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## Strange Bedfellows

WE frequently hear the expression, "Politics makes strange bedfellows." What is said of politics may be said with emphasis about war. In the second World War the United States, with its allies, joined forces with Russia in a war against the Axis powers. For years before that we had even refused to have diplomatic relations with Russia.

Now, in looking for allies for a threatened war with Russia and her satellites, "no holds are barred." We are now ready to join forces with West Germany, Japan and Italy, enemies in the last war, to fight Russia. We warm up to Spain that for years has not been considered worthy of a place in the family of nations. We give financial aid to Tito, a dictator of a Communist nation, expecting his cooperation in return.

This is not a criticism of our national leaders or our national policy in this respect. One does not generally take time to investigate the moral character of an individual who offers to help him when he is in the midst of a fight with a gang of thugs. We are simply calling attention here to the fact that war "makes strange bedfellows."

## First Circulation Campaign Report

PUBLISHED on page 8 of this issue of the Arkansas Methodist is the first report of the current Annual Arkansas Methodist Circulation Campaign. This report includes all reports from charges through noon, Saturday, January 20.

With the exception of a few charges from which a few single subscriptions were sent in by individuals, a total of two-hundred and fifty-nine charges made reports through the first week of the campaign. Of the charges reporting more than two-thirds either reached or exceeded their quotas of one subscriber for each seven active members. A considerable number of those charges reporting indicated that other subscriptions would be sent soon as follow-up work in the campaign continues. Approximately one hundred and fifty-four charges have not as yet made reports but most of these, we believe, will make their first reports this week so that the report to be published next week will include reports from practically every charge in the state.

The report shows a total number of subscribers, new, renewal and those not due, of twelve thousand, six hundred seventeen. The Conway District exceeded its quota the first week, with several other Districts having comparatively high percentages of their quota. As usual there are several exceptionally good reports among the charges.

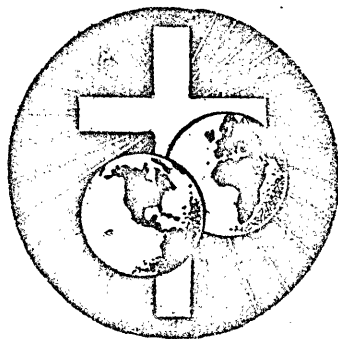
In analyzing the reports to date the total this year is approximately the same as last year with a dozen or so less charges reporting to date. A slightly higher percentage of charges reporting have either reached or exceeded their quota as compared to last year. This could very well point to a final total greater than that of any previous year. This will depend of course largely on the character of reports from charges yet to report and the extent of follow-up work being done. Reports to date show that ten of the districts show increases over last year while four districts show decreases.

The second report to be published next week will include all subscriptions received to date and through Saturday noon, January 27.

## The Christian Church For Today's Troubled World

THE Christian church has had a vital message and mission for the people of every generation since Christ was born in Bethlehem. However, we can easily believe that no generation in the Christian era has needed more the help the Christian gospel offers than the disturbed, disillusioned people of today.

No idea attempting to capture the minds of men today is more important than the doctrine of the Fatherhood of God and the brotherhood of man. There is no agency on earth that can teach that idea so effectively today as the Christian church. Any other agency attempting to promote this ideal now is more or less under suspicion as to its real motives.



Since a common Fatherhood and a world brotherhood have been cardinal doctrines of the Christian church since its origin, it is free now to give the weight of its power to teaching this truth without arousing suspicion as to its motives.

There are more agencies of one character or another today professing to be working for world peace than at any time in world history. Despite this fact, we seem to be moving irresistibly toward the bluff overhanging the abyss of total war. This is true, in part, because practically every agency professing to be working for peace is under suspicion on one side of the world or the other. For centuries past, world peace has been an objective traditionally sought by the Christian church. It is providential that it can, now continue to work, even with increased vigor, for that objective without its motives being questioned.

In our troubled world the church not only has a general, world-wide obligation, it has a mission also to minister to perplexed, confused individuals by the millions who will find real help nowhere outside the church. Only faith in God, and faith in the message committed to the church can bring a sense of real security to individuals in our insecure world.

It is crises like the present that bring to Christian people an unexcelled opportunity to prove the reality and value of the Christian religion. There should be in the lives of Christian people evidence of a balance, poise and peace in times of testing that are lacking in the lives of people who live for only one world. By such an attitude we may hear effective witness for Christ and the church.

## On Guard

THE Arkansas Legislature in its biennial session has within its membership a goodly number of men deserving of complete confidence of those citizens who have the interests of righteousness and the well-being of others at heart. These are the men who are not swayed by the pressure tactics of selfish interests which are always on the alert to better their position.

Arkansas dries will do well to be on guard for either of two developments which biennially make their bid for support. First, there is the ever present attempt by wet interests to weaken the local option laws under which local option elections are held; and second, there is the usual attempt by revenue conscious legislators to "put the state in the liquor business" by having state owned wholesale and retail stores. Either of these two measures are usually sponsored and supported by legislators who do not have the interests of a sober society at heart.

Churchmen should keep their eyes open for any move in either direction just mentioned and be quick to recognize such a move for what it really is—a means to a wetter state.

## Radio And Film Commission To Meet Great Need

JESUS was never content to confine His ministry to the synagogues or the temple. The ministry of Jesus was a living demonstration of His teachings, "Go out into the highways and hedges and compel them to come in."

The work of The Radio and Film Commission of The Methodist Church is one of the very effective ways adopted by our church to extend its ministry, both within and beyond the walls of its places of worship. National radio programs reaching millions of non-church goers, as well as millions of our church people, are a part of the work of this Commission. It faces also the staggering opportunities now offered and to be offered by television.

Since "seeing is believing," possibly the most significant, modern movement of Methodism is found in the plan to provide the church with a series of motion pictures, comparable to the best, which will teach the history and ideals of The Methodist Church and the Christian religion.

The Radio and Film Commission has as Member Agencies the Council of Bishops, the Council of Secretaries, the Woman's Division of Christian Service and every General Board and Commission of our church. The membership of the Commission itself is composed of outstanding Methodist leaders across the nation.

The Radio and Film Commission is especially fortunate to have as Special Representative Bishop Charles C. Selecman of Dallas, Texas, well-known and much loved former Bishop of our area. No man available could bring to this work qualities of character, training and native ability that would better fit him for leadership in the job to be done than are possessed by Bishop Selecman.

One of the immediate objectives of the Commission, under the leadership of Bishop Selecman, is the producing of a motion picture of the life and ministry of John Wesley. In producing such a picture we may be sure that the Commission will be satisfied with nothing but the best. It is hoped that the film may be completed in time to show it at the opening of the General Conference in 1952. The Methodist Church should give to Bishop Selecman any aid he needs in the important work he is undertaking.

# City Pastor's Council Meets

By DR. JAMES W. WORKMAN

(At the request of the Editors of the "Arkansas Methodist" Dr. James W. Workman, pastor of the First Methodist Church, North Little Rock, prepared the following article concerning the City Pastors' Council held recently in Dallas, Texas. Dr. Workman and Dr. Fred Roebuck, pastor of the First Methodist Church, Fort Smith, were on the program of the council meeting. Several Arkansas ministers attended the meeting.)

ONE hundred and fifty city pastors of the South Central Jurisdiction met in Dallas, Texas, January 3-4, under the sponsorship of the Department of City Work, Division of Home Missions and Church Extension of the Methodist Church. Dr. Alva R. Hutchinson, Superintendent, Department of City Work, presided at all sessions. Resource persons were Bishops Charles C. Selecman, Hiram A. Boaz, and William C. Martin, and Rev. Bernard R. Hatch and Dr. Frederick A. Shippey of the General Board.



Dr. James T. Carlyon of Dallas opened the council with an address on, "The Witness of the Christian Church."

Areas of church work discussed were under eight general panel discussions. Dr. Warren Johnston presided at the opening panel on "The Pastoral Ministry." He said that not many of us can do great preaching, but our aim is to do helpful preaching. The pastor's personal preparation, and his ministry to the sick, troubled, and perplexed, to the aged, transients and students was discussed by S.M.U. Chaplain George C. Baker, Jr., Rev. Nuell C. Crain, Oklahoma City, Rev. Finis A. Crutchfield, Norman, Oklahoma. The pastor must keep saturated with the "raw book"—the Bible itself. His preaching must be sincerely enthusiastic if it is to reach the hearts of men. His "rod and staff" must still comfort with no satisfactory substitute from "my staff" in the city church. Several re-

freshing stories of patent medicine punctuated the panel.

Dr. Shippey, Dr. A. W. Martin, and Rev. Paul H. Tripp of Bartlesville, Oklahoma, led panel II, on the place of research and survey as an aid to city ministers.

Developing a Christian strategy in the downtown church was discussed by Dr. Bascom Watts of Tulsa and Dr. John Hoon of Oklahoma City.

Rev. Edwin C. Calhoun of San Antonio led the panel on The Second Phase of the Advance for Christ. Dr. Hutchinson spoke on Indian Work, and Dr. Hatch spoke on Mission project strategy. Dr. J. Clyde Keegan of Casper, Wyoming, outlined his problems in a Western Jurisdiction District, where he is the only member of the Bishop's Cabinet.

The Council Members were guests of the General Board at a banquet at which Bishop Selecman, Bishop Martin and Bishop Boaz spoke. The Lutheran film "Like A Mighty Army" was shown with a unanimously favorable response. Dr. Robert Goodrich, Dallas, thrilled the meeting with a statement of his television weekly 15 minute program "The Pastor Calls."

Dr. Virgil Alexander of Ardmore, Oklahoma, led a panel on Local Church Activities in Evangelism, Radio, Visual Aids, and Techniques for Reaching the Unreached. Dr. Erwin Bohmfalk of Ft. Worth and Rev. Fred Roebuck, of Ft. Smith took part in the panel. Dr. Roebuck emphasized that each city should have one good weekly radio program representing the denomination to the radio congregation.

"Staffing the Local Church" was discussed by Rev. G. Lemuel Fenn of Tulsa, Rev. Earl N. Dorff of Oklahoma City, Rev. Alfred H. Freeman, of Wichita Falls, Rev. H. Vanderpool of Baton Rouge, La., and Dr. Lance Webb of Dallas.

The District Board of Missions as a means of cooperation in a city mission program was discussed by Rev. W. Harrison Baker, Dallas, Presiding, and Rev. John S. Rice of Terrell, Texas, Dr. Bascom Watts, Tulsa, Dr. H. L. Johns,

New Orleans, and Rev. Woor Patrick of Austin. Dr. Johns gave requested information that the majority of New Orleans religious preference was Protestant.

"New Ways of Doing Old Jobs" was the theme of the omnibus panel presided over by Dr. James W. Workman, North Little Rock, Ark. Various phases of local church ministering were presented in five-minute briefs by Rev. J. Daniel Barron of Dallas, Rev. Dana Dawson, Jr., New Orleans, Rev. Durwood Fleming, Houston, Rev. Earl M. Jones, Sulphur Springs, Texas, Rev. J. Chess Lovern, San Antonio, Rev. Harry V. Rankin, Bryan, Texas, Rev. Thomas S. Shipp, Dallas, Rev. B. C. Taylor, New Orleans, Rev. Ewart G. Watts, El Paso, Rev. Virgil Morris, Alexandria, La., and Rev. Eugene Slater, Amarillo.

Themes in the discussion were penmanship evangelism, young married couples, new church organization and assimilation of new members, rebuilding old churches, music, community services, alcoholics, brotherhoods, enlisting and sending candidates into the Christian ministry, church publicity, and evangelism.

Bishop Charles C. Selecman emphasized helpful preaching, interest in persons, and visual aids. Bishop William C. Martin challenged the pastors with the primacy of the ministry and stewardship in the pastoral charge.

Dr. Edmund Heinsohn closed the council with a stirring address on the strategy of our ministry in the world's hour of trial, as the strategy of faith in God, following Christ and adventuring the frontiers of world need with the conviction, devotion and dedication of the Christian way. No substitute for the Christian way can be made without heaping up more tragedy upon tragedy.

The closing communion service was led by Chaplain Baker and Bishop Selecman in First Church chapel.

The General Board Staff team went to Los Angeles for the next council meeting, then to Portland, Oregon, and finally to Albany, New York, to conclude the series.

## Evangelism Board Expands Program

**S**PURRED on by 1950 accomplishments and sensing a growing mass movement in Christian evangelism, the Methodist General Board of Evangelism will sponsor 20 major revivals throughout the nation this year.

Action to expand its evangelistic campaign was taken by the board at its annual meeting January 9-10-11 in Denver, Colorado. Bishop Ralph S. Cushman of St. Paul, Minn., board president, presided at the meeting, held at Trinity Methodist Church.

Called United Evangelistic Missions, the revivals will be organized on a metropolitan or state-wide basis. Requiring months of preliminary effort, the united missions feature personal visitation by lay and clergy groups and one week of intensive local church preaching, climaxed by huge mass meetings. Pulpits are filled on a district-wide exchange basis, or by topflight ministers from other states.

The board accepted invitations to hold such missions during the next 15 months in Pittsburgh, New York City, Louisville, Atlanta, Denver, West Virginia, Houston, Dallas, Fort Worth, Detroit, St. Paul, Washington, D. C., Los Angeles, San Francisco, Portland, Ore., New Hampshire, and Jackson, Mich.

In addition, a special mission will be conducted in Cuba February 1-10 by 50 American ministers, traveling at their own expense.

Expansion of the program follows the success of eight such missions held last fall which netted 45,339 new members, including 25,523 on profession of faith. Attracting an estimated total attendance of 778,000 persons, the missions were conducted in the Peninsula (Delaware) Conference, Kansas-Nebraska Area, Syracuse Area,

Baltimore, Des Moines Area, Binghamton, Wyoming, Arizona State and East St. Louis, Ill.

"If we will match the zeal of atheistic Communism with mass prayer, personal visitation and organized church effort, we will see the most successful mass movement for Christianity our nation has ever witnessed," said Dr. Harry Denman, executive secretary of the board.

Enthusiasm of board members perhaps was best expressed by Dr. J. W. Golden, head of the board's Department of Negro Work: "I'm glad to see my white brethren all 'fired up' about this matter of evangelism . . . ordinarily you take things too calmly."

"We have learned how to effectively win commitments to Christ," said Bishop Cushman. But he added this word of caution: "We must follow through by thoroughly assimilating new members at the local church level, giving each one a great deal of personal attention and guidance."

It was announced that the church gained 776,886 new members in 1949-50, the best two-year record in Methodism's history. Board members expressed the hope of still achieving the 1948-52 general church goal of two million new members.

An added feature of the meeting was a three-night series of special preaching sponsored by Denver churches. Sharing the pulpit for these services were Bishops Cushman, W. Angie Smith of Oklahoma City, and Gerald Kennedy of Portland, Ore.

Highlights of annual reports and committee action were as follows:

The church's nearly nine million members were requested to "pray daily for peace."

The board pledged its cooperation to Bishop Paul B. Kern, Nashville, who outlined plans for the church-wide Week of Dedication February 18-25.

The board voiced approval of a new television program, "America for Christ, Inc." sponsored by laymen and to be launched March 5 over the American Broadcasting Company TV network. The board voted to create an advisory committee and assign a staff member to work in the interest of the program.

The Department of Personal and Visitation Evangelism reported that 750 men are being trained to direct district campaigns of home visitation, and that approximately 400,000 laymen will "knock on doors" during the National Week of Visitation Evangelism February 25-March 1.

Substantial gains in circulation were reported for two board publications, *The Upper Room* and *Tidings*.

The Department of Public Evangelism announced that a special series of transcribed programs will be made available to radio stations for use during National Family Week, and also a series for Holy Week broadcast.

Twenty "Work Camps of Evangelism" will be sponsored throughout the country in conjunction with the National Conference of Methodist Youth.

A six-step guide for the assimilation of new church members was announced by the Department of Spiritual Life.

The board approved the building committee's plan for financing the cost of the new national headquarters, now under construction, at Nashville, Tenn.

# THE DEVOTIONAL PAGE

REV. ROY I. BAGLEY, Editor

## FROM THE BOOKSHELF

America is nominally a Christian nation. . . .

The average citizen, when asked for a definition of his beliefs, rarely ventures to cite his church's catechism or its creed or confession. He would be puzzled to explain its hymns. He often knows less about the Bible than he does of Shakespeare or the latest edition of "Reader's Digest". . . .

The Christianity of Main Street has, in fact, become a kind of Christianity without theology, one which does not repudiate the name of God, but which has basically little to do with Him. . . .

Moralism has replaced revelation as the key to Christianity's meaning. . . .

At the center of the Christian religion stands a person as well as a sermon, who embodied in his biography the ideals which he taught.

Democracy is the political version of Christianity's ideal of brotherliness. . . .

There is still a call for the emotional motive-power which church worship and fellowship can provide. . . .

It will be the argument of this book that our Christianity of ideals lives under a tragic illusion, resembling a technological civilization which turns its energies to perfecting light switches upon walls, but neglects the generators in its power plants.

From *THE CHRISTIANITY OF MAIN STREET* by Theodore O. Wedel

## EXCUSES, EXCUSES!

Read Exodus 3:1-4:17 for the good list of excuses Moses used when God first called him.

"Who am I, to go to Pharaoh and bring the Israelites out of Egypt?" (Exodus 3:11) . . .

"But," said Moses to God, "in case . . ." (3:13)

"But suppose they will not believe me," answered Moses . . . (4:1)

" . . . but I am slow of speech and slow of tongue. (4:10)

Have you ever heard yourself saying, "I can't because . . ." ? If you haven't, you're remarkable! If you have, has your reason been honest? The willingness to excuse ourselves is the cause of a multitude of our problems.

Have you ever heard about "Walt" Shroeder, the Kansas boy who played on a basketball team making eleven points in one game with his left hand because he had to hold a crutch in his right—after having lost a leg.

The outstanding pitcher for an Ohio high school baseball team was Emory Moyes. After having infantile paralysis he pitched his team to seventeen wins in a row and an average of eight strikeouts per game—from a sitting down position.

Beethoven wrote his "Ninth Symphony" when stone deaf.

Dr. Louis Pasteur was so nearsighted that his own laboratory was a maze to him without his glasses.

## The Brave of Earth

**S**TRONG with the shining shield of their high purpose,  
Brave with the silver armor of their prayer,  
We see them face the day, their unseen crosses  
Almost too heavy for their hearts to bear.  
Yet uncomplainingly they live the hours,  
And patiently they face the lengthening years,  
With none but God, himself, to know their heart-break,  
And none but God to mark their unshed tears.

The hurt of earth! How ably they dissemble!  
They bear with courage grief they never tell:  
Self-conquerors they go, the strong, the valiant,  
The brave, who smile and say that all is well.  
When all awards for courage have been given,  
Surely the highest will be theirs in Heaven.

GRACE NOLL CROWELL



## A Question That Demands An Answer

Who may sojourn in thy pavilion, O Lord?  
Who may dwell upon thy holy hill?

**T**HIS question brings to our mind a permanent dwelling, not just a temporary arrangement. This Psalmist searches for something that does not change with the changing of the wind and he feels that he has found it in the character of the man who loves God and strives to be a friend of God's. He turns to answer his own question and in his answer we find the help that we need.

In his description he declares that the man who walks blamelessly, and does right is the man who has answered the first prerequisite to dwelling in God's tabernacle. This man will strive to walk in a way so that his neighbors will know that there is a reality in the faith he professes. What a mountain of meaning is wrapped up in these few words, "and does right." The right is not always the easy way to do, it may not be the way that will bring the praises of great numbers of people, but it is the way that leads to deep abiding security and peace in the human heart. This man's religion is not just in outward manifestation; but, he

And we cannot forget that great woman, Helen Keller, who without hearing or sight graduated with honors from Radcliffe College.

Now what's your excuse? Is it honest?—Power.

"speaks truth from the heart". There is no hypocrisy about his character. These virtues spring from the depths of a heart that has fixed its affection upon God. This principle has been the guiding light of all great saints in generations past. Jesus said, "I am truth" and in that statement we find the guiding spirit for our lives. The Psalmist had not had the blessing of Jesus, but he did keep pressing for a deeper answer.

There is an obligation upon the man, "Who will dwell in the pavilion of the Lord," to his neighbors. The righteousness that pleases God is the righteousness that seeks a happy and wholesome relationship between men. May we argue that this man's neighbor was of his own tribe and did not include anyone else. A closer study will show a wider sympathy. There is a growth of social consciousness that rests with the friend of God. Our religion must meet our fellows upon the plane of their living and stand the tests of those who do not love God. The man who will live with God is the man who has a proper evaluation of character. This is easier said than done. We are prone to judge character merely from the external and fail to seek the hidden possibilities. God's children do not participate in the things that the wicked do; but, they strive to lead

## JESUS AND SINNERS

When he was yet a great way off, his father saw him, and had compassion, and ran, and fell on his neck, and kissed him. And the son said, Father, I have sinned against heaven, and in thy sight . . .

Read St. Luke 15:11-32

The genuine Christian is quite as virtuous as the Pharisee, but unconscious of it.

He is quite as genial and sympathetic as the good sport, but he keeps his own standards high. In relation with any sinner he forgets self and thinks of the sinner primarily as a potential saint. He is not so much concerned with the sinner's past as what he, by God's help, can make of himself in the future. And all this the sinner instinctively and gratefully feels. Because a Christian's goodness is natural and unstudied, it becomes contagious; and because he sees what is best in the sinner and believes in it, the sinner begins to believe in himself and in his possibilities. Thus the companionship between Christian and sinner becomes creative—good calling out good.

So our vocation is to achieve, in our own small measure, that supreme combination we see in Christ—inflexible devotion to righteousness and unwearied devotion to sinners.

Only so can that righteousness and those sinners be brought into fruitful contact. Only so can that contact be creative. By being true to our best self and yet forgetting our best self in the service of others, we can share in the redemptive work of our Lord.—Forward.

the wicked from their wicked ways.

A quality of life found in the man who dwells in the tabernacle of the Lord is steadfastness. Hear the Psalmist as he declares, "He swears to his own hurt and does not retract." To stand for the truth may not be the popular thing to do but God's friend will stand fast in the truth that he is convinced of. There is not any "wabbling" to this man's life. His eye is on a goal that he must press toward. There is a very practical aspect to this man's faith and that is, he is fair in his business dealings. The modern idea that there is a different "god" ruling the business world is the terrible mistake that is causing some of the breakdown in our world. A "shady business deal" is as tortuous as what we have called hypocrisy in the church.

So this is the picture of the man who will dwell in the Lord's pavilion. The Psalmist closes with one statement that we must not miss, "He who does such things will never be moved." Here is the stability that we seek. Here is the answer to the question we started with, the only answer that can be satisfactory.—R. B.

Evil is a fact not to be explained away, but to be accepted; and accepted, not to be endured but conquered. It is a challenge neither to our reason nor to our patience, but to our courage. — John Haynes Holmes, clergyman.



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## METHODISTS TO STRESS WORK OF LOCAL CHURCH

By Religious News Service

CINCINNATI—More emphasis will be placed by Methodist leaders on the work of the local church in the period from 1952 to 1956, it was indicated at national denominational meetings here.

No new large financial drives will likely be undertaken during the period, it also was disclosed.

Methodist officials pointed out that the co-operation of the whole Church was called into play during a special crusade from 1944 to 1948 and now in the Church's Advance for Christ and His Church from 1948 to 1952. Some denominational leaders have felt that the local church has been somewhat neglected, they said.

Among matters considered as great challenges to American Methodists is an appeal that is being made for help to The Methodist Church in Korea, and the cause of refugees there.

Another is an appeal for larger per capita giving by Methodists in this country to denominational schools and colleges and particularly to the work of 160 Wesley Foundation units serving students on college and university campuses.

On a national average last year, Methodists gave six cents each to Wesley Foundation work and slightly less than 23 cents each to schools and colleges of the denomination. The Church's National Association of Schools and Colleges is asking that Methodists increase this to 50 cents per capita for the educational institutions and to 15 cents each for Wesley Foundation work.

World needs, and specifically the Korean situation, will be stressed in a denominational Week of Dedication beginning February 18 and ending with a Day of Dedication observance on February 25.

The special appeals and reports were made at sessions of national committees held in connection with meetings of the Council of Secretaries and the Church's Committee of 28.

The latter comprises seven bishops and seven representatives each of the Woman's Division of Christian Service, the General Commission on World Service and Finance and the Council of Secretaries.

The Committee of 28 elected Bishop Clare Purcell of Birmingham, Ala., as its chairman, and Charles A. Jones of Columbus, O., secretary. Overall subject discussed by the Committee of 28 was the 1952 General Conference of the Church to be held in San Francisco.

## BOSTON UNIVERSITY GETS NEW PRESIDENT

BOSTON—Dr. Harold C. Case, pastor of First Methodist church, Pasadena, Cal., was unanimously elected president of Boston University at a meeting of the Board of Trustees here.

He will succeed Dr. Daniel L. Marsh, who

## NEWS AND NOTES ABOUT FACTS AND FOLKS

THE sympathy of friends goes to Rev. J. A. Wade, pastor of the Fountain Hill Methodist Church, Hot Springs, in the death of his wife on Monday, January 15.

REV. JESSE L. LEONARD, retired member of the Little Rock Conference, is serving as chaplain of the Senate during the 58th General Assembly. Brother Leonard has served as a minister for thirty-six years.

THE DELL METHODIST CHURCH was dedicated on Sunday, January 21, at the eleven o'clock hour by Bishop Paul E. Martin. A reception honoring Bishop and Mrs. Martin was given at the church at 2:30 in the afternoon.

REV. AND MRS. FRANK M. STAGE, Wheatley, announce the birth of a daughter, Pamela Annette, born January 14th, at the Methodist Hospital, Memphis, Tennessee. Brother Stage is pastor of The Methodist Church, Wheatley.

REV. AND MRS. E. D. GALLOWAY, Hope, announce that an Open House will be held at the new Hope District Parsonage, Tuesday, January 30, 2:30-5:30 in the afternoon and 7:00-10:00 in the evening. Brother Galloway is the District Superintendent, Hope District. All friends are invited to attend.

THE ARKANSAS CLUB has been organized at Perkins School of Theology, Southern Methodist University, composed of the thirty-eight ministers from the Little Rock and North Arkansas Conferences who are attending the School of Theology. The organization has elected the following officers: President, W. L. Diggs of Jonesboro; Vice-president, John Workman, North Little Rock and Secretary-Treasurer, Delbert Remaley, Springdale.

BISHOP PAUL N. GARBER, assigned to Europe, will assume full episcopal supervision of the Richmond, Virginia, area of the Methodist Church, effective February 15, at the request of Bishop W. W. Peele, who asked to be relieved because of ill health. Bishop Peele, 69, was elected bishop in 1938. He will be eligible for retirement at the 1952 session of the Southeastern Jurisdictional Conference. A native of Virginia and former dean of the Duke University Divinity School, Bishop Garber was elected to the Methodist episcopacy in 1944 and assigned to the Geneva, Switzerland, area. His association with Bishop Peele will extend through the present quadrennium, and he will continue to administer the Geneva area.

DR. DAWSON C. BRYAN, associate secretary of the Methodist Church's General Board of Evangelism, Nashville, Tenn., will resign that post March 1 to become co-pastor of the First Methodist Church at Houston, Texas. His appointment was announced by Bishop A. Frank Smith of the Houston Area. The Houston church is the largest in Methodism, numbering over 8,000 members. Dr. Bryan will share the ministry of Dr. W. Kenneth Pope. Before his election to the General Board in 1948, Dr. Bryan was pastor for ten years of St. Paul's Methodist Church in Houston. As head of the Department of Personal and Visitation Evangelism, Dr. Bryan has worked with churches and lay groups throughout the country. Under his guidance 8,-

will retire as president Feb. 1 after 25 years in the post. Dr. Marsh will remain in an advisory capacity as chancellor of the university.

Dr. Case, 48 years old, was graduated from Baker University at Baldwin, Kan., with the degree of Doctor of Divinity in 1923. He also studied at Harvard and Northwestern Universities and received a degree in Sacred Theology from Boston University.

He has lectured in more than 100 colleges and universities.

Boston University is the largest Methodist church-related college, comprising 16 separate schools with a total enrollment exceeding 30,000.

382 Methodist pastors have been trained in the local church aspects of this field, 600 of them serving as district directors. Dr. Bryan's successor will be announced later by the Board's executive committee.

## DEDICATION CEREMONIES AT SOUTHERN METHODIST UNIVERSITY

Dedication ceremonies for the \$3,500,000 Perkins School of Theology Quadrangle at Southern Methodist University will be held February 8, Dr. Eugene B. Hawk, Dean of the school, has announced.

The event, set during annual Ministers' Week at SMU, will draw a record attendance of Methodist churchmen from all parts of the United States. The dedication will climax a three-day program, Feb. 5-8, which also will include the first official Homecoming for alumni and ex-students of the Perkins School of Theology. President E. C. Colwell of the University of Chicago will deliver the dedicatory address on February 8th.

SMU officials believe that the ceremonies dedicating the quadrangle to the training of Christian workers will mark the first time that an entire, separate plant for a theology school has been completed at one time. Named after Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Perkins of Wichita Falls, principal donors to the school and long-time benefactors of SMU, the quadrangle contains seven buildings: Kirby Hall, for classrooms and offices; the Perkins Chapel; the Bridwell Library; the E. B. Hawk and the Paul E. Martin Apartments for married students; and the S. B. Perkins and A. Frank Smith dormitories for single students.

Speakers for the annual Ministers' Week series of lectures at SMU will be Dr. Nels F. S. Ferre of the School of Religion of Vanderbilt University; Dr. Harold A. Bosley of Evanston, Ill.; and Dean Clarence T. Craig of Drew Theological Seminary.

## GOOD NEWS

The New Year brings good news for the Advance. In spite of wars, our people continue their support of the far-flung lines of the Church. Cash receipts for Advance Specials for December, 1950, were more than one-quarter of a million dollars. This lifts the total amount actually received last General Conference from Advance specials and Week of Dedication offerings to a grand total of \$8,101,743.00. In some conferences, almost one hundred percent of the churches have Advance Specials in some amount, and the response from all Conferences has been considerable and encouraging. If we continue as we are going, we will contribute more toward the benevolence causes of the Church during this quadrennium than we contributed during the last quadrennium, which is the goal set by the General Conference. The needs are overwhelming, but it is encouraging to know that a responsive Church resolutely faces its task.—Bishop Costen J. Harrell, Chairman of Advance Giving.

## KOREAN MANUSCRIPT SAFE BUT BIBLE HOUSE IN RUINS

To a Methodist preacher, a graduate of Southern University, goes credit for saving from Communist destruction the only copy of the complete manuscript of the Korean Bible revised in the new system of spelling.

The Rev. Young Bin Im, anticipating the destruction of the Bible House in Seoul, of which he was in charge, removed this important manuscript to safety a few days before the building and contents were destroyed.

Plans are now being made so that Mr. Im can take the revised manuscript to Tokyo. There type can be set and a printing completed. Copies could then be sent to New York and London where further editions can be prepared to help meet the heavy demand for Korean Scriptures.

CURRENT RELIGIOUS NEWS BRIEFS

(Selected from Religious News Service Releases)

Anglican Ordinations Increasing

Ordination to the Anglican ministry showed an increase during the 1949-50 ecclesiastical year, according to the Official Year Book of the Church of England. It said that 419 men were ordained deacons during the year, as compared with 362 in the 1948-49 year. In the three previous years, the respective totals were 297, 208, and 158. More than 6,000 candidates for the ministry were registered at the end of the last ecclesiastical year, the yearbook stated, adding that 3,000 have already been selected for training. Gains also were noted in regard to confirmations. The total at the end of the 1949-50 year was 144,132, or 6,385 more than the 137,747 in the preceding year.

Chinese Christians Not Discouraged Says Anglican Yearbook

There is "little sign of despair or discouragement" among Chinese Christians under the new Communist government, the new Year Book of the Church of England declared in a section devoted to the Chung Hut Sheng Kung Hui—native name for the Anglican Church in China. "Churchmen regard the present situation as a challenge to their faith, and some see in it a new opportunity," the yearbook stated. According to the annual, the clause of the new Chinese constitution guaranteeing religious freedom is "observed in most areas, notably in the larger towns," although church life has disappeared in some country districts.

Catholic Priests Barred From Rotary Clubs

Roman Catholic priests may not belong to Rotary clubs or attend their meetings, according to a declaration issued by the Sacred Congregation of the Holy Office. Published in Osservatore Romano, of-

ficial Vatican newspaper, the declaration was issued by the Holy Office in reply to questions submitted to it. The Holy Office also said that laymen should be exhorted to follow canon 684 of the Code of Canon Law. This canon reads: "The faithful should be careful not to belong to secret, condemned, seditious, or suspect associations, or such as try to avoid the legitimate vigilance of the Church." Although no specific mention is made in the canon of any organization, the Holy Office was understood to classify Rotary clubs among the suspect groups from which Catholics are barred by Church discipline.

Episcopal Bishops Ask Ministry To Poor

Quick action on the part of the Protestant Episcopal Church in ministering to people "of the lowest economic means" in urban areas was urged at El Paso by two Episcopal bishops. Addressing the Church's House of Bishops, the Rt. Rev. Norman B. Nash, of Massachusetts, and the Rt. Rev. Wallace E. Conkling, of Chicago, warned that the Church would fail in large cities unless it served all peoples. Bishop Nash said that the Church must realize the meaning of the industrial revolution and its effect on society.

Broadcast On Religion Draws Record Mail

America's Town Meeting of the Air received a record number of unsolicited letter following a broadcast on "Do We Need the Old Time Religion?" An announcement by Town Hall in New York, sponsor of the program, said 16,000 letters had been received. Speakers on the broadcast were Dr. Ralph Sockman of Christ Church (Methodist), New York, and evangelist Billy Graham of Minneapolis. A majority of the letters supported Dr. Graham's plea

for a "re-birth" of religious consciousness throughout the nation—especially in big cities. The second highest response in Town Meeting's 15-year history—11,745 letters—also stemmed from a broadcast on a religious subject. This was the Dec. 7, 1948, program on the question "Is a United Protestant Church Possible Now?"

Churchmen Ask Moral, Spiritual Mobilization

A call for moral and spiritual mobilization in defense of peace with justice and the dignity of the individual was issued by a committee of the National Conference of Christians and Jews. The executive committee of the Conference's Commission on Religious Organizations warned that "those values in our civilization which are now threatened with destruction" cannot be protected "by the force of arms alone." The Commission, which carries on the educational program of the Conference through churches, synagogues, and related organizations, includes 36 Protestant, Roman Catholic and Jewish leaders from all parts of the country.

Supreme Court Voids Ordinance On Religious Meetings

The United States Supreme Court has declared unconstitutional a municipal ordinance of New York City requiring a police permit for a religious meeting to be held in a park or other public place. The Court also ruled that the city council of Havre de Grace, Md., acted illegally in refusing two members of Jehovah's Witnesses permission to use a public park. Decision in the New York case was 8 to 1.

Criticizes Church Members Tolerating Sabbath Violations

American church members who tolerate Sabbath violations were taken to task by a New York lawyer at the 62nd anniversary

meeting at New York of the Lord's Day Alliance of the United States. C. Oliver Moore, a member of the organization's board of managers, called on churchgoers to organize "a phalanx of defense" against those who would "destroy and desecrate the Sabbath Day." Charging that "secularism has wrapped its coils around Sunday," he said it was "tragic" that Protestant churches of the nation had resigned themselves to an attitude of "appeasement" toward the desecrators and exploiters of the Sabbath. The United States, he said, "cannot stay strong without a deep and abiding faith in God as expressed by the proper observance of Sunday."

Korean Protestants Hold Prayer Meetings

Daily prayer meetings for peace were inaugurated by Protestant churches in the United Nations-controlled area of Korea. The prayer meetings were started under the sponsorship of the Association of Korean Churches and will be held every day until January 21. The association announced that the meeting will ask God "to restore peace in our poor country," and "save it from total destruction." Meanwhile, the association called upon church members to "offer a little sacrifice by going without all means" on January 21.

Notorious Devil-Dancer Converted To Christianity

A notorious devil-dancer and medicineman named Thevar has been converted to Christianity, largely through the work of the Salvation Army. In his confession of faith, Thevar referred to his deliverance from the thrall of the Evil One and said he was determined to "serve Jesus Christ at any cost." Prior to his conversion Thevar, now known as the Verghese (George), was involved in a number of incidents which brought harm to individuals and families.



Little Rock Conference Treasurer's Report



For Period June 15, 1950-January 10, 1951

Charge & Church	Bishops Fund	Conference Claimants	Benevolences	4th Sunday Offering	Dist. Supt. Salary	Charge & Church	Bishops Fund	Conference Claimants	Benevolences	4th Sunday Offering	Dist. Supt. Salary
(Continued from last week)											
PINE BLUFF DISTRICT						PINE BLUFF CHURCHES:					
ALMYRA						CARR MEMORIAL	58.00	329.00		440.00	280.00
ALTHEIMER-WABBASEKA	\$ 31.00	\$ 90.00	\$ 105.00		\$ 112.00	FIRST CHURCH	115.50	924.00	2710.00		825.00
Altheimer	24.00	81.00	62.50	62.50	91.00	HAWLEY MEMORIAL	52.50				186.00
Wabbaseka	30.00	81.00	62.50	62.50	91.00	LAKESIDE CHURCH	49.00	100.00	171.74	1106.55	175.00
Total	54.00	162.00	125.00	125.00	182.00	RISON					
BAYOU METO CT.						Rison	14.00				108.00
Bayou Meto						Mt. Carmel					
Brewer	5.00				101.00	ROE CIRCUIT					
Lodges Corner		50.00	50.00	80.00	50.00	Hickory Grove					
Total	5.00	50.00	50.00	80.00	151.00	Hunter					
CARTHAGE CT.						Roe	8.00	16.00		30.00	17.00
Carthage	10.00	40.00			50.00	Shiloh	5.00	15.00		10.00	16.00
Cypress						Ulm	5.00	15.00		31.70	37.00
Tulip	3.00	10.00			5.00	Total	18.00	46.00		71.70	70.00
Total	13.00	50.00		10.00	10.00	ROWELL CIRCUIT					
DeWITT	50.00	50.00		10.00	65.00	Center	2.50	12.50			17.00
ENGLAND	63.00	315.00	520.00		300.00	Mt. Olivet					
GILLET	26.25	180.00	87.50	500.00	225.00	Prosperity	8.75	30.00	12.00	31.00	40.00
GOOD FAITH CT.				100.00	187.50	Union				18.91	
Faith						Wesley Chapel					
Good Faith	35.00	195.00	230.00		243.00	Total	11.25	42.50	12.00	49.91	57.00
GRADY-GOULD						ST. CHARLES CT.					
Grigler						Oak Flats					
Gould	13.00	15.00		25.00	15.00	St. Charles	20.00	50.00			
Grady	16.00	140.00	125.00	30.00	60.00	Pleasant Grove	10.00	60.00	60.00		60.00
Total	29.00	155.00	125.00	105.00	150.00	Total	30.00	110.00	45.00		40.00
HUMPHREY CT.				25.00		SHERIDAN CHARGE			105.00		100.00
Humphrey	31.50	100.00		85.28	100.00	Moore's Chapel					
Sunshine						New Hope	3.50	7.00			
KEO-TOMBERLIN-HUMNOKE						Sheridan	57.00			13.20	12.50
Humnoke	10.00	66.00	65.00		40.00	Total	60.50	7.00		13.20	202.00
Keo	10.00	66.00		59.50	75.00	SHERRILL-TUCKER					
Tomberlin	5.00	38.00		36.00	35.00	Sherrill	32.00	98.00	100.00		93.75
Total	25.00	170.00	65.00	95.50	150.00	Tucker		15.00		14.28	25.00
LEOLA CT.						Redfield					
Clear Creek						Total	32.00	113.00	100.00	16.37	
Hunter's Chapel	3.00	8.00	20.00			FIRST CHURCH—Stuttgart	21.88	175.00	293.75	30.65	118.75
Leola	5.00	28.00	53.50		11.00	GRAND AVENUE—Stuttgart	39.50	315.00	800.00		156.25
Rolla					25.00	SWAN LAKE	24.00	135.00			282.00
Toler						WHITEHALL CIRCUIT				58.00	168.50
Total	8.00	36.00	73.50		36.00	Oak Grove	3.00		18.11	3.16	
LITTLE PRAIRIE CT.						Sulphur Springs	10.00	24.00		26.00	37.00
Camp Shed			23.75		21.25	Whitehall					
DeLuce	5.00	15.00			25.00	Total	13.00	24.00	18.11	29.16	37.00
La Fargue	2.00	7.50		10.00	9.00	GLENDALE	7.00	31.00	20.00		23.00
Prairie Union			26.00	8.96	33.00	DROKE MEMORIAL	2.00	4.00			
Total	7.00	22.50	49.75	18.96	89.25	DISTRICT TOTALS	\$ 925.88	\$4135.00	\$5661.35	\$2838.91	\$4903.75

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# THE CHILDREN'S PAGE

ANNIE WINBURNE, Editor



## IN STORYLAND

### COALS OF FIRE

David Carter sat at his desk, his dark eyes flashing with anger. All the other pupils were watching him, but he didn't care—he was thinking about Ben. As they were marching into the building, Ben had tripped him and caused him to fall into a puddle of mud.

The rest of the afternoon David sat in his classes grumbling to himself. "Now my suit is ruined, all because of Ben. I'll get even with him tomorrow."

As soon as school was out David hurried home to find his father. As he entered the room his father said: "Well, David, how did school go today?"

"Not so well, Daddy. I want to ask you about something."

"All right, son," said Mr. Carter, "what is it now?"

"Today Ben tripped me as we were going into the schoolroom, and I want to know what I can do to get even."

For a long moment Mr. Carter was silent as he watched David's angry face; then he spoke slowly and quietly.

"Would you like to heap coals of fire on his head?"

David smiled and looked at his father in amazement.

"Let me tell you how to do it," said Mr. Carter. Then he drew David close to him and whispered in his ear.

"Well, I might try it, but I don't think it will work," said David.

"You pray about it tonight before you go to bed," said his father.

So David prayed about it, and gradually his anger melted away.

The next morning as they started into the building, David turned and smiled at Ben. Ben looked surprised, but smiled back timidly. All morning Ben had watched David, and each time their eyes met, David smiled and felt happier, but Ben became more and more miserable.

At last the noon hour came. David and Ben both ate their lunch at school as they lived too far away to go home. David was enjoying his lunch, but he noticed that Ben was not eating.

"What is the matter, Ben? Are you sick?" asked David.

"No, I forgot my lunch."

Without a moment's hesitation David said, "Come, share mine. I have plenty for both of us."

He laid a big sandwich on his desk and a nice red apple. "Here, you must have one of mother's cookies, too. They are my favorite."

Ben could hardly swallow the bite of sandwich he put into his mouth. Finally he said, "I am so sorry I tripped you, David. When you smiled at me this morning, I just felt so miserable."

Down deep in his heart David said, "It worked. Daddy said the way to get even with people who treat you mean is to be kind to them." Then he thanked Jesus for teaching him how to heap coals of fire—and to Ben he said, "Let's always be friends."—Edith Gibbs, in The Wesleyan Methodist.



### THE PIGEONS

*The friendly pigeons circle close around  
To eat the food I place upon the ground.*

*They make a pretty sight with feathers neat,  
Rising and flying or walking on dainty feet.*

*How nice to see they have no fear or dread.  
They trust me when I see that they are fed.*

—A.E.W.

## A CHARITABLE HEN

One of our big Rhode Island Red hens seemed so avidly hungry all the time that I decided to watch and see if I could find the trouble.

The chickens have a spacious run in the orchard; plenty of grass, fallen fruit, and a place to scratch to their heart's content. We've just a small flock for home use.

I went out in the orchard to see if I could find, perhaps, that some other chicken was domineering and fighting this hen. But, no; there she was, scratching away, not another chicken near. She'd made a deep hole and worms were popping out every few "scratches," but my hen wasn't eating them; she'd stop as each worm popped out and wait for a robin to take it.

I hadn't noticed the robin; its wing was dragging as if broken. He'd hop into the hole, grab the worm, then hop out again and wait for the next one.

One of the other chickens came up to see what was going on; the big hen fought savagely, ran the chicken off, and went back to digging for the lame robin. Day after day I watched them, and she fed that robin until he was able to fly. How long she'd been doing it, I have no idea. But one day I went out and there she was, feasting on the spoils of her own labors. A robin flitted about her but made no attempt to

## JUST FOR FUN

Trying to rest after an exceedingly hard day, father was beset with an endless stream of unanswerable questions from little Willie.

"What do you do down at the office?" Willie finally asked.

"Nothing!" shouted father in exasperation.

After a thoughtful pause, Willie inquired, "Pop, how do you know when you're through?"

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Two very English Englishmen were in a shipwreck. After swimming near each other for some time, one turned to the other and said, "Pardon me for speaking to you without having been introduced, but could you tell me the nearest way to Southampton?"

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"Gimme a dime's worth of asafetida," said the boy.

The storekeeper tied up the package and the boy said: "Dad wants you to charge it."

"All right—what's the name?"

"Schermerhorn."

"Take it for nothin'," he said, "I ain't going to spell 'asafetida' and

take the worms as she dug them.—  
Our Dumb Animals

## IN THE WORLD OF BOYS AND GIRLS

### GOD IN NATURE

*"Thank you for the world so sweet,  
Thank you for the food we eat,  
Thank you for the birds that sing,  
Thank you, God, for everything."*

Hundreds of children all over the country know and can repeat this little prayer. But how many of you really and truly know what you are thanking God for when you say, "Thank you God, for everything?"

Everything! My, that does mean a lot! That means houses and furniture, sheets and pillows, paper to write on, food we eat, and clothes we wear. Does God really give us these things?

Yes, indeed, and many, many more things just like them. Most of us know that some trees give us things to eat like fruit and nuts, but other trees give us other things, too. All trees have sap in their trunks and branches, but some have a special kind of sap that we use. From some we get rubber, from others turpentine, and others, maple syrup. Then other trees we cut down and saw up to build houses and furniture, and yes, even paper is made from trees. What would we ever do without God's trees?

Perhaps we could live in houses made of brick or stone, but the stone comes out of the ground. What could we use for even such little things as these if it were not for God's creating the ground that is full of riches?

Of course we know that many of the things we eat grow and ripen because God sends sunshine and rain, daytime and night. If it were always sunny or always rainy, if we never had nighttime but always daytime, we could never have the good things to eat that we have today. Even the clothes we wear we would not have if it were not for God's loving care. The wool that comes from the sheep, the llama and the camel is used to make our warm clothes for winter, and our blankets that keep us warm at night. We would have no pretty little cotton dresses or suits if it were not for the cotton plant that grows and flourishes under God's creativeness.

The very pillow that feels so soft and comfortable when we are sick or when we go to bed at night are made from the feathers of geese and ducks—God's birds.

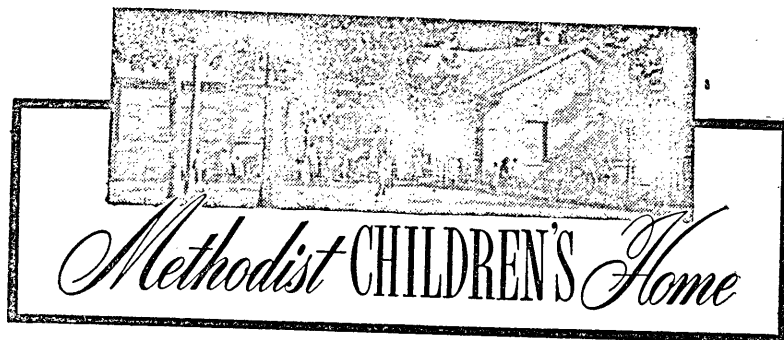
It is well to say "Thank you, God, for everything." We ought to say it, but we ought to think about the "everything" sometimes, too. There are our shoes, pennies and dollar bills. There is the water that comes from the kitchen faucet, and the sugar that sweetens our tea. All these and many, many more are given to us by God. So let us say once more, "Thank you, God, for everything." — The United Church Observer.

'Schermerhorn' for no dime."

A young mother asked her butcher to weigh the baby.

"With pleasure, madam . . . 13½ lbs. with the bones."





We are publishing this week a list of the memorials and other special gifts received from individuals, classes, Women's Societies, and other group since our last report. We plan to have the first report on the Christmas offering ready by the last of the month and hope that all churches who have not already done so will try to send in their contributions in time to be included in that report.

We are very happy to report that our superintendent, Mr. J. S. M. Cannon, is improving rapidly and we hope that he will be able to leave the hospital before long. We deeply appreciate the interest which his many friends over the state have shown in Mr. Cannon and their prayers and good wishes for his speedy recovery.

#### IN MEMORY OF—

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Mrs. A. I. Hamner, given by Portland W. S. C. S.

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Mr. E. P. Blankenship, Warren 15.00  
Mrs. Esther Crain, Springfield 10.00  
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Mrs. R. H. Wolfe, Tillar 12.50  
Plummerville W. S. C. S. 25.00  
Mrs. Lucy Mae Person, Garland 50.00  
Mrs. C. W. Person, Garland 10.00  
Arkansas Valley Sub-District 50.00  
Faithful Worker's Class, First Church, Forrest City 25.00  
Mr. and Mrs. Morris Smith, Little Rock 800.00  
Children's Dept., Eureka Springs 5.00  
Miss Ella Anderson, Ozark 5.00  
The Louise McCreight Class, Brinkley 20.00  
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Morrilton W. S. C. S. 7.00  
Brester Bible Class, Wynne 5.00  
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Galloway-Tolleson Sub-District M. Y. F. 10.00  
Maymie Smith, Paris 5.00  
Bessie McKnight Circle, Lewisville W. S. C. S. 141.46  
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Mrs. Ilene Norman, England 10.00  
Young People, Butterfield 5.00  
Mrs. Roy Price, Smackover 25.00  
Builders Class, Brinkley 35.00  
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West Memphis W. S. C. S. 150.00  
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#### OBITUARY

McLURE—Mrs. Cora Pipkin McLure, age 95, passed away at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Julia Brummett, 2318 Hickory, Texarkana, on December 5. She was the last surviving member of the Daniel Pipkin family, a pioneer in Arkansas Methodism. Her brother, the late E. M. Pipkin, was a member of the Little Rock Conference.

Mrs. McLure was a devoted Methodist, having joined the church at the age of fourteen. She was almost a lifetime reader of the **Arkansas Methodist**.

Rev. Fred R. Harrison, pastor of the First Methodist Church, Texarkana, conducted funeral services at the Waldo Methodist Church, and she was laid to rest in the Waldo Cemetery by the side of her husband, J. J. McLure, and three sons.

Survivors include three sons and three daughters, eleven grandchildren and twenty-one great grandchildren.—Mrs. Julia Brummett.

FARRIS—Mrs. Beulah Skinner Farris was born on May 13, 1880, near Cato, Arkansas. She lived all her life in that community. She was married to Fulton Farris on December 18, 1900. To this union seven children were born.

Sister Farris was converted at the age of eleven and united with the Frenchman Mountain Methodist Church, now Cato Church. She lived the highest type of Christian life and remained active in her church and community until called to her reward on Sunday, May 14, 1950. She was president of the W. S. C. S. at the time of her passing. She was a member of the Cato Club and the Faulkner County Home Demonstration Club. She was a source of Christian influence in all her work in the church and other organizations. She taught a Sunday School class for some fifty years. It was through her Christian service of teaching, visiting and her

interest in others that made her community a finer place in which to live. She always had a firm hand-clasp of welcome and a loving smile of greeting for everyone.

Funeral services were held in the Cato Methodist Church on Wednesday, May 17. The writer was in charge of the services, assisted by Rev. Virgil Hanks who was reared at Cato and was at that time pastor of the Beebe Methodist Church and Rev. W. M. Womack, a former pastor at Cato.—Aubra O. Hays, Pastor.

GREER—Mrs. Clyde Pride Greer was born January 14, 1876 in the little village of Norwoodville, Arkansas, about three miles east of Horatio. Her parents were Henry Carter Pride and Mary Turrentine Smith Pride, of pioneer Methodist stock.

Soon after Clyde's birth the family moved to Horatio, which was located on her father's homestead. It was here that Clyde and her three brothers and four sisters were reared and educated.

She was brought up in the Methodist Church which she joined when she was a small child. She began teaching in the Sunday School at an early age and taught for many years.

After her marriage to W. Lovin Greer, Dec. 15, 1901, they continued to live in the old Pride home, where all of their children were born. Their home was known far and wide as the preacher's home. Not only were pastors and evangelists of the Methodist Church entertained there, but preachers of other denominations.

Mrs. Greer was a charter member of all the women's organizations of the Methodist Church, the Ladies Aid, the Home Missionary Society, the Woman's Missionary Society, and the Woman's Society of Christian Service. She held offices in all of them.

Since moving to Ashdown, in 1928, she has held several offices  
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REPORT NO. 1—THROUGH SATURDAY NOON, JANUARY 20, 1951

Charge and Pastor	New	Ren.	Not Due	Total	Charge and Pastor	New	Ren.	Not Due	Total	Charge and Pastor	New	Ren.	Not Due	Total				
ARKADELPHIA DISTRICT—Quota 1218					PINE BLUFF DISTRICT—Quota 1379					Fifth St., Bates Sturdy					11	19	3	33**
Arkadelphia Ct., Ray Coulson	1	1	1	3	Almyra, Edward Hollenbeck	1	10	1	12**	Goddard Mem., R. E. L. Bearden	17	96	2	115				
Caddo Gap Ct., W. H. Watson	1	1	1	3	Alzheimer-Wabbaseka, Harold	3	25	1	29**	Grand Ave., Charles Wyatt	2	8	1	10				
Dalark Ct., Horace M. Grogan	13	23	1	37	Scott	12	46	1	59**	Massard-Barling, Van Hooker	7	11	1	19				
Fountain Lake, J. A. Wade	4	12	1	17**	Carthage, W. W. Barron	3	25	1	29**	Midland Heights, W. A. Downum	10	48	1	59				
Gurdon, George E. Ruetz	7	7	1	15	DeWitt, O. E. Holmes	12	67	1	79	Towson Avenue, Charles Pacht	2	1	1	3				
Hot Springs:					England, Charles W. Richards	36	74	1	111**	St. Paul, Martin Bierbaum	8	35	1	43				
1st Church, E. C. Rule	1	1	1	3	Good Faith, B. F. Fitzhugh	5	21	1	26**	St. Luke, J. T. Willcoxson	3	13	1	16				
Grand Avenue, C. Ray Hozendorf	14	61	6	81	Keo, Robert Riggan	6	18	2	26**	Greenwood, J. J. Clark	4	49	1	54**				
Oaklawn, Noel Cross	9	24	7	40	Little Prairie, Byron Crosby	2	23	1	25**	Hackett, M. L. Edgington	9	11	1	20**				
Pullman Heights, H. R. Holland	20	41	1	61**	Pine Bluff:					Hartford, Aaron Barling	1	42	1	43**				
Tigert-Morning Star, L. R. Sparks	9	16	1	25**	Lake Side, Otto Teague	22	53	2	77	Hartman, Paul Kelley	10	41	1	52**				
Malvern:					Rison, George Kerr	3	37	1	41	Lamar, James Meadors	8	12	3	23				
Keith Memorial, W. S. Cazort	19	33	1	52**	Roe Ct., James Constable	1	13	1	19	Lavaca, C. L. Martin	2	39	1	41				
Mt. Ida, Osbourne White	20	26	1	46**	Sheridan, Bryan Stephens	12	38	2	52**	Mansfield, J. M. Harrison	6	37	2	45**				
Murfreesboro, A. W. Hamilton	20	32	3	55**	Sherrill-Tucker, A. E. Jacobs	3	24	1	27**	Prairie View-Seranton, C. R. Nance	12	30	1	42**				
Murfreesboro Ct., A. N. Youngblood	6	9	1	15**	St. Charles, William Davis	5	8	1	14*	St. John-New Hope, Robert P. Sessions	6	28	3	37				
Piney Grove, S. K. Burnett	6	5	1	12**	Stuttgart:					Waldron, Elmo Thomasen	6	49	3	58**				
Rockport Ct., J. R. Diffie	10	30	1	41**	First Church, V. D. Keeley	12	75	1	88	Waldron Ct., Felix Holland	7	26	1	33**				
Sparkman-Sardis, C. Everett Patton	2	20	5	27**	Grand Ave., A. J. Christie	6	87	1	93	TOTALS	212	909	27	1148				
Traskwood, H. A. F. Ault	3	16	1	20	Swan Lake, Claud R. Roy	2	10	1	12									
TOTALS	156	358	24	538	TOTALS	143	634	11	788									
CAMDEN DISTRICT—Quota 1712					BATESVILLE DISTRICT—Quota 903					JONESBORO DISTRICT—Quota 1479								
Bearden, R. C. Walsh	3	16	1	20	Calico Rock Ct., L. K. Wilson	1	24	2	27	Black Oak, Gail G. Anderson	24	14	1	38**				
Bradley, O. W. Hoover	6	26	1	32**	Cave City-Sidney, M. J. Pollard	5	18	1	23**	Blytheville:								
Chidester Ct., R. L. Diffie	24	16	2	42	Cotter, E. W. Faulkner	3	23	1	27**	Lake St., George McGhehey	5	27	1	33**				
Columbia Ct., G. B. Pixley	4	37	1	42	Guion-Sulphur Rock, Harold Brent	7	5	1	12	West Side Parish, W. B. Yount	5	14	1	19**				
Dumas Memorial, R. S. Mann	10	27	1	38**	Melbourne Ct., Y. D. Whitehurst	21	29	1	50**	Bono, W. L. Douglas	5	14	1	19				
El Dorado:					Mountain View, Maurice Lanier	2	15	1	18	Brookland, Laymond Bounds	3	33	2	38				
Vantrease, J. D. Montgomery	6	58	1	64**	Newark, M. A. Graves	7	24	2	33**	Caraway, J. W. Moore	6	29	1	36**				
Emerson Ct., C. B. Harris	17	5	1	22	Newport:					Dyess-Whitten, Frank Shell	8	10	1	23				
Harmony Grove, H. R. Nabors	25	43	1	68**	First Ch., Guy C. Ames	6	66	2	74	Gosnell, J. O. Davis	8	9	1	17*				
Holly Springs Ct., Irl S. Lancaster	17	20	1	37**	Umsted Mem., M. L. Kaylor	2	32	1	34**	Harrisburg, J. T. Byrd	22	52	1	75**				
Junction City, W. Braska Savage	2	32	4	38**	Pleasant Plains, B. M. Sullivan	13	21	1	34**	Jonesboro:								
Louann Ct., R. M. Crain	18	47	1	65**	Swift-Alicia, J. E. Linam	9	33	1	42**	First Ch., John McCormack	5	94	8	107				
Magnolia:					Tuckerman, Joel Cooper	15	54	3	72**	Fisher St., W. M. Womack	14	22	1	35**				
1st Church, Elmer Thomas	5	54	1	60	Viola, W. G. Conner	6	3	1	9	Huntington Ave., Lyman Barger	8	42	1	50				
Jackson St., W. R. Boyd	17	63	1	80**	Yellville, Pharis Holifield	6	23	1	35**	Keiser, H. A. Stroup	13	13	1	13**				
Marysville Ct., K. K. Carithers	4	53	1	57**	TOTALS	103	376	11	490	Lake City, B. W. Stallcup	12	26	1	38**				
Norphlet, S. B. Mann	9	35	1	44**						Lepanto, Irl Bridenthal	9	42	1	51**				
Princeton Ct., Bruce H. Bean	9	30	1	39**						Lorado Ct., Johnny Weston	8	8	1	8				
Smackover, A. C. Carraway	10	55	1	65						Luxora, H. L. Robison	8	27	1	35**				
Stamps, M. E. Scott	17	65	3	85**						Marked Tree, Paul Bumpers	22	52	1	75**				
Taylor Ct., C. E. Lawrence	9	21	1	30**						McCormick, R. B. Sparks	3	3	1	3				
Village Ct., D. L. McCauley	9	55	3	67**						Mt. Carmel, Albert Gibbs	3	18	1	18**				
Waldo, J. Wayne Mann	30	52	1	83**						Nettleton-Bay, Clyde Crozier	14	42	1	57**				
TOTALS	251	810	17	1078						Osceola, Garland Taylor	23	84	2	108**				
										St. John, Ray Edwards	8	12	1	20				
HOPE DISTRICT—Quota 1531					CONWAY DISTRICT—Quota 1300					PARAGOULD DISTRICT—Quota 1120								
Bingen Ct., Connie Robbins	2	14	1	16	Belleville-Havana, Ivan R. Wilson	14	36	5	55**	Beech Grove, W. C. Smith	9	30	1	39				
Blevins Ct., Cagle E. Fair	12	54	1	66**	Conway:					Biggers-Knobel, H. M. Sanford	1	1	1	3				
DeQueen, John L. Tucker	7	64	3	74**	First Ch., Allen D. Stewart	10	62	24	96	Black Rock-Clover Bend, M. B. Short	4	36	1	40				
Doddridge Ct., W. M. Crow	3	32	1	36**	Wesley Mem., A. H. Dulancy	4	40	1	45**	Camp Ground-Gainsville, Dewey Landers	2	4	2	8				
Hope, J. M. Hamilton	34	116	2	152**	Danville, T. R. Whidden	16	34	1	51**	Cornin, A. W. Harris	11	55	1	67**				
Horatio Ct., E. T. Miller	1	36	1	38**	Dardanelle, Elmus Brown	16	41	1	58**	Greenway Ct., Gus Evans	11	9	1	21				
Lockesburg Ct., J. R. Calicut	17	25	1	42	Dardanelle Ct., Frank Weatherford	6	13	1	20**	Hardy, A. L. Peterson	2	18	1	21**				
Mena, Mark F. Vaught	2	2	1	5	Morrilton, First Ch., H. J. Couchman	17	111	3	131**	Hoxie, W. T. Lingo	9	28	1	37**				
Nashville, George Meyer	5	5	1	11	Morrilton Ct., No. 1, A. A. Noggle	1	1	1	3	Mammoth Spring, W. W. Albright	5	9	1	15**				
Richmond Ct., Claud Clark	13	20	1	34	Naylor Ct., Thomas Nation	9	2	1	11	Marmaduke, Fern Cook	7	30	1	37**				
Springhill Ct., S. L. Durham	8	16	1	25	North Little Rock:					Maynard Ct., T. B. Parmenter	6	13	1	19**				
Texarkana:					First Ch., J. W. Workman	22	355	1	377**	Morning Star Ct., J. F. Wilson	6	16	5	27				
College Hill, D. J. McCammon	17	27	1	45**	Gardner Mem., V. E. Chalfant	53	53	5	113	Paragould:								
Fairview, C. H. Farmer	22	72	1	95**	Levy, Raymond Dorman	19	34	2	46	First Ch., R. E. Connell	22	134	1	156**				
First Church, Fred Harrison	20	87	5	112	Sylvan Hills, W. Wilder	3	10	1	13**	Griffin Mem., J. H. Holt	8	33	1	42**				
Texarkana Ct., Cleve H. Gilliam	11	24	1	36	Washington Ave., I. L. Claud	13	50	1	63	Piggott, W. O. Scroggin, Jr.	15	90	1	105**				
TOTALS	167	594	17	778	Ola, George W. Martin	13	15	1	29**	Pocahontas, John Bayliss	2	61	1	63				
					Perry-Perryville, J. W. Workman, Jr.	3	18	2	23	Rector:								
LITTLE ROCK DISTRICT—Quota 2422										First Ch., J. M. Barnett	15	50	1	66**				
Austin Ct., J. R. Martin	6	14	1	21	Plainview, A. L. Riggs	3	22	1	25**	4th St., Dewey Landers	8	18	1	26**				
Bauxite, O. C. Birdwell	9	20	2	31	Plumerville, Elbert Jean	6	23	1	29**	Rector Ct., M. A. Thompson	10	16	1	26				
Benton, H. O. Bolin	13	45	2	60	Pottsville, Wm. C. Hightower	2	22	1	24	St. Francis, Dave Smitherman	4	13	9	26**				
Bethlehem Ct., Fred H. Arnold	4	2	1	7	Russellville, Harold Eggersperger	52	87	5	144	Walnut Ridge, O. J. Evanson	1	1	1	3				
Bryant Ct., Kenneth Goode	4	20	1	25	Salem, A. E. Goode	6	8	1	14**	TOTALS	157	665	21	843				
Carlisle, Curtis Williams	11	34	3	48	Vilonia, Maurice Webb	10	18	1	28**									
DeValls Bluff-Sardis, John B. Hays	8	11	1	20	Vilonia Ct., J. M. Kitchens	9	1	1	9									
Geyer Springs, S. T. Baugh	4	4	1	9	TOTALS	294	1060	51	1405**									
Hickory Plains, C. C. Vanzant	9	13	3	25														
Little Rock:																		
Asbury, Arthur Terry	26	120	1	146														
Capitol View, Doyle T. Rowe	2	2	1	5														
1st Church, Aubrey																		



LITTLE ROCK CONFERENCE TREASURER'S REPORT  
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Charge & Church	Bishops Fund	Conference Claimants	Benevolences	4th Sunday Offering	Dist. Supt. Salary
MINIMUM SALARY FUND—PASTOR:					
England \$18.00, Humnoke \$6.00, Hawley Memorial \$5.00, Lakeside \$28.00, Sheridan \$18.00, Grand Avenue, Stuttgart \$20.00.					
TOTAL					\$ 95.00
MINIMUM SALARY FUND—CHURCH:					
Altheimer \$27.00, Wabbaseka \$27.00, DeWitt \$45.00, England \$72.00, Gillett \$30.00, Good Faith \$40.00, Keo \$12.00, Tomberlin \$6.00, Carr Memorial \$66.00, First Church, Pine Bluff, \$132.00, Lakeside \$58.00, Rison \$16.00, Sheridan \$65.00, Sherrill \$38.00, First Church, Stuttgart, \$40.00, Grand Avenue, Stuttgart \$45.00.					
TOTAL					\$ 715.00
GENERAL ADMINISTRATION AND JURISDICTIONAL CONF. EXPENSE FUND:					
Almyra \$20.00, Altheimer \$18.00, Wabbaseka \$18.00, Brewer \$4.00, Carthage \$12.00, DeWitt \$30.00, England \$50.00, Gillett \$12.50, Good Faith \$15.00, Gould \$6.00, Grady \$12.00, Humphrey \$11.00, Humnoke \$5.00, Keo \$10.00, Tomberlin \$4.50, Hunter's Chapel \$6.00, Leola \$5.00, Carr Memorial \$40.00, First Church, Pine Bluff, \$165.00, Hawley Memorial \$25.00, Lakeside \$50.00, Rison \$12.50, Roe \$6.00, Shiloh \$3.00, Uim \$3.00, Pleasant Grove \$5.00, St. Charles \$10.00, Sheridan \$30.00, Sherrill \$20.00, First Church, Stuttgart \$15.00, Grand Avenue, Stuttgart \$40.00, Swan Lake \$13.00, Oak Grove \$1.00, Sulphur Springs \$4.00, Glendale \$5.00, Droke Memorial \$3.00.					
TOTAL					\$ 689.50
ADVANCE FOR CHRIST OFFERING:					
Almyra \$94.00, Altheimer \$72.00, Wabbaseka \$72.00, Brewer \$21.00, DeWitt \$225.00, England \$350.00, Gillett \$143.50, Grady \$10.00, Tomberlin \$22.00, Lakeside \$100.00, Shiloh \$5.00, Pleasant Grove \$39.00, Sulphur Springs \$11.00, Pine Bluff District Intermediate Camp \$26.65.					
TOTAL					\$1191.15
AREA FUND:					
Almyra \$3.00, Altheimer \$3.00, Wabbaseka \$3.00, Carthage \$2.00, DeWitt \$5.00, England \$3.00, Gillett \$2.50, Good Faith \$3.00, Gould \$1.00, Grady \$2.00, Humphrey \$3.00, Keo \$2.00, Tomberlin \$2.00, Hunter's Chapel \$1.00, Leola \$2.00, Camp Shed \$2.00, LaFargue \$1.00, Carr Memorial \$8.00, First Church, Pine Bluff \$18.00, Hawley Memorial \$3.00, Lakeside \$6.00, Rison \$2.00, Roe \$6.00, Shiloh \$2.00, Uim \$2.00, Prosperity \$2.00, Pleasant Grove \$2.00, St. Charles \$3.00, Sheridan \$5.00, First Church, Stuttgart \$8.00, Grand Avenue, Stuttgart \$10.00, Swan Lake \$3.00, Sulphur Springs \$2.00, Glendale \$2.00, Droke Memorial \$2.00, Sherrill \$3.00.					
TOTAL					\$ 132.50
WESLEY FOUNDATION OFFERINGS:					
England					\$ 200.00
WORLD-WIDE COMMUNION OFFERINGS:					
England \$12.60, Grady \$21.00, Humphrey \$8.60, Leola \$3.30, First Church, Pine Bluff \$50.00, Lakeside \$53.84, Sherrill \$11.00, First Church, Stuttgart \$42.95, Grand Avenue, Stuttgart \$79.31.					
TOTAL					\$ 237.50
GRAND TOTAL					\$21,675.84

HOPE DISTRICT					
ASHDOWN	\$ 58.00	\$ 214.50	\$ 400.00	\$	\$ 206.50
Ashdown					
Wilton					
BINGEN CT.					
Avery's Chap.	1.50	5.50	21.00		9.50
Biggs's Chap.	1.00	3.00	12.00		5.00
Bingen	4.00	15.00	62.00		26.00
Doyle	2.00	5.00		18.00	8.00
Friendship	1.00	4.00	3.00		2.00
Pump Springs		1.00	5.00		8.00
Sweet Home	1.00	7.00	2.00		2.00
Total	10.50	40.50	111.00	10.00	3.00
BLEVINS CT.					
Bothel	4.00	14.00			25.00
Blevins	13.50	79.00	200.00		98.00
McCaskill	3.50	14.00	33.25		25.00
Macedonia	2.00	8.00	11.00		14.00
Sweet Home	2.00	7.00	20.00		14.00
Total	25.00	122.00	264.25		176.00
DeQUEEN	35.00	280.00	515.00	25.00	250.00
DIERKS CT.					
Athens					
Dierks					
Green's Chapel		14.00			100.00
Langley					25.00
Liberty					
Umpire		1.00			
Total		15.00			125.00
DODDRIDGE CT.					
Boyd	1.50	6.00		17.50	11.00
Concord	1.00	3.00		11.00	9.00
Doddridge	2.50	11.00	18.00		19.50
Olive Branch	3.50	15.00		29.00	26.50
Silverina	2.00	7.00		18.00	13.50
Total	10.50	42.00	18.00	75.50	79.50
EMMETT CT.					
Boyd's Chapel					
DeAnn					
Emmett	14.40	82.50	100.00		103.00
Holly Grove					
Midway	6.00	24.00	25.00	25.00	21.00
Total	20.40	106.50	125.00	25.00	124.00
FOREMAN CT.					
Foreman	11.75	81.00	131.25		83.75
Wallace					
Walnut Grove					
HATFIELD CT.					
Cherry Hill	3.00	3.00			
Cove	3.00	7.00		11.00	10.00
Gillham	3.00	18.00			
Hatfield	2.00	10.00		14.00	20.00
Highland					
Old Cove	1.00	4.50	7.00		6.50
Vandervoort					7.00
Wickes	1.00	6.00		12.00	10.00
Total	13.00	48.50	7.00	43.00	53.50
HOPE	94.00	400.00	1500.00		510.00
HORATIO CT.					
Horatio	10.00	37.25		21.00	75.00
Walnut Springs	2.00	8.00		17.50	16.00
Williamson	1.00	3.50	10.00		6.50
Total	13.00	48.75	10.00	38.50	97.50
LOCKESBURG CT.					
Belleville	2.00	2.00	2.00	16.00	5.00
Gravelly		7.00		9.00	
Kingree	1.00	3.50		10.00	4.00
Lockesburg	25.00		100.00		100.00
Rock Hill	1.00	6.00		11.75	7.00
Total	29.00	18.50	102.00	46.75	116.00
MENA					
Mena	34.98	279.98	524.96		249.98
MENA CIRCUIT					
Dallas	1.50	5.50	15.00		9.50
Mountain View	2.50	10.50	26.00		19.00
Potter					
Rocky	1.00				
Shady Grove	4.50	2.50		7.50	4.50
Total	9.50	36.00	78.50	7.50	65.00
MINERAL SPRINGS CT.					
Center	5.25	8.00	20.00		15.00
Center Point	1.00	3.00	5.00		3.00
Mineral Springs	21.00	84.00	10.00	5.00	50.00
Sardis	1.00	3.00	3.00		5.00
Shiloh	1.00	2.00	5.00		2.50
Trinity	1.00	1.00	5.00		2.00
Wakefield	1.00	1.00	3.00		2.00
Total	31.25	102.00	53.00	5.00	79.50
NASHVILLE	39.78	318.50	677.10		284.38
PRESCOTT STATION	35.00	280.00	625.00		275.00

Charge & Church	Bishops Fund	Conference Claimants	Benevolences	4th Sunday Offering	Dist. Supt. Salary
PRESCOTT CIRCUIT					
Carolina					
Fairview	5.00	15.00		30.00	19.00
Mt. Moriah	2.00	8.00			15.00
Moscow	2.00	8.00		28.00	12.50
New Salem	2.00	8.00	26.00		13.00
Pleasant Ridge					
Total	11.00	39.00	26.00	58.00	59.50
RICHMOND CT.					
Alleene					10.00
Ben Lomond					11.00
Brownstown	1.50	6.50		5.00	9.50
Hicks	1.00	7.00		6.00	9.00
Ogden	4.00	22.00	16.50		16.50
Richmond	5.00	13.00		25.00	20.00
Schaal					
Wades Chapel	3.00	14.00	8.00		24.00
Total	14.50	62.50	24.50	36.00	100.00
SPRINGHILL CT.					
Bethlehem					
Centerville					
Fairview	2.00	7.00		5.00	
Hinton					
Oak Grove	4.00	14.00			
Sardis					
Springhill				25.00	25.00
Total	6.00	21.00		30.00	25.00
TEXARKANA CHURCHES					
College Hill	31.50	190.50	168.75	300.00	150.00
Fairview	35.00	260.00	432.50		251.14
First Church	57.00	910.50	2400.00		439.00
TEXARKANA CIRCUIT					
Few Memorial	5.50	36.00	45.50		45.50
Harmony Grove	11.00	20.00		30.00	40.00
Pleasant Hill					
Rondo	5.00	36.00		38.50	40.50
Total	21.50	92.00	45.50	68.50	126.00
WASHINGTON CT.					
Columbus	1.00	4.00			5.00
Fulton					
Liberty					
Ozan	5.00	10.00			10.00
St. Paul	3.00	12.00			22.00
Washington		14.00	29.00	6.00	12.00
Water Creek					
Total	9.00	40.00	29.00	6.00	49.00
WINTHROP		8.00	5.00	15.00	10.00
DISTRICT TOTALS	\$ 656.16	\$4057.23	\$8273.31	\$ 807.75	\$4046.75
MINIMUM SALARY FUND—PASTOR:					
DeQueen \$20.00, Nashville \$22.75, Few Memorial \$12.50, Mena \$20.00.					
TOTAL					\$ 75.25
MINIMUM SALARY FUND—CHURCH:					
Ashdown \$33.00, Bethel \$4.00, Blevins \$31.00, McCaskill \$4.00, Macedonia \$2.00, DeQueen \$40.00, Foreman \$13.50, Hope \$103.00, Mena \$40.00, Nashville \$45.50, Prescott Station \$40.00, College Hill \$26.00, Fairview \$40.00, First Church, Texarkana \$22.50, Few Memorial \$6.50, Harmony Grove \$4.00, Rondo \$6.00.					
TOTAL					\$ 476.00
GENERAL ADMINISTRATION AND JURISDICTIONAL CONF. EXPENSE FUND:					
Ashdown \$40.00, Avery's Chapel \$1.50, Biggs Chapel \$1.00, Bingen \$5.00, Doyle \$2.00, Friendship \$1.00, Pump Springs \$1.00, Sweet Home \$1.00, Blevins \$10.00, McCaskill \$5.00, Macedonia \$5.00, DeQueen \$31.00, Boyd \$1.00, Concord \$1.00, Doddridge \$2.50, Olive Branch \$4.00, Silverina \$2.00, Emmett \$12.00, Foreman \$10.00, Cove \$2.00, Gillham \$2.00, Hatfield \$6.00, Old Cove \$1.00, Hope \$120.00, Horatio \$6.00, Walnut Springs \$2.50, Williamson \$1.50, Belleville \$1.00, Kingree \$1.00, Lockesburg \$13.00, Rock Hill \$1.00, Mena \$31.00, Dallas \$1.50, Mountain View \$2.50, Rocky \$1.00, Shady Grove \$4.00, Center \$4.00, Center Point \$1.00, Mineral Springs \$15.00, Sardis \$4.00, Shiloh \$1.00, Trinity \$2.00, Wakefield \$2.00, Nashville \$36.27, Prescott Station \$27.00, Fairview \$2.00, Mt. Moriah \$2.00, Moscow \$2.00, New Salem \$1.00, Hicks \$1.00, Richmond \$4.00, Wade's Chapel \$3.00, Fairview \$2.00, College Hill \$26.25, Fairview \$25.00, First Church, Texarkana \$37.50, Few Memorial \$4.00, Washington \$4.00.					
TOTAL					\$ 539.02
ADVANCE FOR CHRIST OFFERINGS:					
Doyle \$2.00, Blevins \$45.00, McCaskill \$13.00, DeQueen \$175.00, Dierks \$10.00, Foreman \$25.00, Hope \$424.00, Horatio \$63.00, Mountain View \$3.67, Shady Grove \$12.50, Nashville \$62.20, Fairview \$6.00, Mt. Moriah \$3.00, Moscow \$3.00, New Salem \$3.00, College Hill \$54.31, Mena \$71.50.					
TOTAL					\$ 976.18
AREA FUND:					
Ashdown \$7.00, Bingen Ct. \$2.00, Blevins Ct. \$5.00, DeQueen \$8.00, Dierks Ct. \$4.00, Olive Branch \$2.00, Foreman \$5.00, Gillham \$2.00, Hope \$15.00, Horatio \$3.00, Lockesburg \$3.00, Mena \$8.00, Mountain View \$1.00, Mineral Springs \$3.00, Nashville \$10.00, Prescott \$8.00, Moscow \$2.00, Richmond Ct. \$2.00, Springhill \$2.00, College Hill \$5.00, Fairview \$7.00, First Church, Texarkana \$20.00, Few Memorial \$4.00, St. Paul \$2.00.					
TOTAL					\$ 130.00
WORLD-WIDE COMMUNION OFFERINGS:					
Doyle \$2.00, Blevins \$12.02, DeQueen \$35.75, Emmett \$17.00, Hope \$100.00, Horatio \$25.00, Walnut Springs \$12.00, Prescott Station \$40.00, Hicks \$2.25, Ogden \$6.70, Richmond \$2.45, First Church, Texarkana \$200.00, Few Memorial \$5.45, Harmony Grove \$3.25, Pleasant Hill \$30.00, Rondo \$2.00.					
TOTAL					\$ 466.17
METHODIST STUDENT DAY OFFERING:					
Fairview Church, Texarkana					\$ 13.00
RACE RELATIONS OFFERINGS:					
Hope Church					\$ 300.00
GRAND TOTAL					\$20,807.82
RECAPITULATION OF RECEIPTS FROM LITTLE ROCK CONFERENCE FOR PERIOD JUNE 15, 1950-JANUARY 10, 1951					
District	Bishops Fund	Conference Claimants	Benevolences	Fourth Sunday Offerings	Dist. Supt. Salary
ARKADELPHIA	\$ 646.29	\$ 3,565.56	\$ 3,861.05	\$ 1,149.85	\$ 4,246.78
CAMDEN	1,007.28	6,094.10	6,472.72	2,920.46	5,640.42
LITTLE ROCK	1,230.58	8,509.63	18,902.60	869.98	5,477.99
MONTICELLO	673.34	4,238.12	4,402.73	2,765.92	4,595.51
PINE BLUFF	925.88	4,135.00	5,661.35	2,839.91	4,803.75
HOPE	656.16	4,057.23	8,273.31	807.75	4,046.75
TOTAL	\$5,139.53	\$30,599.64	\$47,573.76	\$11,352.87	\$28,811.19
District	Gen'l. Adm. & Jurisdictional Conf. Exp. Fund	Minimum Salary Fund (Pastor)	Minimum Salary Fund (Church)	Area Fund	Advance For Christ Offerings
ARKADELPHIA	\$ 463.53	\$ 123.25	\$ 538.45	\$ 82.90	\$ 2,202.35
CAMDEN	821.12	116.55	813.25	125.74	772.28
LITTLE ROCK	843.50	288.00	1,029.50	180.00	1,596.20
MONTICELLO	408.92	166.06	665.66	80.79	381.07
PINE BLUFF	689.50	95.00	715.00	132.50	1,191.15
HOPE	539.02	75.25	476.00	130.00	976.18
TOTAL	\$3,765.59	\$ 864.11	\$ 4,237.86	\$ 731.93	\$ 7,119.23
District	Wesley Foundation Offerings	Methodist Student Day Offerings	Race Relations	World-Wide Communion Offerings	Week of Dedication Offerings
ARKADELPHIA	\$ 60.00	\$ 55.00	\$	\$ 469.39	\$ 10.00
CAMDEN		46.09	10.00	650.96	
LITTLE ROCK	1,043.00		115.00	565.62	
MONTICELLO	360.50			253.19	
PINE BLUFF	200.00			287.30	
HOPE		13.00	300.00	466.17	
TOTAL	\$1,663.50	\$ 114.09	\$ 425.00	\$ 2,633.13	\$ 10.00
GRAND TOTAL RECEIVED					\$150,235.75
C. E. HAYES, Treasurer, Little Rock Conference, January 10, 1951					

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## NORTH ARKANSAS CONFERENCE NOTES

By Ira A. Brumley

### Miss Henry in Youth Meetings

Miss Virginia Henry of the Department of Youth Work of the General Board of Education, Nashville, Tenn., is to be in the North Arkansas Conference the week of February 11-17 for a series of meetings with adult workers with youth.

Many of our adults who work with youth feel that they need help. This series of meetings should give much practical help for such leaders.

The series of meetings has not yet been worked out in detail, but the first two meetings are to be held as follows: Jonesboro, February 12, and Wynne, February 13. The other places will be announced at an early date.

The Jonesboro meeting will be for churches of Jonesboro and Paragould Districts.

The meetings are to begin at 4 p. m. and continue until about nine in the evening with time out for evening meal.

Rev. James S. Upton, Conference Director of Youth Work, attended the meeting in Nashville for the Conference Directors of Youth, Jan. 8-13. He reports a very helpful meeting.

The following have recently become certified as "Deans" for training enterprises: Rev. S. B. Wilford, Batesville; Miss Sue Osment, Blytheville; and Rev. Paul M. Bumpers, Marked Tree.

The Pottsville Church completed a three-unit training school on last Friday with an enrollment of eighteen.

### Blytheville Training School

A four unit training school is being held at Blytheville First Church this week, for the churches of that area: Blytheville, First Church; Lake Street; Yarbrow and Promised Land; Luxora; Osceola; West Blytheville Parish; Dell; Manila and Gosnell. The following units are being offered:

Christian Home-Making, Rev. E. B. Williams

Christian Beliefs (Youth only), Rev. Thurston Masters

Toward a World Christian Community, Rev. H. W. Williams

Understanding Children, Miss Rosemary Roorbach.

Miss Roorbach is making her course a laboratory course with the work being carried on with the children each morning.

Miss Sue Osment is serving as Dean of the school.

### Harrison Training School

The Harrison Area is having a four unit cooperative training school this week, with the Methodists furnishing two of the four courses for the school. Rev. J. Wilson Crichtlow is offering a course on Old Testament, and Ira A. Brumley is offering a course for workers with youth.

### Pocahontas Training School

There is to be a three unit training school at Pocahontas next week, Jan. 29-31, with the following courses offered:

## NEW STAFF MEMBER OF BOARD

Nashville, Tenn.—Rev. J. Irwin McDonough has been elected to the staff of the Division of the Local Church, General Board of Education, it has been announced by Dr. John Q. Schisler, executive secretary of the Division. Mr. McDonough has been director of the Wesley Foundation at the University of Tennessee, since 1942. In his new work he will be identified with the Department of Leadership Education of which the Rev. M. Earl Cunningham is director.

Chosen by the Board's executive committee meeting in New York on December 15, the new staff member will be in charge of the certification of instructors in the 1500 leadership training schools that are held annually in the Methodist Church. He will supervise the certification of the approximately 500 new instructors who each year prepare to teach in Christian workers schools as well as serve as contact person for the 8400 instructors already certified.

Mr. McDonough is a member of the Holston Annual Conference. In addition to his work with the Wesley Foundation, he has served as dean of the Cumberland Mountain School at Crossville, Tennessee, and for three years was campus pastor and Bible instructor at Hiwassee College, Madisonville, Tennessee. He has also been the pastor of several churches in the Tennessee



REV. J. IRWIN McDONOUGH

Conference.

In 1931 Vanderbilt University conferred upon him the B.D. degree. Subsequently he received the M.A. degree in religious education from Scarritt College and the same degree in personnel and counseling from Columbia University.

The new staff member began his work with the Board of Education on January 1.

## HENDRIX COLLEGE NEWS

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Fleming of Conway have established an annual award to honor student achievement in music at Hendrix, according to Ashley R. Coffman, associate professor and coordinator of music. The award will be given to the senior doing major work in music who ranks highest in his final year of music study and in his final comprehensive examination in music.

The award will be conferred the first time at commencement exercises next June 3, Mr. Coffman said, along with 12 other prizes for outstanding work in other fields of college work.

### Dr. Ellis Addresses Chapel

Important changes in military regulations need to be made if American colleges and universities are to serve most effectively in the war effort, President Matt L. Ellis said in a chapel address last week.

One of America's greatest strengths in modern scientific war is its highly trained manpower, Dr. Ellis declared. Military regulations, he said, should go farther than they now do in encouraging and enabling good students to stay in college. Educational leaders from throughout the nation were agreed on this point in the annual meeting

Teaching Children, Mrs. Robert A. Clark

How to Teach in the Church School, Rev. A. W. Harris

The Church and Its Work, Ira A. Brumley.

A one unit training school is to begin at Vilonia on Sunday, January 28, offering the course on The Church and Its Work.

recently of the Association of American Colleges in Atlantic City, N. J., he said.

Educators are asking that college students deferred from the draft till the end of the college year should be allowed at that time to select the branch of service into which they wish to go. At present, students are deferred till the end of the year when their draft call comes, but must then enter the branch to which they are assigned. This means that many students withdraw from college when they learn they are about to receive their call so that they can enlist and choose some preferred branch of service.

Educators are also asking that continued deferment be given to superior students and to students in critical fields such as medicine, he said.

President Ellis called for the world to keep before it spiritual as well as material and military goals. "We all want peace and progress," he said, "but let us remember that progress to be meaningful must be in terms of human life, its happiness and worthiness, rather than in things."

### Hendrix Trustee Receives Promotion

R. Percy Goynes, 1932 graduate of Hendrix who was elected a trustee of the college last spring, has been named manager of the new Dallas, Texas, agency of The Mutual Life Insurance Company of New York.

In his first year as a field representative of the Little Rock agency in 1945, he was one of the company's outstanding field underwriters. He received rapid promotions, advancing to the post of assistant manager in Little Rock, to a position on the staff of the direc-

## STUDENT RECOGNITION DAY AT GRAVETTE

Student Recognition Day was observed in the Gravette Methodist Church on Sunday evening, December 24.

The following students spoke on various phases of the theme, "Uniting in Service and Love": Miss Ruth Dunagin of the University of Missouri read the Scripture lesson. Miss Charlotte Ann Ferrel of Hendrix College spoke on "The Religious Activities of Hendrix." Miss Mildred Burns of West Kentucky State College spoke on "What Students Think." Miss Helen Oswalt of the University of Arkansas discussed "First Things First." Albert Dunagin of the University of Arkansas spoke on "The Challenge of College Students." Herbert Milburn of the University of Arkansas gave an interesting story on "Christmas in Korea." Jack Ballard of the University of Southern California spoke on "The Kind of World We Face and the Kind of Christmas We Would Like to Have." Franklin Johnson of the University of Kansas City was on the rostrum but did not speak. He did extend greetings to the congregation and said he was glad to be with us. Jimmie McAllister of the University of Arkansas who also scheduled to speak but for a good reason was unable to be present.

An afternoon tea was given for all these students in the parsonage Wednesday, December 27.—H. W. Jinske, Pastor

## ATKINS INTERMEDIATES PRESENT WORSHIP CENTER TO CHURCH

The Intermediate Sunday School class of which Mrs. John Berkmyre is teacher presented the church with a lovely worship center in honor of Mrs. Mattie Burris who was a faithful member of this church.

The children sold candy and popcorn for over a year to secure funds for the worship center.

Another event of some importance is that the Ministerial Alliance has worked out a regular schedule for daily prayers for peace. At 10:15 each day a whistle will sound the prayer call.

We had the honor of dedicating the worship center on Sunday, December 31, at the morning service.—H. C. Minnis, Pastor

tor of training in the New York City home offices, and to the position of manager of the Shreveport, La., agency.

A veteran of World War II, Goynes had three years of service as a major in the U. S. Army Air Force and holds the Bronze Star, Legion of Merit and six battle stars. Before the war, he was for ten years assistant to the president of Hendrix.

Mrs. Goynes is the former Blanche Butler of Madison, and they have two children, Bob and Laura Louise.

### Returns From Methodist Meeting

Rev. J. S. Upton of the Hendrix faculty has returned from Nashville, Tenn., where he attended a national three-day meeting for Methodist conference youth leaders.

Mr. Upton is youth leader of the North Arkansas Conference. Miss Imogene Dunlap of Little Rock, leader of the Little Rock Conference, also attended the meeting.—Cynthia Brown.

# WOMAN'S SOCIETY OF CHRISTIAN SERVICE

MRS. SUE M. WAYLAND, Editor

## THE GOSPEL IS PREACHED IN GUJARAT VILLAGES

By Pearl E. Precise  
Nadiad, Gujarat, India

The first unit of the long-dreamed-of Kathlal Rural Reconstruction Center, in Nadiad, is now a reality.

The land is truly a beautiful site with the spreading, fruitful mango trees. The bumper crop of mangoes this spring, the field of peanuts, grain and vegetable gardens now witness the activity of the Center.

Miss Elizabeth C. Fairbanks, of Virginia, has charge of the work which includes the day school, the W. S. C. S. and general church and community service. Health education and promotion through the physical examination of the school children, mothers' meetings, etc., are carried on through the periodic visits of our conference health promotion director, Miss E. P. Overby. A small dispensary and a simple model village house for a teacher-family are the next buildings which we hope to begin soon. The Rev. Lalbhai Masihdas, a preacher with special rural and teacher training, and his capable wife are the in-residence directors of the Center and School. A teacher with special craft training is the assistant. Thus begins the fulfillment of our dreams for this Rural Center.

Some of the "human-interest stories" that come to us every day indicate what we are doing in church and school:

Jetha Harkha, a polio-crippled boy who had finished fourth grade in a village school, wished to continue his education. He could not farm nor do day labor, but with more education he might become trained in some profession. He is an orphan too poor to pay the requisite fees in our boarding school. Some relatives and stewards of his church promised to help finance him if he would supplement. With the assistance of friends we have been able to keep him in school this year. He is most grateful and if his work is satisfactory we hope to find funds to continue his education.

The Chief Officer of Karanpur village told his people that compulsory education had come to stay so they must send their children to school. Ours is the only school there so the enrollment trebled in a short time. The teacher is unqualified but is a "go-getter" who spurred them on to keep their children in school, so we have kept him there with a young lad qualified as assistant. If he follows the great preacher for whom he is named, and if his account of his first week of service is an indication of his zeal for service, we may expect great things of Christopherson Wesley Kisabhai! Hear him: "O, ho, wonderful dawn, the dawn of the first day of my active service for Christ. Many and varied were the thoughts that kept racing through my mind. Like Moses I felt inadequate for the task. I know so little about Jesus Christ, so how can I teach and lead others to Him? But I am fortunate that Christ has so marvelously helped me, strengthening me by His might far beyond anything I could have dreamed of!" Now if he proves to be a teacher like his mother was, and a preacher

## MRS. HODGES REPRESENTS NORTH ARKANSAS CONFERENCE



MRS. RICHARD HODGES

Members of the Siloam Springs Woman's Society of Christian Service are happy to have had their representative, Mrs. Richard Hodges, chosen to represent the North Arkansas Conference in the contest for the selection of a typical Methodist Woman.

Mrs. Hodges' picture appears in the January issue of the Methodist

Woman, with pictures of Methodist women chosen to represent other conferences. An active member of the W. S. C. S., Mrs. Hodges is this year serving as Secretary of the Status of Women, and chairman of the membership committee. She has also held a number of other offices in the society.

## EL DORADO FIRST CHURCH STUDIES NEAR EAST PANORAMA

An overflow crowd of El Dorado women and a number of students thronged into the First Methodist Church Monday afternoon to attend the first session of the study course, "Near East Panorama," presented by the Woman's Society of Christian Service. As they entered Fellowship Hall, their attention was focused on an attractive and varied display of articles from the various countries of the Near East, including prayer rugs, hand-made lace baby dresses, straw slippers, small chests of inlaid woods, copies of the Koran, silver articles consisting of tableware and jewelry, incense burners, and shoes.

After registering they were seated and found the walls covered with colorful maps, depicting the geographic, political, religious, and racial aspects of the countries comprising the Near East. The worship setting was an open Bible placed on a beautiful Persian scarf.

Mrs. J. C. Craighead, Secretary of Missionary Education, gave an address of welcome and introduced Mrs. Tigner Thompson, the leader, who with other members of circle number nine presented the program. The program topic was "Operation Near East" and dealt exclusively

fund in memory of his father who was one time the preacher in the village. With this and their own offerings, and the promise of money for the roof from friends in the American church, they hope soon to have their own sanctuary.

So in school and church our people are sharing in the "Advance for Christ and His Church."

## ANNUAL MEETING OF NORTH ARKANSAS CONFERENCE

The annual meeting of the Woman's Society of Christian Service of the North Arkansas Conference will be held in Searcy, March 6-8. Presidents or alternates and one other undesignated member may be delegates. Watch this paper for further information.

with the area's geography and peoples. Mrs. F. H. Moore gave the devotional from the second chapter of Acts, followed by a prayer.

A demonstration of a Moslem prayer was given by Mrs. E. E. Mabry, who was dressed as a native. Mrs. Audrey Sheppard served as map narrator and distributed maps which designated the geographical boundaries of the Near Eastern countries but which did not indicate the names of these countries. As part of the "group participation," the congregation was requested to fill in the names of these countries as Mrs. Sheppard pointed them out on the wall map. She offered many interesting highlights on the different nationalities and customs of the five hundred million inhabitants of these lands.

Color slides were shown by Mesdames Edward Harris, J. S. Williamson and E. J. Helms, featuring the Lucie Harrison Girl's School in Lahore, Pakistan. Mrs. J. E. Thompson gave a brief account of the author of the book used in this study, interpreting the symbolism depicted in the picture on the book jacket. The painting consists of a man, his face a composite of sadness and determination, whose grotesque hands cradle a tiny plant, the symbol of eternal hope. Mrs. Bill Brown furnished an amazingly similar, life-size reproduction of this cover, which encompassed what appeared to be an enormous book.

As the prayer of dismissal, the congregation repeated the creed.

The second session of this study course will be conducted Tuesday afternoon by circle number seven, with Mrs. Frank McWilliams serving as leader.

The second portion of the study course, "Near East Panorama," being offered by the Woman's Society of Christian Service of the First Methodist Church, was received by an enthusiastic crowd in Fellowship Hall Tuesday afternoon. Another group of young students from El Dorado High School were present for this study. Circle number seven, under the leadership of Mrs. Frank McWilliams, conducted the program, the theme of which was "Speak Up For the Near Easterner."

The display of articles from Near Eastern countries was most interesting and featured Arab headbands, a copy of the Koran, hand-carved wooden spoons, silver bracelets, ivory camels, sandalwood figurines, ebony busts and chieftans, a huge python skin and intricately designed vases and candlesticks made of hammered jewel dust. These articles were displayed through the courtesy of Mesdames W. A. Miller, S. M. Carter, J. R. Wilson, J. Evans and T. M. Thompson.

The worship center was simple  
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## CURRENT NEWS IN ARKANSAS METHODISM

### MEN'S CLUB TO BE ORGANIZED AT MARYSVILLE

On Friday night, January 12, the Men's Club of the Marysville Methodist Church met for the first time for a pot luck supper. The meeting was under the direction of C. E. Smith, Church School superintendent, and leader of the Adult Class. The pastor, Rev. K. K. Carithers, had as his guest Rev. E. L. Thomas, pastor of the First Methodist Church of Magnolia.

Brother Thomas brought an inspiring message on the responsibility and opportunities of the men of the modern church in a changing world. The pastor spoke briefly on the change in methods of the work in comparison with the lack of change in the policy of the church. Mr. Smith brought a brief message on the need of an expanded program of the local church which is handicapped by the limitations of the physical church plant. He offered some suggestions of possible change in the church plant.

The group unanimously asked for the formulation of an organized men's club and agreed to meet once a month. A committee on organization, nominations, and arrangements for the next meeting was appointed. The committee is to work in connection with the pastor and church school superintendent. The following men are on the committee: Darwin Vinson, Darce Bishop, H. L. Roberson, L. H. Perritt, and Quinten Braswell.

Those on arrangements for the present meeting were the pastor, and church school superintendent, J. H. Bishop in charge of the coffee, and Bruce Vinson, who made and presented to the church three useful tables for future use.

The following men were present: J. H. Bishop, Felton Vinson, Darwin Vinson, Roy Vinson, Guy Vinson, Bruce Vinson, Quinten Braswell, Ed Braswell, H. L. Roberson, Raynor Giles, Collie McWilliams, C. E. Smith, Rev. E. L. Thomas, and Rev. K. K. Carithers.—Reporter

### MEETING OF CONWAY DISTRICT DAMES

The Conway District Dames met in Conway on Tuesday, January 16, with 23 members present.

Ministers of the District and wives met together for a devotional period led by Dr. C. M. Reves.

After the devotional service the women went to another part of the church for their meeting. Mrs. Allen Stewart, new president, presided. In order that every one might get acquainted Mrs. Stewart asked each member to introduce the neighbor on the right.

It was mentioned that we might have a book review for the next meeting and Mrs. Albert Gatlin was

### JONESBORO DISTRICT MINISTERS MEETING

Twenty-nine ministers of the Jonesboro District met in a breakfast meeting with the Promised Land Church, Rev. Linley Vowell, pastor, on January 9th, and under the leadership of District Superintendent E. B. Williams discussed a number of matters pertaining to the program of the church in the district. They were reminded that Bishop Paul E. Martin would dedicate the Dell Methodist Church at 11 a. m. January 21st. A reception follows from 2:30 to 3:30 p. m. Plans were carried forward for a five-course training school at Blytheville beginning the 22nd, in which the members of the W. S. C. S. can get Jurisdictional Council credit. Plans are also complete for the coming of Rev. Gordon Gould, native born Alaskan minister, for his lecture at Osceola, 7:30 p. m., January 31st. The ministers were then divided into two groups for a study of the books relating to the "Advance For Christ." One group arranged to spend a night and two days at the Wayland Spring camp near Imboden, February 2nd and 3rd, the rest will meet at Wilson, Saturday, February 17th, 9:30 a. m.

The ministers will not have a February breakfast meeting but the March meeting will convene with the Centerview Church on the Weston charge, 8 p. m., the 13th, Rev. Billy Odum, pastor.—J. W. Moore and Ray L. McLester, reporters

appointed to arrange for the book. The idea of a question box was introduced and each member was asked to write out some question concerning the work or problems of a parsonage family. These are to be answered at the next meeting.

Mrs. C. M. Reves passed out a very clever questionnaire, the answers to be names of churches or towns in Conway District.

The group adjourned to eat lunch with their husbands and to enjoy film slides of India made by Bishop and Mrs. Martin.—Mrs. Raymond Dorman, reporter

### EL DORADO FIRST CHURCH STUDIES NEAR EAST

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and effective, featuring a painting of an outstretched hand, symbolizing faith.

Mrs. J. C. Craighead, Secretary of Missionary Education, welcomed the guests and invited them to the third program, which will be given Monday afternoon. The opening hymn was "Christ For The World We Sing." Mrs. Edward Harris conducted an inspiring devotional from Romans 10:1-15, "For there is no difference between the Jew and the Greek: for the same Lord over all is rich unto all that call upon him. How then shall they call on him in whom they have not believed? and how shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard? and how shall they hear without a preacher?" During this devotional, Mrs. W. C. Farley, accompanied by Corliss Arnold, sang "How Beautiful On the Mountain," and prayers were offered for the Near East missionary workers, hospitals, schools and leaders.

Mrs. McWilliams gave a brief resume of the political and economic trends of these countries. "The Status of Women In Moslem Lands" was reviewed by Mrs. Thomas Reynolds and three interesting character sketches were given by Mrs. Wm. Nolan, Mrs. J. G. Simpson and Mrs. J. L. Russell. A pantomime adapted from the book "Pearls Are Made," entitled "The Life of Donna, A Moslem Girl" was presented by Mesdames Glen Rucker, Lawrence Garrett, Desmus Reynolds, Jr., William Nolan, Robert Trieschmann and Aaron Morgan, with Mrs. James Spencer, Jr., serving as narrator. This was presented in four scenes, depicting the Moslem girl's awakening to womanhood; her introduction to Christianity; her life in the mission school and her commitment to Christ.

### BENTON COUNTY MINISTERIAL ALLIANCE

The winter meeting of the Benton County Ministerial Alliance was held January 15th in the First Baptist Church of Bentonville with Rev. James A. Overton as the host pastor. Rev. Raymond Woodworth, pastor of the Presbyterian Church at Pea Ridge, presided.

Rev. J. T. Randle, pastor of the Central Methodist Church, Rogers, spoke in behalf of the Christian Rural Overseas Program (CROP), and urged that further contributions be made to it.

Rev. Richard Geiger, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church, Bentonville, called on the ministers to become more interested in the public school situation of Arkansas with a view to keeping the schools open the full term.

Mr. Woodworth appointed a nominating committee to nominate the new officers for the Alliance. They will be elected at the Spring meeting in April. Those composing the committee are: Rev. G. E. Hawkins, Chairman, Rev. Rel Gray, Rev. Richard Geiger, Rev. Wendell Barbaree, and Rev. M. L. Wilson.

At the worship hour Rev. G. E. Hawkins, pastor of the First Nazarene Church, Bentonville, delivered a very helpful message on "The Church and Personal Evangelism."

The ministers were the luncheon guests of the Bentonville Ministerial Alliance.—H. W. Jinske, Secretary

This foreign mission study course is being offered for Jurisdiction Recognition for the W. S. C. S. with the hope that a new understanding of the religions of the world, as found in the Near East, may be achieved and that this understanding can be applied to relations with peoples of these religions whenever they are found in our community.—Reporter

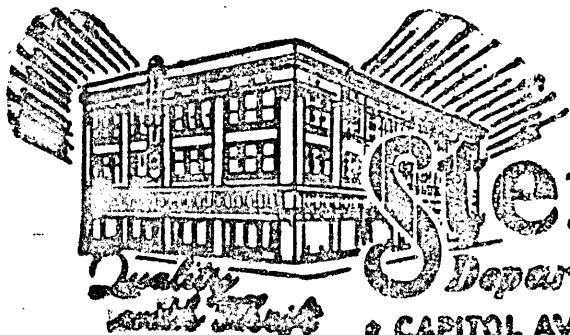
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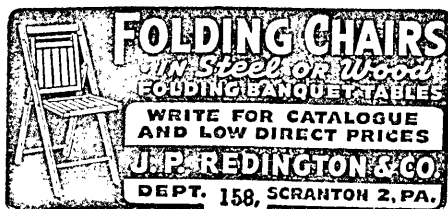
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### A WONDERFUL WEEK AT FAIRVIEW IN CAMDEN

During the past week it was the writer's high privilege to assist in a revival at the Fairview Methodist Church in Camden in the Little Rock Conference. Rev. Charles Giessen is the pastor. This was my first visit to this great section of our state. Assisting in the revival was the Rev. Alfred Doss of Stevens. Truly we had a great expression of the presence of God in our midst. The attendance at all services was splendid. An early morning 7:30 service brought in a number of school students and others for an inspirational fellowship together. At 9:15 we were privileged to have a radio service. Visitation went forward during the day. Cottage and also pre-service prayer meetings were held each day. A large number of re-dedications and additions to the church was the result of the splendid planning and direction of the pastor in cooperation with a great number of men, women, youth and children. This experience will be long remembered by all of us who had a part in it. Here in the midst of a great population where a large paper mill is located the Lord is working wonderfully among his people.

Two outstanding events of District interest occurred during the week. One was the meeting of the District Advisory Council made up of the following official representatives: the President of District W. S. C. S., District Directors of Adult

Youth and Children's work, full-time District Worker, pastors of the charges involved in special project, and two members at large, under the direction of the district superintendent, Dr. Connor Morehead. This Council is responsible for the co-ordination of Town and Country Work in the Camden District as well as other related interests of the total church program in the District. A fine spirit prevailed with participants very enthusiastic. The other item of district interest was a day of fellowship at the district parsonage, where the pastors and wives from over the district came for luncheon and informal fellowship. It was a day of inspiring experiences.

What is the Great meeting of the Methodist Church in 1951? A National Town and Country Conference.

Where is this meeting to be held? Sioux City, Iowa.

When is this meeting to be held? July 21-24.

What is the purpose of this meeting? To make more effective the program of the Methodist Church in Town and Country.

Who are to be the delegates to this meeting? Watch this column for that information.

How will the attendance of these delegates be financed? Watch this column for that information. — J. Albert Gatlin.

### OBITUARY

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in the W. S. C. S., such as Recording and Corresponding Secretary and Secretary of Spiritual Life. In appreciation of her services the W. S. C. S. presented her with a life membership last year. She was secretary and treasurer of her Sunday School class for many years and was communion steward of the church for more than fifteen years. She was also an active member of the Ashdown Improvement Club.

Faithfulness and devotion to duty were her watchwords. What she did she did lovingly and cheerfully "as unto the Lord." She was always forbearing, kind and generous, but the greatest element of her character was serenity. In every situation she was poised and calm. Those of us who have known her well can never remember her being out of patience or speaking a harsh word. To the members of her family she never spoke harshly.

She passed to her reward on July 11, 1950. She and Mr. Greer were getting ready to visit a granddaughter in Little Rock. She seemed to be in good health and was happy over the anticipated visitation. Soon after retiring she suffered a severe heart attack and died before she could be taken to a hospital.

She is survived by her husband, W. L. Greer; a son, Harold Pride Greer, of Closter, Miss.; three

daughters, Mrs. B. D. Mabrey of Ashdown, Mrs. E. S. Harris of Lubbock, Texas, and Mrs. R. J. Davenport of El Paso, Texas; seven grandchildren, Patricia Mabrey Hester of Little Rock, Shirley Greer, Phyllis and Harriet Mabrey, Rhelda, Kenneth and Lovine Davenport. She is also survived by a niece, Mrs. R. A. Teeter of Fordyce. All of her brothers and sisters preceded her in death.

"One day there was a flash, a flaming chariot appeared from yonder. It passed, a lone passenger stepped aboard. Chariot and passenger were gone, 'gone into the heavenlies.' Elijah is gone, but God is ever present." (Quoted from the Upper Room for July 11, 1950, the day of her translation.)

Funeral services for Mrs. Greer were held at the First Methodist Church, Thursday, July 13, 1950, by Rev. W. D. Golden and Rev. W. R. Boyd. Burial was in Ashdown Cemetery.

(This article compiled and written by a committee from the W. S. C. S. of the First Methodist Church in Ashdown, Ark. Mrs. Seth C. Reynolds, Chairman.)

Refrain tonight and that shall lend a kind of easiness to the next abstinence.—Shakespeare.

If you want the rainbow, remember you must wait until the shower is over.—Optimist.

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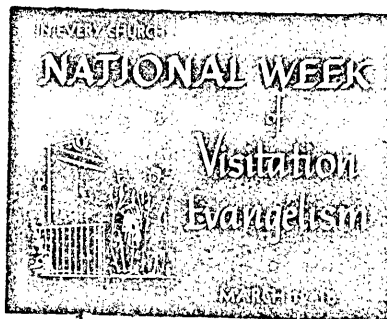
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The above leaders are in charge of planning and supervising the seven study groups which will deal with various phases of the general theme, "Christian Advance in Town and Country" at Methodism's National Town and Country Conference to be held in Sioux City, Ia., July 21-24, 1951.

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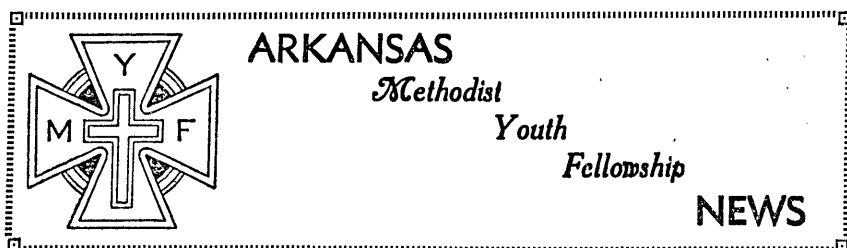
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### CLOTHING FOR KOREA TO BE BROUGHT TO DISTRICT MEETING

Little Rock District of the Methodist Youth Fellowship will meet Jan. 27 at Winfield Church, 16th at Louisiana Street. The theme for this meeting will be, "Understanding Peoples of Other Countries". Clothing for the people of Korea is to be brought to the meeting.

There will be three students from other countries who will speak on "The Place of the Church and Youth in My Country." After these short talks there is to be a dessert supper in Fellowship Hall. There will be twenty tables representing some fifteen countries. The dessert at each table will be food such as is served in the country it represents. Hosts and hostesses at the tables will be dressed in costume.

After the dessert supper, letters will be written at each table to youth in other lands. These letters will be sent by the churches.

We hope that each church in our District will have a large representation at this World Friendship meeting. The meeting will start promptly at 7:30. — M. L. Scott, President, Little Rock District M. Y. F.

### PARAGOULD DISTRICT YOUTH RALLY

The Walnut Ridge Methodist Church was host to the Paragould District youth rally on January 8. This was a combined assembling of the Eloise Butler and Grace Curtis Sub-District groups. Representatives from twenty-one churches made a total attendance of 211. All the pastors of the churches represented with the exception of two were present. Powhatan, Lynn and Marmaduke were represented for the first time in sub-district meetings.

Charles Rasberry, district president, presided over the business meeting. It was during this session that we learned the name of the Wayland Spring Camp had been changed to Sloan Rainwater Camp. Mr. Rainwater donated the land and has been responsible for so much of the success of the camp that the people of the district felt the honor was due him. We also voted to send a portion of our evening offering to the camp fund.

Helen Malone from Pocahontas and Jessie Lee Devolls from Paragould conducted group singing during the recreation.

Walnut Ridge youth members served delicious refreshments.

Charles Rasberry led the devotional service. Rev. J. F. Wilson, pastor of Morning Star Circuit, gave a very inspirational message on the theme, "Why Are You Here or What is Your Goal in Life?" The theme was a timely subject for young people of today.

Everyone attending this meeting seemed to be very much inspired by the fellowship, recreation and worship of the two groups.—Jean Arnold, Reporter.

There is no royal road to any achievement perseverance.—Ex.

### CAMDEN DISTRICT FELLOWSHIP TEAM

Sunday evening, January 7, the Camden District Fellowship team visited the Marysville Larger Parish. The local M. Y. F. was host to the visiting Fellowship team at a 5 o'clock supper at the Marysville parsonage. Preceding the supper, fellowship songs were led by members of the visiting team. At the appointed hour all gathered around a T formation table that was symbolic of timely problems being shared by both city and rural youth. Eugene Rogers of the team, offered thanks. Mrs. Carithers was assisted in serving by a joint committee from the Bethel and Marysville churches.

At 6 p. m. the group went to the Marysville church where the local M. Y. F. had charge of the youth program. Miss Melbaline Roberson was in charge, assisted by the following youth: Ann Williams, Shirley Ann Tompkins, Wilma Jean Tissue, Harold Braswell, and Joe Perriett.

At 7 p. m. the visiting fellowship team conducted a worship service for the general church while the pastor was preaching at Fredonia. The theme was the "Near East" as both the M. Y. F. and the W. S. C. S. are studying this subject during January. This beautiful service was under the direction of Mrs. J. S. Williamson, counsellor of the fellowship team. Those serving on the team and contributing to the worship service were Misses Janice Powledge, and Carolyn Hawkins, of El Dorado, and Eugene Rogers of Tyler, Texas.

The local M. Y. F. is composed of youth from Bethel and Marysville churches. Mr. Herman Ballard is counsellor at Bethel, and Mrs. A. L. Davis is the counsellor at Marysville.

The supper was planned when the W. S. C. S. of Bethel was visiting with the society of Marysville in a W. S. C. S. birthday party. It was decided to have a joint community supper since the M. Y. F. was composed of both churches.

Those attending were Misses Janice Powledge, Carolyn Hawkins, Ruth Hazel Davis, Melbaline Roberson, Carolyn Braswell, Kathleen Braswell, Wilma Jean Tissue, Ann Williams, and Winston Comer, Eugene Rogers, Harold Braswell, Gerald Kinnard, I. N. Braswell, J. W. Futrell, Maurice Vinson, Joe Perriett, and Isaiah Perriett. Mesdames J. S. Williamson, A. L. Davis, C. R. McWilliams, Dale Tompkins, Roy Smith, C. O. Williams, Mr. and Mrs. Herman Ballard and Linda and Ronny Ballard, Rev. and Mrs. K. K. Carithers, and C. E. Smith, superintendent of the Marysville Sunday School.—Reporter.

### BOYDSVILLE M. Y. F.

The Boydsville Methodist Youth Fellowship met recently with Der-vis Knight as leader. Taking part on the program were Faye Kennedy, Ella Wheat and Doist Kirklin. Rev. J. W. Simmons dismissed the meeting with prayer. — Ella Wheat, Reporter.

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

The Poinsett Sub-District M. Y. F. met at Marked Tree January 11. The inspiring new year's program was presented by the Marked Tree M. Y. F.

The recreation hour featured songs by the Marked Tree ensemble which were enjoyed by everyone present. Folk games were played and delicious refreshments were served.

In the absence of the president, the vice-president presided over the business meeting. There were 76 present. The next meeting is to be at Harrisburg on February 8.

The closing worship service was conducted by the Marked Tree M. Y. F.—Reporter.

### CONWAY-PERRY COUNTY SUB-DISTRICT

The Youth Fellowship team from Hendrix College attended the Conway-Perry County Sub-District, which was held January 8, at the Perryville Methodist Church. Dr. C. M. Reves, district superintendent, and Brother and Sister Cowen were guests at the meeting. The Youth team was in charge of the recreation and worship programs. Ladies of the church served refreshments.

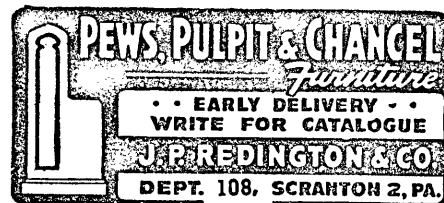
President Bobby Sue Tarvin, presided over the business meeting. There were 82 present and the next meeting will be at Oppelo Feb. 5.—Reporter.

A man never gets too busy to attend his own funeral.—Ex.

### LITTLE ROCK SUB-DISTRICT

The Little Rock Sub-District Methodist Youth Fellowship had its monthly meeting at Forest Park Methodist Church Monday evening, January 15. Bishop Paul E. Martin's colored slides, taken on his trip to India, were shown, with James Sewell reading the script. Rev. Bob McCammon gave the closing prayer, and Harold Smith, chairman of Missions and World Friendship, was in charge. Refreshments were served by the host church.

At the last council meeting Eugene Elfird was elected Publicity Chairman, to replace Jimmy Cox, who has moved from Little Rock. The council planned the next meeting, which will be "Pastors' Night", Monday, January 9, at Highland Methodist Church.—Reporter.



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## SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

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the greatest. The number one enemy of Democracy is selfish, pressure groups. Democracy stands for freedom but often that freedom—that all of us love so much—is greatly abused. It can be used to do wrong as well as right and conniving people can take advantage of it.

All are aware of the fact that lobbyists hang around the congress halls in Washington attempting to bring pressure in order to get more than their just share of the goods of this nation. In a Democracy, where the vote of the people is the final authority, it is possible for individuals or whole political parties to keep themselves bought into power by making certain distribution of tax money raised in the country. The ancient Roman government kept itself in power for some time by furnishing food and entertainment to the idle masses. Let it be known beyond a doubt that when any individual or group through the unfair use of power gets more than its just share of the good things of life, it does so to the hurt of some other group. The enemies of Democracy claim that it is decadent. This need never be true, but the only thing that will prevent it is to put more of the Spirit of Christianity into it. Various citizens and groups within a Democracy must get above the abuses of its freedom and the wrong use of power to accomplish selfish ends. The only power on earth that will prevent the misuse of the freedoms of Democracy is Christianity. In our day and generation patriotism, as well as religion, demands that both individuals and groups follow in the footsteps of the unselfish Christ, otherwise the power that is put in the hands of people will be misused and abused.

We need our labor unions and our managerial organizations. They make for efficiency in production. There can be no doubt that the greed and selfishness of management in other years have made labor unions an absolute necessity. These unions have put quite a bit of power in the hands of certain groups which in other years did not get a square deal. The thing these groups now need to be careful about is that they do not abuse this power and use it in a selfish way. The same is true with the managerial organizations. Many people do not realize that management is organized for its protection as well as labor. All concerned need to take their lesson from Christ with regards to the use of power. Power is a great thing but it must be used for the good of all concerned. The strength of our Democracy lies in this right use of power.

There is nothing so harmful to morale as to fall unto the same day-in and day-out routine. —Thought Starter.

IN HONOR OF  
MRS. EAGLEBARGER

A tea was given recently by members of the Woman's Society of Christian Service of Washington Avenue Church, North Little Rock, in honor of Mrs. P. R. Eaglebarger, one of its longtime members. The hall was beautifully decorated with Christmas decorations and the table

was covered with a beautiful lace cover. Mrs. Ray Biles and Mrs. Rollo Miller were hostesses and Mrs. Lulu Wright presided at the table. Mrs. J. A. Horton was in charge of the guest book.

The program consisted of group singing of Christmas carols, a reading by Mrs. Rollo Miller, a vocal duet by Mrs. W. H. Moore and Mrs. Homer Morehart and accordion solos

by Mrs. Ruth Harvey. Others taking part on the program were Mrs. George Wright, Mrs. Lois Wright and Mrs. R. M. Brooks.

Mrs. Eaglebarger received many beautiful gifts, including a radio.

Thirty-five guests were present. —Mrs. R. M. Brooks, Reporter

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### HOW DID JESUS USE HIS POWER?

LESSON FOR FEBRUARY 4, 1951

READ THE ENTIRE LESSON FROM YOUR BIBLE:  
Mark 4:35 through 6:6.

GOLDEN TEXT: "Do not fear, only believe." Mark 5:36

#### A Look At The Scripture

Mark's Gospel is the gospel of power. It pictures Jesus as a Man of activity. There is no like record anywhere in literature that sets forth such an array of deeds as does the fifty-five verses of our lesson.

The first miracle has to do with the stilling of the tempest. Jesus and his disciples were making a trip in a boat from the city of Capernaum to the east side of the lake of Galilee. The storm came suddenly upon them while Jesus was asleep. They woke him and he stopped the storm and calmed the lake. He rebuked them for their fear and lack of faith. They marvelled at his power over nature.

We next have the healing of the demoniac which took place on the east side of the lake in the land of the Gergesenes. This was a wild man whom the authorities could not control. He lived in the cemetery. In the healing of the man a couple of thousand hogs seems to have been destroyed. These people were more interested in swine than they were in souls. They thought more of cash than they did of character. They requested Jesus to leave their shores, and he did as they desired. The healed man wanted to go with the Lord but he sent him to work among his people. This man became a very active worker. He carried the good news not only to his own community but throughout the Decapolis. The Greek word "decapolis" means ten cities.

When Jesus returned across the lake to Capernaum a great crowd met him. In the crowd was a woman who had been ill for twelve years. She felt in her heart that if she could only touch the garment of Christ she would be healed. Also in the crowd was Jairus, the ruler of the Capernaum synagogue, whose little twelve-year-old daughter was lying at the point of death. He requested that Jesus come to his home and heal his daughter. It was hard for Christ to make his way to Jairus' home because he was being thronged by the crowd. The sick woman crept up through the crowd and touched the hem of Christ's garment. Christ perceived that power had gone out from him. He raised the question of who touched him. The woman confessed. Healing had already come to her. Jesus told her that her healing had come because of her faith.

The delay caused by the woman and the throng had already cost the life of Jairus' daughter. Some one came from his home telling him that his daughter was dead. Jesus reassured Jairus with these words: "Do not fear, only believe." When they arrived at the house the mourners were wailing on every hand. Jesus tried to quiet them by telling them that the child was not

dead but only sleeping. It is a well known fact that Jesus was in the habit of speaking of physical death as sleep. It was so in the case of Lazarus who had been dead for four days. These mourners laughed at Jesus. They did not realize that Christ spoke of physical death as sleep, and they knew that the child was dead. Jesus raised the child to life.

The last account of the lesson has to do with the return of Christ and his disciples to Nazareth, where he had grown up. We are told that the people of his home town did not believe in him, and because of their unbelief he could not do many great works there. We remember how Jesus in commenting on this matter said, "A prophet is not without honor, except in his own country, and among his own kin, and in his own house."

#### Many Questions Raised

Many questions have been raised over certain details of these various miracles. Such for example as, "Were people really demon-possessed in those days or were they insane as many individuals are today? If in healing this particular man Christ really cast demons out of him, why did he permit them to enter into a herd of two thousand swine and thus destroy them?"

It is doubtful if the raising of such questions as these really helps people in their faith. On the other hand people want to know the truth. This is especially important if the knowledge of such truth will be of practical benefit to those concerned. We will never know all the ifs and ands about this matter of demon-possession. It is a well known fact that not only the Jews but all other civilized people of that day believed in it, it is equally true that they do not believe in it now. There is a possibility that people might have been demon-possessed then but not now. The difference could be occasioned by the presence of the Holy Spirit in the world today. We are led to believe that since His coming on that memorable Pentecost he is here now in a different way than he was present before that time. Let that be as it may. It does not make much difference just how one believes about this. It is enough for us to know that Jesus has power over all kinds of trouble whether physical, mental, or spiritual.

Some do not quibble over such questions as those mentioned above, but try to draw the line on all miracles. It seems to the writer that this procedure carried to its final conclusion amounts to negation of Christianity. The very fact that a Being like Christ was present in this world is a miracle. His life is a miracle. His absolute freedom from selfishness is a miracle. His teach-

ing is a miracle. No one else ever spoke as he did. His influence upon the world is a miracle. He has done more in the making of a better world than all the other people combined who have ever lived in it. Then, too, since his coming other worthy people have, for the most part, drawn their inspiration for goodness from him. The great Apostle Paul is an illustration of this fact. His conquering death is probably the greatest of all miracles. He was dead. He is either dead or alive today. If he is alive, then death has been conquered, and if conquered, a miracle has been performed. If Christ is not alive then we have no Christianity worth preaching. To be a Christian at all one must believe in a living Christ. When one admits this greatest of all miracles it should not be hard for him to believe in the lesser miracles.

#### How Did Christ Use His Power?

The events recorded above answers this question. He used his power in controlling all the problems and evils that men face. He controlled nature. He stopped the storm and calmed the sea. He controlled evil spirits—He cast demons out of men, cured their personality problems, and restored them to a state of sanity. He healed physical disease—the woman with the issue of blood is an illustration of this. He raised the dead to life—the raising of Jarius' daughter is indicative of this fact. What an array of miracles! What an exhibition of power! Surely Jesus is the Leader that this modern world needs. He can help man at all of his points of greatest need. He also can handle the demon of fear that is eating at the heart of our troubled world.

Christ used his power unselfishly. He never used it for his own interest but always for the good of others. He had fasted for forty days and was very hungry but he would not use his power to turn the stone to bread to feed himself, but he did use his power to feed the multitude which had fasted only a few

hours. He did not use his power to come down from the cross. He remained there in order that others might live. In saving others he had to give himself.

Christ used his power fairly and impartially. In the use of his power he had no favorites. He helped the poor and he helped the rich. He helped his own countrymen and he helped foreigners. He helped the wise and educated like Nicodemus, and he helped the illiterate (the common people) who heard and followed him gladly. He was constantly seeking out and helping the underprivileged and the neglected.

Christ used his power wisely. He never tried to be spectacular. He never performed a miracle merely to satisfy the curiosity of others. He did not want the reputation of a wonder worker. He was exceedingly practical in every thing he did. His chief enemies were the Pharisees. He could have easily discredited them with the people and greatly embarrassed them through the use of his power, but he never stooped to this level.

#### Present-Day Power

This is a very timely lesson. We are living in the midst of a power age. We see the exhibition of it on every hand. The biggest problem we face today is to get men to properly use the power they have. It is a well-known fact that the human race now has the power to destroy itself. This power can be used for good or it can be used for evil. The burning question is, will the human race beat its swords into plow-shares and its spears into pruning-hooks, or will it turn the implements of production into those of destruction.

#### Pressure Groups

Power is safe and helpful so long as it is used for the good of all concerned, but when any individual or group uses power selfishly it immediately becomes a danger and a curse. Communism is a great danger to present-day Democracy, but not

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