

Circulation Campaign Report

APPROXIMATELY three hundred fifty-five of the four hundred fifteen Methodist charges in Arkansas report a total of some 17,000 subscriptions for 1951 in the second report of the Annual Arkansas Methodist Circulation Campaign, as shown in the report published on pages eight and nine of this issue. Five of the fourteen Districts of the state have either reached or exceeded their quota with several other Districts nearing this goal. The Conway, Forrest City, Fayetteville, Monticello and Batesville Districts report from 100% to 122% of their quota reached.

Interestingly enough, practically the same number of charges have reported approximately the same number of subscriptions to date as were reported by the end of the second week of last year's circulation campaign.

With several larger churches yet to report and with the numbers of supplemental reports to be added to the present report it is our prediction that the final tabulation will reveal an increase over last year's totals. A final complete report in the next issue will include all reports reaching the Arkansas Methodist office by noon, Saturday, February 3. It is hoped that every charge in Arkansas Methodism will have its report represented in this final complete record by charges and districts.

Would Return The Saloon

UNDER the head "On Guard" in last week's issue of the Arkansas Methodist an editorial suggested that Methodists interested in a sober Arkansas should keep their eyes on the Arkansas Legislature for efforts to weaken local option laws and to put the state in the wholesale and retail liquor business. Frankly, we were not prepared for the news as reported in last Sunday's press that there is strong sentiment among certain state senators for a measure to permit sale by the drink of mixed drinks in the larger cities of the state.

If the published reports constitute a trial balloon, to test the public's sentiment on the question we feel that we speak the unqualified sentiment of Arkansas Methodists when we say that Arkansas Methodism is uncompromisingly opposed to such a measure. The wets have evidently misinterpreted last November's vote and think they have an open road to an unrestrained traffic in soul-searing death-dealing products.

Let your representatives and senators know what you think about this proposal to bring back the saloon to Arkansas.

Missions Come To Life

DR. J. GORDON GOULD, Superintendent of the Methodist missionary enterprise in Alaska, completes this week his tour of the Districts of the Arkansas-Louisiana Area, thrilling Methodists with his personal testimony, his story of Alaskan missions, and his pictorial presentation of the work being done there. Good responsive crowds have caught a new vision of the missionary dollar at work and have a deeper appreciation of the sacrificial contribution which the missionary makes.

Dr. Gould, himself born in Alaska, has come to his present responsibility along a hard path and his witness to the redemptive transforming power of the gospel is genuine. It is not often that such as he comes our way but his visit has made our responsibility to Alaskan missions in the Advance program all the greater.

American Methodism Observes Commitment Day

THE Methodist Church across America will observe Commitment Day next Sunday, February 4. It is a time when our people in every Methodist Church should be given opportunity to sign a Commitment Card to abstain from all use of intoxicating drinks. Those who have previously signed such a card should be given opportunity to testify in some way to that fact.

Judging from the present indications, it will be necessary for our people, adults and youth as well, to decide for themselves in Arkansas whether or not they are to drink liquor. For two years at least the legal sale of liquor will continue in many of the counties of our state. So widely scattered are these counties that, with our



present means of transportation, liquor will be sold within comparatively short driving distance of almost every section of the state.

Since liquor will be available, the decision to drink or not to drink is largely up to the individual. It is at this point that Commitment Day could play an important, decisive part in the lives of the citizenship of our state. If one deliberately and sincerely signs a Commitment Card, pledging total abstinence from intoxicating drinks, he has taken a long step toward the mastery over himself in his relation to liquor, and a long step toward the mastery over opportunities and temptations to drink that are so common wherever liquor is sold.

We do our children and young people a distinct service if we lead them to a positive commitment of themselves to abstain from the use of intoxicating drinks. Such a commitment sincerely made leaves no room for careless drifting into the drink habit. Having made such a commitment the individual may later drink despite the early decision. However, it will require a reversal of attitude and a conscious repudiation of this earlier decision which would make it much harder for the individual to take up drinking.

There are numbers of people today, who signed the Temperance Pledge years ago who found that pledge a sustaining power in later years when facing the temptation to drink. Let's make this Commitment Day vital and meaningful in American Methodism.

Humanitarianism Versus International Diplomacy

THE poet Cowper has said "God moves in a mysterious way His wonders to perform." The same may be said of some of our movements in international diplomacy. It is apparently an established fact that Russia came out of the late war with deliberate plans for world conquest. In the face of such a decision, diplomacy and attitudes would count for little. It would appear that we have made every effort possible to get along with Russia.

However, in our relation to China, it is a "mysterious" diplomatic procedure indeed that could, in so short a time, liquidate the age old ties of friendship that have existed between China and the United States and bring us to the verge of an "all out" war with the four hundred and fifty millions of people in China.

Now we seem to be moving in the same "mysterious way" to lose the friendship and cooperation of India. With millions in India starving for wheat that is overflowing the storage capacity in the United States, we are about to reverse a decision to send some of our surplus wheat to India because its leaders do not see eye to eye with our diplomats. In the food crisis India now faces, such a course of action could cost us the friendship of the three hundred and ninety millions of India. If millions of India starve while we burn our surplus supply of potatoes and worry about places to store our surplus wheat, we will not only have blundered diplomatically but we will have betrayed any confidence India may have in America as a Christian, humanitarian nation.

America cannot afford to lose its own soul through diplomatic maneuvers; neither can it afford to lose the friendship and confidence of the eight hundred and forty millions of people in China, and add them, as enemies, to the two hundred millions of Russia if we expect to survive as a nation.

A Unique Circulation Campaign

IT was our privilege to be present at a supper meeting at Gardner Memorial, North Little Rock, last week which climaxed a very unique Arkansas Methodist Circulation Campaign.

While the office of the Arkansas Methodist assumes the responsibility for the general, statewide plan for the Circulation Campaign, we have always felt that it would be very presumptuous for us to attempt to advise the pastor as to the method he should use in his local charge. We believe, however, as a news item, that our people will be interested to know how Gardner Memorial had a lot of fun doing a good job in the Circulation Campaign this year.

This year two large groups of workers in Gardner, under capable leaders, divided the list of last year's subscribers to the Arkansas Methodist and entered a church-wide contest to secure renewals and new subscribers to our church paper. A supper was planned for the end of the contest at which the winners were to eat chicken while the losers would eat beans.

The supper itself was different. Instead of table cloths, the rows of tables were neatly covered with Arkansas Methodists. The white paper napkins carried the pictures of the two editors of the paper. A beautiful red floral centerpiece at the speakers' table was circled twice with

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Our Children And The Church

By LOUISA R. SHOTWELL, Associate Secretary

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National Council of the Churches of Christ in the U. S. A.

A report on church participation at the Mid-century White House Conference
on Children and Youth, Washington, D. C., December 3-7, 1950

YOU have invited a workaday preacher to speak at your opening meeting . . . This signal honor is not to me, but through me to the religious community, a fact that makes me doubly grateful; for my being here may thus be a sign of the times, and of a return to religion."

These words of Dr. George A. Buttrick at the first session of the fifth White House Conference on Children and Youth struck a prophetic note. Over and over again in this gathering of 6,000 educators, social workers, religious leaders, parents, and youth, in general sessions, panels, and work groups, the primacy of spiritual values received emphasis.

President Truman stated it more simply than anybody: "The basis of mental and moral strength for our children lies in spiritual things. It lies first of all in the home. And next, it lies in the religious and moral influences that are brought to bear on the children."

State White House Conference Committees, hard at work for a year and a half before the conference analyzing existing services and needs of their children, reported: "Programs of churches and affiliated religious organizations are meeting the needs of children and young people. The spiritual attitudes, learned in early years at home, strengthened by religious experience in church or synagogue, and cutting through all life experiences, are assumed to be a vital part of personality growth . . . Churches are promoting a better understanding of interracial and interfaith relationships."

From Anthropologist Margaret Mead: "We must use the knowledge which the new sciences of human behavior have given us to create the conditions of the strength that will be needed for moving into that future which is the only earthly future to which a democracy can commit itself, a future in which only the general direction of the next step is clear, in which men have the faith to say, although the night is dark and they are far from home:

*"I do not ask to see,
The distant scene,
One step enough for me."*

And the youth members of the Advisory Council on Youth Participation listed prayer as the first of the major common forces influential in bringing a sense of unity in the family.

No social scientist nor educator nor child-care specialist nor parent wanted to assume the whole responsibility for the job of giving our children a fair chance for a healthy personality.

"We are never going to be effective in education so long as we assume that education can be carried on by and through the schools alone. Education will be successful only when the total resources of the community are mobilized to change the minds and hearts of men," declared Ernest O. Melby, Dean of New York University's School of Education.

Speaking on "Putting Our Present Knowledge to Work," Leonard Mayo, Director of the Association for the Aid of Crippled Children, directed a specific challenge to schools, where

the main emphasis is all too frequently on subject matter rather than on children and the learning process to social agencies, where professional workers are so engaged in meeting crises and pushing for new programs and expanded facilities that they have not insisted on a thorough testing of their assumptions nor analysis of their methods; to physicians, in whose private offices there is frequently more knowledge of disease than of people; and to churches, where the spiritual nurture of the child is frequently minimized because of lack of knowledge of his whole personality.

No participant of the Conference was left unaware that the church was on the job. The impressive exhibit of the newly formed National Council of Churches illustrated concrete ways in which the church makes a difference in home and community. Ministers, board secretaries, religious educators, and fifteen youth delegates from the United Christian Youth Movement were well distributed throughout the 35 work groups. Each major session opened with an invocation.

A confused debate at the close, hinging largely on the question of public school responsibility for cooperation in religious training programs, resulted in the passing of the following recommendation:

"Recognizing knowledge and understanding of religious and ethical concepts as essential to the development of spiritual values and that nothing is of greater importance to the moral and spiritual health of our Nation than the works of religious education in our homes and families and in our institutions of organized religion, we nevertheless strongly affirm the principle of separation of church and State which has been the keystone of our American democracy and declare ourselves unalterably opposed to the use of the public schools directly or indirectly for religious educational purposes."

It would seem that just here the church might learn a major lesson in strategy. Perhaps in the long view, the cause of Christianity will be best served when the church acts as an influence permeating every area of life. Assuredly the church can serve youth well when it works cooperatively with public and private agencies to investigate needs and to coordinate services; when it awakens communities to the unhealthy effects of discrimination; when it urges its individual members as practicing Christians to serve in positions of community influence; and when its puts into practice in its church school and youth work and its mission centers the best knowledge and know-how that the testing and research of social science have found to be valid.

Every church member has a stake in the pledge to children unanimously adopted by the Conference as its closing action:

Pledge to Children

TO YOU, our children, who hold within you our most cherished hopes, we the members of the Midcentury White House Conference on Children and Youth, relying on your full response, make this pledge:

From your earliest infancy we give you our love, so that you may grow with trust in yourself and in others.

We will recognize your worth as a person and we will help you to strengthen your sense of belonging.

We will respect your right to be yourself and at the same time help you to understand the rights of others, so that you may experience cooperative living.

We will help you to develop initiative and imagination, so that you may have the opportunity freely to create.

We will encourage your curiosity and your pride in workmanship, so that you may have the satisfaction that comes from achievement.

We will provide the conditions for wholesome play that will add to your learning, to your social experience, and to your happiness.

We will illustrate by precept and example the value of integrity and the importance of moral courage.

We will encourage you always to seek the truth.

We will provide you with all opportunities possible to develop your own faith in God.

We will open the way for you to enjoy the arts and to use them for deepening your understanding of life.

We will work to rid ourselves of prejudice and discrimination, so that together we may achieve a truly democratic society.

We will work to lift the standard of living and to improve our economic practices, so that you may have the material basis for a full life.

We will provide you with rewarding educational opportunities, so that you may develop your talents and contribute to a better world.

We will protect you against exploitation and undue hazards and help you grow in health and strength.

We will work to conserve and improve family life and, as needed, to provide foster care according to your inherent rights.

We will intensify our search for new knowledge in order to guide you more effectively as you develop your potentialities.

As you grow from child to youth to adult, establishing a family life of your own and accepting larger social responsibilities, we will work with you to improve conditions for all children and youth.

Aware that these promises to you cannot be fully met in a world at war, we ask you to join us in a firm dedication to the building of a world society based on freedom, justice, and mutual respect.

SO MAY YOU grow in joy, in faith in God and in man, and in those qualities of vision and of the spirit that will sustain us all and give us new hope for the future.

THE DEVOTIONAL PAGE

REV. ROY I. BAGLEY, Editor

FROM THE BOOKSHELF

Secularism, if the word needs definition, is simply a world-view limiting itself to life on the human plane, agnostic about all that may transcend birth and death . . .

Jesus for many of you has become really little more than a Christian Confucius . . .

A religion of ideals has ceased to be a religion of salvation . . .

A worship of the future is a logical consequence of a worship of ideals.

An amazing trust in the inherent goodness of human nature is the foundation stone of humanist Christianity . . .

Until contemporary Christianity re-discovers its gospel as also one of salvation, it will not possess weapons of sufficient strength to wage war against its real rivals in the modern world—the demonic religions of power . . .

Man as his own god cannot create a community of trust and charity with even one fellow human being . . .

The time has surely come when humanist Christianity, the Christianity of ideals, should be reintroduced to its own majestic ancestral faith . . .

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

JESUS AND THE CHILDREN

And Jesus called a little child unto him, and set him in the midst of them, And said,

Verily I say unto you, Except ye be converted, and become as little children, ye shall not enter into the kingdom of heaven.

Read St. Matthew 18:1-6

Childhood, as Christ saw it, is not merely a stage on the way to something higher. It is beautiful in itself and in its own right. And it reveals to us an ideal that we must never outgrow. What, we may ask, did He mean by requiring us to become as little children?

He surely could not mean that we are to be children in all respects, for there is more than one side to childhood.

Only those who do not know children will deny that children have many of the qualities of savages. How thoughtless they can be, how reckless of the feelings of others, how selfish, how cruel, and how foolish and silly and gullible and ignorant!

Surely these were not the qualities and traits which our Master had in mind when He set a child in their midst and offered them the child as their model.

What he found so precious and so perfect in children was two priceless qualities: first, their absolute naturalness, their spontaneous simplicity; and second, their complete and appealing trustfulness. — Forward

Gossip is a sort of social soft-soap with a good deal of "lie" in it.—Ex.

When Jesus Saw Their Faith

HERE are phrases running through the word of God
That strike the ear, that gleam to catch the eye:

These simple words, "When Jesus saw their faith,"

Ring out as clear and startling as a cry.

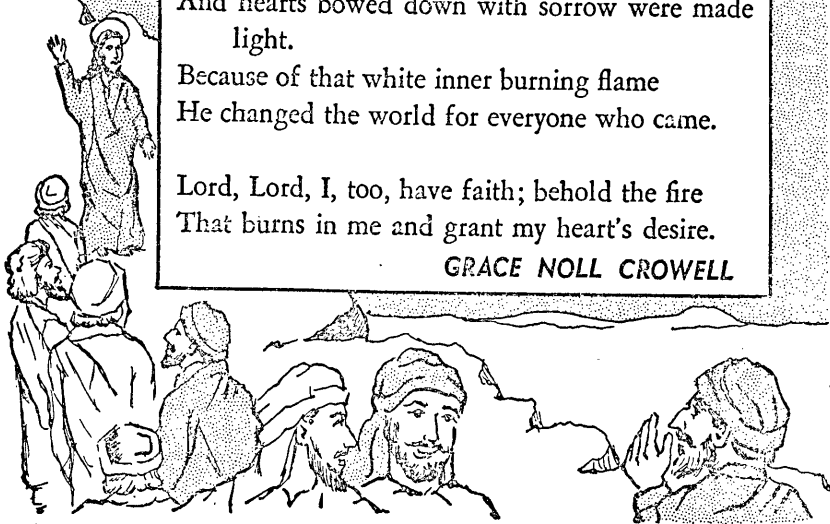
He saw their faith, the one thing he required
Before he granted what their hearts desired.

When Jesus saw their faith, the lame arose,
And darkened eyes were given sudden sight;
The dead were quickened into life again,
And hearts bowed down with sorrow were made light.

Because of that white inner burning flame
He changed the world for everyone who came.

Lord, Lord, I, too, have faith; behold the fire
That burns in me and grant my heart's desire.

GRACE NOLL CROWELL



ACCEPTABLE THOUGHTS AND WORDS

"May the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart
Be acceptable before thee,
O Lord, my rock and my avenger!"—Psalm 19:14

A great old German philosopher once said, "There are two things that fill me with awe and admiration; the starry heavens above and the moral law within." What serious person has not walked out on a beautiful night and seeing the beauty there and has not been set to thinking. Those thoughts unleashed will lead to a simple praise of God. What person taking account of the life does not recognize the unchangeable moral law. This is what the Psalmist saw. He did not express it in the profundity of thought of the philosopher; neither does he delve deep into the mystery of moral law; but, he simply states that these two facts move him to a deep praise of God. He is moved to praise because these facts praise God themselves.

The sun, moon, stars, and the sky all sing forth their great Creator's praise. Even the silence of the universe sings the praises of God. There are those who find nothing in the physical universe that would call forth praise. A group stood on the edge of a cliff overlooking a beautiful valley. One of the party was admiring the beautiful scene when another spoke up, "That pretty? All there is out there are rocks." Some people see the beauty that God has planted there, others see only

"rocks." We do not have to have the soul of an artist who sees the beauty of the scene and puts it on his canvass; but we can all develop a deeper awareness of God as we walk through His beautiful world.

There is more than just the physical universe that prompts men to praise God; there is the moral law. This law is perfect and converts the soul; it is trustworthy, right, purifying and above all riches. The Psalmist raises the question, "Who can discern his errors?" But even in his question he has the answer that this moral law instructs him. St. Paul in his letter to the Romans declares that the law makes men conscious of sin. As we come to a recognition of our sins then we set about to find forgiveness for our sins.

The Christian would be forced one step further and that is his praise of God for the gift of His Son Jesus Christ our Lord. In this revelation we not only see the mirror of the man we ought to be; but also, we see the picture of the person that we may become through his strength. The physical universe may awaken us to wonder and awe; the moral law may stir our sleeping conscience and prod us to the discovery that we are sinful; but in the light of the life of Jesus Christ

BOOK OF BOOKS

How do you use your Bible? How frequently do you seek its pages for help? The questions will be answered in the light of your attitude toward the Bible. If you think of it as a book of magic with a "strange charm" that drives "evil spirits" away; then to display it in a prominent place is all that is needed. There is not a more attractive and charming furnishing for your living room or bedroom. But an attitude that just to have the Bible in the room will not furnish much help. Some people have slept with it under their head. The reason for this is not clear for we might as well expect to learn mathematics with a text book under our pillow as to think that there will be a transfer of insight into the Bible in this manner.

Then, others rush to the Bible when they are up against it. There is not a better source for guidance than the Bible, but how lost we are in its pages if we have not been there frequently.

The Book of Books is "useful in teaching, in reproof, in correcting faults, and in training in uprightness." These are constant needs in each life. The importance in teaching, correction, reproof and training is so evident that we cannot be spasmodic in our efforts.

The Bible looks good on our table, but it is more effective in our hand. It does have a charm but not black magic. Its charm is in the beauty of the writing and what they set out to do. It is good to go to the Bible in time of trouble, but how much greater is its help if we have used it constantly.

In the pages of the Bible we find the living Word. Seek that Way, Truth and Life day by day that your life may be full and happy.—R. B.

we find the assurance of forgiveness.

The results in the Psalmist's life was that he was stirred to prayer. In the life of the Christian he has what the Psalmist has plus God's revelation of Himself in Jesus Christ and he is stirred to prayer. He wants to dig deep into his soul to find the hidden sins that rob him of spiritual power. He seeks power in the time of temptation and with the Psalmist cries that the innermost thoughts be acceptable to him.

We too walk out on a beautiful night and are stirred by the vast expanse of the sky; we too rejoice in the unchangeable law of God both in the physical universe and in the moral life; but as Christians we press eagerly forward and find God's forgiveness and love in Jesus Christ then our lips break forth with his praise.—R. B.

There is only one thing that can cause defeat, remorse, and shameful regret, and that is not to live and do as well as we know how.—Ex.

A wise man profits by his own experience. A wiser man profits just as much by the experiences of others.—Le Digeste Francais, Montreal. (Quote translation)

It is unfortunate to have more dollars than sense.—Ex.

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TRUMAN ABANDONS PLAN FOR AMBASSADOR TO VATICAN

By Religious News Service

WASHINGTON, D. C.—President Truman does not plan to nominate an ambassador to the Vatican.

It is possible, however, and in the opinion of most observers quite probable, that he will appoint a personal representative to the Pope in place of Myron C. Taylor, who resigned more than a year ago.

The State Department, after a four-months' study of the "trial balloon" sent up by Mr. Truman at a press conference last October, has recommended against the establishment of an official diplomatic mission at the Vatican.

Members of the Senate foreign relations committee have privately told the White House that it would be unwise at this time to name an envoy who would require Senate confirmation. They have indicated that the committee would be unresponsive to such a nomination.

A personal representative to the Vatican would not require Senate confirmation. Nomination of a minister or ambassador would.

Also, in the latter instance, an appropriation would be required in the annual State Department appropriations bill, another legislative hurdle that would involve the House as well as the Senate.

A member of the Senate who speaks with authority on foreign relations said:

"It would be most unwise of the President to select the present time to bring up this controversial issue."

He indicated that if such a move were made, the Senate foreign relations committee would be subjected to heavy pressure to hold public hearings. The heated debate, in his opinion, would be certain to "rock the ship of state at a time when there are waves enough on the seas."

This influential Senator summed up the present situation by saying:

"If the President wants an envoy to the Vatican, he can go ahead and appoint one just as President Roosevelt appointed Myron Taylor. There probably wouldn't be any great storm about it, as there is a good precedent. But it would be most unfortunate to bring up the question of direct formal recognition which has never been done in the history of this country."

Another Senator, who has the ear of the President, indicated he fears that a proposal for a Vatican embassy would cause dissension at home and abroad at a time when unity is needed.

"Think of the field-day the Communists might have with propaganda if we got involved in such a controversy," he declared. "Anything either side said might be picked up and used against us some place in the world."

On the other hand, this Senator thought that the appointment of a personal representative who would be paid out of the contingency fund available to the President for special missions might

NEWS AND NOTES ABOUT FACTS AND FOLKS

REV. S. L. DURHAM, pastor of the Springhill Charge, Hope District, announces that his address is now Route 1, Hope, Ark. He formerly received his mail at Springhill, Louisiana.

MRS. CONNOR MOREHEAD, wife of Dr. Connor Morehead, District Superintendent of the Camden District, underwent a major operation at the Camden Hospital Saturday, Jan. 27.

REV. E. H. HOOK, superintendent of the Western Methodist Assembly, will be the guest preacher at Moody, Texas, on February 4. Rev. Lester Davenport is pastor.

REV. JESSE L. JOHNSON, pastor at Brinkley, was the guest speaker at the Methodist Men's Fellowship at Wynne on Tuesday evening, January 9. Rev. Lloyd M. Conyers is pastor.

REV. ALFRED KNOX, pastor of the West Memphis Methodist Church, was a recent speaker at the meeting of the Methodist Men's Fellowship of Brinkley. Rev. Jesse L. Johnson is pastor.

REV. ETHAN W. DODGEN, district superintendent of the Forrest City District, spoke to the Brinkley Rotary Club on Tuesday evening, January 23, presenting the classification of a minister in service to his community.

REV. W. A. DOWNUM, pastor of Midland Heights Methodist Church, Ft. Smith, was guest speaker at the Sebasco Sub-District banquet, given for all officers of the Sub-District M. Y. F. organizations at Jones Memorial Methodist Church, Hartford on January 18.

L. S. DUNAWAY, of Conway, writes: "Judge Garner Fraser of Clinton is ill in the Missouri Pacific hospital. He is a former circuit judge and a graduate of Hendrix College. Hal L. Norwood of Mena, former attorney general, celebrated his 79th birthday last week by appearing before the Supreme Court to argue a case. He, too, is a graduate of Hendrix College."

REV. DOYLE T. ROWE, pastor of Capitol View Methodist Church, Little Rock, announces the Week of Dedication Program for that church, February 18-25. In the morning and evening worship services February 4, 11, and 18 there will be Three Minute Talks by the following laymen of that church: Frank Hartsfield, Mrs. Lena Red, Glen Garlinton, H. R. Coffman, W. E. Tyer, and Mrs. Edna Snell. On Monday, Wednesday and Friday evenings of the Week of Dedication lay sermons will be delivered by Mrs. R. B. Thomas, Miss Joyce Bashardt, and W. P. Spotts, all members of the Capitol View Methodist Church. The program closes with Layman's Day Service, Sunday, February 25, when another Capitol View member, G. Oliver Harper speaks at the morning service on the subject "When a Layman Worships."

WRITING from "somewhere in Korea", the day before Christmas, Miss Helen Kim, probably the best-known woman in Korea, and president of Ewha Woman's University, said: "The snow is the only sign of Christmas we seem to have this year. There is no song in the air and no candlelight in the window. Only heavy silence of grief and pain prevail over the country. But God sends the snow and we are reminded again of the supreme gift He has made to us long ago that we might have real peace and joy. The suffering Christ, as we know Him, is the source of inspiration and companionship that Christians are privileged to have in these dark days . . . Since the Chinese communists began to invade, it seemed best for some of our non-military population to leave

be a constructive gesture that would help knit the anti-Communist world together.

Unless the President goes against the recommendations of his advisors, which he is unlikely to do, the Vatican ambassadorship must be considered a dead issue. The prospect of a personal envoy to the Vatican, however, is very much alive.

WHEAT FOR INDIA

The Methodist Committee for Overseas Relief, the Board of Missions of the Methodist Church, and many other mission agencies are asking individual church members—and also church societies—to write to President Truman, their senators, and their congressmen, urging that 2,000,000 tons of wheat (American government owned surplus crop) be given to the government of India "upon terms that are mutually acceptable to both countries." This wheat is desperately needed to keep alive several millions of Indians for whom there is now no food in sight. This famine condition results from an unfortunate combination of disasters—floods, famines, drouths, and nearby warfare—which have reduced the amount of rice raised in India, and made it impossible to import rice as heretofore, and that millions of people are actually starving.

"This surplus of wheat is a great economic and humanitarian 'tool' in the hands of America," says one authority. "It can demonstrate to the world the superiority of Christianity over communism; it can hold India to the democracies; it can do more for goodwill and peace than can many battalions."

Write now advocating a "wheat-for-India" bill in Congress. When a bill has been introduced, write again favoring its passage.

Seoul. All of our women staff members who stayed through last summer months were dispatched to Pusan and beyond with some of the wives and children of our men faculty. We could buy a bus, a very old one. It made the trip and went back yesterday to take another load."

EXPRESSION OF THANKS

To our many friends and loved ones who have written us letters and cards expressing their sympathy to us in the homegoing of our dear wife and mother, we take this occasion to thank you for your kindness in this time of sorrow and great loss. We sincerely covet your continued prayers.

Rev. J. A. Wade,
Col. Horace Wade,
Edwin Wade,
Junette Wade,
Milvean Wade.

A UNIQUE CIRCULATION CAMPAIGN

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letters cut from plastic foam spelling "ARKANSAS METHODIST."

A wonderfully happy spirit prevailed at the supper where, as usual, the winners also ate some beans and the losers were allowed a full portion of chicken. Dr. C. M. Reves, District Superintendent, and Mrs. Reves were present at the supper.

Aside from the fact that the church will have an increase of more than fifty per cent in the number of subscribers over last year, it is our feeling that the plan had two other features that will not be forgotten soon in Gardner Memorial. First, the Campaign had been put over in a fine way that seemed to be enjoyed by the whole church. Second, the plan made the membership of Gardner Memorial Arkansas Methodist conscious to a degree that no former plan had accomplished.

So far as we know this supper meeting was the only church-wide meeting ever planned in a local church where the total program, "with accessories," was built entirely around the Arkansas Methodist.

CURRENT NEWS IN THE RELIGIOUS WORLD

Selected from Religious News Service Releases

Churchmen Pray In Congressional Offices

A delegation representing the Wayne County and Wooster Councils of Churches returned to Wooster, O., from Washington, D. C., where they urged Ohio Congressmen to resist "war hysteria" and to seek God's guidance before making crucial decisions. The group said they had knelt in prayer at the office of Rep. George H. Bender (R) of Cleveland, and quoted the congressman as saying "it was the first time a group of people had prayed in this office, and it really made an impression on me." Also impressed by the delegation's call was Rep. William H. Ayres (R) of Akron, who said it was the most unusual visit he had ever received. Others visited were Sen. John W. Bricker (R) of Cleveland and Rep. Frank T. Bow (R) of Canton. Sen. Robert A. Taft (R) of Cincinnati was not in his office when the group called.

Korean Protestants Discuss Wide Evacuation

Protestant churches were reported at Taegu, Korea, to be discussing plans for evacuating their members to Cheju and other Korean islands in the event that Chinese Communist forces penetrate far into the Southern Korean area. Other possibilities said to be under discussion are the transfer of church followers to Japan, the United States or other friendly foreign countries.

National Council Acts To Meet War Emergency Needs

The general board of the National Council of Churches took steps to mobilize churches to meet the spiritual needs of the American people arising from the war emergency. A committee of 30 was appointed by the board to recommend a special ministry to the members of the armed forces and defense workers. Mrs. Douglas Horton, a vice-president of the Council and war-time director of the Waves, was named committee chairman. Mrs. Horton announced a conference would be held in Greenwich, Conn., Feb. 17-19, to clarify the churches' function in the war emergency, and to recommend steps for action by member churches of the National Council.

Ask Secular Groups To Promote Lent Observance

Cooperation of secular organizations in promoting a full observance of Lent is being sought by the Bristol County, R. I. Ministers' Association. The secular groups are being asked to refrain from sponsoring parties and entertainments during the Lenten period, the Rev. Arthur M. Dunstan, president of the ministerial group, announced. "The session of Lent is only six weeks long and the churches feel that this is their special opportunity for spiritual and devotional services," he said.

Sees Evacuation Of Korean Missionaries

A major evacuation of missionaries in Korea may result from political and military necessity, according to Dr. John W. Decker, associate secretary of the International

al Missionary Council. He addressed the general board of the National Council of Churches at its first meeting in New York. "Christian missionaries in Korea have assumed the role of martyrs and their martyrdom may well prove to be one of the longest in recent history," he said.

New Russian Dictionary Hits At Bible, Religion

What loyal Communists are expected to know and believe about the Bible and religion is summed up in a new Russian dictionary issued recently by the Soviet State Publishing House in Moscow. The dictionary contains explanations—all strictly materialistic—for 20,000 foreign words and phrases. "The Bible," it says, "is a collection of fantastic legends without any scientific support. It is full of dark hints, historical mistakes and contradictions. It serves as a factor for gaining power and subjugating the unknowing nations." A much larger explanation is given of the word "religion." The definition says: "Religion is a fantastic faith in gods, angels and spirits. It is a faith without any scientific foundations. Religion is being supported and maintained by the reactionary circles. It serves for the subjection of the working people and for building up the power of the exploiting bourgeois classes. The liquidation of the bourgeois society and the advent of the Communist system has destroyed foundations of religion, and is putting the laws of the natural sciences in place of the cunning lies which are being advertised by all religions. The superstitions of outlived religion has been surmounted by the Communist education of the working class, by its active participation in the construction of the free, socialistic life, and by its deep knowledge of the scientifically profound teachings of Marx-Leninism."

Sees Chinese Communism Changing — Or Dying

A Chinese Christian pastor who gave three addresses to the Minnesota State Pastors' Conference at St. Paul, Minn., expressed the view that Communism in China will have to change or else it will die out. "Everything that goes to China, changes," observed Dr. Peter K. F. Shih, Boston, Mass., pastor of the Chinese Christian church of New England. He has been executive secretary of the Chungking YMCA and dean of the West China Theological seminary in Chengtu. Last year he spent four months visiting China. "Communism is totally against our Chinese culture," Dr. Shih told the pastors. "We Chinese are all individualists. We believe in personal freedom. China is a family-centered nation. We do not believe that the 'state' is above everything."

Korean Protestant Churches Form Emergency Group

An emergency wartime committee of all Korean Protestant churches has been established in Pusan, Korea under the leadership of the Rev. Han Kyung Jin, 49-year-old Presbyterian minister. Purposes of the committee, it was announced, will be to effect closer relations with Christian churches and organ-

izations in other democratic nations, and to render all possible aid to North and South Korean war refugees and evacuees concentrated in the United Nations sector. Another of the committee's objectives, it was stated, will be to organize youth and cultural groups to promote and sustain "the spirit and morale of the people who are struggling under fear and difficult conditions of life."

WCTU Warns Against 'Temperance' Group

A warning that the Temperance and Tolerance Association of America having headquarters in Lincoln, Neb., is a "wet organization supported by the alcoholic beverage traffic" was issued by Mrs. D. Leigh Colvin, president of the National Woman's Christian Temperance Union. She said the WCTU investigated the Association after it had named as its founder Mrs. Ida M. Thurber, who claimed to be a "former WCTU leader." A search of WCTU records has failed to reveal that Mrs. Thurber was a leader of the temperance movement in Nebraska or any other state, according to Mrs. Leigh. She said the Association was "endorsed by liquor and beer associations and financially supported by liquor stores and saloons," and that it has operated in several states "to blunt the increasing local option elections, while masquerading in the name of temperance." One of its projects, the WCTU president said, is to distribute wet motion pictures, "for the showing of which churches and other groups have been offered payment." She quoted an editorial in the Wisconsin Beverage News which said that contributions to the Association "will be used to engage liberals drawn from the pulpits of this country and other organizations who are able and competent to challenge the claim that prohibition is the answer to the (drink) problem." Mrs. Colvin also made public copy of a letter from the Nebraska Beer and Liquor Retailers' Association urging its members to join the Temperance and Tolerance Association and expressing the opinion that "if we provide the tools, the Association will go a long way in removing the constant threat of national prohibition."

Merger Revives USO Agency

Merger of the United Service Organizations and the Associated Services for the Armed Forces was approved at a joint meeting of the boards of directors in New York. The merged organizations will use the name U. S. O. Seven agencies were involved in the merger—among them the Young Men's and Young Women's Christian Associations, the National Catholic Community Service, the National Jewish Welfare Board, and the Salvation Army. Plans were mapped at the meeting to set up a unified program to establish clubs, lounges, and camp shows for American soldiers. The meeting was held following an announcement that the U. S. O. would be reactivated.

'Holy Corners' Congregations Hold Annual Get-Together

St. Louis's three "Holy Corners" congregations — Temple Israel,

Second Baptist and St. John's Methodist—held their annual get-together for the 21st year. This time they included women and young people on the program of dinners and conferences. The trio of churches are located on the corners of Kingshighway and Washington Boulevard in the western part of the city. Rabbi Ferdinand M. Isserman, one of the three founders of the annual event, recalled that the intersection was given the name "Holy Corners" by the drivers of "rubber-neck" busses some 35 years ago. St. John's is the oldest of the three congregations, dating from 1868.

Churches Honor Departing Guardsmen

Three churches in Belzoni, Miss., (Baptist, Methodist and Presbyterian) held a joint evening service at the Methodist church to honor seventy departing men of the thirty-first National division.

Church Women Urge Wide Use Of UN Flag

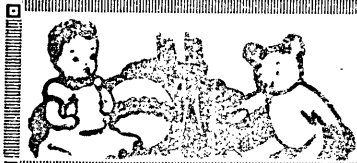
Use of the United Nations flag in churches, schools and public buildings "as a symbol of the nations working together for peace" was unanimously approved by the United Council of Church Women at its biennial assembly in Cincinnati. National loyalty, it was stressed, is heightened by loyalty to the larger human community represented in the UN. The women specified that the banner should be used according to the UN flag code.

Oldest New Testament Manuscript To Be Printed

Dr. Aziz Sourial Attia, professor of medieval history at Farouk University in Alexandria, will leave shortly for the United States to supervise the printing of what is believed to be the oldest New Testament manuscript in Greek and Syriac. The manuscript was discovered in St. Catherine's Monastery on Mt. Sinai last year by an American-Egyptian expedition of which Dr. Attia was a member. It was written on gazelle hide and included a translation of the Bible written over the Greek text and in the margins. While in the United States, Dr. Attia also will collaborate in the publication of a five-volume history of the Crusades by the University of Pennsylvania.

Warns Church Colleges Face Loss Of Independence

Church colleges are in danger of losing their independence through the apathy and lack of support of average church-goers, a college president warned at Cleveland. Addressing a visitors' session of the constituting convention of the National Council of Churches, Dr. Howard F. Lowry, president of Wooster College at Wooster, O., said that if the churches expect to influence higher education "they must stand up and pay for their colleges and not hand them over to the State. They must lay upon their members capable of coming to the support of church colleges their obligation and opportunity to do so," he declared.



THE CHILDREN'S PAGE

ANNIE WINEBURNE, Editor



IN STORYLAND

THE KIND LITTLE WAGON

"Here, Bobby," called mother to her little son as he was hauling his little sister in a wheelbarrow, "run over to the new grocery and get me some soap. I like cash stores, but it is a little inconvenient when they don't deliver."

Bobby came back beaming. "O, mother, he's the nicest old man with the funniest name. Guess what it is."

"Joke?" asked mother gravely. "Or monkey? Those are the funniest things I know."

"O, now, mother, you know I didn't mean funny that way. I meant queer. The first part is the last part, but the last part is not always the first part."

"Why, that is queer," owned his mother. "I could never guess it in the world."

"It's Rainwater!" cried Bobby; "but he declares he's not soft."

Mother laughed. "He must be a jolly old fellow."

He was. In a week all the kiddies in the neighborhood knew him for a friend. One day when Bobby went to buy something the old man said: "Young man, you got a wagon?"

"No, sir," Bobby answered; "but I can carry a lot in a basket."

"Thanks, sonny," said the old man, patting his shoulder; "but I don't want you to do an errand. Look here." He drew out from behind some barrels a bright-red wagon all trimmed with gold. "Here's a wagon a lady left with me. Now she writes she won't be back and for me to give the wagon to somebody. She says it is a kind little wagon, and I must give it to some one who will keep it so."

"I'll try," said Bobby, not quite understanding; but O he did want that pretty wagon!

"Then you'll do," answered the old man heartily, and he put the tongue into Bobby's hand.

After Bobby showed the wagon to mother, he sat down on the back step to think. He had promised to try to keep it a kind little wagon; now he must find some way to do it.

"A kind little wagon," he said over to himself and sat looking at it quite, quite still for some minutes; then he jumped up so quickly the wagon would have shied if there had been a pony hitched to it. "I know! I know!" he cried. "A kind little wagon must do kind things. Course it can't by itself, so I must help it."

He looked all around eagerly. There lay a pile of wood and a stack of kindling. The very thing! Bobby piled the wagon full of wood and pulled it carefully up to the two low steps to the porch. In no time at all he had the wood box full and the kindling basket overflowing. After a little he heard mother go into the kitchen.

"Oho!" she cried. "What good brownie has been at work here?"

"The kind little wagon," laughed Bobby gleefully. "Is there anything else it can do for you?"

"Yes, indeed!" cried mother, "and

I'm so glad. I want a bag of flour before daddy comes home, and I was wondering how I was going to get it."

So off went Bobby and the wagon, and soon the flour was bumping up the back steps.

"My!" cried mother, "it's mighty nice to have a little son that knows how to keep a kind little wagon."

Bobby grinned happily and asked: "Can you spare us a few minutes now, mother?"

"Yes, indeed, I'll not need you any more this morning," she answered.

So off Bobby and the wagon whizzed through the back yard and up the alley around to Mr. Rainwater's grocery. He was just in time. The old man was piling up a lot of things into a bag for a dear little white-haired lady who didn't look at all able to carry them.

"Grannie! Grannie Snow! Wait!" called Bobby as she was trying to gather them up. "Here's a kind little wagon come to take your things

for you."

O, how her bright eyes twinkled under the snowy curls! And Mr. Rainwater nodded till his gray hair stood up in a peak.

"Well, well, well!" she laughed. "I didn't know there was anything like that around."

As they went on to the little brown house Bobby told her all about it. When she had thanked him and given him a cookie, she suddenly cried, "O! O! O!" and Bobby knew that she had thought of something fine. "Did you know that Tommie Jenkins had sprained his ankle so badly that he hasn't walked for a week? Look! There he is sitting at the window, with old Rover begging him to come out. I just know he'd like a ride in a kind wagon."

Bobby waved his hand, and Tommie waved back and called, "Hello!" And in less than a dozen wags of Rover's tail Tommie's mother had put a pillow in the wagon, and Tommie was off for a ride.—Selected



GROUND HOG DAY

(February 2)

*This funny little animal
Will tell us, so they say,
If winter will be long or short,
On Ground Hog Day.*

*He hurries out and looks around
And if a shadow sees,
"We will have winter six more weeks"
He says and then he flees*

*Back to his hole to wait awhile
Before he's out to stay,
But if no shadow can be seen
Spring is not far away.—A.E.W.*

IN THE WORLD OF BOYS AND GIRLS

THE ZOO

Mary and Thomas and little Lou
Went one day to visit the zoo.
Lions and tigers, they saw and bears,
Antelopes, ostriches, Belgian hares,
Camels and foxes and snakes and birds,
Reindeer and chamois and deer in herds,
Walruses, prairie dogs, seals and beagles,
Zebras, elephants, wildcats, eagles.

The lions roared and the gay wolves howled;
The monkeys chattered, the black bears growled;
The nightingale sang, and the parrots talked;
The ducks and herons quacked and squawked;
There was grunting and squealing and laughing and cooing.
Shrieking and barking and puffing and mooing.
"They make as much noise as a crowd of boys!"
"I like a canary,"
Said little Mary.

There were hides and skins and furs and feathers,
To wear in different climates and weathers.
There were snouts and tusks and beaks and trunks,
For gathering food in strips and chunks;
Webb-feet and claws and hoofs and tails,
Long hair and short hair, stripes and scales.
Horns and antlers and tusks and teeth,
Wings above and fins beneath.
"Whatever each animal needs to do
He is made to fit"
Cried little Lou.—Ethel C. Brown,
in The Youth's Companion

JUST FOR FUN

Tony, the office janitor, had been working at his job for several years when he surprised his employer by asking for a vacation.

"We can't get along very well without you," joked the boss. "You don't need a vacation. You'll only blow in your money and come back broke."

"I like to have a vacation," persisted Tony. "I get married, and I kinda like to be there."

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An advertising salesman boarded the Chief and took a roomette. He carried with him only a small grip, and the porter inquired of his other luggage.

"I have none," said the man.

"Why, I thought you were a salesman," said the porter.

"That's right, I am. But I don't need a lot of luggage, I sell brains."

The porter scratched his head and finally said, "Well, you are the first traveling salesman that ever rode this train without samples."

SKELETON FORCE OF MISSIONARIES TO STAY IN CHINA

By Religious News Service

NEW YORK—Only a skeleton force of American Protestant missionaries will remain in Communist-dominated China within a few months, according to a survey made by the Division of Foreign Missions of the National Council of Churches.

In releasing the results of the survey, Dr. Rowland M. Cross, Far Eastern secretary of the Division, said here that, of the approximately 500 American Protestant missionaries now working under the Mao Tze-tung regime, the majority are reported to have applied for exit visas.

Wholesale withdrawals of Roman Catholic missionaries, however, have not been ordered or authorized by ecclesiastical authorities. Figures obtained by Dr. Cross showed that between 400 and 500 American Catholic missionaries are still in Communist China.

A large-scale exodus of Protestant missionaries has been in progress for the past several months, Dr. Cross said. He noted that two years ago, when the Chinese mainland was still partly held by the Nationalist government, there were more than 2000 American Protestant missionaries in that country.

The missionaries are withdrawing partly because of restrictive Communist measures "of which the freeze of American funds and the government's taking custody of American property are the most recent examples," according to Dr. Cross.

But a more important reason, he said, has been the counsel of Chinese Christians that the withdrawal of missionaries would be a wise move.

Dr. Cross said native Christians assert that the presence of foreign missionaries, especially Americans, "might lead to undesirable consequences." He stressed, however, that this view was due to "fear of anti-foreign feeling getting out of hand, and not because they consider missionaries detrimental to the Church."

The majority of Protestant mission boards, Dr. Cross said, are reluctantly "suggesting that their missionaries consider withdrawal or at least review their position in the light of changing circumstances."

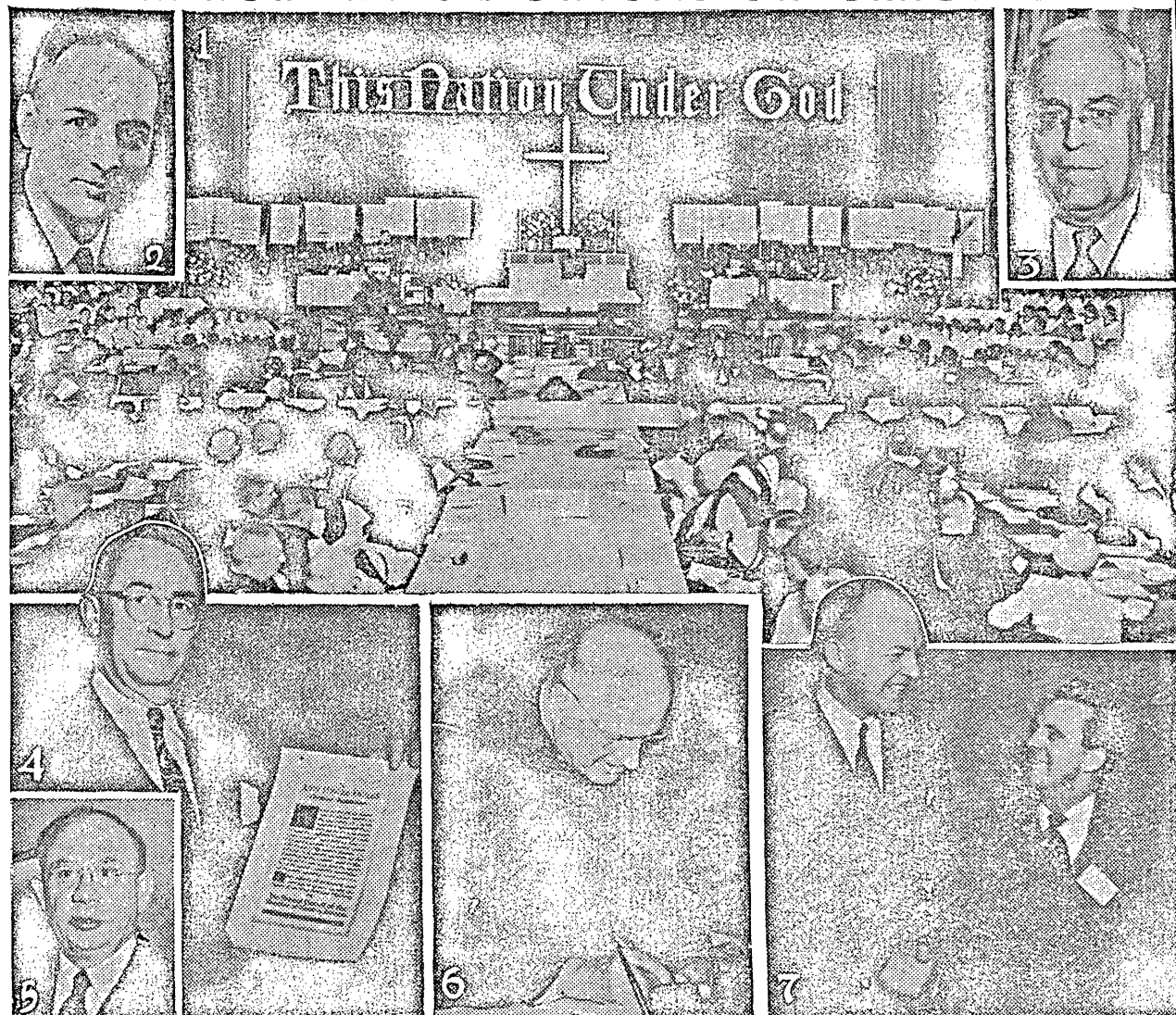
Officials of these boards said their policy on this question had undergone some change in recent weeks. Earlier, the boards had not given them China mission groups the freedom to decide whether and when to leave the field, or to remain there indefinitely.

This change coincided with a change in attitude on the part of Chinese Christians toward the stay of their missionary co-religionists. Up to a few weeks ago, the native leaders were reported to have expressed approval of the work of foreign missionaries and to have voiced the hope that their "joint partnership" might continue.

American Catholic societies have kept their missionaries on the China field because of instructions from the Congregation for the Propagation of the Faith in Rome that such workers should remain at their posts "as long as they can."

It was stressed that the withdrawal of missionaries did not mean the end of Protestant work in China.

METHODISTS SHARE IN LAUNCHING NATIONAL COUNCIL OF CHURCHES



1. General view of the auditorium in Cleveland, Ohio, as the National Council of the Churches of Christ in the U. S. A. was officially constituted by 25 Protestant and four Orthodox churches, representing 31 million members, whose banners have been placed on the stage.

2. Dr. Arthur S. Flemming of Delaware, O., prominent Methodist layman and president of Ohio Wesleyan University who was elected chairman of the Division of Christian Life and Work and one of the vice presidents of the Council.

3. Bishop Ivan Lee Holt of St. Louis, who as chairman of the Joint

Department of American Communities Overseas is a member of the General Board. A former president of the Federal Council of Churches, he addressed that body at its final session before merging with seven other major interdenominational agencies to form the new National Council.

4. Dr. Walter W. Van Kirk, head of the Department of International Justice and Goodwill, holds a scroll honoring John Foster Dulles for his contributions as a Christian statesman.

5. Dr. John O. Gross, Nashville, executive secretary of the Division of Educational Institutions of the Meth-

odist Board of Education, presides as chairman of the Commission on Christian Higher Education in the Council.

6. Bishop J. Ralph Magee of Chicago, president of the Council of Bishops, registers the approval of nine million fellow Methodists to the constituting documents of the new Council.

7. Dr. Harold E. Stassen (left), president of the University of Pennsylvania, and one of the vice presidents of the Council, congratulates Chilton G. Bennett, executive secretary of the Board of Lay Activities following Mr. Bennett's address before the new General Department of United Church Men.

The National Council official said that "on the contrary, the Chinese Christian Church shows remarkable signs of vigor and in some places its membership is on the increase."

Meanwhile, spokesmen for several Protestant boards said that their agencies would continue to make funds available to support the work of the Chinese Church.

Most recent figures show that \$8,455,404 was given in 1948 for China work by 48 major Protestant denominations and mission boards of the United States and Canada. Of this amount, approximately \$8,000,000 was raised in this country. Mission officials said that contributions for China work remained about the same in 1949, but "began to drop off in 1950."

The Seventh-day Adventists, The Methodist Church, and the Presbyterian Church, U. S. A., each gave more than \$1,000,000 to China missions during their 1948-49 fiscal year.

American Protestant mission property in China, now in the custody of the Communist government, was valued at \$27,355,720 in 1930, when the last authoritative figures were compiled. The proper-

ties today are "substantially the same as in 1930," according to Dr. Searle Bates, professor of missions at Union Theological Seminary, New York, who compiled the mission statistics.

Dr. Cross said this did not include 13 colleges and universities worth \$12,000,000 hundreds of primary and secondary schools, 239 hospitals, and hundreds of leprosariums, dispensaries, social and philanthropic institutions owned by American Protestant groups. The government has announced that it will either take over these institutions or permit them to continue as private enterprises operated by Chinese personnel.

American Protestant missions in China date back to 1830, when representatives of the American Seaman's Friend Society and the American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions went to Canton to start the work.

Happiness holds onto what it happens to have—discontent wants all the rest.—Alme Todd, Helping Hand Mag.

VISITATION EVANGELISTIC CAMPAIGN AT UMSTED MEMORIAL

The Newport Umsted Memorial Methodist Church sponsored a Visitation Evangelistic Campaign January 15 to 17, under the direction of Rev. S. B. Wilford, district superintendent of the Batesville District of the Methodist Church, which resulted in the addition of twenty new members to the church, twelve of whom came by transfer of membership and eight by baptism and vows.

The interior of the church has been remodeled with two new class rooms added, and the chancel has been changed completely, the pulpit moved forward with a new circular communion rail added and the choir is seated directly to the rear of the pulpit.

The cost has been small as the men of the church have donated their time on the labor.—M. L. Kaylor, pastor

No life is so hard that you can't make it easier by the way you take it.—Ex.

REPORT NO. 2—THROUGH SATURDAY NOON, JANUARY 27, 1951

Charge and Pastor	New	Ren.	Due	Total	Charge and Pastor	New	Ren.	Due	Total	Charge and Pastor	New	Ren.	Due	Total	
ARKADELPHIA DISTRICT—Quota 1218					Fordyce, R. A. Teeter					Gravelly Ct., Paul Dean Davis					
Arkadelphia, First, J. B. Heffley	4	100	10	114**	Fountain Hill, W. E. West	1	8	9	9	Greenbrier Ct., Lloyd Turner	4	12	16	16	
Arkadelphia Ct., W. H. Watson	1	8	9	9	Hamburg-Snyder, M. W. Miller	3	59	6	73**	Morrilton, First, Ch. H. J. Cechman	17	111	3	131**	
Bismark Ct., Hollis Simpson	10	8	18**	18**	Hampton-Harrell, Claud O. Hall	6	35	41**	41**	Naylor Ct., Thomas Nation	9	10	1	20**	
Caddo Gap Ct., W. H. Watson	1	1	2	2	Hermitage Ct., S. W. Mooty	5	26	2	33**	North Little Rock	9	2	11	11	
Dalark Ct., Horace M. Grogan	13	23	36	36	Lake Village, Fred W. Schwendimann	10	27	37**	37**	First Ch., J. W. Workman	22	355	377*2	377*2	
Delight Ct., Joe Hunter	9	41	2	52*2	McGehee, J. Ralph Clayton	15	51	66	66	Gardner Mem., V. E. Chalfant	54	60	5	119	
Fountain Lake, J. A. Wade	4	12	16*2	16*2	Monticello, Roland E. Darrow	16	49	65	65	Levy, Raymond Herman	18	34	2	46	
Gurdon, George E. Ruetz	9	48	2	59	New Edinburg Ct., C. R. Andrews	5	22	27	27	Sylvan Hills, W. Wilder	7	16	12**	12**	
Hot Springs:					Parkdale, J. C. Van Horn	6	25	31*2	31*2	Washington Ave., I. L. Cloud	16	59	75**	75**	
1st Church, E. C. Rule	39	61	3	103	Portland-Montrose, Clem Baker	4	41	1	46*2	Old, George W. Manley	14	15	1	31**	
Grand Avenue, C. Ray Hozendorf	20	89	7	116**	Rhodes Chapel	5	6	11	11	Perry-Perryville, J. W. Workman, Jr.	3	18	2	23	
Oaklawn, Noel Cross	9	24	7	40	Star City, Eldred Blakeley	4	38	42**	42**	Perry County, William Walker	4	4	8	8	
Pullman Heights, H. R. Holland	20	42	2	64**	Strong Ct., Joe H. Robinson	5	13	18**	18**	Plainview, A. L. Ellis	5	25	30**	30**	
Hot Springs Ct., Albert Burroughs	12	12	12	24	Thornion Ct., George C. Bailey	4	27	31**	31**	Plumerville, Elbert Jean	7	23	30**	30**	
Tigert-Morning Star, L. R. Sparks	9	16	12	25*2	Tillar-Winchester, Gamma L. Daniel	4	35	39**	39**	Pope County Ct., Tom Minslow	21	21	21**	21**	
Malvern:					Union, S. N. Adams	5	9	14**	14**	Pottsville, Wm. C. Hefner	2	32	24	24	
1st Church, Van W. Harrell	1	1	1	1	Warren, J. E. Cooper	6	74	7	87	Russellville, Harold Eggenberger	52	83	5	148**	
Keith Memorial, W. S. Cazort	19	33	52*2	52*2	Martin's Chapel	11	11	22	22	Salem, A. E. Goode	6	8	14**	14**	
Mt. Ida, Osbourne White	20	26	46*2	46*2	Watson-Kelso, W. T. Bene	17	44	61**	61**	Vilonia, Maurice Webb	10	18	28*2	28*2	
Murfreesboro, A. W. Hamilton	20	32	3	55*2	Wilmar Ct., L. C. Gatlin	16	39	2	43	Vilonia Ct., J. M. Kitchens	9	9	9	9	
Murfreesboro Ct., A. N. Youngblood	6	9	15	15	Wilmar-Miller's Chapel	3	17	20**	20**	TOTALS	335	1172	54	1591	
Piney Grove, S. K. Burnett	6	5	1	12**	G. W. Warren	1	11	12	12						
Rockport Ct., J. R. Diffie	10	30	1	41**	TOTALS	226	916	31	1175**						
Shorewood Hills, J. D. Baker	4	10	1	15**											
Sparkman-Sardis, C. Everett Patton	2	20	5	27**											
Traskwood, H. A. F. Ault	3	18	1	20											
TOTALS	234	657	44	935	PINE BLUFF DISTRICT—Quota 1379					FAYETTEVILLE DISTRICT—Quota 1180					
CAMDEN DISTRICT—Quota 1712					Almyra, Edward Hollenbeck	1	11	1	13**	Alpena, O. L. Cole	8	30	36*2	36*2	
Bearden, R. C. Walsh	4	19	1	24	Altzheimer-Wabbaseka, Harold Scott	12	47	59*2	59*2	Bentonville, Alf Eason	13	55	3	76**	
Bradley, O. W. Hoover	6	28	2	32**	Carthage, W. W. Barron	8	25	34**	34**	Bentonville Ct., Kenneth Hatfield	1	1	2	2	
Chidester Ct., R. L. Diffie	24	16	2	42	DeWitt, O. E. Holmes	12	67	79	79	Centerton Ct., Charles Waggs	14	17	31**	31**	
Columbia Ct., G. B. Pixley	4	37	1	42	England, Charles W. Richards	36	74	1	111*2	Decatur, Olen R. Findley	7	12	19**	19**	
Dumas Memorial, R. S. Mann	10	27	1	38*2	Good Faith, B. F. Fitzhugh	5	21	26**	26**	Elm Springs, Woodrow Woods	14	40	1	55**	
El Dorado:					Grady-Gould, L. Gray Wilson	27	67	1	95*2	Eureka Springs, Wm. A. Stewart, Jr.	7	20	1	23	
Centennial, Thomas Christie	6	5	11	11	Keo, Robert Riffin	6	18	2	26**	Farmington-Goshen, Cathryn Ferrell	6	23	29**	29**	
Vantrease, J. D. Montgomery	8	67	75**	75**						Fayetteville:					
Emerson Ct., C. B. Harris	17	7	24	24						Central, D. L. Dykes, Jr.	52	142	34	228**	228**
Harmony Grove, H. R. Nabors	25	43	68*2	68*2						Wiggins Mem., Arnold Simpson	9	33	1	43**	43**
Holly Springs Ct., Irl S. Lancaster	17	20	37**	37**						Gentry, Brady Cook	6	35	2	43**	43**
Junction City, W. Braska Savage	2	32	4	38**						Gravette, H. W. Jinske	3	21	1	25**	25**
Lewisville, James Simpson	22	56	78**	78**						Green Forest, C. H. Harvison	6	27	33**	33**	33**
Louann Ct., R. M. Crain	18	47	65*3	65*3						Lincoln, N. Lee Cate	9	25	4	38**	38**
Magolia:										Madison Co. No. 1, Kernat					
1st Church, Elmer Thomas	5	54	1	60						Van Zant	9	54	63**	63**	63**
Jackson St., W. R. Boyd	17	63	80**	80**						Morrow-Evanson, Walter Pennel	12	3	15*2	15*2	15*2
Marysville Ct., K. K. Carthers	4	53	57**	57**	Mt. Hebron, George Blevins		1	1	1	1					
Norphlet, S. B. Mann	9	25	44**	44**	Pea Ridge-Brightwater, Amos Howard	9	29	38	38	38					
Princeton Ct., Bruce H. Bean	9	30	39**	39**	Prairie Grove, S. O. Paffy	6	59	1	66**	66**					
Smackover, A. C. Carraway	10	55	65	65	Rogers, J. T. Randle	18	65	4	107**	107**					
Stamps, M. E. Scott	17	65	82*2	82*2	Siloam Springs, J. W. Watson	12	67	7	86	86					
Taylor Ct., C. E. Lawrence	9	21	30*	30*	Springdale, E. G. Kaczal	16	53	2	77	77					
Village Ct., D. L. McCauley	9	55	3	67**	Springtown-Highfill, Bobby Edwards	4	8	12	12	12					
Waldo, J. Wayne Mann	30	52	1	85**	Sulphur Springs, Wendell Barbaree	4	15	22**	22**	22**					
TOTALS	232	835	17	1184	Winslow, D. E. Dorman	1	8	1	10	10					
HOPE DISTRICT—Quota 1531					TOTALS	219	873	62	1194**	FORREST CITY DISTRICT—Quota 1187					
Ashdown, W. D. Golden	22	83	2	107*2						Aubrey Ct., J. C. Richey	10	44	54**	54**	
Blagen Ct., Connie Robbins	2	13	13	13						Brinkley, Jesse Johnson	23	77	2	101**	101**
Blevins Ct., Cagle E. Fair	12	54	66**	66**						Clarendon, E. E. Stevenson	9	17	1	27	27
DeQueen, John L. Tucker	7	64	3	74**						Cotton Plant, James R. Chandler	6	39	1	37**	37**
Doddridge Ct., W. M. Crow	3	32	1	36**						Crawfordsville, J. W. Glass	3	20	3	35**	35**
Emmett Ct., L. E. Wilson	1	35	27	27						Earle, L. F. Latvers	3	13	22	22	22
Foreman, Howard Williams	1	26	51	51						Elaine, Glen Bruner	13	35	2	50**	50**
Hope, J. M. Hamilton	51	116	2	152**						Haynes-LaGrange, J. W. Sandage	24	165	3	123**	123**
Horatio Ct., E. T. Miller	1	37	1	38**						Helenia, E. J. Hoffield	3	33	1	37**	37**
Lockesburg Ct., J. R. Calicut	17	25	42	42						Holly Grove, Charles McDonald	10	34	44**	44**	
Mena, Mark F. Vaughn	12	65	76**	76**	Hughes, Harold D. Womack	13	7	19	19	19					
Mena Ct., Virgil Bell	3	1	4	4	Hunter Ct., W. G. Stettall	12	7	19	19	19					
Mineral Springs, L. O. Lee	2	14	22	22	Marianna, S. G. Watson	25	63	2	90**	90**					
Nashville, George Meyer	4	5	5	5	Marvett, C. C. Johnson	67	67	67*2	67*2	67*2					
Prescott, W. R. Burks	4	69	1	74**	Vannadale, J. H. Richardson	15	39	55**	55**						
Prescott Ct., G. L. Glasgow	3	7	10	10	West Helena, J. R. Decker	10	52	58**	58**						
Richmond Ct., Claud Clark	13	20	1	34	West Memphis, Alfred Knox	18	233	3	254*2	254*2					
Springhill Ct., S. L. Durham	9	16	1	26	Wheatley, F. M. Stage, Jr.	2	24	26**	26**						
Texarkana:					Widener, Bob McMaster	7	35	1	43**	43**					
College Hill, D. J. McCammon	22	36	1	59**	Wynne, Lloyd M. Conyers	11	94	4	109**	109**					
Fairview, C. H. Farmer	23	73	1	97**	TOTALS	227	1084	23	1334	FORT SMITH DISTRICT—Quota 1743					
First Ch., Fred Harrison	43	143	5	191**						Alix, Carl B. Adams	6	18	24**	24**	
Texarkana Ct., Cleve H. Gilliam	11	24	1	36						Alma-Mulberry, T. C. Chambliss	7	59	1	58**	58**
Washington Ct., W. C. Lewis	5	25	3	33**						Bethel, Floyd G. Villines, Sr.	22	12	24*2	24*2	24*2
Winthrop Ct., M. T. Rose	2	2	2	2						Booneville, W. J. Spicer	26	93	3	122**	122**
TOTALS	265	989	29	1283						Bonanza, Dave Sisco	1	6	7**	7**	7**
LITTLE ROCK DISTRICT—Quota 2422										Branch Ct., Fred Thompson	6	22	28**	28**	28**
Austin Ct., J. R. Martin	9	14	1	24						Charleston, D. G. Hindman	20	47	2	69**	69**
Bauxite, O. C. Birdwell	18	20	2	40**						Clarksville, C. Norman Guice	20	88	1	109**	109**
Benton, H. O. Bolin	13	45	2	60						Ft. Smith:					
Bethlehem Ct., Fred H. Arnold	2	2	2	2						First Ch., Fred G. Roebuck	35	184	8	227	227
Bryant Ct., Kenneth Goode	3	22	25	25	Fifth St., Bates Sturdy	11	19	3	33*2	33*2					
Carlisle, Curtis Williams	11	38	3	52	Goddard Mem., R. E. L. Bearden	17	96	2	115	115					
Des Arc-New Bethel, A. C. Rogers	6	41	1	48*	Grand Ave., Charles Wyatt	2	8	10	10	10					
DeValls Bluff-Sardis, John B. Hays	8	11	1	20*	Massard-Barling, Van Hooker	7	23	1	31**	31**					
Douglasville, O. L. Thompson	7	14	21	21	Midland Heights, W. A. Downum	19	49	1	60	60					
Geyer Springs, S. T. Baugh	9	17	1	27**	Townsend Avenue, Charles Pacht	2	1	3	3	3					
Hazen, Harold Sadler	3	54	1	58**	St. Paul, Martin Bierbaum	8	39	47	47	47					
Hickory Plains, C. C. Vanzant	11	13	3	27	St. Luke, J. T. Wilcoxson	3	13	16	16	16					
Little Rock:					Greenwood, J. J. Clark	4	49	1	54*	54*					
Asbury, Arthur Terry	26	120	146	146	Hackett, M. L. Edgington	9	11	20**	20**	20**					
Capitol View, Doyle T. Rowe	3	41	4	48	Hartford, Aaron Earling	1	42	43**	43**	43**					
1st Church, Aubrey G. Walton	36	151	17	204	Hartman, Paul Kelley	10	45	55**	55**	55**					
Forest Park, Ralph Sewell	8	31	39**	39**	Kibler-Mt. View, Uriah Smith	3	22	25**	25**	25**					
Henderson, Kirvin Hale	16	44	60**	60**	Lamar, James Meadors	8	12	3	23	23					
Highland, W. L. Arnold	14	44	7	65	Lavaca, C. L. Martin	2	39	41	41	41					
Hunter, Fred L. Arnold	24	56	80	80	Magazine, J. R. Welch	16	18	34**	34**	34**					
Oak Forest, D. Mouzon Mann	26	26	26	26	Mansfield, J. M. Harrison	6	37	2	45*2	45*2					
Pulaski Heights, J. Kenneth Shamblin	1	1	1	1	Ozark, O. M. Campbell	3	42	3	53**	53**					
Scott St., Rufus F. Sorrells	1	1	1	1	Paris, Earle Cravens	5	94	3	102**	102**					
Twenty-Eighth St., Clyde Parsons	5	23	3	36**	Prairie View-Serannon, C. R. Hance	12	30	42**	42**	42**					
Winfield, Cecil R. Culver	83	72	16	171	Van Buren, J. H. Hoggard	7	56	2	65	65					
Little Rock Ct., C. D. Meux	9	1	13	13	St. John-New Hope, Robert P. Sessions	6	28	3	37	37					
Lonoke, J. E. Dunlap	9	48	2	59**	Waldron, Elmo Thomason	6	49	3	58**	58**					
Mt. Pleasant, J. W. Nethercutt	3	4	1	8**	Waldron Ct., Felix Holland	7	27	34**	34**	34**					
Mabelvale, Alfred DeBlack	9	22	31	31	TOTALS	313	1369	42	1724	JONESBORO DISTRICT—Quota 1479					
Primrose, H. D. Ginther	4	24	28	28						Black Oak, Gall G. Anderson	24	14	38**	38**	
Mt. View, Carlos E. Martin	4	7	1	12*3						Blytheville:					
Roland Ct., S. T. Hollowell	5	4	9**	9**						Lake St., George McGhehey	5	27	1	33**	33**
TOTALS	356	1016	69	1441						West Side Parish, W. B. Youst	5	14	19*2	19*2	19*2
MONTICELLO DISTRICT—Quota 1150										Bono, W. L. Douglas	5	14	19	19	19
Crossett, Dan Robinson	35	60	95**	95**						Brookland, Laymond Bounds	3	33	2	38	38
Dermott, C. M. Atchley	5	40	1	46						(Continued on page 9)					
Drew Ct., A. C. White	5	32	37*2	37*2											
Dumas, Louis W. Averitt	11	53	64**	64**											
Eudora, Robert Beck	5	43	48**	48**											

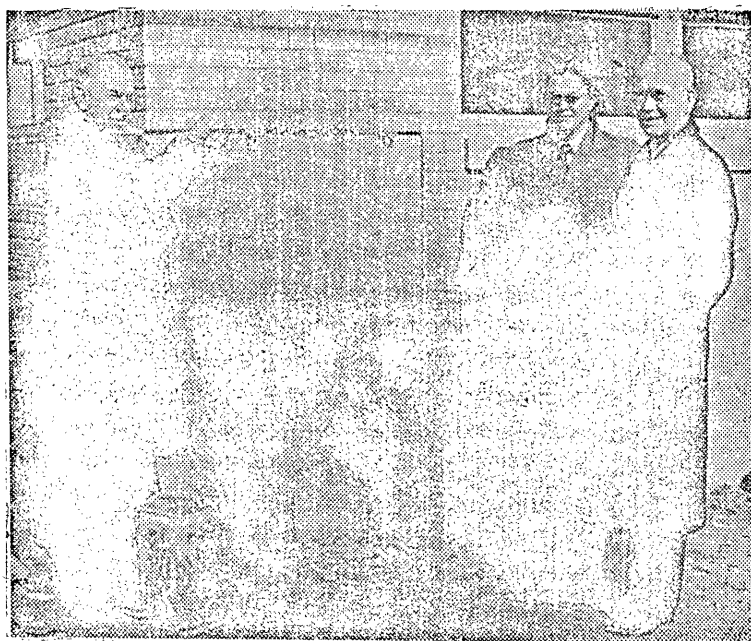
Cornerstone Laid At Stuttgart

The cornerstone for the new educational building of the First Methodist Church, Stuttgart, was laid in an appropriate service on Sunday, January 7. Bishop Paul E. Martin, assisted by Rev. J. L. Dedman, district superintendent, Pine Bluff District, and Rev. Virgil Keeley, pastor, led in the service.

The new two story fire-proof structure of yellow brick will cost approximately \$100,000. Members of the building committee directing building program include G. H. Franzen, Chairman, D. C. McDonald, Secretary, D. W. Tweedy, Leo Smith, Mrs. R. E. John, Harry Ives, and John Duckett. Robert Lindsey is the Fund Raising Director and

Ralph Wilson Chairman of the Board of Stewards. Brother Keeley is serving in his sixth year as pastor of this congregation.

The new building will have a banquet hall seating 225 persons, elaborate kitchen, choir room, ladies' parlor, nursery, class rooms for two, three, four and five year old children, assembly and class rooms for Primary, Junior and Intermediate pupils, class rooms for Senior and college age groups and young adults, a small kitchen to serve youth, young adults and small groups, four rest rooms, and rooms housing the heating units and hot water facilities.



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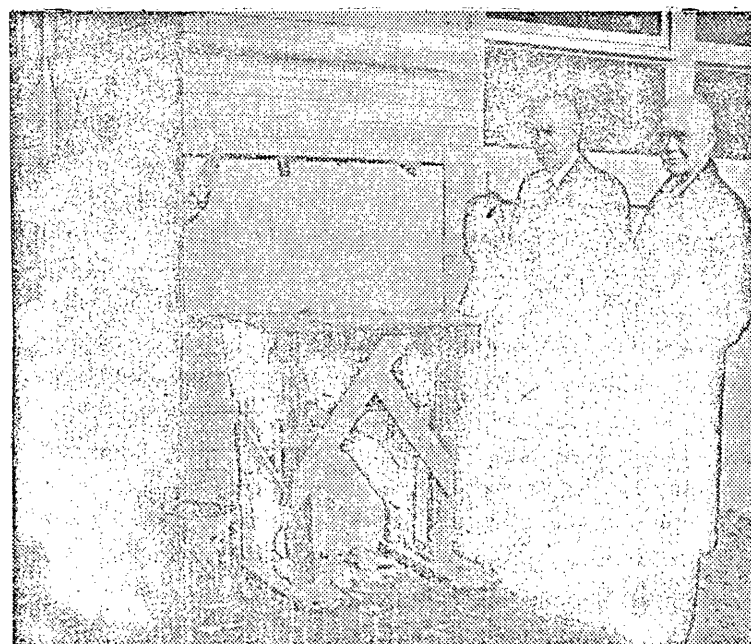
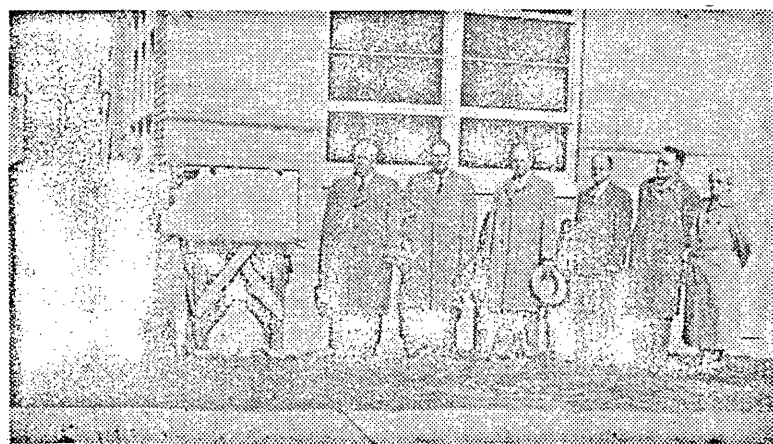
l to r: Bishop Martin, Rev. Virgil Keeley, Rev. J. L. Dedman.

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l to r: Rev. J. L. Dedman, Rev. V. D. Keeley, Bishop Paul E. Martin, G. H. Franzen, Harry Ives, Ralph Wilson, D. W. Tweedy, Robert Lindsay, and Mrs. R. E. John. Committee members not present when picture was taken are D. C. McDonald, John Duckett, Leo Smith.



THE ARKANSAS METHODIST CIRCULATION CAMPAIGN

(Continued from page 8)

Ceraway, J. W. Moore	6	20	26**
Dell, E. H. Hall	7	17	24**
Dyess-Whitten, Frank Shell	8	19	23
Gaspell, J. O. Davis	8	9	17**
Harrisburg, J. T. Byrd	24	52	77**
Joiner, Ray L. McLester	25	45	70*3
Jonesboro:			
First Ch., John McCormack	9	106	8 123
Fisher St., W. M. Womack	14	22	36**
Huntington Ave., Lyman Barger	9	49	53**
Keiser, H. A. Stroup	13	13	13**
Lake City, B. W. Stallcup	12	26	38**
Leachville, Carl C. Barton	3	23	35**
Lepanto, Irl Bridenthal	9	42	51**
Lorado Ct., Johnny Weston	8	8	8
Luxora, H. L. Robison	8	27	35**
Manila, H. F. McDonal	1	1	1
Marked Tree, Paul Bumpers	22	52	75**
McCormick, R. B. Sparks	5	7	12**
Mt. Carmel, Albert Gibbs	5	18	18**
Nettleton-Bay, Clyde Crozier	14	42	57**
Oscola, Garland Taylor	23	84	2 109**
St. John, Ray Edwards	8	12	20
Trumann, Byron McSpadden	8	24	33**
Turrell-Gilmore, Lester Weaver	2	31	33**
Weiner, Porter Weaver	10	28	39**
Wilson, H. Lynn Wade	6	31	37**
Yarbro-Promised Land, Lindley	17	39	56**
Vowell			
TOTALS	299	949	28 1276
(Manila, H. F. McDonal	1	31	2 34
Received January 25th. Through error not included in District or Grand Total.)			

PARAGOULD DISTRICT—Quota 1120

Beech Grove, W. C. Smith	9	30	39
Biggers-Knobel, H. M. Sanford	1	1	1
Black Rock-Clover Bend, M. B. Short	4	40	44
Boydsville-French Grove, Elbert			
Marlar	3	5	8

Camp Ground-Gainsville, Dewey			
Landers	2	4	2 8
Corning, A. W. Harris	11	55	1 67*2
Greenway Ct., Gus Evans	11	9	1 21
Hardy, A. L. Peterson	2	18	1 21**
Hoxie, W. T. Lingo	9	28	37**
Imboden-Smithville, W. T. Watson	4	26	2 32
Leonard Ct., Robert Sykes	6	31	37
Mammoth Spring, W. W. Albright	5	9	1 15**
Marmaduke, Fern Cook	7	30	37**
Marmaduke Ct., Gerald Brannon	4	2	6
Maynard Ct., T. B. Parmenter	8	15	23**
Morning Star Ct., J. F. Wilson	6	16	5 27
Paragould:			
First Ch., R. E. Connell	22	134	156**
Griffin Mem., J. H. Holt	8	33	1 42**
Paragould Ct., Robert Montgomery	3	18	3 24
Piggott, W. O. Scroggin, Jr.	15	90	105*3
Pocahontas, John Bayliss	2	61	63
Ravenden Springs, Sherman			
Ragsdale	5	3	8
Rector:			
First Ch., J. M. Barnett	16	50	66**
4th St., Dewey Landers	8	18	26**
Rector Ct., M. A. Thompson	10	16	26
St. Francis, Dave Smitherman	4	13	9 26**
Sedgwick-Egypt, Alvin Gibbs	5	6	1 12
Stanford, C. E. Gray		7	7
Walnut Ridge, O. J. Evanson	13	43	3 59
TOTALS	202	810	31 1043

SEARCY DISTRICT—Quota 1110

Antioch Ct., Roy Moyers	14	15	29
Augusta, W. V. Womack	10	61	4 75**
Beebe, Floyd Villines, Jr.	28	50	2 80**
Cabot, C. W. Good	9	40	3 52**
Clinton, Verlie Harris	2	35	1 38**
DeView, Carl Strayhorn	7	5	12
Griffithville Ct., C. H. Walters	1	15	16*
Heber Springs, Hubert Pearce	6	58	1 65**
Jacksonville, Harold Spence	24	18	1 43**

Judsonia, Jefferson Sherman	9	16	25**
Kensett, W. W. Peterson	2	32	34**
Leslie, W. A. Lindsey	3	19	2 24**
Marshall, E. C. Hance	3	33	1 37
McCrory, J. W. Glover	3	52	3 58
McRae, Gerald Hammett	3	32	35
McRae Extension, J. H. Hartsell	10	33	43**
Pangburn, J. M. Talkington	6	18	1 25
Quitman, John R. Manney	5	37	1 43*
Rosebud Ct., Harvey Hazelwood	5	17	1 23**
Searcy, J. Ralph Hillis	17	97	6 120
Tumbling Shoals	4	4	8**
Valley Springs, James Smith	20	14	34**
Van Buren Co. No. 1, Earl Hughes	13	13	13
TOTALS	191	714	27 932

DISTRICT SUMMARY—REPORT NO. 2 JANUARY 27, 1951

District	Quota	New	Ren.	Due	Not	% of
					Total	Quota
Ft. Smith	1743	303	1369	42	1724	98%
Conway	1300	365	1172	54	1591**	122%
Little Rock	2422	356	1016	69	1441	59%
Forrest City	1187	227	1084	23	1334**	112%
Hope	1531	265	989	29	1283	84%
Jonesboro	1479	299	949	28	1276	86%
Fayetteville	1180	249	873	62	1184**	100%
Camden	1712	282	885	17	1184	69%
Monticello	1150	226	918	31	1175**	102%
Paragould	1120	202	810	31	1043	93%
Pine Bluff	1359	182	908	30	1020	75%
Arkadelphia	1218	234	657	44	935	77%
Searcy	1110	191	714	27	932	84%
Batesville	903	180	718	12	910**	100%
TOTAL		3571	12962	499	17032	

* Charge has reached quota.

** Charge has exceeded quota.

*3 Charge has doubled quota.

*4 Charge has trebled quota.

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TRAINING BOYS AND GIRLS AND YOUTH IN CHURCH MEMBERSHIP

During the Lenten season many pastors have special training in church membership for older junior boys and girls and the youth in their churches. The following materials are valuable resources and study units.

I. General Guidance for Pastor and Other Leaders

The Pastor and the Children, by Mildred Moody Eakin and Frank Eakin. (MC), \$2.00. Shows the minister's relationship to the children of his church.

Evangelism of Children, International Council. (RE), 10 cents. A pamphlet prepared by the Committee on Religious Education of Children of the International Council and the Department of Evangelism of the Federal Council of Churches.

II. Study Guides for Membership Class

OLDER JUNIORS

Leader's Materials

Come Into Your Church, by Dorothy LaCroix Hill. Leader's Manual. 35 cents. For use with Children approximately 10 and 11 years of age. Contains material for ten sessions. *Getting acquainted with our Church*, by Hazelwood. (AC), 15 cents. A ten-session elective unit for juniors.

For Junior Boys and Girls

Come Into Your Church, by Dorothy LaCroix Hill. Pupil's Book. 15 cents. For use with leader's manual by same title.

INTERMEDIATES (Junior High)

Leader's Materials

At the Door of the Church, by Lucius H. Bugbee. Leader's Manual. \$1.00. Also contains pupil's material. *Church Membership Manual for Methodist Pastors*, by William K. Anderson. (AC), \$1.50. Contains pupil's materials listed below: *Your Church and You*.

For Intermediate Youth

At the Door of the Church, by Lucius H. Bugbee. Pupil's Book. 25 cents. For use with leader's manual by same title. *Your Church and You*, by Roy H. Short. (AC), 15 cents each; \$1.50 per dozen. A 48-page booklet which can be used by boys and girls themselves and with their parents, teachers of pastors in preparation for joining the church.

SENIORS AND OLDER YOUTH

Leader's Materials

Church Membership Manual for Methodist Pastors, by William K. Anderson. (AC), \$1.50. Contains pupil's materials listed below: *My Church*.

For Youth

My Church, by Chubb. (AC, 20 cents each; \$1.10 per half dozen. *Your Life and the Church*, by P. R. Hayward. (AC), 50 cents. *There's a job for You*, by Ruth Ransom. (MM), 25 cents.

III. Gift Books

JUNIORS

My Church Book, by Mary Skinner. (AC), Style B, 30 cents; gift edition, Style A, 65 cents. May be a permanent record of the child's contact with the church. Record of baptism, first day at church school, first Bible,

HENDRIX COLLEGE NEWS

For the third successive year Hendrix has won a place in Good Housekeeping Magazine's annual list of select small colleges.

This year's list, which appears in the magazine's February issue, contains 125 "earnestly recommended" institutions throughout America. Hendrix is the only Arkansas institution included. A fifth of the list are Methodist-related schools.

All institutions in the list are independent rather than state-supported, have an enrollment of 1500 or less, and charge \$1200 or less per year for room, board, and tuition. Hendrix is listed as having 539 students and charging \$670. The latter figure indicates that quality education can be got at a bargain at Hendrix. Only six of the 125 institutions listed show a charge of less than \$670.

James W. Hampton, author of the article and list, was assisted by three educators from various sections of the United States.

Education in the small college is steadily assuming a more practical aspect, and a growing vocational emphasis is apparent, says Hampton in the lengthy article accompanying the list. They are finding it possible to do this, he says, "without losing their perspective, without sacrificing the ideals, to which they are dedicated by tradition and choice." Teacher education, he says, is a field in which the colleges are doing especially notable work. Outstanding among the small college's advantages, he says are the close personal relationship possible between students and faculty members.

Small colleges despite their smallness have produced their share of national leaders, Hampton asserts. He also sees for them a bright future. "These institutions," he concludes, "have survived wars, depressions, and other crisis in the past. There is no reason to doubt their ability to survive the crisis of the present."

Tennessee institutions winning a place in the list are Southwestern at Memphis, University of Chattanooga, and University of the South. Millsaps, the lone Mississippi representative, and Centenary, the only institution from Louisiana, are both Methodist-affiliated schools.

Everhart Receives C. P. A. Rating

M. R. Everhart of the business and economics department has passed all examinations qualifying him for the rating of certified public accountant, Dean W. C. Buthman announced today. Mr. Everhart took the examinations as professional background for his teaching work in accounting and allied fields.

The C. P. A. examination, which is prepared by the American Institute of Accountants, represents the same thing professionally for accountants that admission to the bar

and church membership certificates. INTERMEDIATES

This is Your Church, by C. A. Bowen. (AC), 25 cents. A gift booklet for presentation to intermediate boys and girls when they join the church.—Division of the Local Church

represents for attorneys at law.

Mr. Everhart has been assistant professor of business and economics at Hendrix since 1947.

Hendrix Will Be Host For Debators

Debators from ten states will convene in Conway Feb. 16 and 17 for the annual Mid-South Debate Tournament, to be held jointly by Hendrix College and Arkansas State Teachers College.

Approximately fifty colleges will send nearly a hundred teams to the tournament, predicts Miss Geneva Eppes, general chairman of the contest and assistant professor of speech at Hendrix. The students will represent colleges in Arkansas, Tennessee, Louisiana, Mississippi, Alabama, Oklahoma, Missouri, Kansas, Illinois, and Texas.

Subject for the debate will be "Resolved: that the non-communist nations should form a new international organization."

Hendrix Dames Undertake Project

Flowers for the Hendrix campus and Hulen Hall, student center and dining hall, will be one of the year's projects for the Hendrix Dames, an Organization of women faculty members and fraternity wives. The club will place flowers around the college lily pool and will provide six flower boxes for the dining hall, according to Mrs. R. T. Steel of Conway, president of the club.

Mrs. M. J. McHenry, wife of Hendrix professor Dr. M. J. McHenry, and chairman of the beautification committee, has supervised the planting of flower bulbs around the pool. Including imported tulips and madonna lilies, the bulbs should bloom early this spring.—Cynthia Brown.

NATIONAL CONFERENCE ON FAMILY LIFE

The Advance for Christ and His Church will sponsor a National Conference on Family Life in connection with the Advance Emphasis upon "Our Mission to Home, Community, Nation and World" in the fall of 1951. The conference will be

MISSIONARY MANUALS FOR USE WITH CHILDREN

Pastors and leaders of children will want to see that the manuals prepared for additional sessions for missionary education are secured for use in their church schools. If at all possible leaders should plan for such sessions with primary children in January and February 1951 to correlate with the missionary units in the Primary Group Lessons and in the Primary Closely Graded Courses. Where the Junior Group Graded Lessons are used in the Sunday school sessions, additional sessions should be held in January and February also.

The recommended manuals concern the work of the Methodist Church in town and country. The titles are: "Everywhere Churches—In Our Country," by Mamie D. Ledbetter—a ten-session unit for use with primary children, 75 cents; and "Friends at the Crossroads," by Coralyn Muller—a ten-session unit for use with junior, 75 cents. Order from the Methodist Publishing House, 1910 Main Street, Dallas, Texas.—Division of the Local Church.


THREE PLAYS

The winter issue of the Source Book for the Methodist Sunday Evening Fellowship is featuring three plays by Pauline Mudge. The plays are based upon episodes in "Endless Line of Splendor," the study book prepared for this quarter by the Advance for Christ and His Church.

The plays are suitable for the all-together period on Sunday evening, as worship features, and for use in a variety of other ways.

Anticipating that extra copies will be needed for the actors, the editors of Source Book are making available reprints of the plays. The price is 15 cents for the three.

held in Chicago, October 12-14. It is being planned by a committee representing the boards and agencies. (Continued on page 13)



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IT MAY BE TOO LATE TO SAVE OUR CIVILIZATION

By Sarah Chakko, President, Isabella Thoburn College, India; Secretary, Commission on Life and Work of Women

Frankly, many of us do not act as if Christian groups can do much to save our civilization. We put our faith elsewhere. We depend upon human wisdom, upon diplomatic negotiations, collective security, large armies, etc. We are not far removed from the Jews of Jesus' day who counted on the might of armies for the realization of Jewish safety and security.

Looked at from the worldly point of view, this may be justified. The little group of Christians who resisted the Nazi oppression and paganism certainly did not stop World War II. The same may be said of the Japanese Christians before the last war. Looked at soberly one has no earthly reason to believe that the Christians in China or Russia can avert World War III.

But the still more basic question is, *Is this civilization as we know it worth saving?* Does it fulfill in its essence the purposes of God? With the several centuries of opportunity, what have we done with the life-giving word of God? The small minority who have cared have worked toward a worldwide church. But have enough of us cared about the hungry peoples of the world? Have we given them a chance at a decent living? Have we not taken possession of good land and driven the weaker peoples out? Have we not grabbed the persons of human beings and used them for our profit, and turned against them the moment we find them getting self-conscious enough to assert their rights? Do we not justify this very iniquity by quoting the Holy Word of God? Have not saints and martyrs cried out against such iniquities and gone to their deaths? If we wish to preserve such a civilization why should we expect the God of justice to befriend us at this hour? Let us ask ourselves what it is that we wish to save in our civilization and for whom are we saving those values?

The Christian church has always been a minority movement. There have been periods in the history of Europe and America when people thought it was not so and that they were secure in their numbers. But I believe that in all times of history the real believers have always been a minority. To the Christian from the areas of the younger churches, where he knows he is in a minority, it comes as a shock that it is so in America. The neo-paganism has come into existence because the church has lost the purity of her faith and because we have let ourselves be captured by the all powerful state, or by money, or by social status and respectability.

The fact of the minority church all over the world gives a new meaning to that term that came alive at Whitby a few years ago. "Partnership in obedience"—a new relation between the older and the younger churches, between what used to be thought of as sending and receiving missions. The missionary work of

MRS. J. T. ROBISON REPORTS ON COUNCIL

MRS. J. T. ROBISON, chairman of the Woman's Committee, Board of Christian Education of the Presbyterian Church, U. S. A., and delegate to the Constituting Convention of the National Council of Churches of Christ of America, which met in Cleveland, Ohio, November 28 through December 1st, spoke to a joint meeting of one hundred twenty-four members of the Woman's Society of Christian Service and Wesleyan Service Guilds at a banquet held in the parlors of the First Methodist Church, Texarkana, Monday evening, January 8.

Mrs. Robison gave a detailed report of the Convention, stating its purpose as given by Dr. Herman N. Morse, secretary of the Convention who said, "It is to save the best ideas and techniques each (organization) has to offer and to confront the world with an immensely more powerful united Protestant voice in evangelism, education, and relief."

Mrs. Robison stressed the fact that the new organization was not a merger of denominations, but a co-operation of denominations. She described the setting of the convention, the arena like auditorium with its awe-inspiring stage displaying the flags of all nations against a backdrop of blue and velvet and its four thousand spectators: the processional with six hundred lay and clerical delegates in colored robes, the huge holy cross carried high, the girls and male choirs in costumes; the activities of the press and radio and screen representatives as the publicity got under way.

She was particularly impressed with the vivid personalities present at the convention, Dr. Kagawa, of Japan; Dr. Sarah Chakko of India; Dr. W. A. Visser and Dr. T. H. Woft, general secretaries of the World Council of Churches; Dr. John McKay, president of Princeton Theological Seminary; Dr. Ralph Sockman, pastor of Christ's Church, New York City; Bishop Oxnam, Secretary of the Council of Bishops, Methodist Church; Captain Staton Salisbury, Chaplain of the United States Navy; Harold E. Stassen, president of the University of Pennsylvania; Mrs.

our day thus finds a new relationship of giving and receiving for the mutual strengthening that comes out of pooling of resources both in men, money, experience, ideas. Thus no Christian groups remain as purely giving or receiving groups.

What is the function of the church in the world today?

1. What it always has been—to call people once again to the love of God, to an appreciation of the right sense of values in life and to commit themselves once again to God.

2. In these days of tension to listen to those who criticize the church, criticize our nation, etc., attentively to understand if they have the truth on their side and to use them as a corrective agency in our church, national and personal lives.

3. To maintain spiritual lines of communication between people who are behind the various kinds of curtains. Not to let national policies



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Harper Sibley, president of the United Council of Church Women; Bishop Henry Knox Sherrill, presiding bishop of the Episcopal Church, and president of the newly constituted organization.

In concluding her talk, Mrs. Robison urged the local community to try to be more interchurch-minded and to support all of the movements that have to do with Christian unity in the community. She stressed the fact that there can be no real unity except a spiritual unity which begins in the hearts and lives of people who are willing to learn through love to be one with God and with each other.

Mrs. W. H. Oberthier, president of the Woman's Society of Christian Service of the Texarkana Church, presided at the banquet. Following the invocation by the Rev. Fred R. Harrison and a devotional by Mrs. M. V. Self, Mrs. R. J. Singleton sang, "The Lord's Prayer," accompanied by Miss Ruth Turner, at the piano.

The tables, decorated in white and silver, carried out the new year motif. White candles, silver foliage and bells were used, with tiny silver crosses, as favors. Mrs. Albert Easley was in charge of decorations, Mrs. Martin Watkins, refreshments, and Mrs. W. A. Bengel the program.

interfere with Christian fellowship. This is not an easy thing in times of tension as we in India have learned to understand.

4. To influence our nations into right public policies and yet not be captured by the national interests thus letting the church be captured.

With all this we may be too late to save this civilization. If so, the function of the Christian is to stand firm in his faith and see the emergence of a new one which has shed the shackles of the corruption of the old. The future that God has for the redemption may perhaps not be through this civilization which has not risen to its responsibilities. The important thing is not for a civilization to be saved, but for God's scheme of redemption to be worked: through us, if we can fulfill our obligations; but, in spite of us, if that is necessary. Whatever the case, the Christian's hope is al-

THE ANNUAL MEETING OF NORTH ARKANSAS CONFERENCE

The Annual Meeting of the North Arkansas Conference Woman's Society of Christian Service will be held at Searcy beginning March 6 at 2:00 p. m. and closing March 8 with the noon luncheon. Delegates will be the president of the local society or her alternate and one other woman. A registration fee of \$2.00 per delegate is to be sent to Mrs. B. A. Rand, West Arch St., Searcy, Arkansas, by February 20. Details of the program will be given within the next few weeks.—Mrs. E. G. Kaetzell, Chairman, Program Committee

"SAFARI" INTERPRETS MISSIONS TO WHOLE CHURCH

Seeking a new approach in its annual "school of missions," particularly to interpret missions in terms of human personality, members of the Methodist Church in Chester, Virginia, recently conducted a very successful *World Vision Safari*. The program, initiated and directed by the pastor of the church, the Rev. Elmore Brown, emphasized four mission interests: Africa, India, the American Indians, and migrant workers.

Mrs. Esma Rideout Booth, writer of missionary study materials and stories, and wife of Bishop Newell S. Booth of the Elisabethville Area, South Africa, was the main speaker and chief resource person for the program. In addition to her schedule at the Chester church, Mrs. Booth addressed audiences in nearby Petersburg, and Colonial Heights, Va. Also heard as a speaker was the Rev. James Smith, Jr., missionary secretary of the Petersburg District, and pastor of the home church of Mr. and Mrs. Barney Higgs, Jr., missionaries now serving in Old Umali under Bishop Booth. Funds for "Missions Specials" which are assigned to the work of the Higgs' in Africa, were oversubscribed at the World Fellowship Dinner which concluded the four-day *Safari*.

In the presentation of the project, which opened on a Sunday, with daily afternoon and evening sessions through Wednesday, there was a wide use of audiovisual resources, pictures, charts, maps, and literature. New subscriptions were taken for the *World Outlook*, and a consignment of Bishop Holt's new book, "Methodists of the World" was completely sold out. Of great interest was an exhibition of various articles from many foreign lands where missionary work is being conducted, all loaned by members of the parish.

All sessions of the program were open to the general public, and vis-

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ways there: it is in the ultimate purposes of God, not in saving one's skin. Therefore, the Christian has no panic. He follows the path blazed by his Lord.

CURRENT NEWS IN ARKANSAS METHODISM

NEWS FROM PRAIRIE GROVE

We feel much like the Psalmist must have felt when he spoke these lines, "The lines are fallen unto me in pleasant places; yea, I have a goodly heritage." This is our first experience in Northwest Arkansas. We not only have a wonderful country in this section but at Prairie Grove we have found some of the best people on earth. Just eleven miles from the University of Arkansas our people have the culture of a university background. They also have the southern hospitality. Our members are loyal Methodists and believe in enlisting the entire community for Christ and His Church.

We have thus far received twenty-six on profession of faith and six by certificate which exceeds our quota for the entire year. Since Conference our morning worship service has averaged one hundred twenty, the evening worship sixty-one. Our Church School average has been one hundred thirty-six. We have three fine fellowship groups of young people. The Wesleyan Service Guild and Woman's Society of Christian Service are doing some fine work. They have placed more than \$200.00 worth of furniture in the parsonage since Conference.

We have the finest group of young adults that I have ever seen. They are interested in the total program of our church. We have an efficient choir of twenty meeting every Wednesday evening for practice.

All financial obligations are met monthly. We have nearly doubled our quota to the Arkansas Methodist.

Our church is well organized, thanks to those who have traveled this way before us.

Under the wise and efficient leadership of our district superintendent our whole district moves forward.—S. O. Patty, Pastor

DR. GOULD AT SPRINGDALE

A capacity audience from the entire Fayetteville District assembled in the First Methodist Church, Springdale, on the evening of January 25 to hear Dr. P. Gordon Gould on the work of the Methodist Church in Alaska. The service was in charge of Rev. W. F. Cooley, district superintendent of the Fayetteville District.

Mrs. R. N. Shaw, organist, presided at the organ and accompanied Rev. Roy Parks, pastor of Second Church, Springdale, in a vocal solo. Others assisting Brother Cooley on the program were Rev. J. W. Watson, pastor, First Church, Siloam Springs, and Rev. E. G. Kaetzel, host pastor.

Before introducing the principal speaker, Brother Cooley presented Mrs. Gould to the congregation.

Dr. Gould gave an inspirational address and told of the six major needs for Alaska. — H. W. Jinske, Reporter.

Two American pilots, forced down on a Pacific island during the last war were surprised to discover a neat, clean village where many of the people spoke English. The native showed them their beautiful Gothic chapel, and behind it a crude jumble

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Very careful, whether
Walking or driving, or else
X will mark the spot where
Your life ended before its
Zenith was reached.

METHODISTS TO STUDY U. N. PROBLEMS

Three "United Nations Seminars" will be held in New York City during February and March for 180 young people and adults of Methodist churches across the nation. They will attend sessions of the United Nations and discuss issues in the light of a Christian's responsibility.

Wesleyan Service Guild delegates will attend the first seminar, Feb. 9-10, and will go from New York to Washington for conferences with congressmen. Registrations are made by mail with Miss Marion Lela Norris, secretary of the Wesleyan Service Guild, 150 Fifth Ave., New York 11, N. Y.

College students will visit the U. N. Feb. 28-March 1 following a three-day Christian Citizenship Seminar in Washington, D. C. They are especially interested in human rights, technical assistance, and U. N. trusteeship. Registrations are made by mail with Miss Dorothy Nyland, 150 Fifth Ave., New York 11, N. Y.

The third seminar, March 27-30, will be under sponsorship of the Board of Education, the Woman's Division of Christian Service, and the Commission on World Peace of the Methodist Church. Registrations will be made through conference representatives of these organizations. This seminar will give special attention to the matter of U. N. trusteeship.

Mrs. Clifford A. Bender, observer at the United Nations for the Woman's Division of Christian Service, is coordinator for the three seminars. She is making arrangements for sessions with members of the U. S. mission to the U. N. and with delegates from other nations.

of stones and mud. They explained that the latter was their 1st church, and added, "As we became better Christians, we became better builders."—Walter L. Moore, Christian Herald

MEETING IN NIMROD COMMUNITY

Last week we had a fine meeting in Nimrod Community. Rev. Bob Howerton preached and Mr. John Guiling of Morrilton led the singing and directed the music. Special music was provided by Mrs. Jay English, Mrs. Virgil Marcum, Mrs. Joyce McNeil, William Carl English and Iona Marcum. There were two conversions and everyone seemed to experience a revival of the deepest spiritual nature. We closed on Saturday night with a record crowd after much good faith and fellowship over a covered dish supper.

Nimrod is a fine Christian community.—James W. Workman, Jr.

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itors from other denominations throughout the community attended. At one session six missionaries from both the Presbyterian and Methodist boards were present, including Miss Joyce E. Brown, older daughter of the church's pastor, who since has sailed for missionary work in Havana, Cuba. Officials are enthusiastic over the outcome of this project, and it is expected that there will follow a completely renewed interest in the missionary enterprise throughout the parish as a result of the Safari.

NEWS FROM THE LEONARD CIRCUIT

The Leonard Methodist Circuit is near Rector. A supper and a pounding were sponsored by the young people of the church for the pastor and his family.

Revival services were started for the charge at the Leonard Church on August 20, then Union Grove Church, climaxing at Simmons Chapel on September 26. The thirty-days' series of revival services were successful. The evangelistic preaching was ably done by our pastor, Rev. Robert Sykes. Forty-one new converts and ten transfers were received into the three churches. The attendance at the services was excellent. The church homes were all open to Brother and Mrs. Sykes and their daughter, Phyllis Ann. They visited in a number of homes and were guests for noon and evening meals in thirty or more homes.

All three churches have active Methodist Youth Fellowships. Two of the churches have active W. S. - C. S.

Union Grove Church surprised Brother and Mrs. Sykes with a

A TWENTY-FOUR HOUR VIGIL OF FASTING AND PRAYER

NEW YORK, Jan. 27—American Protestant women are being urged to keep a 24-hour vigil of fasting and prayer for peace on the 64th annual World Day of Prayer, Friday, February 9.

The appeal for fasting and prayer is issued by the National Council of the Churches of Christ in the U. S. A. The Council's General Department of United Church Women is American sponsor of the day of prayer which is observed yearly on the first Friday of Lent in over 17,000 American communities and 91 countries overseas.

The Department, which represents women of over 80 Protestant denominations, is asking church women in local councils and churches to keep the 24-hour vigil in addition to their regular observances of the day.

Mrs. James D. Wyker, of Columbia, Mo., chairman of the Department, explained that the prayer vigil and fasting were suggested in letters from women in all sections of the country.

The church women are being asked to fast for the 24 hours of the World Day of Prayer, she said, so that "physical hunger can help us to understand the people of the world who are hungry and suffering through no choice of their own."

In a message to over 1700 local church women, both councils and churches are asked to keep the prayer vigil for peace, and the councils are asked to urge every woman "to continue in prayer all day, wherever she is." The women are also asked to write their Congressman that the nation's church women are praying that their lawmakers will have divine guidance.

"Time is short," the message concludes, "but 'with God all things are possible.'"

pounding and a piece of silver on their silver wedding anniversary. Simmons Chapel gave them a pounding on Christmas eve.

We have installed new bath, redecorated the parsonage and have bought new living room and breakfast suites. They have just finished cellotexting the Leonard church and are painting the church and parsonage. The Union Grove Church is purchasing a new \$700.00 piano.

We are looking forward to an outstanding year in the upbuilding of God's kingdom.—Mrs. Mary Linam, Reporter




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NATIONAL METHODIST TOWN AND COUNTRY CONFERENCE

It is not too early to begin making plans for a great conference delegation to the National Methodist Town and Country Conference to be held in Souix City, Iowa, July 21-24, 1951.

According to the information coming to my desk the following will be delegates to this great meeting:

1. The Bishops of The Methodist Church.
2. The District Superintendents.
3. Chairman and Secretary of each Conference Town and Country Commission.
4. One rural pastor and one adult man or woman or member of Youth Fellowship from each District to be nominated by Town and Country Commission.
5. One farm woman from each Annual Conference, appointed by Conference W. S. C. S.
6. One rural young person by each Conference Methodist Youth Fellowship.
7. One urban pastor from each Annual Conference, nominated by Town and Country Commission.
8. Executive Secretary of each Conference Board of Education.
9. Missionary Secretary of each Annual Conference.
10. Secretary of Evangelism of each Annual Conference.
11. Rural church and community workers of Woman's Division of Christian Service.
12. National, Jurisdictional and Conference Presidents of Woman's Societies of Christian Service.
13. Conference Lay Leader of each annual Conference and a representative of Methodist men from a town and Country situation selected by the Conference Lay Leader.
14. Chairman of each Conference Board of Ministerial Training.
15. Jurisdictional Town and Country Commission Officers.
16. Representative from each seminary and church-related college (these to be named by institution represented); editors of church press; all employed workers of Town and Country Work of each Annual Conference; representatives from the General Boards and Commissions of the Church (these to be named by organization represented); members of the General Committee on the 1951 National Methodist Town and Country Conference.

According to information from the office of the National Methodist Town and Country Conference blanks for registration will be sent to each Conference Town and Country Commission Chairman early in January. He will be responsible for getting the names of the total delegation from his Annual Conference and reporting them to the person named on the blank. Rev. Floyd G. Villines, pastor of our church at Beebe, is the efficient and competent chairman of the Town and Country Commission of the North Arkansas Conference.

Further information will follow.

NOTES FROM THE FIELD
Executive Secretary On Branch Charge

It was the writer's privilege to conduct services at the Branch Church, January 8-12, where the Fred Thompsons are pastors. The weather was perfect and the fellowship of a high order. Neighboring pastors were in the services from time to time. There is a splendid congregation of people in this church. An unusual group of young people is a blessing to the congregation, and they constituted the choir for the services. The W. S. C. S. is a live and a working group. Much work has been done in the past two years in beautifying the Sanctuary. Plans are being made for more progress in this direction. There is a great hope for the Methodist Church in this great area.—J. Albert Gatlin.

IN MEMORY OF MRS. FANNIE R. GATLIN

Mother, one year ago today was the last Sunday we shared together, but your loving memory will live forever to those who will never cease to care.

Each week when your *Arkansas Methodist* comes to me I think of the weeks gone by when you would say, "My best and constant guest since I was eleven years old."

When I entered the Methodist Church this morning the first song was your favorite, "What a Friend We Have in Jesus" and then "A Charge to Keep I Have." It was hard for me to stay, but I prayed for strength and courage and I am thankful for the comfort I received.

I am grateful for the loving memories you leave behind. You were a mother who loved and lived without thoughts of material gain. You looked forward to that home not built with hands.

Your life with me makes the empty days hard to bear since you are not here.—Ruth Gatlin Willits, daughter.

(Mrs. Gatlin who passed away one year ago was the mother of Rev. J. Albert Gatlin of the North Arkansas Conference. The following poem written by Mrs. Gatlin is published by request.)

Be Careful What You Say

*Speaking of a person's faults,
Pray do not forget your own,
Remember those with house of glass
Should never throw a stone.*

*If we had nothing else to do
Than talk of those who sin,
'Tis better that we look at home
And from that point begin.*

*We have no right to judge a man
Until he's fairly tried,
Should we not like his company
We know the world is wide.*

*Some may have faults, and who has not,
The old as well as young,
Perhaps we may for ought we know,*

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"THE CHURCH WORKING WITH OLDER ADULTS"

Nashville, Tenn. — The Division of the Local Church, General Board of Education, has authorized a new Second Series course, "The Church Working with Older Adults."

It is pointed out in the description of the course that it "should help local church workers with adults discover the needs of older people (those of retirement years or the late sixties and older) in the light of their past experiences and their present relationships in the home, church, and community. It should give guidance to these workers in evaluating their churches' present program for this age group and in planning a well-rounded program for growing in the Christian life."

"As this is the only course in this general field so far, attention will be given to such matters as the place of the older person in our society, population trends, etc.," it was said by the Rev. M. Earl Cunningham, director of the Leadership Education Department of the General Board. "However, these should serve only as background to the central matter of the church's program."

The course has been taught experimentally and successfully in jurisdictional leadership schools. A kit of materials to be used in place of a regular textbook is being prepared by the Adult Department of the Board and will be ready by January 1.

*Have fifty to their one.
Then let us all, when we begin
To slander friend or foe
Think of the harm we can do
To those we little know.*

*Remember curses sometimes like
Our chickens roost at home
Don't speak of others' faults,
Until you have none of your own.*

—Fannie R. Gatlin

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NATIONAL CONFERENCE ON FAMILY LIFE
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cies of the Methodist Church whose program is related to family life with Bishop Hazen G. Werner of the Ohio Area as chairman of the planning committees. Outstanding leaders will be brought from various parts of the nation to give addresses and lead discussion groups.

The general theme announced by the planning committee is "Christian Family Living in Today's World."

Pre-conference study groups will be set up in each annual conference under the direction of the Advance Committee in the annual conference. These groups will each specialize upon one of the five sub-topics, as follows: (1) The Family Lives Its Religion, (2) Growing Mature Persons in the Family, (3) The Family

Looks to the Church, (4) The Family Living in the Community, (5) The Family Living in a Troubled World.

The findings of the annual conference committees will serve as the bases for the discussion groups at Chicago in October.

The conference is for parents and church leaders interested in Christian family living. Three to four thousand are expected, based upon a quota of six delegates from each district. Those interested in attending should see their district superintendents or their district directors of adult work regarding representing their districts.—Division of the Local Church.

While there is infection in disease and sorrow, there is nothing in the world quite so irresistibly contagious as laughter and good humor.—Charles Dickens

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UNION COUNTY HOLDS ANNUAL BIRTHDAY PARTY

Union County held its annual Methodist Youth Fund Birthday January 7, at Smackover's First Church.

Morris McKinnon, president, presided over a short business meeting before the party was turned over to Miss Emogene Dunlap, Conference Youth Director. Miss Dunlap gave a preview of the coming events with the aid of a projector and screen. Our conference Youth Director also introduced Howard Childs, conference president, who was a former president of the Union County Sub-District. After being led in several birthday games by Miss Dunlap and Winston Comer, recreation chairman, a processional was formed and gifts for the cabin fund were placed in a replica of the cabins which are being built on Lake Catherine by the Little Rock Conference. Ninety dollars was donated by the Sub-District toward the goal after which everyone sang "Happy Birthday."

Mrs. Edward Harris, Sub-District Counselor, gave a preview for the study course "The Near East" which all the churches are giving in the month of January. This joyous party ended with a huge birthday cake and punch which was served in the basement of the church by the Smackover young people and their leader, Mrs. J. S. Fulmer. All present then reverently went into the sanctuary for a beautiful New Year's candlelight service in which Howard Childs brought the message. After a moment of silent prayer, Rev. A. C. Caraway led the way to the altar for the dedication service after which the M. Y. F. benediction was pronounced. The banners were awarded to the Smackover Senior and Pleasant Grove Intermediates. —Albert Sanders, Reporter

PARAGOULD DISTRICT M. Y. F.

On Monday, January 8, the Paragould District held its second meeting in Walnut Ridge. There were 211 present for this meeting.

Plans were made to go to the Sloan Rainwater Camp at Wayland Spring, January 27, to clean up the camp. Bro. Storey also asked that those who planned to go to the camp next summer be thinking about it now so that he would know how many campers to plan for.

Songs were led by Miss Jesse Lee Duvall, of Paragould First Church and Miss Helen Malone, of Pocahontas. A quiz was held by Miss Sue Pickins, of Walnut Ridge, after which refreshments were served in the basement of the church.

Pictures were made of the group and of the district officers who are as follows: President, Charles Rasberry, Paragould; Vice President, Jerry Watson, Imboden; Secretary, Sue Pickins, Walnut Ridge; Treasurer, Maxine Wyatt, Rector; Reporter, Roberta Williams, Pocahontas.

NCMY CALLS METHODIST YOUTH TO WORK AND PRAY FOR PEACE

The National Conference of Methodist Youth has issued a call for the youth of the Church.

Meeting at Purdue University's Wesley Foundation, Lafayette, Indiana, the Conference's council voted unanimously to call on Methodist youth everywhere to pray now and during the next months for a peaceful world.

The council emphasized that Methodist youth do not put their trust in rush calls to prayer because of national emergency, but that this call was being made simply to help dramatize the urgent task that should be a part of a Christian's life at all times.

In connection with the call the National Conference council makes three suggestions for action on the part of Methodist young people.

(1) Get others to join. Form cell groups and prayer fellowships for peace;

(2) Get youth to use the April-June quarter of *Power*. It will deal specifically with war and peace, suggest Christian action.

(3) Work for peace, helping the MYF and MSM make the theme of their coming National Convocation a reality: "Christian Living in our Time."

This is the Call to Prayer:

"Christ's Church has always raised continuous prayers for peace. The council of the National Conference of Methodist Youth calls on Methodist youth, in all their activities, to join the church in transcending all barriers of nation, race, or class, in devotion and dedication to God's work of reconciliation."

"Under the threat of a third world conflict in this half century, the National Conference of Methodist Youth calls upon youth throughout our nation to heed the call of the Council of Bishops for special prayers for peace. We note the declaration of our Bishops and add these guides for the prayers of youth in these times.

Let us pray for the leaders and governors of all nations and for the councils and deliberations of the United Nations, that God's will might be made manifest through treaty and compact.

Let us pray for all men engaged in battle that their spirits may be strengthened for the turmoil and terror into which they have been placed by circumstances.

Let us ask for forgiveness for the sins of all men, our sins and those of our enemies that have made such a conflict seem inevitable.

Let us pray for help for all youth and children, who will, as always, be most affected by war; guidance for those whose decisions in matters of conscience may bring times of stress; relief for refugees and all who innocently suffer.

Let us pray for our enemies because they, like all men, are in need of God's redemptive love. Let us pray especially for the peoples of Korea, China and Russia that they may find security and peace. Let us pray that all men and nations may yet become instruments of God's will, through Jesus Christ, our Lord."

(Keep this with your Bible. That will be a good place for it since this prayer is a Christian prayer that embraces all mankind and begins with ourselves.)

FORREST CITY DISTRICT YOUTH RALLY

The Forrest City District Youth Rally, which was held Monday evening, January 8, in the Forrest City Methodist Church, was attended by approximately 250 young people, adult leaders, and pastors. Brinkley had the largest delegations, with 26 present.

Highlights of the worship program, which was led by the district director of youth work, Rev. Jesse L. Johnson of Brinkley, included a special musical number by the Brinkley youth choir, an instrumental solo by John Dodgen of Forrest City, and an inspirational message, "We Answer the Call," by Rev. Ethan Dodgen, district superintendent. The worship experience was deepened by organ music played by Mrs. Albert Laser of Forrest City.

There was a minute of silent prayer in recognition and praise of the 27 young people of our district who have recently given their lives

PIERCE—Joseph A. Pierce, age 84, retired farmer, passed away at the home of his daughter, Mrs. W. G. Wardlaw, Rt. 1, Texarkana, on Saturday, December 9. Brother Pierce was a life-long citizen of Miller County and was a charter member of Harmony Grove Methodist Church. He served as Sunday School superintendent and steward for many years and was a steward at the time of his death.

Brother Pierce's home was always the preacher's home. He was always at his post in the church. He leaves a great heritage for his children, grandchildren and great grandchildren. His life will be a living example for ages to come. His daily Christian living proved beyond the shadow of a doubt that he knew God.

He will not only be missed by his family, but by all who knew him. He can say as of old "I have fought a good fight and have kept the faith." — Cleve H. Gilliam, Pastor.

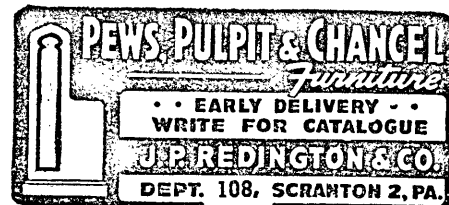
to full-time Christian service.

As the climax of the worship program the film, *CROSSROADS*, was shown. This is the thrilling story of a young man facing the call to the ministry and was most impressive to the large group of young people in attendance.

Following the film there was a period of fellowship in the basement of the church.—Reporter

Chateaufort, keeper of the seals of Louis XIII, when a boy of only 9 years old, was asked many questions by a bishop and gave very prompt answers to them all. At length the prelate said, "I will give you an orange if you will tell me where God is."

"My lord," replied the boy, "I will give you two oranges if you will tell me where he is not."—Edmund Fuller, *Thesaurus of Anecdotes*, Garden City



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SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

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before they will sell out to Communism. People who really understand what freedom is prize it very highly. We recall the account of the German youth who was being tried in a Communist court in East Germany just a few days ago. He was warned that because of his attitude he was about to lose his life. He cried out, "I would rather lose my life than to lose my freedom." That was a great deal like Patrick Henry's statement made near the beginning of the American Revolution—"Give me liberty, or give me death." But in spite of this love for freedom when people become hungry enough they are willing to sell out for bread. Our Nation realized this and instituted the Marshall Plan. Without doubt, this is one of the wisest movements that has been made in recent years.

One of the troubles with Communism is not only the fact that it requires people to sell their birthright for bread, but after this is done they come to realize that they have been cheated materially as well as spiritually. They have bartered their freedom and still do not have sufficient bread.

Christianity and Bread

Communism offers bread for freedom. Bread is a necessity of life. Millions of people fall for the promise. Communism is an idea in action and as such cannot be defeated by armament. It can only be defeated by a better and stronger idea in action. Christian Democracy when properly applied and faithfully lived is that idea. It promises both freedom and bread. If it can make good that promise, it will be sure to win; for intelligent people want both bread and freedom.

Our Trouble Today

The greatest danger of the free world today is not outside Communism. It is rather a failure to live up to what Christian Democracy implies. In many cases we come nearer to having a Pagan Democracy, if there can be any such thing. We must have more of the Spirit of Christ in our Democracy. Democracy guarantees freedom to the individual, but Christianity would lead him to use his freedom right. If Democracy is ever destroyed it will be by the misuse of its freedoms by people who enjoy its privileges. Selfishness is the greatest enemy of Democracy. This is because of its freedoms. The greatest antidote on earth to selfishness is Christianity. That is why we need more Christianity in our Democracy. For more than most people realize, the continued well-being of this world depends upon the Church, as Christianity organized for action. Let all people, who are faithfully working at the task of being Christians and are bringing others under the influence of the Gospel and the Church, know assuredly that they are literally and truly the salt of the earth in

PELOUBET'S SELECT NOTES

By Wilbur M. Smith

(A Commentary on the International Bible Lessons for Christian Teaching For 1951)

This book was published by W. A. Wilde Company, Boston 16, Mass. It contains 414 pages and sells for \$2.75.

All over the Christian section of the world people are coming more and more to realize the importance of studying and understanding the Bible. This lays a great responsibility upon the church school teachers. It is also a great challenge to them and an opportunity for them. They are aware of the fact that they need help in meeting this situation. There is no better help along this line than Peloubet's Select Notes.

This book is noted for its clear and concise exposition of the scripture text. Each lesson is carefully

in this age of the world.

Improving Our System

If what has been said above is true, then our hope lies in improving our own way of life. Democracy must, in a sense, become applied Christianity. Each individual must take his business or his job as an opportunity to serve others more than as a chance to make a profit for himself. It has been said that the profit motive is good. In a sense that may be true, but all will admit that the service motive is better. That is especially true in a Christian Democracy.

In a Christian Democracy the golden rule—rather the rule of gold—must be practiced. Each one must put himself in the other fellow's place. He must treat the other person as he would have the other person treat him. This must be practiced with regards to race relations; class distinction, labor and management, etc. The pagans among us who would sell the Nation down the river in the liquor traffic, narcotics, prostitution and gambling must in some way be restrained.

More and more we are learning that the world cannot live half-slave and half-free. This means we will have to make Democracy so attractive to other nations that they will want the benefits of it. We must also take the American "know-how" to the backward nations of the world. Our own standard of living can only be sustained as we help to lift the standards of nations everywhere.

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By Frank S. Mead
(For 1951)

This book was published by Fleming H. Revell Company, New York. It contains 384 pages and sells for \$2.50.

This is one of the great teachers' help books. Each lesson is dealt with in the following manner: First, we have the printed text. This is followed by a careful interpretation of the text. Then there is a section entitled "Light From Oriental Life." This is followed by "Suggestions to Teachers." Then we have "Topics for Young People and Adults." Last,

outlined, and what is more, the outline sticks close to the Biblical matter in hand. One receives from it not merely what the author thinks, but what the Bible has to say about any given question. This practice makes the lessons authoritative. Then, too, without doubt, the author has before him a considerable library. One is impressed by the number of quotations from outstanding Bible scholars both of this and other ages of the world.

The book is equipped with helpful maps. It also contains a number of reproductions of famous paintings which go a long way toward making the text plain. The book gives methods of presenting the lesson to the various age groups in the church school. This makes it valuable to teachers of all the classes.—H. O. Bolin

"Topic for Intermediates and Seniors."

It is a well known fact that one of the reasons the Bible is a bit hard to understand is that the general reader does not know much about the background from which it was written. The section of each lesson entitled "Light from Oriental Life" goes carefully into this background. One would be surprised at the amount of light this throws on the text. It makes the Bible a real and living book and not the mystical description of some dream-land. It sets forth the customs of the people of that distant land and day and enables one to see why things happened just as they did. When needed to make the lesson plain, a geographical and historical background is also added.

"Suggestions to Teachers" is also a very helpful section of each of these lessons. The main purpose of the lesson is plainly set forth before the mind of the teacher, together with the point of the chief emphasis of the particular lesson in hand.

The fact that one section of each lesson in the book is devoted to presenting the lesson to young people and adults while another is devoted wholly to that of presenting it to Intermediates and Seniors makes the book more usable for a greater number of teachers.—H. O. Bolin

No matter how carefully we fashion the fabric of peace there always seem to be some scraps left over.—Pathfinder

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The Sunday School Lesson

By REV. H. O. BOLIN

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HOW SACRED IS BREAD?

LESSON FOR FEBRUARY 11, 1951

READ THE ENTIRE LESSON FROM YOUR BIBLE:
Mark 6:7 through 7:23.

GOLDEN TEXT: "He had compassion on them, because they were as sheep without a shepherd; and he began to teach them many things." Mark 6:34

A Look At The Scripture

It is well to keep a connection between the various lessons of this unit. It will be remembered that this unit of study began with the first of the year. Its purpose is briefly this: "To find faith to be more loyal disciples through a study of the deeds of Jesus as they are recorded in Mark."

Our lesson closed with the rejection of Jesus in his home town—Nazareth. Jesus insisted that a prophet is not without honor save in his own community and among his old-time friends and relatives. This was true in his case. He was too common to them. They had known him too long as a mere laboring man. They refused to believe in him, and because of their lack of faith he could do no mighty works among them. This must have been a great disappointment to the Lord. It also shows the part that faith plays in receiving things from God.

The first event of our lesson today tells of Christ sending out the twelve. They were to go in pairs. They were instructed to visit the towns and villages of the country, and to preach, teach, heal, and cast out demons. It will be noted that Christ laid the greatest emphasis on preaching and teaching.

The next event has to do with the murder of John the Baptist. Mark goes on to tell just how this took place. King Herod had taken his brother's wife, Herodias. Herod both feared and respected John, but Herodias was determined to destroy him. We recall how this was done through the promise made to Salome, the daughter of Herodias. Herod hated to keep his promise to Salome for he feared John the Baptist, but he feared Herodias more, and the evil deed was done.

The mighty works of Jesus and the twelve caused quite a stir in Palestine. People were speculating as to who Jesus was. Some said he was Elijah, others said he was a great prophet, but Herod insisted that he was John the Baptist come to life.

Next we are told how the twelve returned from their mission. They were overjoyed that such power had been given to them.

All of this added to the popularity of the group, and a multitude was following them everywhere they went. They could have no privacy whatever. They could not even be alone long enough to eat their meals. All of them were completely worn out—physically exhausted. Jesus realized the situation and commanded that they slip away from the crowd for a little rest. They got in a boat at Capernaum on the northwest shore of the Sea of Galilee and landed in an unhabitated place somewhere near the sea shore. The multitude knew where they were going and so ran

on foot around the northern end of the sea and came upon them at their place of rest. There Jesus taught the multitude all day. When the day was over Jesus instructed his disciples to feed the crowd. We recall how Andrew found a little boy who had five loaves of barley bread and two small fishes. Jesus took the child's lunch and increased it sufficiently to feed five thousand people, and not only so, but twelve baskets of the fragments were gathered up after all had eaten. This greatly impressed the multitude. They thought they had discovered a way to get bread without working for it. We are told that they tried to take Jesus by force and make a king of him. (John 6:15).

After the day was over Jesus sent his disciples in a boat across the sea. He then sent the multitude away and went up on a mountain to pray. While there he realized that the disciples were in trouble. A strong wind had risen. We are told that they were in the midst of the sea. The Sea of Galilee is a body of water some eight miles wide and thirteen miles long. Jesus went to them walking on the water during the fourth watch of the night. This was somewhere between three and six o'clock in the morning. He quieted their fears and stilled the tempest.

Mark tells us that they came to land at Gennesaret. The whole countryside was stirred at his coming. They knew him. Great throngs of people came from all the surrounding territory bringing sick people for him to heal. All, who even touched the fringe of his garment were made whole.

The last event of the lesson has to do with the criticism of the Pharisees. They had noted that the disciples of Jesus did not observe the ceremonial cleansing that the law required before eating. Jesus insisted that the Pharisees were wrong about the matter of defilement. It is not what goes into a person that defiles him but what comes out of him. It is the evil which proceeds from his heart and finds expression in all forms of sin that defiles the individual. Christ was here emphasizing the fact that religion is a spiritual matter rather than a thing of outward form.

Connection Between Passages

In spite of the fact that the above passages give accounts of different events, there is a connection between all of them. All of them show Jesus at work. All of them show Jesus meeting human needs, whether those needs be physical, material, or spiritual. Healing the sick in the passages shows Jesus meeting physical needs. Feeding the hungry shows him meeting material needs. Preaching, teaching, and casting out demons shows

him meeting spiritual needs. According to our theme, "HOW SACRED IS BREAD?", the heart of the lesson is to be found in the miraculous feeding of the five thousand.

The Importance of Bread

We are highly favored here in the U. S. Not many of us have ever been hungry. Under such circumstances it is hard to realize the importance of bread. Bread here, of course, represents all of the material needs of life—food, clothes, shelter, recreation, and entertainment. We have, for the most part, been so richly supplied with these things that we take them as a matter of course. Since we have always had them, we do not know how to sympathize with people who do not have them. We do not know how it feels to try to live without them.

Jesus knew the importance of bread. It is true that he said, "Man cannot live by bread alone," but he also realized that he cannot live without bread. He knew that to fully help people spiritually they must also be helped physically and materially.

Communism and Bread

The one thing that has most helped Communism is its promise of bread. The greatest danger in the world today is the fact that so

many people are hungry. It is said that more than half of the population of the world goes to bed hungry every night. This is true in the face of the fact that there is ample bread to feed the whole world. The trouble is at least partially with the distribution. Communism promises that proper distribution will be made, and hungry people naturally fall for it.

The trouble with Communism is its price for bread is too high. It promises the masses bread in return for their freedom. It requires that people surrender their freedom and become regimented into a massive machine. It violates all the dignity of personality and denies the existence of the soul. In our form of government all institutions exist for the good of persons. They are of value just to the extent that they meet personal needs. In Communism the order is reversed. The state is the main thing. People exist only as they make up the state. They are like so many cogs in the wheel of state. Along with the denial of the existence of the soul, Communism denies the existence of spiritual values. It is paganistic in that it is godless; it is materialistic in that it denies the existence of moral values. It has no code of ethics; it has no conviction on morals.

People have to get pretty hungry
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