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## Evangelistic Opportunities Of Easter Time

**D**URING the Easter season more Methodist Churches in Arkansas will give emphasis to the work of evangelism than at any other period of the year. This is altogether proper because no other season of the year offers such a fruitful opportunity for reaching people, adults, youth and children, for Christ and the church.

The Easter season is truly the harvest time for the Church School. Practically all of our Church Schools have in their membership, in the various departments, members who are professed Christians but not members of the church which they are attending. There is no better time than Easter to interest such people in becoming active members of the church. There are also in our Church Schools, generally in all departments, people who have never made a decision to follow the Christian way of life. Such people have met us more than half way by enrolling in our Church School. We should certainly do all within our power to lead them to enjoy the full benefits offered by Christianity and the church. They are expecting us to do so, and they should not be disappointed.

For a reason not quite so easy to discover, people outside the church, especially in towns and cities, are more easily interested in religion during the Easter season than at other time of the year. No church should treat lightly the opportunity such an interest affords. While the Spirit of God is working in their hearts, we should be working in their lives.

## Does America Really Face Its Greatest Danger?

**B**ECAUSE of the nature of the "Iron Curtain" it is difficult for anyone on the outside to know what goes on inside or just what are the plans and purposes of the leaders of communism.

Judging from the action of our national leaders, however, we would judge that they truly fear that America is facing the greatest danger to its national security and even to its existence it has known in its history.

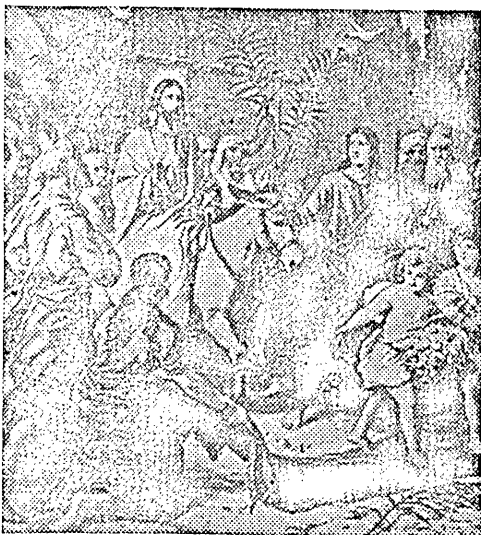
The peace-time draft including continual agitation to draft eighteen-year-old boys; the plan, which seems imminent, to introduce in America universal military training; the gearing of our industry rapidly to war-time production; the expenditure of multiplied billions of dollars for armaments in America and for our allies abroad; the rush to produce atomic weapons, atomic and hydrogen bombs, all of this (in theoretical peace-time) indicates that our leaders believe that a deadly danger threatens us.

The courses we are already following, and, others recommended by our leaders, would be unpardonable indeed aside from a sincere belief that we are facing an unprecedented danger. The idealism for which Christianity and the church stands is having rough sailing in the work-a-day world in which we now live. Nevertheless, regardless of the course the church may find it necessary to follow in the present world situation, distasteful as it may be, it should never cease to cry, as long as it has a voice to speak, that the only SATISFACTORY solution of the world's problems must come through the Christian way of life as expressed by the Golden Rule. Any other solution that may be attempted or tried will be less than the best.

## The Triumphal Entry

**T**HE Triumphal Entry into Jerusalem really began in Caesarea Philippi shortly after the Transfiguration. Luke says of Jesus, at this time, "He steadfastly set his face to go to Jerusalem." Until this time in the ministry of Jesus, He had purposely avoided open, sustained conflict with his enemies. More than once He had "departed thence" when there was danger of open disturbances.

At the time of the Triumphal Entry, and through the days of Passion Week, Jesus reversed this studied attitude of caution and proclaimed His mission and message in Jerusalem, the hotbed of His bitterest enemies. He did this also at the most dangerous, explosive period of the year at Jerusalem. It was the time of the



Feast of the Passover when patriotic, religious Jews gathered from all countries. It was always a time of tumult and at times revolt against Roman authorities. This year the normal excitement attending the passover was intensified because of the conflicting opinions about Jesus—His teachings and especially His miracles. Only a short time before this Lazarus had been raised from the dead less than two miles from Jerusalem. As a result of the miracle many more believed on Jesus.

It was into this tense situation that Jesus rode at the head of a shouting multitude. Immediately some proclaimed Him the promised Messiah. His enemies but hastened their plans to destroy Him.

There are some immortal lessons taught by the Triumphal Entry. We find here a new kind of a King establishing a new kind of a kingdom. No other king ever dared ride at the head of a triumphal march astride a borrowed donkey. No other king ever thought of saying, "My kingdom is not of this world." We discover, in this procession, that it is easy to follow the crowd whether it shouts hosanna or crucify Him. Enthusiasm without conviction is of little value. We sometimes have great ideas as to what we would have done if we had been part of that procession. There was nothing we could have done then that we cannot more effectively do now, if we really want to join Him in the real Triumphal Entry.

## Local Option Law Unchanged

**W**HATEVER else the 58th General Assembly of Arkansas, just adjourned, did or did not do, it did not weaken the local option laws under which political units and sub-divisions may vote dry. This is true in spite of a serious attempt to do so. Last minute efforts in the upper chamber to pass a House Bill that would have permitted political sub-divisions of a dry area to vote wet resulted in a substantial defeat for the measure.

We were impressed that the dry cause had able representation in the legislature, and this leadership very definitely had something to do with the outcome of several bills which would have increased the liquor traffic's hold on Arkansas.

We personally regretted to see the legislature raise the liquor tax and divert this raise to the state's public institutions. The very fact that the liquor industry, wholesale and retail dealers, was willing to absorb the raise without increasing the price of its product, shows how much the liquor crowd was willing to become further involved in the affairs of the state. The more tax the liquor industry pays the greater voice it will demand in the direction of the state's economy and the greater difficulty will be encountered in ever driving the business out of the state. We had just as soon not be dependent upon them for anything.

## Arkansas Host To Jurisdiction Meeting

**P**LANS are now being completed for the holding in Little Rock the 2nd, 3rd and 4th, of April the quadrennial convocation of the South Central Jurisdiction of The Methodist Church. This is a meeting of the various Boards and Agencies of the Jurisdiction, which meet the third year of each quadrennium in a Jurisdictional meeting to discuss their work and consider plans for the future. The theme of the Convocation "Our Ministry" is in keeping with the current emphasis of the Advance Movement and will bring to those in attendance a deeper understanding of the place and work of the minister and the layman. Four hundred leaders from over the Jurisdiction who are members of the various Boards, Agencies, the Jurisdictional Council and the Finance Commission, together with the Bishops of the Jurisdiction are expected to be in attendance.

Of particular interest to Methodists in Arkansas will be the addresses that are scheduled, and that will be open for everyone to hear. These addresses by Dr. Umphrey Lee, President, Southern Methodist University, Mrs. Frank G. Brooks, President, Woman's Division of Christian Service, Mr. Francis B. Sayre, member of U. S. State Department, Bishop W. C. Martin, Dallas-Fort Worth Area and Chairman of the Advance Movement, and Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam, New York Area and a Vice-Chairman of the Advance Movement, will undoubtedly be the high points of interests of the Convocation. It is seldom that Arkansas Methodists have the privilege of hearing such distinguished leaders and we are sure that many of our people will avail themselves of this unusual opportunity. All sessions of the Convocation will be held in Winfield Methodist Church, Sixteenth and Louisiana Streets. A one-day session of the Jurisdictional Woman's Society

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## A WEEKLY MESSAGE

By FORNEY HUTCHINSON

### ARKANSAS IN OKLAHOMA

We had not been in our home at 1529 South Yorktown, Tulsa, long before we had a most delightful visit with a Mrs. Nunn and her two sons by a former marriage, named Cheatham. One of them, John, had been a member of my church in Texarkana, during my short stay there. In explaining their presence in the city, Mrs. Nunn said her husband was a retired, and now a sorely afflicted Methodist preacher. Later on, I learned that he had lived in the little town of Tokio, in Pike County, Arkansas. Pike County and Howard County, my birthplace, were adjoining counties in Arkansas. He was much my senior and when he grew up became a minister in the Methodist Protestant Church. After the union of the churches, we were all just Methodist preachers. For many years he lived in Magnolia and thereabouts, serving the church in various ways until his health completely failed. He was an old man, now, past eighty years of age. Two of his children, a son, Virgil Nunn, and a daughter, Mrs. Gordon Cook, lived in Tulsa. For that reason Brother and Sister Nunn came here to make this their home.

After his wife called, I went to see him frequently. When I would talk to him about heaven, he would become greatly interested, and after he was too weak to talk, he would simply point his finger upward. For several weeks before his death he was not able to respond, even to that extent, but a smile would spread over his face when I talked of the heavenly home. He steadily weakened and by and by answered the roll call in the "Conference of the Skies."

His children were devoted to him and saw that his every need was abundantly supplied. Most of all his wife's care was beautiful in the extreme. I marvelled at her strength and courage, for she, too, had passed her eightieth birthday. In line with his wishes, they took his body back to Magnolia, Arkansas for burial.

It was interesting and inspiring to me to think of my relation to him in my childhood and youth, and then, after more than fifty years, to renew it in our retirement. I fully expect to meet him again. My touch with the family was also a distinct benediction to me. Blessings upon his loved ones!

### WORLD SERVICE SHOWS GAIN

World Service receipts during February amounted to \$603,503.23, according to Dr. Thomas B. Lugg, Chicago, executive secretary and treasurer of the General Commission on World Serv-

## NEWS AND NOTES ABOUT FACTS AND FOLKS

BISHOP MARTIN is the guest preacher this week in a series of pre-Easter services at the Galloway Memorial Methodist Church, Jackson, Mississippi, where Dr. W. B. Selah is pastor.

REV. WILLIAM HIGHTOWER, pastor of Pottsville Methodist Church, was recently the speaker for the Men's Fellowship Club of the Russellville Cumberland Presbyterian Church.

THE ADVANCE office reports: Advance Specials continue to climb. The average monthly remittance in 1948 was \$90,000, in 1949 it was \$160,000; in 1950 it was \$329,000. Receipts for January 1951 were \$344,875.41.

REV. ELMER H. HOOK, Superintendent Mount Sequoyah, is the guest preacher for a series of services at the First Methodist Church, Batesville, during this week. Rev. Raymond L. Franks, pastor, has announced. The church there has also planned a week of Bible lectures in April to be given by Dr. J. H. Hicks and Dr. J. T. Carlyon, both professors at the Perkins School of Theology, Southern Methodist University.

DR. JAMES CANNON, professor of history of religion and missions at Duke Divinity School, Durham, N. C., has been named dean of the school, it has been announced by Dr. Hollis Edens, president of Duke. Dr. Cannon has served as acting dean since September, 1950, when Dean Harold Bosley resigned to become pastor of the First Methodist Church, Evanston, Illinois. The new dean has been a member of the Duke faculty for thirty-two years.

REV. ROBERT E. L. BEARDEN, pastor of the Goddard Memorial Methodist Church, Fort Smith, has been granted a leave of absence by that church this summer to attend the Ecumenical Methodist Conference at Oxford, England, August 28-September 7. Brother Bearden will sail August 14 and in addition to attending the conference, he will visit points of interest in church history, cathedrals and churches in England and Scotland.

THE UNITED CHRISTIAN YOUTH COUNCIL of Greater Little Rock will present its annual Easter Sunrise Service from the steps of the Arkansas State Capitol, Sunday, March 25, at 6:30 a. m. The music will be presented by the combined Little Rock and North Little Rock a Cappella choirs. Dr. James W. Workman, pastor of the First Methodist Church, North Little Rock, will bring the Easter sermon. The service will be broadcast over KARK.

IN a letter to Bishop Martin, Chaplain Henry G. Dutcher, stationed in Korea, writes of the need of funds to purchase UPPER ROOMS for the men in service. He also mentions the need of writing materials. He says: "It might be that W. S. C. S. groups would like to send us small boxes of plain, reasonably priced stationery, nothing fancy, very plain." Chaplain Dutcher's address is Headquarters 1st Cavalry Division Artillery, Office of the Chaplain, APO 201, c/o Postmaster, San Francisco, California.

THE AMERICAN BROADCASTING COMPANY will broadcast two Easter programs on their regular "The Greatest Story Ever Told" program. "The Betrayal and the Crucifixion" will be heard on Palm Sunday, March 18 and "The Resurrection" will be heard on Easter Sunday, March 25. This program is heard at 4:30-5:00 p. m., CST, and is carried by the following Arkansas Stations: KELD, El Dorado; KTHS,

ice and Finance of The Methodist Church. This was an increase of \$103,736.93 over the February, 1950, receipts.

World Service giving since June 1, 1950, amounted to \$4,705,003.09 through Feb. 28, 1951, Dr. Lugg reported. This represents a gain of \$123,352.95 over a similar nine-month period last year, or an increase of 2.69 per cent.

Advance for Christ and His Church receipts for February were \$306,849.82. The accumulated total from June 1, 1948, through Feb. 28, 1951, is \$7,122,703.40.

Hot Springs; KGHI, Little Rock; KCLA, Pine Bluff and KBRS, Springdale.

A new office, "dean of the faculty," has been created by Union Theological Seminary, interdenominational ministerial training institution in New York City, and the Rev. Dr. Reinhold Niebuhr has been named the first to hold the title. Dr. Niebuhr, who is regarded as one of the outstanding theologians of the Protestant world, has been Union's professor of applied Christianity for twenty years, and is the liaison faculty representative between the Seminary and Columbia University.

REV. THERON McKISSON, pastor at Bald Knob, writes: "On February 4 the Russell Methodist Church building, a stone-vener building, valued at \$6000, was totally destroyed by fire. Insurance of \$2000 was carried on the building and fixtures. Preliminary plans for the rebuilding of this church have been made. The new church will have Church School facilities with approximately twice the floor space of the old one. The congregation is temporarily using the public school auditorium. Church School attendance is running over the hundred mark at Russell, and the people are eager to replace their church with a more commodious building."

THE annual Good Friday service will be held at the First Methodist Church, Little Rock, on March 23, with various Methodist ministers of the city bringing the meditations as follows: First Word, Dr. Aubrey G. Walton, pastor of First Church; Second Word, Rev. Mouzon Mann, pastor of Oak Forest Church; Third Word, Rev. Arthur Terry, pastor of Asbury Church; Fourth Word, Rev. Cecil Culver, pastor of Winfield Church; Fifth Word, Rev. Kenneth Shamblin, pastor of Pulaski Heights Church; Sixth Word, Dr. Francis A. Buddin, district superintendent of the Little Rock District and the Seventh Word, Bishop Paul E. Martin. The Chancel Choir of First Church will sing "The Seven Last Words" by DuBois under the direction of John H. Summers, organist and choirmaster.

### WEEK OF DEDICATION

Reports of the Week of Dedication are too few and scattered to register an opinion about them as early as March 7th. However, word comes from the Jackson and Des Moines Areas that offerings are in excess of last year. First Church, Jackson, Mississippi, which gave the largest offering last year (\$3,205.00) has exceeded that amount this year by \$313.35. Also, the Jackson District, in which last year the Week of Dedication offering was \$7,610.41, will exceed \$8,000.00 this year, according to a preliminary report from Dr. B. M. Hunt, District Superintendent. From Bishop Charles W. Brashares word has come that on Monday following the Week of Dedication District Superintendents reports total Week of Dedication offerings in excess of \$25,000.00. Dr. J. S. Ploughe, Superintendent of the Hutchinson District, Central Kansas Conference of the Kansas-Nebraska Area, reports that the Dedication offering of First Church, Pratt, Kansas, Rev. Raymond W. O. Knowles, Pastor, was \$1,200.00 as compared with \$333.00 last year; Arlington Church, Rev. Paul Gilbert, Pastor, with a membership of 180, reports \$135.77, as compared with \$40.00 last year. —Advance Office

### ARKANSAS HOST TO JURISDICTION MEETING

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of Christian Service will be held also at Winfield, Monday, April 2, in connection with the Convocation.

This is the first meeting of a Jurisdictional-wide nature that has been held in Little Rock since the Jurisdictional arrangement was instituted at the Uniting Conference in 1939. Only a few weeks ago a similar Convocation was held in the Southeastern Jurisdiction and it was pronounced a success by those in attendance. We want to urge our people to remember the dates of this significant meeting and plan to hear at least some of the addresses.

# Three-Fold Fellowship

The following is an address delivered by the Conference president of the WSCS at the recent Annual session at Searcy, Arkansas.

**T**HE Woman's Society of Christian Service has a most comprehensive purpose. It is "to unite all women of the church in Christian living and service, to develop the spiritual life, to promote study which shall result in action in Christian fellowship and to secure funds for the work at home in the local church, in the homeland and in the foreign fields.

Do you remember our pledge? It is an individual pledge—"I pledge my prayers to bind me closer to Him in whose strength I live. My service in the extension of God's kingdom. My gifts to the support of the Woman's Society of Christian Service." To pray, to serve, to give.—As Mrs. Maude White Hardie has called it "a great Praying Fellowship; a great Serving Fellowship; and a great Giving Fellowship."

I would like for us in thinking of **ADVANCE, MY CONCERN**, to consider these fellowships one at a time.

First—belonging to a great Praying Fellowship: I, as an individual belong to this great praying fellowship and if I advance individually in my pray life I must learn to pray. What is prayer anyway? Olive Wyon tells us in the book, "The School of Prayer", prayer is the "ascent" of the mind to God, the lifting of heart and mind and will to God "the body lives by breathing air," so the soul lives "by praying."

The soul cannot live without prayer any more than a body can live without food and drink. It is the daily practice of prayer which keeps the door open between the seen and the unseen. To truly know God depends upon my turning to Him "waiting" upon Him, listening to Him. So much of the feebleness, ineffectiveness, and unreality of the life and worship of so many of us is due to this one fact: ignorance of God through neglect of prayer. "The origin of prayer is the Heart of God," says Olive Wyon.

Mrs. Barr, our Jurisdiction President in a letter to the Conference presidents this week said, "During these days of uncertainty, if we are to make our best contributions, there must be deeper consecration on the part of each one of us. There is great suffering and tragedy in some parts of the world. Please pray for the missionaries and native Christian leaders daily. Also pray for the leaders of our nations and of all nations. Fears are widely expressed that the survival of the freedom-loving, peace-loving people of the world may be at stake. Let us call upon our members to give priority to prayer, for this is the first duty of every professing Christian—not only during the days of crisis, but everyday, if we are to live abundantly. Also stress the use of the Prayer Calendar so that all our workers may feel strengthened for the task that is theirs." Mrs. Barr is saying, "ADVANCE in prayer" individually. I am trying to say, make **ADVANCE** in prayer your



MRS. JOHNNIE MCCLURE

## CONCERN.

Mrs. E. B. White, chairman of the Division Standing Committee on Spiritual Life said, "There is a powerful weapon at our command which we are not using even a fractional part of its potentiality, and that powerful weapon is prayer." Our prayer as Christian women.

In Psalm 55-17 the Psalmist says, "Evening and morning, and at noon, will I pray, and cry aloud: and he shall hear my voice." Then again our text "I will obey Thee eagerly as thou openest up my heart."

Paul tells us in 1st Thessalonians 17, "Pray without ceasing." I must advance in my prayer life, if I am to discover the will of God for my life I must pray. Thus the primary condition for the discovery of the will of God is the habitual life of prayer, in the fullest sense of the word. Particular "leadings" from God are not given to those who have made no preparation. "We cannot be taught unless we are teachable, we cannot be led unless we are willing to follow," says a Quaker writer. A great French writer has said that God fills all things with His presence. "He offers Himself to us at every moment, in every place. His divine action penetrates the universe and all creatures. A part of the will of God is salvation, health, the life of the soul and of the body. God comes to us; if we receive Him humbly we can and will do His will."

Mrs. Frank Brooks, our Division president, says, "When the hand of man touches and clasps the hand of God, the world will be lifted." Will you advance in your prayer life, will I advance in my prayer life that we can help lift the world. Will we advance individually taking in its fullness—this power that is yours and mine—as we advance toward God, as we make **ADVANCE** our individual Concern as we join in this **GREAT PRAYING FELLOWSHIP**.

The second great fellowship—**THE GREAT FELLOWSHIP OF SERVING**: Are we willing to **ADVANCE** in our **SERVING**? Someone has said, "Most of us are a combination in spirit of both Mary and Martha. We want to set at His feet

and yet we want to serve as did Martha. We do not want to be shut out of the circle—neither do we want a sense of restriction through being within one too closely drawn." Our great fellowship of serving gives us this freedom and privilege of bringing reality to the sentiment that, so long as we love, we serve, and it invites us to a closer walk with Him who was known among mankind as "ONE WHO SERVETH."

Dr. Harold A. Bosley speaking at the Assembly in Cleveland last year said, "We spend too much time eulogizing the faith of our fathers and too little time practicing it." He also said, "Our religion is what we do, and not what we say: it is not a pattern of words but a way of life. You can inherit a religious pattern but you cannot inherit a religious faith."

Might we each ask ourself the question, Am I ready to live creatively the Christian faith—serving in a Christian service—rooted in the will and purpose of God—When we are ready, we will find everything we need, in creating a Christian world.

Are we spending our time with the social clubs while the nominating committee is seeking for leaders for the local society? Are we giving our time to social parties while our Secretary of Missionary Education is trying to find leaders for Study classes? Are we failing to attend the Woman's Society regular monthly meetings yet we attend social and literature clubs twice or four times each month?

I am talking of this great fellowship of serving that we can belong to—yet we spend so much of our time on the tinsel things of life. We keep our eyes so close to the ground, we can not see God's children of all colors, race and creed who need His love, to know the real meaning of life. Are we willing to study that we will know the needs of the world? Are we willing to serve in His work that others may be led to know His way of life? Are we spending our time on little unimportant things while the real vital

opportunities of building God's Kingdom are passing us by each day?

Am I willing to serve my very best while there is time to see the real true work of God? Am I willing to **ADVANCE IN MY FELLOWSHIP OF SERVICE**? Are you willing to advance in your fellowship of serving?

And then the third and last great fellowship, **THE GREAT FELLOWSHIP OF GIVING**: May I say here if we truly advance in our prayer fellowship, in our serving fellowship this fellowship of giving will certainly advance.

To belong to this great Giving Fellowship, we as Christian women must never seek immunity to the needs of the world, never grow deaf to appeals nor feel that what we can give is so small in the light of the appalling need that we despair at the giving of it. No man can face earnestly the challenge of Jesus of Nazareth without discovering that all of life—all that a man is and has—is a gift of God. Luke 16:2, "Our master asked, How is it that I hear this of thee? Give an account of thy stewardship."

It has been said that we are a people ever striving "To Get", "To Build", "To Expand", as a church instead of, "GIVING" and "SHARING" and "LOVING". Stewardship of our gifts has been forgotten by a vast portion of the Christian people of our church.

When Jesus called through His parables for His followers, "to give account of their stewardship" three great truths were applied. These three are still applicable to us today. First, if a man has a stewardship, then there is someone who is the owner. Jesus tells us that God is the owner. He is the **CREATOR**, the **SUSTAINER**, and the **OWNER** of all things. God is the **OWNER** of **US ALL**.

In the second place, the parable implies God is the **OWNER**, and I am the trustee of what I am, what I have, and what I can become.

**I AM A STEWARD**—My life—its glory has been lent to me as an

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## NORTH ARKANSAS CONFERENCE W. S. C. S. IN ANNUAL SESSION

The Eleventh Annual Meeting of the Woman's Society of Christian Service closed its sessions at noon Thursday, March 8th, at Searcy, Arkansas.

The program for this Conference was unusually well planned and well executed. Mrs. Johnnie McClure, the new president of the conference, presided with all the grace and assurance of one well versed in her field of activities.

The program was highlighted by speeches from Bishop Paul E. Martin, Presiding Bishop of Arkansas-Louisiana Area, Mrs. Sam Evans of Gallatin, Missouri, Jurisdictional Promotional Secretary, of the South Central Jurisdiction, Mrs. R. H. Cole, of Magnolia, Arkansas, Jurisdiction Secretary of Literature and Publications, Mrs. Sue Brown, of Ft. Worth, Texas, a missionary to Brazil for thirty years, and Mrs. Johnnie McClure, Conference President.

The attendance was the best in the history of the conference and the reports from all Lines of Work showed the leaders in these fields have been working with untiring zeal and consecration in their task.

There have been added twenty-five new societies and about seven hundred new members in the past year. There are now 293 W. S. C. S. societies with about 13,000 members, and 93 Wesleyan Service Guilds with about 3,000 members.

The W. S. C. S. pledge of last year was \$45,164.00. The accepted pledge for 1951-52 is \$51,938.00.

One of the very unusual features of the conference was a gift of money presented to Bishop and Mrs. Martin to be added to the Nellie Dyer Relief Fund to be used for relief of suffering in Korea. The total of the love gifts amounted to \$376.00.

The Conference voted to meet in 1952 in North Little Rock. The First Methodist Church will be the seat of the conference.

The First Methodist Church in Searcy will long be remembered for the hospitable manner in which they entertained the conference.





## "Along A Country Road" The Town and Country Commission

The Methodist Church  
The North Arkansas Conference  
Hendrix Station, Conway, Arkansas

Paul E. Martin, Bishop  
Rev. Floyd G. Villines, President  
Mr. Lester Hutchins, Vice-President  
Rev. N. Lee Cate, Secretary  
Rev. J. Albert Gatlin, Executive Secretary

### HENDRIX CHAPEL CHOIR AT TOWN AND COUNTRY CONVOCATION

Under the direction of Dr. V. Earle Copes the Hendrix Chapel Choir will be in charge of the music for the Town and Country Church Convocation at Fourche Valley High Saturday, March 31. This will be one of the high experiences for the people of Fourche Valley as well as the many visitors who will be in attendance. One of the great services rendered by Hendrix College is the development of the musical talent of our fine youth. Not only are they given the opportunity to develop their talents but they also make many trips over the state to bring inspiration to the audiences who are fortunate enough to hear them. The people of Fourche Valley have urgently requested the presence of these young people for our great Town and Country Convocation. Much interest is being shown in this meeting. It is hoped that new interest in the community life may be engendered in this meeting and that its influence may be felt over the conference.

#### Notes From The Field

The Secretary of the Town and Country Commission has had a great and rich experience this week. For a long time plans have been made for a Revival Meeting at Gravelly. This is indeed what has been experienced. Paul Dean Davis, the pastor, is in high favor with his people and has been working on plans for the services for weeks. Helping us were Lee and Ella Anderson of the Mountain Home Parish, who gave special help with the music, the Women Prayer Groups, and Youth Meetings. It is hoped that out of our efforts there will be a reorganization of the entire church for greater service. Much interest was shown. On Thursday night Dr. C. M. Reves, District Superintendent, led in the dedication of a beautiful Altar and Pulpit given by the Cavinness family in honor of

their father, Bob Cavinness, a long time friend and worker in the church. Four generations were represented in the service. Greater days are ahead for this fine church and community.

On Sunday morning at 10 a. m. it was the writer's privilege to install the officers for the newly organized Sunday School at Wing on the same charge. It was an inspiring service as the officers and church school all stood at the altar. Brother Davis had already arranged for literature and had set up the organization. A wonderful interest was manifested. The Superintendent, Mr. Robert Compton, said "Preacher, we are going to fight this through and make one of the best Sunday Schools in the whole country here." Such a fine spirit will prevail.

A report from New Haven from Brother Laymon Bounds is indeed thrilling. "The roof is on, the outside repairs will soon begin, a wonderful group of men giving free labor, attendance splendid, lay services from Henry Baldwin on Jonesboro, First Church, adds to the program. I am feeling better." That is enough to make a preacher feel better and no doubt the folks are also feeling better.

And so across the conference the news travels—"Things are looking better in many places." That is what we all are working and praying for.

Today I visited the great annual meeting of the W. S. C. S. at Searcy. What a meeting! A great church sanctuary packed to the overflowing with a group of wonderful Christian women. Indeed, what a great inspiration. Mrs. McClure's message was deep and meaningful. Other talks were most inspiring. With thousands of Christian women on the march with Christ the world must indeed be a better place in which to live.—J. Albert Gatlin.

### THREE-FOLD FELLOWSHIP (Continued from page 3)

individual. My trust may be small or it may be large but if I am as Christian as I should be, it will always be sacred.

Then the third lesson revealed in the parable is the one I must take into serious consideration. I WILL BE REQUIRED TO "GIVE ACCOUNT OF MY STEWARDSHIP." Will I be able to hear "WELL DONE, GOOD AND FAITHFUL SERVANT?"

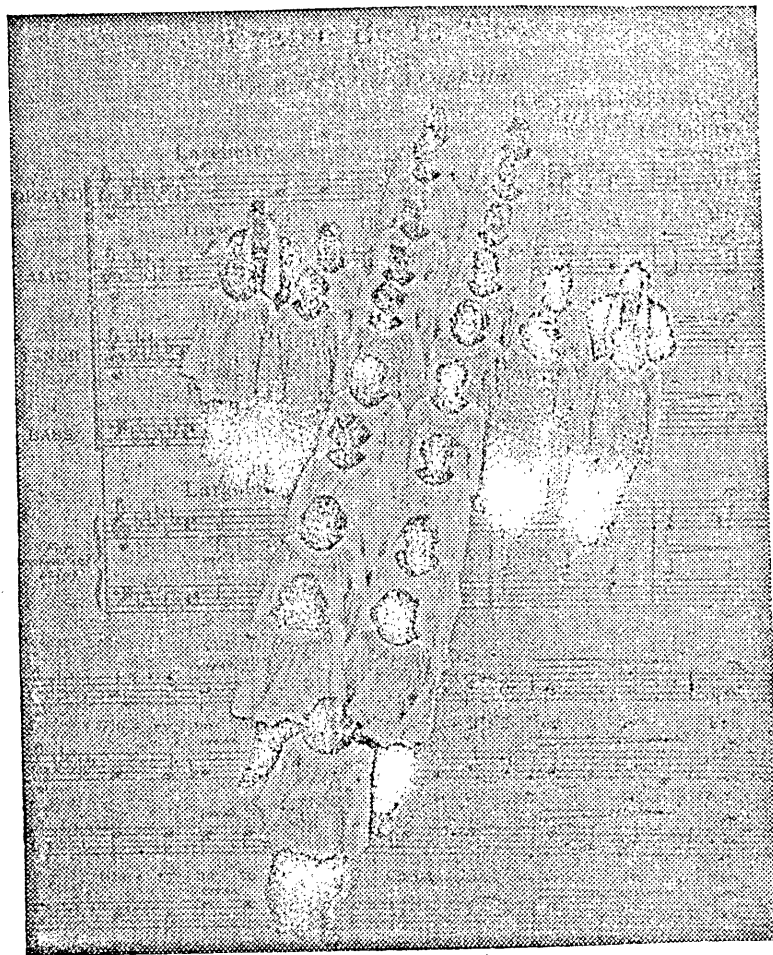
Let's think of the story of the loaves and fishes. May we ask ourselves, How many loaves have I. Remember what Jesus was able to do with the loaves and fishes. I like to think of the loving care of the mother in preparing the lunch for the small son. I am sure she had encouraged his going to hear the Master. She had taught him to share what he had gladly. He was prepared in his heart, as well as with

his material possessions to give as the need presented itself. Remember what happened to the gift after Jesus took possession of it and blessed it. My gift—My Individual Gift, it is the best I can do, given in love and with a desire to serve, will be blessed by Jesus.

He will not compare my gift with anyone else's gift—OH WOULD THAT EACH INDIVIDUAL MEMBER OF THE WOMAN'S SOCIETY OF CHRISTIAN SERVICE WOULD MAKE HER PLEDGE, AS AN INDIVIDUAL RESPONSIBILITY.

A PLEDGE BETWEEN ME AND MY GOD, BETWEEN YOU AND YOUR GOD. I must give what I know is my true pledge in God's sight regardless how much or how small my neighbor's pledge is.

How many loaves have I? How many loaves have you in money and materials. Remember: "What is a man profited, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul."



Against an anthem in the repertoire of the Hendrix College Chapel Choir, the 1950-51 Choir members are: (top to bottom, l. to r.) Ed Thompson of Conway, Bob Jordan of Little Rock, Jerry Delleney of Dallas, Tex., Arthur Sears of Hot Springs, Harold Davis of Poplar Bluff, Mo., Al Tredway of Marianna, Walter Workman of North Little Rock, Allen Brockway of Fayetteville, Sanders Clatworthy of Little Rock, Richard Hudson of Springdale, Phil Dixon of Little Rock, Frank Warden of North Little Rock, Dot Christopher of Conway, Margaret Rich of Forrest City, Pat Holmes of DeWitt, Julia Caldwell of Searcy, Betty Hawkins of Dallas, Tex., Marion Sorrells of Little Rock, Sara Frances Ward of Conway, Ruth Ryburn of Pine Bluff, Alicia Ann Bell of Lepanto, Ann Tennyson of Smackover, Hettie Lue Wilson of Hot Springs, Bonnie Heien of Stuttgart, Martha June Warner of West Memphis, Nona Eagle of Prescott, and Jo Eaton of Blytheville.

How many loaves have you in talents and abilities? Having eyes, see ye not, having ears, hear ye not?"

Remember the five-talent servant worked and made ten talents more. The ten-talent servant likewise worked and made ten talents more. But what happened to the one-talent servant? Am I serving as a one talent servant, feeling because I cannot do the spectacular, if I cannot be the leader, if I cannot give more than anyone else I just won't do anything? I can give so little, I just won't give at all.

Remember the poor widow's mite. Jesus said, "Truly, I say to you, this poor widow has put in more than all those who are contributing to the treasury." She gave according to her own ability to do so, her own individual personal responsibility.

Daniel Webster was once asked, "What is the most solemn thought that has ever entered your mind?" He answered, "The most solemn thought that I have ever had—and I have it often—is my personal accountability to Almighty God."

ADVANCE, MY CONCERN: Dr. G. Ernest Thomas tells us in his little book, "To Whom Much Is Given", "It is a solemn thought that Christians must make an accounting for the money which has been loaned to them. It will not look good in the Book of Life when it is recorded that every year Americans spent more for liquor than they gave for the work of God. It will

not be satisfying to learn that Americans spend more for motion pictures than they do for the support of the Kingdom. It will not look right that Americans spend more for tobacco, candy, and cosmetics than they give for the work of God." We will not be held accountable for what our fellow Americans do or fail to do. But let us be certain of our own individual records.

WHAT WILL BE MY MARKS IN THE BOOK OF LIFE? Matt 6:21, "Wherever your treasure is, your heart will be also—you cannot serve God and money."

I MUST ADVANCE IN MY GIVING TO WHERE MY INDIVIDUAL PROGRESSION REQUIRES ME TO BE. I must make ADVANCE, My CONCERN in my prayer life, in my life of serving, and in my giving. May I always remember my individual responsibility as a member of the Woman's Society of Christian Service, as a member of this great praying fellowship, the great serving fellowship, and the great giving fellowship. My pledge . . . Yes, MY INDIVIDUAL PLEDGE, to pray, to serve, and to give, that God's Kingdom may come to all HIS PEOPLE, every race, creed, and color on HIS GREAT EARTH.

"I WILL OBEY THEE EAGERLY AS THOU OPENETH UP MY HEART."

REALIZING:

"I am only one,

But I am one.

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# 1950 NOVEMBER SPECIALS FOR MINISTERIAL TRAINING AND HENDRIX COLLEGE

## NORTH ARKANSAS CONFERENCE

Below is a list of receipts from the 1950 November Special offering for Ministerial Training and Hendrix College—Through March 6, 1951.

### BATESVILLE DISTRICT

BATESVILLE:	
Central Avenue	\$ 75.00
First Church	500.00
Calico Rock Ct.	13.35
Cave City-Sidney	10.00
Cotter	50.00
Desha	10.50
Guion-Sulphur Rock	6.00
Melbourne-New Hope	25.00
Moorefield-Asbury	21.00
Mountain Home Parish	50.00
Mountain View	25.00
Newark	20.00
NEWPORT:	
First Church	150.00
Umsted	15.00
Pleasant Plains Ct.	16.00
Salem	20.00
Swift-Alicia	20.00
Tuckerman	89.90
Viola Ct.	5.00
Weldon-Tupelo	12.00
Yellville Parish	10.00

DISTRICT TOTAL \$1143.75

### CONWAY DISTRICT

Atkins	\$ 20.86
Belle-Havana	16.50
Bethel-Cato	13.01
CONWAY:	
First Church	1170.23
Wesley Memorial	20.00
Danville	35.00
Dardanelle	61.00
Dardanelle Circuit	6.00
Dover-London	5.00
Gravelly Ct.	4.60
Greenbrier Ct.	8.35
MORRILTON:	
First Church	100.00
Circuit No. 1	39.80
Circuit No. 2	12.56
NAYLOR CT.	6.06
NORTH LITTLE ROCK:	
Gardner	100.00
Levy	25.00
Sylvan Hills	10.00
Washington Ave.	75.00
Ola	42.27
Perry-Perryville	2.48
Perry County Ct.	18.00
Plainview	10.00
Plumerville	12.00
Pottsville	24.00
Russellville	200.00
Salem	16.21
Vilonia	10.00
Vilonia Circuit	1.00

DISTRICT TOTAL \$2064.93

### FAYETTEVILLE DISTRICT

Alpena	\$ 20.00
Bentonville	50.00
Centerton	15.00
Decatur	5.50
Elm Springs-Harmon	27.56
Farmington-Goshen	20.00
FAYETTEVILLE:	
Central Church	263.92
Wiggins	35.00
Gravette	20.00
Green Forest	14.00
Lincoln	20.00
MADISON COUNTY:	
No. 1	5.00
Pea-Ridge-Bright Water	10.00
Prairie Grove	37.50
ROGERS:	
First Church	65.00
Shoam Springs	100.00
Springdale	75.00
Springtown-Highfill	25.00
Sulphur Springs	17.00
Viney Grove	5.00

DISTRICT TOTAL \$ 830.43

### FORREST CITY DISTRICT

Aubrey	\$ 23.50
Brinkley	75.00
Clarendon	50.00
Colt	10.00
Cotton Plant	50.00
Crawfordsville-Black Fish Lake	50.00
Earle	62.50
Elaine	37.50
Forrest City	150.00
Haynes-LaGrange	3.00
Helena	250.00
Holly Grove	50.00
Hughes	50.00
Marianna	100.00
Marion	100.00
Marvell	125.00
Parkin	20.00
Vandale	50.00
West Helena	21.00
West Memphis	40.00
Wheatley	125.00
Widner-Round Pond	20.00
Wynne	47.50

DISTRICT TOTAL \$1531.99

### FORT SMITH DISTRICT

Altus Ct.	\$ 5.00
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Alma-Mulberry	25.00
Bethel-Dyer	11.00
Booneville	50.00
Branch	8.00
Charleston	34.00
Clarksburg	150.00
FORT SMITH:	
Fifth St. Ch.	10.00
First Church	350.00
Goddard Memorial	200.00
Grand Ave.	10.00
Massard-Barling	13.20
Midland Heights	42.00
St. Luke	25.00
St. Paul's	75.00
Townson Ave.	1.00
Greenwood	25.00
Hartford	20.00
Kibler-Mountain View	10.00
Lavaca	11.00
Mansfield	12.50
Ozark	50.00
Paris	75.00
Prairie View-Scranton	8.00
VAN BUREN:	
First Church	50.00
St. John's-New Hope	15.00
Waldron	25.00
Waldron Ct.	13.00

DISTRICT TOTAL \$1323.70

### JONESBORO DISTRICT

BLYTHEVILLE:	
Lake Street	\$ 20.00
West Side	2.50
Brookland Ct.	10.00
Caraway	10.00
Dyess-Whitton	8.25
Gosnell	10.00
Harrisburg	60.00
Joiner	40.00
JONESBORO:	
First Church	310.00
Fisher St.	25.00
Huntington	50.00
Kelser	20.00
Lake City-Lake View	25.00
Lepanto-Garden Point	75.00
Lunsford-Pleasant Valley	31.90
Luxora	25.00
Marked Tree	75.00
Monette-Macy	30.00
Mt. Carmel-Forest Home	20.00
Nettleton-Bay	50.00
Osceola	100.00
Trumann	32.60
Turrell-Gilmore	25.00
Tyronza	36.00
Weiner Ct.	6.00
Weona-Center View	23.00
Wilson	50.00
Yarbro-Promised Land	25.00
Jonesboro Sub-District	5.73

DISTRICT TOTAL \$1200.98

### PARAGOULD DISTRICT

Biggers-Knobel	\$ 6.00
Black Rock-Clover Bend	16.00
Bono	4.50
Boydsville-Hickoria	4.00
Corning	50.00
Greenway Circuit	3.00
Hoxie	20.00
Imboden-Smithville	8.00
Mammoth Springs	15.00
Marmaduke Ct.	5.00
Maynard Ct.	10.00
PARAGOULD:	
Griffin Memorial	29.00
Piggott	60.00

## CAMP FARTHEST OUT AT PETIT JEAN

The fourth and fifth sessions of the Arkansas Camp Farthest Out will be held at Petit Jean State Park early this summer. The first period will be from May 23-May 30; and the second period from May 31-June 7.

The Camp Farthest Out is a Spiritual Retreat open to all religious groups. It is interdenominational and was established in 1949 by a group of interested individuals who had attended a camp in another state. Similar camps will be held in Texas, Oklahoma, Kansas and Missouri as well as twenty other states. The program at the camp is suited to adults and young people. They will return to their respective churches with a deeper sense of spiritual values and a broader meaning of the power of prayer.

Due to limited facilities at the lodge and cabins at Petit Jean, only 100 persons can be adequately cared for at each camp. After the first year, because of an overflow regis-

tration, two separate sessions had to be arranged to accommodate those who wished to attend. Early registration is advised and those interested should write the Camp secretary, Mrs. Vivian Semon, 4146 Maryland Avenue, Shreveport, Louisiana for full details.

Leaders for this year are: Dr. Glenn Clark, founder of the idea and a Presbyterian layman from St. Paul, Minnesota; Mrs. Louise Eggleston, Methodist woman from Norfolk, Virginia and for several years the Spiritual Life Secretary of the Virginia Conference. She has organized more prayer groups than any other person in our church. Assisting these two main leaders will be Mrs. Marcia Brown, wife of a Chicago Baptist minister, who will direct the rhythm and art classes; Mrs. Gretchen Clement, Methodist woman from Washington, D. C., and head of the School of Prayer in our nation's capitol; Mrs. Marge Lawrence, Methodist woman and Sunday School teacher from Benton Harbor, Michigan, who will serve as song leader.

Features of each day's program are the inspirational talks morning and evening by the leaders, creative art and rhythm in the mornings, and prayer groups and prayer laboratory in the afternoons.—R. E. Simpson, Hot Springs, Arkansas.

Pocahontas	94.25
Ravenden Springs	10.00
RECTOR:	
First Church	60.00
Fourth Street	10.00
Circuit	8.00
St. Francis Ct.	3.00
Sedgwick-Egypt	9.00
Walnut Ridge	100.00

DISTRICT TOTAL \$ 524.75

### SEARCY DISTRICT

Antioch	\$ 30.81
Augusta	75.00
Beebe	50.00
Cabot	50.00
Clinton	20.00
Griffithville	17.62
Harrison	135.00
Jacksonville	25.00
Judsonia	30.00
Kensett	10.00
McRae	19.16
Newton County	10.00
Pangburn	20.00
Rosebud-Smyrna	10.15
Searcy	150.00
Tumbling Shoals Church	5.50
Valley Springs	10.00
VAN BUREN COUNTY:	
No. 1	10.00

DISTRICT TOTAL \$ 677.74

TOTAL OF DISTRICTS \$9,328.23

Out of State Contribution 50.00

GRAND TOTAL \$9,378.23

March 6, 1951

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When men speak ill of thee, live so that nobody will believe them.—Plato.



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# NORTH ARKANSAS CONFERENCE NOTES

By Ira A. Brumley

## 1951 Recreational Workshop

Persons interested in attending the Jurisdictional Recreational Conference, to be held in Oklahoma City, April 9-13, should make application at a very early date, as time is drawing near for this conference.

Those who have seen the program outline know that this is to be a rich period of activities in the field of recreation.

Our office will be glad to provide any local church or individual of a church with a copy of the announcement sheet.

The cost of the program will be a fee of \$10.00 plus housing and meals. Rooms can be obtained at \$1.50 per night in Oklahoma City University Dormitories. Reasonable rates have been offered for meals.

The program will begin at 2:30 on Monday, April 9 with registration being completed at that time. The program will close at 11:00 a. m. Friday, April 13.

The North Arkansas Conference has been given a quota of 10 persons and probably could secure additional quota if request is made at an early date.

Our first registrations have already gone in and others should follow at an early date.

## Convocation of Christian Leaders

The Southwest section of the National Council of the Churches of Christ in The United States of America will hold a convocation at San Antonio, Texas, April 11-13, 1951.

The theme for this convocation is "This Nation Under God". The Methodists of Arkansas have been invited to send a delegation to this convocation.

An excellent program has been arranged which would be very meaningful to any persons who find it possible to attend the convocation.

We will be glad to send to any interested person a leaflet giving schedule of activities, together with leaders, in the convocation.

## Forrest City District Camp

A group of leaders of the Forrest City District, under the leadership of Rev. Ethan Dodgen, district superintendent, met at Marianna on Tuesday, March 6, for the purpose of studying the possibilities of constructing a district camp for the Forrest City District.

Miss Elizabeth Brown of the General Board of Education, was present to give guidance in the plans.

Those attending the meeting indicated a very great interest in the possibility of a camp being built. A later meeting will be held after further study as to cost of building a camp can be made.

The district has been able to secure a very delightful location for the construction of such a camp.

## Vacation School Workshops

The various districts of the North Arkansas Conference have been making plans for workshops to help leaders prepare for the vacation church schools of 1951.

This year is the fiftieth anniversary of the vacation church school movement. It should be a year in which every church would plan for a vacation church school.

The first workshop to be announced is to be held at Conway, First Methodist Church, April 7 (Saturday), beginning at 10:30 a. m. This is for the western part of Searcy District and all of Conway District. The Searcy Area of the Searcy

# METHODIST CHILDREN'S HOME

## Supplemental Report On Christmas Offering

We list below additional contributions received since the publication of our first report on the Christmas offering for 1950-51. This is a splendid offering and we are grateful to the Methodists of Arkansas for their continued interest and support.

Additional Offerings Received	
Buckner Charge	\$ 2.50—Total \$ 73.50
Camden, First Ch.	10.00—Total 927.00
Dumas Memorial	5.00—Total 55.00
Hope, First Ch.	10.00—Total 1144.76
Horatio W. S. C. S.	9.00—Total 73.00
Springhill Circuit	20.00
Bethlehem Circuit	2.50
Douglasville	50.00—Total 60.00
Little Rock, First Ch.	6.51—Total 1516.80
Highland, Little Rock	50.00
Pulaski Heights, L. R.	27.99
Winfield, Little Rock	17.24—Total 2304.73
Martindale, Roland Ct.	5.61—Total 17.29
Gillett	100.00
First Church, Conway	7.05—Total 760.01
Dover	10.43
First Church, N.L.R.	250.00
Oppelo	19.00
Lincoln	43.00
Rogers Ct., New Home	12.14
Cotton Plant	151.00
Earle	5.00—Total 70.00
Elaine	10.00
Marianna	4.50—Total 311.23
Marion	50.00—Total 140.00
Forester	19.42
Ozark	70.00—Total 75.93
Waldron	25.00
Jonesboro, First Ch.	4.00—Total 531.00
Keiser	17.50
Lepanto	4.29—Total 109.30
Black Rock	15.00
Boydsville	9.25
Gainesville	11.50
Oak Grove, Maynard	15.00
Ct.	52.00
Griffin Memorial	387.49
Paragould, 1st Ch.	136.75—Total 140.75
Pocahontas	10.00
Rector, Fourth St.	12.50
Ward Ch., Antioch Ct.	10.00
Jasper	5.00
Rosebud	5.00

Totals by Districts	
Arkadelphia	\$ 3,597.36
Camden	5,968.16
Hope	5,120.23
Little Rock	8,335.03
Monticello	3,963.14
Pine Bluff	4,771.08

Total for Little Rock Conf.	\$31,755.00
Batesville	\$ 946.34
Conway	2,548.95
Fayetteville	2,904.93
Forrest City	3,247.23
Fort Smith	3,213.31
Jonesboro	2,091.11
Paragould	1,469.11
Searcy	1,387.50

Total for N. Arkansas Conf.	\$17,808.48
Gifts Not Credited to Any Church	223.00
GRAND TOTAL	\$49,786.43

Other Contributions

MEMORIALS:

In Memory of—

Will Shoppach, given by Miss Minnie Buzbee, Little Rock.

Frank G. Smith; S. J. Crawford; Ray Thweatt; Mrs. J. B. Wendell, given by Mr. and Mrs. Robert Stokes, Marion.

John Spain, given by the Sigmans and Mrs. Walker, Vandalia.

Mrs. Fannie S. Thompson, given by Mr. and Mrs. R. S. Hughey, Atkins.

District will have an institute on vacation church school work at Searcy, May 15, beginning at 7 p. m.

Watch for announcements of the other vacation church district or area meetings.

We hope local churches will secure their materials for their lead-

Mrs. Mary Scott, given by Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Wright, Bettie, and Mrs. Nora Wright, West Helena.

Pierie Swepston, given by Mr. and Mrs. Walter Laney and Mrs. B. M. Swepston, Camden; Mr. and Mrs. Sarah Jean Marion and Mrs. Proba Currie, Camden; A. B. Carter, Marion.

Mrs. J. A. Wade, given by Jackson Street W. S. C. S., Magnolia.

W. D. Varley, given by Mr. and Mrs. Billy Farr, Earle; Mr. and Mrs. H. T. Brewer, Earle; Earle W. S. C. S.

Mrs. George Saig, given by Mr. and Mrs. H. T. Brewer, Earle.

Floyd T. Palmer, given by Marianna Wesleyan Service Guild; Mr. and Mrs. Max Lewis, Marianna; Marianna W. S. C. S.

George Young, Sr., given by Mrs. G. W. Wester, Holly Grove.

E. M. Archer, given by Alton B. Raney, Little Rock.

J. E. Packard, given by Foreman W. S. C. S.; Dr. and Mrs. E. L. Davis, Texarkana.

W. A. Mathis, given by Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Palmer, Blackton.

J. W. Marlowe, given by Mr. and Mrs. Dan Felton, Marianna.

Leroy Cuiepper, given by Charles Dante, Dumas; Mr. and Mrs. Jack Dante, Dumas.

P. W. Boone, given by Bird, Lange, and Mauris, Little Rock.

Mrs. Alice Elliott, given by Tyroneza Civic Club.

Mrs. Sallie B. Smith, given by Sherrill W. S. C. S.

Mrs. Naomi Ott, given by Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Johnson, Earle.

Dr. O. E. Goddard, given by A Friend.

Beginners Class, Lepanto 4.20

Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Morris, RFD, Jackson, Tenn. 25.00

Judge Foster Clarke, Jonesboro 4.00

Mr. and Mrs. O. G. Robinson, Des Arc 2.00

Circle No. 1, DeWitt, for a High School girl 9.96

Miscellaneous Gifts

Hays Chapel W. S. C. S., a quilt.

Midland Heights W. S. C. S., Ft. Smith, a quilt.

Mrs. Otho Odom, Walnut Ridge; Boys clothing.

Pine Bluff, First Church, Wesleyan Service Guild, shower of wash cloths.

The Bodcaw Club, Hope, a quilt.

Children's Division, Siloam Springs, shower of soap, towels, and miscellaneous gifts.

C. C. Breeding, Little Rock, tickets to N. L. R. Kiwanis Club Circus.

C. J. Snyder Co., Little Rock, tickets to N.L.R. Kiwanis Club Circus.

Maytag Sales & Service Co., Little Rock, tickets to Kiwanis Circus.

George A. Sloan & Associate, A. B. Sloan, Little Rock, tickets to Circus.

Robert Moore Class, Asbury, transportation to Circus and spending money for each child.

Mrs. Mark Townsend, Stuttgart, box of galoshes and rubbers.

A. J. Wilson, Little Rock, 20 lb. sugar.

Cotton Plant W. S. C. S., two quilts.

Lions Club, Parkin, 16 boxes of candy.

A Friend, Conway, miscellaneous gifts.

Eureka Springs W. S. C. S., a quilt.

Mrs. G. H. Holmes, Rison, dish towels.

Dorcas Class, Atkins, gift for a girl.

Charles Baber, North Little Rock, 3 boxes of candy.

Dorothy and Bill Milligan, Little Rock, Easter basket and candy for each child.

—J. S. M. CANNON, Superintendent

ers at an early date so that careful preparation can be made.

Every man is worth just as much as the things are worth about which he busies himself.—Marcus Aurelius

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# CURRENT NEWS IN ARKANSAS METHODISM

## HENDRIX COLLEGE NEWS

Miss Patricia Tiggard, representative of the World Student Service Fund, spent two days on the Hendrix campus last week speaking to group on behalf of the organization.

WSSF campaigns annually in American colleges for funds to aid university students abroad. These funds are administered in war-devastated nations in Europe and Asia and provide help in five categories, food, clothing, medical aid, books, and housing.

Speaking in chapel Miss Tiggard recounted the ways in which WSSF money is helping students of all faiths and races in the world. It is more important what foreigners think of America than what the college or community thinks of the individual, Miss Tiggard said. It is through generosity in aiding these contemporaries who will become the leaders in the countries of the world that the opinion of America is formed, Miss Tiggard emphasized.

At a meeting of Hendrix Christian Association Miss Tiggard urged American students to inform themselves on international political issues. She strongly recommended correspondence with foreign students to promote understanding on both sides.

### Kitty Drive Ends

Student leaders have collected \$415 to date in the Campus Kitty Drive, according to Jim Dupree, president of the Student Senate, which sponsored the annual drive.

Modeled after a community chest drive, the campaign collects funds for a single "kitty" from which donations are made during the year to such deserving charities as the March of Dimes, Red Cross, WSSF, Christian Rural Overseas Program, and the Christmas seal campaign.

According to DuPree, approximately \$15 is yet to be turned in to the fund by the student solicitors. An additional \$175, surplus from last year's student activity fund, which is administered by the Senate, will be added to the Kitty.

### College Is Host For Schoolmen

Hendrix will entertain the Central Schoolmasters Club when they hold their monthly meeting in Conway March 21.

The club is composed of public school teachers and administrators and college faculty members of central Arkansas.

### New Music Sorority Pledges

Seven women have recently been pledged to Mu Phi Epsilon, national honorary music sorority, Suzanne Williams of Clinton, sorority president, announced.

New members of the group are Betty Barger of Poplar Bluff, Mo., Anne Few of Parkin, Lucy Gregg of Fort Smith, Kay Ritter of Springdale, Hettie Lue Wilson of Hot Springs, Tommie Wilson of North Little Rock, and Emma Nell Witt of Paragould.

The seven were chosen on the basis of their interest and talent in music.

### Varsity Band Concert Scheduled

The 38th Anniversary Concert of the Varsity Band will be held Monday, March 19, according to Ashley R. Coffman of the music department. The program will include classical, semi-classical, and light

## ROY L. SMITH NAMED RANEY LECTURER

Dr. Roy L. Smith, Chicago, one of the two Publishing Agents of the Methodist Publishing House, has been selected as the Lecturer for the "T. J. and Inez Raney Lecture-ship", recently established by Mr. and Mrs. Alton B. Raney for the Pulaski Heights Methodist Church, Little Rock, Rev. J. Kenneth Shamblin, pastor, has announced. Dr. Smith has accepted the assignment and has announced that the lectures will be on the theme "The Greatest Conversation Ever Held", based on the conversation between Jesus and the Woman at the Well. The date of the lectures is May 6-10.

The first lecture will be a sermon at the morning worship service Sunday, May 6, with the second lecture on Sunday evening at 7:30. On the following days, Monday through Thursday, lectures will be given at 10:00 and 7:30 p. m. The public is cordially invited to attend these lectures.



ROY L. SMITH

## NEW CHURCH ORGANIZED IN HOT SPRINGS

Rev. Robert B. Moore, district superintendent of the Arkadelphia District, organized the Gardner Methodist Church on Sunday, February 25. For approximately fifty years the Gardner Union Sunday School has served the community around the Gardner School. Through the years the pastors of Grand Avenue Methodist Church, Hot Springs, have preached for the people in the community. Methodists in the community have held their membership in Grand Avenue Church. During the past eighteen months Rev. C. Ray Hozendorf, pastor of Grand Avenue Church, has preached once a month.

In December Mrs. T. T. Marsh, Mrs. Annie Marsh Mowery, Mrs. Minnie Marsh Mowery and Mrs. Pearl Wyatt decided to give the Methodist Church a lot 150 feet by 200 feet in an ideal location for the purpose of building a church. The announcement of this gift met with a joyous response from the people in the community. Plans were immediately set in motion to organize the Gardner Methodist Church and to build a house of worship. The organization took place at the Gardner School when 54 persons stated

music arranged for the band.

An honor for Mr. Coffman is an invitation to serve again this year as one of the adjudicators in the annual Arkansas-Oklahoma band and chorus contests to be held at Fort Smith March 17. The annual affair has been attracting about 1500 high school music students from the two states.

### Dean's Listers Honored

To honor the 48 members of the first semester Dean's List, Alpha Chi national honorary scholastic society is holding a banquet March 15. Special guests will be Dean and Mrs. W. C. Buthman, John Stuckey of Stuttgart, president of the organization, said.

The speaker after the banquet will be Russell Roberts, Conway lawyer and former member of the state house of representatives.—Cynthia Brown.

their desire to unite with the church and form Gardner Methodist Church.

Brother Moore then organized the Quarterly Conference and the following persons were elected Trustees and Stewards:

Trustees: Ed H. Baber, Frank Kimery and Chas. Mowery. Stewards: Horace Baber, Floyd Carter, Ernest Green, Mrs. J. V. Shaw, Mrs. Pearle Wyatt and J. K. Stokes.

Frank Kimery was elected superintendent of the Sunday School and Floyd Carter, assistant superintendent. Mrs. Marie Carter was elected secretary, and Mrs. Stanley Lewis, assistant secretary.

Plans will be developed soon for the building of the church with provision being made for the Sunday School.

C. Ray Hozendorf will serve as pastor until Conference. — C. Ray Hozendorf.

## SEVENTY-SEVEN-YEAR-OLD LAYMAN SPEAKER AT VILONIA

Mr. David Dallas gave the Layman's Day message at Vilonia. His subject was "Sin and Its Consequences."

Mr. Dallas is the regular teacher of the Men's Bible Class and he does a very effective job living the creed that he teaches. He is the type of layman who can add his appeal to an unheeded call to Christian discipleship in such a way that it is very influential.—M. C. Webb, Pastor.

## THREE-FOLD FELLOWSHIP

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## TEXARKANA CHURCHES COOPERATE IN WEEK OF DEDICATION OBSERVANCE

The Week of Dedication was observed in Texarkana by College Hill, Fairview and First Methodist Churches cooperating in a program of preaching and visitation services.

The instruction of personal workers from the three churches was given each night at a supper meeting at 6 o'clock at First Church. The ladies of the W. S. C. S. of the participating congregations served the dinners. Dr. W. Neill Hart, pastor of First Methodist Church, Camden, gave the instruction each night.

At First Church, Dr. Hart also brought the messages at the morning and evening hours. College Hill joined in with these services. Rev. Howard Williams, pastor of the Foreman Methodist Church, preached in the services at Fairview. As a result of the week's services of preaching and visitation, seventy-five were received into the three churches. Twenty of these came on profession of faith. The churches also made splendid response in the special offering.

Laymen's Day was observed here March 4. Dr. Matt L. Ellis, president of Hendrix College, gave the message at First Church, and Judge A. P. Steel, one of the teachers of the Fuller Bible Class of First Church, gave the message at Fairview.—Reporter.

## WEEK OF DEDICATION AT EUREKA SPRINGS

Rev. Wm. F. Cooley, district superintendent of the Fayetteville District, and Miss Irene Cook of Gentry, led in the Week of Dedication services in the First Methodist Church, Eureka Springs.

Brother Cooley preached each evening, Sunday, February 18th through Sunday, February 25th. Miss Cook led in the "spiritual song service."

The Week of Dedication theme—"We Have an Altar", was used as the theme for the special services and each service was concluded with an invitation for all who desired to bring their problems to the altar of prayer and seek God's help. This was the best spiritual experience in the life of the people of this church for a long time. Each evening the altar was filled over and over again until almost everyone present had come to pray at the altar of the church.

Due to the fine spirit of Brother Cooley and his unselfishness in presenting the causes of the Church, the Week of Dedication offering was the largest this church has ever made.

The pastor and every member of the local church deeply appreciate the fine services of Brother Cooley and Miss Cook. The church has been made stronger spiritually because they came our way.

Membership Sunday will be observed on Palm Sunday. — Bill Stewart, Pastor.

## The Sunday School Lesson

By REV. H. O. BOLIN

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### "CHRIST THE LORD IS RISEN TODAY"

LESSON FOR MARCH 25, 1951

READ THE ENTIRE LESSON FROM YOUR BIBLE:  
Mark 15 and 16.

GOLDEN TEXT: "Lo, I am with you always." (Matthew 28:20)

#### A Look At The Scripture Christ Before Pilate

At about nine o'clock on Thursday evening of Passion Week Christ and eleven of his apostles left the Upper Room and went to the Garden of Gethsemane. There Christ went through three hours of agony. At midnight some 500 leaders of the Jews and officers of the law came to arrest him. Judas betrayed the Master with a kiss. In succession the Lord was carried before the former high priest Annas; the Sanhedrin, headed by the high priest Caiaphas; Pilate; Herod; and then back to Pilate.

Pilate knew that the Lord was innocent and he made several attempts to release him. He heard the accusation that the Jews brought against Christ and noted that he did not speak a single word to defend himself. Pilate marveled at the perfect calmness, poise and balance of the Lord under these trying circumstances.

The time for the Passover feast was at hand (it will be noted that Christ and his disciples took this feast ahead of time). The Jews and officers of the law carried Christ to Pilate, but they did not enter his palace. Such procedure would have made them ceremonially unclean for the Passover. Pilate took Christ into the palace and there had two private interviews with him. Each time he was more convinced that Christ was innocent. The Jews had accused Christ of claiming to be their king and further insisted that he blasphemed in that he made himself out to be the Son of God. Pilate asked Christ about these matters and Christ admitted the truth of them. Pilate was more determined than ever to release Jesus. In addition to all this Pilate's wife sent him a message asking that he have nothing to do with the condemnation of Christ and telling him of a dream she had had concerning the Lord.

Pilate had formed the custom of releasing some Jewish prisoner to the people at the time of the Passover each year. A noted thief and murderer named Barnabbas was then in jail. Pilate hoped that the people would choose Christ for release rather than such a character as this. Led by the chief priests, elders, scribes and the high priest Caiaphas they choose Barabbas and requested that Christ be crucified. The Jewish leaders threatened to report Pilate to Caesar if he released Jesus. They reminded him that any one who claimed to be a king was in direct opposition to Caesar. This turned the tide. Pilate tried to wash his hands of the whole matter. He had Christ scourged and turned him over to the soldiers to be crucified.

#### The Crucifixion

Christ was crucified at nine

o'clock on Friday morning of Passion Week. He started out from Pilate's palace carrying his own cross. It was customary that the condemned criminal do this. Jesus, so weakened by his agony in Gethsemane and the scourging he had just received, fell under the weight of the cross. The cross was then laid on the shoulders of Simon of Cyrene. Since Cyrene was the capital of Libya in North Africa, some scholars think that he might have been a Negro.

Christ remained on the cross for six hours. The place is "Skull Hill". It is a ledge of rock some thirty feet high which during the centuries has weathered away in the form of a human skull. The word "skull" in Latin is "Calvary" and in Aramaic (the form of Hebrew spoken by Christ) it is "Golgotha". The place is called by both terms in the gospels.

When they reached the place of execution they offered Christ a concoction which was supposed to deaden the nerves and thus lessen the pain of a sufferer. It was the custom to give this drug to individuals who were to be crucified. This was done because of the terrible suffering caused by crucifixion. Christ refused to drink the drug.

The four gospels taken together record seven sayings of Christ on the cross. One of these was spoken as they were driving the nails through his hands and feet. It was a prayer for his murderers. Space will not permit us to note all these sayings. The last four of them were spoken just before he expired on the cross. One of the strongest of these sayings was "My God! My God! why has thou forsaken me?" This is one of the bitterest questions in all the history of the human race. Christ was paying man's debt for sin. God is the home of the soul. The worst thing that sin can do to any person is to separate him from God. Jesus drank the cup of penalty for sin to its bitter dregs. This was the most trying moment of his life. So long as he was conscious of the presence of the Father he could stand anything, but separated from the Father his suffering and agony became intolerable.

At three o'clock in the afternoon Christ commended his Spirit into the hands of the Father and passed away. He died at the very moment that the Passover lambs were being killed in the Temple. We recall the darkness which engulfed the world from the time of noon until the moment of his death.

#### The Burial of Jesus

One of the strange things about the crucifixion of Jesus was the fact that he died so soon. People live on the cross from four to six days, but Christ died in six hours. The two thieves who were crucified with

Christ lived until their legs were broken by the soldiers. When they came to examine Christ the soldiers marveled that he was dead already. To make doubly sure, however, that he was dead one of them thrust a spear into his heart.

When it was known that Jesus was dead, Joseph of Arimathea and Nicodemus asked Pilate to permit them to bury him. This request was granted. They buried him in Joseph's new tomb which was in a garden near the place of crucifixion. Both of these men were members of the Sanhedrin but had nothing to do with the condemnation of the Lord.

#### The Resurrection

Jesus laid in the tomb parts of three days. It was the custom of the Jews at that time in dealing with definite periods of time to reckon parts of days as full days. They reckoned days from sunup to sundown. Jesus was buried before sundown Friday and rose early Sunday morning. He did not rise as early as some think. It is estimated that the various groups who went to the tomb early in the morning had to travel on foot as much as two miles to reach it. The time mentioned in the gospels is the time they started to the tomb. Therefore, according to the way the Jews counted time Jesus was in the grave three days as he said he would be.

#### The Appearances of The Lord

After the resurrection we have ten recorded appearances of the Lord before his ascension some forty days later. Five of these appearances took place on the Resurrection Day. He appeared first to Mary Magdalene (John 20:11-18). He next appeared to two other women (Mat. 28:5-10). It will be noted that the first two appearances were to women. He then appeared to two disciples (one of whom was Cleopas) on the way to Emmaus (Luke 24:13-32). In the afternoon of the Resurrection Day he appeared to Peter (Luke 24:34). In the evening of that day he appeared to the Ten in the Upper Room. The successor to Judas had not yet been chosen and Thomas was not present (John 20:19-25). A week later, when Thomas was present, he appeared to the Eleventh in Jerusalem (John 20:26-29). He then appeared to the Eleven in Galilee. This was the time when it is thought that the 500 were present of whom Paul speaks. Still another appearance is recorded in Luke 24:44-51. He then appeared to the Seven by the Sea of Galilee (John 21). The last recorded appearance before his ascension was made to James (I Cor. 15:17). There is still one other appearance but it occurred five years after the ascension. It was when the Lord appeared to Saul of Tarsus on his way to Damascus (Acts 9:1-6). These are all recorded appearances though there are some scripture passages which would lead us to believe that there were others which were never recorded. Forty days after the crucifixion Christ led his disciples to Bethany and there they saw him visibly ascend. A cloud finally hid him from their sight.

#### Lessons That The Death and Resurrection of Christ Have For Us

The first lesson we would mention here is that of surrender and obedience. Christ completely surrendered his will to that of the Father and was obedient even unto death and that cruel and shameful death of the cross.

The next lesson is that of faith. Christ fully trusted the Father. He knew that God had a purpose in

what he was doing and that all would finally come out right.

Still another lesson is that of sacrifice for others. "OTHERS" was the big word in the vocabulary of Christ. He was born for others. He lived for others. He died for others. He ascended to the Father's right hand to prepare for others. He will finally come to raise the dead and receive others unto himself. It is only as we live for others that we fully live. The abundant life is found only here.

One of the great lessons is that of victory. Christianity will never be defeated. Christ took defeat at its lowest level and yet made of it the world's greatest victory. He used the cross of shame to mount the glorious throne of the universe.

The empty tomb of Christ has become the hope of the world. His is the only empty tomb today, but it stands out as the assurance that one day all tombs will be empty. From this vacant tomb of Christ the light of eternity is shining. It is this fact which enables us to smile through our tears as we lay our loved ones to rest beneath the roses.

Again, this empty tomb means that Christ is alive. Not only is he alive but he is with us. Paul said on one occasion, "The Lord is at hand." How we need to realize this great fact. John Wesley was dying. For several hours he had not been able to speak above a whisper. Then in his last moment he lifted his right hand above his head and in a voice that could be heard throughout the room he said, "The best of all is God is with us." Can you think of any thing better than that? He is with us when we are tempted, and if we trust him, he will enable us to overcome. He is with us when we are in sorrow, and those who are conscious of his presence know that back of every dark cloud of sorrow the sun is still shining. He is with us in the hour of suffering and pain. He himself has passed along this road and knows how to help those who are traveling it today. He will be with us in the hour of death and will finally guide us safely into his Father's house—the beautiful place he has gone to prepare.

We must always remember that Christ is more than a historical figure who lived nineteen hundred years ago. He is alive now and present to help us over all the rough places of life. Our friends and loved ones who died in the faith have simply gone to be with him and he is with us. He said, "Lo, I will be with you always." If they are with him and he is with us both they and he are closer to us than we can imagine.

Let us always bear in mind that it was Christ and not a mere man who died on the cross. The sacrificial death of a Being like this is of untold value to a sin-cursed world. We must never forget that it was the Son of God who came back from the tomb; a Being who said, "All power both in heaven and earth is delivered into my hands." Christianity has as its Head and Founder a Divine Being who lives with his followers. This sets it above every other religion on earth.

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