul called on the Philippians to do this and yet they were a group of people who had recently been converted from heathenism. Our reasoning does not always have to be perfect. The journey we travel in reaching the truth is often as helpful to us as the truth itself.

#### The Difference Between Reading and Meditating

There is a difference between reading and meditating. Reading is the process by which one gathers information, while meditation is that by which he assimilates and brings it into usable form in his own life. Compared to material food, reading is comparable to the eating of food, while meditation is comparable to digesting it and bringing it into usable form in building up body tissue.

Carrying the above figure a step further, there is such a thing as one eating too much. He can eat more than he can digest, and when he does he suffers with indigestion. The same is true in the matter of reading. One may go racing along with his reading and thus gather a lot of information, but unless he takes time to meditate upon it, assimilate it and classify it, his reading only leads to a greater state of confusion. He has no solid convictions and opinions of his own. The opinions upon which he operates are those of the particular author he happens to be reading at any given time. Most people, however, read too little, and there is not one in a hundred who meditates as he should. Meditation has largely become a lost art.

#### The Element Of Time

The chief reason why reading and meditation are so greatly neglected in our age is because there are so many other things bidding for our time. We are living too fast. We are going about ninety miles an hour to get nowhere to do nothing. We are not really accomplishing more, especially in the realm of literature, than people did in other ages of the world. Much of our motion is lost; much of our energy is expended in running around in circles. We recall the old song, "Take Time To Be Holy". Reading and meditation are great helps in reaching this state of character. Somehow we must find time to look after these important matters of life. The chances are this can only be done by taking less time with other things that are of less importance.

This lesson may well prove a turning point in the lives of those who take it seriously, especially those who have been neglecting reading and meditation as means of character building. In our study the Bible should have first consideration, but we should also find time to read and digest some of the other great literature. There is nothing that will prove more helpful in enriching our personal Christian living.

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