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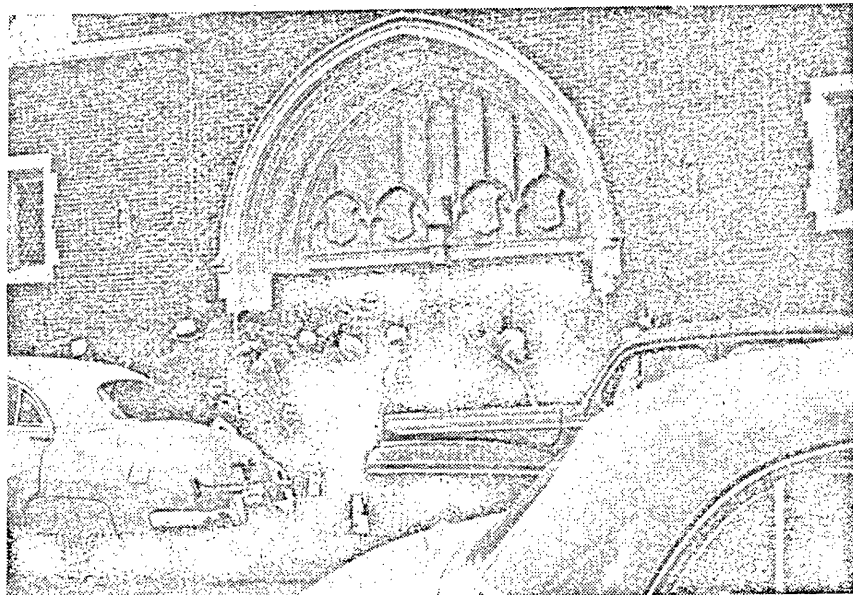
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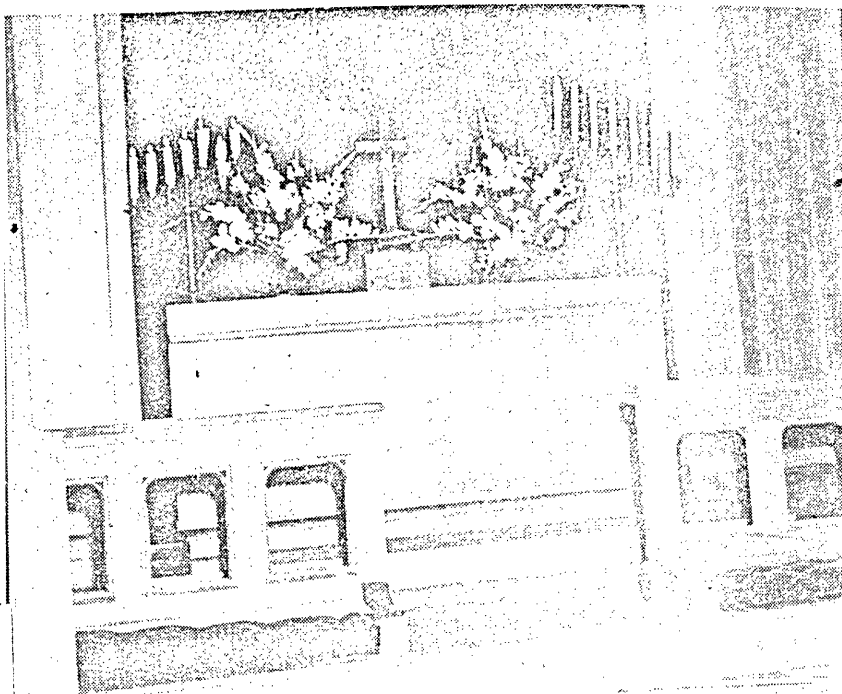
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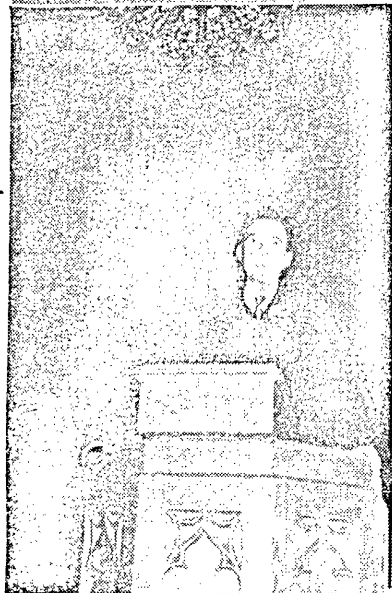
GREATER LITTLE ROCK METHODISM OPENS TWO NEW BUILDINGS



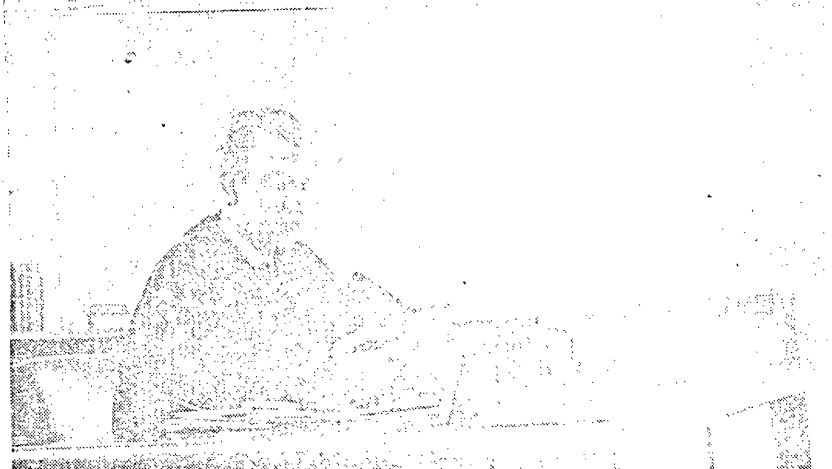
ABOVE LEFT: Crowd at entrance Pulaski Heights Church, December 24, 1950, when new building was opened. Sanctuary is of Gothic Architecture, costing \$325,000. Education Building will be constructed later.



ABOVE RIGHT: View of altar. Sanctuary has divided chancel arrangement with pulpit and lectern. Rose Window is high above altar.

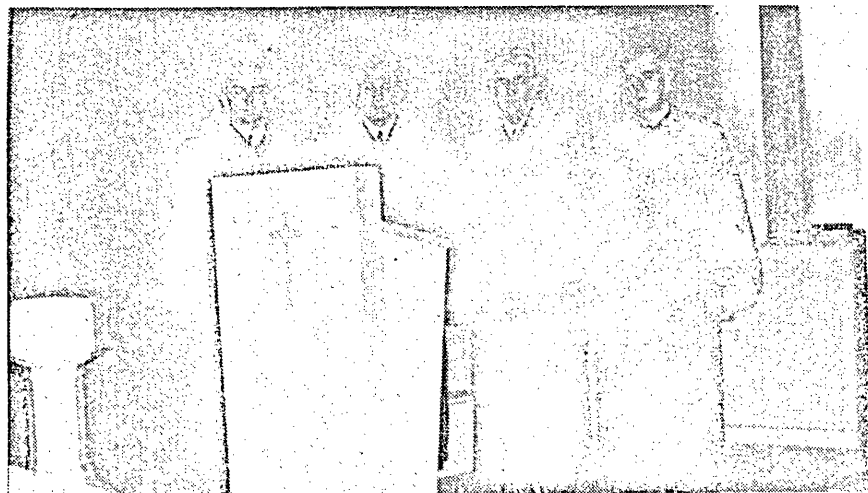


LEFT: Rev. J. Kenneth Shamblin, pastor, preached to capacity congregations at identical services on opening day. Part of Rose Window above altar can be seen in background.



RIGHT: Mr. Shamblin in minister's study, located in new building. Building is located at Monroe and Woodlawn, three blocks west of older building which will continue to be used for educational purposes.

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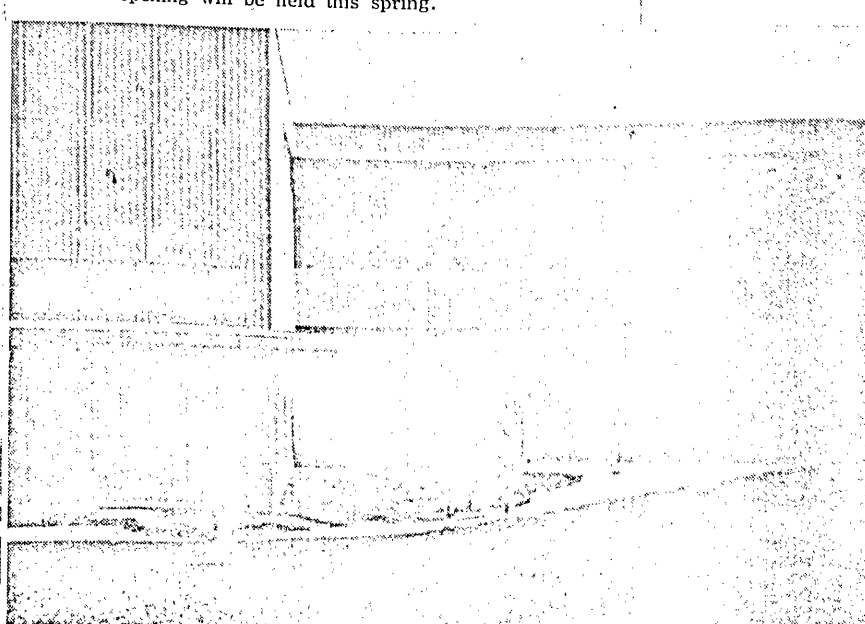
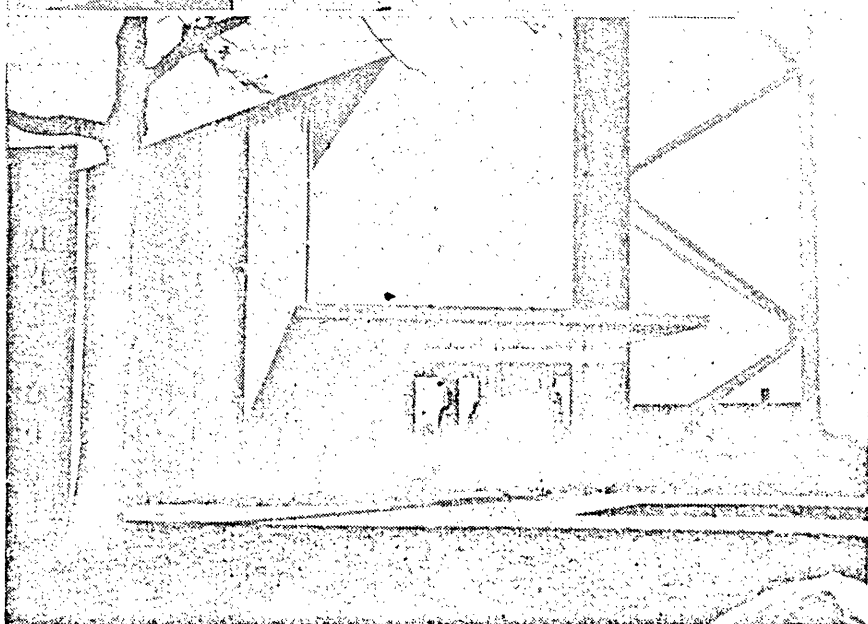


LEFT: Rev. John Workman, SMU Theology Student, Dr. James W. Workman, pastor, First Methodist Church, North Little Rock; Dr. C. M. Reves, Conway Dist. Supt.; Bishop Martin. Rev. John and James Workman, Jr., assisted their father, Dr. Workman, in the first service of worship in the new North Little Rock Church, Sunday, December 17, at 8:30 a. m. At 11:00 A. M. Dr. Workman was in charge of the second service when Bishop Martin preached. Dr. Reves was the preacher at the Vesper Service late Sunday afternoon.

RIGHT: Bishop Martin in the North Little Rock pulpit which is raised slightly higher than the lectern seen in the first picture. Capacity crowds attended the opening services.

LOWER LEFT: View showing last group to leave church following morning services. Lower part of tower rising over sanctuary entrance is seen on right. A lighted cross and chimes are atop tower.

LOWER RIGHT: View of entrance to church offices and educational portion of church plant. Small chapel is seen on the left where two windows from old church will be installed. Building cost in excess of \$300,000 and is practically completed. Formal opening will be held this spring.



THE DEVOTIONAL PAGE

REV. ROY L. BARLEY, Editor

FROM THE BOOKSHELF

There are no warlike people—just warlike leaders Ralph J. Bunche

I find competence low, and growing lower, in the affairs of all mankind . . . Bernard Baruch

Activity back of a small idea will produce more than inactivity and the planning of a genius. . . James A. Worsham

Sin has many tools, but a lie is the handle that fits them all . . . Southwestern Philosopher

Success is getting what you want. Happiness is wanting what you get. . . Channing Times

Habit, like a soft bed, is easy to get into, but hard to get out of. . . Topicks

Peace in a house is known to the world almost as if it were flying from a flagpole. . . Marcelene Cox, Ladies Home Journal

Sin may be clasped so close we cannot see its face. . . Trench

A man's thoughts are the theatre of his soul . . . T. E. Murphy.
—From QUOTE

ON BECOMING

He came to his own home and his own people received him not. But to all who received him, he gave power to becoming children of God.
—John 1:11, 1

Read John 1.

Not all men have received the spirit and message of God in the Christ. Some openly reject it; others think that they receive it but find they have only the shell of a name and not the kernel of truth. Others begin to walk the Christian path and then become sidetracked. Only a certain number in any age have come into the fullness of the grace of the life through Christ. Only a few actually have become what the Master intended their lives to be.

All are called by the Eternal God; many are given the great chance, but how few respond! The potential seed must become the plant intended. Our human lives must become by continual growth the fullest meaning of being Christian.

This day I am either becoming more of a disciple of the Christ, or else falling short of God's intention for my life. This day I can help to show another friend his potentiality in Christian vocation. As I become Christ's man this day, so God's kingdom becomes more of a reality.

Spirit of power, revealed in the Christ, fill me this day that I may become less of self and more of thee. Amen.

Seed thought: II Peter 3:18. — Power.

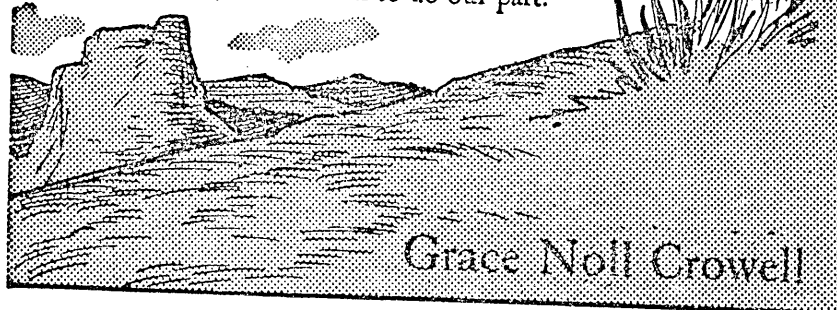
Alcoholism is at all-time high with U. S. alcoholics now totaling 950,000. The '41 figure showed 600,000. Fears created by war situation have helped to raise total. Alcoholism is one of the serious problems industry is now learning to face and understand.—Business Briefs.

PROMISES

THE year will keep its promises to me:
Unfailingly the days will come and go;
Rivers will take their sure course to the sea;
Seedtime and harvest, these will come, I know.
The stars will go their quiet silver way;
There will be sun and rain and wind and dew;
There will be breathless beauty in each day;
There will be old loved tasks for me to do.

And I have made my promise to the year
(God help me keep it through the hours ahead):
I shall be braver, I shall banish fear;
I shall not leave a kindly word unsaid;
I shall have faith that this, my ancient grief,
Will yield at last to laughter and to song;
I shall have hope that there will be relief
For the old hurts the world has borne so long.

The year will keep its promise. O my heart,
We must not, dare not fail to do our part.



HIS MESSAGE AND PEACE

By H. W. JINSKE

IN John 15:27 the Master says "Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you."

Jesus left no organized denomination, appointed no elders and deacons left no ecclesiastical machinery. He promulgated no particular social or economic theory. However, he left something that was of much greater importance. He left the motive and the spirit which leaven the social order.

We should not think that Jesus was or would be opposed to an organized church. He himself preached in the synagogues of his day and cleansed the Temple of some of its evil. He said, "It is written, my house shall be called the house of prayer; but ye have made it a den of thieves." Matt. 21:23.

Neither did Jesus leave any detailed rules for life. Rather he left principles to guide us. He abhorred the detailed rules of the Jewish ecclesiastical system. Let us note some of these principles. When the lawyer wanted to know the meaning of the word "neighbor" Jesus did not give him a dictionary definition nor a set of rules that one would need to keep in order to be a good neighbor. He brings out the meaning of this word in terms of a great principle of life. As ex-

emplified in the ministry of the "Good Samaritan," our neighbor is any person who needs us.

Look at the Beatitudes. Each expresses a great principle of life, as for example—"Blessed are the peacemakers: for they shall be called the children of God." No detailed rules are given for one to observe in order to be a peacemaker. But the Master gives a great motive for one to become such. The motive is positive, not negative. There is a great reward for the peacemaker. He becomes one of God's own.

Among men some rules and organizations for peace are necessary. This is also true if other good motives are made effective. Christ has supplied the motives for the abundant life. The church and its ministry should be vitally concerned in implementing them; in providing the means for their expression.

HOW MUCH DO YOU WANT PEACE?

We all want peace more than anything in the world (Or think we do). Let's see. First: General MacArthur told us over a year ago that we do not need stronger armies, bigger navies, etc., but fifty times as many missionaries in foreign fields as we

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ASSURANCE OF DIVINE DELIVERANCE

The children of David did not turn out so well. They brought nothing but grief to their father. The third Psalm was written by David after he had to flee from Absalom for his life. There is one verse that attracts our attention, "Many are saying concerning me: There is no help for him in God." There is no denying that part of David's life is pretty dark. There is every reason for us to believe that he felt much of his trouble was due to his own sinfulness. He might have been inclined to believe what "They were saying concerning him" was true. To take this attitude of mind would have been disastrous.

When an individual comes to feel that he is beyond the reach of the grace of God he is in a serious condition. There is not any sin that is too great for man and God together to overcome. There is no place for overconfidence in our lives; but neither is there place for despair. We must never surrender the conviction that God is for us.

Those who were saying, "There is no help for him in God" were committing a great sin. For man to pass judgment that God has thrown an individual overboard not to think of him again is out of the prerogative of man. There is no place in the Christian's heart to condemn any person finally in his mind but he must seek to lead him to Christ. There is not any doubt that the actions of some would tempt us to pass final judgment but we are not to judge.

There was help for David. In the Fifty-First Psalm we find a different spirit as we hear his prayer: Have pity on me, O God, in accordance with thy kindness; In thine abundant mercy wipe out my transgressions.

Wash me thoroughly from my guilt, And cleanse me from my sin.

This is the prayer of a contrite soul. It is the cry of a broken spirit. In his repentance he had found the help that others were saying was not for him.

There are stubborn temptations that hang on. Fight them as we will they arise before us. The temptation is not the sin unless we yield to it. Our danger lies in becoming despondent, in surrendering to the temptation. Someone has said, "You can't keep temptation from knocking on your front door but you do not have to ask it to stay for dinner."

One step further, do we need stop with our individual lives? Is the tragedy of the world too great for our God?? Are they saying there is no help for us from God? Is it not just as great a sin to be despondent over the power of the Christian Gospel to cope with the world-wide tragedy as it is to doubt its power in the life of any person? These are not questions to be answered in the heat of emotion; but they are questions that each one must answer some time. The answer that we find will be the final answer that we will give to our world.

Is Jesus again saying, "O you of little faith"? I wonder as I inquire in my own life. Do you?—R. B.

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A LETTER OF ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Seoul, Korea
28 December 1950

Rev. Ewing T. Wayland
Arkansas Methodist
Little Rock, Arkansas

Dear Ewing:

Would you please publish the following information in the *Methodist*: On 24 December I received one box from the First Methodist Church, Fort Smith, Ark.; two boxes from Mrs. E. D. Thigpen, Route 3, Springdale, Ark.; one box from First Church, Morrilton, Ark.; two boxes from Rev. Woodrow Woods, Elm Springs, Ark.; one box from Mrs. Earl Woods of Harmon Methodist Church; one box from Mrs. Abner Walsh of Crossett, Ark.; one box from Miss Jimmie Davidson of Tuckerman; and one box from Capitol Printing and Lithographing Company of Little Rock.

We had a Christmas tree on the night of the 24th of December. We presented the packages and a collection of 350,000 won (Korean currency) to the Orphanage in Seoul.

There are hundreds of refugees and many orphans at the large church here in the city. Rev. Hahn, the pastor, was most grateful and I am sure the people are.

This is a country of mass exodus to the south. The poor people wander about like sheep without a shepherd.

Some have written that they were afraid that I would not get the packages. So far I have received them in about five weeks from shipment. Only one box has failed to reach me. That one was mailed by Express. I can not receive express packages, only parcel post packages by APO.

Please express my appreciation for all the kindly interest shown in my work and the people here. My very best wishes to you all always.

Ray

The above letter was received January 4 from Chaplain Ray Seals who is with the U. S. Army in Korea. Chaplain Seals is a member of the North Arkansas Conference.

METHODIST WORLD SERVICE GIVING UP 8% FOR FIRST SIX MONTHS

Methodist giving to World Service for the first half of the fiscal year shows an increase of 8.23 per cent over the same six months last year, according to figures released in early December by Dr. Thomas B. Lugg of Chicago, treasurer of the Commission on World Service and Finance.

Receipts from June 1 to Nov. 30 totalled \$2,870,417.52. This was an increase of \$218,159.23 over a similar period in 1949 when total receipts amounted to \$2,652,258.29.

Most of the increase came during the month

NEWS AND NOTES ABOUT FACTS AND FOLKS

THE condition of J. S. M. Cannon, Superintendent of the Methodist Children's Home, remains critical. Mr. Cannon is in the Baptist Hospital, Little Rock.

MRS. PATTON, wife of Rev. C. Everette Patton, our pastor at Sparkman-Sardis, entered the Methodist Hospital in Memphis on January 8 to undergo a major operation.

THE friends of Chaplain LeRoy Henry will be glad to have his address which is as follows: Captain LeRoy Henry, Ao-550-083, 3605 Nav. Tng. WG, P. O. Box 491, Ellington Air Force Base, Houston, Texas.

DR. AUBREY G. WALTON, First Methodist Church, Little Rock, was the inspirational speaker at the Annual Evangelistic Conference and Pastor's Retreat of the St. Louis Conference, January 8-10, which was held at Ironton, Mo.

BEGINNING Sunday, January 14, a five-day evangelistic campaign will be held at the Methodist Church in Tuckerman. Rev. Joel Cooper, pastor, by Rev. John M. McCormack, pastor of the First Methodist Church, Jonesboro.

DR. GASTON FOOTE, Dayton, Ohio, was one of a team of 31 speakers who participated in an interdenominational preaching mission last fall in Washington, D. C. Dr. Foote was formerly pastor at Winfield Methodist Church, Little Rock, and served as Editor of the *Arkansas Methodist* for several months.

REV. CECIL R. CULVER, Winfield Methodist Church, Little Rock, is in Denver, Colo., this week attending the annual meeting of the General Board of Evangelism. Brother Culver is Vice-President of the SC Jurisdictional Board of Evangelism and Conference Director of Evangelism of the Little Rock Conference.

MRS. E. D. GALLOWAY, Hope, past president of the Little Rock Conference W. S. C. S., attended last November the constituting convention of the National Council of Christian Churches, in Cleveland, Ohio. At the request of the Editors of the *Arkansas Methodist*, Mrs. Galloway has prepared a statement including the Council's Draft Message to the Local Churches and this article is presented this week on page eleven in lieu of the Woman's Page.

THREE women missionaries of the Methodist Church sailed recently for Monrovia, Liberia, to open a social service center. This marks the first entrance of the Methodist Woman's Division of Christian Service into the Republic which was the first foreign mission field of that Church more than a century ago. Their project will be a Christian hostel for women students at the College of West Africa. The College is Methodism's oldest educational center overseas. The women undertaking this social-educational service are Miss Sallie Lewis Browne, social worker from Charlottesville, Va., who has been a missionary in Manchuria and in Poland for more than twenty years; Miss Carrie V. Peat, school teacher from Baltimore, Md., and Miss Dora Lee Allen, youth worker from Garrett, Ind.

REV. C. H. HARVISON, pastor at Green Forest, writes: "In answer to the call to prayer, I felt that more than one day should be given, so I called our local church to prayer for each of the first five evenings of the new year. We invited the other churches of the community to join us and they responded beautifully. We had the first three services in the Methodist Church and the other two in the First Baptist Church. We had an average of forty in

of November with total receipts amounting to \$729,113.90 as over against \$501,695.75 for November, 1949.

Dr. Lugg's report also indicated that November receipts of \$303,146.40 to the Advance for Christ and His Church brought that fund total from June 1, 1948 to date up to \$6,208,981.39. The 1950 Week of Dedication receipts received through Nov. 30 came to \$681,274.

attendance. Many an earnest prayer was offered and testimonies of repentance, praise and consecration were given. The spiritual life of our community was strengthened."

A BACKWARD LOOK

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September several Arkansans attended two important Jurisdictional meetings in Oklahoma. The SC Jurisdictional Conference on Evangelism met in Tulsa, September 5-8 and the SC Jurisdictional Convocation for Adults convened in Oklahoma City, September 12-15. Also, September was the tenth anniversary of the W. S. C. S. since unification and the occasion was observed with appropriate services in many local societies. M. W. Willis assumed his duties as Director of Aldersgate Camp, near Little Rock, September 1.

In October World Wide Communion Day was quickly followed by the attendance by the District Superintendents of the state at the National Meeting of the District Superintendents in Indianapolis, Ind., to further plans of the Advance movement. The women of the Little Rock Conference met for the annual W. S. C. S. Conference at Asbury Methodist Church, October 17-19. Bishop Martin was made a Life Member of that organization and he later commissioned Miss Wanda Stahley, Stuttgart, as a missionary. She sailed a few weeks later to her post of duty in India as a missionary under the Women's Division. October was brought to a close with a State-Wide Mass Meeting of prohibition forces in Little Rock.

November brought defeat at the polls for the prohibition forces, the observance of Hendrix College and Ministerial Training Day, and the beginning of the round of fourteen District Conferences in the state. An interesting feature of the Little Rock Conference District meetings was a recorded speech by Bishop Martin in the interest of the Little Rock Conference Endowment Campaign for its Conference Claimants Program being conducted this quadrennium.

With December came, of course, the Christmas observance and the retelling in sermon, pageant and song the Christmas story. Many churches held watch night services and saw another year disappear into history and the worshippers began the new year in the presence of God.

DEATH OF FORMER SENATOR HATTIE W. CARAWAY

Mrs. Hattie W. Caraway, who served for thirteen years as United States Senator from Arkansas, after taking over the position vacated by the death of her husband, died on Thursday, December 21, in a Washington hospital, after an eleven-months' illness. Funeral services were held in Jonesboro, which was her home for many years, by Rev. John M. McCormack, pastor of the First Methodist Church, assisted by Rev. H. L. Wade, who read the scripture lesson.

Mrs. Caraway is survived by two sons, Paul and Forester, both officers in the United States Army.

BISHOP HOLT TO BE AT GODDARD MEMORIAL CHURCH

Bishop Ivan Lee Holt will preach each night, Thursday through Saturday, January 11-14, at 7:30, and on Sunday morning at 11:00 at Goddard Memorial Church, Ft. Smith. We extend an invitation to all in our area who would like to hear him. A luncheon will be held for the ministers of the Ft. Smith District at The Old South Restaurant, Ft. Smith, Friday at noon. A tea honoring Mrs. Holt will be given at the home of Mrs. T. Leland Hunt, Friday afternoon.—Robert E. L. Bearden, Pastor

Fleet Admiral Chester W. Nimitz, wartime commander of the Pacific Ocean: "The UN is a clinic for political ills where nations can take their problems."—In Quote.

CURRENT NEWS BRIEFS IN THE RELIGIOUS WORLD

Selected from Religious News Service Releases

Report Communists Increasing Anti-Religious Propaganda

Anti-religious propaganda is being intensified throughout Russia and the Iron Curtain countries to mobilize action against the churches as enemies of Communist "progress," according to the Vatican information service. The agency reported that 30,000,000 leaflets have already been circulated recommending specific steps to silence church opposition and destroy the influence of religion.

Dibelius Pledges Church Peace Effort

Bishop Otto Dibelius of Berlin declared in a sermon there that the Evangelical Church "will make all efforts toward peace while rejecting the idea of a preventive war with all its might." Preaching a New Year's Day sermon before an overflow congregation in St. Mary's church, Bishop Dibelius said "the Evangelical Church is no diplomats' training center, but must raise its voice regarding a question involving life or death for millions, and admonish responsible politicians to seek all means for peace."

Warns Against Partisan Use of Prayer

Prayer, even in a world crisis, should not sink to the level of being merely a morale builder for partisan politics, Dr. Charles F. Boss, Jr., executive secretary of the Methodist Commission on World Peace, said at Chicago. Dr. Boss, at the same time, issued a series of proposals for peace in the Korean conflict and for ending the cold war between Russia and the U. S. "I do not question the sincerity of gov-

ernment leaders in issuing special appeals for prayer," he said, "but there is always danger that our prayers be given a national or political bias which prostitutes the true purpose of prayer as a universal spiritual experience."

Methodist Bishop To Make African Tour

Bishop Dana Dawson of Topeka, head of Methodism' Kansas-Nebraska area, sailed from New York January 3rd on a three-months' official tour of Africa for the denomination. Bishop Dawson, delegated by the Methodist Council of Bishops, will visit mission stations in Liberia, Belgian Congo, Rhodesia, Portuguese East Africa and other parts of the continent. His engagements include addresses at the Liberian Annual Conference in Monrovia and laying the cornerstone of a hospital at Mutambara. The hospital is a project of the Church's Central Kansas Conference.

Protestant Membership Increases In Korea

Membership in Korea's Protestant churches has increased in the last three years despite Communist persecution, according to statistics made public at Seoul. A breakdown of the Christian population showed that 67 per cent are Protestants, and 33 per cent are Roman Catholics. Fifty-five per cent of the Christians belonged to the major Protestant denominations, while 12 per cent were affiliated with a number of small sects. The report gave the total Korean population as 30,000,000, with Christians numbering 600,000, or 2 per cent. Protestant sources said the increase

in the Protestant church membership indicates that modern Korea "may become a very hopeful place" for Protestantism in the future.

Church Members Criticized On Voting Habits

Church members are too inclined to leave their religious convictions behind when they enter the polls and vote like Democrats and Republicans, according to Jerry Voorhis, former Democratic Congressman from California. Mr. Voorhis addressed the fourth national assembly of the Student Christian Movement at Miami University, Oxford, Ohio. "There are 60 million church members who could have decided the course of this country if they wanted to, but they have defaulted," he said. "The question is, will they continue to default now that decisions must be made which will determine the future of mankind? People must participate in the decisions of their leaders more than once in every four years," Mr. Voorhis declared. "They can begin at the neighborhood level by helping solve their own local economic problems, by vitalizing their local communities and by being informed and tolerant."

Report Soldiers Responding To Religious Program

Response to the Army's religious program by young men who have been called to service in recent months has been "unusually good," the Department of the Army reports on the basis of a spot check of installations where new recruits are getting their initial training. Additional chapel services are being scheduled, attendance has increased at such services, and interest in chapel activities, such as choirs, Sunday schools, and Bible

classes, is high, Chaplain (Major General) Roy H. Parker, Army Chief of Chaplains, said.

Churches Organize Protestant Youth Center

A Protestant Youth Center has been established in Lowell, Mass. by four churches which felt they could provide better recreation for their young people by pooling resources. The Congregational, Union, Baptist and Presbyterian churches each put up \$200 for the venture. The Center is open every Friday night for square dances, movies and other social activities. Once a month a couples' party is held for older persons.

Urges Vatican, Protestant Groups Exchange Emissaries

An exchange of emissaries between the Vatican and the recently-formed National Council of Churches was urged in St. Louis, Mo., by Dr. Hampton Adams, pastor of Union Avenue Christian church and a member of the Council's executive committee. Dr. Adams also invited an exchange of representatives between the Vatican and the World Council of Churches, which has its headquarters in Geneva, Switzerland. By endorsing such an exchange, Dr. Adams said, Pope Pius XII would "aid in the struggle against Communism." The Protestant clergyman made his plea in a prepared statement read to his congregation. "I think the time has come," he said, "that we get to thinking more clearly on certain issues. And I believe the issue with regard to the Roman Catholic Church, for which I have the greatest respect, is not cooperation with the government and State, but with other Church groups."

Editorial**Tenth Anniversary Of Arkansas Methodist Week**

THIS week, for the tenth time, Arkansas Methodism is observing "Arkansas Methodist Week" in accordance with a Circulation Campaign Plan, as adopted by our two Annual Conferences.

So far as we know the plan for a state-wide, simultaneous Campaign for the circulation of the *Arkansas Methodist* has had the universal approval of the leadership of our church in Arkansas both among the ministers and the lay members of the church. Personally, through the past nine years that we have followed this plan, we have never heard a direct criticism of the general idea.

Not only have our leaders approved the plan; they have practically unanimously worked the plan. Each year through the Campaign period our office has had a report from every charge in both conferences that had a regularly appointed pastor. Frequently we have had good reports from charges that did not have a pastor at the time of the campaign.

For this state-wide approval and support of the Circulation Campaign by our people the management of the *Arkansas Methodist* is sincerely grateful. Over the past nine years we have had an average increase of more than sixteen hundred subscribers per year.

Our subscription list is such now that an average net increase of eight subscribers per charge, in the present Campaign, would enable us to reach the goal of 25,000 subscribers. We hope that every charge will endeavor to have at least a net gain of eight subscribers as compared to last year. We hope to receive a report, in full or in part, from every charge in the state

Special Offering For Korea

BECAUSE of the desperate straits to which The Methodist Church in Korea has been reduced, and because of the indescribable want and sufferings of the civilian population in that war-wrecked country, the members of our church in America are asked to raise an additional \$100,000 in the "Week of Dedication" offering for Korean relief.

Our leaders hope that all of the interests commonly supported by the Week of Dedication offering will also receive full support this year. However, because the distress in Korea is great, the first \$100,000 raised on the Week of Dedication will be used to help relieve some of the extreme cases of need found everywhere there.

When armies fight across a country once, there always follows for much of the civilian population losses that can never be regained and suffering that words cannot describe. Let us remember that within a few months this year armies have fought across Korea almost from one end to the other three times. Such destruction has not happened to any other country in recent years.

We have given the front page, this week, to a picture of a Korean scene because we want our people to think more seriously of the needs existing there. We will remember that need when we give our offering the Week of Dedication and make an offering that includes not only the interests supported by this offering but also something for our fellow Methodists and suffering civilians in Korea.

next week.

If the weather continues as fine through the week as it has been for the first two days of *Arkansas Methodist Week*, our people will have a better opportunity to complete the work of the Campaign within the eight days fixed by our Annual Conferences than they have had in any previous campaign period.

A Backward Look

(A concluding brief resume of the significant happenings in Arkansas Methodism during the year 1950.)

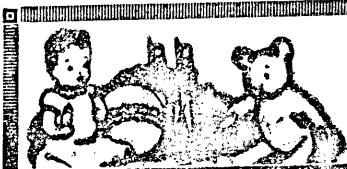
THE two Boards of Education of the two Arkansas conference sponsored a rather full schedule of leadership training activities during the summer months with youth assemblies, vacation church schools, meetings of adult groups and the Annual Arkansas Pastor's School at Hendrix. Dr. Paul Hardin, Birmingham, Ala., and Dr. Eddy Asirvatham, India, were the platform speakers for the latter program. Mt. Sequoyah also had a full program and a Youth Caravan toured the North Arkansas Conference.

Several Arkansas brethren attended the Town Church Conference at Baldwin, Kansas, the first week in July where two Arkansas pastors contributed to the success of that undertaking. Rev. Cecil R. Culver addressed the conference and Rev. C. Ray Hozendorf led one of the discussion groups.

In August Arkansas Methodism was represented at the World Convention on Christian Education at Toronto, Canada, by Dr. Ira A. Brumley, North Arkansas Conference; Rev. Robert Moore, Arkadelphia District Superintendent, was off to Europe for a six weeks' tour, and construction was begun on the \$325,000 new chapel-auditorium at Hendrix, most of the funds having been provided for by the 1947 Million Dollar Campaign for Hendrix.

September brought the reopening of Hendrix College for its 67th session and the call to duty of the first Arkansas Methodist chaplain in the present emergency situation, Rev. Alvin Murray, Berryville. Three other ministers Rev. LeRoy Henry, Truman; Rev. Gerry Dean, Douglasville; and Rev. Richard T. Perry, Carlisle, received orders at later dates to report for duty. All these men are with the U. S. Army. Also in

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THE CHILDREN'S PAGE

ANNIE WINBURN, Editor



IN STORYLAND

BRIAN'S SNOWMAN

It was snowing, snowing, snowing. Big fluffy snowflakes floated lazily down, settling on trees, houses and lawns.

"This is just the right kind of a day to go into the court and make some snowmen," said the kindergarten teacher to her class of four- and five-year-olds. "We will get ready now to go home although it is still quite early, but we will make our snowmen and then go home so that snow-suits and mittens can be dried for kindergarten tomorrow."

Such fun as everybody had! At first each child started to make his own snowman. Then they began to help one another. They made little ones to stand on all the window-sills. Their coal eyes looked in on the children as they passed back and forth in the hall.

Then they made a fine big one. It took five children to roll the big snowball for the body, and five more to roll the big snowball head. The teacher and several of the children lifted the head and set it on the body.

A class of older children were watching. They opened a window and tossed down some St. Patrick hats that they had used for a St. Patrick's play.

My, how gay and dressed-up the snowmen looked now with their bright green hats. The children were so happy, and even the snowmen looked happy.

But it was time to go home, and the teacher assured them that the snowmen would be waiting for them when they would arrive in the morning.

Brian could hardly wait to tell his mother, and she was so interested that she could hardly wait for Brian's daddy to come home for supper so Brian could tell him, too.

She said she thought Brian should have stayed in the school court with them because he looked just like a snowman, too.

My, it was fun making those snowmen. Brian thought about them off and on all evening. He even thought about them after he got into bed, but he was so tired that he soon fell fast asleep.

In the middle of the night, or so it seemed to Brian, he got out of bed and ran into his mother's room, calling, "Mother, Mother, may I sleep in your bed with you tonight? The snowmen, all the snowmen have come into my room and are in my bed, and they're so cold! I'm frozen, Mother, and the littlest one, the one without a hat lay down on my arm to get warm, and my sleeve's all wet, and I'm so cold! Feel me, Mother."

His mother felt his pajama sleeve, and sure enough it was wet and all kind of sticky, too.

"Well we'll just go back and get those snowmen out of your bed, because after all it is *your* bed, isn't it?" said his mother, and she smiled at him.

Of course all this talking had wakened Brian's father, too, so together the three trudged back to



A DECISION

*In our family we've decided that we
Will all try this plan every day,
If things all go wrong and frowns come along,
We will smile so the frowns cannot stay.*

*It's not easy to do when you're all cross inside
And nothing seems turning out right,
But we've found that we feel much better, you see
When we smile and put frowns out of sight.*

*What a change could be made in this world of ours,
So much joy could be spread all around.
We hope that you'll help to pass this along,
It's an old, old secret we've found.—A.E.W.*

Brian's room.

"Now show us these snowmen," said his father.

"Well they were here," insisted Brian. "They were here or how would my arm and sleeve be all cold and wet?"

Then his mother looked around the room, she smiled and said, "Brian, where did you put the dish when you were through with your ice-cream?"

"Ice-cream! I didn't have any ice-cream," answered Brian in surprise.

"But last evening just after you went to bed Daddy went out and bought some ice-cream. I put some in a dish and told you to put the spoon and dish here on the night-table when you had finished your ice-cream," explained his mother.

"But I didn't have any ice-cream; at least I don't remember having any," answered Brian.

"Well never mind, the snowmen have gone. Jump into bed and we'll see about the dish in the morning," said his father as he tossed back the bed-covers for Brian to jump into bed. But Brian didn't jump in, not then, because right there on the sheet was the dish with some melted ice-cream still in it.

How Brian's father laughed! "There are your snowmen, son," he said. "You were so sleepy when mother gave you the ice-cream that you forgot you were supposed to eat it and so tucked it in bed beside you. No wonder your arm got cold and sticky."

"Here," said his mother, "put on these clean pajamas," and as she picked up the sticky ice-cream dish she said, "We'll put this snowman

JUST FOR FUN

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A man rushed into a drug store and asked the pharmacist what to do to stop hiccups. His answer was a slap in the face.

Shocked and angry, the stranger demanded a reason for the action.

"Well," said the pharmacist, grinning, "you don't have any hiccups now, do you?"

"No," shouted the customer, "but my wife out in the car still does." —T. E. C. News

Bill had a bill board. Bill also had a board bill. The board bill bored Bill so much that he sold his bill board to pay his board bill. And after Bill sold his bill board to pay his board bill, the board bill no longer bored Bill.—Anagram

Hotel Clerk (to arriving guest): Pardon me, sir, but will you tell me what that coil of rope is for?

Guest: That's my own individual fire escape. Since all these hotel fires I carry it along for protection.

Hotel Clerk: I'm sorry, sir, but all guests carrying their own fire escapes must pay in advance.

"Hey, you! Pull over!" shouted the traffic cop. The lady complied, and the judge next day fined her \$25. She went home in great anxiety

in the kitchen sink and take care of him in the morning." — In The United Church Observer.

IN THE WORLD OF BOYS AND GIRLS

THE HAPPIEST BOY

Once a king had a son whom he loved very dearly. He gave him beautiful rooms to live in, and pictures and toys and books, a pony to ride, and a boat on the lake. He provided teachers to give him knowledge that would make him good and great.

But the young prince was not happy. He was always wishing for something he did not have.

One day a wise man came to the court. He said to the king: "I can make your son happy. But you must pay me my own price for telling the secret."

"Well," said the king, "what you ask I will give."

So the wise man took the boy into a private room. He wrote something with a white substance on a piece of paper. Next he gave the boy a candle, and told him to light it and hold it under the paper, and then see what he could read. He then went away and asked no price at all.

The boy did as he was told, and the white letters on the paper turned into a beautiful blue. They formed these words:

"Do a kindness to some one every day."

The prince made use of the secret, and became the happiest boy in the kingdom.—Our Little Ones

ON OUR STREET

By Fanny Crosby Hamlet
Peggy had new roller skates,
The first ones on our street;
And Peggy flitted up and down
On twinkling, flying feet.

Her playmates begged to try her
skates,
But Peggy shook her head,
"They're mine. I want to keep them
nice."

Piggy Peggy.

Someone gave Polly roller skates,
A half-worn, battered pair;
And Polly's cup was brimming o'er,
And how she loved to share!

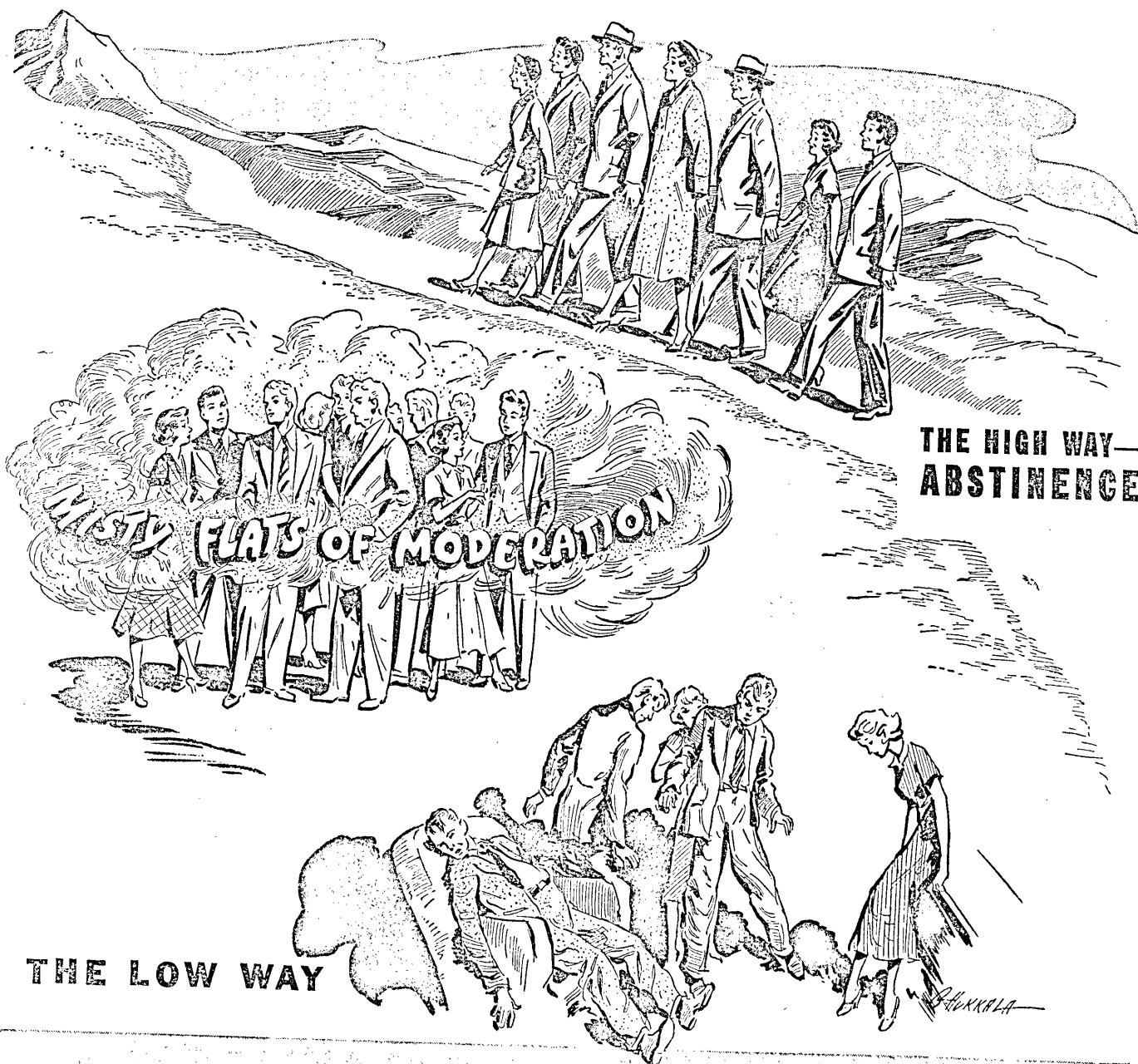
Her dearest chum, the boys next
door,
Lame Jack and shy Marie,
All tried those skates, and ho, their
joy was beautiful to see
Jolly Polly!

Peggy still has roller skates,
Polly now has none;
But Peggy's are such lonely toys
While Polly's skates had fun.

Peggy has two shining skates,
She never, never lends;
But Polly has a shining face,
And oh, so many friends!

—In Seeking the Beautiful
In God's World

lest her husband, who always examined her check book, should learn of the incident. Then inspiration struck, and she marked the check-stub, "One pull-over, \$25."



Which is Your Way?

WHICH do you want to be the way of your son, your daughter?
WHICH the way of the fine young people of your church?

Your words, your prayers and your deeds between now and
COMMITMENT SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 1951
 will give the answer

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January 7th Through January 14th, 1951.

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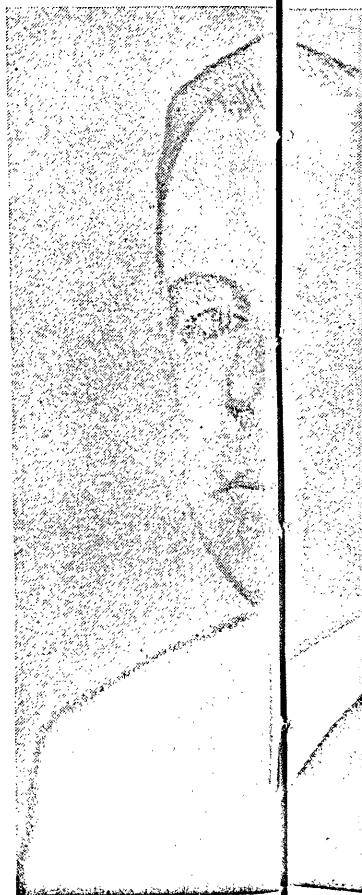
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1. Solicit every Methodist Home for a new subscription or renewal for the Arkansas Methodist during the week of Circulation Campaign.
2. Make a report on Monday, Jan. 15th, to the District Superintendent and to the office of the Arkansas Methodist, Little Rock, of the results of the Campaign.
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.

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BISHOP E. M. A.

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NORTH ARKANSAS CONFERENCE NOTES

By Ira A. Brumley

Church School Months Of Evangelism

The months of January, February, and March have been designated in the "Advance" program as a special period of Evangelism in the Church School. This evangelism program should center in three types of work: increasing the church school enrollment and attendance; improving the type of work we do with those attending; and winning each person of junior age and above for membership in the church on profession of faith.

This program will become a reality only in those church schools where the leadership plans for the program. The month of January should not pass until the workers of your church have planned carefully for this expanding program.

The following materials have been provided by the Service Department of the General Board of Education, as guidance materials for the workers in the church school:

Teaching for a Verdict (818-B) free, for superintendents and pastors.

Friendly 5 Plan (8196-B) free, ideas for membership increase.

Winning Adults (415-B) free, for teachers.

The Teacher Winning Adults to Christ (457-B) free, for teachers.

Winning Youth (2324-B) free, for teachers.

The Teacher Winning Youth to Christ (2226-B) free, for teachers.

Winning Children (184-B) free, for teachers.

The Teacher Winning Boys and Girls to Christ (182-B) free, for teachers.

A packet of materials has gone to pastors and similar packets are being sent to church school superintendents of the North Arkansas Conference.

You may secure additional materials by writing the Service Department, P. O. Box 871, Nashville, Tennessee.

The work carried on in our church schools during the period of these three months will have much to do with the success or failure of the evangelism program of the North Arkansas Conference, not only for this Conference year, but for the next.

Ola Training School

The Ola Training School, which was held December 31-January 2, with three units being offered, proved to be a very satisfactory school. Weather conditions and sickness prevented a large number of training credits, but the interest shown by those who attended was most encouraging. The following churches participated in the school and earned one or more training credits per church: Ola, Centerville, Birta, Danville, Belleville.

Plans are being made for additional training during this Conference year in that section of the Conway District.

Oppelo Training School

A one-unit training school, using the course on The Church and Its Work, is being held in the Oppelo Church this week, with the Perry

AUDIO-VISUAL WORKSHOP

DR. HOWARD TOWER will be the director of the Audio-Visual Aid Workshop to be held at Winfield Church, Little Rock, beginning at 10 a. m. on Tuesday, January 23rd and closing the afternoon of the 24th. He will be assisted by other specialists in this field. The Workshop is on a sub-Jurisdictional basis and the attendance will be made up of representatives of Conference Boards and Agencies of local churches.

According to Dr. Paul D. Womeldorf, Executive Secretary of the South Central Jurisdiction, the program will deal in part with new resources in Audio-Visual aids—the over-all question as to how to guide the use of Audio-Visual materials in the annual conference or district—and some time given to the place of the radio in the church program.

For further information write the office of the Board of Education, 325 Exchange Building, Little Rock, Arkansas.

Suggested Agenda For Audio-Visual Workshop

First Day

10:00 a. m., Worship

10:15, Introductions

10:30, **New Developments in the Audio-Visual Field:** Report of Board of Education Survey; Report of Central Department of Broadcasting; Report of Methodist Radio and Film Commission; Report on film circulation through Methodist Publishing House.

11:30: Listing of Training Needs in the Annual Conferences.

Lunch

1:30 p. m., An Interpretation and Review of New Materials For Christian Education; For Missionary Education; For Woman's Society of Christian Service; For Evangelism; Relation of Audio-Visuals to World Service.

4:00-5:00: Discussion, Problems Relating to Equipment and Facilities.

Charge cooperating in this school.

Desha Training School

The Desha Training School, which was held January 3-6, offering the course on The Educational Work of the Small Church, was attended by representatives from three of the churches of the charge: Desha, McHue, and Salado, with an enrolment of 19.

District Quotas For Youth Convocation

The North Arkansas Conference has been given a quota of 48 delegates for the National Methodist Convocation for Youth to be held in West Lafayette, Indiana, August 27-31, 1951. The Youth Council of the Conference has voted to assign these quotas to the various districts on the same basis which the quota came to the Annual Conference; that is, on the basis of enrollment of youth per district. This works out the following quotas for districts: Batesville District, 5; Conway District, 7; Fayetteville District, 5; Forrest City District, 4; Fort Smith District, 8; Jonesboro District, 7; Paragould District, 6; Searcy District, 5; the other place going to the Conference registrar.



DR. HOWARD TOWER

7:30-9:30: Interpretation and Review of New Materials

Second Day

9:00 a. m.: Worship

9:15: Consideration of the on-going Conference and District Programs through Institutes, Conferences and Workshops, through Planned Reviews.

11:00: Group Meetings — Conference and District Missionary Secretaries; W. S. C. S. Conference and District Leaders; Conference and District Board of Education Leaders; Conference and District Evangelism Secretaries; Conference and District Lay Groups.

These groups will consider the relation of audio-visuals to their particular conference and district special program emphasis.

Lunch

1:30 p. m.: Meetings by Conferences to make specific training plans.

2:30-3:30: Closing general session with closing worship and film.—Roy E. Fawcett.

HENDRIX COLLEGE—MINISTERIAL STUDENT SPECIAL, LITTLE ROCK CONFERENCE

ARKADELPHIA DISTRICT

Arkadelphia	\$ 100.00
Bismark	4.00
Caddo Ct.	
Grant's Chapel	1.00
Dalark Ct.	
Dalark	5.00
Manchester	10.00
Rock Springs	5.00
Delight	25.00
Ft. Lake	10.00
Gurdon	100.00
Hot Springs Churches	
First Church	265.00
Grand Avenue	50.00
Pullman Heights	25.00
Mt. Ida Ct.	
Mt. Ida	10.00
Ogden	5.00
Murfreesboro	15.00
Okolona Ct.	
Okolona	11.00
Trinity	5.00
Center Grove	4.36
Rockport Ct.	
Butterfield	5.00
Magnet Cove	5.00
Rockport	5.00
Sparkman-Sardis	
Sardis	9.81
Sparkman	12.48
Traskwood Ct.	
Congo	5.00
Ebenezer	20.00
Traskwood	5.00
	\$ 717.65

CAMDEN DISTRICT

Bradley-Garland	
Garland	35.00
Buckner	29.87
Camden Churches	
Fairview	45.54

Timothy	20.00
First Church	750.00
Chidester Ct.	
Rushing Memorial	10.00
Silver Springs	10.00
Columbia Ct.	18.00
Dumas Memorial	23.75
Calion	20.00
El Dorado Churches	
First Church	1000.00
Vantrease	90.00
Emerson Ct.	12.50
Harmony Grove	
Westside	10.00
Junction City	24.10
Lewisville	54.00
Louann Ct.	
Liberty	6.50
Louann	5.00
Silver Hill	15.00
Magnolia Ct.	12.50
Magnolia Churches	
First Church	262.00
Jackson Street	38.10
Marysville-Fredonia	
Bethel	12.00
Fredonia	18.00
Friendship	5.00
Marysville	10.00
Norphet	42.50
Parker's Chapel-Pleasant Grove	
Parker's Chapel	39.73
Pleasant Grove	17.51
Princeton Ct.	10.00
Smackover	150.00
Stamps	40.00
Stephens	75.00
Taylor	22.50
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Ebenezer	12.00
Lydesdale	12.50
Village	26.65
Waldo	50.00
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HOPE DISTRICT

Ashdown	\$ 25.00
Blevins	37.50
DeQueen	75.00
Dierks	10.00
Green's Chapel	5.00
Emmett Ct.	
DeAnn	25.00
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Hope	300.00
Horatio	21.00
Walnut Springs	5.00
Mena	75.00
Nashville	100.00
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College Hill	25.00
Few Memorial	10.00
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Ozan	4.00
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Concord	\$ 5.00
Mt. Tabor	5.00
Mt. Zion	5.00
South Bend	5.00
Bauxite	30.00
Bryant Ct.	
Salem	15.00
Carlisle	75.00
DeVall's Bluff	10.00
Douglasville	25.00
Geyer Springs	12.00
Hazen	50.00
Little Rock Churches	
Asbury	250.00
First Church	856.72
Forest Park	40.50
Henderson	45.00
Highland	75.00
Hunter	37.55
Pulaski Heights	250.00
28th Street	30.00
Winfield	500.00
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Bethel	7.54
Pleasant Hill	7.32
Walnut Grove	7.56
Mabelvale	40.00
Primrose	40.00
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MONTICELLO DISTRICT

Crossett	\$ 125.00
Drew Ct.	10.00
Dumas	75.00
Eudora	25.00
Hamburg	45.00
Hermitage Ct.	
Jersey	3.00
Palestine	2.00
Ingalls	1.00
Huttig	63.00
Lake Village	60.00
McGehee	75.00
Monticello	125.00
New Edinburg Ct.	
Wagon	3.00
Good Hope	2.00
New Edinburg	4.00
Parkdale	15.00
Portland	30.00
Star City	25.00
Strong	25.00
Union	2.00
Tillar	25.00
Selma	5.00
Winchester	10.00
Watson-Kelso	25.00
Wilmar Ct.	
Mt. Pleasant	4.00
	\$ 815.00

PINE BLUFF DISTRICT

Almyra	\$ 16.00
Alzheimer-Wabbaseka	

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"This Nation Under God"

By MRS. E. D. GALLOWAY

(Mrs. Galloway attended the meeting in Cleveland, Ohio, November 28-December 1, when the National Council of the churches of Christ in the U. S. A. was formed.)

"WE DO," the response of a concourse of delegates of the constituting denominations of the newly formed National Council of the Churches of Christ in the United States of America, representing thirty-one million members of Protestant Christianity, are perhaps the most important two words of the twentieth century. They vocalize the distinct consummation of the "New Reformation," for twenty-nine denominations, and eight interdenominational agencies.

The sovereignty of sentiment and group loyalty for many of us found itself being absorbed by a greater recognition of our wholeness as a Church. While denominational entity remains unchanged, all the twenty-nine communions have surrendered themselves to a fellowship of counsel and cooperation—a factual recognition and acceptance of each other in His New Creation, the Church of Jesus Christ Her Lord.

Dr. Ralph Sockman, in his keynote address on the theme of the Assembly, "This Nation Under God," declared, "this nation was created under God, and while it needs a rebirth, we are not here to create unity. He created unity—we are here to preserve it." "The Protestant Church was never farther from bankruptcy. The new birth of freedom for which we pray is UNITY."

In the solemn hour of the Act of Constitution of the Council, the representatives of the consenting denominations affixed their names to the official documents at the roll call of the secretary. It was a stirring moment for Methodists when Bishop Ralph Magee, president of our Council of Bishops answered and signed for our great Church. It was significant, not only for that hour, but because our Church has been in the vanguard of the cultivation and preparation period that has lasted ten full years.

Worship was the high note of the entire meeting. "Her Charter of Salvation, One Lord, one faith, one birth."

The draft message of the Council included here is the word of the organization to every local Church of the entire constituency.

DRAFT MESSAGE

To the People of the Nation
The National Council of the Churches of
Christ in the United States of America

Sends Greetings:

This Council has been constituted by twenty-nine Churches for the glory of God and the well-being of humanity. It manifests our oneness in Jesus Christ as divine Lord and Saviour; his is the mandate we obey and his the power upon which we rely. It is designed to be an instrument of the Holy Spirit for such ministries of evangelism, education, and relief as are better achieved through Christian cooperation than by the labors of separated groups. It coordinates and continues the work of eight interdenominational agencies ministering in as many fields of Christian usefulness.

The Council is linked in spirit with the world-wide ecumenical organizations which provide for interdenominational cooperation at the international level. It is likewise similar in purpose to the federations of churches in state, county and city through which the several communions do their common work in our land. So it becomes the national unit of a system of unified Christian enterprise which circles the inhabited earth.

For the denominations which compose it the Council opens an avenue for mutual confidence, a widening way along which potential controversy among them may be wrought into concord, and unhappy competition into emulation in pursuit of whatsoever things are true, honest, just, pure, lovely, and of good report.

The Council itself, however, is not a denomination, not a Church above the Churches. The autonomy of each communion is assured by

constitutional provision. The Council is an agency of cooperation—not more but magnificently not less.

The Functions of the Council

In behalf of the denominations the Council continues and develops many services. It assists in the preparation of materials for the Church School, and through its scholars it is making ready for the world the Revised Standard Version of the Bible; it serves as a clearing house for full reports and statistics bearing upon church membership, denominational organizations and programs, and social trends of interest to Christians; it seeks to aid the Churches in undergirding and coordinating their home and foreign missions; it searches out and trains leadership for Christian undertakings; it lifts up its voice in behalf of the Christian way of life in messages to the people of the country; it provides a single inclusive agency through which, if they wish, the denominations may nominate and support chaplains and minister to the men and women of the armed forces of the United States; it offers a means of approach to agencies governmental and civil in matters of justice and goodwill; it devotes itself to the presentation of Christian ideals through radio, television and motion pictures; it is an organ of evangelism both specifically and broadly conceived, standing ready to serve the cause of Christ in every area as need arises, to the end that the entire country may be permeated by the blessings of His Gospel. Through these and other means it gives help to the churches, bringing the experience of all to the service of each.

The Spirit of the Council

The Council has nothing to fear from the times, though it has much to desire of them. Being the servant of One who holds in His hand all the nations, and the isles, as a very little thing, it is free from the apprehensions of those who, taking counsel of men alone forget that no age is isolated from God's ageless purpose. We call our fellow citizens to Christian faith: this will defend them from groundless social dreads and lift them to concerns worthy and productive.

The Council stands as a guardian of democratic freedom. The revolutionary truth that men are created free follows from the revelation of God in Jesus Christ, and no person who knows that God as Father has given him all the rights of sonship is likely to remain content under a government which deprives him of basic human rights and fundamental freedoms. The nation may expect in the National Council a sturdy ally of the forces of liberty.

The Council stands for liberty with the richest content. It stands for the freedom of men to be as the Lord God meant them to be. It stands for Christian freedom—including the freedom to pursue happiness and with justice and sympathy to create conditions of happiness for others. It therefore stands against the misuse of freedom. The nation may expect from the National Council, in the name of One who suffered death upon a cross, an unrelenting, open-eyed hostility, as studious as it is deeply passionate, to all of man's inhumanity to man.

The Council opposes materialism as an end in itself. It is the foe of every political system that is nourished on materialism, and of every way of living that follows it. From that smug idealism which is a form of selfishness, the Council prays to be protected; but danger on this hand does not lessen the necessity it feels to fight a constant fight against all kinds of secular materialism which demolishes the slowly built edifice of Christian morality and fair dealing.

Through the Council the churches, as they are dedicated to the doing of God's will, must increasingly become a source of spiritual power to the nation. The American Churches, of which

the Council is one of the visible symbols, are in their true estate the soul of the nation. When those Churches take their true course, they draw their standards not from the world around but from the guiding mind of Christ. The Church is not the religious phase of the civilization in which it finds itself; it is the living center out of which lasting civilizations take life and form. In this sense the Council will be an organ through which the will of God may become effective as an animating, creative and unifying force within our national society.

The Council gives thanks to God for all those forces which make for harmony in our society. When, for example, science employs its ingenuity to knit the world together in bonds of communication, when business and industry make a like contribution through the life-bringing mutuality of commerce, when the arts depict the beauty and the tragedy of our existence which draw us into unity with one another, when the many professions and occupations recognize themselves as callings to human usefulness, then the Council salutes and supports them. By word and deed and in the name of Christ who gave his life for all mankind it affirms the brotherhood of men and seeks by every rightful means to arrest those forces of division which rend the nation along racial lines and stay its growth toward unity.

The Present Crisis

Because this message is sent at a moment when clouds arising from the war in Korea threaten to darken the entire sky, the time is big with peril and with opportunity.

To the leaders we have set in authority in our government is committed the solemn and momentous task of making necessary choices in the political and military spheres.

We who are the people of the country, however, have a part to play as well. The call of Christ to us all seems clear, that we play it with calmness, self-control, courage, and high purpose, as becomes those whose lives are in the hands of God. Without hysteria, without hatred, without pride, without undue impatience, without making national interest our chief end but shaping our own policies in the light of the aims of the United Nations, without relaxing our positive services to the other peoples of the world, and in complete repudiation of the lying dogma that war is inevitable, let us live and, if need be, die as loyal members of the world community to which Christ summons us and to which we of the Council are dedicated.

The Larger Significance of the Council

We of the National Council of Churches of Christ in the U. S. A. begin our work in humility as we see the magnitude of the task ahead. We are conscious of our own short-comings. Knowing that men too often dream in marble and then build with straw, we whose very human lives are not separate from sin and ignorance can make no boast of past or future excellence.

But this we have done: by God's grace we have forged an implement for cooperation such as America has never seen before. Into it have been poured the thoughts of wise and noble men and women, the prayers and consecration of the faithful, and the longing of all the participating Churches to serve the spiritual needs of all the people. The Council is our Churches in their highest common effort for mankind.

Our hope is in Jesus Christ. In Him we see the solution of the world's ills, for as human hearts are drawn near to him, they are drawn near in sympathy and understanding to each other. The Council itself is a demonstration of his power to unite his followers in joyous cooperation. Let nation and nation, race and race, class and class unite their aims in his broad purposes for man, and out of that unitedness there will arise new strength like that of which we ourselves already feel the first sure intimations.

In this hope we commend you, our fellow citizens, to God's mercy, grace and peace.

CURRENT NEWS IN ARKANSAS METHODISM

SUSANNA WESLEY CLUB ENTERTAINS MINISTERS

Mrs. David Conyers, Mrs. Claudie McCloud, Mrs. J. W. Johnson, Mrs. Johnnie Craig, Mrs. Raymond Franks and Mrs. S. B. Wilford of Batesville were hostesses when the ministers' wives of the Batesville District entertained their husbands with an annual Christmas party in the parlors of Central Avenue Methodist Church on December 14.

After the invocation by Rev. S. B. Wilford, district superintendent, the group of forty people was seated at a beautifully appointed table, arranged in the form of a cross, where they were served a delicious turkey dinner.

Mrs. S. B. Wilford extended greetings and welcomed the guests. Rev. Guy Ames of Newport responded.

Mrs. Ames, president of the club, introduced Mrs. David Conyers and Mrs. Raymond Franks who presented a Christmas program. Prayer was offered by Rev. B. L. Wilford.

Santa Claus presented gifts to each person from a lighted tree. A lovely Christmas flower was a gift of the club to Rev. and Mrs. S. B. Wilford.

It was a worshipful and most enjoyable occasion.—Reporter

STUDENT DAY RECOGNITION SERVICE

Miss Diny Kroes (pronounced Dianne Crews) of Rotterdam, Holland, the Dutch Netherlands, an exchange student to America, was the principal speaker on the "Student Recognition Day Service" at the First Methodist Church, DeQueen, on Sunday, December 30th, at 7:00. Miss Kroes has toured America for six months.

Others home for the holidays taking part on the program were: Billy Pickens and Howard McWhirter, University of Arkansas; Marilyn Bandy, Hendrix College; Laverne Bolding, Carl Graves, Jr., Charles Manning and Mrs. Charles Manning, all of Magnolia A. and M. College. Howard McWhirter is now in the Air Corps also and Charles Manning is instructor of the High School Band at Stamps and Mrs. Charles Manning is instructor in piano at Stamps. The local Methodist youth made up the choir for the service.

The new educational plant of the DeQueen Church will be ready for occupancy February 1st, and the new sanctuary will be ready for occupancy by Easter. Rev. John L. Tucker is the pastor.—Reporter

CHURCH SENDS CLOTHING TO KOREA

Under the leadership of the pastor, Rev. Amos G. Howard, and Sunday School superintendent, Radius Rice, the members of the Brightwater Methodist Church shipped some clothing on December 11 to Chaplain Ray Seals in Korea. Thirteen boxes, weighing about 450 pounds were shipped.

Several members were personal friends of Chaplain Seals and showed their interest in his appeal for clothing printed in the *Arkansas Methodist*.—Mrs. L. A. Palmitier

JONESBORO DISTRICT CONFERENCE

The Jonesboro District Conference held its 85th session at the Lake Street Methodist Church, Blytheville, December 13, with Rev. E. B. Williams, District Superintendent, presiding, and Rev. George L. McGhehey, pastor-host. Rev. Lyman T. Barger, Huntington Avenue Methodist Church, Jonesboro, served as Secretary and Rev. Paul Bumpers, Marked Tree, acted as Assistant Secretary.

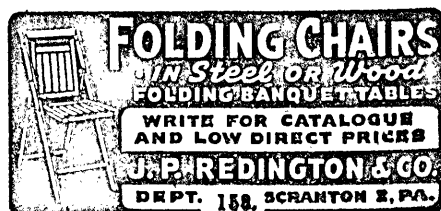
Approximately two hundred delegates and visitors were present for the conference. Rev. J. T. Byrd, pastor, Harrisburg, led the morning devotional service using as his theme "Pioneering With Christ," and Rev. Thurston Masters, Tyronza pastor, was the conference preacher, delivering a timely message at the close of the morning session. His subject was "History's Greatest Invader, Christ."

Among those from outside the district who were present and spoke to the conference concerning various phases of the program of the church were Dr. Matt L. Ellis, president, Hendrix College, and Conference Lay Leader; Rev. J. Albert Gatlin, Executive Secretary, Conference Town and Country Commission; Dr. Ira A. Brumley, Executive Secretary, Conference Board of Education; Rev. Ewing T. Wayland, Editor, *Arkansas Methodist*; and Rev. Raymond L. Franks, Treasurer, Conference Board of Conference Claimants.

Other interests of the church were well represented by members of the District. Committees reporting showed progress being made in all phases of the church program, and the pastors and church workers were encouraged to believe that this year will be one of the best in the history of the district.

Special music for the conference included a solo by Noble Gill, Dell, who sang "Sweet Little Jesus Boy," accompanied by Mrs. Charles P. Kennett, Dell, and a quartet composed of Rev. Eugene Hall, Rev. Lyman Barger, Charles Stuck, and J. D. Lambert, who sang "Silent Night."

The report of the Committee on Conference Relations revealed that the following recommendations were made: Recommended for Admission on Trial into the North Arkansas Conference: Rev. B. W. Stallcup; for Local Deacon's Orders; Rev. H. L. Robison; for License to Preach, Rev. Oscar West. An Ad Interim Licensing Committee composed of the following was named: Rev. E. B. Williams, Chairman; Rev. John McCormack, Rev. Lyman T. Barger, Rev. J. A. Womack, Rev. J. M. Hughey, Rev. W. L. Oliver, and Rev. W. M. Womack.—Rev. J. W. Moore Caraway, and Ray McLester, Joiner, Press Representatives



HENDRIX COLLEGE NEWS

Construction is progressing steadily on the new Chapel and Auditorium buildings. The foundations have been placed and most of the concrete flooring for both buildings has been poured. As the steelwork and girders went into place in the Chapel, the building began to take definite form.

Last week nearly all of the structural materials for the Auditorium had arrived and placement will begin soon. J. M. Meredith, construction supervisor, said he did not anticipate that the war would halt or prevent delivery of structure steel.

Brickwork on the buildings is scheduled to begin soon and will be well underway by the close of the first semester.

Band Program

On the morning of January 9 Ashley R. Coffman conducted the Hendrix Band in a program of light music and led the audience in informal singing. The Community Sing is a regular and popular program on the campus.

Dr. Ellis Attends Meetings

Dr. Matt L. Ellis is in Atlantic City, N. J., and New York City, N. Y., January 8 to 11 attending important meetings of church and educational groups.

In Atlantic City Dr. Ellis will attend annual conferences of the Association of American Colleges and the National Association of Schools and Colleges of the Methodist Church. On the tenth he met in New York City with Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam and others to discuss the "Preaching and Teaching Endeavor" of the Methodist Church's Advance for Christ and His Church.

During this month Dr. Ellis will also be appearing at a number of churches in Arkansas and Louisiana. The lay leader of the North Arkansas Conference, Dr. Ellis says

that a special effort is being made to mobilize laymen of the Methodist Church for an enthusiastic participation in the work of the church.

Dr. Ellis' appearances will be at the 28th Street Methodist Church, Little Rock for the morning services on January 14; a Layman's meeting that night at the Wynne Memorial Methodist Church, Shreveport; Family Night at the Grand Avenue Methodist Church, Hot Springs on January 17; a Layman's meeting of the Forrest City District at Bear Creek Lake, January 18; the men of the Methodist Church at Holly Grove on the 24th and at Tuckerman on the 25th; and the pulpit of the Warren Methodist Church the morning of the 28th.

Exams and Registration

Hendrix students will begin final examinations for the first semester on January 19 and complete them a week later. After a short recess they will return for the second semester registration January 30 and 31. Classes will begin February 1.

King Geo. VI of Great Britain, in Christmas Broadcast: "If our world is to survive in any sense that makes survival worth while, it must learn to love, not to hate, to create, not to destroy.—In Quote.

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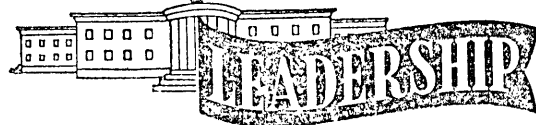
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THE TIME IS "NOW" FOR ADVANCE IN THE OPEN COUNTRY AND VILLAGE CHURCHES

IN the next issue of *Arkansas Methodist* there will be a brief outline of the program of the Town and Country Commission of the North Arkansas Conference. While this does not, of course, give the details, it is a broad outline, which followed, will go far in bringing an efficient program of church life to every community. It is the conviction of the Executive Secretary of the Town and Country Commission that we as a church are at the crossroads. There is a growing desire on the part of many communities for more church activity in the community. A careful survey of our conference will show that more than 70% of our churches are part time churches from the standpoint of pastoral service. This means that great numbers of our churches are without pastoral worship services on the Holy Day. The only salvation has been the Church School. If it were not for the Church School program a great

majority of our small and rural churches would be out of business. The way is clear to me that our first step is to strengthen our Church Schools. Through them we may have guided worship services as well as study courses. By giving greater emphasis to the worship service the spiritual life of the church will be deepened. In order to do this Church School superintendents, leaders of adult, youth, and children's groups, and the Woman's Society of Christian Service and Lay Speakers must be given more help. We have been promised by the leaders of the General Board of Christian Education some more definite help at this point in the near future. The matter of including a complete worship service in one of the Adult Quarterlies is now under consideration. The materials prepared by the General Board of Education for the Sunday Evening Fellowship have an abundance of helpful suggestions.

Our 1948 discipline, paragraph 150, section 4, provides for the certifying of Lay Speakers. The Publishing House has provided for a Lay Speaker's Credential Card which may be given to a person who has the approval of the Quarterly Conference. This office is much like that of the Exhorter which was so common in the earlier days of our church. There are many fine laymen who can make a great contribution to the church through this service. The General Board of Lay Activities produces a great magazine for laymen. Other splendid materials may be obtained through their board. The W. S. C. S. produces a great body of materials which may be used in supplementing our worship services. Truly, there is around us and about us a sea of information and inspiration if we will but lay hold upon it.

Another splendid way of having additional worship services is through the recording system. This idea has been advanced by Bishop Paul E. Martin, our own Bishop, who is vitally interested in this whole program. Church attendance is basic in the matter of Christian growth and development. It must be a regular and definite and systematic way of life. No longer can we go on with hit and miss, haphazard methods in this matter. We must wake up to this fact and wake up now. After a period of such promotion of our program, churches will be strengthened to the extent that they can support more pastoral leadership; as the inspiration of the program mounts, more young men will answer the call to the ministry,

thereby providing for the extra numbers needed to serve the churches. With a greater interest, better organization, more dynamic programs, the spiritual life of the church will be deepened; the community life will be made more Christian and the world brought closer to God. Not only are there scores and hundreds of open country and small town communities waiting for such a program but the number extends into the thousands over our nation. We have the remedy as a church; the question is—Are we willing to make the application?

NOTES FROM THE FIELD In The Helena Area

December 31 was indeed an enjoyable day for the Secretary of the Town and Country Commission. It was his privilege to spend Saturday night in the home of Rev. Elmer J. Holifield. On Sunday morning he visited the Men's Bible Class of First Church, Helena and preached to a large congregation at the eleven o'clock hour. On Sunday afternoon he spoke to the pastors and leaders of the Helena area in regard to the Area Fellowship Program. This service was held at the West Helena Methodist Church.

On Saturday afternoon he visited the Elaine Charge in company with Brother Holifield and with Brother Glen Bruner and Aaron Barling. We visited the Melwood Church. This is one of the most beautiful and attractive rural churches in the conference. The Elaine church has been redecorated and beautified.

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Delegates To Ecumenical Conference Named

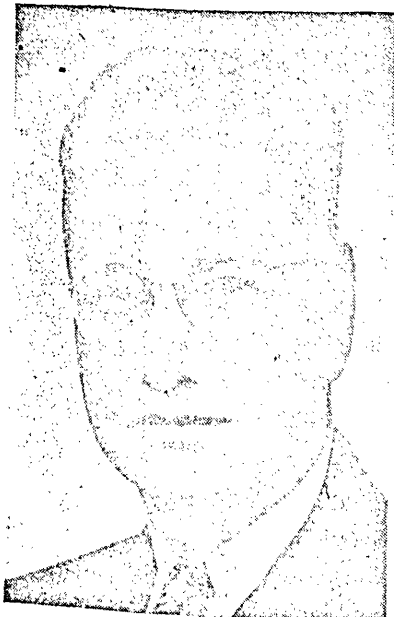
Bishop Martin will head a delegation of four principal delegates and four reserve delegates to the Methodist Ecumenical Conference which will meet at Oxford, England, August 28-September 7, 1951. Delegates named by Bishop Martin from Arkansas include Dr. Aubrey G. Walton, pastor, First Methodist Church, Little Rock; Dr. Ira A. Brumley, Executive Secretary, North Arkansas Conference Board of Education, principals, and Dr. Connor Morehead, District Superintendent, Camden District, Dr. Matt L. Ellis, president, Hendrix College, and Rev. Ewing T. Wayland, Editor, *Arkansas Methodist*, reserves. Delegates from Louisiana Conference are Dr. B. C. Taylor, pastor Rayne Memorial Methodist Church, New Orleans, principal, and Dr. Virgil Morris, pastor, First Methodist Church, Alexandria, reserve.



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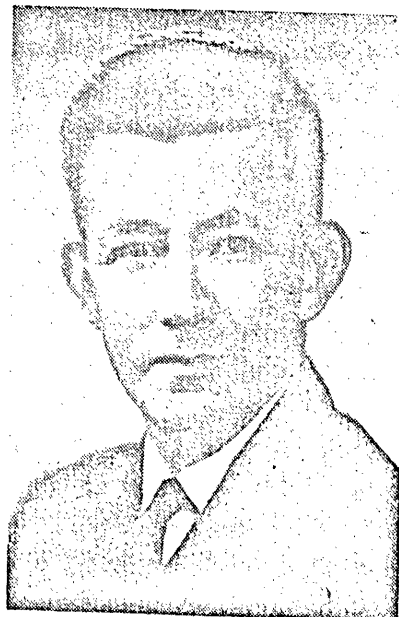
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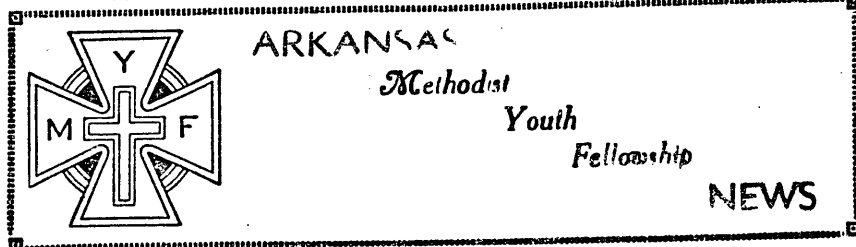
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M. Y. F. MAKES NATIVITY SCENE

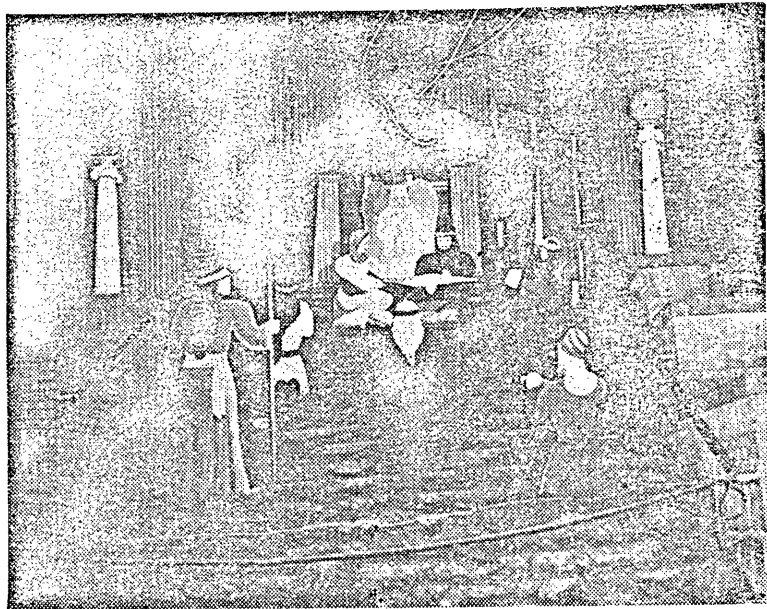


Photo by David Wilsnre

In October the idea for a Nativity scene for England was conceived by Bruce Sharp who is a senior in high school. The idea was welcomed by the Senior M. Y. F. who then planned and put on a pantry sale from which they received sufficient funds to buy the necessary materials.

The figures of the Nativity scene pictured here are painted on masonite. They are of life size and were designed by Bruce Sharp. Miss Eleanor Morris, a recent graduate of the University of Arkansas, helped with the painting, and the ten members of the youth group had a part in the project. They are Bruce Sharp, Ralph Ed Ray, Bill Kennedy, George Flanagan, Bennie Swafford, Kelly Koonce, Johnny Steed, Diane Mash-

burn, Ann Patterson and Nancy Buffalo. Their counselor is Mrs. Charles W. Richards, wife of the pastor.

Other recent youth activities include a pageant, "The Coming of The Prince of Peace", presented on December 17 by the Intermediate and Senior fellowships in cooperation with the Church School, and a Student Recognition Service for Older Youth who were at home from school for the holidays. Rev. Charles Ashcraft delivered an appropriate message at the service honoring the students. Mr. Ashcraft is an England youth, a graduate of Hendrix College, who recently answered the call to the ministry. He is now a student at the Vanderbilt School of Religion.

YOUTH CAN HELP BUILD A BETTER WORLD

The youth of today are faced with greater problems than have ever confronted the youth of any other time in history. We have in one decade seen one world war and what appears to be the beginning of another even more destructive war. The youth seems bewildered and confused. They do not know what to believe or which way to turn.

Many have the idea that they are not important in this world. They say, "What can I, just one person, do to make this a better world?"

Many great things have been accomplished by young people. Alexander the Great had conquered the world and was moaning that there were no more lands to conquer while he was still under thirty. Syngman Rhee was still a young man when he organized the Independence party of Korea more than fifty years ago. Rhee's party stood for justice, liberty, and reform. But the Korean king not wanting these things threw Rhee and his party members into prison. Rhee was to be beheaded. He remembered that in a Christian school he had heard that Jesus offered eternal life to his followers. Rhee got a New Testa-

ment and after reading it became a Christian. Before he left the prison he had converted almost every prisoner and even the jailer. And after seven years he came out of jail as a Christian evangelist and statesman. Since that day Rhee has tried to build a better Korea. The terrible thing that has happened to his country surely cannot be blamed on Syngman Rhee.

What a contrast in the lives of these two men. One spent his short life conquering people and ruling them as he saw fit. The other has spent his years serving his people and trying to make his country more Christian.

We have the choice of either living our lives as we want to and probably accomplish nothing, or giving our lives to the Master and becoming "fishers of men." Someone has said, "The best way to find yourself is to lose yourself in some great work." So it is with us today. We have been given one life to make this world a better place. What we do with that life depends upon us.—Charles Cook, Magnolia

A good listener is not only popular everywhere, but after a while he knows something.—Information.

DISTRICT RALLY OF M. Y. F.

About seventy young people from the Batesville District attended the M. Y. F. rally held at the First Methodist Church Saturday and Sunday, Dec. 9-10.

The program was under the direction of Mrs. Upton, wife of Rev. James Upton, head of the Department of Religion at Hendrix College, and a fellowship team made up of students of the College. They were — Ed Thompson, Conway; Jerry Dellaney, Dallas, Texas; Suella Anderson, Little Rock; Regina Watson, Imboden; Lieta Ballew, Jonesboro; and Frieda Wilson, Greenbrier.

Registration began at 4 o'clock Saturday afternoon, and the evening meal was served at 6 in the church dining room by the WSCS.

The evening program began with group singing led by Ann Wilford and a "get acquainted" period was under the direction of Suella Anderson.

Discussion groups on the four commissions were Worship—Jerry Dellaney and Ed Thompson; Recreation—Suella Anderson; Community Service—Frieda Wilson and World Friendship—Regina Watson and Lieta Ballew.

Sories about Christmas carols were told by different members of the team.

A worship service, led by Lieta Ballew, closed Saturday evening's session.

On Sunday morning the entire group attended services at the church and at two in the afternoon, the group gathered in the auditorium for their second session which began by Fellowship singing led by members of the team, and a meeting of discussion groups was held.

Recreation was led by Suella Anderson who was assisted by young people who participated in the recreation workshop.

A worship program led by Ed Thompson, concluded the Batesville District Youth Rally.

District officers include Ann Wilford, Batesville, president; Nancy McDonald, Newport, vice-president; Jane Linam, Swifton, secretary-treasurer; and Ann Franks, Batesville, reporter.

SOUTHWESTERN SUB-DISTRICT M. Y. F. MEETING

The Southwestern Sub-District M. Y. F. met on Monday night, December 4, at Salem Church. Billie Joe Hogue, president, presided over the meeting. Benton took first place with the largest number present and Salem took second place.

The picture, "Again Pioneer", was shown. Refreshments were served.

The next meeting will be a district meeting in January at Winfield Methodist Church.—Reporter

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After the worship service the business meeting was held in which Bobby Rogers, Community Service chairman, gave his report on what staple foods are needed. This project is undertaken by all churches. The shelf is located in the welfare office in El Dorado.

Smackover's M. Y. F. will be host to the next meeting when we will observe the annual Methodist Youth Fund birthday. — Albert Sanders, Reporter.

POINSETT SUB-DISTRICT M. Y. F.

The Christmas meeting of the Poinsett Sub-District M. Y. F. was held at Weiner, December 14.

Using the nativity scene, the Weiner M. Y. F. presented a Christmas pageant.

The group voted to send a record player to the Children's Home for Christmas. The constitution was adopted.

Recreation and refreshments were enjoyed. There were 110 present.

Trumann had charge of the closing worship service.

There will be a district meeting in First Church, Jonesboro, on February 26 at 7:00. Rev. D. L. Dykes, Jr., of Fayetteville, will be the speaker.

The next meeting will be at Marked Tree on January 11.—Reporter.

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THE TIME IS "NOW" FOR ADVANCE IN THE OPEN COUNTRY & VILLAGE CHURCHES

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The Methodist Church is going forward in a great way in the Helena area. The parsonage at Helena has been redecorated, and the church has had recent improvements made in its interior. A great program of church activity is in full swing under the leadership of Brother Holifield.

At West Helena Brother Decker has led his people in redecorating the sanctuary and the purchasing of new pews. A most splendid interest is being shown in this church. Under the guidance and leadership of the pastors in the Helena Area and with the cooperation of the laity of that great section the Methodist Church is having great and healthy growth.

Christian Life Conference At Salem Church

From the evening of December 31 through Wednesday of January 3 it was the writer's privilege to conduct a Christian Life Conference at the Salem Church, two miles west of Conway. The interest and attendance were indeed splendid. Fred Mooring, a Hendrix student, has just been assigned as pastor of this church, and he is getting off to a good start. The future is bright for this community.—J. Albert Gatlin.

HENDRIX COLLEGE—MINISTERIAL STUDENT SPECIAL.

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SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

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rows, failures, losses, and disappointments. Christ is the answer to all our troubles. He died for us but he arose again that he might save to the uttermost all who put their trust in Him.

HOW MUCH DO YOU WANT PEACE?

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now have. Where would the money to send them come from? The same pockets it will come from if we have war!

Second: Let's feed the hungry people of the world—how? Americans waste enough to feed another

country and if we would each give the amount of our grocery bill each week we could feed them. If we cannot do that, let us cut our grocery bill in two and give half. We are overfed anyhow.

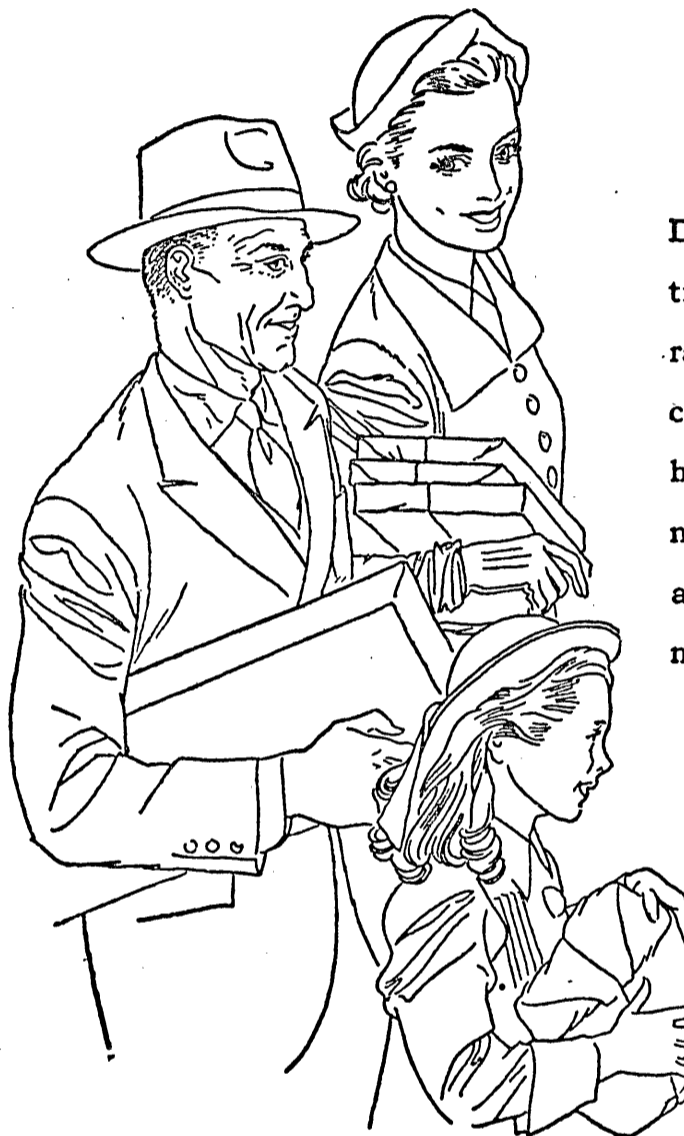
Third: Let us humbly stay on our knees one hour each day asking God's help. Of course, these things mean sacrifice but had we rather sacrifice our boys?

It is later than we think to send missionaries, feed the hungry and pray, but if we will humble ourselves and do these three things, I believe the God who parted the waters of the Red Sea and also stopped the mouths of lions would stay the hand of the aggressor.

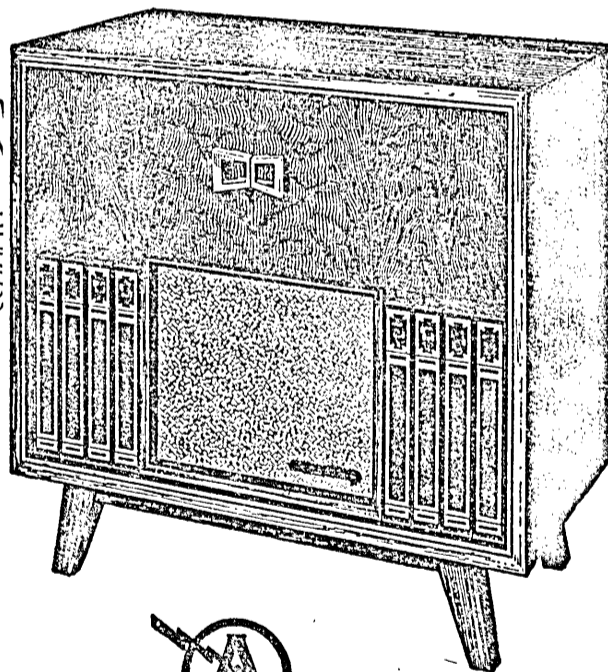
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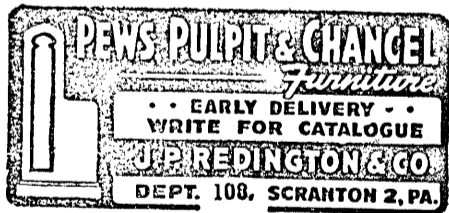


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HOW DOES CHRIST HELP PERSONS?

LESSON FOR JANUARY 21, 1951

READ THE ENTIRE LESSON FROM YOUR BIBLE:
Mark 1:40 through 3:12.

GOLDEN TEXT: "Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick; I came not to call the righteous, but sinners." (Mark 2:17)

A Look At The Scripture

It will be noted that only a portion of the Scripture which is used as a background of the lesson is printed in the lesson helps from week to week. If one wishes to fully understand the lesson it is necessary to read the entire scripture selection from the Bible.

It will be remembered that our last lesson closed with the account of Christ healing Peter's mother-in-law on a certain Sabbath. The report of this event spread over the city of Capernaum, where it took place. At sundown, when the Sabbath was officially over, a large group of sick people gathered about Peter's home and Christ healed them.

These healings greatly enhanced the popularity of Christ. The next morning before daylight another crowd had assembled at the home of Peter. When the disciples went to inform Jesus they discovered that he was gone. They later found him in a secret place of prayer. He did not return to the crowd but led his disciples to other cities and towns of Galilee.

The lesson of today begins with the healing of a leper. This leper had great faith in the ability of Jesus to heal, but was not so sure about his willingness to do so. He said to the Lord, "If you will, you can make me clean." Jesus healed him, and insisted that he keep the matter a secret. Jesus saw that his healing power was being so emphasized that it was obscuring the more spiritual side of his work. That is why he often told people to keep the fact that he had healed them a secret. The man, however, failed to do as Jesus had requested. He went out and began to publish the matter abroad. The result was that crowds became so large that Christ could no longer openly enter the cities and towns. He was forced to do his work in the open fields and on the seashore.

The second event of the lesson has to do with Christ's return to Capernaum. Again, he entered into the home of Simon Peter. Great crowds assembled in the house and all about it. Four men came bringing a paralytic friend that Jesus might heal him. We recall how they overcame the difficulty of the crowd by letting the sick man down through the roof. When Jesus saw their faith, he said to the paralytic, "My son, your sins are forgiven." Some scribes who were present felt that Jesus had blasphemed by assuming unto himself power that belongs only to God—the forgiving of sins. Jesus rebuked them for their doubts and proved that he had such power by healing the man.

To be perfectly fair to these scribes, to all outward appearance, they had some grounds for this ac-

cusation. Outwardly, Christ appeared to them to be nothing more than a man. It is a fact beyond controversy that no mere man can forgive sins. God alone can do that. These scribes were not in error by feeling that a mere man who attempted to forgive sins was blaspheming. Their error came about through the fact that they did not realize that in dealing with Christ they were dealing with God. Men must have a forgiving heart. They must look over the wrongs that others commit against them, but in the final analysis God alone can blot out sins.

The next event of the lesson has to do with the calling of Matthew. He is called "Levi" in the lesson which no doubt was his family name. This man later came to write one of the gospels which appears in our New Testament. Matthew was a tax collector, and that too, for a foreign nation, a fact which made him very unpopular. Jesus was on his way from Peter's home to the lake of Galilee when he saw Matthew at his place of business and called him. The fact that he followed immediately shows that he had had some previous contact with Christ.

Some time later—not immediately as the record in Mark might lead us to think—Matthew gave a feast and invited other tax collectors and sinners. Jesus was the honor guest at the feast. The Pharisees harshly criticized him for mixing and mingling with tax collectors and sinners. This brought from Jesus his famous statement, "Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. I came not to call the righteous, but sinners." As a matter of fact these Pharisees needed Christ just as badly as did other people, but they were so filled with spiritual egotism that they would not admit their need. A person has to realize he is sick before he will send for the doctor.

The next event of the lesson has to do with fasting. Originally the Jews were commanded to fast but one day in the year—the Day of Atonement, but the Pharisees, by their traditions and customs, had extended this matter until they were fasting two days each week. Jesus replied to this criticism by comparing his disciples to friends of a bridegroom. So long as the Bridegroom (meaning himself) was with them there would be no occasion to fast. When he has been taken away then they would fast.

The next criticism arose over what the Pharisees felt to be the desecration of the Sabbath. As Jesus and his disciples walked through a grain field on the Sabbath the disciples pulled off some of the heads of the barley, rubbed the grains out in the palms of their hands and ate. The Pharisees ac-

cused them of reaping and thrashing on the Sabbath. Jesus gave two replies to this criticism. In the first he admitted the authority of the law but showed that in extreme cases it was all right to set it aside. He called attention to the fact that the law had once been set aside by David and his followers when they were hungry. They ate the bread of the Pharisees which was lawful for none to eat but the priests. His second answer points out the fact that personality is greater than any institution that was created to govern it. "The Sabbath was made for man, not man for the Sabbath."

The last event of the lesson is that of the man with the withered hand. Jesus went into the synagogue on a certain Sabbath. Some scribes and Pharisees were present. There was also present a man with a withered hand. The enemies were watching Christ to see whether or not he would heal on the Sabbath. He knew what was in their minds. He raised the question with them, "Is it lawful on the sabbath to do good or to do harm, to save life or to kill?" They remained silent. Jesus healed the man. Jesus did not leave these enemies any middle ground to stand on. He plainly taught that when one had the opportunity to do good and did not do it the omission was an evil within itself; when one had a chance to save life and refused to do so his negligence in a sense made him a murderer in the sight of God.

From the synagogue, where this healing took place, Christ went to the shore of the lake of Galilee. Mark tells us that people from everywhere were following him. The crowd was so great that he got in a boat and had his disciples to push it out a bit from the shore so the people would not throng him as he taught them.

Four Distinct Criticisms

In the passages mentioned above the enemies of Christ brought four distinct criticisms against him, each of which grew stronger in its condemnation. The first had to do with Christ assuming the authority to forgive sins. It was only in the minds of his enemies but Christ knew their thoughts. The second criticism was brought against Christ for eating with tax collectors and sinners. It was spoken to the disciples rather than directly to the Lord. The third had to do with the fact that he and his disciples did not fast, and was spoken directly to Christ. The fourth had to do with the breaking of the sabbath by healing the man with the withered hand. The Pharisees were so incensed by this time that we are told "They went out, and immediately held counsel with the Herodians against him, how to destroy him." The one thing that binds all the passages of the lesson together is the growing opposition against Christ.

How Christ Helped People While Here In The Flesh

While Christ was here in visible form, he was constantly going about doing good. The events recorded in our lesson today illustrate his helpfulness to others. He helped the sinning. He forgave their sins and removed the burden of guilt. He healed the sick. He mingled freely with the poor and the outcast. His constant invitation was, "Come unto me all ye who labor and are heavy laden and I will give you rest." He promised rest from all the burdens and problems of life. No one ever came to him

with a petition on his lips and went away empty-handed.

Christ Helps People Today

One of the wonderful things about the Lord is the fact that he is here now the same as he was nineteen hundred years ago. Not only is he present but his power has not diminished in the least. In fact he is even more powerful now than then. After coming back from the tomb he said, "All power both in heaven and in earth has been given into my hands." He has not changed in his desire to help. The promise is that he remains the same yesterday, today, and forever.

Christ helps the sick today. It is wise and right that the sick use whatever means God has put here for their help. We are workers together with God, and that is true whether it be in the matter of health, making a crop, or doing any other legitimate task. This does not mean, however, that God is left out of the healing process. In the final analysis all healing is divine. Medicine stops the ravages of the disease and then God working through nature brings the patient back to health. Multiplied thousands of people today will testify to the fact that they have been conscious of the presence of Christ while they lay on their sick beds and that they have been greatly blessed by him.

Christ helps the tempted today. The poet was right when he sang, "Tempted and tried I need a great Saviour." We have such a one in Jesus. The promise is that he will not suffer us to be tempted above that we are able to bear, but with every temptation will make for us a way of escape.

This is our quarterly temperance lesson. Let the writer say with all the emphasis he can command, "CHRIST HELPS THE ALCOHOLIC WHO PUTS HIS TRUST IN HIM." It is said that there are about three-quarters of a million alcoholics in the U. S. today. There are far more drunkards than that, but an alcoholic is a person who is allergic to liquor and is so much under the power of liquor that he cannot quit it in his own strength alone to save his life. Thousands of them know that their habit will finally cost them their lives but they go right on drinking just the same for the simple reason that they cannot quit. Back in 1935 a doctor and a broker, who had formerly been alcoholics but had found help through faith in the power of God, organized an institution known as Alcoholics Anonymous. There are eighty-five thousand members in this organization today. Their records show that they succeeded in rehabilitating seventy-five per cent of the alcoholics who join the group and take the program. This program is based primarily on helpfulness toward each other and faith in God. It has saved thousands who were perfectly helpless in the face of their habit, except for this outside Power.

Christ helps the sinner today. Just as he helped the sinful paralytic who was brought into his presence in the long ago, he says to all those who repent and put their trust in him today, "Thy sins are forgiven thee." Think of the frustration that is caused in the lives of hundreds of thousands of people today because of sin, yet if they will only come to Christ there is perfect healing for all their trouble. The same is true with all those who suffer under the burdens of sor-

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