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"The World Is My Parish" — John.

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and Methodists in Arkansas

Go ye into all the world — Mark 16:15

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Win Or Lose, The Fight Must Go On

AS we go to press the thousands of voters of Arkansas are going to the polls to vote for or against Act Number 2. Win or lose by whatever majority either way, the prohibition forces recognize that the fight is not over; in fact it has just reached the critical stage.

If Act Number 2 is adopted prohibition forces will soon realize that the threat of the liquor forces to continue the sale of liquor through bootleggers was not an idle threat. Liquor plays along with the law only so long as the law permits and protects the sale of liquor. If the law forbids the sale of liquor then the only concern liquor has for the law is to find a way to successfully evade it and continue operation.

If it happens that Act Number 2 is defeated, as law-abiding citizens, the prohibitionists will recognize the legal right of liquor to operate in Arkansas wherever the law permits. Prohibitionists will never recognize the moral right of liquor to operate anywhere. Consequently the fight will go on and prohibitionists will continue to work through moral and legal processes to stamp out the sale of liquor in Arkansas. Win or lose the fight must go on.

War With China Would Be Indescribable Tragedy

NEAR the turn of the century a subject much discussed on the platform, in the pulpit and in the press was "The Yellow Peril." We were told that China was a sleeping giant that would imperil the peace and security of the world when awakened. The subject could be discussed then somewhat dispassionately because the "awakening" of China, at that time, seemed to be reserved for a dim, distant, shadowy future.

Any discussion of "The Yellow Peril" today is not a discussion of some nebulous peril in some unpredictable future. We are face to face with the perils involved in a war with four hundred and fifty millions of desperate orientals thousands of miles away. We are facing also the fact that these millions of Chinese are inspired, undergirded and supplied by the Russian government and might ultimately be joined in battle by the more than two hundred millions of the Soviet Union.

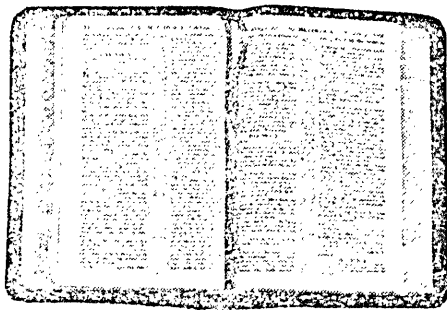
Without regard to Russia, a war with China would be an indescribable tragedy. Considering the wide reaches of Chinese territory and its multiplied millions of potential soldiers, a war with China across the Pacific would be a long story. Japan, fully prepared to enter a world war, and just across the China sea from China was unable, after years of fighting, to do more than drive China's army back into the long interior reaches of that broad country. China was still fighting Japan when that country entered the World War.

Surely our diplomats and statesmen will be able to find a way to avoid war with China. The red Chinese leaders are ambitious but they are not fools. They could be led to see what a war against the United Nations would mean if they were wisely and sensibly approached. Perhaps our methods and our pronouncements since we have crossed the 38th parallel have created a real fear in China for its security. We should try in every reasonable way possible to dispel that fear.

The Bible And The Protestant Reformation

ONE of the principal reasons for the religious helplessness of the common people through the Middle Ages was the fact that only a few people had direct access to the Bible. They were the leaders of the church. This was true because there were only a comparatively few complete Bibles before the day of the printing press. They were in the hands of church leaders. Under such conditions the pronouncements of the church regarding Bible truths were largely accepted as final.

There are some who would say that the Protestant Reformation gave the Bible to the masses of the people; there are others who would say that the wider distribution of the Bible gave the Protestant



Reformation to the world. It was, in fact, the interplay of these forces one on the other that resulted in the religious awakening that came with the Protestant Reformation.

John Wycliffe has been called "The Morning Star of the Reformation." He gave us the first English translation of the Bible in the 14th century and with this translation of the Bible he raised the question, also, regarding the right of the leaders of the Roman Church to dominate the religious world. Also translations of the Bible by Tyndale, Coverdale, Martin Luther and others made the Bible more accessible to people generally than it had ever been before.

These translations of the Bible, together with the invention of the art of printing changed the situation so completely that it was no longer possible for the leaders of the Roman Church to have a monopoly on the Bible. The Protestant Reformation rapidly increased the distribution of the Bible and the distribution of the Bible rapidly increased the powers of the Protestant Reformation.

It has been quite common for the most highly educated students of the Bible to differ in their interpretation of the truths it teaches. This being true, it is not surprising, when the Bible was given to the great masses of people, that there have been various interpretations of its truths by different people. These differences of interpretation have resulted in the many branches of Protestantism now existing. While we may deplore this multiplicity of denominations, we rejoice that the Bible is an open Book accessible to all men who seek a revelation of God.

Endless Line Of Splendor

IN connection with the present emphasis on the Church in the study phase of the Advance for Christ program your attention is directed to a small book "Endless Line of Splendor," edited by Halford E. Luccock, which is now being offered to Methodists. The book is a short history of the Methodist movement told in a series of brief narrative incidents all of which are a true part of the Methodist record. The author is not primarily concerned with dates or documents but he is concerned that the reader know something of the romanticism of Methodism.

Written in a free and attractive manner the book should have a wide distribution and acquaintance with Methodists. Every Methodist pastor is being supplied with a complimentary copy and laymen will do well to heed their pastor's urging to buy and read "Endless Line of Splendor." This little volume will help to increase your appreciation for and devotion to The Methodist Church and the cause of righteousness.

Support Hendrix College And Its Program

SUNDAY, November 26, is the annual date for the receiving by local churches of an offering for Hendrix College and Ministerial Training. There are at least three observable, good, practical reasons why this observance should receive the careful and studied attention by every Methodist church leader in Arkansas.

First, the day is at hand when private schools, such as Hendrix College, are finding it difficult financially to continue the same program which they have had in operation in the past. Costs have risen tremendously for private schools as elsewhere. State-operated schools of higher learning meet these increased costs by higher appropriations from the state government and thus are able to maintain their programs on a continued high level. Private schools if they continue their same programs must depend, in a large measure, upon their sponsoring groups and interested friends to help meet the increased costs. Fifty per cent of the proceeds of the November Special goes to Hendrix College to help insure the high character of work for which Hendrix is known and in which Arkansas Methodism takes pride.

Secondly, Hendrix has a program of ministerial training and leadership development that needs the added support which money alone gives. Anyone who takes the trouble to look into what is being done at Hendrix and through Hendrix to develop churchmen, ministers and laymen, for tomorrow cannot help but be inspired. Then, too, the Boards of Ministerial Training of the two Arkansas annual conferences are working with Hendrix through the school year and during the summer in a program that gives young ministers good practical experience and the privilege of a Hendrix education. Your dollars helped to set up this program and you will want it continued in an even greater fashion.

The third and crowning reason is pictured on pages eight and nine of this issue of the Arkansas Methodist. For years we have been hearing of the ministerial shortage. When the way was provided Methodist young people began to respond and today there is on the Hendrix College campus a group of life service volun-

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Advance Program At First Church El Dorado



A church is judged to be a great church by what it does for others, and not by what it does for itself. First Church El Dorado has had for many years a genuine interest in the extension of the Kingdom that marks it as a great church. For many years this church has supported Miss Mary McSwain, a native Arkansan, as their missionary in Brazil. This has been done through the Jim Waters Memorial Fund, which is a regular part of the annual budget of First Church, given in memory of a great churchman of others years. In addition, First Church contributes \$5,100 to World Service through the budget of the church, each year. In the conference program for this quadrennium, First Church has paid \$6750 on a quota of \$7428 for the Superannuate Endowment Fund. On the quota of \$6035 for the Advance For Christ and His Church, First Church has paid \$4377.73.

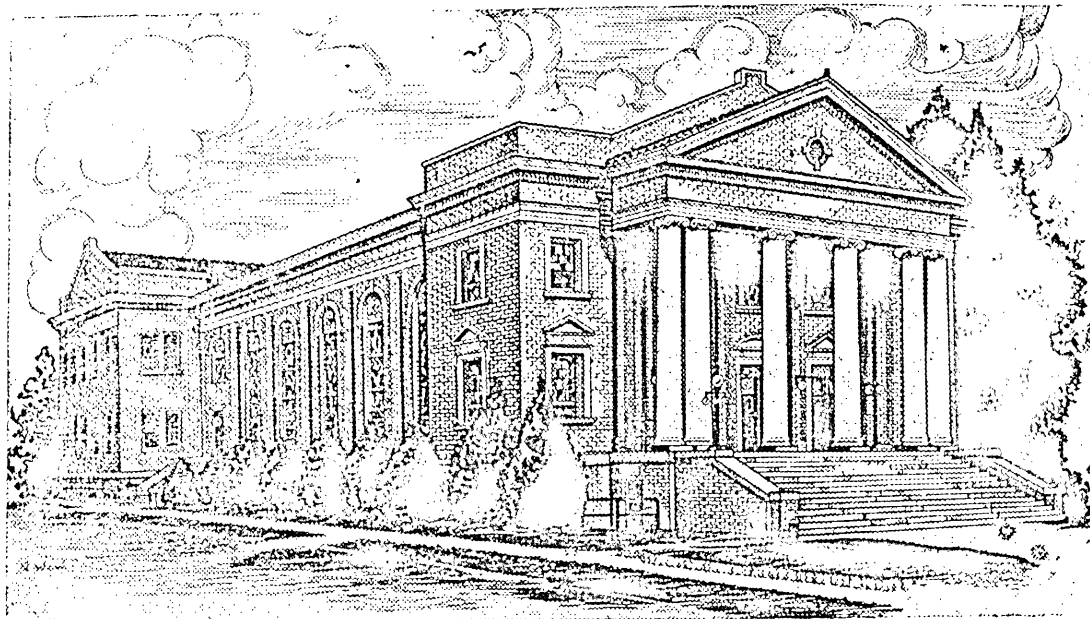
During the past year, First Church has acquired a new and palatial home in which the minister was to find a "parsonage home", at a cost in excess of \$43,000. Payment for this fine dwelling and laying aside of funds for a new educational building called for planning and giving for these local needs. In the midst of providing for their own, First Church did not forget the needs of our Foreign Mission Program in India. They agreed that First Church members could not feel comfortable while their minister walked on oriental rugs if they did not provide for the great needs of the Orient at the same time. The Advance For Christ and His Church Committee met with the Board of Stewards, in joint session, and agreed to accept one of the foreign mission specials that the church might recommend to them.

During the summer of 1950, a challenging project was presented. Asbury Methodist Church had provided for a missionary couple, Rev. and Mrs. W. Clifford Manning, and

they were to sail for Nadiad, India, as District Evangelists. Under the leadership of Rev. Arthur Terry, Asbury had become missionary minded and had done a magnificent thing in providing support for this fine couple. When they were ready

Board of Stewards of First Church, El Dorado, by the pastor, Rev. Edward W. Harris, in their regular monthly meeting in September. They voted unanimously to accept a goal of \$3,000, which is the purchase price of a jeep station wagon,

it is equipped with two folding cots, mosquito nets, etc., and it will carry audio-visual aid equipment, providing much faster, and more impressive ways of presenting their gospel message in a modern manner. The picture of two great churches,



FIRST METHODIST CHURCH, EL DORADO

to sail, it appeared that they would have to sail without transportation or visual-aid equipment which they needed in their work. No church had assumed a special that would cover the purchase of a jeep station wagon, at a cost of approximately \$2400, plus transportation and duty, at a cost of \$600. Brother Terry contacted the General Board of Missions, and Dr. Eugene Smith agreed to advance the price of the jeep from funds to be repaid with money which he assured him some church, or churches, would surely undertake as their advance special. For the visual aid equipment, listed as approved specials in the total amount of \$1525, \$1237.00 of this had reached the treasurer, earmarked for this cause, and was used as far as it would go.

This project was presented to the

plus transportation to India. The money will be raised above and beyond any other goals that are set for the year. People will give throughout the year, and a special offering at Easter will climax this effort. Giving to this cause will help First Church members to personalize their support of foreign missions. They will be sending this fine consecrated missionary couple on their daily journeys in a jeep that First Church has paid for and which will tie them in a vital way to the life of India.

The Mannings will use this station wagon in the rural areas where they will work as District Evangelists, in the Gujarat Conference, which the Methodist Church in Arkansas has chosen to support in the Advance For Christ and His Church. They will sleep in it at night, since

their members and pastors, joining in a common enterprise, is an inspiring one for the Kingdom. Already great churches, because of their interest and support of the extension of the Kingdom, this enterprise is an illustration of the power of connectional programs of missions.

The pastor, Rev. Edward W. Harris, says:

"For First Church, El Dorado, this new foreign mission special will mean more than the completion of a quota. It will mean a revitalization of its entire life as we give new life to a distant field of labor. It will become a thrilling adventure, as we come to think of the jeep no longer as a symbol of military adventure, but as a symbol of the militant gospel on the march in distant India."

LANDSLIDES DESTROY PAKISTAN VILLAGES, HOMES

A cablegram just received by the Board of Missions of the Methodist Church from the Rev. Clyde Stuntz, missionary superintendent in Lahore, Pakistan, gives the news that hundreds of villages in that region were destroyed by floods in September, and that thousands are homeless, and wandering in great distress. Among them are thousands of Christians. He asks a minimum of \$5,000 for rebuilding immediately of the homes of Methodist pastors and teachers. This would ordinarily come from the "Disaster Fund" set up by the Board to meet such emergencies.

The Pakistan flood condition follows by less than three months serious damage in Kashmir, North India, through "excessive rainfall, heavy winds, and consequent landslides." According to Bishop Clement D. Rockey, of Lucknow, India the 32 inches of rain that fell in 50 hours, caused heavy landslides that overran and badly damaged the Mount Hermon School and other properties of the Methodist Church

at Larjeeling in the Himalayas. One of the slides was only a short distance from where six Methodist missionary children were crushed to death in a similar disaster 50 years ago.

The North India flood damage, according to the Rev. James K. Mathews, mission secretary for India and Pakistan, has used up all the Board's "Disaster Fund" for 1950, and Methodist churches and pastors are being asked to contribute extra money for the Fund to be used in Pakistan.

This money may be designated as a "Special" through the "Advance for Christ and His Church." Moneys, designated for the "Disaster Fund" should be sent to Dr. Albert E. Beebe, Treasurer, Division of Foreign Missions, Board of Missions and Church Extension, 150 Fifth Ave., New York 11, N. Y.

WHERE ADVANCE MONEY COMES FROM

Ordinarily money to support the Advance program of the Division of Foreign Missions is mailed to the Rev. Roy S. Smyres, director of the Department of Designated Income.

in the New York office. But when Mr. Smyres was visiting in Richmond, Va., he accepted an invitation to preach at Broad Street Methodist Church, and was presented a check for \$1,800 as an Advance Special.

The pastor, the Rev. Carl J. Sanders, presented the check on behalf of his congregation. It is the fourth annual payment for support of a missionary in West China, Miss Alice Weed.

The Virginia check was one of 9,216 Advance gifts received by the department since June 1, 1950, bringing the total receipts for this fiscal year to \$809,230.14. The total income since the Advance program began in 1948 through August 31, 1950, is \$3,740,804.57. The number of gifts has increased steadily this fiscal year: from 2,696 in June to 3,231 in July, to 3,289 in August.

Advance funds, which are in addition to regular church budgets, represent varying degrees of sacrifice. A farmer in Iowa gave his minister \$100 for "that church and school in India you and the young people have in mind." He added, "The Lord has given me a better crop than I was counting on." The

goal of \$1,500 was met in time to present the check, for a village center, to Bishop Shot K. Mondol, of the Hyderabad Area of India, when he spoke at the church in Menlo, Iowa.

A visiting minister from South America discovered a preacher in Los Angeles who is using his meager savings to provide scholarships for two students a year at the Union Theological Seminary in Buenos Aires.

A young girl in Texas is raising a calf for the Advance. Many church members have adopted the Lord's Acre plan. Some people's groups have organized work teams to harvest crops left by farmers. The study of "Our Faith" has presented a challenge. Other Methodists have opened their pocketbooks when presented with the needs of mission work.

Criticism is telling the artist how the critic would do it—if he could. —N. Y. Staats-Zeitung und Herold. (Quote translation)

Empty lives, like empty houses, soon go to pieces and become useless.—Adviser (Scotland)



A Missionary Looks At The Bagiau Conference

By CHARLES MOSEBROOK
Manila, P. I.



CHRISTIANS in America and the world over have great stake in the deliberations and conclusions of the recent Conference of seven Southeast Asia nations. The Conference was held in Baguio, summer resort of the Philipppines — and I was privileged to attend and to formulate by own impressions.

The Conference was called by the President of the Philippines under the leadership of Secretary of Foreign Affairs Carlos P. Romulo. Seven states took part in the Conference: Australia, Ceylon, India, Indonesia, Pakistan, Thailand and the Philippines. Secretary Romulo had this to say about the nations that met in Gaguio. "Together they represent more than six hundred million people, speaking many languages and representing different races, religion and cultures. They constitute a large segment of mankind. Their territories comprise important areas in Southeast Asia and the Western Pacific. . . In the Baguio Conference of 1950, the free states of Southeast Asia and the Western Pacific will consult together on their common economic, political and cultural problems for the first time on a governmental level."

The desire was expressed that this meeting was not to set aside the United Nations organizations, but rather a means to work within the United Nations Organization. One of the strange paradoxes was that here neighbor nations were meeting, and yet they were strangers, Dr. J. W. Burton (Methodist leader, the Australian chief delegate, recognized that the number one item in importance on the agenda was "to become acquainted with each other; and with the viewpoints of each of our countries." Dr. Soebardjo, the chairman of the United States of Indonesia delegates said, "In spite of geographical propinquity we are total strangers to each other. The need of the hour is a thorough understanding of our common problems, a greater appreciation of our enormous potentialities."

This meeting was truly historic. It was "the first time in modern history that Indonesia is attending an international conference as a fullpledged member of the community of nations." All the governments represented were independent and free. There was a real pride in their freedom. One of the most hopeful things was in their expressed desire to widen the circle of goodwill and understanding.

They stated their position freely and frankly but without bitterness or ill will.

Dr. Soebardjo, from Indonesia, was the most outspoken of all the delegates. His attitude is worth recording for it is symbolic of the new spirit in the East, and also one which indicates hope. He said, "Our slogan is to uproot all the remaining traces of the old, diehard colonialism, traces which at every step hinder the free development of the new nations. Let us not be misunderstood. We are anticolonial and anti-imperialistic; we are not anti-western. Individual westerners are welcome and free to remain in their former colonial territories, to carry out peacefully and within the law their avocations. But we will have none of the colonial mentality and the attitude of superiority which in the past have poisoned relations between the Orientals and Occidentals." There is a new day in the Orient and the man from the West must recognize that the peoples of the Orient will no longer tolerate his arrogance. They will accept him as a brother and an equal.

Dr. Ramaswami Mudaliar of India acknowledged that the nations represented could not exert an influence for world peace until they had peace within the life of their individual nations. He frankly acknowledged the slow progress that the governments which were here represented were making toward reform. He saw the need to improve the living standards of the people and make them real human beings. Dr. Mudaliar was alert on the internal conditions facing India. He referred several times to the great need to lift the masses to a human level. He was very concerned for the welfare of the common man. This is one of the greatest issues facing Southeast Asia today, and it was heartening to hear these government leaders acknowledge that they were aware of the problem.

The members of the conference were in no mood to involve themselves in entangling alliances with either the East or the West. They were skeptical on the possibilities of militarism solving the problems facing the world. Dr. Tambo, representing the United States of Indonesia, told us that he certainly felt that the two great powers (Russia and United States) were far too busy at fomenting hatred instead of tolerance, goodwill, and understanding. They expressed a hope at this Conference that as the

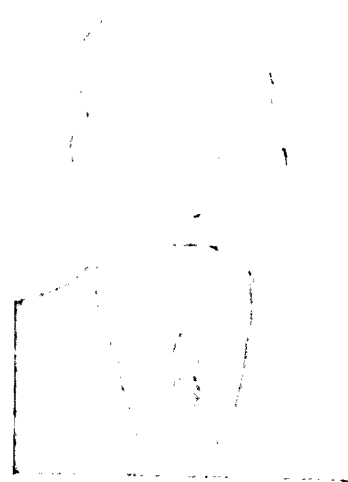
great religions of the world arrived at a place of tolerance toward one another, so might it be possible for the political ideologies although they differed, to some day live side by side.

One might have hoped that Japan, China, Korea, Burma and Malaya could have been represented. Also it might have been hoped that something more tangible would come out of the Conference. There were weaknesses and the members of the secular press were quick to point to these failures. However, in a world burdened with hatred, fear and suspicion it was heartening to find these new nations expressing confidence and goodwill toward one another. There was a keen desire expressed that this area might develop a sphere from which come peace and goodwill for the entire world. There was no desire to establish a racial block or a regional block but there was a desire to create a regional organization that might work more cooperatively to strengthen the hand and the work of the United Nations.

United Nations President Carlos Romulo and the Indian Delegate also a U.N. representative, were leaders with a great vision and they led the leaders of these nations to the higher and broader outlook. One of the signs of greatest hope to an observer was that these leaders were aware of the fundamental problems concerning their nations and the nations of the world. They were men of goodwill searching for means to find a solution to the problems.

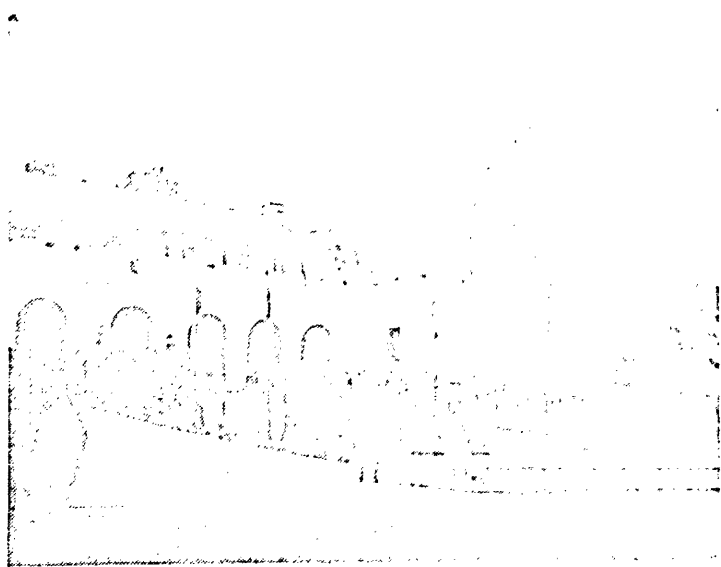
The thought came to me while

attending the great Ojibwa Convention
November 1868. He planned to have the
leading leaders of the Ojibwa
tribe visit the reservation and
the leaders of the reservation
could not see the point of
forcing a the reservation on the
Ojibwa and entering into a treaty
with them in America. He told the
leaders of the reservation that
they were not to be forced
with anyone and they were
not weak, ineffective and they
were men of America and they
and they did not want to be



REV CHARLES MONTAGU

will. They want the nation to become a part of the solution of the problem, facing the world. A keen observer of the current situation I have a high regard for their ability and for their good.



The flags of seven nations are raised outside the Malvern Hotel in Baguio, P. I., where the Southeast Asia Conference was held.



The Spiritual Climate Is Not Cold In Africa

By BISHOP NEWELL S. BOOTH
Elisabethville, Belgian Congo

THE occasion was the annual conference at Old Umtali, Rhodesia. . . We faced "problems" and "situations."

We talked about campaigns to teach the great mass of illiterates; and plans for the production of literature for the newly literate.

We have discussed ways to develop the Christian ideal of marriage and home life.

We had to face the problems of self-support of the program among

people where a wage for daily workers of 40 cents a day is high.

We were faced with a real shortage of trained workers for the pastoral work of the Church.

But there was the other side also: the side that showed progress, and hope, and growth. The spiritual climate is not cold!

The selection of candidates to take the high school course that they may be prepared for the higher normal school studies pointed up

the fact of the great advance in education in the country. We were happy to have enough new missionaries so that we could plan to take 90 graduates of our primary schools into the courses of the secondary school and teacher-training on the junior high school level. We had to form a Conference "Committee on Work in Urban Areas," because there is such an increase in the industrial populations of the country, bringing to the fore the

problems that the city presents to
our Church everywhere.

Women do still tend to be care-
over their short-handed husbands
cultivate their crops but we need-
ed to discuss the change in the
agricultural pattern and the increas-
ing mechanization of farming
here. It has reached our mis-
sion stations and is extending to
the African farmers. Training in
the care of machinery is coming.
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EVACUATED MISSIONARIES BEGIN RETURN TO KOREA

By Religious News Service

KOBE, Japan—Protestant missionaries evacuated to Japan from Korea are beginning to return to Seoul, although conditions in the liberated city are far from settled and most of the mission houses are still showing the effects of the North Korean occupation.

First missionaries to resume work in Seoul were Dr. Fred P. Manget, of the Methodist mission, and Dr. and Mrs. George H. Rue of the Adventist mission. Three nurses—Ruth Martin and Thelma Maw, of the Methodist mission, and Beulah Bourne, of the Canadian mission—have been given permits to re-enter Korea.

Two Protestant missionaries who have been serving as chaplains with the American and Korean forces have been in Seoul since its recapture. They are the Rev. Harold Voelkel (Presbyterian, U. S. A., mission), and the Rev. William E. Shaw (Methodist mission).

Chairmen of missions are also securing permits to return to Korea. The Rev. E. T. Boyer (Southern Presbyterian mission) will return to southwest Korea, and the Rev. Edwin Kilbourne (Oriental mission) will go back to Seoul. The Rev. Charles A. Sauer (Methodist mission), who heads the Korean Language School at Karuizawa, Japan, expects to be in Seoul the first week in November.

The Rev. H. W. Lane (Australian mission) has returned to his home in Fusan, where several other missionaries remained during the summer. Among them were the Reverends Edward Adams, Francis Kinsler, Harry J. Hill, Arch Campbell and John Underwood (Presbyterian, U. S. A., mission), and the Rev. and Mrs. W. A. Linton, the Rev. and Mrs. H. Petrie Mitchell, and Dr. Herbert S. Codrington (Southern Presbyterian mission).

It is reported here that Miss Florence E. Root Southern Presbyterian mission) who refused to leave her station at Kwangju in the face of the Communist advance, is alive and fairly well. Miss Root was said to have found refuge with a small colony of Adventists who kept her hidden during the crisis.

Grave fears are still felt for the safety of six Methodist missionaries taken prisoner at the border town of Kaesong on June 25. They were seen being taken to a local police station on June 30, and later on three of them were observed being marched through the streets of Kunchun, some miles north of Kaesong.

Conditions in Seoul are described as "quite rugged." Most of the mission centers are without windows or furniture, although in most cases the heating plants are intact. Food is plentiful, but cargo and passenger service is limited and presently confined to air traffic.

NEWS AND NOTES ABOUT FACTS AND FOLKS

P. K. MERRILL, lay leader of the Conway District, was the speaker at the evening hour, Sunday, November 5, at Dardanelle in the absence of the pastor, Rev. Elmus Brown.

THE sympathy of friends over the state goes out to Dr. A. W. Martin, of the Perkins School of Theology, Dallas, Texas, in the recent death of his father, W. H. Martin at Pea Ridge, Arkansas. Dr. Martin is a member of the North Arkansas Conference.

REV. C. H. HARVISON, pastor at Green Forest, writes: "No doubt some of my friends have learned that I have recently been in the State Sanatorium. I had a sinus infection and feared my lungs were involved. I went down for an examination and observation. No trace of tuberculosis was found and I am back on the job in good shape."

MRS. DOYLE T. ROWE, wife of our pastor at Capitol View Church, Little Rock, suffered the loss of both her father and mother within a week. Her father, T. R. Bates, passed away Thursday, October 24, and was buried on Sunday, October 29. Her mother, Mrs. Nancy A. Bates, passed away on Tuesday morning, October 31 and was buried Thursday, November 2, in Pine Crest cemetery at Mena.

THE Lucy Webb Hayes School of Nursing, associated with the Sibley Memorial Hospital in Washington D. C., is under the auspices of the Woman's Society of Christian Service, a division of the Board of Missions, Methodist Church. The School was named in honor of the wife of President Rutherford B. Hayes; both were active Methodists. Thirty-eight young women were recently graduated from the School.

DR. NATHANIEL F. FORSYTH, associate executive secretary of the Division of the Local Church, Methodist General Board of Education, will be the speaker on the Columbia Broadcasting System's "The Church of the Air" on Sunday, November 12. Dr. Forsyth will speak on "My Church's Job" and the broadcast, which will originate in Nashville, Tennessee, will be heard at 9:30 a. m. CST. The Sanctuary Choir of West End Methodist Church, Nashville, will participate in the broadcast.

MRS. E. W. POTTER, wife of Rev. E. W. Potter, retired member of the North Arkansas Conference writes: "It is always a 'lift' to read the *Arkansas Methodist*, to feel through its pages the heart-throb of the Church. Any mention of the Jonesboro District or of Paragould turns on a light in our hearts. My sincere thanks to the editors for this opportunity to say to our friends that Mr. Potter is now a patient in the Rhodes Convalescent Home here in Fayette, Mo. His condition is unchanged, but he still appreciates being remembered. The treasures of yesterday's friendship are our imperishable assets today. It may be true, as the Psalmist says, that "our years are spent as a tale that is told," but oh, the telling was sweet, and the memories of it are precious!"

REV. WILLIAM S. FINDLEY, of the Orange Street Presbyterian Church, Hot Springs, Arkansas, and members of his congregation want to be sure that visitors feel at home there on Sunday morning. So in the church bulletin, along with prayers and hymns, there is an order called, "The Act of Fellowship." Explains the bulletin: "Visitors, we welcome you into our midst. Our one fear is that you might leave this place feeling that you have been a stranger in the house of God. Thus we observe an act which we have come to look forward to. It's our act of fellowship, by which we seek to follow St. Paul's advice, 'Welcome one another, therefore, as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God.' (Romans XV, 7.) Won't you join us now as we all turn to greet others about us in Christian joy and love? Do that now!" The warmth of the greeting has made many friendships and many accessions to the church.

BISHOP MARTIN ANNOUNCES NEW APPOINTMENTS

Bishop Paul E. Martin, through the district superintendents of the Fayetteville and Jonesboro District, Rev. W. F. Cooley and Rev. E. B. Williams, announces the following appointments: Fayetteville District—Rev. Roy Parks, pastor of the new Springdale Church (as yet un-named); Rev. George Blevins, associate pastor of the Bentonville Circuit, in charge of Mount Hebron Church. Jonesboro District—Rev. Byron McSpadden, Trumann; Rev. Lee Anderson, Mountain Home Parish Associate; Rev. Ray Edwards, St. John-Riverside; Rev. Johnny Weston, Lorado Circuit.

BISHOP MARTIN TO SPEAK AT ADVANCE RALLY IN ARKADELPHIA

Rev. R. B. Moore, district superintendent of the Arkadelphia District, writes: "Bishop Paul E. Martin will deliver an address on India at the First Methodist Church, Arkadelphia, at 2:30 o'clock Sunday afternoon, November 19. The occasion is the Advance for Christ Rally for the district. All pastors, laymen and women from every church in the district are expected to attend. Bishop Martin will also preach at the 11:00 o'clock hour in Arkadelphia."

READY! "OUR DAILY BREAD"

A beautiful, unusual cook book of over 600 recipes, cleverly hand-illustrated and written in each contributor's handwriting has been compiled by women of Pulaski Heights Church in Little Rock. Proceeds will be used for the building fund. This is truly a collector's item and may be obtained for \$2.50 (add 12c for postage outside of Little Rock) from Mrs. Elmer Dillaha, 6724 Cantrell Road.

INDIA WANTS OLD METHODIST HYMNALS

The pastor and the organist of the Union Church, of Naini Tal, in the lower Himalayas of north India, were greatly embarrassed . . . Dr. E. Stanley Jones, evangelist, was going to preach at the evening English service, and a full house was expected. But there were no Methodist Hymnals in English—not even for the normal congregation. The problem was solved, for that evening only, by borrowing a few Y. M. C. A. song books from some friends.

Now the leaders of Union Church would like to have from 80 to 100 Methodist Hymnals. There are quite a number of English-speaking Indians, Anglo-Indians, and some British who must be ministered to in English. And Methodist Hymnals will not only help keep the services going, but will give the singers good religious content as well.

There is also an English-speaking Methodist Church in Madras, South India, whose funds are insufficient to purchase hymnals, but who could use them with benefit to the proclamation of the gospel.

Do you, or does your church, have used copies of the Methodist hymnal—used, perhaps discarded, but still repairable—that you would be willing to donate to these needy churches? If so, write to the Rev. James K. Mathews, secretary for India, 150 Fifth Ave., New York 11, N. Y.

SUPPORT HENDRIX AND ITS PROGRAM

(Continued on page 1)

teers who, we are told, is the very life blood of the Hendrix student body. They are there in answer to God's call, and our continued support of them will be the answer in a large way to the shortage of Christian workers in the various full time church vocations.

CURRENT NEWS IN THE RELIGIOUS WORLD

Selected from Religious News Service Releases

Protestants Ask Peaceful Indo-China Settlement

The General Assembly of French Protestantism appealed in Nancy, France to the French government to find a peaceful settlement of the Indo-China question, "even at the sacrifice of prestige and national interests."

Truman Praises Nation's Religious Strength

With a tribute to the nation's religious strength as "the heart of America's greatness," President Truman officially launched the second annual program of the non-sectarian Religion in American Life movement. Calling attention to the fundamental place of religion and religious institutions in the country's life, the President said in a statement that "only through the heroic powers which spring eternally from faith can men hold firm and uncompromised their spiritual heritage of freedom and the right to live with hope." He pointed out that during the month of November, Religion in American Life "will focus national attention once more on spiritual values in personal and community life," with the theme, "Take your problems to church this week—millions leave them there." The movement, he said, "urges all Americans to attend and support the church, chapel, or synagogue of their individual choice. We can thank the faith of our fathers," Mr. Truman said, "for dedicating their labor and their lives to the creation of this land of freedom. We must hold strong to that faith. Through God, and through the religious institutions which serve Him, we shall hold strong in our historic mission to work for a better world."

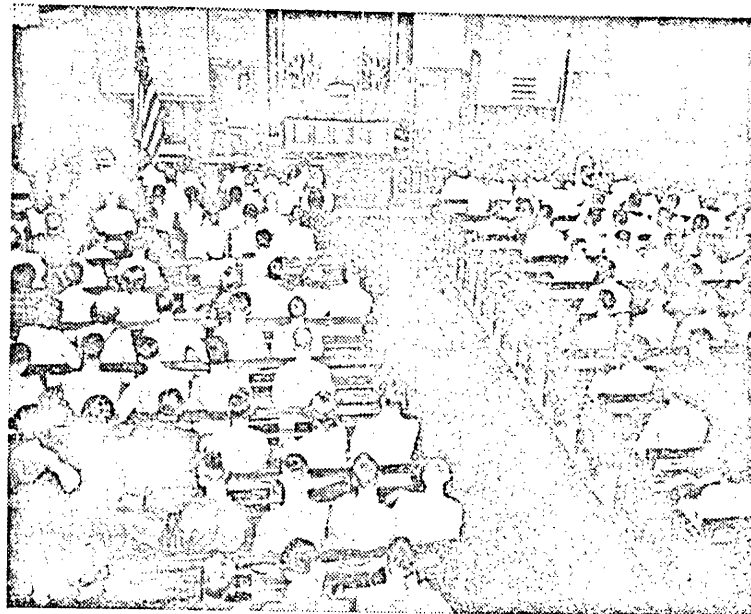
The program is sponsored by a laymen's committee headed by Charles E. Wilson, president of the General Electric Company. It is supported by 21 national religious bodies, including the Federal Council of Churches, the Synagogue Council of America, and the American Bible Society.

Says Fathers Should Set Religious Example

Fathers, not mothers, must set the example to their children by having a real religion, the Rev. Bryan Green, British evangelist, said in Boston. "Men are the keystone of religion in the family. The strategy of evangelism in England is to get the men, not the children," he told a meeting of Episcopal women. He said that children should be forced to go to church. "Psychologists are wrong when they say that compulsion will keep the child away from church in adult life," he maintained. "This statement is true," he added, "only in the case of the fathers who order their children to go to church and then go off and play golf themselves."

Japan Protestant Church Decentralizes Authority

A far-reaching plan for decentralizing authority in the United Church of Christ in Japan (Kyodan) was unanimously approved in Tokyo at the three-day biennial meeting of the General Assembly presided over by moderator Dr. Michio Kozaki. As outlined in a memorandum presented by a special committee,



—Air Force Photo, Lackland Air Force Base
Chaplain Archie N. Boyd, North Arkansas Conference, conducting Protestant services for airmen and their dependents in Chapel, No. 1, Lackland Air Force Base, Texas, on September 17, 1950. Chaplain Boyd reported to the Methodist Commission on Chaplains that in a ten-month period he had baptized 179 servicemen.

the plan called for reducing the number of church districts from 17 to seven, and strengthening the local powers of each of the seven districts. Under the plan, the local districts will have the right to examine and ordain candidates for the ministry. They will also control all collections and apportionments from the parish churches for the general Church budget. In addition, the local districts will become agencies for all benevolent and other funds. The plan also will establish in each of the seven districts departments similar to those in the national Church organization. Each district will thus have departments dealing with evangelism, rural evangelism, women's work, youth work, religious education, social work and finance.

East Zone Restricts Theological Studies

Pastors wishing to take over parishes in the Soviet Zone will henceforth be required to make part of their theological studies at East Zone universities, according to a new regulation worked out by the People's Education Ministry of the German Democratic Republic. Under the regulation, also, studies at West Berlin theological faculties will not be recognized at East Zone universities. The Ministry gave as a reason for the new provisions that young clergymen who have studied at Western German theological faculties are coming to the Soviet Zone as "Western advance brigades," and do not have the political and social requirements to be true "people's pastors."

Canadian Presbyterians Withdraw China Missionaries

All missionaries in China of the Presbyterian Church in Canada have returned to this country because they find it impossible to continue their work there under Communist rule, it was reported to the London and Hamilton synod committee conference in London, Ont.

"Their presence in China has so endangered the local Chinese Christians that it is impossible for them to continue," a church official said.

Plan Protestant Youth Fellowship In Armed Services

Launching of an interdenominational Protestant fellowship for younger men and women in the armed services, was approved by the General Commission on Chaplains at its semi-annual meeting in Washington, D. C. Dr. Luther Wesley Smith, executive secretary of the Board of Christian Education of the American Baptist Convention, was named chairman of a committee to draw up specific plans for the youth group. The fellowship would conduct work similar to that which various church youth groups carry on in civilian life. "It would provide a new tool for chaplains, although its use would be purely optional in the case of each chaplain," said Thomas A. Rymer, director of the General Commission. Many chaplains have felt the need for organized fellowship activities, but have hesitated to use those denominational organizations with which they are most familiar for fear of being accused of plugging their own denomination. This will provide the answer."

Urges Nations Surrender Parts Of Sovereignty

Nations commit no moral wrong by surrendering part of their sovereignty in the cause of peace, Venerable H. O. Gibbs-Smith, Archdeacon of London, asserted in a sermon at St. Paul's Cathedral in London. Speaking at a United Nations service, the archdeacon said, "the best patriots in our country today are those who would support the surrender of some measure of national sovereignty in order to deliver their beloved country from the nightmare possibility of a third world war." The price we may have to pay for a fundamental international settlement and a durable peace, he said, could not be too high

unless it be the sacrifice of a primary Christian principle.

Dulles Sees Great Moral Advance In UN Action

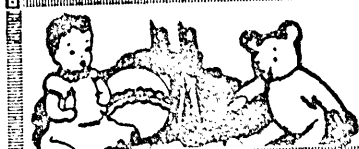
John Foster Dulles said in New York that the United Nations resolution calling for united action for peace "reflects the thinking of our Christian people" and marks "a moral advance." Dr. Dulles, a U. S. delegate to the United Nations, declared that under the resolution, military force made available to resist aggression would be subjected to "the guiding judgment of the United Nations expressed either through the Security Council or the General Assembly. For the first time," he said, "there is a decision to subject force to law as represented by the judgment of the world community as to what is right. This is historic. It is made possible by the fact that there exists a worldwide judgment of what is right and wrong. That judgment," he added, "is primarily a reflection of religious beliefs. Were it not for that foundation, provided by the great religions, it would be impossible to build a structure of world order such as the United Nations is attempting to create."

Kagawa Finds Christianization Proceeding Slowly

Christianization of Japan is proceeding at a much slower rate than Americans realize, Dr. Toyohiko Kagawa declared in Washington, D. C. The Japanese evangelist said that at the present time there are only 500,000 Christians in a population of 83,000,000 people. This compares with 460,000 before the war. As factors contributing to this situation he cited the lack of Japanese pastors, the small number of Christian missionaries, the scarcity of churches in rural areas, and the small supply of Christian literature. Concluding a local speaking tour which saw him address three large audiences in Washington in 24 hours, Dr. Kagawa said that he agrees with Dr. E. Stanley Jones, noted evangelist, that Japan is the most fertile field for Christian conversion in the world today. Dr. Jones will go to Japan in January to conduct an extensive preaching mission there.

Commission Gets Reports On Chaplaincy Needs

Representatives of the armed services laid their need for more chaplains before the semi-annual meeting of the General Commission on Chaplains in Washington, D. C. Sixty delegates representing 47 Protestant denominations and religious agencies attended the meeting. The Air Force said that it will need 100 additional chaplains between January 1 and June 1, 1951. The other services, while not so specific in stating their needs, emphasized that they are vigorously recruiting theological students for the chaplain reserves. The Navy said that it has 26 ships without chaplains at the present time, but that reservists now volunteering will fill those immediate vacancies. The chief of chaplains for the Veterans Administration said that VA hospitals are still understaffed with chaplains, and stressed the important contribution which chaplains can make to the morale of patients in these institutions.



THE CHILDREN'S PAGE

ANNIE WINBURNE, Editor



IN STORYLAND

PUDGY FINDS A HOME

By Dorothy K. Simpson

Jimmy wanted a puppy more than anything else in the world. Betty, his sister, wanted a kitten, but Jimmy laughed at the idea of a kitten. He guessed they were all right, only he didn't want one. All he wanted was a puppy! His Daddy said he would buy him one on his birthday, but that was nearly three long months away. That was an awfully long time to wait.

One day when Jimmy and Betty were playing in the front yard, what do you think happened? A little black and white puppy came right up to the front gate! He put his tiny nose between the palings in the fence as if he wanted to be right inside with Jimmy and Betty. He jumped about, wagging his short tail and barking, "Bow-wow-wow!"

"Let's ask Mother if we might let him in the yard," said Jimmy, "just to play with us for a little while."

The two children raced indoors, stumbling up the steps in their eagerness to tell Mother the news. Mother came out and looked the puppy over. He seemed a friendly little dog and she told Jimmy and Betty they might let him inside and give him a bowl of bread and warm milk. Jimmy danced in glee. This was just what he had wanted for a long time. The puppy ate his food as if he hadn't tasted anything so good in a long time. He lapped up the last tiny piece of bread with his little pink tongue and then looked up at Jimmy and Betty and barked, "Bow-wow-wow." He was trying to say "thank you" and the children understood.

Mother called all her friends in the neighborhood to try to find the puppy's owner, but no one had lost a little black and white dog. She put an ad in the paper the next day, but no one called to claim him.

Mother and Jimmy and Betty waited and waited but nobody came to take the puppy away. So they kept him for their very own.

One day Jimmy and Betty were playing under the big tree in the yard. Suddenly Jimmy sat down on the grass.

"You know what, Betty?" he said. "We've just got to find a name for the puppy. We can't keep on forever calling him Pudgy!"

"How about Rags?" suggested Betty helpfully. "He was certainly raggedy looking when we first saw him."

"Aw, but I don't like the name Rags. Everybody's puppy is named Rags or Spot or Butch. Why can't we find something different?"

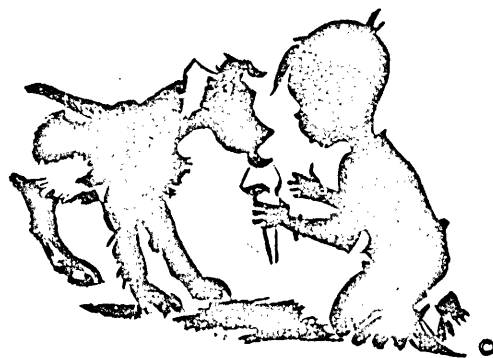
"Well, let's think for a minute," said Betty.

And so they thought. Jimmy sat with his chin in the palm of his hand.

Finally, Mother came out to see why everything was so quiet.

"What's wrong, Betty?" she called from the porch.

"Nothing. Mother, we're only



TOMMY

*Freckles on his face,
Shirt tail out,
Running through the house
With a cheery shout.*

*Leaving screen door open,
Chasing mother cat,
Feeding little chickens,
Never has his hat!*

*Going to his grandma's
Six times a day,
Wading all the puddles
All along the way.*

*Then when the night comes
Too tired to play,
Sleeps in mother's arms,
Calls it a day.*

—Helen Kell Smith, Imboden, Ark.

IN THE WORLD OF BOYS AND GIRLS

FINGERPLAY

THE RABBIT

1. Here is a rabbit hole,
2. And here is a rabbit.
3. He pokes his head in
4. And pokes his head out,
5. Then looks around to see
If there's anyone about.

Directions

1. Make a hole with the left hand — bending fingers toward thumb.
2. Hold up index finger of right hand.
3. Insert finger into hole.
4. Take it out and insert it through the opposite end of the hole.
5. Wiggle finger as it extends out of the hole.—The Children's Newspaper

BIRDS AND BUTTERFLIES

Many of us know that as soon as autumn arrives our song birds begin to disappear. Somehow they know cold days lie ahead and with snow-covered and frozen ground, food would be most difficult to find, so off they fly to warmer lands where flies, bugs and worms can be found all winter long.

Although we know birds return to us in the spring, many of us do not know that butterflies also come to us from warmer climates each spring.

England has kept a record of all their migrant butterflies, and just as sure as May and June come around, butterflies begin flying across the channel from Europe. Some of these butterflies were born in North Africa. Flying across the great Mediterranean Sea, they start working their way all across Europe, and then in June they cross the English Channel and settle in southern England, but before the summer is over they will be all over the British Isles. Just think—they have travelled about 2,000 miles.

Some butterflies, the ones we call the Milkweed or Monarch butterflies cannot live in England, because they do not have the wild milkweed plants, but our butterflies will cross the broad Atlantic Ocean to spend their summer in England. They have been seen flying 400 miles out at sea.

They have such thin, flimsy, delicate wings! We dare not touch them for fear we might hurt them, yet they fly across the Atlantic, over Europe, battling strong winds, but pushing on toward their new summer home.—The United Church Observer

ON OPPOSITE SIDES

By Maude Laidman

"How do you think I can fasten my dress?"
Cried little Jean, with a vigorous grunt,
"When all the buttons are sewed on the back
Ever so tight while I'm here in front?"—The United Church Observer

JUST FOR FUN

A little boy came home after a lesson in natural history and said to his mother: "Is it true that I am descended from an ape?"

"I cannot tell you," replied the mother. "I didn't know your father's people very well.—A. S. E. Ackermann, Popular Fallacies. (Old Westminster Press, England)

The secretary had just come into my third grade room and given me a pay check.

"What is that?" asked Ronnie from the front row.

"It is my pay check," I answered.

"Oh," he said in surprise. "I didn't know you worked anywhere." — Edna Staples, Instructor.

A well-known French professor came to teach in an American university. When he plugged in the portable radio he had brought with him, his little girl, Charmaine, listened with amazement.

"Father," she cried, "listen how quickly the radio has learned to speak English." — Christian Science Monitor.

wow" and wag his little tail in delight each time someone brought him a present. It was his way of saying, "This is a nice home and I'm perfectly satisfied. Don't anyone ever send me away."

Pudgy was a lucky little dog and he knew it!—North Carolina Christian Advocate

thinking of a name for the puppy. I didn't think it would be hard to think of a name for a dog, but it is when you want something different."

"How about Tim or Timmy?" asked Mother.

"Oh, no, it has to be different, Mother."

The more the children thought, the harder it became to find a name that would just suit the puppy.

Around the corner of the house raced the little dog. He was as fat as a butterball. He looked as if he had never missed a meal in his life.

"I think Fatty would suit him better than anything else." Betty lifted him up in the swing beside her. "He's getting so heavy!"

"I've got it, Betty," Jimmy said. "How about Pudgy?"

The little dog pricked up his ears. "Bow-wow-wow," he barked. He didn't mind being called Pudgy.

And so to Jimmy and Betty he became Pudgy.

Pudgy had his own little house in the backyard. Daddy built this for him.

Mother bought him a bright red blanket to wear when it got real cold. When they first tried his new coat on, the children thought him the cutest thing they had ever seen. Jimmy hugged him and then Betty hugged him. They always took turns when it came to doing things for Pudgy. First Jimmy—because he had wanted a dog—then Betty.

Jimmy and Betty saved their pennies and soon had enough money to buy a nice leash for Pudgy to wear when he went out walking with them, so he wouldn't get lost again!

Pudgy could bark, "Bow-wow-



COMPARATIVE FIGURES

We give below the approximate value of property and the number of children cared for in Methodist Homes of the states named:

State	Value	Number of Children
North Carolina.....	\$3,000,000	750
South Carolina.....	1,500,000	265
Alabama	1,000,000	140
Mississippi	750,000	135
Georgia	650,000	230
Tennessee	600,000	150
Oklahoma	450,000	82
Louisiana	350,000	239
Arkansas	250,000	46

That our state stands at the bottom of the list is not due to lack of financial ability. It is not due to the lack of children needing aid. We do not think it is due to the indifference of our Methodist people toward unfortunate children in need of a home. It may be that the leadership of our church in the state has not been convincing and earnest in the presentation of the cause to congregations. Whatever the reasons may be, the time is here when the Methodists of Arkansas should assume their full responsibility for the care of children applying to us for help. We should, as early as possible, expand our capacity to a point where we can care for at least 100 children.

Give Our Children A Chance

Contrary to the theory of "total depravity" still believed by many, a child is naturally inclined toward the good life and will develop these qualities for Christian character if given the opportunity. Bishop Edwin Holt Hughes once said, "The child has a natural affinity for Jesus Christ." In seeking the development of desirable characteristics in the child, one has the support of nature itself. The evil that is developed works against nature and requires more effort. If the same amount of efforts was put behind the development of proper Christian character in the child as are put behind the development of evil, evil would soon disappear.

Jesus recognized the inherent goodness of the child when he said, "Except ye be converted and become as little children, ye cannot enter the kingdom of heaven." What the child needs is a fair chance—a chance to develop these spiritual qualities that are innate. Many of our children are denied the opportunity to develop these qualities.

The Christian home is the best experience known to men for the family. However, the breakdown of the home has reached alarming proportions and, as a consequence, the spiritual development of children is seriously imperiled. Since 1935, there has been a rapidly increasing number of children needing special care because of the separation of parents, the abandonment of children by parents, and the removal of children from the custody of unfit parents by the courts. Prior to 1935, there was found occasion-

ally a child in an institution who had both parents living. One of our Southern institutions has given us figures to show the trend in this respect. Their experience has been the common experience of practically all institutions caring for children. They say that in 1937, 33 1-3 of their children were full orphans, one-half were bereft of a father and one-eighth were bereft of a mother, while only seven children out of a total number of 325 had both parents living. By rapid charges through 1949, only 10 percent were full orphans, 32 percent were bereft of fathers and 15 percent were bereft of mothers. The number of children having both parents living had climbed to 42 percent. Those who have the care of such children know that their problems are far more complex because of their being forsaken and having the background of a broken home.

The problems referred to above are far more serious than most people realize. The number of such needy children will continue to multiply until some means is found for the stabilization of the home on the Christian level, the improving of poor homes, and making the good ones better.

Child-caring institutions report that from 50 to 75 percent of cases coming to them for care can be traced directly to liquor as the prime cause for the breakup of the home. All children need protection from the devastating effects of alcohol and alcohol advertising. In recent years, the liquor forces have made their attack at the very foundation and heart of our society, the home. Advertising has so worked upon our people until now it has become "the thing to do." It has been made attractive to those of tender years who are without experience in life. It is finding its way into the lives of youth through the home and other agencies. A study made by a high school of a wild party of their boys and girls revealed the fact that the liquor furnished by the boys was, in every instance, brought from their homes.

Inquiry into the kind of literature being provided for children in these days uncovers some amazing facts. Almost any news stand has more "funny books" than all other literature combined. Run down the list of radio programs and pick out those dealing with crime and similar subjects. Examine the picture shows and see what you find. Our children are being bombarded from every angle with crime, cheap approaches to sex, the breakdown of marriage and home life, the attractiveness of the gambler, the lure of alcohol and all else that is low and vile.

The picture show, the radio and good literature, because of the tremendous impression they make, could give to our children a desperately needed approach to normal, Christian living. They are not doing it.

The function of the Methodist Children's Home and other like

agencies, is to gather up and care for a many of the wrecked lives of these children as our facilities will permit. They are the innocent victims of unholy exploitation for gain by unscrupulous agencies. We can not go out and reconstruct broken homes, bring recalcitrant fathers and mothers to a sense of their responsibility and remove the causes which have destroyed the home and family life. We are in a sense, a hospital for the care and treatment of the children. It is the responsibility of the church and Christians everywhere to successfully assault these evils at their fountain source. Then and only then, will institutions like the Methodist Children's Home begin to show a

decline in the number of children needing care.—J. S. M. Cannon, Superintendent.

Sometimes I get the uncomfortable feeling that we have created so many toys for ourselves in the last 50 years that they are taking our time away from the fundamentals of our existence. I'll wager a lot of people spend more time trying to figure out the week's "mystery tune" than they do the qualifications of the man who will get their vote for Congress.—Leland I. Doan, Detroit

Happiness is a peculiar sensation you get when too busy to be miserable.—Imp.



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NOVEMBER SPECIAL FOR TRAINING AND HENDRIX COLLEGE

PURPOSES

Two major goals characterize the November Special for Ministerial Training and Hendrix College:

1. TO HELP ENLARGE AND TRAIN OUR MINISTRY. Part of the funds raised will be used to give direct aid to our Arkansas ministerial students, in whatever college or university they may be. The Little Rock Conference has set \$3,000 as its minimum goal for this purpose. The North Arkansas Conference has set \$5,000.
2. TO HELP SUPPORT HENDRIX COLLEGE. The other portion of the funds raised will go to the current budget for Hendrix. Each Conference has set \$5,000 as its minimum goal for this purpose.

"NOVEMBER SPECIAL" DRIVE BEGINS SOON

Arkansas Methodism's "November Special," the annual drive for Ministerial Training and Hendrix College, comes this year from November 19 to 26.

Through the drive, funds are obtained which play a major part in the support of Hendrix and of the Ministerial Training programs in our two Conferences.

Preparing Our Ministers

The steady gain in recent years in the number of Arkansas men preparing for the Methodist ministry has been most encouraging. This year approximately 150 Arkansas Methodists are preparing for the ministry in various colleges and universities. Hendrix College alone has nearly 60. Funds raised each year in the November Special (formerly the February Special) have had a great deal to do with the increase.

Helping Hendrix College

Hendrix College has also been strengthened in its year to year program by the funds which have come to it through the Special. Those funds which go to Hendrix go to the college's current budget. One of the college's greatest needs is to increase these funds for regular expenditures.

During the years of the November Special, Hendrix has benefited from it by an average annual amount of \$12,000. This is equivalent to the return at 3 per cent on an invest-

ment of \$400,000. The November Special therefore can be thought of as equivalent to nearly half a million dollars in endowment.

How The Funds Will Be Used

The November Special plan calls for each Conference to raise a minimum of \$5,000 for Hendrix. In addition the Little Rock Conference plans to raise a minimum of \$3,000 for its Ministerial Training program. The North Arkansas Conference plans to raise \$5,000 for its Ministerial Training Program.

The amounts going to Ministerial Training are used in each Conference to help men in college, to help men taking conference courses of study, and to provide a scholarship by each Conference at Southern Methodist University.

When To Take The Offering

The week of November 19-26 has been set for the cultivation work in the Special. The offering should be taken on Sunday, November 26 unless the church has made other plans which it considers more desirable.

Treasurers for the November Special

November Special collections in the Little Rock Conference should be sent to James H. Johnson, Worthen Bank and Trust Co., Little Rock. In the North Arkansas Conference they should be sent to E. W. Martin, Hendrix Station, Conway.

Into Methodist colleges go only 1% of the children from Methodist families, but out of Methodist colleges come more than 80% of our Methodist Ministers.



RECORD PRE-LOGICAL

The Hendrix Pre-Theological Fellowship this year is one of the largest in the college's history. Its membership is composed of more than 100 students, one-fifth of the entire student body, all of whom have dedicated their lives to full-time Christian service.

Sixty men of the group are preparing for the ministry. They are distributed between the Little Rock and North Arkansas Conferences. Other members plan to devote their lives as religious education directors or other workers in the church.

Rev. James S. Upton and Rev. George Avent of the Hendrix Department of Religion are counselors for the group.

Members pictured here are as follows:

FRONT ROW, left to right: Gerald Fincher, Waldo; Cannon Kinney, Thompson Station, Tenn.; Betty Gaye Hurt, Paragould; Martha June Wynn, West Memphis; John Miles, Hot Springs; Sue Huffaker, Beebe; Suella Anderson, Little Rock; Bill Elliott, Texarkana; Roy Moyers, Antioch; Rev. George A. Conway; Rev. James S. Upton, Conway.

SECOND ROW: Lynette McKenzie, Little Rock; Marilyn Locker, Helena; Dot Baber, Little Rock; Jean Dodds, St. Louis, Mo.; Frances Kinsinger, North Little Rock; Minola Caplena, Brinkley; Pat Crow, El Dorado; Mary Kincannon, Little Rock; Regina Watson, Imboden; Louise Fincher, Bettye Moore, El Dorado.

THIRD ROW: Hallie Jo Hart, Camden; Freda Lockwood, Paragould; Carolyn Ricketts, Bauxite; Marion Sorrells, Little Rock; Betty Hawkins, Tex.; Ann Able, Dallas, Tex.; Bobbye Lee Hays, Benton; Nancy Sanders, Rock; Alicia Bell, Lepanto; Barbara Pettingill, Plummerville; Jim Wynne; Julia Caldwell, Searcy; Leita Ballew, Jonesboro.

FOURTH ROW: John Hays, Little Rock; Freda Wilson, Greenbrier;

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m, Batesville; Catherine Graham, Fort Smith; Frances Caudle, Carl Scott, Conway; J. G. Greening, Camden; Arthur Sears, Hot Arnold, Little Rock; Gloria Mitchell, Searcy; Harold Davis, Little Boyd, Little Rock.

OW: Maxie Spurlock, Mammoth Springs; Jerry Delleney, Dallas, eel, Dallas, Tex.; Allan Brockway, Fayetteville; Howard Childs, Walter Rockwell, Fort Smith; Thomas Nation, Vilonia; Richard ght; David Crouch, Lexa; Gerald Hammett, McRae; Vernon Pay- ing Shade; George Schisler, Passo Fundo, Brazil.

ROW: Chester Phillips, El Dorado; Ed Hollenbeck, Pine Bluff; Davis, Manila; James Beal, Rector; Bill Holmes, Little Rock; David hville, Tenn.; George Wayne Martin, Morrilton; Maurice Webb, Aubra Hays, Cato; Travis Williams, Jonesboro; Robert Howerton,

H ROW: Lamar Davis, Trumann; Elbert Jean, Plummerville; Leo r; Fred Mooring, Harrisburg Corner; Willie Walker, Rogers; Ralph am, Conway; Don Smith, North Little Rock; Fred Hubbs, Little Starkey, Little Rock; Stanley Reed, Jonesboro; Palmer Garner, Thompson, Conway.

ured are the following members: Thomas Cobb, Conway; Robert Rock; James Hendrix, Jonesboro; Rose Mary Holt, North Little ughes, Searcy; Harvey Hazelwood, Conway; Herbert Hurst, Mem- Frank Jones, Flat River, Mo.; Crosby Key, Conway; Arvest Lawson, James Mosley, Conway; Bob Ritter, Rogers; Wesley Ross, Jones- Turner, Greenbrier; Mary Moore, Conway; Lola Featherston, Paris; ale, Newellton, La.; Shirley Simpson, Little Rock; Ann Tennyson, Martha Lou Turner, Conway; Hettie Lue Wilson, Hot Springs; Witt, Paragould; and Calvin Roetzell, Russell.

LEADERS HEARTILY ENDORSE NOVEMBER SPECIAL

Church and college leaders have been enthusiastic from the first about the November Special and the important purposes it serves. Funds received from the Special have come to play an essential part in both the Hendrix and the Ministerial Training programs.

President Ellis

Dr. Matt L. Ellis, Hendrix president, has said:

"Ministers in Arkansas Methodism are in short supply. But that serious problem would be more serious today without the aid of the November Special, through which the church has ably assisted so many young men. More November Special funds will help a growing number of young men in preparing for their life service.

"Since a goodly portion of the November Special funds come to Hendrix, benefits to Hendrix have also been very great. A study of the record shows the significance of this cooperative statewide effort in our church."

Bishop Martin

Bishop Paul E. Martin has said: "The importance of a trained ministry is alone enough to enlist the support of the Methodists of Arkansas in this campaign. Recently

some friends in an adjoining state gave a fortune to our School of Theology at Southern Methodist University because of a deep-seated conviction that (as they said) the future peace of the world is dependent upon the work and influence of the church and thus the need for properly trained ministers must be met.

"However, this fund is used for general Hendrix College needs as well. The Methodists of Arkansas are concerned about a trained ministry, but they are equally concerned that our boys and girls, who are to be leaders in their local churches, may have in their own college a type of training not found in any other institution.

"I commend to our people the Special for Ministerial Training and Hendrix College."

Conference Boards Also Endorse

The Boards of Education of the two Conferences from the first have urged the importance of the November Special. The Boards of Ministerial Training have deep interest in the success of the Special since they administer a large portion of the resulting funds.

Members of the Conference boards are as follows:

LITTLE ROCK CONFERENCE

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Lay: J. T. Thompson, Little Rock; Silas Snow, Crossett; Jerry Patterson, Pine Bluff; Albert Graves, Hope; Judge A. P. Steele, Texar-

kana; Dr. D. D. McBrien, Arkadelphia; Howard Elder, El Dorado; Ed McCuiston, Little Rock.

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Youth: George Wayne Martin, Conway; Martin Cal Martin, Fort Smith; Stanley Reed, Conway.

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NORTH ARKANSAS NOTES

Church School Rally Day Offerings
The Month of October has brought in a large number of reports on Church School Rally Day offerings. The report until noon on October 31 shows the following Church School Rally Day offerings:

Batesville District:	
Alliecia	\$ 14.00
Cotter	15.00
Weldon	19.00
Melbourne	8.31
Salem	7.50
Yellville	10.00
Calico Rock	7.60
Ash Flat	10.73
Oil Trough	6.50
Forrest Chapel	2.00
Newport, First Church	75.00
Newport, Umsted	10.00
Moorefield	10.00
Newark	10.00
Batesville, First (One-half)	50.00
Conway District:	
Conway, First Church	\$100.00
Conway, Wesley	10.00
Vilonia	12.00
Perryville	10.00
Perry	3.50
Oppelo	10.90
Plainview	4.00
Salem	1.00
Sylvan Hills	7.50
Pottsville	6.00
Greenbrier	9.00
Levy	10.00
Bethel	8.20
Russellville	100.00
Fayetteville District:	
Gravette	\$ 10.00
Lincoln	23.00
Decatur	21.00
Wiggins Memorial	24.00
Bentonville	50.00
Springdale	50.00
Huntsville	5.00
Presley's Chapel	5.00
Highfill	6.00
Prairie Grove	35.00
Sulphur Springs	13.53
Harmon	11.00
Siloam Springs	35.00
Fayetteville, Central Church	200.00
Forrest City District:	
Earle	\$ 30.00
Cotton Plant	25.00
Helena	75.00
Marianna	75.00
Hughes	25.00
Wheatley	10.00
Vanndale	5.00
Mellwood	10.00
West Helena	21.12
Black Fish Lake	5.00
Holly Grove	20.00
Brinkley	40.00
Aubrey	7.37
Ft. Smith District:	
Forrester	\$ 10.00
Ft. Smith, First Church	200.00
Ft. Smith, Goddard	100.00
Van Buren, First Church	40.00
Greenwood	20.00
Ft. Smith, Fifth St.	10.00
Charleston	14.30
Cole's Chapel	6.00
Ft. Smith, St. Luke's	20.00
Ft. Smith, Grand Ave.	20.00
Prairie View	1.25
Mansfield	13.35
Kibler	4.50
Hays Chapel	5.00
Altus	8.00
Hartford	20.00
Ft. Smith, St. Paul's	25.00
Mt. View	2.36
Denning	3.00
New Hope	15.00
Booneville	50.00
Gar Creek	2.00
Clarksville	100.00
Jonesboro District:	
Promised Land	\$ 10.00
Yarbro	14.00
Marked Tree	50.00
Trumann	20.00
Wilson	10.00
Pleasant Valley	2.00
Weona	11.50
Keiser	6.00
Huntington Ave.	15.00
Lake City	12.50
Manila	25.00
Caraway	10.00
Orcicola	50.00
Monette	9.93
Hickory Ridge	10.00
Paragould District:	
Maynard	\$ 4.00
Pocahontas	30.00
Five Oaks	3.00
Rector, First Church	30.00
Rector, Fourth St.	4.00
Mt. Zion	2.00
Middlebrook	4.00
Beech Grove	11.00
Corning	40.00
Mammoth Spring	4.40
Lynn	4.00
Marmaduke	6.88
Gravel Hill	2.60
Cloverbend	5.00
Black Rock	5.00
Knobel	3.33
Piggott	25.00
Griffin Memorial	17.50

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LITTLE ROCK CONFERENCE CHURCH SCHOOL DAY OFFERING

THROUGH NOVEMBER 3, 1950

Arkadelphia District	
Arkadelphia	\$100.00
Bismark	2.25
Delight Ct.	7.00
Antoine	3.00
Saline	25.00
Glenwood	
Hot Springs Churches	160.00
First Church	40.00
Grand Avenue	35.00
Pullman Heights	100.00
First Church—Malvern	
Mount Ida Ct.	25.00
Mount Ida	5.00
Oden	20.00
Murfreesboro	
Rockport Charge	5.00
Butterfield	12.00
Traskwood Ct.	
	\$539.25
Camden District	
Buckner	20.32
Camden Churches	
First Church	125.00
Fairview	30.00
Timothy	5.00
Chidester	20.00
Dumas Memorial—Calion	10.00
Harmony Grove Ct.	
Buena Vista	7.00
Harmony Grove	7.00
Westside	6.00
Lewisville	35.00
Louann Ct.	16.00
Magnolia Churches	
First Church	100.00
Jackson Street	25.31
Princeton Ct.	4.00
Smackover	60.00
Taylor Ct.	10.00
Waldo	10.00
Willisville	8.00
Columbia Ct.	5.00
	\$503.63
Hope District	
DeQueen	\$ 50.00
Dierks Ct.	
Dierks	15.00
Green's Chapel	5.00
Doddridge	12.00
Hope	85.00
Horatio Ct.	5.00
Mena	50.00
Nashville	50.00
First Church—Texarkana	100.00
Richmond Ct.	
Richmond	2.00
Wades Chapel	3.00
Ogden	6.80
	\$383.80
Little Rock District	
Austin Ct.	\$ 10.00
Concord	6.00
Mt. Tabor	7.00
Mt. Zion	5.00
South Bend	40.00
Bauxite-Sardis	20.00
Douglassville	10.00
Geyer Springs	
Little Rock Churches	
Asbury	65.00
Capitol View	40.00
Forest Park	25.00
Henderson	30.00
Hunter	25.00
Pulaski Heights	100.00
Winfield	150.00
Lonoke	35.00
Mabelvale	15.00
Primrose	25.00
	\$608.00
Monticello District	
Dermott	\$ 35.00
Dumas	40.00
Eudora	30.00
Huttig	15.00
Lake Village	30.00
McGehee	45.00
Monticello	50.00
Parkdale	14.65
New Edinburg Ct.	10.00
Star City	20.00
Thornton Ct.	15.00
Tillar-Winchester	4.00
Warren	65.00
Watson-Kelso	20.00
Wilmar Ct.	
Andrew's Chapel	1.00
Rock Springs	3.00
Wilmar	3.00
Mt. Pleasant	4.00
Wilmet-Miller's Chapel	15.00
Martins' Chapel	4.00
	\$423.65
Pine Bluff District	
England	\$ 70.00
Good Faith	10.00
Leola Ct.	5.00
Little Prairie Ct.	4.50
Pine Bluff Churches	
Carr Memorial	25.00
Hawley Memorial	30.00
First Church	120.00
Lakeside	85.00
Sheridan	25.00
First Church—Stuttgart	40.00
Grand Avenue—Stuttgart	55.00
Swan Lake	10.00
	\$479.50
GRAND TOTAL	\$2937.83
JAMES H. JOHNSON, Treasurer	
November 3, 1950	

YOUTH-SERVICE AGENCIES MAY BE INTEGRATED WITH CHURCH SCHOOL

Nashville, Tenn. — The Youth Department of the General Board of Education recognizes six national youth-serving agencies that may be integrated with Methodist church schools, it was said here recently by A. Argyle Knight, of the Youth Department staff, who is responsible for contact with those agencies.

The organizations are: Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, Camp Fire Girls, 4-H Clubs, YMCA and YWCA.

There are two types of troops or clubs, church-sponsored and church-sheltered. The Youth Department is concerned primarily with the first group since church-sheltered organizations may contain members from other denominations or faiths; the church, as the name implies, serving only as a meeting place for the troop or club.

The Youth Department has had a close relationship with the six agencies, but contacts with the Boy Scouts are more or less typical.

Of the 31 member denominations that compose the Protestant Committee on Scouting, the Methodist Church sponsors the largest number of Boy Scout units—6982. This means that about one out of ten of the 70,246 Scout units in the whole country is sponsored by a Methodist church, or one out of three of the 25,000 sponsored by Protestant churches.

Figures available from Girl Scout headquarters reveal that in 1948 there were 60,000 Methodist Girl Scouts. This was 15 per cent of the total membership, with 67 per cent of the whole being Protestants.

An interesting breakdown of the Girl Scout total showed that in rural areas 22 per cent were Methodist; in small towns up to 5000 population, 20 per cent were Methodist; and in large cities of 100,000 or more the proportion was 13 per cent.

Total number of church affiliated groups of Camp Fire Girls in 1947 was 605. Of these, 374 were Protestant, 227 were Catholic and four Jewish. No breakdown of the Protestant group was available. This organization has a very fine program. Its membership is interracial, as well as interfaith.

There are two million members in 85,000 4-H Clubs led by 175,000 volunteer local leaders. No statistics as to how many of these are affiliated with Methodist churches were available. However, thousands of leaders and tens of thousands of boys and girls in Methodist rural churches are active in the 4-H Club program, according to Mr. Knight.

The Children's Department of the General Board is also concerned with the four agencies mentioned above, since many of their members are in the junior age group.

The 1948 General Conference thought the relationship between the church school and the youth-serving agencies important enough to incorporate in the Discipline a definite policy in regard to them. It is as follows: "Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts and similar organizations and clubs may be included in the church school when their program is a part of the program of the church school

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NORTH ARKANSAS CONFERENCE STUDIES METHODIST SUNDAY FELLOWSHIP

Nashville, Tenn.— Here is another "first"—a series of district meetings covering a whole annual conference has been held with reference to the Methodist Sunday Evening Fellowship.

The meetings were conducted in the North Arkansas Conference, September 18-23 and were sponsored by the bishop, the cabinet, and the Conference Board of Education.

At the request of the district superintendents of North Arkansas for leadership from the General Board of Education, the Rev. Luke G. Beauchamp, of the General Board staff, was given the assignment. In his talks to the laymen and ministers who attended, Mr. Beauchamp pointed out that the purpose of the Methodist Sunday Evening Fellowship is to enrich and unify any present program with an expanded program; that in no way is the Fellowship to replace any fine, ongoing program in any local church on Sunday evening. Copies of the "Source Book for the Methodist Sunday Evening Fellowship" were made available to those attending.

In commenting on the results of the meetings, Dr. Ira A. Brumley, executive secretary of the North Arkansas Conference Board of Education, said: "Our Conference should be able within a few months to have a body of experience with reference to the possibilities of the Methodist Sunday Evening Fellowship. This program is not new in our conference as a number of churches have already been carrying on some very definite programs of this type on Sunday evening."

"THE BOARD OF EDUCATION AND THE WORKERS' CONFERENCE AT WORK"

One glance at the title page of the new booklet "The Board of Education and the Workers' Conference at Work" (8199-BC) recently released by the Department of General Church School Work of the General Board of Education, and the reader will not be satisfied until he has read its entire 31 pages. Seldom have the tools of church school work been presented in a more vivid and appealing manner.

The booklet has a prosaic title but —"Look inside!" Each page will make the reader want to read the next—as he surely will until he has read to the end.

It is completely new and refreshingly different. It is a must for pastors, board chairmen, church school superintendents, division superintendents and other interested persons. It gives concrete help about how the church board of education may get things done and how to make the workers' conference function successfully. And it does this in such an attractive and concise way that there will no doubt in the reader's mind as to what the functions of the church board of education and the workers' conference are; nor will he be confused as to the duties of the members of the two organizations.

Price of the booklet is 15 cents. Order from the Methodist Publishing House that serves your territory.

WOMAN'S SOCIETY OF CHRISTIAN SERVICE

MRS. SUE M. WAYLAND, Editor

WYNNE W. S. C. S. HAS TENTH ANNIVERSARY

In the celebration of the 10th anniversary of the Woman's Society of Christian Service, a program was presented in the church sanctuary. Following the program a birthday party was held in the basement of the church.

The Parkin W. S. C. S. as the "Encouraging Group", were honored guests. Among the 60 guests present, 46 of them Wynne ladies, 14 were present from Parkin.

Beautiful arrangements of Fall flowers decorated the sanctuary where the group gathered for the program which opened with the playing of soft organ music by Miss Louise Coffin. They sang "We've a Story To Tell To The Nation." Invocation was given by Rev. Lloyd M. Conyers.

"Health Through The Brotherhood of a Nation" was the topic of the program presented by Mrs. T. M. Ellis, leader. Topics on this subject were given by Mrs. Ed McCormick, Mrs. David Block, Jr., Mrs. L. W. Bloxon and Mrs. Rufus Burnett.

Minutes of the first meeting of the organization of the society of September 16, 1940 were read by Mrs. G. G. Dorris. Among the charter members of the new society were five members of the First Methodist Ladies' Aid organized in Wynne in 1899.

The five women who have maintained their membership in the society are Mrs. Effie Levesque, Mrs. J. L. Hare, Mrs. C. B. Hall, Mrs. Frank Rhea and Mrs. Ed Brewster. Mrs. Brewster was the only charter member present for the meeting and was recognized as such. She was wearing her life membership pin which had been given her by the society.

A duet, "Ivory Palaces", was sung by Mrs. Robert Dillport and Mrs. Floyd Hunter.

Eleven candles were placed on the communion table in front of the altar, one for each year of service and "one to grow on", with one tall candle in the center and five on either side.

At the close of the program the officers came forward as their names were called and lighted the candles for the goals which had been met. Based on the period from June 1, 1949 to June 1, 1950, seven goals of progress had been achieved. Mrs. V. E. James lighted the candle, "one to grow on."

The guests were then invited to the basement of the church for refreshments and a social hour. Hostesses were Mrs. I. A. Hill, Mrs. Dave Hall, Mrs. M. R. Owen, Mrs. A. O. Chastain, Mrs. L. D. Adams, Mrs. H. K. Barwick, Mrs. Kathleen Clark and Mrs. R. H. Stewart.

Since it was customary for the "Encouragers" to bring the cake, Parkin brought one large enough for 60 or more. Eleven lighted candles decorated the top of the cake. The group gathered around the table and sang "Happy Birthday."

A lovely feature of the party was the 12 tables, placed around the room, attractively decorated as the 12 months of the year. The ladies were seated at the table of their birthday month where they were

ETERNAL VALUES

By Grace Noll Crowell

*Whatever else be lost among the years,
God still abides, and love remains the same;
And bravery will glimmer though men's tears,
And truth will keep its clean and upright name.
As long as life lasts there will ever be
Kindness and justice and high loyalty.*

*In a bewildered world these things will hold
The human heart from darkness and despair.
Old as the sun and moon and stars are old,
Remaining constant, they are ever there,
Lodestars for men to steer their courses by.
The eternal things of life can never die.*

MENA OBSERVES TENTH ANNIVERSARY

A candle-lighting service commemorating the tenth anniversary of the Woman's Society of Christian Service highlighted the meeting of that organization last Friday afternoon in the recreation room of the First Methodist Church.

Preceding the ceremony, Mrs. R. R. Hicks conducted a brief business session, during which time it was voted by the group to serve the Methodist Youth Fellowship each Sunday evening. This is to be done by two ladies each Sunday. Mrs. Vernon Rodgers, Mrs. Ralph Edwards, Mrs. Edna Farmer and Mrs. Titus Manasco have served the past two Sundays. Mrs. Leon Hall was unanimously elected secretary of the WSCS, replacing Mrs. Whit Spires, who resigned.

Following the business session, a group of 12 members of the Mountain View circuit entered the room, led by their president, who carried a beautiful white birthday cake with 11 candles. Each guest and member stood and introduced herself, then the program was given. This included talks concerning the growth and development and accomplishments of the WSCS by Mrs. W. A. Finks and Mrs. R. R. Hicks; Mrs. M. E. Drake led the group in prayer.

A duet from Shady Grove, Mrs. Amos Chamberlain and Mrs. Uell Hoover, sang "Lead Me To Calvary." They were accompanied by Mrs. Henry Davis.

The candle-lighting ceremony was then conducted by Mrs. Hicks who called upon 10 members of the Mena society to light candles. Each candle represented a phase of WSCS work, whose function was explained by each member as she lit the candle.

Following this service, the birthday cake was cut and served to the group of 12 ladies and 18 members with coffee and other refreshments.—Reporter

Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and he will dwell with them.—Rev. 21:3.

served cake, ice cream, coffee and mints.

Mrs. J. W. Glass of Crawfordsville, district promotion secretary, was an honored guest.

The benediction was given through the song, "Blest Be The Tie."—Reporter.

MEMORIAL RECORD BOOK PRESENTED

One of the most inspiring programs ever prepared by Searcy Methodist women was one arranged by Miss Rhena Robertson and presented Thursday afternoon, October 19, at the Educational Building. The occasion was the presentation by Mrs. Rife Hughey, Atkins, Arkansas, of a Membership Record book, in memory of her grandmother, Mrs. Mattie Yarnell, and Mrs. P. A. Robertson, two of Searcy's most devoted Christians whose influence shall ever be felt in the hearts and minds of their friends and loved ones.

The program began with the playing of sacred music by Miss Mary Jane Watkins at the piano accompanied by Mrs. M. P. Jones, Jr., on the violin. Mrs. S. J. Allbright, president of ten years ago, lifted up the accomplishments of the ten years of work in our church and read the names of women who became charter members of the Woman's Society of Christian Service in that program ten years ago. Five of the charter members have died; eighteen have moved away. Membership has increased three fold. Mrs. H. H. Fulbright, president of the local society at this time, read from the Holy Word, emphasizing the need for remembrance of the good deeds and lives of those who have gone before us pioneering in our work.

Miss Rhena Robertson then presented the beautiful book to the group, lifting up the special traits of those to whose memory it has been dedicated. Christian leadership, devotion to the cause of Christ, conference leadership outstanding work in the Woman's Christian Temperance Union were among some of the many good works lifted up before us.

Mrs. Adam Melton, Mrs. Erby Blackburn and Mrs. P. L. Kirby placed floral offerings on the lovely improvised altar which was centered with white mums in a tall white vase flanked by lighted white tapers in three branched candelabra.

Mrs. Ray Yarnell had charge of the registration and assisted each one present in signing the book either as an original charter member or as one who has come in since the time of formation of our society.

The church hostesses served delicious refreshments.

FT. SMITH FALL SEMINAR

Under the capable leadership of Mrs. Alfred McElroy, district secretary of Missionary Education, the Ft. Smith District Woman's Society has been privileged to attend one of the most successful seminars of its history.

The district was divided into three zones with the same program being presented in each of the three meetings. These Seminars were conducted at First church Ft. Smith, Mansfield, and Clarksville, with 175 women attending. This was a record in attendance for the district.

The morning session which was opened with a short devotional consisted of a hymn and a prayer was brought into a spirit of worship by the use of a beautiful worship setting.

Mrs. McElroy gave a preview of the program, and gave in detail the things we must do before we can present a successful study in our own local society.

Enrichment materials for Program Building was the subject discussed by Mrs. W. Henry Goodloe, Conference Secretary of Missionary Education. She pointed out the value of using the program committee to plan the program instead of having the program planned by one person.

Mrs. M. I. Barger led the Workshop on the mission study on "A Christian Vocation" assisted by Mrs. W. R. Cauthron, Mrs. Earl Baker and Mrs. Dwight Hawk. Mrs. Alfred McElroy presented the study "Toward a Christian Community."

After the lunch hour the study "The Near East" was given by Mrs. Dwight Hawk, and "Corporate Worship" was given by Mrs. Earl Baker.—Reporter

FORREST CITY DISTRICT GUILD MEETING

Attendance records were broken in the Forrest City District when ladies representing 13 of the 14 Wesleyan Service Guilds of the District turned out to hear Dr. Pearle McCain's brilliant address on the Church in China delivered at Forrest City on Sunday afternoon, October 22.

Miss Gertie Stiles of Fort Smith, Conference Guild Secretary, was also a special guest at the meeting, and participated in the informal session of the Guilds held following Dr. McCain's address.

Miss Virginia Hine, District Secretary, presided during the meeting, which was also attended by a number of members of the Woman's Society of the District, several pastors, and other men.

The Rev. Ethan Dodgen, Superintendent, gave the opening prayer, and later presented a group of Life Service Volunteers, composed of 18 young persons from the District.

Mrs. W. W. Draper, State President, presented the Ecumenical Church Register project of the United Council of Church Women.

Dr. McCain also addressed a large morning congregation of the Forrest City church.—Virginia Hine

Over every mountain there is a path that cannot be seen from the valley.—Missionary Tidings

CURRENT NEWS IN ARKANSAS METHODISM

HENDRIX COLLEGE NEWS

A large group of Hendrix alumni and college friends are expected on the campus to celebrate the college's Homecoming November 11. Coronation of the Homecoming Queen and presentation of her court at 2:00, the football game with Arkansas College at 2:30, and coffees in Hulén Lounge and Martin Hall later in the afternoon will be highlights of the day.

Sammy Lewis of Pangburn was elected homecoming queen by vote of the football squad. She will be escorted by Captain Richard Neely of Warren. The queen's maid of honor will be Dorothy Wilson of Huttig, escorted by Co-captain Leo Trulock of Pine Bluff.

The rest of the court will be composed of eight maids and their escorts. They are Anita Holt of Wynne and James Thwing of Sommerville, Ind., Naomi Lewis of Pangburn and Bill Clark of Clarksville, Ann Tennyson of Smackover and Walter Hodges of Conway, Barbara Pettingill of Plummerville and James Clemons of Wynne, Sue Dickens of Texarkana and Bobby McCool of Gould, Margaret Rich of Forrest City and Hugh Mixon of Mariana, Dixie Childs of Brinkley and Scott Wasson of Pine Bluff, Martha Lou Grove of Conway and John Miles of Hot Springs.

Miss Lewis' coronation will be conducted by Dean W. C. Buthman on the Young Memorial Stadium field immediately preceding the Warrior's game.

Seniors Entertained

The members of the senior class got a chance to see their professors indulge in unusual antics as the latter "graduated" from "Bendix College" October 27. The Hendrix Dames afforded the Class of 1951 this entertainment when they held their annual program for the real prospective graduates.

The Dames, an organization of the wives of faculty members and women members of the faculty, donned full academic regalia to pose as the faculty of "Bendix" as they led the graduating procession into Hulén Lounge. They were followed by the Hendrix faculty, the graduates of "Bendix."

After the welcoming address of Dr. Matt L. Ellis, Dean W. C. Buthman and Registrar Victor Hill unveiled a new Bendix washing machine on the speakers' platform.

The bestowing of awards was the first event of the evening. The first prize went to George Mulacek of the music faculty for the best all-around musician. He entered loaded with a variety of musical instruments and received as his prize a wheelbarrow to carry his instruments in.

Awards for the best all-around athletes went to Charles S. James of the political science department and to Miss Vivian Hill veteran member of the English faculty. She was attired in sports costume of 1915 and received a china cup as a loving cup.

Miss Myrtle E. Charles, professor of French, was judged merely the "best all around," and was awarded candy and cake as reducing prizes.

Special music for the impressive commencement program included

SAFETY COUNCIL EMPHASIZES PEDESTRIAN SAFETY

"ARE your feet killing you?"

That query comes from Dr. Matt L. Ellis President of the Arkansas Safety Council, as he discussed the careless manner in which many of our people walk when crossing streets and highways or while walking along roadways where no sidewalks are available.

The Safety Council is emphasizing pedestrian safety this month in an attempt to educate the people to the dangers involved and in ways of safe pedestrian habits.

Dr. Ellis points out that the need for a campaign to reduce pedestrian deaths and accidents by citing the fact that 84 pedestrian deaths plus hundreds of injuries were recorded last year in Arkansas.

The need is further emphasized by the fact that up to November 1, nine traffic deaths in the state's Capital City included eight pedestrians. Studies made by the National Safety Council show that the majority of pedestrian deaths occur to two age groups, those under 15 years and those above 65 years.

Many people in each age group can be reached through our churches,—in fact many of our church-going folk walk to and from services, and Dr. Ellis believes it would be helpful if some safety precautions were brought out in the church schools and even from the pulpit.

People could be warned to cross streets at intersections only and then to look in all directions before stepping from the curb. They should be cautioned when walking along the highway where there is no sidewalks to always walk facing traffic and if at night to wear something white, carry a light or an object that will reflect light. Children should be warned never to play in the street and to forget all else except getting across safely when they have to cross a street or highway. "A lifetime can be spent crossing a street or highway." — Arkansas Safety Council

an expressionistic ballet by V. Earle Copes of the music department and a solo by Dr. Richard E. Yates' "Boston Nightingale." A Boston terrier owned by the professor of history gave a spirited rendition of a canine aria.

The faculty and students of "Bendix" completed the strange graduation exercises by filing out in spirited recessional.

Booster Club Carnival

The Booster Club sponsored the annual Halloween Carnival in Axley Gymnasium last week. Jane Lee Felix of Little Rock was crowned Booster Club queen at the close of a merry evening.

The carnival proceeds of approximately \$130 will go to the Booster Club for financing the club's projects, which include the annual banquets for football and basketball and basketball players and the activities of Homecoming. Jim Jeffries of Little Rock, club president, predicts that profit from the evening will be sufficient for carrying out the year's projects.—Cynthia Brown.

VISITATION PLAN FOR NURSERY DEPARTMENT

In the past few years the membership of the Pulaski Heights Methodist Church School has increased so steadily the position of the Home Nursery Visitor became too great for one person.

Under the direction of the Nursery Department Superintendent, Mrs. Troy Churchman, the department has been reorganized and is now functioning most effectively. Under the supervision of Mrs. T. H. Vaughn a group of twelve women, working in pairs help with the visitation. All calls concerning births and plans for baptism of babies are made to Mrs. Vaughn, she in turn calls the visitors and contact is made with the home as soon as possible. By rotating the calls to the visitors no one is called too often and the workers look forward to making the visits. Interesting pamphlets, an attractive book for the parents to keep the record of the child's Church life and a copy of the Christian Home are left by the visitors. Letters are also mailed each quarter to the child's parents.

Visitors working under Mrs. Churchman and Mrs. Vaughn are Mrs. A. M. Snow, Mrs. John Buxton, Mrs. Leon Hutto, Mrs. Louis East, Mrs. Woodrow McKnight, Mrs. James N. Dowell, Mrs. Edwin Johnston, Mrs. Jess Merryman, Mrs. M. Tullos, Mrs. Geo. Guthrie, and Mrs. Jimmie Strawn, Jr.—Reporter.

NORTH ARKANSAS NOTES

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Biggers	2.19
Wright's Chapel	3.00
Hardy	11.31
Mars Hill	2.00
Searcy District:	
Clinton	\$ 20.00
Cabot	20.00
Griffithville	8.00
Harrison	83.57
Judsonia	5.00
McRae	5.96
Valley Springs	12.00
Pangburn	13.00
Augusta	25.00
District Totals are as follows:	
Batesville District	\$255.64
Conway District	292.10
Fayetteville District	488.53
Forrest City District	348.49
Ft. Smith District	689.76
Jonesboro District	255.93
Marion District	219.61
Searcy District	192.53

There are four persons from the North Arkansas Conference teaching in the Oklahoma City Training School this week: Mrs. Ira A. Brumley, Miss Elizabeth Workman, Dr. James W. Workman, and Rev. I. L. Claud.

Mrs. Ira A. Brumley taught in the Texarkana School last week.

A one unit training school on the Methodist Youth Fellowship will be held at St. John's Church, Van Buren, beginning on Sunday afternoon, November 19. This school is for all of the churches of that area.

Rev. Ira A. Brumley is teaching in the Louisville, Kentucky, Training School this week.

Ideals are like stars; you will not succeed in touching them with your hands. But like the seafaring man on the desert of waters, you choose them as your guides, and following them you will reach your destiny.—Carl Schurz

SIGNS OF CONTINUED GROWTH IN WINFIELD

Last Sunday, which was "Pledge Sunday" in Winfield, was one of our great days. More people attended the Morning Worship Service last Sunday than any other Sunday since I have been your pastor. That is significant to me, for it reveals that our people are vitally concerned about every phase of our church program. Our people are making larger pledges than were made last year. More than \$29,000 of the \$50,700 needed to care for our budget has been pledged. I know that those of you who have not turned in your pledges will see that they are in soon. Let's pledge our budget.

Our Sunday School attendance is growing. In September, with our Rally Day attendance we had an average attendance of 624. During October our average attendance was 635. During November we want you to help us reach an average attendance of 650.

Most significant of all is the increase in church membership. During October seventy-two persons stood at the altar of our church and were received into our fellowship. What a thrill that has given us. We welcome these new members and we take new courage as they join with us in making a greater Winfield.—Cecil R. Culver in Pulpit and Pew.

BENTON COUNTY YOUNG ADULT FELLOWSHIP


The organization meeting of the Benton County Young Adult Fellowship was held on November 2 in the Bentonville Methodist Church. With Mrs. Alf Eason at the piano, Rev. J. T. Randle led in singing. Rev. H. W. Jinske led in prayer.

Rex Blair, the temporary chairman, presented Rev. W. F. Cooley, district superintendent, as the principal speaker. Brother Cooley's message was on the theme, "A Call to Sainthood."

The following officers were elected: President, Vaughn Pickard; Vice-president, Dwight Bickford; Secretary-Treasurer, Miss Eve Horn; Reporter, H. W. Jinske.

J. L. McKeehen showed some interesting slides. Refreshments were served in the education building.

The next meeting will be held at Centerton on Friday, December 1.—H. W. Jinske, Reporter.



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THE TOWN AND COUNTRY COMMISSION AND LAY PREACHING

An Endorsement and a Testimony by C. M. Reves

Dr. C. M. Reves is the superintendent of the Conway District. Sensing the need of more definite and direct cultivation of the Town and Country Church program in the district, he suggested several months ago the setting up of a District Commission. Therefore the calling together of conference and district leaders grew out of his interest in this matter. This idea has also been uppermost in the mind of the Secretary of the Town and Country Commission. Therefore, it is with great joy that we had our first meeting and perfected an organization. It is our sincere hope that each district in the conference

The hour of the layman has struck. Isn't it a bit surprising to hear a Roman Catholic talking this way? "The laymen are our last reserve to save the world." Granted that the writer is writing about the Roman Catholic Church, notice how the salvation is to come about. "The laymen are our last reserve."

We Methodists might well be saying as much. At least we might be saying that the arousing of laymen to active participation in the work of the church is no small part of our hope of the future for Protestantism and for Methodism.

This article is written to approve the work of our Town and Country

us as Methodist preachers and laymen to give to this program our heartiest endorsement and our most active co-operation.

Conway District Town and Country Commission

For the purpose of making the program of the Conference Commission more effective within the bounds of the Conway District, we have organized here in our own area the Conway District Town and Country Commission, which is organized after the fashion of the conference commission. It is composed of the district superintendent, the district missionary secretary, the district president and the promotion secretary of W. S. C. S., one rural station pastor, one layman at large, one young person, members of the conference commission who reside in Conway District, and the head of the department of religion in Hendrix College. At present these are: C. M. Reves, Elmus Brown, Pierce K. Merrill, Mrs. Rife Hughey, Mrs. James Bell, A. A. Noggle, Allen D. Stewart, M. H. Pierce, Frank Warden, Jr., Matt L. Ellis, Mrs. Johnnie McClure, Ira Brumley, J. Albert Gatlin, and James Upton.

This Commission met for the first time on October 16 at Conway and organized for work with the following officers: C. M. Reves, chairman; Allen D. Stewart, vice-chairman; James Upton, secretary. The group gave enthusiastic endorsement to the "Eight-Point Program of Rural Church Efficiency" and pledged fullest co-operation in carrying out this program in Conway District. Thus the district commission makes itself a spearhead for the conference commission and provides an agency through which it can work in carrying out the conference-wide program for the rural churches.

Lay Preaching in Rural Churches

One of the objectives in the "Eight-Point Program" of the Town and Country Commission is "A Worship Service every Sunday in every Church". This goal is to be reached through the use of lay-speakers on the Sundays of the month when the pastor is not present. Conway District has been carrying on this kind of work for several years and will continue to do so on a larger scale under the direction of the Town and Country Commission. At present, the area around Morrilton is well organized under the leadership of the pastor of First Church in Morrilton, and the rural churches on both sides of the Arkansas River, in Conway and Perry counties, are being ministered to regularly by laymen. Each month ten or more churches on three different circuits

have at least one service in addition to the regular service of the pastor. Around North Little Rock the same kind of ministry is being provided by the laymen under the leadership of the men's classes in the Sunday schools in North Little Rock. Two rural churches are given two services each month, so that they have services in each church every Sunday of the month. In the very near future we hope to have similar activities for the laymen in the areas around Conway, Russellville and Danville.

The Effectiveness of the Lay Ministry

If nothing more were accomplished in this work than merely adding another service for a rural church each month, that of itself would be worthwhile. But the thing that matters most is the character of the services which are being held by the laymen and the reaction of the people to these. Repeatedly, one hears it said by those who attend that the services which the laymen conduct are among the very best the church ever has. The laymen are giving our rural churches a ministry which is deeply spiritual and greatly appreciated. And the pastors and the district superintendent who serve these churches in the country rejoice greatly in the results which are being achieved through the lay ministry. What the laymen are doing is surely a work of the Lord, and it is the kind of work which has always been a part of Methodism's glory.

The Catholic leader is right in his article to which reference was made at the beginning of this contribution: "The hour of the layman has struck." Let us as Methodists see this and make the most of this for the Kingdom of God and for Christ and His cause.

YOUTH-SERVICE AGENCIES MAY BE INTEGRATED WITH CHURCH SCHOOL

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and under the direction of the church board of education and the pastor."

It is to be noted, however, that the serving agency furnishes the program and the church furnishes the boys and girls and the spiritual emphasis in the program for its own youth in its own units. As someone has pointed out in connection with the Boy Scout program, Methodist local churches annually report their use of and success with the Scouting program and request that they may use it for another year.



will follow suit.

The following persons were present as shown in the picture: Front row—Frank Warden, Jr., Youth representative; Rev. J. Albert Gatlin, Executive Secretary of the Town and Country Commission; Mrs. Johnnie McClure, President of the W. S. C. S. in the North Arkansas Conference; Mrs. Rife Hughey, president of district W. S. C. S.; Rev. Allen D. Stewart, pastor of the First Methodist Church, Conway; back row—Pierce K. Merrill, District Lay Leader; Rev. Elmus C. Brown, District Missionary Secretary; Rev. A. A. Noggle, pastor of Morrilton Circuit No. 1; Dr. C. M. Reves, District Superintendent Conway District; Dr. Matt L. Ellis, President Hendrix College.—J. Albert Gatlin.

Commission in North Arkansas Conference as it is being carried on under the leadership of its executive secretary, Rev. J. Albert Gatlin, and to bear testimony to the effectiveness of our laymen in their ministry to our rural churches.

The Conference Town and Country Commission

That our churches in the open country need to be helped is a matter about which all of us agree. I am not going to spend time in calling attention to the situation as we face it all over Arkansas at this time. We know well enough what the conditions are and what needs to be done. I want to talk about the agency through which we can work just now for the betterment of our rural churches and about the program of service which this agency is proposing. The Town and Country Commission undoubtedly offers the people of the North Arkansas Conference as fine a set-up as they could want for doing the things which need to be done in the country. The clear-cut, definite, down-to-earth program, which our dynamic executive secretary is laying before us and actually carrying out, promises great good to the whole conference, and it behooves all of

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M. Y. F. NEWS

POINSETT SUB-DISTRICT
M. Y. F.

The Poinsett Sub-District M. Y. F. met at Lepanto on October 12. The Lepanto M. Y. F. presented a very inspiring program on "The Church." These topics were discussed: My Life and the Church; The Church Serves the Home; The Church Serves the Community; The Church Serves the World.

There were one hundred two present. The next meeting will be held in November at Tyrone. The new adult counselors from Marked Tree, Mr. and Mrs. Dabney, and from Weona, Mrs. Pruitt, were introduced by the pastors of these churches.

Recreation was enjoyed in the recreational building and refreshments were served. — Shirley Spencer.

DELTA SUB-DISTRICT
M. Y. F.

The Delta Sub-District M. Y. F. met on October 2 at 7:30 at the Dermott Methodist Church. The program was presented by Barbara Minor. Mary Nell Clayton had charge of the business session.

The election of officers was as follows: Marilyn Misler, president; Charles Otey, vice-president; Jo Lynn Tiner, secretary; Mildred Bickman, treasurer; Martha Appleberry, reporter.

There were sixty-one present with McGehee having the largest percentage.

After the business meeting refreshments were served. — Martha Appleberry, Reporter.

WESLEY MEMORIAL M. Y. F.
CONWAY

The Wesley Memorial Methodist Youth Fellowship was in charge of the evening church service, Sunday, October 1 at which time newly-elected officers and counselors were installed in a candlelight service.

Crosley Key, ministerial student at Hendrix College, and president of the Wesley Memorial M. Y. F., was leader for the service. Taking part on the program were Patricia Boydston, Bob Dempsey, Martha Holloway, James Carroll Mosley, Carolyn Conley, Danny Joe Heirst and the officers and commission chairmen.

Following announcements by the pastor, Rev. A. H. DuLancy, Miss Eloise Rhode, youth director, installed the following officers and counselors: President, Patricia Boydston; Secretary-Treasurer, Rose Norwine. Chairmen of the Commissions: Worship and Evangelism, Bob Dempsey; Community Service, Peggy Treece; Recreation, James Conley; Missions and World Friendship, Anne Mowrer; Counselors, Mr. and Mrs. George Robinette, Mrs. F. D. Rhode.—Eloise Rhode.

JUNIOR HIGH M. Y. F. SUB-DISTRICT MEETS AT
LODGES CORNER

The Junior High M.Y.F. Sub-District met at Lodges Corner Methodist Church on October 23 at 7:30 p. m.

Dixie Hillman and Mrs. Zada Simpson gave the program.

The business meeting was in charge of the president, Phyllis Goetz. It was decided that this district would raise money to build a cabin at the new M.Y.F. Camp on Lake Catherine.

It was voted that each unit would

bring a box to the next meeting in Humphrey to be packed and sent to China.

A period of recreation followed the meeting.—Kay Bueker, Reporter.

PARKDALE M. Y. F.

The Parkdale Methodist Youth Fellowship has been organized for about two months. The following of-

ficers were elected at the first meeting: President, Jo Ann Bowden; Vice-president, Connor Morscheimer, Ann Foster and Reporter, Krin Scales. Our sponsors are Mrs. L. C. Morscheimer and Mrs. W. T. Files.

Our program is held each Sunday evening in the auditorium of the church and then a period of recreation is held in the basement of the church.

We would like to hear from

M.Y.F. members in other towns.—Krin Scales, Reporter.

THE EPWORTH SUB-DISTRICT

The Epworth Sub-District of the Methodist Youth Fellowship, composed of members from First Church, Newport, Umsted Memorial, Tuckerman, Swifton, Alicia

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HOW DOES WORSHIPING ENRICH PERSONAL CHRISTIAN LIVING?

LESSON FOR NOVEMBER 19, 1950

READ THE ENTIRE LESSON FROM YOUR BIBLE: Isaiah 1:11-17; Luke 4:16; John 4:19-24; I Corinthians 11:17-34; Colossians 3:16.

GOLDEN TEXT: "God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth."—John 4:24

What Is Worship?

When we come to realize just what worship is we see immediately that it is about the most important thing an individual can do. The catechism asserts that the "chief end of man is to glorify God and enjoy him forever." If that statement be true, then worship should stand at the head of the list of our activities. The chief way of glorifying God is to really and truly worship, and no one can come to realize the presence of God, much less enjoy him, except through worship.

All of us recall Andrew Murry. We remember him as a man who astounded another generation with his faith and effective prayers. Murry has made a very strong statement concerning worship that we might well note here: "To worship is man's highest glory. He was created for fellowship with God; of that fellowship worship is the sublimest expression. All the exercises of the religious life—meditation and prayer, love and faith, surrender and obedience, all culminate in worship. Recognizing what God is in His holiness, His glory, and His love, realizing that I am a sinful creature, and as the Father's redeemed child, in worship I gather up my whole being and present myself to my God, to offer him the adoration and the glory which is His due. The truest and fullest and nearest approach to God is worship. Every sentiment and every service of the religious life is included in it: to worship is man's highest destiny, because in it God is all."

The above statement is one of the greatest expressions of appreciation of worship as well as one of its best definitions to be found in literature. May we look a little closer at it. You will note in the statement that Mr. Murry says that man was created for fellowship with God. With our finite minds, we cannot think of a greater reason for man's creation. Anything, therefore, that enhances and intensifies this fellowship is of supreme worth to man. All will readily admit that this fellowship cannot be either attained or sustained without worship, God being the great, holy, and loving individual that he is, it is utterly impossible for any finite individual to come into harmonious contact with him without worshipping. Worship comes natural to any person who finds himself in conscious, harmonious contact with God. Truly, as Mr. Murry says, worship is the sublimest expression of this fellowship. In worship we adore God, we praise him, we magnify his name and as we do so we find our hearts strangely warmed and greatly enlarged. Our whole being is filled with "joy unspeakable and full of glory." We have a peace

that "passeth understanding." Our doubts vanish and our fears are gone.

Think of the exercises of the whole religious life which Mr. Murry tells us culminate in worship—"Meditation and prayer, love and faith, surrender and obedience." These qualities cover the religious life in its eternity and all of them lead to worship and only find their complete expression through worship.

Corporate Worship

The lesson today is dealing primarily with corporate worship. Much good comes through the individual worship alone, but even greater good comes through corporate worship. Paul was a great believer in public worship. He warned his converts "Forsake not the assembling of yourselves together". Jesus also emphasized this matter. He said that where even two or three were gathered together in his name he would be in the midst of them.

Gilbert Cox in the Adult Student makes a strong statement in favor of corporate worship. He goes on to say, "Corporate worship raises to an intensity and joy every capacity of appreciation and love we have. We are afraid of a mob because it does something to the persons in it. The opposite is true of the noblest in our natures. One person might hear 'The Hallelujah Chorus' sung, but it can't give the thrill of a great crowd rising to its feet at the majesty of this music. We are lifted to higher levels of exaltation by the presence and participation of others."

One of the greatest reasons for public worship is the fact that all participants are raised to higher levels through the doing of this highest of all activities along with others. Some refuse to attend church on the grounds that they can worship at home or some place in nature just as well as they can in the church. This is not true. People should worship in the midst of the beauties of nature and in their homes, but such private worship can never take the place of public worship. The truth about the matter is we need to practice both public and private worship. The individual who really and truly finds God in private worship will want to go to the church to worship along with others. The very fact that he does not attend, unless providentially hindered, proves that he is not really worshipping God anywhere. He is merely trying to excuse himself for the failure to do what he himself recognizes to be his duty.

Hindrances To Worship

Since worship is so important it is very necessary that we come to know the things that hinder us in

this activity so that we may avoid them.

One hindrance is that of talking about week-day affairs right up to the beginning of the worship service. This finds the participants wholly unprepared for the great experience of meeting with God. It is very nice for the church to be friendly but this should not be carried on to the extent that individuals are kept from becoming conscious of God's presence in the service.

Another hindrance is that of late-comers. Some people have the habit of being late at every event. If they only knew how greatly they disturb others in the public worship of God they would make a serious effort to arrive at the services on time.

Another hindrance is ignorance of what worship means. Many people do not know what it is all about. They do not realize just what the leaders of the service are trying to do. They are not altogether to blame for their lack of knowledge along this line for the matter has never been adequately explained to them. It would be well if such explanation was made from time to time.

Some good time could be spent and helpful service rendered by calling attention to and explaining our order of worship. This order is arranged to lead people step by step into a worship experience. The prelude is very important. The organist should be at her best when she begins the service. A prelude well rendered puts people in the proper attitude for worship. When one is put into the attitude of worship he is given an opportunity of expressing his feeling as he sings along with others. The affirmation of faith naturally fits into the next place in the program.

When one comes into the presence of God he feels like praising him, and expressing faith in him. The pastoral prayer then naturally follows with its expression of adoration for God, thankfulness for his blessings, confession of sins, and petitions for continued favors both material and spiritual. The Lord's Prayer is a good pattern for all public prayers. It covers the whole field of prayer. The anthem, well-rendered by the choir, is one of the high points in the worship service. This is followed by the sermon. Generally speaking sermons should attempt to do two things—they should both inspire and instruct. All items in the worship program are trying to lead the participants to a commitment of their all to God. The next item after the sermon is usually a hymn of consecration followed by the benediction which pronounces blessings of God upon the worshippers. A careful study of a well-ordered program of worship will reveal how each item in the service leads the worshippers on step by step to the culminating point of the program.

In Isaiah 1:11-17 we have one of the strongest statements in all literature concerning worship. The Prophet goes on to condemn the people for attempting to worship God through form and ritual while they made no effort whatever to live righteous lives. He insisted that God would not hear them unless they made a serious effort to live right. They could not come tripping into God's presence merely with forms and ceremonies when their hearts were not right. He quotes God as saying, "Wash you, make you clean; seek justice, relieve the oppressed, judge the fatherless, plead for the widow."

Helps To Worship

There are several things that if faithfully practiced will help our public worship. One is more private worship. The daily practice of worship in the home would greatly strengthen our corporate worship.

Still another help is reverence for the house of God. We need to realize that "God is in his holy temple; let all the earth keep silence before him." In hindrances to worship, we mentioned the fact that too many people carry on conversations about week-day affairs when they should be getting themselves into an attitude of worship. The habit of engaging in silent prayer for a few minutes when one enters the church is very helpful.

Another help is to realize that God is spirit and must be worshipped in spirit. Christ forever set this question at rest in his conversation with the woman of Samaria. She thought that Mt. Gerizim was the place to worship. She realized that the Jews felt that the true place of worship was at Jerusalem. Jesus informed her that since God is spirit he cannot be localized. The attitude of the heart is more important than is the place in the matter of worshipping God.

A well-planned worship service is also helpful in the matter of worship. There is a place for dignity and formality especially in the morning service. Ritual as such is not bad. It only becomes harmful when it is made an end in itself and not a means to an end. What we try to do in worship is to become conscious of God's presence and have fellowship with him and ritual rightly conceived and wisely practiced can assist in attaining this end.

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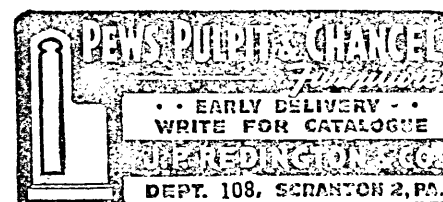
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M. Y. F. NEWS

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and Strangers Home met for the October meeting at Strangers Home Church.

A good program was given by the members of the host group. Recreation was held at the close of the business meeting, presided over by Joe Linam of Swifton.

A period of recreation was held. The next meeting will be held on the third Wednesday of November.—Homer L. Watson, Reporter.

ALFRED WASSON
SUB-DISTRICT

The Alfred Wasson Sub-District met at Elm Springs October 23. Some said it was the largest crowd they had ever seen. The church, which seats 200, was full and some had to stand at the back.

The worship program consisted of hymn singing, a solo by Irene Cook, and an inspiring message by Rev. Brady Cook, pastor at Gentry.

Recreation was held with an award going to Prairie Grove for the best stunt.

After the business meeting refreshments were served in the basement and the council met to discuss future plans.—Bob Edwards.

GALLOWAY SUB-DISTRICT

The Galloway Sub-District met October 2, at McCaskill. The MYF of McCaskill gave an interesting program with Carolyn Prescott, Bula Honeycutt, Wayne Porterfield, Shirley Rhinehart, Janette Rhinehart, Virginia Ruth Hamilton and Linda Sweat taking part.

The Sub-District President, John Lyle Foster of Blevins, took charge of the meeting and interesting reports were given by each MYF. There were 94 young people and 19 adults present with Hope having 2, Prescott 18, Emmett 14, Bingen 7, Friendship 11, Blevins 24, and McCaskill 18. Patsy Allen of Emmett was elected as the new treasurer for the Sub-District. An invitation was given by Bingen for the next meeting.

After refreshments, recreation was enjoyed under the direction of Mrs. Cagle Fair of Blevins. The meeting was closed with a fellowship circle and prayer.—Reporter.

THE SPIRITUAL CLIMATE IS
NOT COLD IN AFRICA

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plowing, catchment dams, soil conservation, all have to be considered in this land of dryness and large areas.

Church personnel is so lacking in training that superintendents have a hard time showing local church treasurers how to keep their books, or even to get anyone willing to accept the responsibility of being treasurer. But progress is being made. Five young men stood at the altar to be admitted into full membership in the Conference and

ordained as deacons. Splendidly prepared and consecrated people they are. They have had eight years of primary education, two years of teacher-training, experience in teaching, three years of theological school, and now two years in the ministry. They have proven themselves to be worthy ministers of Jesus Christ. Now there are thirty such active full members of the Conference working with our fourteen missionary ministers.

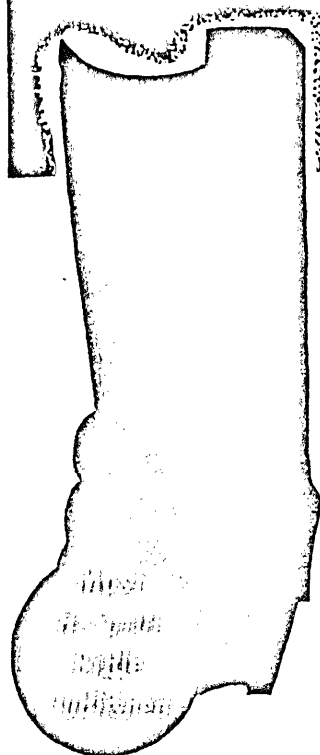
Health conditions in both town and kraal life give our medical people and all our workers much concern. We heard of a terrible lack

of proper water supplies which is multiplying the incidence of bilharzia and other disease. Yet we rejoice with the people of the Conference at home in the Advance: The people who are sending their gifts for the Mother Hughes Maternity Center at Mutambara and the Washburn Memorial Hospital at Nyadiri. Soon we shall have much more adequate facilities. Miss Hansson has been able to open the three rural dispensaries. And we have twenty-two African girls in the nurses' training course at Nyadiri getting ready to staff these medical centers.

There is crude superstition, dark fear on one side, and blaze religious indifference among those who pretend to be "civilized" on the other; but the deep devotion and unmoved consecration of our people was evidenced in the prayers at Conference and in the eager way they listened to and commented upon the daily messages from Bishop Northcott, as well as in the reports of the pastoral activity of the year. These reports indicated that more than five thousand people had been received into the Church as full members, preparatory ones, or as beginners in the Christian life.

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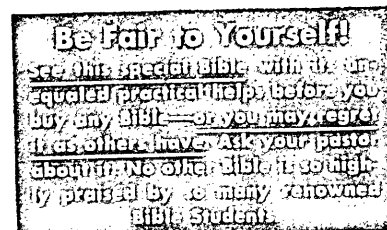
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