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## Methodism Enlarges Its Missionary Activities

METHODISM faces the present world situation as a challenge as is evidenced by the work of The Board of Missions and Church Extension which held its annual meeting at Buck Hill Falls, Pa., in December.

At this session of the Board, appropriations totaling \$14,134,566 were made for our missionary program at home and abroad for the new year. \$5,964,910 was for the overseas work of the Division of Foreign Missions which is at work in forty countries. The Division of Home Missions and Church Extension appropriated \$2,429,449 for work within the United States. The Woman's Division of Christian Service will spend \$5,740,207 in its work at home and abroad. The appropriations for missions this year were the largest the Board has made since the union of the three branches of Methodism in 1939.

No one should get the notion, because of these large appropriations, that the Board of Missions and Church Extension is not fully aware of the critical condition of world affairs. There is possibly no other group in our church that knows so well the problems the church faces today. At Buck Hill Falls there was evidence of the feeling that the present situation calls for an advance on the part of the church, with no thought of retrenching.

## Circulation Campaign Materials Mailed

ALL materials which our office has prepared for the pastors' use in The Arkansas Methodist Circulation Campaign have been mailed to pastors.

Each pastor should have received the following materials:

1. An alphabetical list of subscribers in his charge for use in reporting renewals to our office.
2. A colored sheet prepared for use in reporting new subscribers.
3. A duplicate alphabetical list of subscribers for the pastor's use in the Campaign in his charge and to be kept for his files.
4. Display posters for advertising the Campaign.
5. A pack of coin envelopes prepared for use in the Campaign in the local charge.
6. A quota sheet containing district and charge quotas.
7. A copy of the Circulation Plan as approved by our two Annual Conferences.
8. A sheet of "suggestions" for use where practical in the local situation.
9. A report form for use in reporting the results of the Campaign to the District Superintendent.

If any pastor has failed to receive these materials, please notify our office. Duplicates of any of the materials may be had if needed.

There seems to have been more interest in pre-campaign planning and preparation by our pastors this year than in previous years. We take this as a good "omen" for the Tenth Circulation Campaign.

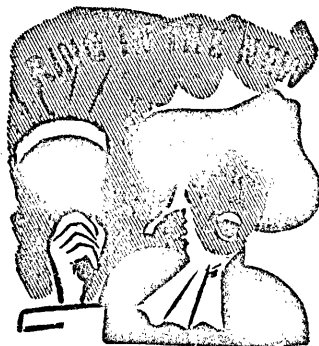
Possibly there has been no time when it was quite so important for Methodist people to know what our church is doing within the state and across the world than in this critical period in world affairs. We sincerely believe that a pastor is doing a Methodist home a distinct service when he leads the family to subscribe

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## "Thou Knowest Not What A Day May Bring Forth"

THE caption of this article, a quotation from Proverbs, indicates that wise men in the centuries past had discovered the uncertain, precarious balance in which life must commonly be lived. As we face the New Year of 1951, this truth recorded by the writer of Proverbs, hundreds of years before the birth of Christ, becomes as modern and descriptive of life today as reports in our daily news papers.

Our nation never before entered a New Year facing so many elements of uncertainty as now confront us in 1951. Will the year ahead bring full-scale war with China? Will Russia plunge the world into



the Third World War? Will our allies in Europe take seriously the threat of Communism and take seriously the necessity of quick general mobilization for defense? Will our economy stand the strain of another all-out mobilization for war? Will the leadership of our nation be able to forego petty, party politics and unite with singleness of purpose for the preservation of our nation? Will it be possible for The United Nations to preserve the peace of the world or, like other similar efforts for world peace, will The United Nations fail because some major world powers refuse to cooperate.

These are all momentous questions. It is quite possible, also, that the answer to most, if not all of them will come in 1951. Only yesterday we saw somewhere the suggestion that most people would like to skip 1951 altogether. Regardless of how we feel about it, those of us who live through the New Year must face day by day the problems it poses.

We have all heard the statement, "Man's extremity is God's opportunity." Let us pray for and believe that in some way a divine Providence, in the New Year, will move on our troubled world and that sanity and a new spirit of brotherhood may possess the people of earth.

It should be said, also, that the true Christian can face uncertainties and positive difficulties with a sense of inner peace and security that is impossible for those who reject or neglect the Christian faith. We may not know "what a day may bring forth," but we do know, through faith, that we may have conquering grace for whatever the day may bring.

## "T. J. And Inez Raney Lectureship" Established

THE "T. J. and Inez Raney Lectureship" has been established at the Pulaski Heights Methodist Church, Little Rock, by Mr. and Mrs. Alton Raney, members of that church. The lectureship is being given in memory of the late T. J. Raney and in honor of Mrs. Inez Raney, the parents of Alton Raney. According to the Pulaski Heights pastor, Rev. J. Kenneth Shamblin, the gift will make possible a series of lectures by an outstanding churchman and religious leader each year at the Pulaski Heights Church.

As far as we have been able to determine this is the first contribution of this nature in Arkansas Methodism. We know of several instances in other states where programs of this nature have been instituted and they have proved to be of significant worth. This gift is a contribution not only to the Pulaski Heights congregation but to the state as well. It will make possible the hearing of great religious leaders who otherwise might never come our way. We predict that with the passing of years this contribution will take on added worth as many people are enriched and blessed because of the "T. J. and Inez Raney Lectureship."

Appropriately enough, Bishop Martin will deliver the first series of lectures this spring at a date to be announced later. This lectureship is a fitting tribute to a father and a mother who contributed much in leadership and means to God and their church but who gave nothing greater to the world than a Christian home and family.

## A Backward Look

IT is our purpose in this and a succeeding article to take a hurried glance at the year in Arkansas Methodism which has just closed. Such a look may increase our faith and vision for the New Year before us.

Arkansas Methodism for several years has begun its year with the Arkansas Methodist Circulation Campaign. 1950 was begun in this manner and the campaign resulted in a record subscription list. Hulén Hall at Hendrix College was opened for the first meal January 2. Several persons from Arkansas attended the Jurisdictional Town and Country Commission meeting in Oklahoma City, January 10-12. It was also in January that Philander Smith College, Little Rock, was first accredited by the University Senate of The Methodist Church.

In February quite a delegation of Arkansas Methodist preachers attended the annual Ministers week in Dallas. Also recreational leaders gathered in Little Rock for a state-wide Recreational Laboratory. The Board of Evangelism of the North Arkansas Conference launched an extensive program of visitation—preaching evangelism in several of the North Arkansas Conference districts. It was also in February that the temperance forces launched a campaign to vote Arkansas dry.

March began with a state-wide meeting of Arkansas temperance leaders. The W. S. C. S. and the Wesleyan Service Guild of the North Arkansas Conference met in Morrilton and Bishop and Mrs. Martin returned from a trip to India and the Far East.

April brought the Easter season, observance of Rural Life Sunday, the W. S. C. S. National Assembly in Cleveland, and the change in name of the Prescott-Texarkana District to the Hope

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# "Week Of Dedication" Offering To Help Korea

By THOBURN T. BRUMBAUGH

**T**HROUGH an additional asking of \$100,000 as a top priority in the total list of needs for which "Week of Dedication" offerings will be used, the people called Methodists are being called upon by the Methodist Church to provide some immediate physical relief for the hungry, homeless, and shelterless millions of Koreans. The Week—February 18 to 25—ends with a Day of Dedication and an offering on Sunday, the 25th. Especially will this Methodist relief be used to assist Christian people.

The Council of Bishops and the "Week of Dedication" committee have approved the asking of \$100,000 for these sturdy and war-ravished Korean people to whom the Methodist Church (in America) has long been historically friendly and related. *They urge every Methodist in every church to give generously and sacrificially.*

The Foreign Missions Conference of North America—of which the Board of Missions of the Methodist Church is a member—is asking all churches and church people to collect *warm clothing during the winter* to send to Korea through Church World Service. (Please send clothing packages at once to Church World Service Depot, New Windsor, Maryland; and for each pound send ten cents under separate cover to CWS for processing and shipping costs.)

Seoul, the nation's capital, and twenty other cities, as well as the hamlets and villages which lay in the path of the war, are today in ruins. Millions of Koreans are homeless, jobless, and even without food and clothing.

Even now, the United Nations and the American Army are distributing relief supplies. Medicines, blankets, and certain foodstuffs have priority over all other shipments except military equipment. The policy of "No discrimination" as to race or creed is observed. The nations and the peoples of the world are asked to contribute generously to this form of international relief and rehabilitation. Americans—and more especially church people within the land—will support all such humanitarian appeals.

Yet, as they face these sorrows (for which they are least of all the responsible party) it is to the Christians of Korea, and in particular to those whom we as Christians must help, that our hearts go out in love and sympathy at this time.

A missionary nurse, recently returned to Korea, describes the state of some of the waifs picked up by the army in the streets of Seoul and left in her care: "Over half of them had no clothing. A few had bath towels wrapped around them. They were waiting for me to come and look after their feeding. There were 180 in one place Tuesday night, and they had only straw mats to sleep on. We get 20 or 30 new waifs every day. The army is providing a few of the necessities, but the needs are all too great. . . . We now have the meals planned for a week and a good system worked out—if we can get the supplies. . . . There is lots yet to do. Huge tins are being set up as bath tubs, doing five kids at one time. The water is heated outside and passed in by buckets. All workers are volunteers. . . . The army has promised to get me 22 pairs of shoes. This will keep the children off the ground, even if they don't have clothes."

This is the sort of thing which only Christians can do, and derive joy from the doing. But it is not only the children who must be saved. With so many homes shattered, entire families are being housed in single rooms, and without heat. Children have lost parents, and wives their husbands who provided for the families. Though about five percent of the people of Korea's cities may have been Christians—and many of them in good positions and generous in support of others before the invasion—most of these too are now destitute. Thus the parish life and community spirit which typifies Christians in normal times, and has been especially characteristic of the church in Korea, is seriously jeopardized. This, in turn, makes the livelihood of the pastor uncertain, and Christian workers are obliged to seek other employment, often most menial, in order to feed their loved ones. Thus in the time of greatest need, the Christian church loses the effective services of its best trained leaders.

And how tragically deprived of leadership is the Christian church in Korea today! At least twenty of the leading Methodist pastors in Seoul are nearby cities including Bishop Yu Soon Kim, Dr. J. S. Ryang, and many district superintendents, were ordered to meet for a conference with the communists, and were never seen nor heard from again. The same was true of teachers in the mission schools, of social workers, doctors, musicians, nurses, and almost all other professional and public-spirited people in the communities. Their families are left without support, except as the Christian churches can rally to their aid.

For example, the wife and children of Bishop Kim: Though the father had been taken away and the children hidden in certain places, the communist invaders came repeatedly to their home, took food and other provisions, and finally drove them out. Because of this and the bomb-



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ings and fires which followed, the family moved five times since last June, and they are now reduced to selling what remains of their personal and household effects to secure rice—and rice is sold at greatly inflated post-war prices.

Thought must be given, too, to Christian schoolteachers who were not killed or taken away. They are now left without employment or income. Even when schools are reopened (which it has been hoped will be soon) tuitions from students will be greatly reduced, and severe hardships will be experienced.

Then again, there are the retired pastors, church workers, and teachers, who never had adequate salaries, and who have counted on a pension or other stipend during their declining years. Their homes are gone. Their savings are worthless. Poverty makes their lives unbearable. Thus far we have heard of only one suicide; there would have been many more but for the intrepid characters and faith of the Korean Christians.

Twenty Methodist churches were destroyed or so badly damaged as to require major reconstruction. A similar number of parsonages were burned or damaged. Some of these must be repaired immediately in order to prevent even worst damage. Severance Hospital, Seoul, was almost completely destroyed, yet had been reopened as an emergency refuge for the sick and suffering. Chosen Christian College and Ewha Women's University were severely damaged, but must be opened soon for the sake of the new trained leadership that must be developed—a new leadership to replace those who were spirited away. The same is true of the Theological Seminary, of the girls and boys high schools, the social centers, and various other Methodist-directed or Methodist-related institutions throughout Korea.

Thus far we have been thinking chiefly of South Korea. But what of the North? . . . Visits of Methodist missionaries to Pyongyang, which

was for five years the communist capital, discloses that at least one Methodist pastor was taken away, that other leaders are missing, but that the churches, schools, training institutions and hospitals are largely intact. Moreover, religious services have been maintained in a limited way during the communist regime: but on the first Sunday of the United Nations' occupation, when all restraints had been removed, there were crowds that taxed the accommodations of the churches. Never to be forgotten was the singing that day of

*"Faith of our fathers! Living still  
In spite of dungeon, fire, and sword;  
O how our hearts beat high with joy  
Whene'er we hear the glorious word!  
Faith of our fathers, holy faith,  
We will be true to thee till death."*

Some figures on the extent of the suffering in Korea—gathered by the Rev. Robert Cadigan at the offices of the Minister of Social Affairs in the Korean Government and at the offices of the U. N. Director of Health and Welfare of the Civil Assistance Command (in Korea)—give some picture of the desperate plight of the people and the need for immediate relief by church and civil agencies. Cables Mr. Cadigan from Korea:

"Of 20,400,000 residents of South Korea 2,000,000 are destitute, 112,000 have been killed, 216,000 homes destroyed. In North Korea, with a population of 9,000,000, it is estimated that 1,000,000 are destitute. War adds to these figures daily. In Seoul, with a population of 1,640,000, fully 400,000 are in need, 9,488 are dead, 35,000 families have lost their homes. The Christian Director of Social Welfare in Seoul reports 10,500 people living in 16 camps near the city, with toll of 30 lives daily. It has been confirmed by Korean Government officials that 100,000 people will perish from cold and exposure this winter.

"Yet Christians are not discouraged in the face of these difficulties. Where churches have been destroyed, people worship in factories, in houses, out-of-doors. Christianity is today filling a vacuum. In the terror these people have experienced, first under Japanese and then under communist anarchy, they have seen many things come and go, but the church of Christ which was here before tyranny is here after others have gone."

The \$100,000 priority in the "Week of Dedication" offering, which Methodists are asked to give on February 25, will meet some of the worst emergency needs, especially among the Christians. The money will be administered by Methodist missionary agencies in Korea, in cooperation with the Korean Methodist Church and other Christian institutions. Certain missionaries of the Board of Missions and Church Extension, Methodist Church, are already in service in Korea. Dr. Henry D. Appenzeller, missionary there and born of Methodist missionary parents to Korea, is en route to Korea to head a program of relief and rehabilitation.

Today is the day to bring inspiration and comfort to the suffering and bereaved people of Korea. Today is the day to give sinews of strength to our Christian co-workers in Korea and to the Church in that unfortunate land.

Methodist people: Help Korea now!

Peace could be practically assured if three elementary truths could be hammered into everyone's head: first, that there is no such thing as atomic secrecy; second, that there is no such thing as military security against the atomic bomb; third, that there is no such thing as medical protection against the consequences of atomic attack.—J. Alvarez Del Vayo, "Three Atomic Truths," Nation, 4-8-50.

Our Mechanistic, urban and warring world has wrecked its worst havoc on the home, which for many people nowadays is only the place to which they go from the garage.—Dr. Geo. A. Butterick, minister & author, addressing Mid-century Conference on Children and Youth.

# THE DEVOTIONAL PAGE

REV. ROY L. BAGLEY, Editor

## FROM THE BOOKSHELF

Try this one for size: now that it's all over, what did I do yesterday that's worth mentioning?—Optimist Magazine

Adversity has made many a man great who, had he remained prosperous, would only have been rich . . . Maurice Switzer

We have approximately 283,155 more alcohol beverage retail places than we have educational institutions and schools, and 228,271 more booze outlets than we have places of worship . . . Listen

The purpose of education is to develop competence, curiosity and conscience . . . George Tomlinson

We invent the automobile to take us away and the wireless to keep us from knowing that we have left home . . . Joseph Wood Krutch

The fellow who never makes a mistake takes his orders from one who does . . . Banking

It is exceedingly rare that a dog fails to pass a loyalty test . . . Cincinnati Enquirer

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

## EVERYTHING BEAUTIFUL IN HIS TIME

Let no man therefore judge you in meat, or in drink, or in respect of an holyday, or of the new moon, or of the sabbath days: Which are a shadow of things to come; but the body of Christ . . .

For ye are dead, and your life is hid with Christ in God.—Colossians 2:16, 17; 3:3

Read Ecclesiastes 3:1-15

Probably the ancients made the same mistakes about New Year's that we make—ignore time or worship it; fly from it or revel in it.

The first error, to escape, has suicide for a weapon; and drunkenness, which is the commonest escape at New Year's or any birthday.

The second error, to exaggerate time, is to suppose that the mere passage of time will make life different. Even when we say, "Time cures," we always mean Time plus a right attitude, for what brings peace to one, brings increasing unrest to another whose mind is turned in the wrong direction.

The illusion that time by itself will bring interest to life may be left over from childhood where there was variety made for us by our elders. It was always time to take a bath or have supper or the baseball season was opening or there was college after school, or place in the worker's world.

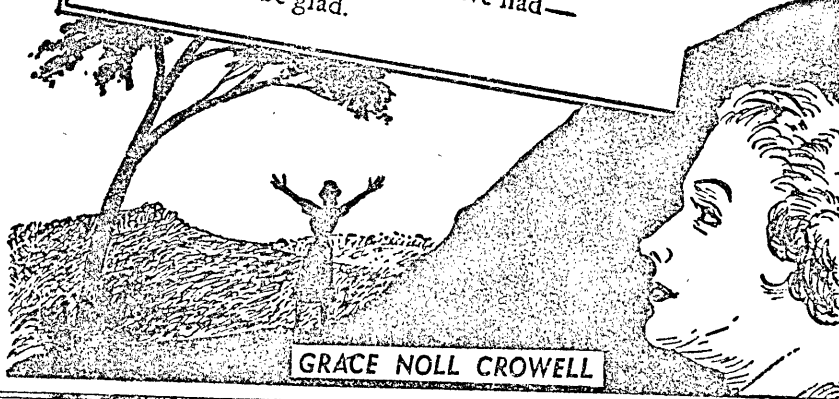
After a while there is nothing more to graduate from. Whatever is going to be different about life is going to be different within ourselves. What is required is that we be new people. That is the only New Year.—In Forward

## This Day Belongs to God

THIS is the day the Lord hath made . . .  
His workmanship: the dawn, the light, the shade

The wind, the rain, the starshine and the dew,  
He loans its hours, for me to live them through  
Joyfully and gladly without lack;  
And then at nightfall, bids me bring them back  
And lay them at His feet that He may see  
I have lived worthily.

God grant I be deserving of this day.  
A child's heart proves its gladness in its play;  
The little wild birds, as they sing and fly,  
And I, who am so blest, why should not I  
Go singing, light of heart, no matter what  
The hours may hold for me? My grief forgot,  
And suffering and loss that I have had—  
Today I shall be glad.



## "I AM THE VINE; YE ARE THE BRANCHES"

By H. W. JINSKE

JESUS uses the familiar figure of the vine and the branches as an illustration of the intimate relationship between himself and his followers. The farmer well knows the fact that the fruit is produced on the branches—none of it on the main vine. Examine a cotton stalk. I have a number of times. All the bolls are on the branches. The same is true of an apple tree, a peach tree, etc. Yet these branches draw their substance for fruit bearing from the vine. The vine expresses itself through the branches.

As the branches can not bear fruit except they be in the vine, so we can not produce the fruits of the Christian spirit unless we abide in Christ. On the other hand, as the vine can not produce fruit except through the branches, so Christ can not save the world for righteousness except through those who abide in him. They are mutually interdependent.

Peace, love, and good will among men will become a reality through the cooperative activity of human beings who are in fellowship with Christ. It is not always necessary to judge men. We can know them by their fruits. As the function of the branch is to bear fruit so it is our privilege and duty to bear the fruits of Christian character.

As the branch gives expression to the nature and vitality of the vine,

so those who follow Christ should express him to others through precept and example. Jesus showed the world what God the Father was like. His followers have an opportunity to show what Jesus is like.

Another interesting thing about the vine-branch relationship is the fact that on a normal tree all the fruit is not on one branch. Individuals or organizations who are so spiritually egotistic as to think they are the only ones suited to fruit bearing might well observe this fact. Even buds from a different fruit tree can be grafted to a certain tree and they will produce a useful but different fruit. The substance, though, came from the same vine.

In the kingdom of Christ the important thing is not the name of the organization, nor the details of its administration, though they play a part. It is the spirit that motivates it. Does it express the nature of Christ? Does it bear the fruits of the spirit?

There is no teaching like a good man's life.—Ellery Sedgwick, Happy Profession. (Little Brown)

In spite of all evidence to the contrary, the things that divide the world are trivial as compared with the things that unite it.—Raymond Fosdick, former president, Rockefeller Foundation.

## PRAYER FOR THE WEEK

O Almighty God, our refuge and strength keep us, we beseech thee, under thy watchful providence during the coming year. Protect our country, guard our homes, and sanctify our lives. So guide our hearts, we pray thee, that we may use and not abuse the liberty wherewith thy Son Jesus Christ hath made us free. In times of prosperity kindle in us a spirit of grateful service; and in adversity endue us with courage, faith, and sympathy for others. May truth, purity, and charity dwell among us this year and from generation to generation. Hasten, Lord, we pray thee, the coming of thy kingdom on this earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## DAYS THAT ARE NUMBERED

So teach us to number our days That we may obtain an understanding heart.—Psalm 90:12

We have stepped across the threshold of a New Year. The whistles blew, some were merry-making, others were kneeling at a communion table seeking the strength that can come only from God. Each sincere man and woman, boy and girl prays that this may be a year of great hope and victory. A stout resolution that we will carry no hatred, no evil habit across the threshold of 1951 would be a stimulating challenge that would be inspirational throughout the entire year.

The Psalmist realizes that the flight of the years is upon him. There is not a note of despair but a sober note of concern that in this transitory life that proper emphasis be put on the things that really matter. The eternity of God and the assurance that God is his home brings stability. The Psalmist is not thinking of a refuge nor an escape, but an eternal home. Life cut off in the early years or life that extends over the allotted time looks toward the blessing of the same home. The poet has expressed it in these words:

O God, our help in ages past,  
Our hope for years to come,  
Our shelter from the stormy blast,  
And our eternal home.

The Psalmist is asking for guidance for a definite purpose. There are days that are numbered in which doom seems to be pending. There are days that are numbered in which a glorious experience is in store. The end of those days is determined by what we do with the "number of days that we have."

There is the insistent voice that each day we live will be better than the day before. Each tomorrow should beckon us on to greater achievements and deeper experiences than the day before. Life faced in this manner becomes a ladder on which we climb to a greater satisfaction and a greater vision of the magnitude of life. The dead weight that hold us down is complacency. The bulwark against progress of any kind is found in the satisfied spirit of those who feel that they have gained the goal. There is nothing left to strive for, all has been accomplished. Each day

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## KOREAN CHRISTIAN LEADERS LIQUIDATED, BUILDINGS BURNED

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struction and that both personnel and property  
have been lost.

### North of the 38th Parallel

A swift glimpse of Pyeng Yang, given in a recent letter from Dr. William E. Shaw, indicates that, despite rough usage for five years by communists and the preceding five years of war-time wear and tear, Methodist and other missionary properties are in fairly good state. Many church edifices are still intact and public worship was resumed the first Sunday following the occupation of Pyeng Yang by the United Nations armies. Both Dr. Shaw and certain Presbyterian missionaries who have gotten into localities in North Korea where Christian work was strong before World War II, report finding Christian friends of former days.

### Missionaries Getting Back

Five Divisions of Foreign Missions missionaries, and an equal number of Woman's Division missionaries are back in Seoul or about to return from Japan. Most of these are related to Severance Hospital, to whose leadership Dr. Fred Manget was recently called back from Kobe by Ambassador Muccio in an effort to provide adequate medical facilities for both Koreans and United Nations personnel in Seoul. Since late August, the Rev. William E. Shaw has been serving as a civilian chaplain under the American Chaplain's Corps to the South Korean forces, North Korean prisoners of war and the civilian populace. The Rev. Charles A. Sauer has recently returned as property custodian for Methodist interests; and the Rev. Charles D. Stokes and Mr. Donald Payne have also secured permits to re-enter Korea. Thus far, unless qualified to render medical or nursing service for which the occupational forces are seeking personnel, only male missionaries can secure entry permits, and these only if "logistics" can be provided. The Division of Foreign Missions has recently made Dr. Henry D. Appenzeller available to Church World Service and to the State and Defense departments of the American government for cooperative leadership in the United Nations agency which must direct and coordinate relief activities in Korea. It is expected that he will soon be going out to Korea for such service.

## WILL CELEBRATE GOLDEN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

Rev. and Mrs. William A. Lindsey will celebrate the fiftieth anniversary of their marriage on Sunday, January 7, at their home in Leslie. They write: "We will be glad to see any friends who may be able to call on us at that time." Brother Lindsey is our pastor at Leslie.

## NEWS AND NOTES ABOUT FACTS AND FOLKS

J. S. M. CANNON, Superintendent of the Arkansas Methodist Children's Home, is seriously ill at the Baptist Hospital, Little Rock.

A Christmas program of music and choral reading, directed by Ralph Hays was given at the Amity Church on Christmas eve to a crowded house. Rev. C. V. Mashburn is pastor.

REV. FRED G. ROEBUCK, pastor of the First Methodist Church, Ft. Smith, is attending the Council of City Pastors which is in session in Dallas on January 3 and 4. He has a place on the program in the discussion of "Radio Ministry."

CHAPLAIN RICHARD T. PERRY called at the Methodist office Wednesday on his way to his new assignment at Camp Chaffee. He has just completed his training at Carlisle Barracks, Pa. He was serving as pastor at Carlisle when re-called to the Army.

REV. P. D. ALSTON, pastor of the First Methodist Church at Huttig, installed the officers of the Masonic Lodge of Huttig on Monday, December 18. This is the second time he has had charge of the installation service since moving to Huttig.

REV. PAUL V. GALLOWAY, pastor of Boston Avenue Methodist Church, Tulsa, Oklahoma, will be the guest speaker at the January meeting of Methodist Men of Central Methodist Church, Fayetteville. Brother Galloway was for more than five years pastor of Central Church.

AT the annual candlelighting service at the Strong Methodist Church on Sunday, December 17 at 5:00 p. m., Chimes of the Holy Night was given by the church choir. Mrs. Dayle McBride, director of music, was in charge, with Miss Linda Nunnally as pianist. The invocation was given by the pastor, Rev. Joe H. Robinson.

CHAPLAIN RAY D. SEALS, member of the North Arkansas Conference, was one of six chaplains commended for heroism under fire in Korea, the office of the Chief of Chaplains in Washington has disclosed. Chaplain Seals was cited by the commander of the fourth ordnance battalion for "untiring efforts . . . that are worthy of special praise."

T. LELAND HUNT, member of Goddard Memorial Church, Ft. Smith, received the outstanding award given annually in Ft. Smith to the person who has done most for the community. It is called the Golden Deeds Award and was presented at the annual Golden Deeds banquet on December 1. In the citation Mr. Hunt's work in the Methodist Church was prominently mentioned.

OF considerable interest to the Methodists in Arkansas was the announcement made at the opening services in the new sanctuary of the Pulaski Heights Methodist Church, Little Rock, that Mr. and Mrs. Alton Raney, members of that church, have given a lectureship to be established at that church. To be known as the "T. J. and Inez Raney Lectureship," the gift was in memory of the late T. J. Raney and in honor of Mrs. Inez Raney, parents of Alton Raney. The first lectures will be given this spring by Bishop Martin at a date to be announced later.

IN a communication from Miss Eloise Butler, who is at our Mission School at Bijnor, U. P., India, is the following greeting: "Season's greetings to the individuals, the group that have shared, that have sent cards and letters at my birthday, when I have been ill, and already they are coming for the 1950 Christmas season. They with their thoughts, your prayers, have given vital strength for many a crisis. Every day my heart sinks deeper into India, and that current political affairs of the world may limit my work is disappointing. May to each of you come an abundance of Gladness, the joy of Friendship

and the blessing of Peace this Christ's time." Miss Butler's greeting is dated December 7. Her home is in Hoxie.

BISHOP MARTIN was the guest preacher last Sunday morning at the Pulaski Heights Methodist Church, Little Rock, concluding a week of special services in connection with the opening of the new sanctuary at the corner of North Monroe and Woodlawn. The pastor, Rev. J. Kenneth Shamblin, preached at identical services the preceding Sunday when the sanctuary was used for the first time, and overflowing crowds attended. Rev. E. D. Galloway, Rev. Fred Harrison, Dr. C. M. Reeves and Dr. E. C. Rule were guest preachers on succeeding evenings beginning with Tuesday. Other former ministers of the Pulaski Heights Church assisted in these services. An article about the completed structure will be published in an early issue of the *Arkansas Methodist*.

THE annual meeting of the General Board of Evangelism will be held in Denver January 9-10-11, it was announced by Bishop Ralph S. Cushman, president of the Board. This will be the first time that the church has held a national meeting in Colorado. Attending will be 56 lay and clerical board members, representing the church's six geographical jurisdictions, and staff members from national headquarters in Nashville, Tenn. In addition to Bishop Cushman, five other bishops will attend—Bishop Paul B. Kern, Nashville, vice-president of the Board; Bishop W. Angie Smith, Oklahoma City; Bishop W. Earl Ledden, Syracuse, N. Y.; Bishop Gerald Kennedy, Portland, Oregon; and Bishop Charles W. Brashares, Des Moines, Iowa. Dr. Harry Denman is executive secretary of the Board's administrative headquarters at Nashville.

## CIRCULATION CAMPAIGN MATERIALS MAILED

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for our church paper. Incidentally he will also be strengthening Methodism in his charge when The *Arkansas Methodist* reaches a large number of the families of his charge each week.

Rev. Lester Weaver, our pastor at Turrell-Gilmore, was the first to send in his quota for the new year with the promise that more will follow.

## A BACKWARD LOOK

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District.

May with Mother's Day, the closing of school and finishing of the annual conference year was a busy month. The Methodist Hospital of Arkansas, Hot Springs, was sold to a group of Hot Springs doctors and the Little Rock Conference went out of the hospital business. Rev. Neil Hart delivered the Baccalaureate Sermon to the Hendrix graduates on May 28. Dr. Fred McCuiston gave the Commencement Address that afternoon. Among degrees conferred were honorary Doctor of Divinity degrees to Rev. Neil Hart and Rev. Ira A. Brumley. It was announced by the Board of Trustees of Mt. Sequoyah that Rev. Elmer H. Hook would succeed Rev. Sam Yancey as Superintendent of Mt. Sequoyah.

June was annual conference month with the Little Rock Conference meeting in Hot Springs and the North Arkansas Conference meeting in North Little Rock. Both conferences decided that now is not the time, if ever, for uniting, heard great preaching by Dr. W. Selah, Jackson, Miss., and Dr. Kenneth Copeland, San Antonio, gave much attention to the Advance movement, and of course received the appointments for another conference year. Changes in connectional responsibility saw Rev. J. Albert Catlin succeeding Rev. Joel Cooper as Executive Secretary of the Town and Country Commission, North Arkansas Conference, and Rev. Elmer Hook succeeding Rev. Sam Yancey on Mt. Sequoyah as Superintendent.

(concluded next week)

# CURRENT NEWS IN THE RELIGIOUS WORLD

Selected from Religious News Service Releases

## Methodists Draft New Rural Church Plan

Every rural pulpit filled every Sunday morning—a project to be made possible by the use of lay speakers—is the new plan for the Decatur-Oxford District, Georgia, of the Methodist Church, the Rev. E. G. MacKay, District Superintendent, announced. Currently the 86 churches in the district are divided into 40 pastorates. The "old" plan has meant that for many years church services were held only on alternate Sundays, if that often. "This plan to eliminate 'silent pulpits' in the District every Sunday is a new and ambitious one for areas with rural churches," Mr. MacKay said, "but laymen are enthusiastic about it, and we believe it can be done." The "every pulpit filled every Sunday morning" plan was decided upon at a meeting of lay leaders and pastors of the district. At a later date, speakers recommended through the individual churches will receive certificates authorizing them to hold services in the otherwise "silent" pulpits. The plan will get under way on Sunday, Dec. 31, with special end-of-the-year services in all 86 churches.

## India Clarifies Policy On Missionaries

No new restrictions have been placed on the admission of evangelistic missionaries to India, a government official informed the Christian Council of India and Pakistan. The official said, however, that in the case of new missionaries the need for a replacement or additional evangelistic work must be proved. This clarification of government policy was made in a letter from the Deputy Secretary of the Ministry of Home Affairs to Dr. Rajah B. Manikam, executive secretary of the Council.

## Yugoslav Church Launches Novel Ministry-Training Plan

A novel ministry-training plan has been put into operation by the Yugoslav Reformed Church to meet a threatened shortage of pastors, Bishop Agoston Sandor, leader of the Church, announced. He said the plan involves putting candidates under charge of ordained ministers who will train them to become deacons, then levites and finally pastors, the candidates meanwhile carrying on approved theological studies. The whole program, he added, requires a minimum of five years to complete. Bishop Sandor said the plan was made necessary because the Reformed Church has no theological seminary and since 1945 no young men have been permitted to study at Reformed seminaries abroad, as was the custom formerly. He said that three young men are already undergoing pastoral preparation, and are being supported during their training by a gift made last year to the Reformed Church by the Presbyterian Church in the U. S. A.

## Korean Buddhist Leaders Appeal To UN

Buddhist leaders issued a statement in Seoul urging the United Nations not to abandon the struggle in Korea "half-way." Declaring that "Communist aggression is a

## SIX KOREA CHAPLAINS COMMENDED FOR HEROISM



CHAPLAIN RAY D. SEALS

Six army chaplains have been commended for heroism under fire in Korea, the office of the Chief of Chaplains disclosed.

Those cited were Chaplain (First Lieutenant) John S. Hinkel (Methodist), Chaplain (First Lieutenant) Deyo J. Williams (Southern Baptist), Chaplain (Captain) Ray D. Seals (Methodist), Chaplain (Captain) Clayton C. Shepherd (Northern Baptist), Chaplain (Captain) Michael E. Reynolds (Southern Baptist), and Chaplain (Captain) Rufus A. Cooper (AME Zion Church).

Chaplain Seals was cited by the commander of the fourth ordnance battalion for "untiring efforts . . . that are worthy of special praise." Chaplain Seals is a member of the North Arkansas Conference and has been in the U. S. Army Chaplaincy since 1943.

world threat aimed at our philosophy of life," the statement said the United Nations forces are "not supposed to be fighting to defend the borders of Korea, but for the right of men anywhere to live as free men. The struggle," the statement said, "should transcend narrow geographical fences. Whatever our color, nationality or religion may be, our family name is humanity. Our birthright is freedom of the body and freedom of the mind. Where those liberties are menaced, there we must fight together to remain free lest together we become slaves."

## Sees Danger To Missionaries In Africa

Dr. Hardy C. Powers, a general superintendent of the Church of the Nazarene, said in Dallas, Texas, that missionaries may be forced from Africa in the next ten years if their position is not strengthened soon. Dr. Powers recently returned from a tour of Africa, which is in his jurisdiction. "There has been a rapid rise of the nationalistic spirit, much of it under the domination of atheistic Communism," he said. "Seven Asiatic countries have already fallen to it, and today the entire continent of Africa is in the first throes of this nationalistic spirit." With that spirit is a wave of anti-foreign missionary, anti-God teachings, Dr. Powers said. "The people there are being taught to resent missionaries as forerunners of foreign imperialism," he said. Along with the anti-missionary teachings, Communists are creating intense racial feelings between the eight million blacks and three million whites in South Africa, said Dr. Powers.

## Seek Religious Freedom In Indian State

Efforts to persuade the Travancore-Cochin government to respect the freedom of religious organizations to operate their own churches, cemeteries and schools will be

undertaken by the Christian Council of India and Pakistan, it was decided at its triennial meeting in Nagpur, India. An adopted resolution pointed out that the Indian Constitution guarantees religious freedom as a fundamental human right. It said that "Christians in Travancore-Cochin State should have the same freedom in the matter of the opening and use of churches and cemeteries as is enjoyed by Christians in the rest of India." The Council's executive committee was instructed to "take the question up with both the Travancore-Cochin State government and with the government of India." Another resolution requested the Council's secretariat to "study the situation in Travancore-Cochin and elsewhere where the State governments appear to be interfering with the rights of maintaining and managing private schools, and to use its good offices where possible to secure the observance of these rights."

## Community Rings Church Bells Daily

Church bells in Lake Mills, Wis., a community of 2,500, are ringing out each morning as a peace prayer call. The project is under the auspices of the Lake Mills Ministerial Association, representing Congregational, Methodist, American Lutheran, Moravian and Evangelical United Brethren churches.

## Expect Increase In Portugal's Protestants

Portugal's 1950 census will show a "considerable" increase in the number of Protestants since the last population count ten years ago, Protestant officials believe. Their prediction was based upon what was described as the "enormous" Protestant evangelistic work carried on in Portugal during the past decade. The 1940 census showed a total population of 7,722,152, of whom about 94 per cent were Roman Catholics. The rest of the population consisted roughly of 57,500

Protestants, 5,500 adherents of other religions, and 347,214 persons with no religious affiliation. Protestants in Portugal comprise chiefly Anglicans, Lutherans, Methodists, Baptists, Congregationalists, Adventists, and members of the Scandinavian Alliance and the Church of the Nazarene.

## Church Women Set Prayer Observance

Church women of 92 nations will pray for lasting peace and a strengthening of the bonds of Christian unity on Feb. 9 in observance of the 64th annual World Day of Prayer. Sponsor of the observance in this country is the United Council of Church Women, which after Jan. 1 will become the General Department of United Church Women of the National Council of Churches. The prayer call to American church women was issued by Mrs. Welthy Honsinger Fisher of New York, chairman of the World Day of Prayer committee. Theme of the 1951 observance, chosen by German church women who cooperated in planning the world-wide program, is: "Perfect love casts out fear." (1 John 4:18)

## Christmas Card Money Goes To Missions

Sunday school children and their parents of the Seventh-day Adventist Church in Glendale, Cal., did not send Christmas cards this year. Instead, each family or individual gave the money ordinarily spent on cards to the Church's foreign missions projects. Church leaders expect donations from the project to yield around \$500 for the foreign missions enterprise.

## Bigotry Held Greater Menace Than A-Bomb

Bigotry, racial discrimination and religious prejudice are a greater menace to American cities than the atomic bomb, three religious leaders declared in Chicago. The three were participants on a panel called: "Can We Save the American City?" at the eighth annual meeting of the Chicago Council Against Racial and Religious Discrimination. They were the Most Rev. Bernard J. Sheil, Roman Catholic auxiliary bishop of Chicago, Rabbi Ferdinand M. Isserman, of St. Louis, and the Rev. Harold A. Bosley, pastor of First Methodist Church, Evanston.

## Launch Move For Indian Christian University

Establishment of a Christian university in the South Indian province of Travancore-Cochin was urged at a mass meeting in Adoor, South India. Speakers asserted that an Indian university supported and staffed by Christians would help overcome the efforts of the provincial government to control the administration of Christian schools. Justification for establishing such a university was found in the existence of the Benares Hindu University and the Moslem University in India. The Moslem University is located at Aligarh, North India.

We cannot all be great but we can attach ourselves to something that is great.—Henry Emerson Fosdick, clergyman and author



# THE CHILDREN'S PAGE

ANNIE WINBURN, Editor



## IN STORYLAND

### SAME OLD CALENDAR

By Ida Tyson Wagner

Jack, with a sure-do-hate-to-dry-the-dishes air, sauntered into the kitchen and picked up the tea towel. Then noting the scowl on his sister's face, he asked

"Why the dumps, Sis?"

Joan gave her head a quick jerk, sending her braids flying toward the new calendar above the sink.

"That's why," she sighed. "It means beginning tomorrow, I'll have the dishes to wash three hundred and sixty-five times this coming year. I don't see why people can't be sensible and use paper ones." With that she gave the vegetable bowl a vigorous scrubbing as if it were wholly to blame.

"Yes, that's what I say," Jack sent a handful of silver clattering into the drawer. "Then I wouldn't have them to dry, either."

At that moment Mother, who had overheard the conversation, walked in from the dining room with the butter dish.

"Hm-mm, let me see." Her face was puckered up thoughtfully. Quickly she reached over Joan's shoulder and thumbed hurriedly through the leaves of the calendar. "I thought so. The same kind of year. No change whatever, O dear!" she sighed.

Jack and Joan exchanged glances. Whatever did Mother mean? That woe-begone look was far different from her usual smile. They were dying of curiosity.

Mother began "Three hundred and sixty-five breakfasts to prepare. Three hundred sixty-five lunches to fix and dinners to get. Three times three hundred and sixty-five—goodness, that means one thousand and ninety-five meals a year! Why, it sounds like running a hotel. And the same number of beds to make." She shook her head.

Jack and Joan looked aghast. Whatever had come over Mother? It didn't sound a bit like her to complain. However, she went right on about washing and ironing days, cleaning days and baking days. Finally she stopped to catch her breath and to put the butter away. "Sounds like the elevator man at Popham's," Jack whispered to his sister.

Both giggled.

"But honestly"—Joan's face assumed a more serious look—"Mom does have lots to do."

"Hm-mm, I know. And what about Dad?"

Soon Mother was back again, still still going strong.

"Fifty-two mending days, fifty-two shopping and marketing days, not counting—why," she exclaimed, dropping into the nearest chair, "I'm completely worn out just thinking about it, and the new year hasn't even started." Presently she returned to the dining room to crumb the tablecloth.

While she was gone the children had a hurried conference.

Coming back a minute later, Mother seemed to be in a much happier mood.

"Do you know," she said, her face



## HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Here's a friendly new year wish,  
It goes from us to you.  
We wish you much of happiness  
In everything you do.

The best way to be joyful,  
(The secret is not new),  
Do something for somebody else,  
Then you'll be happy too.—A.E.W.

## JUST FOR FUN

The 4-year-old boy was visiting his grandmother and with her went for a walk in the yard, looking at the trees and flowers. As they came to one plant, the grandmother reached down and pulled her hand through it. Then she let her grandson smell her hand.

"Spearmint!" he exclaimed. "Will this plant grow chewing gum?"—Capper's Wkly.

Into a busy telegraph office bustled a smiling matron. She sat down at a writing table and after much pencil-chewing produced a message. Handing it on to the clerk, she asked as an afterthought, "Will it cost me anything to underscore the words 'perfectly lovely?'"

"Not a cent, madam," the clerk replied. Whereupon the cheerful lady recalled the message, drew a line under the two words, and departed happily.—Origin unknown.

"This is a great country, Pat."  
"And how's that?"  
"Sure, the paper sez yez can buy a 'foive' dollar money order for three cents."

Husband: "Well, my dear, I have carried you safely over all the rough places of life, haven't I?"  
Wife: "Yes, and I don't think you have missed any of them."

Fumbel: "What are you doing with that red lantern?"  
Dumbell: "I just found it. Some foolish person left it beside a hole in the road."

## IN THE WORLD OF BOYS AND GIRLS

### BABY NEW YEAR

Here comes our new baby—  
The New Year is dawning;  
See, now he is waking  
And sleepily yawning.

He's right on the minute!  
See, now he is grinning;  
He greets us at midnight  
As chimes are beginning.

Such fun he will bring us—  
Work, play and right choices;  
Let's give him a welcome,  
The whole world rejoices.

By Joy Alleson, in The Christian Advocate

### NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTION

There were three little folks, long ago,  
Who solemnly sat in a row  
On a December night  
And attempted to write  
For the New Year a good resolution.

"I will not make so much noise  
And be one of the quietest boys,"  
Wrote one of the three,  
Whose uproarious glee  
Was the cause of no end of confusion.

"I resolve that I never will take  
More than two or three pieces of cake,"  
Wrote plump little Peter Pete,  
Whose taste for the sweet  
Was a problem of puzzling solution.

The other, her paper to fill,  
Began with, "Resolved that I will—"  
But right there she stopped  
And fast asleep dropped  
Ere she came to a single conclusion.  
—In Exchange

### CHANGING

Isn't it funny, and isn't it strange,  
How a boy like me can quickly change!

I'm a postman carrying daddy's mail,  
Then a fireman with ax and hose and pail;

The ash man to carry the ashes out,  
A fisherman catching some bass and trout;

A carpenter mending mother's sink,  
A writer with pen and a bottle of ink;

And when there is nothing I must do,  
I'm a bear, a horse or a kangaroo,  
I think it's most fun to go to the shelf

And get a cookie as just myself.  
—Our Little Ones

Only a week after he had started on his new job, Ussery announced that he was quitting.

"Tain't the wages," he explained to the foreman, "it's just that I can't help having a guilty conscience all the time I'm working here."

"Why is that?" asked the foreman. "Because I can't keep from thinking about how I'm cheating some big strong mule out of a job."

# Methodists Concerned About Rural Parishes

THE village and rural church in America—and more than half of Methodism's 40,000 parishes fall into this group—will not be able to carry on in the future as isolated religious institutions, but must be actively "related to the pastor and the church in the adjacent larger town." This is the belief of Rev. Glenn F. Sanford, rural church executive of the Methodist Church, and of his colleagues, who reported to the recent annual meeting of the denomination's Board of Missions and Church Extension at Buck Hill Falls, Pa.

"At the center of most counties or natural areas in America a town is found," said Mr. Sanford. "It is often the center of trade, the school system, wealth, politics, health units, agricultural programs, and leadership in general. The pastor of the town church must be trained, experienced, influential. He should assume the religious leadership not only for the town but for the entire county or area. Since the villages and rural areas around the town have need of friendly close-at-hand leadership and financial assistance, the town church and its pastor now have the greatest opportunity open to any group in America. The future of the village and rural church will be largely determined by the active relationship of the town pastor and his church to the adjacent area."

"The rural population is increasing, and its growth will be accelerated in the months, and years just ahead. This rapid shift of people to the rural areas is considered by many leaders as the third great population movement in America. It is significant that the increase is wholly in the 'rural non-farm' population. The rural non-farm people are in 'fringe communities,' usually within commuting distance of a town or city; in 'ribbon' developments along highways; in the small unincorporated villages which are

becoming so prevalent; and in the open country. We are too little aware of the economic and social significance of this change. These people are important to the future of American life, and to the church as well; yet in many of these new communities there is no church to direct



REV. GLENN F. SANFORD

their spiritual life.

"The farming people, more than 28 million in number, are working and living under different conditions and influences than they were only a few years ago. The type of church program in use in the past will not be as helpful to them now as it once was. The farm is no

longer just a place to live; it is a business. The farmer no longer produces just to meet human needs, but to sell. The character of the farming people is of great concern to every one of us, for these people are in possession of the land which sustains all life. Only the spirit of Christian brotherhood will assure the conservation of the land for future generations. Therefore the rural and village church is of vital importance.

"The town people—those living in communities of 2500 to 10,000—constitute the third district group being served by the Department of Town and Country. There are perhaps 26 to 27 million people in this group, making a total of approximately 88 million falling within the responsibility of the Department. This does not take into account the millions who vacation each summer in rural areas.

Mr. Sanford also made a plea for the commissioning and use of more laymen as "lay speakers" or "lay pastors" in rural areas to fill the desire of people for regular church services.

"Experiments have shown that the cooperative parish program has, by the use of lay speakers, met the increased demand for worship services," he said. "There is but one answer to this expanded need: a wider and more liberal use of the lay membership—men, women, and youth. In many places, neglected churches and unchurched communities are being served successfully by able and devoted members of the laity. Lay preaching is revealed as historically sound when we look at the early history of American Methodism, or at Methodism in England today. The last General Conference recognized the situation and made provision for it. This department has given every possible encouragement to the use of laymen. Lay speaking opens a door for advance which is almost unlimited in its possibilities."

## Korean Christian Leaders Liquidated, Buildings Burned

By T. T. BRUMBAUGH, Associate Secretary,  
Board of Missions and Church Extension

IF more important and serious than the destruction of property in Seoul and other centers of Korea's cultural life, is the loss of a great part of the nation's Christian leadership. Though frightful stories of atrocities have been reported by the press and radio, it has not yet been comprehended that, so far as known to date, few of the intellectual leaders of Korea are left alive today. Indiscriminately, educators, musicians, doctors, nurses, and especially Christians in public life, were rounded up by the communist invaders and either "liquidated" on the spot or carried off to the North. Catholics and Protestants were treated identically. It is estimated that half of the vigorous leadership of the Christian church and its associated agencies are gone today. Someone has said it is as if the entire top of a Christian pyramid were cut off.

In Seoul alone, thirteen Methodist pastors, including Bishop Yu Soon Kim, former bishop of S. Ryang, and all of the district superintendents of that area were among the fifty or more Protestant leaders summoned to a "conference" with the new political authorities, at the Christian Literature Society Building, in July. They were never heard from again. This not only removed the leadership of the Methodist, Presbyterian and other churches, but it took away such outstanding interdenominational leaders as Executive Secretary Nam Kung of the National Christian Council, Editor Yun Su Pak of the Christian Literature Society, and many others. Mrs. Yeasoon Choi Kim, president of the Y. W. C. A., was shot just as she was presumably released from prison.

The list of Methodist pastors and other leaders in Seoul known to have been thus spirit-away, and now presumed to have been massacred, include the following: Bishop Yu Soon Kim; Dr. Ju Sam Ryang, former bishop; Myo Pai Kim, Chin Kyu Chung, district superintendent; briefly a bishop; Myung Sup Sim, former

district superintendent; Man Chun Pak, director, Department of Evangelism; Hi Un Kim, headquarters secretary of the denomination; Tai Wan Suh, theological seminary professor; Moon Pang, district superintendent; Tal Yung Chung; Sang Moon Cho; former district superintendent; Won Kyu Kim; Sun Ho Yung; Ki Hyung Chang, district superintendent. In addition, many teachers in our Christian schools are among the missing.

While it is too early as yet for complete reports on other cities and centers of Christian activity, it is known that pastors and leaders in many places have never been heard from since the invading forces swept southward. Inquiry on re-occupation by South Korean and United Nations personnel results only in the response, "They are gone." It is hoped that some of these valiant souls may still be alive and eventually returned to their homes. Yet certainly many will not, and the Christian movement in South Korea will be terribly handicapped in the years ahead through these losses in leadership.

### Extensive Property Damage

Concerning destruction of property related to the Christian cause in Seoul and other cities, some reports are now known to be reliable. The Christian Literature Society Building, the Bible House, and the Y. M. C. A. were destroyed. A dozen Presbyterian churches were either destroyed or badly damaged. Though Methodist churches in Seoul suffered less damage, they did not entirely escape. The worst destruction occurred at Severance Hospital and Medical Center, where about 75% of the buildings were gutted by bombs and fire, and 95% of all equipment is gone. Chosen Christian University and Ewha Woman's University each lost the major portion of one main building and suffered other damage by fire and looting. Ewha Girls' High School lost one chapel and classroom building, though Paiwha and Paichai high schools were

damaged only by wear and tear.

The Methodist Seminary buildings were damaged only by ruthless military usage, as was also the Taiwha Community Center. They are already in use again and will not require extensive repairs. Several missionary residences in Seoul were burned, but in this regard both Methodist and other mission groups were relatively fortunate. Certain of these houses are now being used by the occupying (U. N.) military forces. This will handicap our missionary activities for some time.

### In Songdo and Elsewhere

In Songdo (Kaesong), it is learned, Methodist churches, schools and community centers suffered no great damage, though it was from this city that six Methodist missionaries were carried away, along with certain Korean pastors and workers. Nothing more has been heard of the former than that they have been seen moving northward through Kumchon and Pyeng Yang; therefore presumably they were taken into Manchuria.

Ivey Hospital in Songda continued to function through both invasion and occupation, and work is now being carried on by the United Nations forces, using some of the institution's former personnel.

In Wonju, it is reported, there was terrific destruction, including one of the mission residences and a portion of the Methodist church. The social center operated by Miss Esther Laird seems also to have been burned, though it is believed that her tuberculosis cabins were not destroyed. Word has just been received that the director of the Wonju Rural project, Mr. Chang, is dead, though some other Christian leaders in the community are known to have survived.

Concerning such old mission centers as Incheon, Taejon, Kwonju and Choonchum, little is known except that there has been great de-

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3. Any necessary follow-up work may be reported as soon as complete.

**Watch Reports Of Campaign**

Watch the Arkansas Methodist in the issue of January 25th for a full report by Districts and by Charges of the results of the Circulation Campaign as received the week of January 14th through January 20th.

There will be additional reports in later issues carrying the results of follow-up work. Watch for these reports!



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## NORTH ARKANSAS CONFERENCE NOTES

By Ira A. Brumley

### Training Work In North Arkansas

The North Arkansas Conference has participated in 37 training enterprises, as now reported to our office for this Conference year. A few training enterprises are now going on and have not yet been reported, making a total of more than 40 such enterprises thus far this Conference year.

The following churches have had some part in these training enterprises: Batesville, Central Avenue; Batesville, First Church; Newport, First Church; Newport, Umstead; Swifton; Alicia; Mt. View; Salem; Liberty Hill; Moorefield; Mt. Home; Calico Rock; Desha; Cave City Circuit; Bethesda; Evening Shade; Pleasant Plains; Cotter; Conway, First Church; Greenbrier; Morrilton; Vilonia; Levy; North Little Rock, First Church; Gardner Memorial; Washington Avenue; Sylvan Hills; Russellville; Pisgah; Cato; Houston; Conway, Wesley Memorial; Dardanelle; Atkins; Bentonville; Prairie Grove; Fayetteville, Central; Fayetteville Wiggins; Gentry; Highfill; Springtown; Gravette; Springdale; Huntsville; Siloam Springs; Lincoln; Decatur; Eureka Springs; Pea Ridge; Harmon; Rogers; Oakley Chapel; Pea Ridge; West Memphis; Aubrey; Wabash; Brinkley; Hughes; Colt; Vandale; Forrest City; Holly Grove; Elaine; Helena; Widener; Wynne; Cole's Chapel; Charleston; Goddard Memorial; Grand Prairie; St. John's; Van Buren; Kibler; Mt. View; Fort Smith, First Church; Midland Heights; St. Paul's; Fifth Street; Grand Avenue... St. Luke's; Alma; Van Buren, First Church; New Hope; Bethel; Massard; Mansfield; Hackett; Mulberry; Paris; Waldron; Hartford; Booneville; Hartman; Lamar; Alix; Branch; Greenwood;

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## NEW YEAR'S GREETINGS

Dear Friends who work with our children:

The New Year finds us with heavy hearts as we consider the suffering of little children in many parts of a war-weary world. What can we do to help? Perhaps not much, individually, but the efforts of all children's workers in the Methodist Churches of Arkansas could amount to a great deal.

1. We can re-double our efforts to provide relief for children overseas. Food and clothing are still needed desperately in many parts of the world if many little children are to survive the rigors of the winter.

2. We may re-examine the job we are doing as teachers in the Church School—teachers bearing the greatest message ever given to men. How seriously are we taking our job? Are we living in such a way our lives show forth Christ's message of Peace and Goodwill? How much do we actually know about the message that we are trying to pass on to others? How much preparation do we make in order to help little children really understand this message? And how much time do we spend in prayer, talking over the problems faced by each child, with the Father? Have we

## Cornerstone Laid For Education Building



Placing metal box in cornerstone of the new office building of the Board of Education of The Methodist Church in Nashville (left to right) Bishop J. Ralph Magee, Chicago Area; Dr. John O. Gross, executive secretary, Division of Educational Institutions, Methodist Board of Education; Dr. John Q. Schisler, executive secretary, Division of the Local Church; and Bishop Paul B. Kern, Nashville Area.

Nashville, Tenn. — The cornerstone for the new office building of the Board of Education of the Methodist Church was laid here November 22, 1950. Bishop J. Ralph Magee of Chicago, vice president of the board and chairman of the building committee, presided and led in the ritual.

Bishop Paul B. Kern, chairman of the local building committee, directed the placing of the stone and delivered the principal address. Dr. John O. Gross, executive secretary of the Division of Educational Institutions and Dr. John Q. Schisler, executive secretary of the Division of the Local Church, participated in the service.

Bishop Kern referred to the progress of Methodism in Christian education, and declared: "This stone is a prophecy of greater

works to come in the field of Christian education. We will dedicate the stone to enlargement of men's intellectual power and a deepening spiritual understanding."

A sealed metal box placed in the cornerstone contained the Discipline of the Methodist Church, the 1950 Yearbook of the Board of Education, printed materials pertaining to the work of the Division of the Local Church and the Division of Educational Institutions.

Members of the building committee present for the ceremonies included Ben A. Whitmore, Reber Boulton, Ennis E. Murrey and C. W. Loughlin, treasurer, Board of Education, of Nashville; Dennis V. Snapp, Paris, Kentucky; and Clarence M. Dannelly, Montgomery, Alabama.

## NEW MATERIAL FOR PARENTS AND TEACHERS OF TWO-YEAR-OLDS

Many churches in Arkansas are now providing classes for two-year-old children in the church. A teachers guide (book) is now available for leaders of these classes. This book is now off the press and is entitled WHEN THE TWO-YEAR-OLD COMES TO CHURCH. Order a copy for each worker in the two-year-old room. Quarterlies have been prepared for the parents of these children. The first pamphlet, for January, February, March, is now ready. Enough of these pamphlets should be ordered so that the parents of all two-year-old children in the church may have a copy. There is no material for the children themselves. At least one copy of the book, WHEN THE TWO-YEAR-OLD COMES TO CHURCH should be ordered for the Nursery Superintendent in each church, regardless of whether there is a class for the two-year-olds or not. Then the material for the parents will be most helpful for parents even in the very small church where there may not be any class for the

Sincerely,  
Mrs. W. F. Bates

## INTERMEDIATES HAVE OPEN HOUSE

The Intermediate Methodist Youth Fellowship of the First Methodist Church, Conway, observed Universal Bible Sunday with an open house for parents and friends on Sunday afternoon, December 10. Nancy Burgess, vice-president, presided. Mrs. B. A. Hodges, department superintendent, gave a word of greeting to parents and friends, and commended the young people and their leaders for the fine work they are doing.

This occasion was the climax of the study for this quarter on "Your Bible", "The Story in the Bible", and "Adventures in Religious Discovery".

The seventh grade presented an original play, "How the Bible got to England", via television and time machine. The cast included Laura Jane Adams, Julia Anderson, Ann Shaw, Virginia Ruth Covington, Philip Pascoe, Sandra Hill, Virginia McFarland, Novella Stanley, Jerry Callan, Tommy Smith, Knox Taylor, Jerry Hal Robbins; Sandra Slaughter, prompter; Lewis Barnard, Steve Gatlin, Raymond Brogley, stage managers. Walter Hodges, teacher, directed the play.

The ninth grade presented a "Dr. I. Q." program. Milburn Adams introduced "Dr. I. Q." (George Gillian) who gave clues to the Bible characters studied in the department this quarter.

"A Better Understanding of Missions", written by Mrs. Bill Hubbell, was given by the eighth grade. The cast included Miss Mamie L. Adams, Patsy Duke, Mary Ann Farris, George Gillian, Tommy Smith, Ann Workman, and Frances Adams. Mrs. Bill Hubbell directed the play.

George Gillian, with the help of Milburn Adams and H. H. Bumpers, Church School Superintendent, made a large M. Y. F. emblem of plywood and painted it in the M. Y. F. colors, blue and gold. This emblem was presented to the department.

The eighth grade arranged an interesting Bible display. Through the courtesy of Mr. and Mrs. Mason E. Mitchell, some lovely things from China were displayed.

Among the guests were Mrs. Byron Pascoe, Mr. and Mrs. Royce Hall, Mrs. W. B. Callan, Mrs. Charles Anderson, Mrs. Truman Taylor, Mr. and Mrs. Hal Robbins, Mr. and Mrs. L. S. Adams, Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Hixson, Mrs. George Shaw, Mr. and Mrs. S. T. Smith, Mrs. G. W. Patterson, Mrs. J. Albert Gatlin, Mrs. James H. Moore, Rev. and Mrs. Allen D. Stewart, Mrs. James E. Sprinkle, Paul P. Faris, Mrs. J. P. Burgess, and H. H. Bumpers.—Reporter.

When you come to the end of a perfect day, it simply means you had it in you, when you started out in the morning.—Better Homes & Gardens.

Truth crushed to earth will rise again; the eternal years of God are hers; but error wounded writhes in pain, and dies amid her worshippers.—Wm. Cullen Bryant.

Nursery children. — Mrs. W. F. Bates.

# WOMAN'S SOCIETY OF CHRISTIAN SERVICE

MRS. SUB M. WAYLAND, Editor

## SMACKOVER VISITS CAMDEN AS ENCOURAGER

The Women of Camden had its annual Christmas tea on Monday December eleventh in the social room of the church. The regular monthly program was given, Mrs. Ernest Glaze presiding, and welcomed the forty visiting members.

The program was then in charge of Mrs. B. G. Russell who led in an inspiring program. The worship center was very helpful in the program. Mrs. Russell read the twenty-second chapter of Isaiah. After singing "Silent Night," prayer was offered by Dr. Neill Hart.

Ladies dressed in robes made talks on the different interests of the W. S. C. S. work, and as each spoke a candle was lighted, until the effect was very inspiring.

Mrs. Scott Lide in behalf of the Lide circle presented a Life Membership pin to the circle chairman, Mrs. M. B. Hunt, and Mrs. Charles Black presented a Life Membership pin to Mrs. Olan Dudney in behalf of Night Circle Number One.

Mrs. A. S. McDonald, president of the Smackover society, spoke in appreciation of their visit to the Camden society, and Mrs. Kennedy entered presenting the beautiful Birthday cake that their society had given. The Camden society was asked if they had met the goals set for them and the answers were given in rhyme in the affirmative.

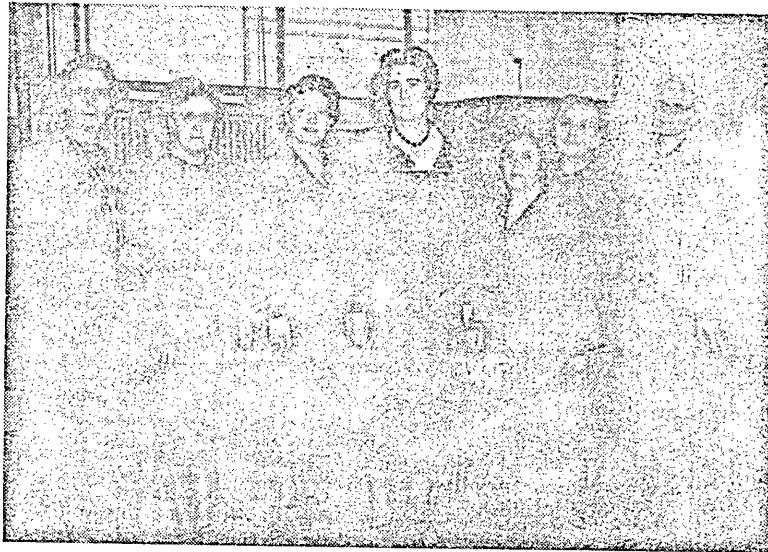
The "Infant Jesus" was sung by Mrs. Greer Daniels. The ladies were then invited to the reception room. The tables were beautiful with red candles and Christmas flowers and white cloth. Coffee was poured by Mrs. Glaze, assisted by Mrs. Bob Selleman. Mrs. Hugh Lide furnished soft music.

All the circles had two hostesses, there were about two-hundred guests and members to enjoy the program and lovely tea. This was truly a meeting that inspired all to more Christ-like service and was a true example of Christian fellowship.—Reporter

## Ecumenical Movement Found Weak In Local Community

The ecumenical movement has suffered its greatest failure in the local community, it was asserted in Cleveland by Dr. J. Quinter Miller of New York, associate general secretary of the Federal Council of Churches. "Almost any typical small American community is an example of such a failure," he told the final biennial meeting of the Federal Council. "The competition between struggling churches of different denominations, and not infrequently of the same denomination, is a scandal," he said. "The perpetuation of parish isolation and divisive influence such cleavage injects into the moral and spiritual foundations of communal living is an ugly blot from yesteryears." Dr. Miller stated, however, that a greater awareness of "Christian togetherness" is emerging as the churches face secular culture and the agony and fear of an uncertain future. He defined the ecumenical movement as "all those efforts and undertakings through which the followers of

## Jurisdiction Officers At Mission Meeting



South Central jurisdiction officers of the Woman's Society of Christian Service who attended the annual meeting of the Woman's Division of Christian Service at Buck Hill Falls, Pa., during the first week of December are:

Left to right: Mrs. C. A. Barr, Austin, Tex., jurisdiction president; Mrs. Joe T. Rogers, Wichita, Kan., secretary of home work; Mrs. O. Ray Cook, Salina, Kan., secretary of youth work; Mrs. W. L. Perryman, Marshall, Mo., president of the Southwest Missouri conference; Mrs. A. L. Torres, Houston, Tex., president of the Rio Grande conference; Mrs. E. H. Farmer, Macon, Mo., secretary of foreign work; Mrs. J. Russell Henderson, Little Rock, Ark., secretary of Christian Social Relations and Local Church Activities.

## THEY NEEDED GOD, MEDICINE, AND FOOD

By LOUIS R. DENNIS  
Nanping, Fukien, China

A young Chinese minister—just graduated from theological seminary—was sent to Bowl Village this year. The village, which has only 2,000 inhabitants, is situated way back in the mountains. To get there he went up river by boat three days from Nanping; then he walked two days more. The church had been without a pastor for nearly a year due to unsettled conditions. He found the place dirty, ramshackled, and the members dispersed.

The first thing he did was to round up some interested folk to help him. They pasted white paper on the walls to cover up the awful appearance of the large room in the parsonage, where the congregation meets for worship. Then they took some boards and made a pulpit. This young pastor said that these people needed three things—God, medical care, and more to eat. He called a neighboring pastor to help, and they held a four-day meeting. Thirty-six members came back, and God visited them with a spiritual refreshing.

Having had a little experience in helping the sick, he next set off a little room, and got together some simple medicines and leaflets on public health to distribute. If the patient is too poor, he gives the medicine away. He got together materials for a reading room, but saw that he must do something about the illiteracy. Each month he emphasizes a different phase of

Christ are striving to become consciously more united in His service."

Christian life. First was public health and sanitation, next was child welfare, and recently he sent for materials about organizing women's work. Once a month he puts out a simple newspaper, writing it himself with carbon paper. He is waking up the village. The people are following him, and contributing to his support.

In another village the women felt that they must do more for the support of their pastor and Bible woman, so they got together and purchased a piece of ground. The women shared in the toil of breaking up the soil, (which is done by hand with a primitive hoe) and planted sweet potatoes. They are now harvesting their first crop, and soon will put in turnips.

These pictures of Christian activity give us courage.

Readjustments to the new day are necessary all along the line. We hope that these readjustments will result in a more effective demonstration of the power of Christ to transform life. We see a new kind of Christian stamina coming to the fore in some of our Christians.

## STRONG SOCIETY

The Methodist Woman's Society of Christian Service met in the home of Mrs. J. E. Cooper with Mrs. Arch Herring as co-hostess. Mrs. Pete Burson was program leader; the subject being, "Please God Mend Every Flaw." Several members gave parts on the subject.

Names were drawn for the Christmas tree program which was the 18th of December at Mrs. Barron Finney's.

Shut-in boxes were planned for Christmas. Mrs. Eva Dykes presided over the business session and Mrs. Herring dismissed with prayer.

Refreshments were served by the hostesses.

## MANILA STUDIES THE "NEAR EAST"

The Woman's Society of Manila completed its study of "The Near East" recently, under the leadership of Mrs. H. F. McDonal.

The study was held in four sessions, with classes meeting twice each week. Some of the outstanding features of the class sessions were the map study, which was planned in a way to give the class members a "feel" of the "Near East," and help them to think of its people as neighbors; a brief outline study on the "Rise and Spread of Islam;" Reports on the Early Culture of Islam; Progress of and past and present-day Practices of "Near East" Lands; The Koran; The Life of the Prophet; A review of the "Desert Doctor;" and the worship services at the close of each session.

The study closed with the life story of a young Moslem Woman, given in first person by Mrs. O. O. Stivers dressed in native costume. Pictures, posters, a copy of the Koran, and other features gave the class room an eastern or oriental atmosphere.—Reporter

## CALION OBSERVES ANNIVERSARY

In celebration of the tenth Anniversary of the Woman's Society a program was given in the church sanctuary recently.

Eleven members of El Dorado First church W. S. C. S., as the "Encourager" group were welcomed by our president, Mrs. N. I. Murphy.

The visiting group were introduced by their president, Mrs. Harry Wadsworth, and the home members were introduced by Mrs. Murphy.

Sweet Hour of Prayer was the opening song, with Mrs. D. L. Staples, Jr., at the piano. Mrs. W. O. Poole gave the devotional from the Isaiah.

The history of the society was given by Mrs. J. F. Massey, Jr., and eight charter members were recognized.

Mrs. Wadsworth, Mrs. C. M. Martin, Mrs. L. K. McKinney and Mrs. W. C. Farley gave brief talks on the work. Mrs. Murphy was in charge of the candlelighting service and presented the Birthday Cake. As the candles were lighted the different interests of the W. S. C. S. were given. Mrs. J. M. Holt lighted the "grow on" candle and closed the program with prayer.

After the program a fellowship hour followed and the cake was cut and served, by members of the local society.

## WILBURN ORGANIZES A SOCIETY

The women of the community met at the Wilburn Methodist church on December the twelfth and organized a Woman's Society of Christian Service. The following officers were elected: President, Mrs. Carol Magness, Vice president, Mrs. Tom Moore, Secretary and Treasurer, Mrs. Gusta Holliman, Secretary of Children's Work, Mrs. Rex Harrol.

The meeting date will be the second Tuesday in each month. Prayer will be the discussion for the next meeting.—Reporter

# CURRENT NEWS IN ARKANSAS METHODISM

## FORREST CITY DISTRICT CONFERENCE

A spirit of high fellowship, wise planning and glad achievement marked the session of the Forrest City District Conference at Holly Grove on December 12. Rev. Ethan W. Dodson, district superintendent, presented a clear picture of progress with the design of the session, adopting a title for the current volume for study—"Endless Line of Splendor." He marshalled a parade across the scene in a procession of church interests which claimed attention one after another and moved with economy of time and expertness of treatment as to demand respect and stimulate pride.

Dr. Ira Brumley, J. S. M. Cannon, Rev. Ewing T. Wayland, Rev. R. L. Franks, and Rev. J. Albert Gatlin presented the causes with which they are allied—Education, the Arkansas Methodist Children's Home, Arkansas Methodist, Conference Claimants, Town and Country Work. The Ministry of Healing was presented by Rev. James Chandler and Rev. Horace M. Lewis with emphasis on the service of Golden Cross. Rev. Alfred Knox presented the cause of Missions and shared with Dr. Matt L. Ellis and the district superintendent a climax in the closing moments of the session.

W. V. Armstrong was elected secretary of the Conference. Oliver Logan was granted license to preach. The Conference recommended that the Annual Conference recognize the orders of W. G. Stegall, pastor of the Hunter Charge and coming to the Methodist Church from the Missionary Baptist Church as an Elder. Rev. J. W. Sandage was recommended to the Annual Conference for deacons orders, Rev. J. H. Richardson for orders as an elder.

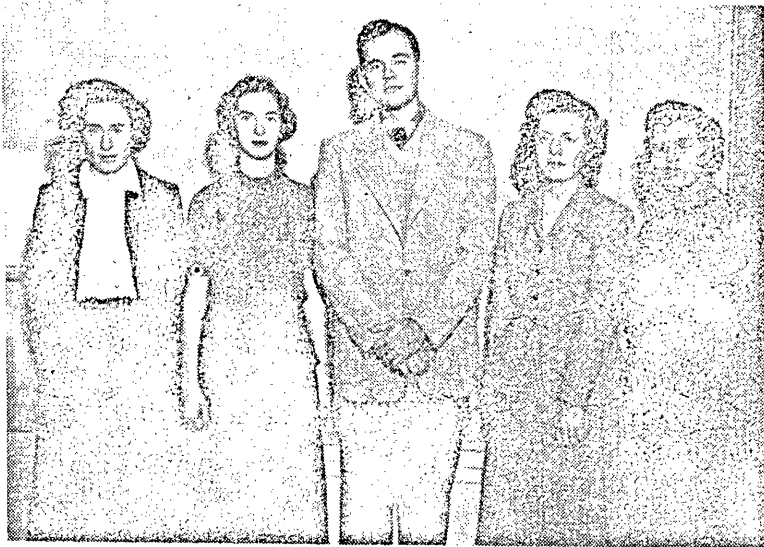
The names of a large number of young people who have determined to dedicate their lives to religious life in vocation and service were read by their pastors as from Helena, Forrest City, West Memphis, Marianna, Wynne and Brinkley. Prayer of thanksgiving was offered on their behalf.

Clay Bumpers, Associate District Lay Leader, presented the work of the laymen, and Mrs. J. W. Glass gave the report on Women's Work. A site for a camp on Bear Creek Lake was approved for lease with plans for erecting facilities for district activities suitable to camping in assembly for various departments of the church work.

The Committee on Church Location and Building recommended approval of an educational plant at Forrest City to cost approximately \$60,000; the construction of a parsonage property at Wynne and one at Earle to cost \$16,000 and \$12,000 respectively. A church building was approved and reported in process of construction at Brasfield.

The Committee on Statistics pointed to the encouraging fact that "our accessions on profession this year are more than double the number reported to the District Conference last year". Colt Charge reported the largest number received with a total of 55. More than half of the acceptance for World Service already has been paid. Five charges, Aubrey, Cotton Plant, Crawfordville-Black Fish Lake,

## COMMISSIONED AS MISSIONARIES



Four young people from Texas and one from Arkansas who were commissioned December 12 as missionaries or deaconesses of the Methodist Church are shown above. They are, left to right, Frances Bowden, Waco, who will go to Brazil for educational work; Mrs. Donald Wayne Waddell and Mr. Waddell of Houston, who will go to Costa Rica for agricultural and educational work; Beatrice Mary Fernandez, Hillsboro, who will work in Valley Institute, Pharr, Texas.

The Bowden girls, daughters of Rev. and Mrs. Jalmar Bowden, missionaries to Sao Paulo, are gradu-

ates of Texas State College for Women. They have had additional training at Southern Methodist University and Garrett Biblical Institute.

Mr. Waddell received his B. S. degree from Texas College of Agriculture and Mechanics. Mrs. Waddell, the former Martha Stewart of Conway, Ark., daughter of Rev. and Mrs. Allen D. Stewart, is a graduate of Hendrix College. The Waddells took special training at Scarritt College for Christian Workers.

Miss Fernandez received her B. A. degree from Baylor University and her M. A. from Scarritt College for Christian Workers, Nashville.

## CHRISTMAS PAGEANT AT WESLEY MEMORIAL

"The Nativity", a Christmas pageant, was presented by the Methodist Youth Fellowship at Wesley Memorial Methodist Church, Conway, Sunday night, December 24 at 7:30 p. m. The Christmas story was told by the narrator and the choir while the action was given in pantomime.

Mary and Joseph were depicted

by Ann Mowrer and Bob Dempsey, the shepherds were portrayed by Doyce Ballard, James Carroll Mosley and John Mowrer; the Wise Men were Tommy Burks, Levi Carmichael and Jim Mosley, and the angel who appeared to the shepherds was enacted by Peggy Henry.

James Conley was narrator and singers in the angel choir, who were robed in white and wearing halos, in addition to Miss Henry were Pat Boydston, Sammy Lou New, Martha Holloway, Carolyn Conley, Marian Mowrer, Colleen Linn and Mrs. F. D. Rhode, superintendent of the Youth Division. Mrs. Mae Goad Jones, church pianist, accompanied the choir in the singing of "Come Thou Long Expected Jesus", "Silent Night" and other traditional Christmas carols. D. Norton assisted with lighting effects.

Miss Eloise Rhode served as director for the pageant.

Following the pageant a group of youth and adults of the church sang Christmas carols at various homes in the community under the direction of the pastor, Rev. A. H. Dulaney.—Eloise Rhode.

Only 2% of the ten million mentally or physically handicapped children in the U. S. are being trained for useful places in society.—Secondary Education.

## WILL DO HANDWORK

Miss Buel McGhee, Green Forrest, who is an invalid confined to a wheel chair, will crochet, knot or do other needlework on order at reasonable rates, to be paid for after delivery.

## ARKADELPHIA DISTRICT CONFERENCE

In spite of the snow which blanketed the countryside and made some of the highways impassable the Arkadelphia District Conference met at Fountain Lake Methodist Church at 9:30 a. m. Wednesday, December 6, with one of the best conferences held in recent years. Rev. Robert B. Moore, district superintendent, brought a very helpful message from John 14.

Brother Moore opened the conference and C. Ray Hozendorf was elected secretary, Hollis Simpson and Raymond Coulson were chosen roll clerks. J. A. Wade, host pastor, brought greetings from the church. The pastor and membership of the beautiful little church had made every preparation for our entertainment during the day. The District Committees were nominated and elected.

The composite report of the work of the district was read. In the absence of the various connectional persons the following people spoke to the various causes: Robert B. Moore on the Methodist Children's Home; E. Clifton Rule on Hendrix College; C. Ray Hozendorf on the Arkansas Methodist Campaign; Mrs. John B. Hefley on children's work; John B. Hefley on Youth Work.

Mrs. Van W. Harrell read the report of Mrs. W. G. Harrington, District President of the Woman's Society of Christian Service.

Dr. E. Clifton Rule, pastor of First Methodist Church, Hot Springs, delivered a very challenging and inspiring sermon from the twelfth chapter of Hebrews. A. W. Hamilton was song leader and Van W. Harrell led in prayer.

At the noon hour the ladies of Fountain Lake Church served a bountiful dinner to the Conference membership.

Hershall Z. Reed, District Lay Leader, spoke briefly on Lay Activities, pledging his continued best efforts and asking for the cooperation of other churches in placing lay speakers in churches not having full-time pastors.

Van W. Harrell presented the Retired Ministers Endowment Fund and the recording of Bishop Paul E.

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### OPPELO METHODISTS COOPERATE IN CONWAY COUNTY LAY PROGRAM

Rev. R. B. Howerton, Jr., is the pastor of the Oppelo Methodist Church and a student at Hendrix College. He is the son of the late R. B. Howerton, who for a number of years rendered outstanding service in the Rural Churches of the North Arkansas Conference. Brother Howerton has given splendid leadership at Oppelo. The church carries forward the entire program of the conference. The laymen are working for the advancement of the Kingdom.—J. Albert Gatlin.



REV. R. B. HOWERTON, JR.

ed, the floors sanded, all the rooms repapered and butane gas installed. We now have a very beautiful place in which to live.

Truly, we are advancing with Christ.—R. B. Howerton, Jr.

### NOTES FROM THE FIELD

#### Christian Life Conference At Everton

On December 9 and 10 we spent the week end at the Everton church on the Valley Springs Charge. It was the writer's privilege to deliver four messages beginning Saturday night at 7:30 and continuing through Sunday at 11:00 a. m., 2:30 p. m. and 7:30 p. m. The fellowship with Brother and Mrs. James Smith and the people at Everton was of the highest order. Since Brother Smith has been the pastor at Everton the building has been repaired and painted on the inside. We look forward to greater days ahead on the Valley Springs Charge. Splendid progress is being made in the other churches of the charge.

#### Christian Life Conference on The Bentonville Circuit

The writer spent the weekend of December 16 and 17 with Rev. Kenneth Hatfield and his fine people on the Bentonville Circuit. It was another great time of fellowship and worship with a fine body of Methodists. On Saturday night at 7:30 we had a worship service in the beautiful, newly decorated Council Grove Church. At eleven on Sunday morning the writer preached at Oakley's Chapel, the pastor preached at Aveca, and the Rev. W. F. Cooley, the District Superintendent, preached at Council Grove. A fellowship dinner was enjoyed at Council Grove at the noon hour. At 2:30 Brother Cooley held the second Quarterly Conference which was well attended and filled with interest. Plans were made to complete modernization of the parsonage. The Hatfields are

### ARKADELPHIA DISTRICT CONFERENCE

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Martin's message, "God's Gentleman." Dan R. Robinson, pastor at Crossett, representing the Conference Board of Claimants, led the group in pledging complete cooperation in securing the total amount for this fund.

The report of the Committee on Local Preachers and Accepted Supplies was read. The characters of E. H. Eckler, W. H. Chambers and E. T. McAfee, Local Elders; and H. A. Brooks, K. S. L. Cooke, Harvey Moore, R. L. Burroughs and William Warren, Local Deacons, were passed. The license was renewed for the following local preachers: W. M. Anthony, C. C. Martin, Horace Grogan, Raymond Coulson, W. H. Watson, Carl Ross Tillman, H. H. Rogers, Joe Warren, T. W. Phillips, Wm. Brady, C. A. Meyers, John P. Miles, Robert B. Moore, Jr., Withers M. Moore, Hollis Simpson, Albert Burroughs, Forney Harvey, C. V. Holliman, Crosby Delton Key, Arthur Lee Sears and Earl Treadaway, Jr. The following were recommended as Accepted Supplies: Horace Grogan, Raymond Coulson, W. H. Watson, E. T. McAfee, Hollis Simpson, Albert Burroughs and C. V. Holliman.

The statistical report showed 391 additions to the church with 178 by profession of faith which is an increase of 44 over last year; pastors and district superintendents are paid approximately 50%; Conference Claimants and World Service are about 40%.

The Conference will meet at Arkadelphia First Church next year.—C. Ray Hozendorf, Secretary.

doing a great work on this charge. Brother Cooley, the new district superintendent, has already made a place in the hearts of the people and is giving great administration to this District.

#### The District Conferences

The Secretary of the Town and Country Commission was privileged to attend seven of the eight District Conferences and to look in for a moment on the other. Travel conditions one day were the worst possible. In spite of bad roads all the Conferences were well attended. Each one had well-planned and inspiring programs. The reports show that the conditions of the church in most respects are good.—J. Albert Gatlin.

The hatred we bear our enemies injures their happiness less than our own.—J. Petit Senn, Cincinnati Enquirer

### BUDGET FOR 1951

A budget of \$2,161,500 to cover the regular work of the American Bible Society in 1951 was approved by the Advisory Council of the Society, consisting of representatives of some 50 Protestant denominations, at the concluding meeting of a two-day session which was held at the Bible House in New York City on December 5 and 6. This is the largest regular budget in the history of the 134-year-old Society, according to Frank H. Mann, secretary of the Bible Society.

A supplementary budget of \$918,000 was also recommended, about one-half of which will be used for the providing of Scriptures to the Service personnel and to meet unusual needs arising in Korea, Japan, China and the Philippine Islands.

Asked the secret of his power as a preacher, a Negro minister in Washington, D. C., declared: "It's simple. I reads myself full. I thinks myself clear. I prays myself hot. And then I lets go."—Pure Oil News, Pure Oil Co.

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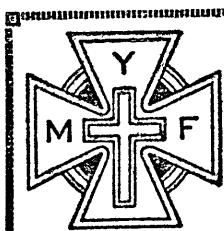
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### BENTON COUNTY YOUNG ADULT FELLOWSHIP

The Benton County Young Adult Fellowship met at the Centerton Methodist Church on December 1 with Vaughn Pickard presiding.

The program was built around the Christmas theme with Mrs. Earl Cooper in charge. Taking part on the program were Mrs. Ruth Duncan, Rev. Alf Eason, Rev. Brady Cook, Miss Irene Cook, Mrs. Alf Eason, Mrs. Ella Smith, Janie and Beppy Trimble, Rev. Kenneth Hatfield and Rev. H. W. Jinske.

The attendance was unusually good and a great number stated that this was one of the best programs by the young adults in a long time. We deeply appreciate the hospitality of this fine church and its good pastor, Rev. Charles Wages.

Refreshments were served at the close of the meeting.

The next meeting will be at Gentry, January 4, at 7:30 p. m.—H. W. Jinske, Reporter.

### JONESBORO AREA SUB-DISTRICT

The Jonesboro Area Sub-District M. Y. F. met recently at the Fisher Street Methodist Church. Fisher Street Church sponsored a fellowship supper for the Sub-District.

George Wayne Martin was the inspirational speaker. George Wayne was one of the members of a Hendrix Fellowship Team sponsored by Fisher Street for the benefit of the Sub-District.

Margie Stone, president, presided over the business meeting. Fisher Street had the largest number present with a total of 15. Classes were then held by the members of the Fellowship Team. A recreation period was then held.

The next Sub-District meeting will be held at the Bay Methodist Church on Monday night, January 1.—June Coleman, Reporter.

### MT. MAGAZINE SUB-DISTRICT WORK SHOP

The Mt. Magazine Sub-District Workshop for Commission on Worship and Evangelism was held December 2nd at the Branch Methodist Church.

Miss Lola Featherston of Hendrix College, was in charge of the workshop.

Seven churches of the Sub-District, Paris, Booneville, Charleston, Lavaca, Prairie View, Scranton and Branch, had representatives, 17 youths and 7 adults.

The program for the day opening with a Hymnspiration, was an inspiration and enjoyed by everyone. Other items on the program Workshop periods, recreation, fellowship and singing and the closing dedication period.

In the Workshop period many ideas were shared. Worship and Evangelism were made more meaningful for the group. Program planning was seen in a new light.

There are plans for Workshops for each of the other three Commissions in the near future.—Mrs. D. G. Hindman, Counselor.

### ACTION GROWS OUT OF METHODIST YOUTH FELLOWSHIP STUDY

The young people of Fairview Methodist Church have recently completed the home mission study, "Toward a Christian Community." They used as their text, *Once There Were Two Churches* along with the supplementary book, *So Sure of Life*.

Several worthwhile things resulted from this study but I will mention only one project. All four Commissions cooperated in carrying out the project. The spiritual level of the entire community was deepened because of these young people and their able adult leadership. The project of which I speak brought several denominations within the community together in a united effort to vote this township (Lafayette Township) dry in the recent election when Amendment No. 2 was up for adoption. Their activities included

1. A drama depicting the evils of alcoholic beverages presented at the evening church service.

2. The making of badges which they wore to school and which hundreds of adults in the community wore for more than a week before the election.

The memographing and a house to house distribution of hand bills the night before the election asking the voters to vote dry for them. About one hundred and seventy-five people, representing several denominations, joined in this task. Refreshments served in the Fellowship Hall of Fairview Church added to the friendliness and fine spirit of the occasion.

Partly due to the efforts of the young people of Fairview Methodist Church, Lafayette Township voted for Amendment No. 2, or dry, almost two to one.—Reporter.

### SEARCY SUB-DISTRICT M. Y. F.

One hundred seventy-nine attended the Searcy Sub-District M. Y. F. meeting at Russell on Monday, November 27.

Vernon Moore led the program on "Love and Loyalty" and the talks were given by Aubrey Scrape, Charlene Hamrick and Calvin Roetzel, ministerial student from Hendrix College.

Stunts were given by each church during the recreation period.

President Melbourne McKenzie of Searcy presided over the business session. The group made plans to have their Christmas program at Searcy on December 18.—Reporter.

### BRANCH M. Y. F.

The Branch M. Y. F. believes the Scripture "Be ye doers of the word and not hearers only." They are really up and going, which is proof of their excellent leadership in the home as well as in the Church in years past.

During the past year the M. Y. F. group worked at odd jobs and raised enough money to paint the outside of our church building; they built a concrete walk from the

church out to the street which is about seventy-five feet, and they paid some on our new pews. They are now pledging at least \$100.00 to be used in building a recreational building which we hope to see set up in the near future.

Our young people constitute our choir for morning and evening worship. They also outnumber our adults at our mid-week prayer services.

Three car loads of our young people marched in the parade at Ft. Smith in the liquor drive just before the Nov. 7th election.

We enjoyed our Senior M. Y. F. workshop on worship held at Branch Saturday, Dec. 2nd, with Miss Lola Featherston in charge. It was really inspirational. We are now looking forward to our Sub-District meeting which will be here at Branch December 11. We are expecting more than one hundred youths from our Sub-District to attend this meeting.—Mrs. Fred M. Thompson.

### DELTA SUB-DISTRICT M. Y. F.

The Delta Sub-District M. Y. F. met Monday evening, December 4, at the Burt Pickens Memorial Church in Dumas. The Dumas M. Y. F. had charge of the program.

A Christmas program was presented. Following the program a business session was held with Marilyn Misler, president, presiding.

A recreation period was held in the Men's Bible Class room.

Newton's Chapel, having the most present, won the banner. Other towns represented were McGehee, Dermott and Dumas. The next meeting will be held at Eudora on January 8. — Martha Ann Appleberry, Reporter.

### E. M. MOFFATT RETURNS TO INDIA

A Methodist minister and his daughter, who have spent most of their lives in India, will return to that country this fall as missionaries of the Methodist Church. The Rev. Elbert M. Moffatt, Ph.D., of Brooklyn, N. Y., has been appointed manager of the Lucknow Publishing House. Miss Margaret Jane Moffatt, a member of the nursing staff of the U. S. Veterans Hospital of American Lake, Wash., will work in the Clara Swain Hospital, Bareilly. They will stay in India three years.

Dr. Moffatt first went to India in 1911 and served for five years as one of the secretaries of the Young Men's Christian Association there. In 1920 he was appointed a missionary of the Methodist Church and assigned to service in Lucknow Christian College, in charge of commerce classes. For two years he was dean of the Faculty of Commerce in Lucknow University, the first of the new teaching type government universities in India. From Lucknow he went to Almora and Sitapur, where he engaged in school work and in superintending districts of the church. Then he was appointed as Branch Treasurer of the Division of Foreign Missions, Bombay, and secretary of the Executive Board of Southern Asia, in charge of all property matters.

The mad pursuit of personal happiness makes the faithless man consider no higher obligation than his own desires.—Gerald Kennedy, The Lion and the Lamb. (Abingdon-Cokesbury)

### CONWAY AND PERRY COUNTY SUB-DISTRICT

A Christmas program was given by Miss Harlette Reddick at the Conway and Perry County Sub-District Youth Fellowship held at Morrilton Church on December 4.

Miss Reddick was assisted by the youth choir. Special music was furnished by Johnnie Byrd, Elizabeth Ann Britt, Doyleene Scroggins, Joyce Ann Williams, John Guiling, Hugh Jones, James Martin and Henry Couchman.

A recreation period was then held.

Miss Bobby Sue Tarvin, president, presided over the business meeting. There were 55 present. The next meeting will be at Perryville on January 8.—Reporter.

### DAYS THAT ARE NUMBERED

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is a part of the foundation upon which the future is built. The exhortation of the Psalmist would have us build upon that foundation and not stop. St. Paul says, "I press toward the mark." He had not attained the full prize and neither do we for as we press on we find the adventure of living growing and beckoning us onward and upward.

In the changing there is One who is unchangeable, "Even from everlasting to everlasting thou art God." He is not willing to trust his life to a changing whimsical Diety, but to Him who formed the earth, the mountains and the sea. Our conception and devotion to God must grow if each day is to be better than the one that has past. If our conception of God has not enlarged in the past year then we have dwarfed our souls.

God's moral laws are unchanged. Sin today is the same wrecking, destructive power that it always was. Because we are living in an atomic age is no indication at all that the moral law has been repealed. Every day we see the proof of that law still in force.

God's love is unchanged. When we face life as the Psalmist we grow pessimistic and often feel that God does not love us any more. God's love is as constant in the shadows as in the sunshine of life. His love is not dependent on outward circumstances. Our tears will clarify our vision and we can see the love of God in a truer light.

As we face the New Year let us face it with the consciousness that God alone can save us. Man must do his part in his salvation and the salvation of his world; but man cannot lift himself by his own bootstraps. He must look up and beyond the transitory and find the hand of the Eternal God and in that strength he is able to overcome.

"An understanding heart" helps us to see beyond our troubles. This spirit directs us to avoid sin. "An understanding heart" guides our energy that our greatest power may be given to goodness. Let us make the petition of the Psalmist ours throughout this New Year.—R. B.

The Swedish people have an interesting way of decorating their Christmas tree. On the top they fasten their national flag, and on the other branches they place small flags of all nations as a symbol of the Christmas message: "Peace on earth, good will to men."—Irving Hoffman, Hollywood Reporter.

CORRECTION

NOTE: In the December 14 issue of the *Arkansas Methodist* was published the first six months' report of the Treasurer of the North Arkansas

Conference. Because of the regrettable misarrangement of several of the names of the Districts of the Conference in the Recapitulation of the report, a corrected version of the report is now being printed.

RECAPITULATION

	World Serv. & Conf. Ben.	Bishop Fund	Conf. Claimants	D. S. Salary	Gen. & Juried.	Minimum Sal. Fund	World Com. (O.S. Relief)	Advance for Christ	Golden Cross	Methodist Youth	Race Relations	Wesley Found.
BATESVILLE DISTRICT	\$ 4,480.60	\$ 397.84	\$ 2,857.90	\$ 2,329.98	\$ 317.27	\$ 397.77	\$ 235.14	\$ 709.35		\$ 98.58		
CONWAY DISTRICT	6,517.71	459.01	3,361.74	2,615.99	314.72	610.00	407.31	1,991.75		90.86		
FAYETTEVILLE DISTRICT	5,909.93	633.38	3,877.60	3,228.38	410.88	838.84	456.96	906.00	5.00	115.80	5.00	22.50
FORREST CITY DISTRICT	7,146.75	619.05	4,385.80	3,273.32	436.23	1,098.89	484.13	2,673.87		110.53	22.66	1,000.00
FT. SMITH DISTRICT	9,396.25	881.85	5,303.24	4,138.03	584.93	798.22	490.03	2,062.85	103.00	44.25	69.75	
JONESBORO DISTRICT	9,477.01	1,096.93	7,645.76	5,921.62	652.59	1,296.50	726.59	1,805.90	81.00	218.49	2.00	678.35
SEARCY DISTRICT	4,920.08	504.82	3,666.95	2,863.46	439.50	409.00	320.28	530.00	174.75	54.00	95.00	100.00
PARAGOULD DISTRICT	5,917.54	395.13	3,268.06	2,363.59	317.03	405.50	364.87	180.00	28.00	71.08		
TOTAL	\$53,765.87	\$ 4,988.01	\$34,367.05	\$26,734.37	\$ 3,523.55	\$ 5,854.72	\$ 3,485.31	\$10,859.72	\$ 391.75	\$ 803.59	\$ 194.41	\$ 1,800.85

NORTH ARKANSAS CONFERENCE NOTES

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Bonanza; Osceola; Wilson; Keiser; Jonesboro, First Church; Huntington Avenue; Fisher Street; Mt. Carmel; Forrest Home; Weiner; Hickory Ridge; Monette; Nettleton; Bay; Turrell; Blytheville, First Church; Weona; Marked Tree; Lake City; Manila; Luxora; Whitten; Harrisburg; Brookland; Dyess; Ebenezzer; St. Francis; Rector, Fourth Street; Imboden; Macedonia; Morning Star; Five Oaks; Corning; Boydsville; Mar's Hill; Knobel; Egypt; Hardy; Shiloh; Maynard; Middlebrook; Griffin Memorial; Paragould, First Church; Piggott; Pocahontas; Rector; Lynn; Walnut Ridge; Ravenden Springs; Simmon's Chapel; Marmaduke; Rameras Chapel; Beebe; Antioch; Cabot; Harmony; Higginson; Bald Knob; Russell; Searcy; Valley Springs; McCrory; Heber Springs; Augusta; McRae; Garner; Judsonia; Kensett; Clinton; Harrison.

The following is the report of training credits by districts:

Batesville District	53
Conway District	106
Fayetteville District	61
Forrest City District	79
Fort Smith District	247
Jonesboro District	181
Paragould District	145
Searcy District	95

Winter Months Good Training Months

The months of January, February and March are good months for training work, especially the one-unit training school plan.

There are more than 100 certified training school instructors in the North Arkansas Conference. Some of these are probably near your church. Many of them would be glad to give a period of service in helping local churches train their leaders. The June issue of the Christian Education Bulletin carried a list of these instructors, giving the courses they are certified to teach. Should your church be interested in securing one of these persons for a training school, contact the person you desire or write our office.

It is important that all training schools be set up a month in advance of the date which the school is to be held. This is important because it is necessary to secure the text material in advance and clear all matters relating to the training school. Usually training schools turn out better when planned some time in advance.

We must have better trained leaders if the work of Christian Education is to become more effective.

Training Schools Being Held Or Soon To Be Held

A training school was held this week at Ola for the churches of that section with the following courses being offered: Christian Stewardship, Thomas R. Whiddon; How to Teach in the Church School, Mrs. Waldo Wettengel; The Church

and Its Work, Ira A. Brumley.

A one-unit training school on Christian Education in the Small Church is being held at Desha January 3-5.

A cooperative training school is to be held at Harrison January 21-25. The Methodist Church is furnishing two instructors for this training school. This school is for the churches of the Harrison Area.

A four-unit training school is to be held at Blytheville for the Blytheville Area January 22-26 with the following units being offered:

Understanding Younger Children, Miss Rosemary K. Roobach.

Toward a Christian World Community, Horace Williams.

Christian Beliefs (Youth Only), Thurston Masters.

Christian Homemaking, E. B. Williams.

A one-unit school for youth is being completed at Jacksonville. This school has run over a number of weeks, being conducted by the pastor.

Griffin Memorial, Paragould, is having a Second Series Course on Evangelism, being taught by the pastor.

Audio-Visual Aids Workshop

There is to be held at Winfield Church in Little Rock, January 23-24, a workshop on audio-visual aids for the two conferences in Arkansas.

Persons from the North Arkansas Conference desiring to participate in this workshop should register with our office at an early date, as the number permitted to attend must be limited.

Directors of Christian Education and Educational Assistants, serving in the churches of the North Arkansas Conference, are to participate in the workshop being provided for this group in Little Rock January 8-11.

Norman Thoms, former leader, Socialist Party: "We have to do a better job educating Asiatics to the real and terrible meaning of Communism. Even more surely, we must do a better job of presenting an appealing alternative to Communism."

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Nashville, Tennessee — Church School workers who have been looking for materials to use with two-year-old children and parents of these children will find just what they need in two publications that are being issued by the Editorial Division of the General Board of Education for use beginning with January, February, and March, 1951. The book for parents is called "The Two-Year-Old at

Home" and is written by Miss Jennie N. Haxton of New York. Many of the practical everyday problems of helping the two-year-old child to grow up are dealt with. For church school teachers there is provided a book entitled "When the Two-Year-Old Comes to Church," by the same author. It contains suggestions and stimulating ideas of ways in which teachers may work with these younger children. The price is twenty-five cents for the parent's book and one dollar for the teacher's book.

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## The Sunday School Lesson

By REV. H. O. BOLIN

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### WHAT IS THE CHRISTIAN TASK TODAY?

FOR JANUARY 14, 1951

READ THE ENTIRE LESSON FROM YOUR BIBLE:  
Mark 1:21-39.

**GOLDEN TEXT:** "Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues and preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing every disease and every infirmity." (Matthew 9:35)

#### A Look At The Scripture

The Scripture of the lesson is very helpful. It gives a typical day in the life of Jesus. This particular day was a sabbath. It will be remembered that the Jewish sabbath is Saturday. The events recorded in the lesson took place in Capernaum, a fishing village on the northwest shore of the Sea of Galilee. Jesus made this town his headquarters during the early part of his ministry.

On this particular occasion we are told that Jesus entered into the synagogue. The rulers of the synagogue invited him to teach and he proceeded to do so. The people were astonished at his teaching. They had been accustomed to the teaching of the scribes and rabbis. These individuals always taught on the authority of others. They were constantly quoting the law and the prophets. These teachers were in the habit of saying "The law teaches so and so," or the prophets said, "So and so." Jesus introduced his teaching by the words, "Verily, verily, I say unto you." Not only did he refrain from quoting others as the authority for his teaching, but he sometimes quoted the teachers of the Old Testament to say that they were wrong. For example he once remarked, "It has been said by them of old, An eye for an eye, and a tooth for a tooth: But I say unto you, That ye resist not evil: but whosoever shall smite thee on the right cheek, turn to him the other also." Again we find him saying, "Ye have heard that it hath been said, Thou shalt love thy neighbor, and hate thine enemy. But I say unto you, Love your enemies, bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you, and pray for them that despitefully use you, and persecute you." Jesus did not flatly contradict the teaching of Moses but he insisted that Moses did not go far enough. This was something new under the sun. No one before this time had ever dared to try to improve on what had been said in the law and the prophets. Little wonder that the common people were astonished at his teaching. He taught with authority. That is, he sought no higher source for the verification of his teaching than himself.

On the occasion of our lesson there was a man present in the synagogue who was possessed of an unclean spirit. The evil spirit in the man knew Jesus and cried out saying, "Let us alone; what have we to do with thee, thou Jesus of Nazareth? art thou come to destroy us? I know thee who thou art, the Holy One of God." Jesus rebuked the evil spirit, forced him to be silent and cast him out of the man. The people greatly marveled at this.

There has been quite a bit of

controversy over this idea of evil spirits. Many say people who were thought to be demon-possessed of that time were simply demented or insane. It is a well known fact that not only the Hebrews but also the Greek and other people of the Mediterranean world of the first century believed in demon possession. One writer went so far as to give the number of evil spirits. He said there were seven and a half million of them. Many demon-possessed people mentioned in the New Testament acted quite a bit like some insane people of our day. Others, however, in the place of being insane seemed to possess more than ordinary knowledge. Such was the case with the one mentioned in our lesson.

The writer is not inclined to waste too much time and space with mooted questions like this one. It is enough to know that Jesus healed a lot of people. Some of them were sick of body and some of mind. Whether or not those sick of mind were demon possessed is beside the point. Jesus healed all alike whether the trouble was physical, mental, or spiritual.

After the service at the synagogue we are told how Jesus entered Simon's home. There he found Simon's mother-in-law sick. He healed her. The account of these healings spread abroad through the community. There were many sick people there. They longed to have Jesus heal them. Being good Jews they did not break the sabbath by seeking to be healed. The sabbath was officially over at sundown and at that time a great throng of them gathered about the home where Jesus was staying. We are told that he healed all of them.

The town was greatly stirred over the work of Jesus. Early the next morning a large crowd was again at the home of Simon seeking the Lord. They went out to seek for him and found him at prayer. In this connection we read, "And in the morning, a great while before day, he rose and went out to a lonely place, and there he prayed." On being informed that the whole community was seeking him, in the place of returning to them, Jesus said, "Let us go into the next towns, that I may preach there also: for therefore came I forth." Jesus did not minimize the taking care of the physical needs of people but he felt that his most important task was looking after their spiritual wellbeing.

The golden text of our lesson is also very helpful in setting forth the task of Jesus. It speaks of three of the items of his work—teaching, preaching, and healing.

#### Our Tasks

The Christian people of today have their tasks. Jesus said to his

disciples, "As the Father hath sent so have I sent you." As truly as he sent the disciples of that generation, he is sending his followers today. The Christians of each generation are to carry on the work that Jesus began while here in the flesh. He taught, preached, and healed and we are called upon to do these same tasks. Paul speaks of the Church as being the body of Christ. While Christ was here in the flesh the Spirit of Christ operated through his physical body. We are told that "He went about doing good." That same Spirit is operating through the Church (his body) today. Christ still longs to do what he did while here in the flesh—teach, preach, and heal. He is under the necessity of carrying on this work today through his followers. He feels that this is the better way to do it after all. We recall how he told his disciples that it was better for him to go away physically. He said, "The works that I do shall ye do also; and greater works than these shall ye do because I go unto the Father." While here in the flesh his Spirit operated largely through one physical body; now that same Spirit operates through thousands of bodies. Little wonder that greater work is being done now than while Christ was here in the flesh. Literally hundreds of thousands are being taught, preached to, and saved for every one who was reached at that time.

#### Modern Christians Must Teach

The church school is becoming a greater force for righteousness all the while. Think of the hundreds of thousands of teachers who stand before hungry-minded classes each Sunday. Many of these teachers take their job seriously. They have taken training courses and are well prepared for their work. Then, too, many of them spend a bit of time each week in preparing the lessons they teach. We simply cannot estimate the spiritual value these good people are to our world.

Then there are thousands of good, Christian day-school teachers who are not satisfied with merely teaching facts to the youth of the world. They relate these facts to life and thus help the children and young people to build Christian character.

The home also comes in for its share in the teaching business. Many parents realize the value of home training. They spend quite a bit of time in teaching their children in the Christian way of life. They realize that all of this work cannot be done by the Church and the public school.

Not only do we teach formally but we also teach informally. We teach by example as well as precept. Some one has said that one example is worth a thousand arguments in the matter of building Christian character. Another who had a great appreciation of this matter of example had this to say "What you do speaks so loudly that I can't hear what you say." So, whatever we do in the home or any other place where we come in contact with others, we are teaching. We must never forget that we teach by attitude and deed as well as by word. We can greatly hasten the coming of the Kingdom of God by being careful and faithful in our teaching.

#### Modern Christians Preach

We think of individuals as being especially called to the ministry, and there is such a call. Paul was thinking of this special call when he said, "Woe is me, if I preach not the gospel." On the other hand

there is a sense in which all are preachers. The most important sermons we preach are not those we preach by word of mouth but rather by deed of life. In the early days of the Christian movement all disciples realized the fact that they were preachers. We are told that they were scattered abroad through the persecution that arose at the death of the first Christian martyr—Stephen, and they went everywhere preaching. Their sermons were largely in the form of testimonies. They were constantly telling what Jesus had done for them and trying to lead others to accept him. In speaking of the success of the early Christians John the Revelator tells us, "They won by the blood of the Lamb and the word of their testimony."

There is a close kinship between preaching and teaching. All good, Christian teachers are preachers; and all good preachers are teachers. A successful sermon must instruct as well as inspire. There is probably, however, a bit more inspiration in the general run of sermons than there is in ordinary teaching. That is about the only distinction that can be drawn between the sermon and the lesson.

#### The Healing Task

In carrying out the full work of Christ modern Christians are supposed to heal. They do heal but most of this work is carried on through medical science and the hospitals. There can be no doubt but that God operates through these forces. Most of our blessings come from God but they come through our co-operating with him to bring them about. God wants us to have food but in order to have it some one must prepare seed-beds, sow, reap, and process grain. God wants us to have heat but men must mine coal, drill for gas, cut wood, or generate electricity. God wants us to have a shelter above our heads but men must work to have it. The Bible tells us "We are workers together with God." We see that it is God's plan that we work with him in bringing about our blessings. We have heard the old saying, "God helps those who help themselves." That statement became an old saying because it has been the experience of the human race down through the years. If it be true that we are to work with God in other realms to bring about our blessings, can we be surprised that it would also be true in the realm of health? Surely, people are a bit misguided when they refuse to try to help themselves in the matter of securing and retaining health.

The use of modern means to secure and retain health does not mean that one does not have faith. When Christ was here in the flesh these means were largely lacking. He healed many people without them. He always required that they have faith. Faith is needed just as badly now as it was then. We use these means and then pray God's blessings upon them just like we use the means of farming and then pray God's blessings upon them. All true Christians believe that God has the power to heal without the use of means but most of them believe that we co-operate with him in the matter of health as we do in other things. We are helping heal when we support medical science and hospitals.

When a man puts a limit on what he will do, he's put a limit on what he can do.—Man's Shop, hm, House Ensing. (Cape Town, S. Africa)