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Methodists in Arkansas

"The World is My Parish" — John Wesley

all the world — Mark 16:15

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## "We Must Hang Together"

NEVER before in the history of our nation has the world situation made cooperation and unity of action on the part of our American people so imperative. We face dangers that can destroy a divided America.

After the signers of the Declaration of Independence had affixed their signatures to that immortal document, it was Benjamin Franklin who said "We must all hang together, or assuredly we shall all hang separately." We in America face a situation even more dangerous than that which faced the colonies after the Declaration of Independence had become official. America conquered by Communism would be stripped to the bone materially, socially and spiritually.

Before it is too late the citizenship of our country must get together on a major course of action and follow through with all we have or what we have will not be enough to save us from destruction. The policy of dictators is still to "divide and conquer." If we are foolish enough to get caught in that kind of a trap, we are not smart enough to survive in the world of today.

## Circulation Campaign Reports Being Received

IN this year's tenth Annual Arkansas Methodist Circulation Campaign more reports were received in the Arkansas Methodist office in advance of the actual date set for reporting than in any previous year. During the course of last week quite a number of local churches from over the state made their first circulation campaign reports to the Arkansas Methodist office. This can partially be attributed to the favorable weather which has prevailed in many sections of the state, and to the fact that more and more of the pastors are desirous of completing their circulation campaign work before or during the week devoted to the two conferences in Arkansas to this work.

At the present time reports are being received in numbers from the pastoral charges and it is quite likely that a large proportion of the charges and churches will have made reports before the end of the present week. All reports received in the Arkansas Methodist office before noon Saturday, January 20, will be included in the tabulated report by charges and districts in the January 25th issue of the Arkansas Methodist. Reports received after that time will be reported in later issues.

If the experience of previous years in circulation campaigns is repeated this year, there will be numbers of charges which will make their first report or supplemental reports after the first week of the campaign effort. We would like to urge that where at all possible the circulation campaign in local charges be completed as soon as practical and possible in order that the campaign program will not in any way interfere with other areas of work in the church and conference calendar. This will in no wise be interpreted to mean that the campaign should be stopped short of giving every Methodist family in each pastoral charge an opportunity to renew its Arkansas Methodist subscription or subscribe for the first time.

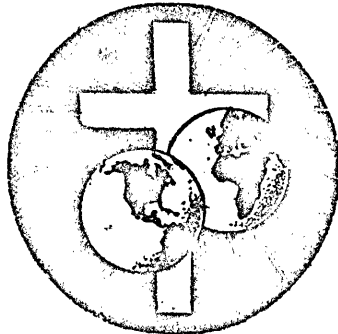
Present indications are hopeful that this year's campaign will follow the course of the

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## Methodism's Contribution To The World Church

OUR plans for discussing "Our Church" through the period planned for that study by the Advance Program has been somewhat disrupted through the Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year seasons. In this article we resume that study and would like to call attention briefly to some of the contributions Methodism has made to The World Church.

Early Methodism, under the leadership of John Wesley, was largely a movement back to the masses with a new recognition of the value of the common people and a new effort to reach them with the truth of a saving gospel. As a result of this extraordinary effort to carry the gospel to the masses, it could be said of Wesley and his helpers, as it was said of the ministry of Jesus, that "the common people heard them gladly." So fruitful and so



significant was this appeal by Methodism to the masses, including the "down and outs," that numerous organizations and institutions have grown up since that day whose ministry is almost exclusively with and for that class.

Methodism's contribution to the work of evangelism in The World Church is very significant. Despite the spiritual lifelessness in the cold formal churches of Wesley's day, great revivals broke out in England under the preaching of Wesley and his co-workers. In America, early Methodism led the way in evangelistic work. It is possible that Methodism has made no other contribution to The World Church comparable in value to the contribution it has made to the spirit and work of evangelism.

Connectional Methodism has an organization without a peer in church or state. The power our church has been able to deliver through such an organization has caused other denominations to see the values inherent in such unity of purpose and activities in kingdom building. Methodism has also made a large contribution to The World Church in the field of social service and religious education.

In the last thirty years The Methodist Church has repeatedly projected great church-wide, world-wide movements that have stirred every great church about us to similar movements. It is impossible to estimate the value of the contribution Methodism has made to The World Church through pioneering in these challenging programs that has awakened in the Christian church powers which have never been so effectively used before.

## The Price Will Be High

AS people anxiously await news of developments in the international situation and desire among other things the opportunity to live peacefully with all nations, our federal and state government leaders are telling us that the price of the future will be high. Last week Arkansas' Governor McMath told the biennial Arkansas legislature that ways must be found to raise additional taxes of 12 million dollars this year and 18½ million dollars for each of the next two years. At the time of this writing President Truman has just informed Congress that Federal Budget needs for the next year, including anticipated military and defense spending, will necessitate a raise of an additional \$20 billion dollars, an increase of approximately one-third over last year's budget. These budgets for both state and nation would be record peacetime (so-called) budgets.

We are not here passing judgment on either budget proposal. It is likely that both will see some revision before their adoption. However, the fact remains that the price for peace or war will be high. The American people would gladly subscribe their support to such huge expenditures if there were in any sense a substantial reason for hope that such expenditures would promote peace and goodwill among nations. It should never be forgotten that dollars and military force and big governments alone will not make this world safe from the threat of powers of darkness and greed.

## Many Missionaries Coming Out Of China

EXCERPTS from Religious News Service found on page five of this issue tell us that The American Baptist Church, The Lutherans, the Presbyterians, the Disciples of Christ, the Episcopal Church and the Congregationalists are withdrawing their missionaries from China. These reports are indicative of the rapid change that seems to be taking place in the work of the church in China.

If The Methodist Church has decided to withdraw its missionaries from China it is a very recent decision and has not, as yet, been announced. The writer attended the annual meeting of the Board of Missions and Church Extension at Buck Hill Falls, Pennsylvania in early December—only a little more than a month ago. At that meeting plans were projected and appropriations made for work in China much as if we meant to move full sail ahead in our work there this year.

So rapid are the changes in China that no one could foretell the decisions that may be forced on our church any day with reference to keeping our missionaries in China. Of one thing we may be sure, our missionaries will be withdrawn from China only after every other possibility has been exhausted.

Whether our missionaries, together with the missionaries of other churches, remain in China or withdraw, we may be comforted with the faith that the Christian church in China will live on. One purpose of our mission work in China, as elsewhere, has always been to build a national church so strong that it could carry on under its own leaders, and eventually without outside help. The Christian church in China now has a native leadership strong enough to carry on the work there openly if possible, underground if necessary. However, if we are forced to withdraw our missionaries, the native church

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## THE "T. J. AND INEZ RANEY LECTURESHIP"

For the first time in the history of Arkansas Methodism in a local church an endowed lectureship has been established. Mr. and Mrs. Alton Raney, Little Rock, and members of the Pulaski Heights Methodist Church of that city, have endowed an annual lectureship, the lectures to be given each spring in the Pulaski Heights Methodist Church. This gift is in memory of the late T. J. Raney and in honor of Mrs. Inez Raney, parents of Alton Raney.

This lectureship will bring to Methodists of Little Rock and the state each year an outstanding churchman for a series of lectures. This program has been projected by a number of churches in other states with exceptional results and Methodists of Arkansas will welcome this gift with appreciation for the contribution which it will make to the total life of the church.

T. J. Raney was born in Big Bottom Township near Newark in Independence County, Arkansas, January 31, 1876. He and Mrs. Raney lived at Newark until 1919 when they moved to Pecan Point in Mississippi County, Arkansas, where they resided until 1930. At that time they moved to Conway for educational reasons and they resided there until 1933 when they



THE LATE T. J. RANEY

moved to Little Rock. Mr. Raney served in the House of Representatives in 1905 for Independence. He was a member of the Arkansas Senate in the 1911 and 1913 sessions, representing Independence and Stone Counties. He served as a member of the Charity Board which had charge of all state eleemosy-



MRS. T. J. RANEY

nary institutions from 1915 through 1917. From 1946 through 1948 he was chairman of the Board of Stewards of the First Methodist Church, Little Rock, where he was a member until the time of his death, February 28, 1949. He served for sometime prior to his death as Chairman of the Building Com-

mittee which is now directing the building of the new Educational Building of the First Methodist Church, Little Rock.

Mrs. Inez Raney was also born in Independence County, Arkansas, and she and Mrs. Raney were married January 28, 1899. She and Mr. Raney had ten children: Ralph A. Raney, farmer, Gravelly, Arkansas; Alton B. Raney, Little Rock, investment business; Dallas P. Raney, investment business; Mrs. Eva Raney Shewmaker, hardware business, Little Rock; Mrs. Clarence Cell, Parkin, Arkansas; Dr. R. J. Raney, Jr., Little Rock, physician; Lt. Commander Clay H. Raney, U. S. Navy; Mrs. James E. Major, who with her husband, Rev. James E. Major, is in missionary service for the Methodist Church, Santiago, Chile; and Robert W. Raney, Little Rock, businessman. Another child, Alvis, died when he was five year old.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Raney were active in the affairs of The Methodist Church as long as their health permitted. Mrs. Raney continues to reside since her husband's death in their home at 1810 Park, Little Rock.

The first lecturer under the "T. J. and Inez Raney Lectureship" will be Bishop Paul E. Martin. The date for the lectures this spring will be announced later.

WORLD SERVICE BULLETIN  
REPORT FOR NOVEMBER, 1950

World Service Receipts for the Month of November, 1949	\$501,695.75
World Service Receipts for the Month of November, 1950	729,113.90
Increase	227,418.15

## FISCAL YEAR TO DATE

June 1, 1949, to November 30, 1949	\$2,652,258.29
June 1, 1950, to November 30, 1950	2,870,417.52
Increase	218,159.23
Per Cent of Increase	8.23

The Christian Message and the Christian Mission go hand in hand.

To believe something means to do something.

Methodists who find the Christian life good for themselves believe it to be good for people everywhere.

World Service is the means through which many Methodists channel their belief.

Granted the foregoing—World Service gifts are a measure of the acceptance by Methodists of the Christian Message.

## Advance for Christ and His Church

Month of November, 1950	\$ 303,146.40
June 1, 1948 through November 30, 1950	6,208,981.39
1950 Week of Dedication	
Through November 30, 1950	681,274.00

## GENERAL COMMISSION ON WORLD SERVICE AND FINANCE

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## WORLD SERVICE RECEIPTS ON APPORTIONMENT

AREAS AND CONFERENCES	Paid Last Fiscal Year, June 1, 1949 to November 30, 1949	Paid This Fiscal Year, June 1, 1950 to November 30, 1950	Annual Apportionment for Quadrennium—1948-52
WHOLE CHURCH	2,652,258.29	2,817,417.52	7,903,379.00
SOUTH CENTRAL JURISDICTION	319,992.86	351,181.32	917,345.00
ARKANSAS-LOUISIANA AREA	46,958.73	85,154.94	162,182.00
Little Rock	12,889.21	31,019.05	56,221.00
Louisiana	15,093.35	33,007.43	51,800.00
North Arkansas	18,976.17	21,123.41	54,161.00
DALLAS-FORT WORTH AREA	52,748.70	57,408.33	147,468.00
Central Texas	16,128.00	10,836.75	43,491.00
North Texas	9,392.42	20,705.62	35,560.00
Northwest Texas	27,228.38	25,865.98	68,417.00
HOUSTON AREA	51,834.80	39,680.82	168,826.00
Rio Grande	2,000.00	1,000.00	5,011.00
Southwest Texas	20,040.00	38,572.00	77,079.00
Texas	29,794.80	5.82	104,736.00
KANSAS-NEBRASKA AREA	96,304.28	91,497.08	233,454.00
Central Kansas	44,869.83	45,436.27	90,811.00
Kansas	27,512.03	27,403.11	61,419.00
Nebraska	23,982.40	18,657.70	81,224.00
OKLAHOMA-NEW MEXICO AREA	34,146.52	36,234.50	99,182.00
East Oklahoma	9,264.85	7,629.73	24,601.00
Indian Provisional	153.89	562.17	75.00
New Mexico	8,382.88	11,378.00	30,517.00
West Oklahoma	16,345.00	16,664.00	43,989.00
SAINT LOUIS AREA	37,939.63	41,205.65	88,233.00
Missouri	7,245.30	10,268.94	19,936.00
St. Louis	16,327.33	16,855.71	42,196.00
Southwest Missouri	13,867.00	14,081.00	36,101.00

## STATEMENT—ADVANCE SPECIALS FUND AND WEEK OF DEDICATION OFFERING THROUGH NOVEMBER 30, 1950

AREAS AND CONFERENCES	Advance Specials From June 1948 to date	1949 Week of Dedication	1950 Week of Dedication	Conference Totals
SO. CENTRAL JURISDICTION	1,445,568.17	213,730.51	159,486.32	1,818,785.00
ARKANSAS-LOUISIANA AREA	230,448.02	32,848.28	20,083.98	283,377.28
Little Rock	64,830.56	8,153.17	6,025.25	79,008.98
Louisiana	95,414.41	14,099.05	9,636.65	119,150.11
North Arkansas	70,203.05	10,593.06	4,422.06	85,218.17

## SOME FINE THINGS IN CHILDREN'S WORK

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for kindergarten work in Nishinomiya in Japan, is a recent gift from children's workers given in memory of Miss Mary Skinner, who until her death last year, was the Director of Children's Work in United Methodism. The influence of Miss Skinner—a truly great personality (great in intelligence, great in love, great in understanding)—has penetrated to many parts of the world and has resulted in higher and higher quality of children's work in our country and others for many years.

## Important Announcement

Miss Mary Alice Jones, a native of Dallas, Texas and a Ph. D. graduate of Yale University, was elected on December 15, 1950, by the Executive Committee of the Board of Education, to be Director of the Department of Christian Education of Children.

We welcome Miss Jones as our leader in our work with children.

Her life so far, is full of many accomplishments. But most of us think of her as the author of the following books: *Tell Me About God, Tell Me About Jesus, Tell Me About the Bible, and Tell Me About Prayer* and many smaller books. The first two of these titles have been translated into Japanese, Spanish, German, Turkish, and two East Indian languages.

Five years ago she was asked to go to Rand McNally and Co., as Children's Book Editor. Last year Rand McNally won the Newberry Medal, awarded by the American Library Association for 'the most distinguished contribution to children's literature.'

Perhaps parents would enjoy their children more if they stopped to realize that the film of childhood can never be run through for a second showing.—Information.

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

## TENTH ANNIVERSARY OBSERVED

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invitation was given through the Board of Stewards to the visiting churches, that the doors of the new building are open to them for use in their work at any time.—Reporter.

## W. S. C. S. OBSERVES ANNIVERSARY

In observance of the Anniversary of the W. S. C. S., sixty-one members of the First Methodist Church of Camden W. S. C. S. were guests of the Rushing Memorial Methodist Church in Chidester.

The worship setting was the open Bible with the Cross and lighted candle.

Mrs. Russell Atkins, vice-president, welcomed the visitors and presented Mrs. Ellis Rowe, the program leader. Opening hymn, "Faith of Our Fathers" was sung by the group. Meditation, "Recollection of Jesus", by Mrs. Carval Gage, followed by a prayer by Mrs. Edward Atkins. Topics on the program were given by Mrs. Ellis Rowe and Mrs. Leonard Bussell. Mrs. James Blagrove sang a solo, "Others". The closing prayer was given by Mrs. Nelson Thornton, the District president.

The visiting ladies brought a beautiful cake adorned with eleven candles. Ten candles representing phases of W. S. C. S. work whose function and fulfillment were explained in the responses given by officers representing the different lines of work, and the eleventh candle which signified the future work were lighted by Mrs. Russell Atkins. Mrs. Ernest Glaze, President of Camden society, wished for the Chidester society greater achievements.

Following this service the cake was placed on a beautifully appointed tea table from which the guests were served sandwiches and coffee. A social hour was enjoyed with friends, former members and relatives from Camden.—Mrs. Edward Atkins.

# THE DEVOTIONAL PAGE

REV. ROY L. BAGLEY, Editor

## FROM THE BOOKSHELF

The world is not interested in the storms that you encountered, but did you bring in the ship? ... Circle-News

Give a pig and a boy everything they want. You'll get a good pig and a bad boy ... Bill McKenna

The future of civilization is, to a great extent, being written in the classrooms of the world ... Milton L. Smith

A fellow has to be a mighty big egotist to feel important while looking at the stars ... Chicago Tribune

A lie leads a man from a grove into jungle ... Marcelene Cox

The future belongs to things that can grow, whether it be a tree or democracy ... Kenneth D. Johnson

Honesty is the best policy—don't let the premiums lapse ... Watchman-Examiner

The lending and borrowing of ideas is an incessant shuttle, for ideas travel without passport and blithely leap customs barriers ... Samuel Barlow

A happy marriage is a building which must be rebuilt each day ... Andre Maurois

No tolerance is as great as the tolerance of intolerance ... Dr. Howard Turner

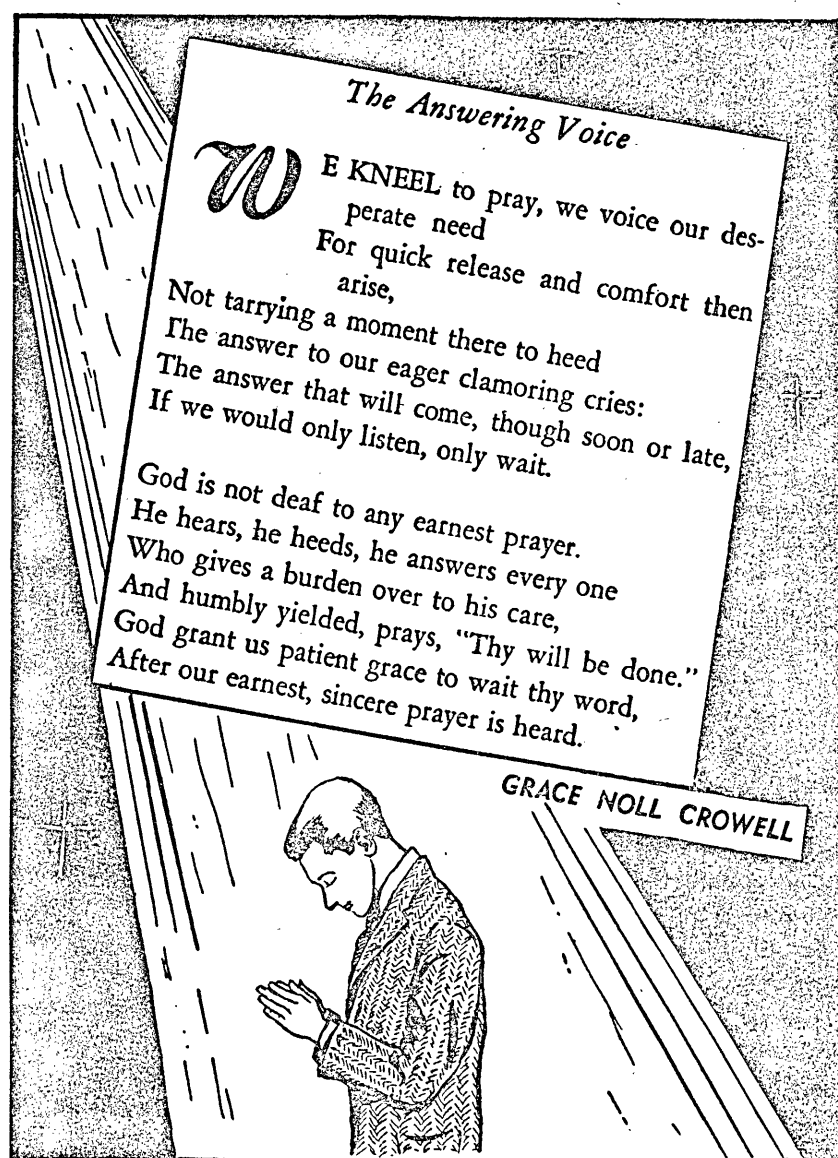
—From QUOTE

## —HOW TO ESCAPE THEM

... but then face to face. I Corinthians 13:12

After days of self-pity, the vain prince noticed the hungry canary. He shared the withered fruit with it, and the walls creaked open a bit. Later, Harweda freed the tiny bird from its cage; again the windows grew larger. He found new ways to help the bird, learning unselfishness. The mirrors receded until the windows were large enough to permit the bird's escape. Harweda shattered one pane and the canary flew out. With a final loud creak, the walls resumed their original size. The prince seemed to be gazing upon a new world, so great was his outlook changed. When the godmother returned for him, she found a chastened young man who developed wisely, becoming one of his country's greatest kings.

I, too, when I accept Christ, seem to be living in a new world. The old problems remain, but a personal change has taken place that enables me to see clearly. By seeking God's will, I learn to cope with setbacks and to turn them into steppingstones along the way. Accepting God's commands, putting self in the background, are problems to overcome, just as Harweda had to conquer egotism and vanity. In the end, with God's help, I can come through with "flying colors," greatly strengthened in my decision for



## "THE GREAT COMMISSION"

By H. W. JINSKE

"Go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature." Mark 16:15.

THE Advance for Christ and His Church is placing a great deal of emphasis on the mission of the church and its ministry. If we examine any typical American community we would find these things in a cross section of its life:

1. The public school system,
2. An industrial plant or two employing from 40 to 50 men and women,
3. A few business institutions with their managers and employees,
4. Activities connected with agriculture, claiming the services of several hundred people,
5. A civic club or two,
6. Those connected with the government service—post office, welfare, city and state employees.

The question may be asked what is the Church and its ministry doing to each of these constituents of the community's life. Is it carrying out the "Great Commission" to them? Is it the source of Christian motives for their activities? If it is

Christ.

Father, may I enter this new world of Christianity, feeling that this is my supreme adventure and the reason for being. Amen.—Power.

not, it is missing the mark of the One who is its foundation.

Let us glance at the international scene. Is it bringing the spirit of the founder to bear upon the world's social and economic problems? Is it trying to make a new world by making new men—new in their thinking and feeling?

The Great Commission is an expression of the universal spirit of Christianity. The Master has clearly demonstrated by both precept and example that the church of which he is the foundation must be global in its outlook and mission. An individual, and denomination, or even a whole nation cannot any more monopolize his spirit than a light bulb can monopolize electricity. However, a light bulb is needed if the electric current is to shine. Electric power is channeled and becomes articulate through the bulb. The church and its constituents should be the means of channeling and expressing spiritual power.

Some eight or ten years ago I heard a great church layman in Nashville, Tenn., say that organized religion had little or no influence on the international situation. As proof of his statement he cited the efforts of Protestant, Jewish, and Catholic leaders to prevent World

## WHAT IS MAN?

What is man that thou shouldst think of him, And the son of man that thou shouldst care for him? Psalm 8:4

Ask this question of the biologist and you would get one answer. Turn to the social scientist and you would get another. Ask each specialist this question and the answer would be determined by their particular interest. Even in his answer, however, the specialist would recognize that he has not said all that needs to be said about man. Let the specialist say what he can, the Christian must look at man from another point of view; his physical nature, his social inclinations; his mental capacity, his spiritual aspiration. All these go to make up a man and all must be considered when we ask our question.

The Psalmist starts out in what seems to be a hymn of praise to God but concludes with a hymn praising man. He may not go as far as the devout Christian would have him go but he goes far beyond what most of our modern day opinion of man offers. Start with him and even with what he has to offer there is condemnation of our day for our prostitution of the dignity of man.

Through humble men God secures strength. God working through man is the power that will still the enemy and silence the revengeful. Nature praises God but the works that we understand are those that He does in and through the lives of humble men. The contemporaries of Jesus kept pestering him for a sign. All about blossoming into life were the signs that convinced of the power and love of God and they would not accept them.

There is a quality of life that God has created in man. He created man in His image and likeness. One translation says, "A little lower than the angels" while another puts it stronger than that, "but little lower than God". Man forgets and sins against this high creation but it is still there. Why is it disgusting to see men pawn their souls for trifling things and throw away their self-respect on things that do not matter? The answer lies right in this fact of the Christian faith. Why is it so repulsive that "isms" should enslave the souls and bodies of men? Again our answer lies way back in the religious consciousness of mankind that he is the creature of God. Yes, men do forget and dishonor their Creator but that spark is still there.

"Thou makest him ruler over the works of thy hands" is a crowning honor for the dignity of man. Man has been given position, a partnership with God to achieve His eter-

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War II. Of course he was talking about organized religion and not about the wholesome influence of the Christian spirit.

Be that as it may. This is a sad commentary on the organized church. The foundation is all right. Maybe we need to examine the superstructure.

"The Church's one foundation is Jesus Christ her Lord."



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## CHAPLAIN SEALS WRITES

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

Dear Ewing,

Please publish my new address in the *Arkansas Methodist*. It is now: Ray D. Seals, Chaplain Capt., Hdq. 31st Inf. Regt., APO-7, San Francisco.

I would like to express my deeply felt thanks for all packages received for Korean children. I have received seventeen in all and have given them out to orphanages and churches.

Best wishes to you all in Arkansas Methodism.

Sincerely your friend,  
Ray D. Seals

## JONES URGES ADMISSION OF COMMUNIST CHINA INTO UN

WASHINGTON, D. C.—(RNS)—Dr. E. Stanley Jones, noted missionary and author, said here that he believes the only thing the United States can do in the present Far Eastern situation is to agree to the admission of Communist China into the United Nations.

If the Communist government of Peiping accepts the obligations of membership, it will have to live up to them and submit the Korean and Formosan questions to settlement by the UN, he believes.

"The trouble is that we have looked upon membership in the United Nations as a gift, boon, or plum to be conferred," said the veteran missionary.

"Actually it is an obligation. All nations must be admitted under equal terms."

"If China comes into the United Nations," he said, "she assumes the responsibility of membership and is then under obligation herself to submit her dispute to the United Nations for arbitration. Otherwise war will go on and fighting continue."

Dr. Jones made the statement while conducting a three-day preaching mission here which was attended by capacity crowds.

"Washington is said to be a city that does not care about God," he declared, "but I see no evidence of it here."

## MANY MISSIONARIES COMING OUT OF CHINA

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in China will need our financial support more than ever before.

Reports from behind the Iron Curtain indicate that in numbers of the countries under Russian domination the Christian church is surviving as an underground movement. It may be necessary for Christianity to go underground in

## NEWS AND NOTES ABOUT FACTS AND FOLKS

THE sympathy of friends goes out to Rev. A. H. DuLaney, pastor of Wesley Memorial Church, Conway, in the death of his brother, J. D. DuLaney in Paducah, Ky., on January 13.

JUDGE PAUL X. WILLIAMS, chancery judge of Booneville, was the speaker at the Methodist Men's Fellowship of the First Methodist Church, Russellville, on Wednesday night, January 17.

REV. C. RAY HOZENDORF, pastor of Grand Avenue Methodist Church, Hot Springs, has been named president of the Hot Springs Ministerial Alliance to succeed Rev. H. R. Holland, pastor of Pullman Heights Methodist Church.

CHAPLAIN GERALD C. DEAN, former pastor of Douglasville Methodist Church, has been appointed assistant chaplain of the Fifth Armored Division which is in training at Camp Chaffee. Chaplain Dean served twenty-one months in the European theater in World War II.

A semi-jurisdictional meeting of Directors of Religious Education was held at Winfield Church, Little Rock, January 8-10. Approximately twenty-five directors from Arkansas and adjoining states attended. Outstanding leaders from the Board of Education Nashville led in the discussions and directed the study.

BISHOP MARTIN announced last week the appointment of Mrs. C. I. Jones, New Orleans, as a reserve delegate to the Ecumenical Conference in Oxford, England, to succeed Dr. Matt Ellis, Hendrix College, who will be unable to attend. The conference will be held August 28-September 6.

LEADERS of the Methodist Church in Ireland are preparing to celebrate in 1952 the 200th anniversary of the holding of the first Methodist conference in that Island by the Rev. John Wesley. The historic conference, which launched Methodism in Ireland, was held in Limerick on August 14 and 15, 1752. Limerick will be the center of the proposed celebration.

REV. NOEL CROSS, pastor of the Oaklawn Methodist Church, Hot Springs, writes: "The Oaklawn Methodist Church installed on December 1 a Borge Chime system. The purchase of the system was made possible by a very generous gift by Doyle Shirley, vice chairman of the Board of Stewards and other liberal gifts by members of the Boards. Church School attendance has increased 45 per cent within the last six months. We are having capacity crowds for our worship services."

T. H. ARNOLD, of Haynesville, La., has been named to "Who's Who in Methodism" according to an announcement by Bishop Ivan Lee Holt. Mr. Arnold is a member of the Methodist Church of Haynesville and was superintendent of the Church School for many years. He has served as chairman of the Board of Stewards and was recently elected treasurer of the Board of Missions and Church Extension of the Louisiana Conference. He was formerly a member of the First Methodist Church of Texarkana, Arkansas.

DR. GASTON FOOTE, pastor of Grace Methodist Church, Dayton, Ohio, is the editor of a book, *COMMUNION MEDITATIONS*, just off the press of Abingdon-Cokesbury of New York and Nashville. The book is made up of contributions from twenty-five leading Protestant ministers, eleven of whom are Methodists. Dr. Foote is also author of one of the meditations. The ten or fifteen-minute meditations are suitable for use in preparatory services or during the actual service of communion and are appropriate for all denominations. They deal with the significance of Communion—its meaning, use, symbolism, and place in Christian life.

Korea and China where so much missionary work has been done. Let us remember that Christianity has been "underground" before and has invariably returned from these experiences of persecution stronger than before. It will be true again wherever Christianity is thus put to the test.

## BISHOP OXNAM'S RULINGS UPHELD

COLUMBUS, O.—(RNS)—A ruling by Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam of New York, declaring the illegality of laymen's business sessions at the time of a Methodist annual conference, was upheld here by the "Supreme Court" of The Methodist Church.

The denomination's Judicial Council, in a two-day meeting, affirmed Bishop Oxnam's decision, made at the New York East Annual Conference, that lay members of the Conference were not authorized to hold a business meeting, whether the Conference was in session or in recess.

Also sustained was a ruling given by the bishop at the Newark Annual conference, that a conference could include in the annuity record of a retired minister the years he spent as a supply pastor before admission on trial.

Overruled by a majority of the Council was a decision by Bishop Hazen D. Werner of Columbus, accepting nominations from the floor of the Ohio Annual Conference in the election of trustees for White Cross Hospital here.

The Council's prevailing opinion said that, although the Ohio Conference had the power to amend the hospital's constitution, it had no right to contravene the document's provisions, which at present authorize the board of trustees alone to make nominations.

A dissenting minority of the Council held that three candidates who were proposed from the floor of the Conference and subsequently elected were legally entitled to serve as trustees.

## A METHODIST "HOLY YEAR"

The Eighth Ecumenical Conference at Oxford, England, August 28-September 7, 1951, will be the high point of what might be called a Methodist Holy Year. Interest in this great event is developing rapidly in this and other countries and numerous persons have indicated a desire to attend.

To our church has been allocated 150 delegates in addition to our 50 members of the Ecumenical Methodist Council, and these delegates, together with alternates, are now being designated.

Accommodations in Oxford are exceedingly limited. In fact the committee has thus far found only 375 rooms in colleges and 90 hotel rooms for the delegates from all over the world. To our church has been allocated only 200 such rooms. This is the exact number of our delegation. These will be assigned by the Oxford committee on receipt of the proper registration forms.

Travel arrangements for the Oxford conference are being perfected by the Association of Methodist Historical Societies, the American arm of the International Society. The official travel agents are Thomas Cook and Son. Tours have been prepared which will cover Great Britain and various continental countries in addition to the Oxford meeting.

It is of the highest importance that all persons who expect to attend the Conference should use the official travel facilities, and that they should make their reservations as promptly as possible. Registration forms will be furnished for all delegates and every effort will be made to provide accommodations for visitors.

All persons who are interested should write at once for the official travel book which describes the tours and gives information and prices. Write to Dr. Elmer T. Clark, 150 Fifth Ave., New York 11, or to Methodist Tours, c/o Thomas Cook and Son, 587 Fifth Ave., New York 17.

## CIRCULATION CAMPAIGN REPORTS BEING RECEIVED

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previous nine campaigns and that this year's subscription list will be the largest ever. Your support and continued efforts will insure the success of the campaign. Remember, an informed Methodist is an active Methodist.

# CURRENT NEWS IN THE RELIGIOUS WORLD

Selected from Religious News Service Releases

## American Baptists Withdraw Missionaries From China

Missionaries of the American Baptist Foreign Mission Society in China have been sent cables suggesting they withdraw from their stations as soon as possible, it was announced by Dr. Jesse H. Wilson, home secretary of the Society. Increased tension in the field and recent orders of the Communist government making transmittal of funds to the missionaries "exceedingly difficult" were cited as bases for the action. In 1949 the American Baptists had 48 missionaries active in China. Half of these have already withdrawn from their stations. Dr. Wilson emphasized that the work in Chinese Christians during the absence of the missionaries and that this action did not constitute a discontinuance of the missionary effort. He stated that normal budget appropriations would be continued for the use of these native leaders as long as possible.

## Congregational, Episcopal Missionaries to Quit China

Because Chinese Communists are reported taking over mission properties and placing obstacles in the way of church workers, American missionaries have been urged to return home immediately by both Protestant Episcopal and Congregational authorities. "We have asked all our missionaries in China to come out and expect a gradual withdrawal of the 30 still in China," said Dr. Harold S. Matthews of Auburndale, secretary for China of the American Board of Foreign Missions of the Congregational Christian Churches.

## Lutheran Missionaries In China Dwindling

Only 11 American Lutheran missionaries remained at work under the People's Government of China near the close of 1950, according to statistics compiled by Dr. Andrew S. Burgess, professor of missions at Luther Theological Seminary at St. Paul, Minn. Dr. Burgess' annual figures, which covered the worldwide missionary activity of 12 North American Lutheran groups, showed that 29 workers from these groups were in Hong Kong as the year drew to an end, making a total of 40 American Lutherans in China missions.

## Protestant-Catholics Urged To Unite Against Materialism

A call to Roman Catholics and Protestants to unite in defending the Christian faith against "the increasing materialism of our age," was sounded in New York by Dr. Harry Woods Kimball, pastor emeritus of the Evangelical Congregational church, Needham, Mass. Writing in America, national Catholic weekly published by the Society of Jesus (Jesuits), Dr. Kimball declared that the need for unity of action between Protestants and Catholics is made plain by the life of the modern world, which is "largely pagan, both in its philosophy and moral conduct." He said "too often the two groups emphasize their differences rather than the common faith" and urged constant study of the possibilities of cooperation.

## W. C. T. U. SURVEYS TEMPERANCE PROGRESS

Intensification of efforts by both the liquor interests and the temperance and prohibition forces marked the year 1950, according to a "Survey of Temperance Progress" issued in Evanston, Ill. by the Woman's Christian Temperance Union.

The survey said the past 12 months showed two conflicting trends: (1) "the continuing record of the liquor traffic, legalized and illicit, marching ahead throughout the country," and (2) "the steadily widening spread of public interest" in the drink problem and "the multiplying evidence of sustained individual and civic endeavor to offset the misleading liquor propaganda."

It declared that the temperance record of 1950 was "shot through with severe discouragements and temporary defeats, the direct fruit of a flood of vicious pro-liquor propaganda that has confused and even intimidated many good citizens in various parts of the country."

"This situation," it added, "plainly evidences the rapid development of a crucial hour for the temperance cause."

U. S. Department of Commerce statistics were cited showing that during 1949 about 2,907,000,000 gallons of alcoholic beverages were consumed in this country. Also quoted were Federal Bureau of Investigation figures showing that, for every 100,000 Americans, there were in that year 2,342 arrests for drunkenness, of which 164 were for driving while intoxicated.

The survey revealed that 14 states with 716 counties had no dry territory, while 34 states with 2,353 counties had local option. Of the latter, 852 counties were reported to ban the sale of distilled liquors, and 742 counties the sale of beer. During 1950 a net gain of 57 areas was tabulated for the dries.

Among the "encouraging evidences of the deepening of public awareness of the menace of the liquor trade," the survey named the "new expressions of earnest and uncompromising church determination to deal concretely with the different phases of the liquor problem."

It said that "conspicuous individual church declarations have been given to the public by scores of denominations meeting in 1950."

## Alcohol Problem Called 'Everybody's Business'

America's beverage alcohol problem is "everybody's business," Methodists of the Southeastern Jurisdiction heard at their Mid-Century Convocation at Savannah, Ga. A temperance report said the need for abstinence concerns the educator, the doctor, the life insurance agent, the economist, travelers on the highways, and many others. In the field of distribution and merchandising, according to the report, the costliness of beverage alcohol is easily noticed. "Every merchant," it said, "is aware that ten billion dollars spent each year on beverage alcohol in this country means many billions less spent on consumer goods." The liquor industry was described as one of the largest and most productive of American industries.

## Chilean Protestants Oppose Religion In Schools

Teaching of "religion and ethics" in Chilean public schools was opposed by Protestant organizations in Santiago, Chile. In a message to the national Chamber of Deputies, the organizations said that a religious education bill, already passed by the Senate, "violates the principles of the Constitution, creates an annoying privilege for a single faith, and serves to promote religious conflict at a time when, above all differences of party or religion, the unity of all men is called for. State education," the Protestant message said, "should be lay, leaving religious education to the home and the Church." It said that the Chilean Constitution, "besides guaranteeing equal rights and respect of conscience to all the country's inhabitants, separates the

Church and the State." Sponsors of the message said their organizations included more than 300,000 adults of Chilean nationality, "without counting foreigners and children."

## Methodists Hear Plea For Aggressive Evangelism

Aggressive Christian evangelism was called for by Bishop Arthur J. Moore of Atlanta, Ga., at the Mid-Century Convocation of the Southeastern Jurisdiction of The Methodist Church at Savannah, Ga. "If we are to make progress towards a Christian order," he said, "there will need to be more Christians. There is nothing more urgent than that the Church should be aroused to an immediate evangelistic enterprise." He asserted that the time had come "to press forward on a world scale to achieve advances that, if we delay, may become impossible; but which, if we seize, may win millions to Christ and lay the foundation for universal peace."

## Civilian Defense Chaplains Corps Being Formed

A chaplain corps is being organized by the Philadelphia County Civil Defense Council to administer to the spiritual needs of the public in the event of an atomic bomb attack at Philadelphia. The corps will function under the Council's transportation, evacuation and emergency welfare division. Plans for recruiting and assigning duties to chaplains are now being drawn up. "Adequate chaplain service in time of disaster," a civilian defense official said, "is of the utmost importance. It is expected that eventually every ordained minister, priest and rabbi will be assigned to some duty in case of an emergency." He

added that trained Salvation Army personnel and others "of proven spiritual leadership" also will be recruited for the corps.

## Lutherans To Sponsor Joint Servicemen's Program

Official commissions of the National Lutheran Council and the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod agreed on a joint program of spiritual service to military personnel. Under the program, the efforts of the major Lutheran Church bodies in this country, with a membership of over 5,000,000, will be combined in a religious ministry to the armed forces. The cooperation agreement must be approved by the eight members bodies of the National Lutheran Council before it can be put in effect.

## Korean Refugees, Soldiers Occupy Churches

Most churches in areas held by the United Nations forces are now occupied by Korean refugees and the South Korean army, according to reports in Taegu, Korea. So far, church authorities have made no complaint or protest against the occupation of church premises for emergency purposes. Church officials indicated they would cooperate with the Korean authorities so long as the churches can continue to hold services without undue difficulties and with no hindrance placed in the way of worshippers.

## Southeastern Methodists Hit Social Action Federation

In a special session at Savannah, Ga., the Southeastern Jurisdictional Council of the Methodist Church endorsed the stand taken by the Jurisdiction's bishop's condemning the use of the denominational name by the unofficial Methodist Federation for Social Action. The Federation, the Council said, is not an official body of the Church, has no authority to speak for the Church, and has no ethical right to use "Methodist" in its name. The bishops had taken a similar position at their meeting at Atlanta, Ga., last summer.

## Protestants Start Production On New Film

Production has started in Hollywood on the Protestant Film Commission's newest motion picture, A Wonderful Life, starring James Dunn and Allene Roberts. The picture tells the story of a small business man who gave his services and resources to his church and community. It shows how, after his death, the effect of his accumulated good deeds on his community was realized and constituted a monument to his memory. Paul F. Heard, executive secretary of the Protestant Film Commission, is producing the film. Representatives of three denominations are serving as technical advisers. They are Alexander Ferguson of the Congregational Christian Churches, S. Franklin Mack of the Presbyterian Church in the U. S. A., and Oscar Rumpf of the Evangelical and Reformed Church.

Be punctual, and inasmuch as none are punctual, learn to be patient also.—Persian proverb.



# THE CHILDREN'S PAGE

ANNIE WINEBURN, Editor



## IN STORYLAND

### TED'S LESSON

Mother stood on the front porch with a basket of cookies in her hands. The three children, Ted, Lucy, and Marie, were starting down the walk to school.

"Ted," said Mother, "I want you to stop at Grandmother's and leave this basket for me." Then she went back into the house, for she was very busy.

At noon when Ted came home, Mother asked, "Did Grandmother like the cookies?"

"I don't know," answered Ted. "I met Roy Briggs and we thought we would go to school early, to play ball before the bell, so Lucy took them."

The next day was Saturday. Mother was baking, Marie was dusting, Lucy was washing the breakfast dishes, and Baby Brother was crying.

Said Mother, "Ted, please play with Baby Brother. See, he is trying to build a tower with those boxes."

After a very little while Baby Brother began to cry again. Mother went into the nursery. "Why, where is Ted?" she asked.

"Oh," said Lucy, "I saw him go out with his ball and bat. But I'm through with the dishes, I'll play with Baby Brother."

When Ted came in after an hour or so, he asked if there was something he could do. Mother pinned an apron around him and mixed some eggs and milk and flour in a bowl. She gave him a spoon and told him to stir it carefully until it was all mixed together. Then mother went to answer the telephone.

When she came back Ted was playing with the kitten in one corner of the kitchen, and Marie was stirring the cake.

"My arms were tired," said Ted. "I knew Marie did not mind doing it."

When Saturday evening came, Mother brought out two packages. She gave one to Lucy and one to Marie. "These," said Mother, "are for my two good helpers." When they opened them they found a new story-book in each package.

Then she took another package. She did not open it, but put it on the shelf. "This," she said, "was intended for Ted. But you see although he starts out to do things, he never finishes them. He changes his mind or forgets. I want to leave this package here where you can see it, Ted, and if you learn this coming week to finish the things you begin, you may have it."

Poor Ted. He felt very sorry to think that Mother could not depend on him. Every day he looked at that package, and it reminded him that Mother was depending on him. He tried his very best, and at the end of the week, Mother took the package down and said "This is for a boy who now finishes what he begins no matter how much he wants to do something else before it is finished."—Adapted from Storytime,



### A HAPPY TIME

*Daddy and I like to read together,  
Especially when it's rainy weather.*

*It's all so cozy and nice inside  
And I sit on the arm of his chair so wide.*

*When I find a word that puzzles me,  
Daddy helps me so patiently.*

*There is nothing nicer and we always look  
For a happy time with a brand new book.*  
—A.E.W.

## THE WORLD IS FULL OF CHILDREN

*The world is full of children  
Of many different ways,  
Some are used to icebergs,  
And some to torrid days:  
Some have tassels, some have beads,  
Some have fan or feather,  
What a joyful time they'd have  
If they got together!*

*The world is full of children  
Of many different kinds,  
And many different costumes,  
And many different minds;  
Some in silk and some in fur  
And some in cloth or leather,  
But if they had a half a chance  
They'd like to play together.*

—Nancy Byrd Turner

## JUST FOR FUN

Gary's mother had taught him to remember all his relatives in his prayers. One night he omitted the name of a favorite aunt. His mother asked him why he stopped asking the angels' help for his aunty.

"Well, Mommy," Gary replied, "I don't have to worry about her any more now that she's engaged."—Dixie Roto Mag.

A Rhode Island teacher recently discovered a youngster singing, with the seriousness of his seven years, "My country 'tis of thee, sweet land of liberty, of thee I sing; land where my fathers died; land of the pills inside."—NEA Jnl.

"I understand you've had your family tree looked up?"  
"Yeah, and it cost \$1,005.00."  
"Pretty expensive, huh?"  
"Well it cost only \$5.00 to have it looked up, but it cost \$1,000.00 to have it hushed up."  
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A furniture-removing firm advertising for business sent out the following:

"During the past few weeks we have moved sixty clergymen to the entire satisfaction of all concerned."  
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The young recruit was the victim of so many practical jokes that he doubted all men and their motives. One night while on guard, the figure one of the officers loomed up in the darkness.

"Who goes there?" he challenged. "Maj. Moses," replied the officer. The recruit sensed a joke. "Glad to meet you, Moses," he said cheerfully. "Advance and give the Ten Commandments."—Chain Gang, hm, Diamond Chain Co.  
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His relative telephoned to the nearest florist's. The ribbon must be extra wide, with "Rest in Peace" on both sides, and if there is room, "we shall meet in heaven."

The florist was away and his new assistant handled the job. There was a sensation when the flowers turned up at the funeral. The ribbon was extra wide indeed, and on it was the inscription:

"Rest in peace on both sides, and if there is room, we shall meet in heaven."—Biblical Recorder  
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The motorist was lost. Suddenly, he saw an old man approaching.

## IN THE WORLD OF BOYS AND GIRLS

### WINTER DAYS

*Jimmy, through December days,  
Waits for winter fun  
With his ice-skates, skis and sled  
Ready, every one;  
Feels excitement rising high,  
Heyday drawing near—  
Then, at last, the merry-making—  
Christmas and New Year!*

*Jimmy, when it's January,  
Runs his way to school  
Stopping for a slide upon  
Every icy pool:  
Watches tiny snowflakes fall  
Hoping they may pile  
Into crusty, drifted depths  
Sure to last a while.*

*Jimmy, first of February,  
Fails a mid-year test;  
Plans to study harder, now,  
History and the rest;  
Reads of Lincoln's tragic grandeur  
Naught can ever dim;  
Dreams of doing noble deeds—  
Longs to be like him.—Alice A.  
Keen in The Christian Herald*

### HIS WISH

By Alix Thorn

*I wonder how a little boy  
Can ever hope to be  
As tall and strong as broad beside  
As people that I see!*

*I s'pose it's just rememb'ring  
The things that mother said,  
To eat just what she tells me to,  
And like to go to bed.*

*And then some day I do suppose  
The folks I've always known,  
Will look at me surprised, and say,  
"Why, how that child has grown!"*  
—In Exchange

### BLUE PIGEONS

*Blue pigeons, walking in the street  
Are such amusing awkward  
things;  
They jerk along on coral feet  
Like wooden toys moved by  
strings.*

*But when they leave the sunny  
street  
And sail away on azure wings,  
They cut the air with sure, firm beat  
And are such lovely, graceful  
things.*

—Helen Moore Schroeder,  
in Exchange

"Hi!" he shouted, "do you know the way to Widdlecombe?"

The old man shook his hear. "No, I don't," he said.

The motorist drove on slowly, and when he had gone about half a mile he heard shouts behind him. He stopped and looked round. The old man had been joined by another and they were waving him back. Slowly and painfully he backed his car down the narrow road.

"Well?" he said.  
"This is my mate George," said the old man. "He don't know either."



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#### First Report

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#### Follow-Up Work and Reports

Many churches reporting the first time this week will make additional reports to the ARKANSAS METHODIST office of follow-up work of securing renewals and new subscriptions which were not obtained during the first week of the campaign, January 7-14. Results of these supplemental reports will be published in the Circulation Campaign reports each week in the ARKANSAS METHODIST.

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The quota, as adopted by the two annual conferences in Arkansas Methodism, is one subscription for each seven active members reported to the last Annual Conference session. The goal is 25,000 subscriptions. Each Methodist Church in Arkansas should have an increase in the number of ARKANSAS METHODIST subscribers. Help Arkansas Methodism reach this goal!

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# Little Rock Conference Treasurer's Report



For Period June 15, 1950-January 10, 1951

Charge & Church	Bishops Fund	Conference Claimants	Benevo- lences	4th Sunday Offering	Dist. Supt. Salary	Charge & Church	Bishops Fund	Conference Claimants	Benevo- lences	4th Sunday Offering	Dist. Supt. Salary
ARKADELPHIA DISTRICT						WESLEY FOUNDATION:					
AMITY CT.						Fountain Lake \$25.00, Murfreesboro \$35.00.					
Amity	\$ 17.00	\$ 26.00	\$	\$	\$ 114.00	TOTAL				\$ 60.00	
Fendley						WORLD-WIDE COMMUNION DAY OFFERING:					
Point Cedar						First Church, Arkadelphia \$92.80, Fountain Lake \$6.00, Gurdon \$43.38, Grand Avenue					
Sweet Home						\$56.00, Oaklawn \$50.00, Pullman Heights \$16.25, Morning Star \$4.80, Tigert Memorial					
Total	17.00	26.00			114.00	\$5.20, First Church, Malvern \$65.35, Pine Grove \$3.00, Rockport \$19.00 (for Circuit)					
FIRST CHURCH, ARKA- DELPHIA	87.50	350.00			365.00	Shorewood Hills \$6.90, Sparkman \$25.64, Congo \$3.00, Ebenezer \$3.00, New Hope \$3.00,					
ARKADELPHIA CT.						Point View \$3.00, Traskwood \$3.00.				\$ 409.39	
Harts Chapel	3.00	12.00		22.00	19.00	METHODIST STUDENT DAY OFFERINGS:					
Hollywood	3.50	16.00		17.50	25.00	First Church, Arkadelphia \$15.00, First Church, Hot Springs \$40.00.					
Mt. Pisgah						TOTAL				\$ 55.00	
Mt. Zion						WEEK OF DEDICATION OFFERINGS:					
New Hope						Pullman Heights, Hot Springs, \$10.00.					
Smyrna	2.00				13.00	TOTAL				\$ 10.00	
Total	8.50	28.00		39.50	57.00	GRAND TOTAL					
BISMARCK CT.										\$17,414.40	
Bismarck		15.00	10.00	18.00	25.00	CAMDEN DISTRICT					
Christian Home	2.00	3.00		5.00	5.00	BEARDEN					
Old Friendship						Bearden	\$ 23.65	\$ 162.00	\$	\$ 107.50	\$ 168.75
Total	2.00	18.00	10.00	23.00	30.00	Lakeside	2.65	10.50	10.00	18.75	
CADDO CIRCUIT						Total	26.30	172.50	10.00	107.50	187.50
DALARK CIRCUIT						BRADLEY CT.					
Bethlehem	3.00	16.00	37.00		19.00	Bradley	15.50	90.00	100.00		112.50
Dalark					30.00	Manns Chapel					
Manchester	12.00	73.00		68.00	41.50	BUCKNER CT.					
Manning	3.00	20.00	20.00	22.00	22.00	Buckner	7.00	34.00	10.00	19.00	24.00
Rock Springs	3.00	13.00	27.00	19.00	19.00	McNeil		8.00			3.00
Total	21.00	122.00	84.00	63.00	131.50	Mt. Vernon	3.00	16.00	30.00		10.00
DELIGHT CT.						Oak Grove					9.50
Antoine		14.00			16.00	Sardis		16.00			8.00
Delight	19.00	104.00	136.00		105.00	Shiloh		8.00	4.00	7.86	7.75
Saline						Total	12.00	82.00	44.00	21.65	22.25
Total	19.00	118.00	136.00		121.00	FIRST CHURCH, CAMDEN	114.00	910.00	2000.00		474.25
FOUNTAIN LAKE	31.50	90.00	50.00		112.50	FAIRVIEW-TIMOTHY					
FRIENDSHIP CT.						Fairview	26.58	210.00	212.50		137.50
Friendship	1.00	5.00	11.00		9.00	Timothy	11.00	52.00	75.00	25.00	37.50
L'Eau Fraix						Total	37.50	262.00	287.50	25.00	225.00
Midway	2.00	5.00		20.00	10.00	CHIDESTER CT.					
Social Hill			11.00	20.00	18.00	Missouri	2.00	6.00	8.00		9.00
Total	3.00	10.00	11.00	20.00	28.00	Red Hill	3.00	6.00	7.00		9.50
GLENWOOD	25.00	125.00			225.00	Rocky Hill	1.00	3.00	4.00		6.00
GURDON CHARGE						Rushing Mem.	20.00	99.00		140.00	100.00
Gurdon	16.50	126.00	231.00		262.50	Shady Grove	1.00	6.00	7.00		10.00
Whelen Springs						Silver Springs	4.00	18.00	43.00		32.00
HOT SPRINGS CHURCHES:						Total	31.00	129.00	69.00	140.00	168.00
First Church	53.00	425.50	1237.50	258.33	446.87	COLUMBIA CT.					
Grand Avenue	40.00	315.00	400.00		304.42	Harmony	7.87	5.00		47.00	13.00
Oaklawn					236.25	New Hope	6.00	44.50		32.00	42.50
Pullman Heights	35.00	280.00		265.00	291.69	Philadelphia	5.00	39.65	33.50	5.00	38.60
TIGERT MEM.-MORNING STAR						Sharon	8.75	50.00	5.00	33.50	31.25
Morning Star						Total	27.62	130.15	38.50	117.50	124.75
Tigert Memorial		20.00			10.00	CENTENNIAL CHARGE					
Total		20.00			35.00	Centennial	10.00	40.00		55.00	83.00
HOT SPRINGS CT.						Hi-Bank					
Bethlehem						DUMAS MEMORIAL CHARGE					
Gum Springs						Calion		35.00	25.00		55.00
Mt. Pine	7.00	32.00			25.00	Dumas Memorial	17.50	25.00	10.00	25.00	31.50
Mt. Valley						Ebenezer	2.62	5.63	20.00		9.75
New Salem	5.00	22.00		30.00	24.00	Quinn	4.20	4.20		12.50	7.50
Total	12.00	54.00		30.00	49.00	Total	24.32	69.83	55.00	37.50	103.75
MALVERN CHURCHES:						FIRST CHURCH, El Dorado	126.00	504.00	1275.00		450.00
First Church	87.50	500.00	700.00	300.00	336.00	VANTREASE MEM. CHARGE					
Keith Memorial	22.50	156.00	85.00		162.50	Bethel					
MOUNT IDA CHARGE						Vantrease	61.00	272.34	226.90		228.50
Mount Ida	25.00	162.00	140.00		170.00	Wesley			25.00		
Oden	2.65	5.50	5.00		18.75	Total	61.00	272.34	251.90		228.50
Total	27.65	167.50	145.00		188.75	EMERSON CIRCUIT					
MURFREESBORO	42.00	132.00	225.00		150.00	Atlanta	3.00	10.00		20.80	16.86
MURFREESBORO CT.	.90	3.66			6.63	Christie Chap.	3.00	11.68		20.80	8.43
OKOLONA CT.						Emerson	5.25	12.00		24.00	18.76
Beirne	3.50	16.00	10.00	15.00	22.00	Ware's Chapel					
Center Grove	6.12	19.00	35.00		25.18	Total	11.25	33.66		65.60	44.05
Okolona	10.00	65.00	65.00		70.00	Garland	19.25	99.00		170.00	137.42
Trinity	7.00	20.00	30.00	11.52	25.74	Holly Springs					
Total	26.62	120.00	140.00	26.52	142.92	Buena Vista	6.00	30.00		30.00	37.50
PINEY GROVE	6.00	17.00	15.00		32.00	Harmony Grove	5.50	30.00	16.00	15.00	32.50
ROCKPORT CT.						Westside	6.90	50.00		30.60	37.50
Butterfield	4.00		35.00		25.00	Total	18.40	110.00	16.00	75.00	107.50
Magnet Cove	5.00	18.00	30.00		16.00	HOLLY SPRINGS CT.					
Rockport		54.00			50.00	Holly Springs	3.25	16.75		18.75	23.50
Total	9.00	72.00	65.00		91.00	Mt. Carmel	1.50	7.00	6.25	6.25	9.50
SHOREWOOD HILLS	9.05	32.20		10.00	60.75	Mt. Olivet	9.00	23.50		25.00	32.50
SPARKMAN-SARDIS						Total	13.75	47.25	6.25	50.00	65.50
Sardis	10.07	75.30	143.40		72.06	JUNCTION CITY CT.					
Sparkman	15.00	110.40	171.63		106.23	Beech Grove	1.31	4.50	7.50		4.69
Total	25.07	185.70	315.05		178.31	Blanchard Springs	1.31	4.50	7.50		4.69
TRASKWOOD CT.						Junction City	21.00	144.00	90.00	13.00	150.00
Congo	4.00	20.00		32.00	20.00	Olive Branch	1.10	7.50	7.50		8.00
Ebenezer	10.00	20.00		42.50	31.50	Total	24.72	160.50	112.50	13.00	167.38
New Hope	5.00	2.00		5.00	5.00	LEWISVILLE CT.					
Point View		10.00	11.50		12.50	Bethel	1.00	6.00	25.00		10.00
Traskwood		20.00		30.00	29.19	Lewisville	40.00	260.00	170.00	150.00	250.00
Total	19.00	72.00	11.50	109.50	98.19	Old Lewisville	2.00	8.00	30.00		15.00
DISTRICT TOTALS	\$ 646.29	\$3565.56	\$3861.05	\$1149.85	\$4246.78	Total	43.00	294.00	225.00	150.00	275.00
MINIMUM SALARY FUND—PASTOR:						LOUANN CT.					
First Church, Arkadelphia \$25.00, Dalark Circuit \$11.00, First Church, Hot Springs						Liberty	3.99	22.50	22.50		29.08
\$38.50, Grand Avenue, Hot Springs \$22.50, Mount Ida \$14.25, Murfreesboro \$12.00.						Louann	17.50	40.00	50.00		62.50
TOTAL						Silver Hill	8.75	50.00	50.00		62.50
						Lisbon	5.25	15.00	20.00		18.75
<b>MINIMUM SALARY FUND—CHURCH:</b>						Total	35.49	127.50	142.50		172.83
First Church, Arkadelphia \$100.00, Bethlehem \$3.00, Manchester \$14.00, Manning						FIRST CHURCH—Magnolia	52.50	420.00		1250.00	375.00
\$3.00, Rock Springs \$3.00, Antoine \$2.50, Delight \$17.00, Gurdon \$18.00, First Church, Hot						JACKSON ST.—Magnolia	30.62	227.50	200.00		219.00
Springs \$60.50, Grand Avenue \$45.00, Pullman Heights \$40.00, First Church, Malvern						MAGNOLIA CT.					
\$100.00, Keith Memorial \$26.00, Mount Ida \$27.00, Oden \$3.00, Murfreesboro \$48.00, Sardis						Greer's Chapel	1.00	4.00	6.26		6.26
\$11.40, Sparkman \$17.05.						Kilgore Chapel (Lodge)	1.00	4.00	6.26		6.26
TOTAL						Mt. Pisgahoning					



Charge & Church	Bishops Fund	Conference Claimants	Benevo- lences	4th Sunday Offering	Dist. Supt. Salary
STAMPS		252.00	400.00	12.23	225.00
STEPHENS-MT. PROSPECT					
Mt. Prospect	66.00	262.50	300.00		236.00
TAYLOR CT.					
Pine Grove	1.75	2.50		2.50	6.25
Taylor	10.93	62.50	11.65	48.35	78.13
Welcome	5.70	32.50		30.00	40.64
Total	18.38	97.50	11.65	80.85	125.02
VILLAGE CT.					
Ebenezer	4.00	22.00	30.00		25.00
Lydesdale	4.00	22.00	31.00		25.00
Village	14.00	88.00	18.87		100.00
Total	22.00	132.00	79.87		150.00
WALDO CT.					
Waldo		168.00	330.00		169.00
Williesville	14.00	164.00		35.64	50.00
Total	14.00	272.00	330.00	35.64	219.00
DISTRICT TOTALS	\$1007.28	\$6094.10	\$6472.72	\$2920.46	\$5640.42

MINIMUM SALARY—PASTOR:  
Bearden \$15.00, Fairview, Camden \$15.00, Beech Grove .75c, Blanchard .75c, Olive Branch \$1.25, Bethel \$1.00, Lewisville \$20.00, Old Lewisville \$1.00, Marysville \$14.50, Norphlet \$11.30, Stamps \$36.00.  
TOTAL \$ 116.55

MINIMUM SALARY—CHURCH:  
Bearden \$27.00, Lakeside \$3.00, First Church, Camden \$130.00, Fairview, Camden \$30.00, Timothy \$12.00, Red Hill \$1.50, Silver Springs \$3.00, First Church, El Dorado \$144.00, Vantrease Memorial \$35.00, Garland \$1.00, Beech Grove .75c, Blanchard Springs .75c, Junction City \$24.00, Olive Branch \$1.25, Bethel \$2.00, Lewisville \$40.00, Old Lewisville \$2.00, First Church, Magnolia \$60.00, Jackson Street \$35.00, Friendship \$8.00, Norphlet \$21.50, Parker's Chapel \$18.00, Pleasant Grove \$14.50, Smackover \$34.00, Stephens \$75.00, Ebenezer \$4.00, Lydesdale \$4.00, Village \$16.00, Williesville \$16.00.  
TOTAL \$ 813.23

GENERAL ADMINISTRATION AND JURISDICTIONAL CONF. EXPENSE FUND:  
Bearden \$12.50, Lakeside \$2.50, Bradley \$5.00, Buckner \$3.00, McNeil \$1.00, Mt. Vernon \$2.00, Sardis \$2.00, First Church, Camden, \$155.00, Fairview, Camden \$12.50, Timothy \$5.00, Red Hill \$1.00, Silver Springs \$5.00, Harmony \$5.00, New Hope \$5.00, Philadelphia \$2.50, Quinn \$5.00, Centennial \$2.00, Calion \$10.00, Dumas Memorial \$10.00, Ebenezer \$5.00, Sharn \$5.00, First Church, El Dorado \$155.00, Vantrease \$40.00, Atlanta \$1.08, Christie Chapel \$2.00, Emerson \$3.00, Garland \$10.00, Buena Vista \$2.50, Harmony Grove \$2.50, Westside \$2.50, Holly Springs \$1.25, Mt. Carmel \$1.50, Mt. Olivet \$1.00, Beech Grove \$1.50, Blanchard Springs \$1.50, Junction City \$7.00, Olive Branch \$1.50, Bethel \$1.00, Lewisville \$20.00, Old Lewisville \$1.00, Liberty \$2.50, Louann \$5.00, Silver Hill \$5.00, First Church, Magnolia, \$66.50, Jackson Street \$40.00, Greer's Chapel .50c, Kilgore Lodge .50c, Mt. Pisgah .50c, New Era .50c, Wingfield .50c, Friendship \$5.00, Marysville \$3.21, Norphlet \$20.33, Parker's Chapel \$15.00, Pleasant Grove \$15.00, Princeton \$2.00, Macedonia \$1.00, Providence \$1.00, Waverly \$1.00, Zion \$1.00, Smackover \$5.00, Stephens \$30.00, Pine Grove .75c, Welcome \$3.50, Ebenezer \$2.00, Lydesdale \$2.00, Village 7.00, Williesville \$10.00.  
TOTAL \$ 821.12

ADVANCE FOR CHRIST OFFERINGS:  
First Church, Camden \$59.00, Buena Vista \$25.00, Junction City \$10.50, Lewisville \$65.00, Old Lewisville \$5.00, Bethel \$10.30, Friendship \$5.48, Marysville \$10.50, Norphlet \$13.00, Pleasant Grove \$50.00, Stamps \$150.00, Stephens \$187.50, Waldo \$160.00.  
TOTAL \$ 772.28

AREA FUND:  
Bearden \$2.00, Lakeside .50c, Bradley \$1.25, Buckner \$1.00, McNeil \$1.00, Mt. Vernon \$1.00, First Church, Camden \$15.00, Fairview, Camden \$4.00, Timothy \$1.00, Harmony \$1.00, New Hope \$1.00, Philadelphia \$1.00, Sharn \$1.00, Centennial \$1.00, Calion \$1.50, Dumas Memorial \$1.50, Ebenezer \$1.00, Quinn \$1.00, First Church, El Dorado \$15.00, Vantrease Memorial \$5.00, Christie's Chapel \$1.04, Emerson \$1.20, Garland \$2.00, Buena Vista \$1.00, Harmony Grove \$1.00, Westside .50c, Holly Springs .25c, Mt. Carmel .50c, Mt. Olivet \$1.00, Beech Grove \$1.00, Blanchard Springs \$1.00, Junction City \$1.00, Olive Branch \$1.00, Lewisville \$5.00, Liberty \$1.00, Louann \$1.00, Silver Hill \$1.00, First Church, Magnolia \$12.00, Jackson Street \$5.00, Greer's Chapel .50c, Kilgore Lodge .50c, Mt. Pisgah .50c, New Era .50c, Wingfield .50c, Friendship .50c, Marysville \$2.00, Norphlet \$3.00, Parker's Chapel \$2.50, Pleasant Grove \$3.00, Smackover \$3.00, Stephens \$5.00, Taylor \$1.00, Welcome \$1.00, Ebenezer \$1.00, Lydesdale \$1.00, Village \$1.00.  
TOTAL \$ 125.74

WORLD-WIDE COMMUNION OFFERING:  
Bearden \$15.50, First Church, Camden \$110.00, Fairview, Camden \$11.50, Harmony \$19.60, First Church, El Dorado \$77.79, Vantrease \$26.02, Lewisville \$20.00, First Church, Magnolia, \$130.62, Jackson Street \$31.17, Fredonia \$7.00, Princeton \$10.15, Smackover \$32.66, Stamps \$21.60, Stephens \$48.57, Taylor \$5.00, Ebenezer \$10.00, Village \$23.78, Waldo \$28.80, Williesville \$22.00.  
TOTAL \$ 650.96

METHODIST STUDENT DAY OFFERING:  
First Church, Camden \$37.09, Westside \$9.00.  
TOTAL \$ 46.09

RACE RELATIONS:  
Vantrease Memorial, El Dorado \$ 10.00  
GRAND TOTAL \$25,490.97

LITTLE ROCK DISTRICT					
AUSTIN CT.					
Concord	\$ 9.38	\$ 24.10	\$ 58.43	\$	\$ 24.10
Mt. Tabor	9.38	25.00		42.00	25.72
Mt. Zion	3.50	20.00		17.50	20.00
South Bend	4.09	4.70		20.00	10.00
Total	26.35	73.80	58.42	79.50	79.82
BAUXITE	52.00	390.00	300.00		150.00
BENTON STATION	43.75	350.00	1000.00		249.99
BENTON CT.					
BETHLEHEM CT.					
Bethlehem			5.00	14.00	
Hebron					
Providence			8.00	8.00	
Smyrna					
Total			13.00	22.00	
BRYANT CT.					
Bryant	6.00	36.00		60.00	42.00
Mt. Carmel	10.00	54.00	90.00	60.00	60.00
Salem	10.00	54.00	60.00	30.00	63.00
Total	26.00	144.00	150.00	90.00	165.00
CARLISLE STATION	63.00	504.00	600.00		360.00
CARLISLE CT.					
Hamilton	6.50	37.50	30.00		37.50
Rogers Chapel					
Shiloh	2.00	13.00	15.00		13.00
Waller's Chapel					
Zion	2.00	13.00	15.00		13.00
Total	10.50	63.50	60.00		63.50
DES ARC-NEW BETHEL					
Des Arc				56.53	
New Bethel					
DEVALLS BLUFF-SARDIS					
DeValls Bluff	7.60	35.00		25.00	42.00
Sardis	10.00	46.08		80.00	60.00
Total	17.60	81.08		105.00	102.00
DOUGLASSVILLE	24.00	178.75	145.85		137.50
GEYER SPRINGS	21.00	132.00	100.00		120.00
HAZEN					50.00
HICKORY PLAINS CT.					
Cross Roads	2.00	11.00			7.00
Hickory Plains	2.00	3.00	8.00	10.25	8.00
Johnson's Chapel				9.00	
Old Austin	2.00	14.00	23.00		14.00
Total	6.00	28.00	31.00	19.25	29.00
LITTLE ROCK CHURCHES					
Asbury	157.50	1260.00	2100.00		375.00
Capitol View		300.00			199.92
First Church	225.75	1806.00	5400.00	175.00	675.00
Forest Park			100.00		
Henderson	79.00	300.00		300.00	260.00
Highland	87.50	700.00	1200.00		800.00
Hunter Memorial	34.12	136.50	178.22	9.28	195.00
Oak Forest					
Pulaski Heights	52.50	420.00	1250.00		420.00
St. Marks-Chenault Chap.					
St. Mark's	1.00	5.00	17.00		9.00

Charge & Church	Bishops Fund	Conference Claimants	Benevo- lences	4th Sunday Offering	Dist. Supt. Salary
Chenault Chapel					
Scott Street	39.38	157.50	157.50		225.00
28th Street	25.00	175.00	175.00		143.79
Winfield Memorial	126.00	588.00	5000.00		360.00
LITTLE ROCK CT.					
Bethel	1.00	6.00		11.25	7.50
Paron					
Pleasant Hill	3.00	12.00	15.00	2.17	15.00
Walnut Grove	1.00	6.00	7.50		7.50
Smyrna					
Total	5.00	24.00	22.50	13.42	30.00
LONOKE-EAGLE					
Eagle	9.00	35.00	80.00		50.00
Lonoke	32.00	259.00	335.00		135.00
Total	41.00	294.00	415.00		235.00
MABELVALE	35.00	199.00	200.00		165.50
MT. PLEASANT	3.00	9.00	25.61		12.90
MT. VIEW	2.63	10.50			15.00
PRIMROSE CHAPEL	26.00	180.00	202.50		150.00
ROLAND CT.					
DISTRICT TOTALS	\$1230.53	\$8509.63	\$18902.60	\$ 869.98	\$5477.98

MINIMUM SALARY FUND—PASTOR:  
Bauxite \$15.00, Douglassville \$16.50, Asbury \$34.50, Capitol View \$40.00, Henderson \$42.00, Oak Forest \$36.00, Winfield Church \$36.00, Mabelvale \$20.00, Primrose Chapel \$15.00, F. A. Buddin, District Superintendent, \$33.00.  
TOTAL \$ 288.00

MINIMUM SALARY FUND—CHURCH:  
Mt. Zion \$4.00, Bauxite \$60.00, Bryant \$8.00, Mt. Carmel \$12.00, Salem \$12.00, Carlisle \$72.00, Douglassville \$27.50, Geyer Springs \$24.00, Asbury \$198.00, Henderson \$84.00, Highland \$100.00, Hunter Memorial \$39.00, Pulaski Heights \$30.00, Scott Street \$45.00, 28th Street \$30.00, Winfield Memorial \$144.00, Eagle \$10.00, Lonoke \$37.00, Mabelvale \$33.00, Primrose Chapel \$30.00.  
TOTAL \$1029.50

ADVANCE FOR CHRIST OFFERINGS:  
Mt. Zion \$6.66, Benton Station \$500.00, Bryant Church \$20.00, Mt. Carmel \$30.00, Salem \$30.00, Carlisle Station \$50.66, DeValls Bluff \$25.00, Geyer Springs \$50.00, Hickory Plains \$6.00, Asbury \$400.00, Henderson \$90.00, Oak Forest \$157.88, Winfield Memorial \$100.00, Mabelvale \$100.00, Primrose Chapel \$30.00.  
TOTAL \$1596.20

GENERAL ADMINISTRATION AND JURISDICTIONAL CONF. EXPENSE FUND:  
Concord \$5.00, Mt. Tabor \$4.00, Mt. Zion \$2.50, South Bend \$4.00, Bauxite \$30.00, Bryant \$3.50, Salem \$5.00, Carlisle \$45.00, Hamilton \$4.00, Shiloh \$2.00, Zion \$1.00, DeValls Bluff 4.50, Sardis \$6.00, Douglassville \$11.25, Geyer Springs \$9.00, Hickory Plains \$2.00, Old Austin \$2.00, Asbury \$135.00, First Church, Little Rock \$180.00, Henderson \$35.00, Highland \$70.00, Hunter Memorial \$3.75, Pulaski Heights \$53.25, 28th Street \$18.00, Winfield Memorial \$135.00, Bethel \$1.00, Walnut Grove \$1.00, Eagle \$1.00, Lonoke \$18.00, Mabelvale \$13.50, Mt. Pleasant \$1.00, Mt. View \$1.25, Primrose Chapel \$18.00, Pleasant Hill \$1.00.  
TOTAL \$ 843.50

AREA FUND—FOR DISTRICT \$ 130.00  
WESLEY FOUNDATION FUND:  
Concord \$5.00, Mt. Zion \$2.50, South Bend \$5.00, Carlisle Station \$150.00, Hamilton \$3.00, Shiloh \$2.00, Zion \$2.00, DeValls Bluff \$12.00, Sardis \$16.00, Geyer Springs \$10.00, Asbury \$300.00, 28th Street \$18.00, Winfield Memorial \$500.00, Mabelvale \$17.50.  
TOTAL \$1043.00

WORLD-WIDE COMMUNION OFFERING:  
Salem \$8.00, Douglassville \$24.12, Geyer Springs \$11.00, Hazen \$42.54, Asbury \$112.00, Capitol View \$21.00, First Church, Little Rock \$136.49, Forest Park \$14.50, Henderson \$35.00, Pulaski Heights \$53.47, 28th Street \$25.00, Mabelvale \$36.60, Primrose Chapel \$46.50.  
TOTAL \$ 565.62

RACE RELATIONS OFFERINGS:  
Carlisle Station \$15.00, First Church, Little Rock \$100.00.  
TOTAL \$ 115.00

GRAND TOTAL \$40651.59

MONTICELLO DISTRICT					
CROSSETT	\$ 44.00	\$ 350.00	\$ 366.75	\$ 366.75	\$ 312.50
DERMOTT	23.32	186.64	266.64		166.64
DREW CT.					
Green Hill	2.00	10.00		30.00	16.00
Lacey	4.00	9.00		20.00	13.50
Prairie Chapel	2.00	10.00		26.50	16.00
Valley	2.00	9.00		10.00	14.00
Total	10.00	38.00		86.50	59.50
DUMAS	40.00	315.00	600.00		321.00
EUDORA	31.50	252.00	190.00		225.00
FORDYCE	74.00	304.00	600.00		262.50
FOUNTAIN HILL CT.					
Extra	2.32	13.32		8.32	18.00
Ft. Hill	3.00	16.68			22.64
Hickory Grove	2.00	3.32			4.68
Pine Hill	.34	1.66			2.34
Waller's Chapel	2.32	13.32			18.00
Zion	.25	1.66		3.33	9.00
Total	10.23	49.96		11.65	74.66
HAMBURG-SNYDER					
Hamburg	35.00	160.00	400.00		250.00
Snyder	7.00	18.00			12.50
Total	42.00	178.00	400.00		262.50
HAMPTON-HARRELL					
Faustina	1.75	12.00	8.75		12.50
Hampton	8.75	60.00	37.50		62.50
Harrell		36.00	38.00		37.50
Total	10.50	108.00	84.25		112.50
HERMITAGE CIRCUIT					
Hermitage	4.00	31.00		40.00	40.00
Ingalls	2.00	7.00		20.00	9.00
Jersey	3.00	16.00	10.00	15.00	22.00
Palestine	2.00	16.00	10.00		13.00
Sardis	1.00	4.00			6.00
Total	12.00	74.00	20.00	75.00	90.00
HUTTIG CHARGE					
Bolding			20.00	14.00	
Huttig	15.00	35.00	35.00	18.00	112.50
Total	15.00	35.00	55.00	32.00	112.50
KINGSLAND CHARGE					
Kingsland	5.25	22.50		32.50	40.50
Cross Roads					
LAKE VILLAGE	35.04	280.02		400.02	249.08
McGEHEE	39.50	315.00		600.00	281.00
MONTICELLO	44.00	350.00	800.00		314.00
NEW EDINBURG CT.					
Good Hope	5.00	19.00		27.00	20.00
Hebron	5.00	10.00		13.00	20.00
New Edinburg	13.00	19.00			36.50
Wagon	3.00	5.00		8.00	6.00
Wheeler Springs					10.00
Total	26.00	53.00		48.00	102.50
PARKDALE	21.00	132.00		115.00	150.00
PORTRAND-MONTROSE					
Portland	19.00	137.00	160.00		131.00
Montrose	10.50	78.00	47.50	39.00	75.00
Total	29.50	215.00	207.50	30.00	206.00
STAR CITY CT.					
Cornersville	2.00	7.00	15.00		12.50
Mt. Home	1.50	5.50	10.00		9.50
Star City	13.25	90.00	65.50		187.50
Total	16.75	102.50	91.50		209.50
STRONG CIRCUIT					
Strong	16.50	98.50	147.00		123.50
THORNTON CIRCUIT					
Chambersville		5.00		5.00	6.25
Stony Point	.50	2.50		3.00	3.25
Temperance Hill	2.00	10.00		10.00	12.50
Thornton	3.50	20.00		18.75	25.00
Total	6.00	37.50		36.75	47.00
TILLAR-WINCHESTER					

## SOME FINE THINGS IN CHILDREN'S WORK

By MRS. IRA A. BRUMLEY

MRS. CARL MEEKER of Harrison, Director of Children's Work in Searcy District, with the splendid cooperation of the pastors in the District, has a full list of names of children's workers in all the local churches.



Miss Mary Alice Jones

She has sent seventy-two personal letters and twenty-six cards to workers the past quarter.

She visited the Bellfonte Church and discussed with the workers such important points as: the grouping of children, better use of space and equipment, use of lesson materials, and home and church co-operating.

The Harrison Church had Parents' Day, December 31, with the result that the parents could see what the children were doing and could get better acquainted with the workers. Each parent was given the leaflet, "Parents, First Teachers of Religion." A parent-teacher meeting is planned for January, at which time lesson materials will be illustrated, and activities (connected with them) will be carried out. (This means that the parents and

workers will be getting closer together on their purposes for their children.)

All departments of the Children's Division are getting their regular monthly planning meetings under way, and children's work items are being run in the Church Bulletin often.

"Faith of Our Children" by Mary Alice Jones, is one of the new books recently ordered for the church library, and there seems to be new zeal for reading, as the books are passed around among the teachers and parents.

## Fayetteville District

During the pre-Christmas season, Mrs. S. O. Patty, District Director of Children's Work, with her workers, ordered two hundred copies of "Christian Worship in the Home" and placed a copy in each Methodist home in Prairie Grove.

Mrs. Patty recently visited the Goshen Church and reviewed and distributed the following leaflets: "Parents, First Teachers of Religion," "Home Makers," "Children's Music," "What Parents and Church School Teachers Have a Right to Expect of Each Other," "The Methodist Program for the Children's Division," and the programs for each department. She also discussed with them ways to get help from the "Children's Division Yearbook."

## Fort Smith District

Co-District Directors, Miss Anna Rose Miller and Mrs. Frances Winter, have scheduled for this month a meeting of the Fort Smith Council of Children's Workers, at which time problems common to all of them will be faced and discussed.

Their next edition of *The Spotlight* will be out January 15. It will include small drawings, poems, prayers, etc.—individual and group work done by children as an outgrowth of class sessions.

## Important news

A piano, for the training school  
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## NURSERY WORKERS REORGANIZED



Pictured above are: Mrs. A. M. Snow, President, Greater Little Rock Council of Nursery Workers' and Parents; Mrs. C. C. Arnold, Vice-President and Program Chairman; Mrs. John Bale, Secretary-Treasurer; Mrs. W. F. Bates, Conference Director of Children's Work; Mrs. G. H. Monday, Methodist Council; Miss Fay McRae, District Director of Children's Work; and Mrs. W. A. Rice.

The newly elected officers of the Greater Little Rock Council of Nursery Workers' and Parents met at Winfield Methodist Church January 10 with the following program: "Purpose of the Nursery; Mrs. H. O. Simms of Winfield; and Mrs. Hoyt Choate of Pulaski Heights.

This group was re-organized after much interest was shown during the Christian Training School that was held in the fall with the parents and workers realizing the need of such an organization. Under the leadership of Mrs. W. F. Bates the group re-organized and set up

the following program for the year: "Use of Visual Aid" to be discussed in March; "Religion in the Home" with special emphasis on book and family worship; "Methods and Material of the Nursery Department" also emphasis on visitation. The group plans to meet every other month. Special emphasis is being placed upon parents attending these meetings along with their nursery workers of their church. Also the various Parents Study Clubs throughout the city have been invited to have a representative present for the meetings.—Mrs. W. A. Rice, Publicity.

## Youth Department Sponsors Bible Exhibit

In observance of Universal Bible Sunday on December 10, 1950, the seventh grade of the Youth Department of the Crossett Methodist Church sponsored a Bible exhibit. The collection of Bibles was on display in the appropriately decorated foyer of the church during both regular church services. Seventh grade students dressed in white robes acted as pages, explain-

ing the display to members of the congregation.

A great deal of interest was shown in the many kinds of Bibles some of which were treasured editions in Swedish, German, Latin and Welsh; old family Bibles dating back to 1833; Bibles containing the Apocrypha; a rare old hymnal in Welsh; a Psalm Book in Finnish; modern translations of the Bible; pocket size

copies and the Bible in story form.

Posters were used giving a complete history of the English Bible with a facsimile of a page taken from the original text of each edition that was printed along with a history of highlights of each copy.

Scrolls, posters and many other items made by the students added to the interest and attractiveness of the exhibit.

This project was sponsored by

Mrs. Wilson Day and Mrs. Tom Pat Cook, teachers, and carried out by the following Seventh Grade students: Kay Norman, Shirley Lear, Karis Dell Robinson, Nancy Tucker, Joel Duskin, Carol Dean Childers, Peter Gustat, Donald Chanslor, Bill McCaskill, Nancy Stephens, Sylvia Williams, Norma White, Gary McClain, Harold Moffatt, Harold Chesley, David Chanslor and Dickie Jones.



Left to right, Nancy Tucker, Karis Robinson



Left to right, Donald Chanslor, Joel Duskin, David Chanslor, Hal Moffat

# WOMAN'S SOCIETY OF CHRISTIAN SERVICE

MRS. SUE M. WAYLAND, Editor

## "TOO LITTLE, TOO LATE?"

"Too little, too late!" These words have been used to explain tragedies which occurred because war materials were not supplied in sufficient quantity at the right time. Will history record that the church in these unprecedented hours of opportunity gave to the world too little, too late? Spiritual forces win their victories through unswerving devotion to the principles of Jesus Christ as applied to every area of life, and followers of the Way must daily demonstrate their allegiance to these principles. It is not easy. Great moral perplexities confront the Church, and therefore the individual church member. The uneasy world situation continues to develop new crises which produce for people everywhere intensified anxiety and tensions. Again and again we are faced with the preoccupations and doubts which tragedy brings to the human family. How difficult it is sometimes to keep the moral and spiritual issues clear!

If the present generation of Christians is to make its best contribution, there must be deeper consecration, more intelligent prayer, and more sacrificial service on the part of us all. We must know how to deal with the realities of suffering and fear and bitterness. These realities invade our own lives, our own homes, as well as our communities. Only the reality of God's abiding presence can sustain us. Only a great faith in his power can give us strength to minister, by example and by word, to those who are also fearful and suffering. We need a divine passion to make our lives count for something—now, right where we are.

The Methodist Church and the Woman's Society of Christian Service are offering to all its members a strategic opportunity to make our lives count through the program of the Advance for Christ and His Church. One of the objectives in the four goals of the Woman's Society is interpreted and made concrete in these words: "...undergirding the total program with plans for spiritual growth in personal religious living and disciplines that find expression through increased service and giving to meet today's responsibilities and opportunities." This emphasis should have a central place in all plans and be so integrated into the program of the society that the life of each member will be spiritually strengthened and deepened. Such growth will inevitably enrich the spiritual life of the church, and through the channels of prayer, gifts, and service flow out to peoples in far places.

It is significant that spiritual matters are receiving widespread consideration in press and radio and other media to which the general public has access. More people are now attending Sunday schools and churches than for the past several years. Perhaps this is to be expected during a time of war hysteria. It may seem to be solely the result of fear, but it gives opportunity to so meet the needs of those who are seeking strength and comfort as to win them for Christ and for service in His kingdom.

## THE AGONY OF GOD

By Georgia Harkness

*I listened to the Agony of God,  
I who am fed.  
Who never yet went hungry for a day.  
I see the dead,  
The children starved for lack of bread,  
I see and try to pray.*

*I listened to the Agony of God,  
I who am warm,  
Who never have yet lacked a sheltering home,  
In dull alarm.  
The dispossessed of hut and farm  
Aimless and "transient" roam.*

*I listened to the Agony of God,  
I who am strong  
With health, and love and laughter in my soul,  
I see the throng,  
The stunted children reared in wrong  
And wish to make them whole.*

*I listened to the Agony of God,  
But know full well  
That not until I share their bitter cry  
Earth's pain and hell,  
Can God within my spirit dwell—  
To bring His Kingdom nigh.*

The secretaries of Spiritual Life should be unusually alert during these times of stress to the hurts, anxieties, and perplexities of people about them. Certainly they should be aware of the needs among the society members and church families. To cooperate with other organizations of the church in providing devotional literature, in promoting evangelistic efforts, and in personal ministry is a special privilege. In January, the entire church school will be going all out for evangelism. February 25 to March 1 will be National Week of Visitation Evangelism, and March 21-28 will bring Holy Week and Easter. These occasions open channels for cooperative service and there will be others as the months go by. All of us should know the church program and be familiar with the church calendar. The Advance goals for the Methodist Church and for the Woman's Society of Christian Service are of a piece, really, and the periods of special emphasis should find us working and praying together for their achievement. The emphasis on "Our Ministry" coincides with the emphasis on "Personnel" so together we "pray . . . the Lord of the harvest, that he will send forth labourers into his harvest."

During January, February, and March there will be much stress on Stewardship. This is not new for us. We begin on Epiphany, January 6, by rededicating all that we are and have to the King of kings. This year we should make it a time of special prayer, not only for the Advance, but for the whole ecumenical movement. Many societies will be having the study on corporate worship during the first months of 1951. We Seek Him Together! It is a search that will be rewarding and no society should fail to have the study sometime during the year.

Then, too, every society is urged to observe a Day Apart sometime

## NORTH ARKANSAS ANNUAL GUILD WEEKEND PLANNED

Mrs. George Dismukes, Westville, Oklahoma, and member of the Standing Committee of the Wesleyan Service Guild, met with the Executive Committee of North Arkansas Guilds, January 6-7, at the Cottage Coffee Shop in North Little Rock. Mrs. Dismuke gave highlights of the Buck Hill Falls, Pa., Board of Missions Annual Meeting and of the 1951 program.

Miss Gertie Stiles, Conference Secretary, presided over the meeting. Plans were made for the Annual Guild Weekend to be held in First Church, Searcy, Arkansas, March 3-4, 1951.

Mrs. H. W. Taylor, North Little Rock, was appointed Program Chairman for the Annual meeting. Those on the Program Committee attending were Mrs. H. H. Fulbright, W. S. C. S. Promotion Secretary; Mrs. Ules Davis, General Chairman; Mrs. Robert H. James and Mrs. Cleo Mason, all of Searcy.

Plans are being made to conduct workshops in the 4 guild goals and a clinic for the officers and committee chairmen. Mrs. W. K. Warden, Memphis, Tennessee, and member of the Guild Standing Committee, will be one of the inspirational speakers.

The following District Secretaries were present: Conway District, Mrs. J. H. Moore; Fayetteville District, Mrs. Velma Oakes; Searcy District, Miss Helen Stephens; Forrest City District, Miss Virginia Hines; Ft. Smith District, Miss Marcelle Phillips; and Paragould District, Mrs. Kenneth Pettit.

Watch this page for further information on the Annual Guild Weekend.

during the Lenten season, "Strength for Our Weakness" is the theme of the service prepared by Mrs. Mary Welch.—The Methodist Woman.

## DANVILLE W. S. C. S. TEA

The home of Mrs. C. C. Stringfield was beautifully decorated for the holiday season when members of the Woman's Society of Christian Service entertained with a tea honoring past presidents of the Danville Society, Wednesday afternoon, December 13th. Mrs. Stringfield, Mrs. J. F. Stewart, and Mrs. Harold Burham were in charge of arrangements.

Guests called during the tea hours, three to five o'clock, and left contributions of silver for calling cards. Out-of-town guests were Mrs. R. M. Duff, Mrs. Carl Woodson, Mrs. Joe Cault, Mrs. Elmus Brown, Mrs. Jackson from Dardanelle and Mrs. E. B. Wilson from Ola.

The serving table was centered with an arrangement of red carnations in greenery and silver flanked by red tapers in crystal holders. Honor guests alternated at the silver service.

Past presidents are: Mrs. J. T. Williams, Mrs. Baxter Gatlin, Mrs. J. E. Chambers, Mrs. Julia Keathley, Mrs. Virgil Keathley, Mrs. Lynn Wilson, Mrs. Johnnie McClure, Mrs. Jim Bill Gatlin, Mrs. Boss Mitchell, Mrs. Odell Moudy, Mrs. O. J. Ferguson, and Mrs. Eric Caviness. They were presented small crocheted book marks with lettering "DANVILLE W. S. C. S." —Reporter.

## TENTH ANNIVERSARY OBSERVED

In observance of the Tenth Anniversary program of the W. S. C. S., members of the Hartman, Hays Chapel and West Mt. Zion societies were guests of the Clarksville group in a very impressive service held in the chapel of the new Educational building, Thursday, January 4.

Mrs. Leslie E. Bryant had charge of the lesson, assisted by Mrs. Chester Mattox, Mrs. Chas. Haigwood and Mrs. Cabe Edwards. Mrs. Don Hamm gave a most interesting talk on "Stewardship" and Miss Loella Sansing gave a vocal number, "My Task", accompanied at the organ by Mrs. F. R. Michell.

The anniversary service was presided over by Mrs. R. S. Bost, president of the Clarksville society, who gave a short devotional using several verses and prayer in keeping with the theme.

The visiting ladies brought a large cake adorned with eleven candles. Ten represented phases of the W. S. C. S. work whose function and fulfillments were explained in responses given by officers representing the various lines of work as they lit their candles. The eleventh candle, a large one, "to grow on" was lighted by Mrs. Bost, after which the group sang "Happy Birthday."

Following the service the cake was placed on a beautiful table in the ladies' parlor where it was served with coffee and tea to about fifty guests, including 17 visitors, 16 charter members and 5 past presidents. The refreshments were in charge of Mrs. Fletcher Thompson.

At the close of the meeting an  
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## CURRENT NEWS IN ARKANSAS METHODISM

### BENTON COUNTY YOUNG ADULT FELLOWSHIP

The Benton County Young Adult Fellowship met January 4 in the Gentry Methodist Church with C. A. Talpfer in charge of the worship service and Vaughn Pickard presiding over the business session. Miss Hazel Johnson played the organ prelude as the group engaged in meditative worship. This was followed by an impressive accordion solo, "Sweet Hour of Prayer" by Mrs. C. A. Talpfer. Dr. John Sugg sang a solo, "I heard the Voice of Jesus Say."

The principal speaker of the evening was Rev. Alf Eason, pastor of the First Methodist Church Bentonville. Brother Eason stimulated the thinking of the group with questions concerning the three greatest things in the various areas of life, for example, the three greatest wishes, the three greatest books, the three greatest character traits, the three greatest institutions, etc. The answers from the group indicated unanimously a deep interest in human and spiritual values.

The group enjoyed the gracious hospitality of the church in the delicious refreshments served and the friendliness of the host pastor, Rev. Brady Cook and his sister, Irene.—H. W. Jinske, Reporter.

### DEATH OF REV. R. A. ROBERTSON

Robert A. Robertson was born near Mountain Home, Arkansas, on February 7, 1870, and departed this life on January 3, 1951, age 80 years, 10 months and 26 days. He was married to Miss Nora Jeffery of Mt. Olive, Arkansas, October 6, 1892. To this union were born eleven children, four of whom preceded him in death. Besides his wife, he is survived by four daughters: Mrs. Orilla Douthit, Briscoe, Texas, Mrs. Eula Hogue, Pettie, Texas, Mrs. Leila Anderson, Niles, Michigan, and Mrs. Elsie Thornton, Conway, Arkansas; and three sons: W. K. Robertson, Cheyenne, Wyoming, David D. and Waymon Robertson, Gary, Indiana, all of whom were present at the time of his passing; also 18 grandchildren and 21 great-grandchildren, and a host of relatives and friends to mourn his passing.

Brother Robertson entered the ministry of the Methodist Church in 1895, and served as pastor of many churches in Arkansas. He was retired as a superannuate minister in 1943, and has made his home in Gassville, Arkansas, since that time, where he has devoted his life to his church and was ever ready to render services to others.

Brother Robertson was an inspiration to all with whom he came in contact, and in his passing we all lose a friend and Heaven is brightened by his being there.

Funeral services were held at the Gassville Methodist Church, January 5, 1951, at 3:30 p. m. Rev. Lee Anderson, pastor of the Gassville Methodist Church, officiated at the service, assisted by Rev. D. W. Stark, pastor of Mountain Home Baptist Church, Rev. B. L. Wilford, pastor, Salem Methodist Church, Rev. Everett W. Faulkner, pastor,

### TRIBUTE TO REV. W. T. HOPKINS

On December 29, 1950, Rev. William Thomas Hopkins passed on to his reward. Like St. Paul, he was a citizen of two places, Heaven and earth, and for a long time he had been looking forward to the time when he would depart and be with Jesus.

He was born at Star City March 3, 1874, and was the fourth child of Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Hopkins. Brother Hopkins was reared in a Christian home and brought up in the Church. Like Samuel he was dedicated at its altar and the church became a vital part of his life. He loved it and trusted it and gave his life to it.

In 1911 he became a local preacher and served in that capacity for four years. In 1915 he joined the Little Rock Annual Conference and was assigned to the Tomberlin Charge. The following years of his ministry he served Bryant, Hermitage, Monticello, Montrose, Roe, Carthage and Doddridge Circuits. He was serving Doddridge when he retired in 1935.

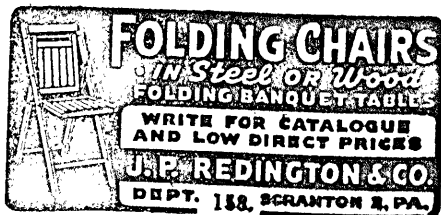
Upon retiring from the ministry he moved with his family to 4706 West 12th Street, Little Rock, and became an active worker, leader and associate pastor of Highland Methodist Church. Brother Hopkins did not retire from the church when he retired from the conference. He was as loyal and devoted to the church as was the pastor. He attended every service, day and night, and assisted in all Communion services and many of the other services of the church.

No greater preacher and saint has ever walked the earth. He was loved dearly by the church and all who knew him. He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Minnie Heflin Hopkins, three sons, Floyd, Veo and Raymond Hopkins, all of Little Rock; one daughter, Mrs. D. A. Lambert, Camden; two sisters, Mrs. J. M. Heflin, Gould, and Mrs. J. D. Bailey, Star City. Also seven grandchildren survive.

The Highland Church has sustained a great loss and we join his lovely family in grieving in his passing.—W. L. Arnold.

Cotter Methodist Church, and Rev. S. B. Wilford, district superintendent of the Batesville District. Other ministers who were at the service were: Rev. J. Clarence Wilcox, pastor, Mountain Home Methodist Church; Rev. Charles Sherman, retired Methodist minister, Mountain Home; Rev. Milton R. Lark, retired Methodist minister, Cotter; and Rev. Claude Crigler, Cotter Baptist Church.—Betty J. Letzig.

When a speech is boiled down it isn't so dry.—Banking.



### FOREMAN METHODIST CHURCH NEWS

The annual Christmas program, presented by the Foreman Methodist Choir, under the direction of Mrs. C. E. Key, was well received by a large attendance at the 11 o'clock service, December 24.

The program was presented as follows:

Prelude, Christmas Carols; Processional, "O Come All Yet Faithful"; Mary's Song, Wanger, Judy Callans; "O Holy Night", Adolph Adam, Choir; Invocation; A Dream of the Holy City, John Martin, Rev. Howard Williams; The Dark Silent Town, Lorenz, Amanda Black; Sleep, My Jesu, J. C. Bartlett, Amanda Black; Offertory, Christmas Fantasy, Kohlmann; The Christmas Story, William Stickles, Mrs. Etheridge Hill; In Bethlehem, Rev. Howard Williams; Sweet Little Jesus Boy, Mona McGuyre; Benediction, "Joy To The World", Choir and Congregation.

The Foreman Church, under the leadership of Rev. Howard Williams, is showing much progress.—Mrs. Jas. McGuyre.

### HENDRIX COLLEGE NEWS

Tom DuPree of England has been elected senator of the sophomore class to fill a vacancy occasioned by the withdrawal of Sophomore President John Stroud of Little Rock. After Stroud left last week to join the Air Force, his office was automatically occupied by Arthur Sears of Hot Springs, who was elected class senator last spring. As new class senator, Dupree will represent the sophomores in the Student Senate, campus governing body.

The son of Mr. and Mrs. James Otis DuPree of England, DuPree has had an active part in intramural sports during his year and a half at Hendrix. He is a member of the Senate Men's Intramural Committee, representing his dormitory floor. He is also a member of the Booster Club and the Senate Men's Initiation Committee. He is the brother of Jim DuPree, student body president.

**Withdrawal Regulations Announced**  
Hendrix students whose work is interrupted by entrance into military service will be allowed to withdraw from school without penalty.  
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**I. On the Local Church Level**

1. The Station-Circuit Cooperative program in which a central church and the outlying rural church work together in the meeting of all their common needs.
2. The Larger Parish Program in which a parish is expanded to include enough churches to meet the financial needs of their program.
3. The Group Ministry Program in which a number of churches self-supporting or otherwise, work together in common fellowship and service.
4. Establishment of district areas for the promotion of fellowship and service. (In some cases may be the same as group ministry.)

**II. District Level**

1. District Town and Country Commission organized to direct the work throughout the district in setting up the four local church programs outlined in above paragraph.

**III. The Conference Level**

1. The Conference Town and Country Commission organized for the purpose of:
  1. Coordinating and relating work of Board and Agencies throughout the Conference.
  2. Advisory Council in the matter of setting up and carrying on of special mission projects.
  3. Active sponsor and director of demonstration circuits as "A Conference Cooperative Parish."

**IV. A Six Point Sane and Sensible Finance Program.**

1. Attendance and Offering of Every Member Every Sunday.
  1. The offering is received in Sunday School Class session.
  2. An annual envelope is given with his name on it.
  3. The record of his attendance and gifts is recorded each Sunday.
  4. The teacher hands out the envelope at the beginning of the class session.

5. Each student places his offering in the envelope and the teacher or class secretary takes the envelope to the general secretary.
6. The general secretary takes the offering and records it in the general secretary-treasurer book. (As individuals or as a class.)
7. The envelopes are sent back to the class and are kept by the teacher or the class secretary.
8. The total general offering for all classes is recorded on the board in the Sanctuary.
2. The public offering is taken in the church Worship Service. (This will allow those not in Sunday School and visitors to have a part in the worship of giving.)
3. Special offerings will be taken as necessary and requested by the Conference when there is not sufficient funds in the budget to take care of them or when it is wise to take them for the cultivation in and the promotion of the causes of the church.

4. The finance committee of the Official Board or the Board of Stewards will call on those who are members of the church but who are not able to attend the services in order that all may be given the privilege of sharing in the financial support of the church.
5. The finance committee will keep in correspondence with non-resident members to see that they are kept in the fellowship of the church and allow them the privilege of supporting their church though absent. Members who have made a permanent change in residence will be urged to transfer their membership in order that they might not be lost to active attendance and support of the church.

6. The Tithing and Offering Scriptural Mode of giving the ultimate goal for all church members.

**"TO GIVE IS TO LIVE—LET US THEN GIVE GENEROUSLY AND LIVE ABUNDANTLY."**

**A Great Week End On The Maynard Charge**

In spite of inclement weather there was a fine attendance at the Christian Life Conference at Maynard last week-end. The hospitality of the Parmenters was warm and gracious. A splendid new parsonage has been built since Brother Parmenter moved to this charge. A new roof has been put on the Maynard church. The Middlebrook church has been painted out side and inside. Youth groups have been organized at two of the churches and are doing splendidly. A unit of the W. S. C. S. will soon be organized at Middlebrook. Brother Parmenter is giving fine leadership to these fine people on this charge. His is the sacrificial and loyal spirit. The writer looks forward to leading in an evangelistic campaign here in February under the direction of the Conference Board of Evangelism and the district superintendent.—J. Albert Gatlin.

**LITTLE ROCK CONFERENCE TREASURER'S REPORT**

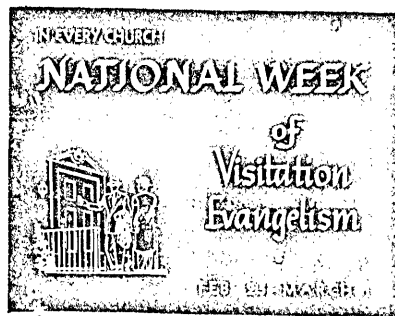
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Newton's Chapel	7.00	44.00	100.00	50.00
Selma	5.00	10.00	10.00	37.00
Tillar	12.00	72.50	120.00	81.50
Winchester	7.00	19.00	17.00	25.00
Total	31.00	145.50	147.00	193.50
WARREN				
Warren	38.50	308.00	66.67	275.00
Martins Chapel	7.00	30.00	60.00	37.50
Total	45.50	338.00	126.67	312.50
WATSON-KELSO				
Arkansas City				
Kelso	3.50			25.00
Watson	9.00	58.00		66.00
Total	12.50	58.00		91.00
WILMAR CT.				
Andrews Chapel	3.00	20.00	5.00	25.00
Mt. Pleasant	3.00	22.50		25.00
Rock Springs				10.00
Wilmar	2.75	15.00		20.25
Total	8.75	57.50	5.00	70.25
WILMOT CHARGE				
Millers Chapel	2.50	10.50		20.00
Wilmot	21.00	132.00	200.00	185.00
Total	23.50	142.50	200.00	205.00
RHODES CHAPEL				
Rhodes Chapel			73.00	
UNION			22.42	
DISTRICT TOTALS	\$ 673.34	\$4238.12	\$4402.73	\$2765.92
MINIMUM SALARY—PASTOR:				
Crossett \$25.00, Fordyce \$10.50, Hamburg \$44.00, Monticello \$35.06, Parkdale \$12.00, Cornersville \$5.00, Newton Chapel \$13.00, Winchester \$4.00, Martin's Chapel \$4.00, Miller's Chapel \$1.50, Wilmot \$12.00.				
TOTAL				\$ 166.06
MINIMUM SALARY—CHURCH:				
Crossett \$50.00, Dermott \$26.64, Dumas \$90.00, Fordyce \$83.00, Hamburg \$80.00, Faustina \$2.00, Hampton \$10.00, Harrell \$6.00, Lake Village \$40.02, McGehee \$45.00, Monticello \$50.00, Parksdale \$25.00, Montrose \$12.00, Portland \$21.00, Star City \$15.00, Newton Chapel \$8.00, Selma \$6.00, Tillar \$13.00, Winchester \$8.00, Warren \$44.00, Martin's Chapel \$4.00, Millers Chapel \$3.00, Wilmot \$24.00.				
TOTAL				\$ 665.66
GENERAL ADMINISTRATION AND JURISDICTIONAL CONF. EXPENSE FUND:				
Crossett \$42.50, Dermott \$15.00, Green Hill \$3.00, Lacey \$2.00, Prairie Chapel \$3.00, Valley \$2.00, Dumas \$60.00, Fordyce \$50.00, Hickory Grove \$1.25, Pine Hill \$1.00, Faustina \$1.25, Hermitage \$2.00, Ingalls \$1.00, Jersey \$2.00, Palestine \$2.00, Huttig \$15.00, Kingsland \$2.25, Lake Village \$20.04, McGehee \$27.50, Monticello \$42.00, Good Hope \$2.00, New Edinburg \$3.00, Wagon \$2.00, Parkdale \$3.00, Montrose \$7.50, Portland \$10.00, Strong \$5.00, Stony Point \$25c, Temperance Hill \$2.00, Thornton \$1.25, Newton Chapel \$6.00, Selma \$3.00, Winchester \$6.00, Warren \$38.88, Martin's Chapel \$2.00, Kelso \$1.25, Mt. Pleasant \$2.00, Wilmar \$4.00, Wilmot \$10.00, Union \$5.00.				
TOTAL				\$ 408.92
ADVANCE FOR CHRIST OFFERINGS:				
Dermott \$73.32, Eudora \$15.25, Fordyce \$250.00, Strong \$37.50, Andrews Chapel \$5.00.				
TOTAL				\$ 381.07
AREA FUND:				
Crossett \$7.50, Dermott \$4.00, Harrell \$2.00, Kingsland \$25c, Lake Village \$5.04, McGehee \$10.00, Monticello \$8.00, Montrose \$1.00, Portland \$5.00, Strong \$2.00, Warren \$15.00, Martin's Chapel \$1.00, Dumas \$10.00, Fordyce \$10.00.				
TOTAL				\$ 80.79
WESLEY FOUNDATION OFFERINGS:				
Crossett \$100.00, Green Hill \$3.00, Lacey \$2.00, Prairie Chapel \$3.00, Valley \$1.00, Dumas \$75.00, Lake Village \$50.00, Monticello \$100.00, Cornersville \$10.00, Mt. Home \$5.00, Stony Point \$25c, Winchester \$10.00, Faustina \$1.25.				
TOTAL				\$ 360.50
WORLD-WIDE COMMUNION OFFERING:				
Eudora \$13.85, Fordyce \$9.35, Harrell \$6.00, Huttig \$30.00, McGehee \$22.68, Parkdale \$21.00, Portland \$19.55, Cornersville \$8.47, Star City \$15.00, Strong \$26.25, Thornton \$6.00, Selma \$5.00, Tillar \$17.00, Winchester \$8.00, Warren \$21.04, Martin's Chapel \$5.00, Wilmot \$14.00, Rhodes Chapel \$5.00.				
TOTAL				\$ 253.19
GRAND TOTAL				\$18,991.81

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The man who planted a tree at 90 was a man of vision. We should plant creative ideas, words, dreams in the minds of others that our lives may go on in them, bigger and finer than we ever dared to be.—Wilgerd A. Peterson, Hoover Sphere, hm, Hoover Ball & Bearing Company.

A boy is a bank where you may deposit your most precious treasures—the hard-won wisdom, the dreams for a better world. A boy can guard and protect these, and perhaps invest them wisely and win a profit—a larger one than you have ever dreamed of.—Lowville (N. Y.) Leader.



**"WE CALL UPON OUR PEOPLE"**

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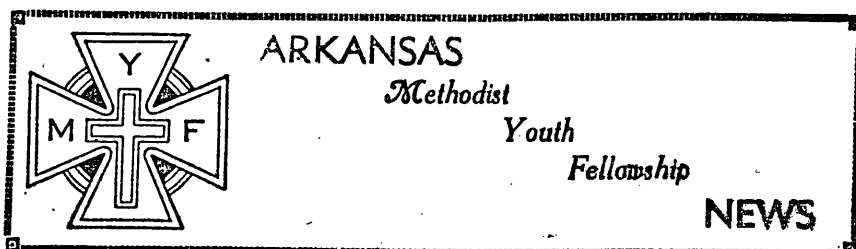
We call upon our people during the Week of Dedication to kneel at our altars and dedicate themselves to our living Redeemer whom they know, and to give themselves to the task of knocking at the doors in their communities during the National Week of Visitation Evangelism to tell about Christ and His Church. We call upon our churches to let the Week of Dedication be the beginning of an evangelistic period to continue weekly until Easter, March 25, 1951.

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### MISSISSIPPI COUNTY SUB-DISTRICT

The Mississippi County Sub-District met Monday evening, January 8th at the Blytheville First Methodist Church, with Yabro, Luxora, Dell, Osecola and Blytheville Churches represented.

Jimmie Gossett, president, presided at the business session. The Sub-District voted to film a motion picture of Jesus' life. Rev. E. H. Hall, pastor of Dell Church, will do the filming. Each church will make a study of one of the four Gospels of the Bible during the next two months, and submit an outline of scenes to be filmed to the Council. Committees will be appointed and plans worked out for the actual filming.

The next Sub-District and Council meeting will be held at Luxora.

Recreation was led by Dan Edwards. Refreshments, consisting of sandwiches, potato chips, cookies, and bottled drinks, were served.

The worship service began with a girls' vocal trio, Jan Dickinson, Kay Smith, and Billie Holmes. The Blytheville M. Y. F. presented "A Night Shall Pass". The meeting closed with the M. Y. F. benediction.—Patsy Cone, Osceola, Reporter.

### YOUTH'S PART IN MISSIONS

The Methodist Youth Fellowship will be taking a fresh look at the needs of the world during January, Missions Emphasis Month. Jesus saw the world's needs in the needs of the people around him. He saw the discouraged and sad; he cheered them. He befriended the unfriendly and the friendless. He showed the sinful a better way to live. He saw a world that was sick because men were strangers; he taught them to love each other as brothers.

We, the youth of today, can continue this ministry to those in need through Christian missions. Missions transform life and give new hope by providing spiritual uplift as well as food, medicine, shelter, clothing, and supplies to needy and suffering peoples. Youth can help by giving generously to the Methodist Youth Fund, which works at home and in many parts of the world, to World Service which ministers to others through eleven churchwide agencies, and to the Methodist Committee for Overseas Relief, which is trying to meet the needs in war-torn countries. Through our gifts of money we can be magicians! We can help change pictures of sick and homeless people into pictures of people who have a new look in their eyes, a spring in their step, a lilt in their hearts because someone cared enough to sacrifice. What we take for granted they need desperately!

Missions represent the combined efforts of Christians everywhere in striving to make Christ and His principles supreme in all areas of human life—social, economic, and religious. To those who say these ideals are impossible we reply in the words of an old philosopher,

### YELL COUNTY SUB-DISTRICT M. Y. F. MEETS AT DANVILLE

The Yell County Sub-District Methodist Youth Fellowship met at Danville Methodist Church with the Danville M. Y. F. as host. About sixty young people from Belleville, Berta, Centerville, Plainview and Danville, were present. Danville won the attendance banner.

At the business meeting, the group worked towards having at least one share in the building of a new Methodist Church in Ahmendabadm Gugurat, India. A share will cost \$50.00. After the business, conducted by the president, Miss Marilyn Nunn, a period of recreation and fellowship was enjoyed. The meeting with the Danville M. Y. F. presented a very inspirational worship service in the form of a drama. The theme was "Days To Come."

The next meeting of the Sub-District will be February 12 and the group will meet with the Ola M. Y. F. at Ola Church. A Youth Fellowship Team from Hendrix College will be present.—Reporter.

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

The Buffalo Island Sub-District M. Y. F. met at Lake City Methodist Church, Monday night, December 18. A worship program was presented centered around the traditional Christmas theme.

The business session was presided over by Audrey McKisson, president. The banner was presented to Caraway. These churches were represented: Black Oak, Caraway, Lake City, Manila, Monette, and St. John.

The district rally at First Church, Jonesboro, on February 26, was discussed by the group. All youths from the Sub-District were urged to attend. A resolution was adopted that each local M. Y. F. send at least seventy-five per cent of its enrollment to the rally.

The next meeting will be at Lakeview Methodist Church, January 15.—Lura Wheeler, Reporter.

### M. Y. F. GIVES CHURCH NEON CROSS

The M. Y. F. of the Lavaca Methodist Church presented the church with a Neon-lighted cross which has been placed on top of the church steeple. It was dedicated to the many boys of the community who gave their lives in World War II.

The dedication service was on December 24 when Mickey Graham, M. Y. F. president, presented the cross to Rev. C. L. Martin, who received it on behalf of the church.—Robert Spencer.

which are true if one has a vital faith in God: "The only difference between the difficult and the impossible is that the impossible takes a little longer."—Wanda Brewer, Little Rock Conference Chairman, Missions and World Affairs.

### MEETING OF BATESVILLE SUB-DISTRICT

An impressive worship program led by Dobbs Franks was the highlight of the evening when the Batesville Sub-District met at the Hazel Memorial Methodist Church in Newark.

There were 63 present from the following churches: Central Avenue, First Church, Bethesda, Cushman, Moorefield, Newark, and Evening Shade.

The business meeting was presided over by Bobby Leonard and Sara Shanks led in recreation. Refreshments were served by the Newark M. Y. F.

The February meeting will be held at Central Avenue.—Carol Ottinger.

### JONESBORO AREA SUB-DISTRICT

The Jonesboro Area Sub-District Methodist Youth Fellowship met at the Bay Methodist Church on Monday night, January 1, with Bay Church in charge of the program.

Margie Stone, president, presided over the business meeting. Fisher Street had the largest number with 18 present.

Recreation was held in the gymnasium and refreshments were served.—June Coleman, Reporter.

### HENDRIX COLLEGE NEWS

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tary service will receive at least partial credit provided they have attended half or more of the semester that is interrupted, according to Dean W. C. Butthman.

Under regulations adopted by the college's policy and curriculum committee, Hendrix students will receive half credit in a lump sum for work with a C grade or better provided they have attended through the ninth week of the 18-week term. Full credit will be given for work with a C grade or better if a student has attended through the

12th week of the term.

A senior withdrawing in the semester in which he would otherwise complete all requirements for graduation will be granted his degree if he has attended through at least the 12th week with at least a C on all required work, Dean Butthman said.

Hendrix students entering military service during World War II received partial or whole credit under similar regulations.

### Coach Grove Attends Meeting

Coach Ivan H. Grove was in Dallas, Texas, last week for annual meetings of the National College Athletic Association and the American Football Coaches Association.

### Community Chest Plans

The Students Senate is working on plans for the 1951 Campus Kitty, as the Hendrix community chest is known. The drive will be conducted in February, Jim DuPree, president of the student body, announced.

The campus service organizations, Cardinal Key, Blue Key, and Alpha Phi Omega, will be asked to help with the drive under the direction of the Senate.

As plans stand now about seven relief organizations will receive contributions from the kitty, and the apportionment will be based on the average contributions to the individual organizations in the past years. The Red Cross, Cancer Drive, March of Dimes, Heart Drive, Tuberculosis Drive, World Student Service, and Christian Rural Overseas Program will receive donations.

The community chest program was inaugurated by last year's Senate.—Cynthia Brown.

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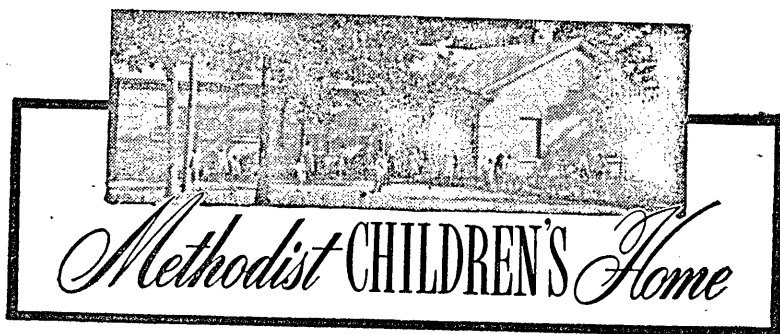
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This was a wonderful Christmas at the Methodist Children's Home, marred only by the illness of our superintendent, who, we are happy to report, is slowly improving.

The children received more gifts than ever this year. Many of them were practical and useful gifts, such as clothing, yet there were plenty of toys and all the other gifts that delight children at Christmastime. There were also many gifts for the Home, including linens and supplies of all kinds. Showers of foods and canned goods helped to fill our pantry shelves.

Every child in the Home had the privilege of visiting somewhere for a little while during the holidays. Friends of the Home from all over the state wrote, inviting a child to visit them during the holidays. Ten of our children visited in the homes of members of First Methodist Church, Jonesboro. Twelve other children were entertained in the homes of members of Fairview Church, Camden. One and all came home telling of the wonderful time they had.

We are listing below the gifts which were received during the holiday season, and we wish to express our sincere thanks to all our many friends over the state for their wonderful gifts and for their kindness to our children:

Children's Division, Harrisburg, candy, toys, and fruit; Junior Department, Grand Avenue Church, Hot Springs, miscellaneous gifts for the Home; C. E. McSwain, Jr., Little Rock, box of bubble gum; Wesleyan Service Guild, Paris, clothing; W. S. C. S., Central Church, Rogers, miscellaneous gifts; Children's Division, Clinton Church, miscellaneous gifts; Pocahontas W. S. C. S., gifts for each child; Intermediate Department, Eighth Grade Class, Central Church, Fayetteville, gifts; Finnegan's Drug Store, Little Rock, box of candy for each house-mother and ice cream for all the children;

Schallhorn Hardware Co., DeWitt, three scooters; Mr. Grady Forgy, Little Rock, carol books; Searcy Methodist Church, toys; Lake Village Methodist Church, toys and gifts; Benton Wesleyan Service Guild, gifts; Men's Bible Class, Gardner Memorial Church, North Little Rock, a punching bag; Walnut Grove Church, fruit and candy; Primary Department, Waldron Church, gifts; Salada W. S. C. S., a quilt; Magnet Cove Church, miscellaneous gifts; Mrs. James M. Bell, Dover, gifts; Senior M. Y. F., First Church, Blytheville, miscellaneous gifts; Luxora Church, clothing, canned foods, and miscellaneous gifts; Junior Department, No. 2, First Church, Hope, miscellaneous gifts; Ladies Sunday School Class, Berryville, Christmas cards; Young Ladies Circle, Wheatley, miscellaneous gifts; Couples Class, Sheridan, gifts and toys; M. Y. F. Piggott, miscellaneous gifts; Vannale W. S. C. S., miscellaneous gifts;

Intermediate Department, Blytheville, box of candy bars; Mr. Fred Longstreth, Little Rock, six boxes of Christmas cards; Siloam Springs W. S. C. S., barrel of canned goods and \$8 in cash; Jamestown W. S. C. S., a quilt; Junior and Primary Department, Danville, clothing, canned goods, and gifts; Morrilton W. S. C. S., canned goods and gifts for the children; Ladies Bible Class, Vantage Church, El Dorado, two quilts; Primary Department, First Church, Newport, two scrap books; Lydian Sunday School Class, First Church, Fort Smith, gifts for each child; M. Y. F. Pleasant Grove, Jonesboro, miscellaneous gifts for the Home; Berean Sunday School Class, Paris, 4 boxes of canned goods; Mr. and Mrs. Leland Henderson, Paris, 2 boxes of canned goods; Mrs. Goss, North Little Rock, clothing; Mrs. Frank Smith, Little Rock, a victrola;

Susanna Wesley Class, Asbury, gifts for all children in one building; Faulkner County M. Y. F., gifts for each child; Intermediate Department, First Church, Conway, gift for each child; Morrilton Wesleyan Service Guild, gift for each child; Wake Forest Home Demonstration Club, Fordyce, miscellaneous gifts; Gentry Sunday School, scrap books; Mrs. C. L. Grayson, Heth, Arkansas, tea towels; Ever-

Ready Bible Class, Jackson Street Church, Magnolia, towels and wash cloths; Young People's Department, Altheimer, gifts for the children; Circle No. 2, Washington Avenue Church, North Little Rock, pillow cases; W. S. C. S. and Business Women's Circle, Washington Avenue Church, gifts for the children; Dyer Methodist Church, clothing and two quilts; Watson W. S. C. S., oranges, apples, and candy; Mrs. Cloe Moore, Lavaca, a quilt; W. S. C. S., Grand Avenue Church, Hot Springs, linens and miscellaneous gifts for the Home;

Primary Department, First Church, El Dorado, gifts for the children; Mrs. O. D. Barris, Stuttgart, a record; Builders Class, Paris, clothing; Mrs. L. L. Russell, Fordyce, clothing; Wesleyan Service Guild, Crawfordville, miscellaneous gifts; W. S. C. S., Harrisburg, books, puzzles, and candy; Manning W. S. C. S., Dairark Circuit, candy, cookies, and toys; Mills Class, Hunter Church, Little Rock, sheets, towels, table cloths; Top Hat Club, Little Rock Senior High School, Dixie cups and cookies and a punching bag for the boys; Forrest City W. S. C. S., gifts for each child; Farmington W. S. C. S., miscellaneous gifts; Hunter Church, Hunter, Arkansas, canned goods, candy, and miscellaneous gifts; Mrs. Hazel Byrd, Jerome, big box of home-made cookies; Rogers Methodist Church, canned goods, fruit, and cookies; Stebbins and Roberts Co., Little Rock, gifts for each child; E. R. Russell, Little

Rock, pot of poinsettias; Levy Young People's Department, skating party and gift for each child; Carthage W. S. C. S., gifts for the Home; Lonoke W. S. C. S., gifts for a child and a child's record player; Grenade Chapel Church, Ozark, Primary Class, gifts; Circle No. 3, Fordyce, a quilt; Wesleyan Service Guild, Earle Methodist Church, gifts for each child; Liberty Church, Louann Charge, two beautiful blankets; Mrs. J. E. Baugh and Mrs. H. C. Huffman, DeQueen, box of candy; Mr. M. J. Pruniski, North Little Rock, nuts, oranges, and candy; Cotton Plant W. S. C. S., gifts for children; Children's Division, Atkins Church, toys;

Young People's Class, Dover, candy and nuts; Robert Moore Class, Asbury Church, Little Rock, records and a radio; Heber Springs Church, candy; John I. Hogue, Alexander, canned foods; Harvester's Class, Fort Smith, gift for a child; Forest Park Church, Little Rock, candy and fruit; Mena Methodist Church, shower of canned foods and potatoes; Eureka Springs Children's Division and W. S. C. S., toys and gifts; Harry's Bakery, Little Rock, rolls and doughnuts; Martin's Chapel, Warren, canned goods; Class 3, Intermediate Department, Paris, candy and nuts; Dumas Methodist Church, canned goods, candy and apples; Ladies Bible Class, Beebe, canned goods and miscellaneous gifts for the Home; Mrs. H. J. Dickerson, Beebe, a quilt; Mrs. Hugh Garrett and Mrs. J. D. Kinley, Beebe, a satin comfort; Mrs. C. L. Walker, RFD, Camden, a quilt, clothing, fruit, and candy; Ozark Methodist Church, 8 boxes of canned foods; Beech Grove Church, canned foods; Primary and Kindergarten Departments, DeQueen, story books; First Methodist Church, North Little Rock, Circle 2, Junior rocking chair; First Church, Jonesboro, record player.—MILDREN CANNON

Life is like a road, and however the miles ahead may promise new and exciting vistas, the past is experience on which we have road

## WHAT IS MAN?

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nal purpose for His creation. What a great sin when the ability of men is wasted on the destructive forces of life. Think of the worthwhile skills and ability that goes into liquor, gambling, and the other vices that invade our lives and the lives of our children and then you begin to get a picture of the waste of God's gifts. Think of the power that could be brought to bear if men would not sin against their right to rule over God's creation. This is not for just those who have been invested with the power of civil authority but each man, woman, boy and girl.

Man's dignity is dependent upon God in His creation. Man is dependent upon God to maintain that dignity. Let man drift from God and the depths to which he can sink is beyond our wildest imagination. In our companionship with God we find our deepest joy and satisfaction and the fulfillment of the possibilities that we have been created with.

"O Lord, our Lord,  
How glorious is thy name in all  
the earth."

—R. B.

maps and designs for living.—Tool Engineer.

## JONESBORO HOSTS TO CHILDREN FROM METHODIST HOME

Ten youngsters from the Methodist Home for Children at Little Rock were guests of the First Methodist Church in Jonesboro during Christmas week. Rev. Mouzon Mann, pastor of Oak Forest Methodist Church, Little Rock, accompanied them to Jonesboro, arriving at five o'clock Sunday afternoon. J. S. M. Cannon, superintendent of the Home, was ill and could not make the trip.

The children, whose ages range from six to eleven years, were presented to the congregation Sunday evening during the Christmas service and the annual offering for the Children's Home was received. A few personal gifts were presented to the children at that time, from Mr. and Mrs. Leon Thornley, Mr. and Mrs. Eric Rogers, Sr., Mr. and Mrs. S. B. Bailey.

Families who were to entertain

them were called to the altar to meet the children and to take them to their homes after the service. Names of the children, and homes where they were entertained are as follows:

Ronnie Merritt, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Barkley; Glenn Milum, Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Johnston; Arthur Merritt, Mr. and Mrs. Homer Momany; Worthington; James Milum, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Briggs; Jessie Mae Baker, Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Dickason. Jeanette South, Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Robinson; Geraldine Simpson, Mr. and Mrs. William Gill; Mary Ruth Merritt, Judge and Mrs. Foster Clarke; Spencer Stallings, Mr. and Mrs. O. E. Lee.

Monday afternoon the children were entertained at the country home of Mr. and Mrs. D. J. Steinsiek, riding the Shetland ponies, which was a great treat for them,

most of whom had never ridden a horse before.

The Poinsett County Sub-District Youth group, George Weaver, president, presented the children with an electric record player and they were invited to Radio Station KBTM where a recording of each child's voice was made, with the group singing "Silent Night" at the close. This record will be taken home with them. Powell Burges, owner of "The Inn" on East Nettleton Road, served dinner to the entire group Tuesday at 5:00 p. m.

Other activities filled their lives and helped bring great joy to them during Christmas week.

"Such an experience has brought the real spirit of Christmas into the homes which they have gone and into the hearts of the entire church membership," Rev. John McCormack, pastor said.



Rev. John McCormack is shown presenting Christmas gifts to ten children from the Methodist Children's Home who spent Christmas with families in Jonesboro. Left to right, they are Ronnie Merrill, Glenn Milum, Arthur Merritt, Mary Ruth Merritt, Geraldine Simpson, Jeanette South, Jessie Mae Baker, Don McCaskill, James Milum and Spencer Stallings immediately behind Brother McCormack.

## The Sunday School Lesson

By REV. H. O. BOLIN

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### HOW DOES GOD'S KINGDOM COME?

LESSON FOR JANUARY 28, 1951

READ THE ENTIRE LESSON FROM YOUR BIBLE:  
Mark 3:13 through 4:34.

GOLDEN TEXT: "The earth produces of itself, first the blade, then the ear, then the full grain in the ear." (Mark 4:28)



#### A Look At The Scripture

Our Scripture today begins with the calling of the twelve. It will be noted that all of these men were Galileans except Judas Iscariot, and he alone among the twelve turned out bad. There is no connection, however, between his failure as an apostle and the fact that he was not a Galilean. For the most part these men were fishermen, and there is nothing strange about that. They all lived near the lake of Galilee and the chief occupation of the people of that region was fishing.

Jesus called these men to be his constant companions. They were to travel with him and witness his works and hear his teachings. No doubt, Christ was thinking of the fact that they would have to carry on his work when he was gone. He gave them power to heal diseases and cast out demons.

The next paragraph of the lesson tells of the fact that Jesus was misunderstood by all. His friends and relatives thought that he was beside himself. They thought his zeal had unbalanced his mind. His enemies accused him of being possessed by Beelzebub, the prince of the demons. They argued that it was through the power of this being that he was able to cast out demons. This brought from Jesus his famous statement concerning Satan being divided against himself. He argued that such procedure would bring Satan's kingdom to an end. This argument was unanswerable. Jesus contended that to attribute to Beelzebub the power to cast out demons which was really being done by the Holy Spirit working through him was to blaspheme against the Holy Spirit. Such an attitude would finally so spiritually blind them that they would lose all sense of moral values. Religiously speaking they would call black, white and white, black. Such condition would lead to the unpardonable sin, for should they start out to seek God they would go in the wrong direction.

The next paragraph tells how the mother and brothers of Jesus came seeking him. When the information was brought to him, he used it as a means of setting forth a great truth. He broadened the family circle. All who hear and do the will of God are his close relatives. In the Kingdom, God is the Father of all and all belong to one great family.

In the fourth chapter of our lesson text we find the Lord again at the sea of Galilee. The crowd is so large that the people are thronging him. He got in a boat, had it pushed out a bit from the shore and there taught the people. The teaching on this occasion consisted of several parables. This was the first time

Christ ever used parables as a means of teaching. He had used parabolic illustrations—such for example as "The fields are white to the harvest," etc., but this was his first use of parables as a vehicle for imparting truth. A parable has been defined as an earthy story with a heavenly meaning. Christ drew these stories from objects all about him and from all walks and activities of life. This was a simple, while at the same time a profound, method of teaching. The material lesson was easily grasped by all his hearers, but it took considerable meditation to grasp the spiritual lesson illustrated by it. This method of presenting truth has kept the teachings of Jesus fresh and vital down through the centuries.

All the parables of the lesson have to do with the Kingdom of God. We have here the parable of the sower, the seed, and the soils. Jesus himself explained this parable. Then there is the parable of the lamp which is bought not to be placed under a bushel measure but to be placed on a stand so its light might shine. So it shall be with the lives of his disciples. The next parable has to do with both God and man's part in procuring a harvest. A man plants his seed and then goes about his business. The seed silently germinates and grows. God sees to that. The last parable of the lesson is that of the mustard seed. This seed is small indeed but it grows to a great plant. It is said that the mustard plant in the East grows almost into a tree. The lesson is the fact that though a thing may have a small beginning it can grow to be big. The Kingdom of God is like that. It began with Christ and twelve men, one of whom went bad, but today the Church has a membership of six hundred million souls.

#### What Is The Kingdom of God?

Jesus had more to say about the Kingdom of God than of any other subject. He, like John the Baptist, began his ministry by calling people to repentance in order that they might enter the Kingdom. When he began teaching in parables, they had to do with this all-important subject. He gave reasons for his coming to this earth. He came to seek and save the lost; he came that people might have the abundant life, etc., but all reasons for his coming were summed up in his idea of the Kingdom of God. Membership in the Kingdom of God meant salvation, it also meant the abundant life. According to Jesus membership in this Kingdom was so important that man could well afford to make any kind of sacrifice in order to enter it. If his right eye stood in his way of entrance, he must pluck it out; if his right hand stood in the way, he must cut it

off. It is better to enter this Kingdom halt and maimed than to fail to do so, and that regardless of what other blessings a person might have. This is the treasure hidden in the field and the pearl of great price.

A close study of the teachings concerning the Kingdom of God shows that there are many paradoxes which on the surface look almost like contradictions. For example, the Kingdom is said to already be here and yet it is spoken of as coming; it is inside of us and it is outside of us; it is in the world and yet it is not of the world; it comes by the efforts of Spirit-filled people and yet it is a gift of God.

At further study, however, these apparent contradictions fade away. For example, The Kingdom is here and it is also coming. It is here in the lives of all who are living in loving obedience to Christ and in harmonious fellowship with their fellowman. It is in people of this type and it is also outside of them. That is, it governs their relationships with each other. It is coming in the sense of spreading to other individuals and controlling their inner lives and outward relationships. It is in this world to the extent that it operates here in the world. The will of God is to be done on earth as it is in heaven. It is not of the world because it is a heavenly Kingdom. Jesus said to Pilate, "My Kingdom is not of this world." The Kingdom comes through the efforts of Christian people, but it does not come through their efforts alone. It is a matter of God and man working together to bring about the Kingdom. Jesus said, "Fear not, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom." God gives his children the Kingdom but it is through their efforts in working with him.

#### The Seed

This is one of Christ's greatest parables concerning the Kingdom. It is well that he explained just what it means.

Christ tells us that the seed spoken of here is the Word of God. God's Word reveals his thought and his will. In the beginning of the Gospel of John Christ himself is spoken of as the Word. "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God." Thought of in this way the Word of God is a living thing just as the seed is a living thing. The seed planted in the soil germinates and produces life, and the type of life produced is determined by the nature of the seed. So it is with the Word of God; it produces life of the spiritual or heavenly type.

The type of seed is very important. One reaps what he sows. Tares, or weeds can be sown as well as wheat. Back in the 1880's a little bearded man spent a lot of his time in study and writing in the British Museum. No one took much notice of him, but Karl Marx was busy sowing seed. Those seeds germinated and grown into modern Communism is the number one threat of the world today.

#### The Sower

While here in the flesh Christ spoke of himself as the sower. He carefully trained others to continue the work after he was gone. They, in turn, became the sowers. Now, the faithful Christians of this age are the sowers. These sowers consist of parents, teachers, and preachers. Our time for sowing is very limited—thirty minutes of teaching

in the class session and thirty minutes of preaching in the sanctuary, each week. How careful we should be about the type of seed we sow and the preparation we make for efficient sowing!

#### The Soil

The chief lesson of the parable is in the soils. We call this the parable of the sower, but it should be called the parable of the soils.

There are four types of soil mentioned here. First, we have the beaten path soil, or the wayside hearer. This is the type of individual whose mind is so preoccupied with the things of this world that though he hears what is being said his mind does not receive it; it makes no lasting impression on him. The rocky ground soil represents the individual who is living a superficial life. He lives a shallow life. He lives so fast he never stops to think things out. He rushes from one thrill to another. He does not sit down and count the cost. He hears the word and receives it gladly. He joins the church. But presently something happens that he does not like and he drops out. He has no real depth of character. The next type of soil or thorny ground hearer has considerable depth of character. He has done some thinking. He knows what he wants in life. His trouble is he is trying to carry water on both shoulders; he is trying to serve both God and Mammon. He lets the material things of this life—cares and riches—get the best of him. His spiritual life is strangled. As bees sometimes become drowned in their own honey, this individual has become drowned in his many possessions. The last type of soil is designated as "good ground". The seed falls into this soil and brings forth fruit.

One can see clearly from this parable that one of the chief tasks of life is that of making ground productive. The same kind of seeds were sown on all four types of soil. The trouble was not with the seeds. It was with the soil. What can be done about it?

The answer is not far to seek. The most responsive soil that one can find is that of children and young people. Christ realized this fact. That is why he was always bringing children to the front; putting them in the midst; lauding them as being the greatest in the Kingdom of God. This thought should weigh heavily upon the minds of parents, teachers, and preachers. They simply cannot afford to miss this their opportunity; that of dealing with minds yet in the plastic state. We poke fun at parents for sending their children to Sunday school. It is a shame that they do not come along with them, but it is better to send them than not to have them there at all. Many parents miss the boat by letting their children grow up in ignorance of the spiritual values of life. Many of them, when they have grown older, if they hear at all will turn out to be one of the three types who heard but did not bring forth fruit.

#### From Small To Great

The parable of the mustard seed is also very helpful. Jesus is saying here, "The Kingdom of God has a small beginning but it will grow large." This growth is going on from age to age. More and more people are finding their way into the Kingdom of God.

A dime is a dollar with all the taxes taken out.—Mag Digest.