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"The World is My Parish" — John Wesley

"all the world" — Mark 16:15

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Welcome To Convocation Delegates And Visitors

ARKANSAS Methodism is genuinely pleased to welcome the several hundred delegates and visitors to the South Central Jurisdiction Convocation which meets in Little Rock, April 3, 4, and 5. This is the first meeting of this magnitude to be held in Arkansas since the Jurisdictional plan was instituted at Unification in 1939 and Arkansas Methodism cherishes this opportunity to make this contribution to strengthen the Jurisdictional program.

We believe in the Jurisdictional idea in which each geographical section of Methodism translates, interprets and adapts the great program of Methodism in the light of its own needs. Techniques, methods, manners of approach, etc., all these means to an end may vary with different geographical sections. A method that works in one Jurisdiction may not be as fruitful as another method in an adjoining Jurisdiction. At the same time the opportunities for leadership development are multiplied considerably with the beneficial result that more Methodist churchmen have a fuller understanding of Methodism's program.

To this end we pray that the Convocation may serve to advance the great program of Methodism, bringing inspiration and information to the leadership of this section of The Methodist Church.

What Has Happened To America?

THE sickening, sordid conditions revealed by the Senate Committees' investigation of the RFC and organized crime have shocked the American people and should awaken us from our complacency.

We have been warned by the committee investigating organized crime that we now have a series of crime syndicates with some overlapping connections, that are strong enough in wealth, organization and corrupting influence to become a real threat to national safety and security in a time of crisis. The revelation of grafts, favoritism, and misuse of governmental influence and money made by the committee investigating the RFC is so disgraceful as to be downright alarming.

The disclosures of these two committees seem to be symptomatic of a moral degeneration in America that must be remedied if we are to continue to have leadership in building a better world or even to continue to exist as a free nation. We cannot maintain a society that is worth preserving if these criminal elements in government and civil life are allowed to continue to grow. The one will destroy confidence in government, while the other already defying governmental powers, will ultimately be too strong for the government to control unless it is destroyed.

It is our feeling that the moral laxness in America, indicated by these investigations, is the result in many ways of the changed attitude and emphasis of the political leaders of America both of our major parties. There was a day when political parties bid for the support of the public by the discussion of principles and policies of government. Today political campaigns are based largely on promises instead of principles.

This superficial view of the responsibility of political leaders, which exploits government at the point of bankruptcy as a benevolent Santa

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Our Ministry Must Have A Sense Of Mission

DURING His earthly ministry Jesus had many followers who loved Him and believed in Him as the Messiah. However, Jesus specifically called twelve men into full-time service and, on one occasion, said to them, "I have chosen you and ordained you that ye should go and bring forth fruit."

The Methodist Church believes that Christ still calls his ministers. In the ordination service for Deacons, the candidate is asked, "Do you trust that you are inwardly moved by the Holy Spirit to take upon you the office of the ministry in the



Church of Christ?" When the candidate applies for ordination as Elder he is asked, "Do you believe in your heart that you are truly called, according to the will of our Lord Jesus Christ, to the ministry of Elder?" The candidate must answer these questions in the affirmative before he can be ordained.

No one should choose the ministry as a profession simply because it seems to offer some unusual opportunities. The ministry does hold wonderful opportunities for service, but it holds, also, some other experiences that must be reckoned with. No man can be happy in the Methodist ministry unless, along with a definite interest in the work of the ministry, there is also a consciousness that he has been called of God to that specific work.

There are times when only a sense of mission that overshadows outward circumstances will enable one to continue to serve as a minister, with poise, purpose and joy, the work he is set to do. There are numerous experiences in the active ministry that could create a sense of frustration, futility and even annoyance unless we are undergirded and sustained by something inside us that causes us to feel that God has called us to walk that way. The man who feels God has called him to preach considers petty difficulties as unimportant compared to the high privilege of being a faithful minister of Christ.

Special Rural Life Conference

MANY Methodists, ministers and laymen, are expected to attend the Town And Country Church Convocation at the Fourche Valley High School, Saturday, March 31. Sponsored by the Town and Country Commission of the North Arkansas Conference, this meeting should be the means of a better understanding of the solution to the "rural problem."

We are confident that those who are able to attend this meeting will have a profitable experience under the direction of those who have accepted a share in the program. A complete schedule for the day is printed on page 5.

Arkansas Contributes Leadership To Jurisdiction

ARKANSAS Methodism may well take pride in the leadership which it has contributed in the past and is presently contributing to the South Central Jurisdictional organization. With only two of the Jurisdiction's seventeen conferences in Arkansas, this state is furnishing its full share of leaders for this section of the church.

Bishop Paul E. Martin heads quite a group of Arkansans who are now members of Jurisdictional Boards and Agencies. Dr. Matt Ellis, Conway, is Chairman of the Jurisdiction's Board of Lay Activities and Roland Shelton, Little Rock, is also a member of that board. Members of the Jurisdiction's Board of Education include Rev. Roy E. Fawcett, Little Rock, Vice-Chairman, Dr. Ira A. Brumley, Conway, Nels Barnett, Batesville, and Miss Eloise Nelson (Now Mrs. John W. Hassler) who lives in Dallas, Texas. Rev. Cecil R. Culver, Little Rock, serves as Vice-Chairman of the Board of Evangelism, and Rev. Arthur Terry, Little Rock, and Rev. Roy I. Bagley, Blytheville, also serve on that Board. Arkansas members of the Board of Missions and Church Extension include Dr. A. W. Martin, Chairman, member of the North Arkansas Conference, residing in Dallas, Texas, Dr. Matt L. Ellis, Conway, Rev. Arthur Terry, Little Rock, Mrs. H. King Wade, Hot Springs, Mrs. George Dismukes, Westover, Okla. (membership in Arkansas), Miss Sue Osment, Blytheville, Rev. J. E. Dunlap, Lonoke, Rev. Robert Moore, Arkadelphia, Mrs. T. S. Lovett, Grady, Rev. Martin Bierbaum, Fort Smith, Rev. Ethan Dodgen, Forrest City, and Mrs. Johnnie McClure, Springdale. Rev. Fred R. Harrison, Texarkana, holds membership on the Commission on Finance.

Arkansas Methodists who have memberships on the Jurisdictional Council are Mrs. E. D. Galloway, Dr. Matt L. Ellis, and Dr. A. W. Martin. Mrs. Galloway is also on the Executive Committee of the Council and represents the Arkansas-Louisiana Area on the Council.

Among Arkansans who are contributing leadership to the Convocation are Bishop Martin, host Bishop and Honorary Chairman of the General Committee, Dr. Francis Buddin, host District Superintendent, and Chairman of the General Committee, Rev. Cecil R. Culver, host pastor and Associate Chairman of the General Committee, Dr. C. M. Reves, Conway, Co-Leader "Recruiting and Training For the Ministry" interest group; Dr. Ira A. Brumley, Conway, Co-Leader "Through Christian Education" interest group, Mrs. E. D. Galloway, Leader "The Missionary

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Editors' Note: At the request of the Arkansas Methodist Editors, Rev. Kenneth Spore kindly consented to the publication of the following Easter Sermon delivered at the First Methodist Church, Pine Bluff, on Easter Sunday, March 25.

SCRIPTURE: John 20:1-31

TEXT: —Isaiah 9:2— "The people that walked in darkness have seen a great light: they that dwell in the land of the shadow of death, upon them hath the light shined." . . . Isaiah 9:2

TO the convinced Christian, Easter is the greatest day in all the year. Eternity and immortality of which Easter speaks in eloquent language are haunting and inspiring words to all mankind. We do not believe in immortality because we have proved it, but we are forever trying to prove it because we believe it. In this hurried day in which we live, with all its many interesting questions and intriguing answers, the question of questions is still, as it has been through the ages, "If a man die shall he live again?" This question will not be put aside as some other questions can be, to be answered at some more convenient season. There is something down deep in the heart of us which cries out that death is not a period ending life, but a comma which but changes the direction of life into more elevated channels. Why is it that more than twice as many people attend Church on Easter Sunday than on any other day in the year? After all superficial reasons have been given, the real reason remains. It is that in every human heart there is the haunting belief in an after life and the fervent hope and desire to learn more about it. We all want to hear again what Jesus said when He was yet here with men upon the earth, "Peace I leave with you. My peace I give unto you. In My Father's house are many mansions. If it were not so, I would have told you." A great scientist was one day asked what was the greatest sentence ever spoken. He, unhesitatingly answered, "The greatest sentence ever spoken was that spoken by Jesus of Nazareth when He said, 'In My Father's house are many mansions—if it were not so I would have told you.'" And that is the reason more people go to Church on Easter than at any other time. The message of Easter is vastly more interesting to us mortals than can be any other message.

The message of Easter is the principal message of Christianity. Whatever may be Christianity's message concerning life here on this earth—and Christianity certainly has a message for this life—her greatest and most interesting message to all of us is that our holy religion does have an answer to that age old question—

"If a man die, shall he live again?" That answer is the words of Jesus as recorded in John 14:19, "Because I live, ye shall live also."

There was a legend in Ancient Greece that the River Styx separated the region of the dead from the land of the living. The name "Styx" comes from the Greek verb which means "to hate," or "to loathe." From the days of the Ancient Greeks to the present time, the river of death has been regarded as a dark and fearsome stream.

Easter commemorates a day when Christ (to borrow the language of war) established a bridgehead across the River Styx. Jesus Christ, the great Captain of our Salvation, convinced His followers that He had effected a crossing of death's dark stream. He also convinced them that He had gone to prepare a place for them. So confident are those who know Him best that they shout aloud with the great Apostle Paul, "O death, where is thy sting? O grave, where is thy victory? Thanks be unto God who giveth us the victory through our Lord, Jesus Christ!"

On the glad Easter morning, let us watch Christ, the conqueror of death, and learn from Him our answer to death's mysteries.

First of all, how did Jesus make preparation for entrance into death's domain? Some years ago there appeared a story in one of the current magazines about two men who had been bosom companions. They liked good food, good wine, and the comforts of life in general. Satisfaction for their physical needs made up the total of their living. They often dined elaborately with each other. At a sumptuous banquet one evening one of them dropped dead. Later, as the story has it, his spirit returned from the spirit world and reported to his friend his experiences in the Great Beyond. It was a story of emptiness. During his earthly life he had acquired taste only for the perishables of life. He had no training to enjoy an existence when and where the bodily appetites were gone. Death simply ushered him into a vast dreary waste of emptiness.

It may be that many of us are more like that man in the story than we think. Our natures have both physical and spiritual compartments as it were. If we fill our lives with material interests alone, we are not ready to make our landing across the River Styx. If the main things in life to us are money, foods, drinks, physical pleasures, then some day we shall hear these words, "You can't take that with you." But if, on the other hand, we fill our lives with ideas and ideals, with the love of beauty and the good, if our main emphases are upon the bonds of friendship and the eternal values of good will and gracious memories, then we have something which we can take with us. It is of such things that Heaven must be made!

I know a man who is just about the healthiest animal I know, but he is just about the dull-

The Great Light

By REV. KENNETH L. SPORE, Pastor

First Methodist Church, Pine Bluff

est person I know. On the other hand, I know many people who are physically frail and yet are full of the kind of life Christ came to give. Christ came to give us the abundant life, to make us alive to the good, the beautiful, and the true. He came to give us the wherewithal to enjoy the joys of human comradeship and to help us feel the thrill of seeking truth and pursuing perfection. Christ's enjoyment of life was so free from physical limitations and so should ours be. Jesus came to impart to us that quality of eternal living so that we could live to the full here that kind of life which we could take with us one day across the river. Thus, Christ has prepared His followers for the invasion of death which we each, in time, must make.

Several years ago I was called one morning to the bedside of one of my parishioners, an aged physician, who was suffering from an acute attack of appendicitis. He had been in consultation with three other physicians and the four of them had decided to operate, despite his great age. This good man and great Christian took me by the hand and said, "I just wanted to tell my pastor that he may have a certain duty to perform in a few days. At my age," he said, "it is problematic as to where I will be when I



REV. KENNETH L. SPORE

wake up. I am not afraid to die. I made preparations for that event more than thirty years ago. I have many friends on both sides of the river, and it is in God's hand as to which ones of my friends I associate with in the near future." In other words, my dear friends, that good doctor had something which he could take with him on the journey across the river Styx. He made the operation all right, but in the morning, two days later, he told me that he was "having a little engine trouble." That afternoon he slipped across the river. My task the next day was not anything like as hard as many other similar tasks I have had as a minister, for I could speak of his great faith, and good life, and of my hope one day to meet him where I knew he had gone.

Not long ago a good man lay sick on what proved to be his last illness. One day he took me by the hand and said, "My preacher, I am in my Father's hands. I am perfectly willing to live in whatever room of my Father's House He wills." And so another great soul went out to cross over the River Styx, having lived in this life so as to be able to enjoy the life which is to come. That is the message of Easter. Christ, the Conqueror of death, has taught us how to be prepared for our invasion of the domain of death.

Christ leads the victorious campaign of life right up to the hour of death. That, too, is in Easter for us to learn for our good. Our Lord's sunny confidence and radiating trust was not dimmed by the shadow of approaching death.

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THE DEVOTIONAL PAGE

REV. ROY I. BAGLEY, Editor

PRAYER

Pray the first moment you awake in the morning; pray the last moment before going to sleep at night. Thus you begin and end the day with God.

You need take only a moment for this, saying the Father's name in loving thoughtfulness.

Pray each time you take a meal. This will be a prayer of thankfulness.

Pray whenever you face a problem, or a choice, or when you must make a decision.

Plan for a special period of at least ten minutes of prayer without distraction or interruption.

Let this be a period when you may have a "time exposure" to the Eternal.

Let this be a time of listening. "Be still, and know . . . God."

Practice such a program as this, and you will experience a spiritual vitality that will amaze you.

—"Some Secrets of Prayer," by Roy W. Ragsdale

THE CONVERSION OF ZACCHEUS

Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that heareth my word, and believeth on him that sent me, hath everlasting life, and shall not come into condemnation; but is passed from death unto life.

Read St. John 5:21-24.

What others think of us tends to reproduce itself in our own lives. We live up (or down) to what our reputation is. When someone unwaveringly trusts what is best in us, that trust becomes creative, and the best begins to flourish. Thus a mother can mould the career of a son, and thus a great leader can work wonders with his subordinates. Indeed, the process is familiar to us from countless incidents in ordinary human life. And the conversion of Zaccheus offers one more example.

Up to that memorable day when he climbed a tree, Zaccheus had met with nothing but scorn and contempt from his fellow-Jews. He was a renegade who was serving the alien Roman tyrants, and by his dishonest practices he was serving them to his own rich profit.

What could be more contemptible? But since no one's opinion of him could be lower than it already was, why should he not keep at it, and at least enjoy the pleasures of wealth?

And then one day the prophet of Nazareth arrived. Some of His followers had come in advance to prepare the way for Him, and it was probably they who had told Jesus about Zaccheus. Though he did not anticipate it, the greatest day in his life had dawned.—From Forward

The world goes forward on the feet of its youth. Where those feet will lead the world is determined by what road they walk now, with us adults.—Mrs. K. L. Kleinpell and Miss Stella Scurlock, "Build Freedom with Youth," General Federal Clubwoman, 2-'51

No cloud could cast a dark shadow if the sun were not behind it.—Ex.

DAWN

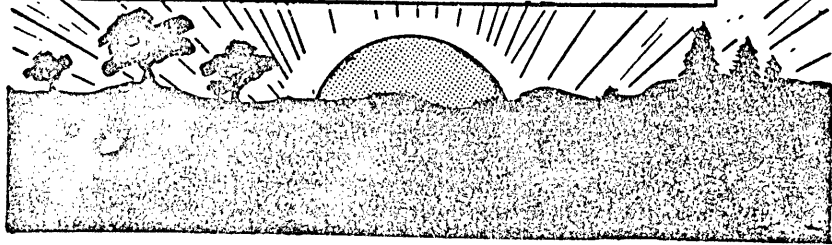


OUT of the dark, the light! O Hearts, remember

The eternal truth God gives us as a sign
That after the dark, as glowing as an ember,
Deep at the core of life, a light will shine:
The light of hope, after the bitter weeping;
The light of peace, after the lengthened pain.
The Christian heart held close within God's keeping
Will find the dark skies brightening again.

The risen Christ is proof of light's returning;
The risen Christ is symbol of the dawn.
O you who have been striving, longing, yearning
To catch the light ahead, move out, move on.
You will find him there among the springtime
flowers,
Among the clean winds of a new-born day.
He is the lamp for all our future hours;
He is the light to guide us on our way.

GRACE NOLL CROWELL



IDLE TALES

"Their words seemed to them as idle tales, and they believed them not."
St. Luke 24:11

THE third day had dawned. The women had rested in obedience to God's command and now early in the morning of the first day of the week they made their way to the place where the body of Jesus was laid. They were going with the purpose of honoring the dead body of Jesus of Nazareth. Imagine their surprise when they found the stone rolled away and the body gone! They hastened to the apostles and told them what they had seen and despite all the teaching of Jesus the apostles thought that this was " . . . idle tales, and they believed them not"! They went to see for themselves and from that time forward we do not find them turning aside for doubt.

Dr. Craig, in his book, BEGINNINGS OF CHRISTIANITY, points to the fact that the early Christians did not believe in the resurrection because they could not find the dead body of Jesus but because they had experiences with the Living Lord! We do not find any argument concerning the body of Jesus after this experience but we do find experience after experience with the Living Lord. The central theme of their preaching became Jesus Christ dead and alive again!

There are those who argue over the body of Jesus. Books have been

written in support of this point of view and of that point of view. Great debates have been held in disputing the claims that others hold. But the experience of the presence of the Living Christ is ours in the twentieth century as it was in dawning of the first Christian century.

He speaks, and listening to His voice,
New life the dead receive;
The mournful, broken hearts rejoice;
The humble poor believe.

Hear Him ye deaf; His praise ye dumb,
Your loosened tongues employ;
Ye blind, behold your Saviour come;
And leap, ye lame for joy.

Christ is not captured in time nor space; but in our resurrection faith he is loosed for all people at all times. We do not seek the living among the dead; but the living among the living.

The results of this experience in the lives of the Apostles and succeeding generations have been written large in the progress of humanity. It is written in bold letters in the salvation of mankind. Christ condemns the selfishness and littleness of our day, not just by words; but, by His living spirit.

He does more than condemn; He

PRAYER FOR THE WEEK

God, be patient with me, and make those who love me patient. Forgive, and help them to forgive, my weak resolve, my stubborn pride. Father, I know how I hurt Thee, and them, when I am unreasonable and demanding, when I lose my temper over trivial things. Make me stronger, O God; help me to keep the promises I make at night to Thee and to them to mend my ways on the morrow. Help me to be patient and forgiving with them as Thou art and they are with me. When I am in the wrong give me the grace to admit it wholly, neither offering excuses nor trying to shift the blame. Make me more honest in my thinking, more charitable in my opinions. Father, in Thy mercy Thou hast given me the love of family and friends; in Thy mercy help me to be worthy of it, for Thy dear Son's sake. Amen.

—From BEST LOVED HYMNS AND PRAYERS OF AMERICAN PEOPLE — "Prayers for Home and Family"

ALL THE WAY

Scripture: I John 2:10-17

Verse For Today: *Be not deceived: Evil companionships corrupt good morals.* I Cor. 15:33 (A.S.V.)

During a recent evangelistic service, a young father and mother came forward when the invitation was given. The pastor and I knelt with them, and I asked, "Did you come to receive Christ as your Saviour?" "No," said the man, "we've been converted, but we haven't been living for God. We have three sons, and we want to make a new start with God, so that we can bring up our boys for him."

They renewed their allegiance to the Lord Jesus Christ in a sincere spirit of prayer. An expression of peace and happiness came into their faces. Then the pastor said, "Don, I suggest that you cut yourself loose from the crowd down the street." "Yes, he replied, 'I've been thinking about that, but I believe I'll just go to the meetings and not take any official part.'" "Don," said his pastor, "God wants you to go all the way." There was a thoughtful pause, and then the man said firmly, "Yes, and I'll do it."

Later that week he said to me, "We've started our family altar, and the boys like it." It was obvious
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brings hope again into a world that is blacked out in human despair. In Him men of sincere purpose find the fulfillment of our deepest longing. We know that God is with us and that through the Living Christ is reconciling the world unto Himself. Bound in individual sins, we find His love breaking the bonds that imprison and setting us free. In our world so disturbed and suspicious we find His Spirit striving with the hardened hearts of men pointing them in the way of peace and good-will.

We do not look back upon "just an event" in history but look forward to experiences day by day with the Living Lord.—R.B.

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A WEEKLY MESSAGE

By FORNEY HUTCHINSON

ARKANSAS IN OKLAHOMA

Since coming back to Tulsa two years ago, I have participated in only one funeral service. That was under unusual and peculiar circumstances.

My first full-time church, as pastor, was Hunter Memorial on the east side of the city of Little Rock. Soon after I went there, something like fifty years ago, I married Hugh Beatty and Carrie Morgan. They were both members of our church and fine young people. They reared a lovely family, a son and a daughter. The son, Morgan Beatty, is a well known Washington City broadcaster and is heard daily around the world. The daughter, Mrs. Earl Barrett, lives here in Tulsa and is a member of our Boston Avenue Church. My wife and Mrs. Beatty were girlhood friends.

When we came back to Tulsa, we found the Beattys here, living in the home of their daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Barrett. They were both in ill health and had retired from business. Mrs. Beatty grew worse and recently passed away. They insisted that I take part in the funeral services, so I participated in a small way with Dr. Galloway, the pastor.

As I came away from the service, I thought our world is not so large after all. It gave me great satisfaction to render this small service for my long-time and very dear friends. Mr. Beatty will continue to make his home here in Tulsa. His children's attention to him is beautiful, which is as it should be.

WEEK OF DEDICATION RETURNS

Laymen's leadership in Week of Dedication observance last month is expected to reach a new high. In 1950 more than 6,000 laymen were speakers in Week of Dedication services. This year the number will be greater.

In one district of the Holston (Tenn.-Southwest Va.) Conference, 185 lay speakers participated in services held in 75 churches during the week of February 18 to 25. Every charge in this district, according to the report of the district superintendent, Dr. A. L. Brewster, celebrated this annual observance of Methodism either in a week of services or on Dedication Sunday. The dedication offering was 25% larger than last year, \$1,617.53 as reported to date.

Week of Dedication offerings from the whole church, remitted to the Chicago Office through March 15, total \$60,899.89. Receipts flow into the office daily.—Advance Office

NEWS AND NOTES ABOUT FACTS AND FOLKS

THE Maumelle Sub-District will meet at Mountain View Methodist Church at 10:00 a. m., April 24.

THE Little Rock Conference Wesleyan Service Guild Week-end will meet at the First Methodist Church, El Dorado, April 14-15. Miss Hanna Kelly, Conference secretary, will preside.

REV. MARK VAUGHT, pastor at Mena, was the guest speaker at the Men's Club of the First Methodist Church, Ft. Smith, on Wednesday, March 28.

MARVIS HARPER was the Laymen's Day speaker at the Methodist Church, Strong, on Sunday evening, February 25, in the absence of the pastor, Rev. Joe Robinson.

BISHOP MARTIN led in dedication services Wednesday, March 21, of the new Methodist Church building at Perryville, Rev. James W. Workman, Jr., pastor, and of the new Educational Building Easter Sunday at Lewisville, where Rev. James Simpson is pastor.

BISHOP IVAN LEE HOLT, of the St. Louis Area, who will be one of the Convocation speakers in Little Rock, April 3, 4, and 5, will preach at Winfield Church, on Sunday morning, April 1. Bishop Paul E. Martin will preach at Asbury Church on that morning.

FIRST CHURCH, JONESBORO, is the recipient of four hundred memorial hymn books. Two hundred were given by E. C. Barton in memory of his wife and two hundred were given by W. B. Lacy, Jr., in memory of his parents. The books were dedicated at a recent evening service. Rev. John M. McCormack is pastor.

DR. H. BASCOM WATTS, district superintendent of the Tulsa District, will preach at the First Methodist Church, Little Rock, on Sunday morning April 1. Dr. Watts, chairman of Jurisdictional Council, will preside at one of the sessions of the Jurisdictional Convocation, meeting in Little Rock, April 3, 4 and 5. He is a former pastor of First Church, Little Rock.

THE Missouri Territory Pension Conference will meet in a special Pension Conference in Memphis on April 11-12. The Conference will be composed of two delegates from each Annual Conference in the South Central and South-eastern Jurisdictions. Delegates from Arkansas are Dr. Clem Baker, Portland, and Rev. Otto W. Teague, Pine Bluff, chairman and treasurer, respectively, of the Little Rock Conference Board of Conference Claimants and Rev. W. J. Spicer, Booneville, and Rev. Raymond Franks, Batesville, chairman and treasurer of the North Arkansas Conference Board of Conference Claimants.

IN his annual Easter message to the members and clergy of the Protestant Episcopal Church, presiding Bishop Henry K. Sherrill, says: "The plainest fact of today is that we live in a time of crisis. No one is able to predict the future or to give complete and satisfactory solutions to our problems. But deeper than the evident perplexities in regard to action, there is the fact that men and women everywhere are in a state of disillusionment, of emotional and intellectual confusion within themselves. In an era of revolutionary change, they must have some rock of reality upon which to stand. Such was the experience of the first disciples. After the Crucifixion, they were discouraged, bewildered. 'We trusted that it had been He which should have redeemed Israel.' Then came the impact of the fact of the Resurrection. The stern task given them still remained . . . The joyful news, 'He is risen' does not change the contemporary world. Still before us lie work, discipline and sacrifice."

WITH four marimbas, a harp, a trombone, and with the Christian message in song and in sermon, a musical-evangelistic party from Des Moines, Iowa, is now conducting an "evangelistic

crusade" before vast audiences in Japan. The party is led by the Rev. and Mrs. Lawrence L. Lacour, and with them are three marimba players, and a group of Japanese Christians. Mr. Lacour is conference evangelist of the Iowa-Des Moines Conference of the Methodist Church. During World War II he was a U. S. Navy chaplain. Reports from Japan indicate that the Lacour party is playing and speaking daily to audiences from 3,500 to 10,000. They are crusading in the large cities and in the larger villages, and filling the largest auditoriums and open arenas. Their trailer—which combines bathing and cooking facilities—their cars, and especially their musical instruments attract many thousands, but the gospel message is being eagerly received also.

NOTICE

This report of the treasurer of the North Arkansas Conference will be carried in the April 19 issue of the *Arkansas Methodist*. This report will include all remittances reaching me by April 9.—P. E. Cooley, Blytheville, Treasurer

ARKANSAS CONTRIBUTES LEADERSHIP TO JURISDICTION

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Outreach" interest group, and Mrs. J. Russell Henderson, Secretary "Crusading For Social Consciousness" interest group.

The following persons are former Arkansans who now have Jurisdictional responsibility and who will be in attendance at the Convocation: Dr. Warren Johnston, First Methodist Church, Fort Worth, former pastor and District Superintendent in Arkansas, member of Jurisdictional Board of Missions and Church Extension, Dr. Leland Clegg, District Superintendent, Oklahoma City, former member Little Rock Conference, member Board of Missions and Church Extension, Dr. H. Bascom Watts, District Superintendent, Tulsa, former pastor First Methodist Church, Little Rock, now Chairman of the Jurisdictional Council and of its Executive Committee, Dr. Marshall Steel, Highland Park Methodist Church, Dallas, former Little Rock Conference pastor, now Vice-Chairman of Jurisdictional Council, and of its Executive Committee, Dr. L. L. Evans, Roswell, New Mexico, former Fort Smith pastor, Chairman of the Jurisdictional Commission on Finance.

Bishop Ivan Lee Holt is the only Methodist minister born in Arkansas to be elected a Bishop. He was born at DeWitt. Bishop W. C. Martin was born in Tennessee, moved at an early age with his family to Blevins, attended Prescott High School, U. of Arkansas, and graduated from Hendrix College. Bishop Dana Dawson held one pastorate in Arkansas, the First Methodist Church, Fort Smith, moving from there to Shreveport in 1934, where he remained until elected a Bishop in 1948. Bishop Paul E. Martin is a member of the Jurisdictional Board of Education, Missions and Church Extension and the Commission on Finance.

Three Arkansas women have Jurisdictional responsibility in the Woman's Society of Christian Service. Mrs. W. Neill Hart, Camden, Secretary of Children's Work, Mrs. R. H. Cole, Magnolia, Secretary of Literature and Publications, and Mrs. J. Russell Henderson, Little Rock, Secretary of Christian Social Relations and Local Church Activities.

WHAT HAS HAPPENED TO AMERICA?

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Claus in a bid for public support, has so cheapened the concept of the purpose and power of government that criminally minded men seem to have decided that it is a good time to ply their trade and that it does not matter much just how they get their part of the loot. Until the leaders of government and the public generally adopt a new idea of the functions of government, we may expect chiselers and criminals to attempt to corrupt officials of government.

North Arkansas Town And Country Church Convocation

FOR: All District Superintendents, Pastors, Lay People Interested In Developing A Better Community Life

Saturday, March 31, 1951

10:00 A. M. - 3:30 P. M.

Sponsored By
Town and Country
Commission
of the
North Arkansas
Conference

Rev. J. Albert Gatlin, Executive
Secretary

Fourche Valley High School

Between Bluffton and Briggsville

On State Highway 28



BISHOP PAUL E. MARTIN

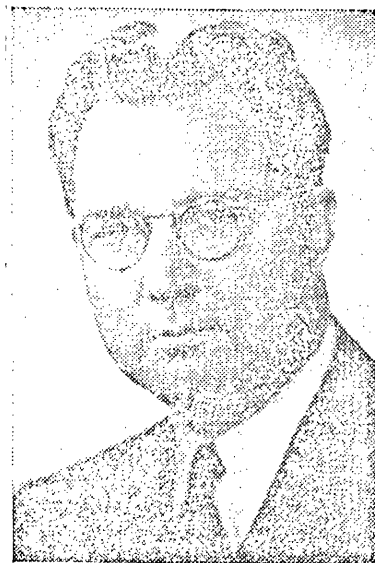
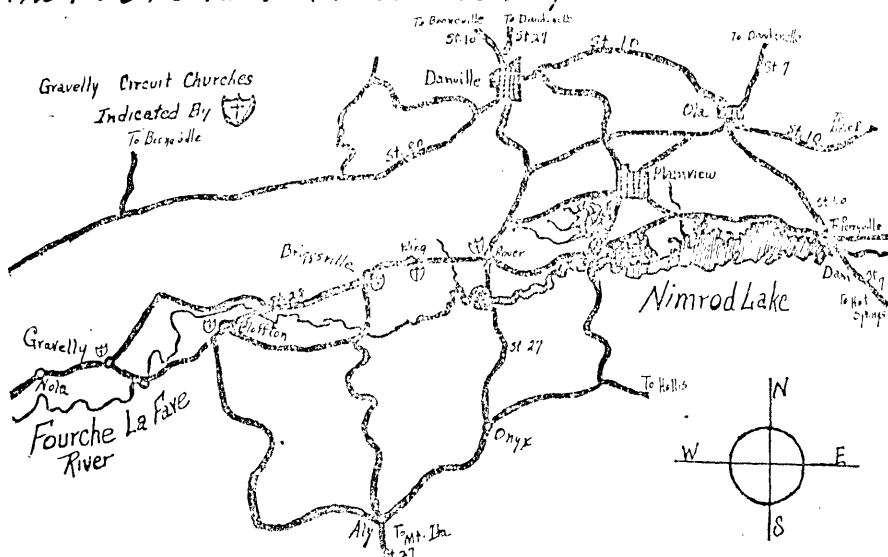


MRS. WILMA FULBRIGHT



DR. IRA A. BRUMLEY

The Fourche La Pave Valley



DR. A. B. BONDS

PROGRAM

THEME: Toward A Better Community Life

Morning Session

Dr. C. M. Reves, District Superintendent,
Conway District, presiding

- 10:00 Devotional—Paul Dean Davis, Pastor
- 10:15 The Purpose of the Meeting—J. Albert Gatlin,
Executive Secretary, Town & Country Commis-
sion, North Arkansas Conference
- 10:30 Christian Education in Community Life—Dr. Ira
A. Brumley, Executive Secretary, Board of Chris-
tian Education, North Arkansas Conference.
- 10:45 Methodist Men Serving the Community—Dr.
Pierce K. Merrill, Head of Department of Social
Sciences, Arkansas Technological College, Rus-
sellville, Arkansas.
- 11:00 Promoting the W. S. C. S. in Rural Communities—
Mrs. Wilma Fulbright, Promotional Secretary,
W. S. C. S., North Arkansas Conference.
- 11:15 Five Minute Recess
- 11:20 The Worship Service—Bishop Paul E. Martin,
Arkansas-Louisiana Area.
- 12:15 Noon Lunch
- Informal Fellowship — Viewing of Displays

Afternoon Session

Rev. Floyd G. Villines, President, Town &
Country Commission, North Arkansas
Conference, presiding

- 1:30 Devotional—Mrs. Johnnie McClure, President,
W. S. C. S., North Arkansas Conference.
- 1:45 The Changing Agricultural Scene—L. A. Dhonau,
Director, Agricultural Extension Service, State of
Arkansas.
- 2:15 The Medical Profession and the Rural Com-
munity—Dr. Earle Hunt, President, Arkansas Med-
ical Association.
- 2:45 Toward a Better Community through Education—
Dr. A. B. Bonds, Commissioner of Education, State
of Arkansas.
- 3:15 "All Together We Serve"
The National Anthem
- Special music during program by Hendrix Chapel Choir



L. A. DHONAU



DR. EARLE H. HUNT



THE CHILDREN'S PAGE

ANNIE WINBURNE, Editor



IN STORYLAND

WHAT IS GOOD TO EAT?

Jean Marie and Judy Lee were twins; and two seven-year-olds never looked more alike. They both had light curly hair and dark brown eyes. Each had a dimple in the chin. And, usually, the two girls acted very much alike, for both studied hard at school and made good grades. Both girls liked to play out of doors, and they had a very special corner in the park where they played "grown-up." When they were real little, it was hard for even their mother to tell them apart unless she looked very carefully.

However, there was one way in which the two girls were different. Judy Lee was very strong. She never missed a day of school. She could run fast, play ball well and climb trees quickly. Jean Marie was often sick with a cold or upset stomach. She had to miss school quite often. She couldn't run far without getting tired, could not learn to catch a ball and became dizzy whenever she tried to climb a tree. And this was the one way in which the twins were different.

Mother said that Jean Marie was sick because she would not eat her food. Judy Lee always ate all of the good food Mother cooked for her, but Jean Marie just wouldn't. Often she would go to school without any breakfast, and she never ate any of her vegetables. She said she hated milk and never drank any. No wonder she was sick so often!

One Saturday morning Jean Marie woke up in a very bad mood. She dressed and went down the stairs when Mother called that breakfast was ready. The first thing Jean Marie saw was a tall glass of cold milk.

"I don't want any milk," she said as she pushed her glass away from her. "I hate milk."

"But you need milk to make you well and strong," Mother said.

"I still don't want any."

"Well," said Mother sadly, "try to eat some eggs. They are so good."

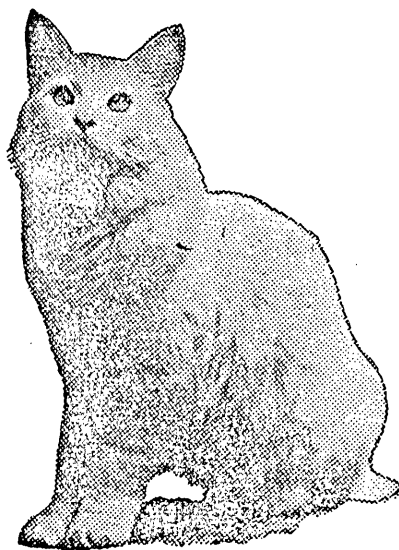
"I don't want any eggs."

So Jean Marie got up from the breakfast table without eating one thing. All that morning she was fussy and cross, but Mother knew it was because Jean Marie was hungry. Jean Marie didn't realize she was hungry, but her body needed good food.

Finally it was time for lunch. But lunch was the same old story. "I don't want any carrots." "I'm not going to eat any meat." "I don't like milk."

Jean Marie decided she would go all over the farm and try to see if she could find anything that was good to eat. Mother didn't have anything good to eat, but maybe someone else had fixed something good.

The first person Jean Marie met was Mrs. White Hen with her family of baby chickens. The chickens were only a few days old.



MY KITTY

*My kitty seems to understand
Most every word I say,
He sits and looks at me
In a quiet attentive way.*

*Then suddenly he spies a ball
And he's off with a bound,
He rolls it in the grassy yard
And off on to the ground.*

*We have such happy times,
My kitty and I,
The hours of the day
Just seem to fly.—A.E.W.*

"Good morning," Jean Marie said to Mrs. Hen. "You certainly do have a nice family of chickens. Father says they are all well and strong. How do you keep them that way?"

"When they were very little and not even big enough to come out of the egg they ate part of the egg. That made them strong," Mrs. Hen answered.

Then Jean Marie thought of the egg she didn't eat at breakfast.

Just at that minute Peter Rabbit ran across the path. He looked so happy. And no wonder—for he was eating a nice large carrot.

"Peter, is that carrot really good?" Jean Marie asked when she saw how happy Peter looked.

"Oh yes, it is very good. And it keeps me strong so that I can run fast," Peter told her and ran away just to show her how fast he could run.

Jean Marie kept walking until she found Skippy, her dog. Skippy was eating a piece of meat. He seemed to be enjoying it.

"Skippy," asked Jean Marie, "is that meat really good? Do you really like it?"

"Oh yes," Skippy replied. "I do like meat. It helps to build me up and keeps me well."

Finally Jean Marie went to the barn and found Father. He was feeding an apple to Jean Marie's pony.

"Is that apple really good?" Jean Marie asked in surprise.

"If I didn't eat this fruit I'd be sick and wouldn't be able to let you ride me in the afternoon," the pony replied.

"But doesn't Father give you

sugar?"

"Oh, yes, but he gives me sugar after I eat my food. Then the sweet doesn't spoil my appetite for my meals."

Jean Marie spent the rest of the afternoon helping Father in the barn. When Mother called them to dinner, she was quite hungry. She went to the house, washed her face and hands and went to the supper table. How good the milk tasted tonight! The carrots looked so fresh and good, and Mother had fixed her a boiled egg.

Mother was quite surprised when Jean Marie started eating her supper without a big fuss. Not once did she say she didn't want something and she even ate her carrots as though she liked them.

"Well, dear, you certainly are eating well tonight. Will you have another helping of carrots," Mother asked.

Jean Marie passed her plate for some more carrots.

"I didn't know before tonight that carrots are really good. I guess I had never really tried to eat them before," she said.

"The more we eat of something, the more we like it," Mother said as she put some more carrots on Jean Marie's plate.

"If baby chickens like eggs, if Peter likes carrots and Skippy likes meat, and my pony likes fruit, I think I ought to like those things. They will help me to be well and strong. I won't have as many colds and won't be sick," Jean Marie told Mother and Father.

"You are certainly right. You can go the rest of this year without miss-

IN THE WORLD OF BOYS AND GIRLS

MARY'S DEED

Mary came from Sunday school and said, "Mother, I must do a good deed this week. We are all to tell our teacher next Sunday what we did."

After school Monday afternoon, Mary sat down on the step to read a story book. Mrs. Jones, the washerwoman, saw her and said, "I wish my little girl could read like that." Mary stopped reading and asked, "Doesn't she go to school?"

"She is blind," said Mrs. Jones. "I want to send her away to the blind school, but I haven't enough money to buy her railroad ticket."

"What does she do while you are washing?" asked Mary.

"She tries to do little things around the house," replied Mrs. Jones. "At night she begs me to read stories to her, but I am too tired."

"Oh!" cried Mary, jumping up. "I can read to her after school!"

"That will make Daisy so happy," said Mrs. Jones. "You see her name is Daisy."

The next day Mary hurried from school to Mrs. Jones' house. Daisy was about her own age and was so glad to have Mary read to her. Finally Mary said, "If you will help me a little, I will set the table. Your mother gets tired washing all day."

"Oh, yes," said Daisy, clapping her hands. "I can help you."

Pretty soon Mrs. Jones came and was surprised to find supper started. She wanted Mary to stay and eat, but Mary said if she did so her mother would worry. She promised Daisy to come back the next day; then she ran home. Every afternoon that week she read to Daisy.

At Sunday school the teacher thought Mary had done the best deed of any of the children. Mary said that she was going to keep on reading to Daisy every day. The others wanted to help; so the teacher told them to take turns. The little boys and girls decided to bring a few pennies each Sunday until Mrs. Jones had enough money to pay for Daisy's ticket to the blind school.

—Sunshine for Little People

JUST FOR FUN

Laden with luggage, the husband stared miserably down the platform, toward the departing train.

"If you hadn't taken so long getting ready," he grumbled to his wife, "we would have caught it."

"Yes," responded the spouse, "and if you hadn't hurried me so, we wouldn't have so long to wait for the next one!"—Tid Bits (London)

ing school. Soon you will be able to run without getting tired and climb trees without getting dizzy and catch a ball as well as Judy Lee can. I'm proud of you," Father said.—Religious Herald

Fairview And Timothy Churches In Joint Dedication Service

By CHARLES H. GIESSEN, Pastor

SUNDAY, February 18, was a great day long to be remembered on the Fairview-Timothy Charge, Camden District. More than 300 members and friends of the two churches of this charge met in the basement of the Fairview Methodist Church at 5:30 p. m. and enjoyed a bountiful and delectable meal served by the ladies of both churches. Bishop and Mrs. Paul E. Martin were our distinguished guests for the evening. Dr. Connor Morehead, our district superintendent, offered thanks at the table. All enjoyed the hour of fellowship with each other.

At 7:30 p. m. both congregations and their friends gathered in the sanctuary of Fairview Church for the service of dedication in which both churches were dedicated. The Trustees of both churches sat in a reserved section near the front of the church. The Youth Choir of Fairview Methodist Church, numbering thirty, led in the congregational singing and rendered special music during the service. A congregation which overflowed the sanctuary was inspired by the great message of our Bishop and joined in the service of dedication. Since February 18 was the first day of the Week of Dedication in the Methodist Church, the congregation made its Dedication Offering after hearing our Bishop tell of his interest and knowledge of the wonderful work that our offering would make possible. The offering for the service amounted to \$115.00. Hostesses for the evening in charge of the guest book were Mrs. A. C. Hale and Mrs. A. N. Fogle of Fairview Methodist Church and Mrs. D. O. Wilson and Mrs. Fimos Boosa of the Timothy Methodist Church.

This is perhaps the first time in Arkansas that two churches on the same charge dedicated their respective church buildings in the same service with the presiding Bishop in charge. All former pastors, former district superintendents, former members and present members of both churches were invited to be with us. We thank God for his leadership that has led us to this good hour in our history and we are praying for his leadership and guidance in our plans for the building of educational buildings for both churches so that we can serve better our adults, children, and youth in

these communities. Words are so inadequate to express our thanks and appreciation to all our pastors, superintendents, and members for their help in making our churches what they are today. So we just say "thank you." It was a good day and filled with great spiritual blessings for us all.

A History of Timothy Methodist Church

A number of interested people met early in February 1947 in a small building at the old Camden Airport and organized a Methodist Church with 14 charter members. Rev. Arthur Terry was district superintendent and Rev. Robert Scott was pastor. On March 31, 1947 the church was named Timothy which suggestion came from a sermon preached by the pastor. Services were held in various homes of the community until the present church building was completed. A building Committee composed of H. L. Rampley, W. J. Walker, D. O. Wilson, Leslie Walker, and Mrs. Ray Womack, was selected and the building was started in March 1947. The first service was held in the new church by Rev. Robert Scott on May 22, 1947.

A Woman's Society of Christian Service was organized in the home of Mrs. J. A. Johnson on July 14, 1947 with 14 charter members. Mrs. Elsie Guest was the first president. At the present time the Woman's Society of Christian Service has 27 members and Mrs. D. O. Wilson is serving as president.

The Church school was organized May 22, 1947 with Mrs. Bill J. Purifoy as superintendent. There were 42 present for the first session. At the present time the church school has an enrollment of 100 and Ernest E. Hays is the superintendent.

The Timothy Church now has a membership of 54. Ernest E. Hays was licensed to preach at the recent session of the Camden Conference on Dec. 5, 1950. Plans are being discussed for the building of some greatly needed Sunday School rooms to care for this fast growing church and church school.

A History of Fairview Methodist Church

Fairview Methodist Church resulted from the consolidation of three churches; McMahon's Chapel with 50 members which was

originally organized in 1897; Wilson's Chapel with 42 members which was originally organized in 1916; and Union Church with 60 members which was originally organized in 1840. The first church building was erected under the leadership of the late Rev. J. W. Harrell in 1929 on the lot adjoining the location of the present church. The first church services were held on an April Sunday afternoon in 1930 with the pastor, Rev. J. W. Harrell, doing the preaching. The building was cleared of all indebtedness in 1936, and the Rev. E. C. Rule dedicated the first church building at Fairview in 1937. Four years later Fairview Methodist Church became a station with 289 members. The parsonage was built in December 1938 and the Rev. Fred L. Arnold and family were the first to live in it. They moved in January 14, 1939.

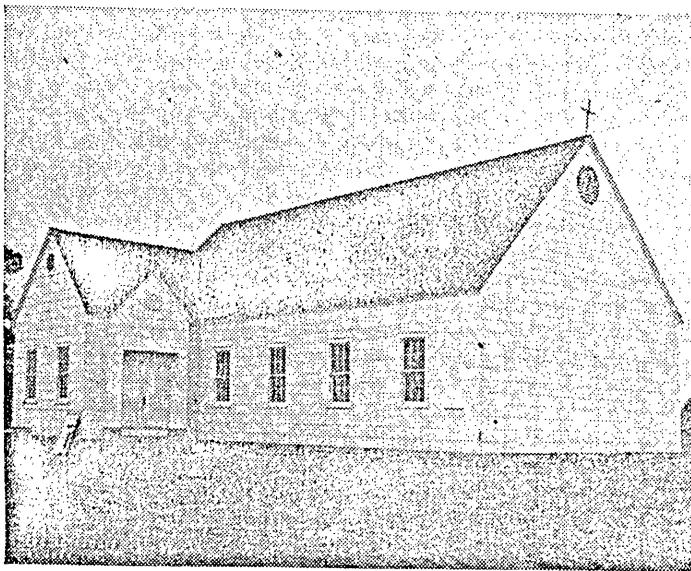
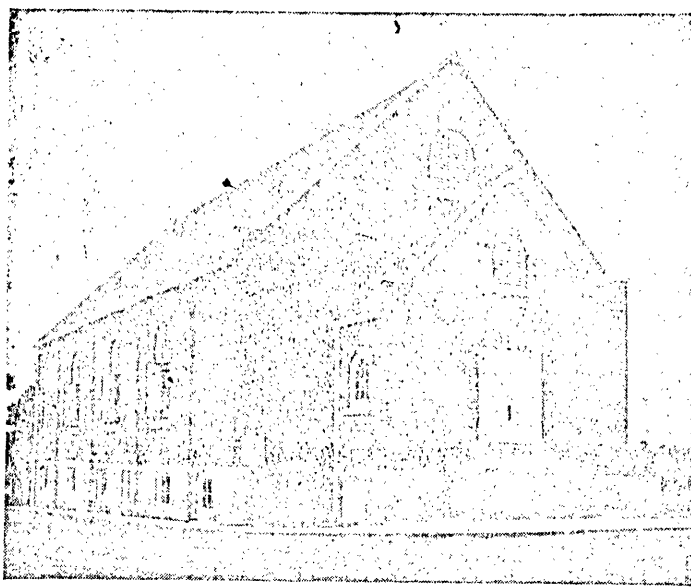
The present church building was started July 9, 1945 and the first service was held in the present

building January 20, 1946 with the pastor, Rev. L. E. Wilson, conducting the service. Irl S. Lancaster was licensed to preach in May 1950 and is now serving Holly Springs Circuit as pastor.

The Woman's Missionary Society was organized in August 1931, with nine members. Mrs. O. R. S. Greenwood was the first president. The present Woman's Society of Christian Service now has a membership of 95 with Mrs. D. A. Lambert as president.

Fairview Methodist Church has had only three Church School superintendents in its history, Mrs. Almer Keith, Mrs. B. M. Milner, and the present superintendent, R. H. Shaddock. The school now has an enrollment of 485.

Fairview Methodist Church now has a membership of 480. We are now discussing plans for the erection of a much needed Educational Building to care for our growing church and church school.



ABOVE: Fairview Church—BELOW: Timothy Church

THE GREAT LIGHT

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For months He marched toward the Cross. He knew what He was to suffer. He did not spend time discussing death. He did not argue about immortality. He took that for granted. "If I were not so, I would have told you," he said. On the very night before the crucifixion He said to His disciples, "Be of good cheer, I have overcome the world."

The Great Physician, who Himself was able to come down to the river of death a conqueror, has helped others to overcome the weaknesses of body and the diseases of the spirit and approach death with flying colors. How we all have known people sick unto death with some incurable disease, languishing for months, and we dreaded even to go to see them so great was

our sorrow at their plight, but when we would go we have come away with new courage and hope ourselves when we have seen how another has defeated the ugliness and cruelty of death.

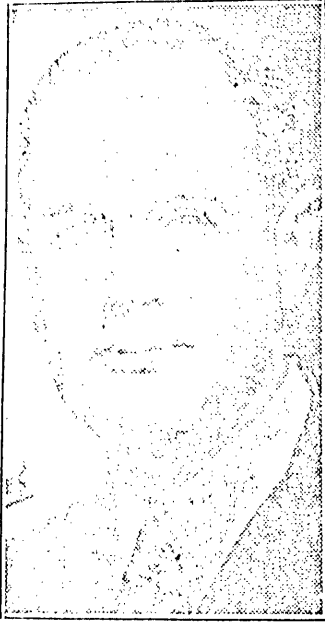
Yes, Easter Day means that Christ has established a bridgehead across the river to death. You remember the resurrection records. The sad-hearted women going out early in the morning to anoint the body of their departed friend; the experience which they had in the garden which sent them rushing back to His disciples to bring them that they too might see; the evening walk to Emmaus when a mysterious Presence accompanied two of the disciples and made their hearts burn within them; the Upper Room with locked doors a week later when the disciples were gathered around the doubting Thomas and then Thomas's cry of conviction, "My Lord and My God"; all this is the Easter story. Without that

story we would have no Church. Without that story our lives would be miserable and artless, without that story we would have no hope.

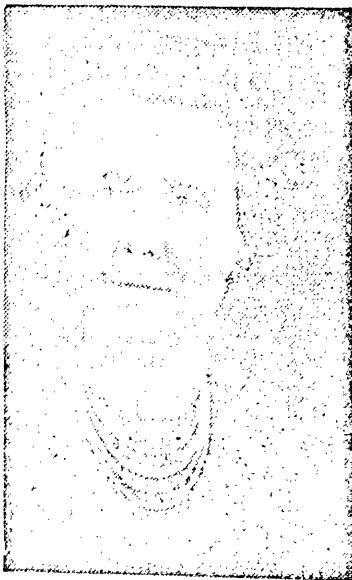
The story is told of a little boy who, traveling in Europe, visited many of the great Cathedrals and had been impressed with the beautiful art glass windows with pictures of the saints on them with which those Cathedrals are adorned. He was asked one day to define a saint. He remembered those beautiful Cathedral windows and said, "A saint is a person who lets the light come through." Let us all be saints. Let us all let the light of our Risen Lord shine through our lives so that those who walk in darkness, in this troubled world of ours, may see the Great Light for all our enemies can be defeated by that Great Light, even as the last enemy, death, itself, has been destroyed by that Great Light.

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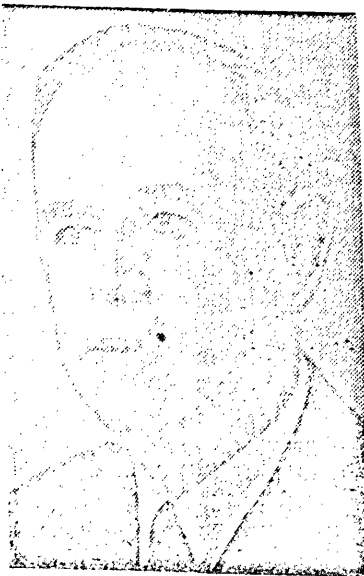
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BISHOP A. FRANK SMITH

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- Bishop W. Angie Smith, Oklahoma City, Okla., Oklahoma-New Mexico Area
- Bishop Ivan Lee Holt, St. Louis, Mo., St. Louis Area
- Bishop William C. Martin, Dallas, Tex., Dallas-Ft. Worth Area, Chairman of The Advance For Christ and His Church
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- Mrs. J. Russell Henderson, Little Rock, Ark., Associate Chairman for Woman's Society of Christian Service

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TUESDAY, A

Dr. H. V

10:00 Worship, Bishop W. A.
Statement by Dr. W.
Address, Dr. Umphrey
11:40 Meeting by Interest
12:30 Lunch

AFD

2:00 Meeting by Interest
5:00 Meeting of Jurisdiction

EG

Mrs. G.

7:30 Program in charge of
Speaker, Mrs. Frank G.
of Christian Service, Th
9:00 Reception for Delegates

WEDNESDAY,

Bishop

9:00 Worship, Bishop Ivan
Address by Mr. Frank
Intermission.
10:30 The Advance for Ch
Dallas.
11:00 Meeting of the Jur
Christian Service.
12:30 Lunch

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2:00 Meeting of the Jur
Christian Service.

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Bishop

7:30 Worship, Bishop Paul
Presenting The Hon
Address, Bishop G. B

THURSDAY,

Bishop

9:00 Worship, Bishop Smith
Reports.
Miscellaneous Business
11:00 Address, Bishop G. B
Adjournment.

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Jurisdictional W. S. C. S.
Sixteenth and Louisiana

CONVOCATION, APRIL 3, 4 AND 5

GRAM

MINISTRY

MORNING SESSION

Watts, presiding

Smith, Oklahoma City.

Southern Methodist University.

SESSION

and Country Commission.

SESSION

Sayre, presiding

Woman's Society of Christian Service.

President of the Woman's Division

Methodist Church.

Visitors, Governor's Mansion.

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MORNING SESSION

Holt, presiding

St. Louis.

Sayre, State Department

His Church, Bishop William C. Martin,

Boards and the Woman's Society of

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Martin, presiding

Little Rock.

McMath, Governor of Arkansas.

Oxnam, New York City.

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MORNING SESSION

Smith, presiding

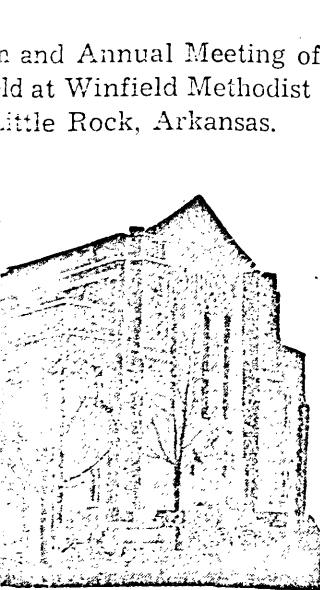
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Jurisdiction Woman's Society of Christian Service Holding Annual Meeting

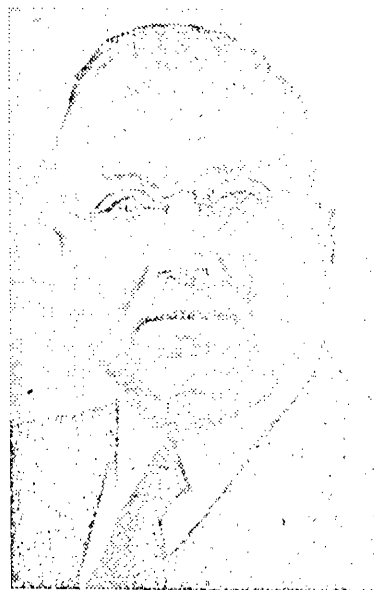
The Annual Meeting of the Woman's Society of Christian Service will convene for a one day session Monday, April 2, at the Winfield Methodist Church, with Mrs. C. A. Barr, Jurisdictional President, presiding. A meeting of the executive board of this group will meet the preceding afternoon and evening. Other meetings of the Woman's Society of Christian Service are scheduled on Wednesday during the Convocation.

Delegates

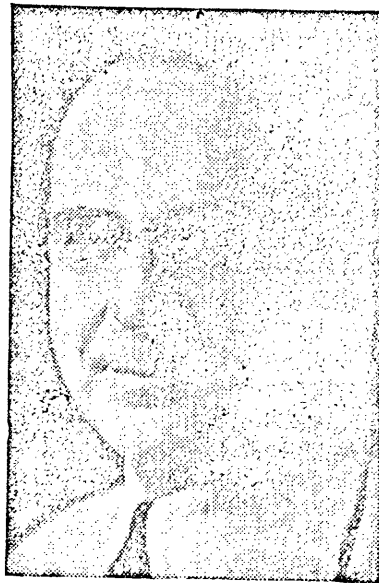
Members of the Boards and Agencies of the SC Jurisdictional Conference are official delegates to the Convocation. However, attendance is open to all persons interested. Delegates and visitors from the eight states comprising the Jurisdiction will attend. These states include Nebraska, Kansas, Missouri, Oklahoma, Arkansas, Louisiana, Texas, and New Mexico.

Of Special Interest

Of unusual interest to Methodists of Arkansas will be the special addresses scheduled for the general sessions of the Convocation. Among those presented will be Gov. Sid McMath, a Methodist, and member of the Winfield Methodist Church where session of the Convocation will be held. Featured speakers from outside Arkansas include Dr. Umphrey Lee, President, Southern Methodist University, Mrs. Frank G. Brooks, President, Woman's Division, Mr. Francis B. Sayre, U. S. State Department, Bishop W. C. Martin, Advance Chairman, and Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam, who will give two addresses. All these addresses are open to the general public affording a rare opportunity to Methodists of Arkansas to hear these leaders of Methodism. The program gives the date and hour of the addresses.



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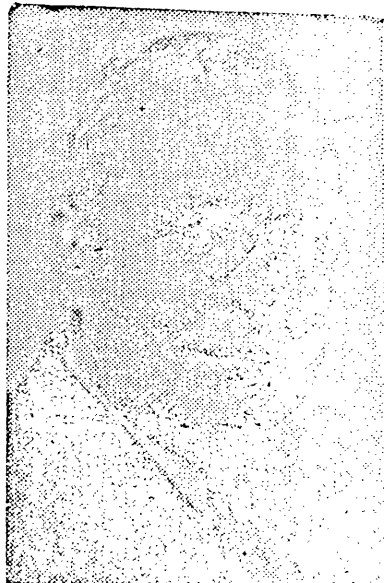
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NATIONAL CONFERENCE ON FAMILY LIFE

Under the auspices of the Advance for Christ and His Church a National Conference on Family Life will be held in Chicago, October 12-14, 1951. The theme for the conference is "Christian Family Living in Today's World." Outstanding speakers from various parts of the nation include Dr. Alexander J. Stoddard, superintendent of schools,



DR. W. NEILL HART

Los Angeles, California; Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam, New York; Bishop Hazen G. Werner, Columbus, Ohio; and Dr. William Faulkner, dean of the Chapel, Fisk University, Nashville, Tennessee.

There will be discussion groups in five areas: "The Family Living Its Religion," "Growing Mature Persons in the Family," "The Family Looks to the Church," "The Family Living in the Community," and "The Family Living in a Troubled World."

Work has already begun in order to provide the background for delegates to this conference. In each annual conference the chairman or secretaries of the various boards have been asked to organize a pre-conference study committee to take one of the five topics mentioned above and develop a paper to form the basis for discussion at the annual conference.

The chairman for the Little Rock conference is Dr. W. Neill Hart, pastor at Camden. He will be in charge of a coaching conference for other chairmen from over the Jurisdiction, at Winfield Church, Little Rock on April 2. This is one of eight coaching conferences throughout the United States sponsored by the Advance.

Quotas for this conference are six from each district. See your conference director of adult work on your district superintendent about representing your district.—Roy E. Fawcett

The man who opens his heart to hatred soon finds he has heart-tenants who pay no rent and cannot easily be evicted.—Springfield Republican.

Children may tear up a house, but they never break up a home.—Gilcrafter, Gilbert Paper Co.

NORTH ARKANSAS CONFERENCE NOTES

National Youth Convocation Registrations

The North Arkansas Conference now has its number of adults registered for the National Convocation of Methodist Youth to be held August 27-31, 1951. One additional adult is already listed as an alternate.

Youth registrations are already beginning to reach our office. One district with a quota of eight reports that four of their number are ready to be sent in. Selections have been made in other districts and we are expecting that registrations will be filling district quotas at a very early date.

Since the Conference quota has been distributed to the districts it is necessary for interested persons to contact District Directors with reference to a place in the Convocation.

We regret that our quota is so low that many interested and capable people will be unable to get into the Convocation.

It is our hope that 53 churches may be represented in the 53 places available for youth of the North Arkansas Conference.

We hope that within the next few days to be able to forward to the Nashville office the total number of registrations thus far granted the North Arkansas Conference.

Damascus Training School

A one-unit training course on The Life of Paul was held at Damascus, March 5-12. There was a total enrollment of 22 without a single absence during the entire school and 21 completing the course for credit.

Membership and Attendance Increase

Letters will be going out this week to the pastors of the North Arkansas Conference, calling their attention to the period of April 8-29, which has been designated as a special period for increasing church school membership and attendance. Watch the Arkansas Methodist of next week for special announcements.

Paragould Training School

The Paragould Training School, which was for Greene County, was held the week of March 11-16. This was probably the best training school held in the Paragould Area in many years. A hundred or more people attended at least part of the time with sixty-eight completing courses for credit. The following churches were represented in the school: Paragould, First Church; Griffin Memorial; Pruett's Chapel; Shiloh; Schugtown; Marmaduke; and Harvey's Chapel.

The following courses were offered in the school:

Teaching Children, Mrs. William A. Wooten, Memphis
The Methodist Youth Fellowship, Miss Viola Callahan, Black Rock
The Church and Its Work, Ira A. Brumley.

Springdale Training School

The Springdale Training School for the western section of Fayetteville District was held the week of March 11-16, with an enrollment of

Educational Building, Few Memorial Church



Above is pictured the new educational building of Few Memorial Church on the Texarkana Circuit. The building has five rooms, two of which can be opened into a recreation hall or dining room. The

pastor, Rev. Cleve H. Gilliam, says: "We are very happy over the completion of the building which has been need for some time. Everyone is much interested in the growth of the church."

144. The enrollment for the school was seriously handicapped because of snow-storms and conflicts in local churches. A total of 96 course cards were issued in the school, and the reports indicate splendid work was done in the various courses. The following courses were offered in the school:

The Acts of the Apostles, Rev. James S. Upton, Conway
Christian Home-Making, Mrs. R. E. Smith, Shreveport
Christian Vocation, Mrs. Johnny McClure, Springdale
Choosing a Vocation, Rev. Robert Bearden, Jr., Fort Smith
Teaching Children, Mrs. W. F. Bates, North Little Rock.

A report was received this past week from Helena indicating that a local training school had granted 18 course cards. The course was on The Methodist Church, taught by the pastor, Rev. E. J. Holifield.

North Little Rock Training School

The North Little Rock Annual Training School is being held at Gardner Memorial Church this week with six courses being offered, as follows:

Christian Home-Making, Mrs. James W. Workman, Sr.
Helping Adults Learn, Rev. I. L. Claud
Recreational Leadership, Rev. Raymond A. Dorman
Preparation for Marriage, Rev. Harold Spence
Music in Christian Education, Rev. V. E. Copes

Christian Education in the Local Church, Ira A. Brumley.

Rev. William Wilder is serving as Dean of the School.

Vacation School Institute, Conway

Plans have been made for a Vacation Church School workshop to be held at Conway on Saturday, April 7, under the leadership of Mrs. J. Albert Gatlin, District Director of the Conway District. Mrs. Carl Meeker, District Director of the Searcy District, will participate in the program with a representative group from the Searcy District as well as leaders from the Conway District. Kindergarten, Primary, and Junior units will be presented in

VACATION CHURCH SCHOOL INSTITUTES

LITTLE ROCK CONFERENCE

Institutes have already been held in the Pine Bluff District as follows: Pine Bluff, March 12th, Stuttgart, March 13th. Reports of these institutes will be given later. Other districts are having their institutes in April.

Arkadelphia District: Date, April 18, beginning at 10:00 a. m. with a school-girl lunch being served.

Monticello District: Place, Monticello, First Methodist Church; Date, April 17, beginning at 10:00 a. m. with a school-girl lunch being served at noon.

Little Rock District: Five institutes being planned. Little Rock Area: Place, Asbury Church; Date, April 19, 10:00 a. m. Mabelvale Area: Place, Mabelvale Methodist Church; Date, April 10, 10:00 a. m. Hazen Area: Place, Hazen Methodist Church; Date, April 11, 10:00 a. m.

All three institutes will be all-day meetings with a school-girl lunch being served at noon.

Local Church School workers who plan to teach in their Vacation Church School this summer are urged to buy their texts and read them before attending the institute nearest them. The texts which are being suggested for use this summer are: Kindergarten, "Our Daily Bread;" Junior, "Praise Ye the Lord;" Intermediate, "O Come Let Us Worship."—Mrs. W. F. Bates

the workshop program.

Fayetteville District Vacation School Institute

Mrs. S. O. Patty, District Director of Children's Work of the Fayetteville District, reports that a Vacation Church School Workshop is to be held in the Fayetteville District on Tuesday, April 10. Four units are to be presented in this program: Kindergarten, Primary, Junior, and Intermediate.

The glow of one warm thought is worth more to me than money.—Thomas Jefferson

WOMAN'S SOCIETY OF CHRISTIAN SERVICE

MRS. SUE D. WAYLAND, Editor

PROGRAM PERSONNEL AT SOUTH CENTRAL JURISDICTION MEETING

The Tenth Annual Meeting of the South Central Jurisdiction Woman's Society of Christian Service will be convened at 9 a. m., Monday, April 2nd, 1951 at the Winfield Methodist Church, Little Rock, by Mrs. C. A. Barr, President. The day will be filled with inspiration and instruction given by leaders of the women's work in Methodism from all over the country.

Mrs. G. Frank Brooks, of Mt. Vernon, Iowa, President of the Woman's Division of Christian Service, will be attending. Mrs. Brooks has been active in local, district, and conference work before becoming a member of the Division in 1941. She was a professor at Oklahoma City University for seventeen years, but moved with her husband to Mount Vernon where he is a professor at Cornell College.

Mrs. C. A. Barr of Austin, Texas was elected president of the South Central Jurisdiction at the Annual meeting held in Houston, Texas, in 1948. Mrs. Barr served as president of the South West Texas Conference, also as president of the State Council of Methodist Women. She was Chairman of the Board of Managers of the Woman's Building at Mt. Sequoyah until her election as president of the Jurisdiction. Mrs. Barr will be the presiding officer at the tenth session of the South Central Jurisdiction at Winfield Church beginning at 8:30 a. m. April 2nd.

Mrs. Ivan Lee Holt served in the Georgia Conference as a district officer and as Conference Secretary of Missionary Education and Service and Secretary of Status of Women. She has been a member of the Board of Trustees of the Methodist Children's Home in Georgia and active in many other church and civic activities. She is the wife of Bishop Ivan Lee Holt, Bishop of the St. Louis area.

Mrs. Paul D. Womeldorf is the wife of the Executive Secretary of the South Central Jurisdiction and is active in church and civic activities.

Miss Elizabeth Thompson is a Rural Worker in the Louisiana Conference. She attended Georgia State College and Agnes Scott College, and trained for rural work at Scarritt. Miss Thompson pioneered in Rural Work in the North Alabama Conference. In 1946 she went to Louisiana to work on a cooperative project supported by the Louisiana Conference Woman's Society of Christian Service and the Board of Education. She is a member of the staff of the Board of Education as "rural church and community worker."

Miss Estelle McIntosh, now at Cooper, Texas, a worker in the Delta County Rural project, needs no introduction to Arkansas women. A graduate of McMurray College, she received her M.A. degree from Scarritt and did her first work in Arkansas where she served eight years in the Scott County Rural project of North Arkansas Conference.

Miss Mary Sue Brown, missionary to Brazil for thirty years, was educated in the University of Texas, from which she holds a Master's degree. She is also a graduate of Scarritt College, Nashville, Tennessee. She was commissioned in 1915 at the Woman's Missionary Council, held in Little Rock in April of that year. She has served since then as an educational Missionary in Brazil.

Bishop A. Frank Smith is Bishop of the Houston Area. In speaking Monday morning on "Europe in Transition," Bishop Smith will bring first hand information from his three months spent last summer in Europe under a commission from The Council of Bishops. He and Mrs. Smith visited 11 countries.

Miss Kathryn J. Bieri, Missionary Personnel Secretary for the Board of Missions and Church Extension of the Methodist Church, is a native of Philadelphia and a graduate of Taylor University with a Master's Degree from Temple University. She served as missionary in India under the Board of Foreign Missions and has visited mission stations in 35 countries. After serving as Field Worker and Field Secretary for the Woman's Division of Christian Service, she was elected to her present position. Her contacts are with all single women candidates interested in foreign service, colleges, Christian vocations, conferences, summer schools and institutes.

Miss Julia Vissota is a graduate of The Methodist Institute in Sao Paulo and of Bennett College in Rio de Janeiro. She worked for a year and a half at the Confederation of the Evangelical Church. She came as Crusade Scholar in the fall of 1949 and has been studying Religious Education and Elementary Education at Scarritt and Peabody Colleges in Nashville. She is President of the Pan-American Circle for Scarritt, Peabody and Vanderbilt University. She plans to go back to Brazil at the end of summer quarter, hoping that because of the privilege of studying here she will be able to serve better her church and her people.

Miss Pearle McCain, a beloved Arkansan and well-known to all people here, went to China in 1929, and while there served in three places: McTyre School for Girls in Shanghai; Susan B. Wilson School in Sung-kang, and Bible Teacher's Training School for Women in Nanking. Miss McCain remained in China for five years during the war with the Japanese. She has been in America the past year, and has spoken to many groups.

Dr. G. Ernest Thomas is Secretary of the Spiritual Life Department of the General Board of Evangelism of the Methodist Church. In that capacity he is leading in a program to deepen the spiritual life and loyalty of the entire membership of the Methodist Church, with a particular emphasis upon new members and those who are listed as inactive. Dr. Thomas is a member of the New Jersey Conference, and came to the Board of Evangelism from the First Methodist Church in Haddonfield, New Jersey. He is the author of many books on stewardship; "To Whom Much is Given" being used by many denominations. Speaking Monday evening on the subject "They Were All Waiting For Him," he will be continuing his program to deepen the spiritual life of our people.



MRS. FRANK G. BROOKS

CHRISTIAN SOCIAL RELATIONS IN THE HOPE DISTRICT

Two workshops were held in the Hope District recently on the work of Christian Social Relations. The one at Emmett was on February 27, and at Lockesburg on February 28. Not only secretaries of CSR and LCA were present but others from the local churches who serve on the committees.

Mrs. J. C. Oslin, District Secretary, presided. She presented Mrs. E. D. Galloway, who gave a very inspiring devotional.

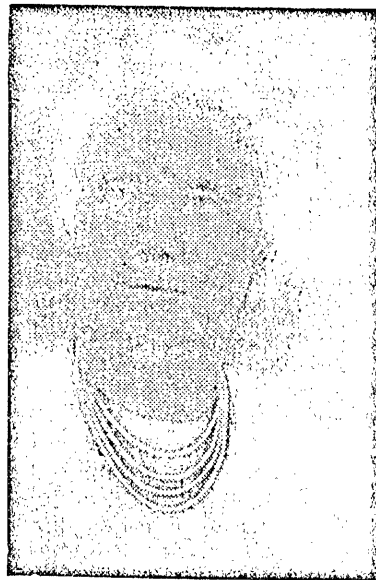
Mrs. Oslin spoke on duties in the local church, committee membership, and plans and activities for the coming year. Mrs. Marvin Goode presented the National Citizen's Roll Call, and Mrs. Earl D. Cotton, the Little White House Conference on Children and Youth held in Little Rock recently. She urged the women to cooperate in the follow-up and suggested that it would be in line with an approved study on family life during 1951-52. Presentation of a secretary's tools and a calendar of reminders showed the wealth of materials available in literature and visual aids. Special emphasis was on The Methodist Woman, World Outlook and the Handbook.

An imaginary, ideal meeting of the Christian Social Relations committee was held at 1 o'clock. After a brief discussion of the functions of the committee, sub-committees were named on: Local Church Activity and Fellowship; Community Needs; Legislation; and United Nations. The sub-committees grouped themselves together in opposite corners of the room, or returned to other rooms, to "meet". Recommendations brought from each, which are to be sent to the executive committee of the W. S. C. S. follow:

Local Church: Assist pastor to visit newcomers, sick and shut-ins; serve the board of stewards, the youth groups, family nights, etc.; greet visitors and strangers at church meetings; make plans to help with the observance of Christian Home and Family Week.

Community Needs: Provide entertainment and recreation for youth, either in community center or in

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MRS. C. A. BARR

PLEASANT HILL WOMAN'S SOCIETY

The Pleasant Hill W. S. C. S. met for the regular meeting with a good attendance and had the pastor and wife, Rev. and Mrs. C. H. Gilliam, meeting with them.

The program leader, Mrs. Buel Douglas, was in charge of the meeting. There was group singing and the Bro. Gilliam led in prayer and also in the responsive reading.

Those taking part in the program were: Mrs. Ernest Goss, Mrs. Gordon Perry, Mrs. Buel Douglas, Mrs. Ernest Jones, Mrs. Bernard Palmer and Mrs. Ernest Renfro.

The service closed with the singing of "God Be With You Till We Meet Again" and a prayer led by Mrs. Renfro.—Reporter.

WESLEY MEMORIAL, CONWAY, WOMAN'S SOCIETY

The Wesley Memorial Society held its monthly meeting of study and worship at the church. Mrs. Goad Jones, leader, gave the devotional and led in the round table discussion on "The Health of the American Indian", with Mrs. Simon Neff, Mrs. Bob Holloway, Mrs. F. D. Rhode, Mrs. Paul Jobe, Mrs. Carr Rosamond, Mrs. J. H. Robinette and Mrs. A. H. Dulaney participating.

Then followed a fellowship hour of singing and refreshments. This was the climax to the campaign to raise funds for the various activities of the W. S. C. S. and part of the program consisted of opening tiny aprons with money concealed in the pockets. Also a miniature "Methodist Hospital" was displayed. Decorations and refreshments featured George Washington's birthday. The Mayflower W. S. C. S. members were among the guests present for this interesting meeting.—Reporter.

A French doctor has a theory on what he calls germs of health. He says that just as diseased people can infect others with certain poisons, so well people are unconsciously carriers of germs of well-being and vitality.—Charles M. Crowe, Sanctuary. Lenten devotional booklet. (Abingdon-Cokesbury)

CURRENT NEWS IN ARKANSAS METHODISM

MINISTERS OF JONESBORO DISTRICT MEET

Twenty four ministers of the Jonesboro District met with the Centerview Church on the Weona Charge, Rev. William Odom, pastor, for an eight o'clock breakfast fellowship, business and study period on March 13th.

Centerview is located at Harrisburg Corner four miles west of Marked Tree. Unusual features were spring flowers everywhere and a heavy carpet of snow covering the earth.

After breakfast, District Superintendent E. B. Williams announced that a Vacation Church School Clinic would be conducted at Jonesboro First Church, 9:30 a. m. to 4:00 p. m. March 29th. The group voted unanimously to ask that the time for the Arkansas-Louisiana Area Evangelistic Campaign be set during the last week of November or the first week in December as first choice of time with January or February 1952 as second choice.

It was decided that the 1951 District Conference would be convened at Tyronza. Plans were launched for Intermediate camp at Wayland Springs, beginning May 28th, and the Senior Camp there to begin July 9th.

April meeting of the group will meet for breakfast on the 19th at Joiner, Ray L. McLester, pastor.

Rev. Roy Baglgey, pastor at Blytheville First Church, gave a review of the book, "Beginnings of Christianity", by Craig, which was very clear and much appreciated.—J. W. Moore and Ray L. McLester, Reporters.

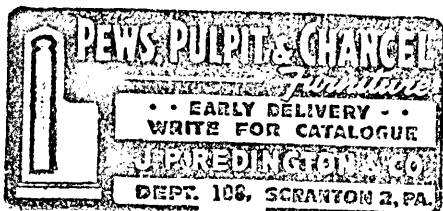
MEETING OF MEN'S FELLOWSHIP

The Men's Fellowship of the Marysville Methodist Parish met for a potluck supper at the church on Friday night, March 16. Bruce Vinson, president of the fellowship, presided. C. R. McWilliams was in charge of the arrangements. The pastor, Rev. K. K. Carithers, had as his guest Dr. Connor Morehead, district superintendent of the Camden District.

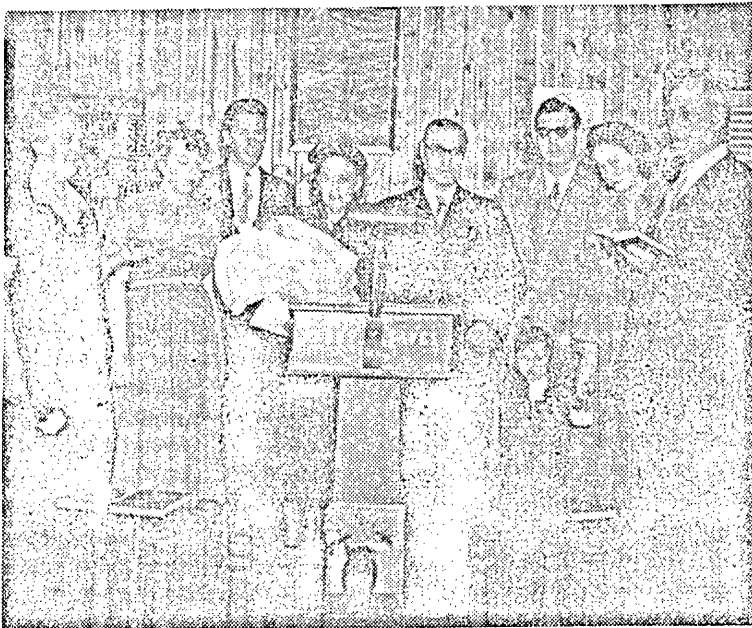
Dr. Morehead brought a message on a Christ-centered home and a Church-centered community. C. E. Smith spoke on the importance of the building program which is being carefully considered at this time. The pastor spoke of the importance of the men's responsibility in Christian leadership, both in the home and in the church.

The following were present: Bruce Vinson, Roy Vinson, Guy Vinson, J. H. Bishop, Darce Bishop, C. R. McWilliams, Ed Braswell, Zollie Perritt, Bun Sessoms, C. E. Smith, Dr. Connor Morehead, and Rev. K. K. Carithers.—Reporter.

The size of a man is not judged by his purse, but by his personality.—Drippings, U. S. Coal Co.



A DEDICATION SERVICE



(Left to right)—Mrs. Charles Pachl; Mary Pachl Garrett; L. T. Garrett; Mrs. Elsa Ecker, holding Elsa Irene; Dr. Walter Ecker; Judy Jane Pachl; Charles W. Pachl, Mrs. Alberta Pachl, Rev. Charles Pachl.

An event of unusual interest took place at the Towson Avenue Methodist, Ft. Smith, on Sunday morning, March 4. Immediately following the morning service, conducted by the pastor, Rev. Charles Pachl, two little granddaughters were dedicated in baptism by their grandmother, Mrs. Charles Pachl, who is a licensed preacher and assistant pastor of the church. One of the little girls, Judy Jane, two years old, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Webber Pachl; the other, Elsa Irene, six weeks old, is the daughter of

Mr. and Mrs. L. T. Garrett. Webber is the son and Mrs. Mary Garrett is the daughter of Brother and Mrs. Pachl.

Mrs. Walter Ecker, godmother of Elsa Irene, held the baby for the ceremony. Also to stand with the parents were Dr. Ecker and the grandfather. Mrs. Shek, sister of Mrs. Ecker, was a guest at the service. Elsa Irene was named for Mrs. Elsa Ecker and the grandmother, Mrs. Irene Pachl. White caranations were used then presented to the parents—Mildred Cozart.

A VOTE OF THANKS

Seventy-five new Bibles were purchased from the American Bible Society for the children in the State Sanatorium to be used in the school and worship services in the Masonic building. The children were so grateful for these that a vote of thanks to all who helped make these possible was made. It was simply an expression of their gratitude for the Word of God. Some of the Sunshine Fund was used to buy the Bibles. Everyone who shared in this Fund made the Bibles possible for the children. Scripture portions and New Testaments are purchased for distribution to the patients through this fund. Also Upper Rooms and Tracts will be purchased. Then there are those who need help.

I want to thank all who have been contributing to the Sunshine Fund in advance for the continua-

tion of your contribution. It surely is needed.—Bates Sturdy, Chaplain.

COMMITMENT DAY ON FAIRVIEW-TIMOTHY CHARGE

Sunday, February 11, was Commitment Day in our churches, and we had wonderful response throughout the church. Special sermons and programs were given at the morning services and the local Boy Scout Troop No. 12, which is sponsored by the Fairview Church, had charge of the evening services. At the conclusion of each of the services of the day Commitment cards were passed out to the entire congregation, directions were given as to meaning, purpose, and consecration of our decisions, then all who signed such commitments were asked to come to the altar, kneel and pray for strength of purpose, not only for ourselves but for others, and leave our cards at the altar.

During the services of the day at both churches, Fairview and Timothy, 191 commitments to a life of total abstinence from alcoholic beverages were made by members of the congregations. We believe that such services from time to time help us to control the liquor traffic in this area. It must be noted that the local township in which we are located favored Act No. 2 offered to the people of Arkansas last November by a vote of nearly 2 to 1. The vote was 674 for and 372 against. We are praying that all of Arkansas will become sane and sober and let God have a chance to use us for building a better world for our children.—Charles H. Gies-sen.

The distinction between Christianity and all other systems of religion consists largely in this, that in these others, men are found seeking after God, while Christianity is God seeking after men—Thomas Arnold

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HENDRIX COLLEGE NEWS

Students and faculty observed the pre-Easter season with a series of special services. On the annual Easter chapel service special music was provided by the Chapel Choir and a meditation was led by Rev. J. Russell Cross, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church, Conway.

Under sponsorship of student religious groups, there were daily meditations at the campus lily pool on the mornings of Holy Week. Students led the meditations. Faculty members led morning worship programs during the week preceding Holy Week.

Mr. Cross in his meditation declared that personal immortality is the only reasonable conclusion as one looks about him. "Man instinctively believes in a God," he said. "You have to train a man intensively if you want to make him an atheist." He declared that immortality is the only acceptable conclusion on the basis of man's reason, his conscience, the testimony of the prophets and the resurrection of Christ.

Dr. Ellis Attends North Central Meeting

Pres. Matt L. Ellis is attending the annual meeting of the North Central Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools in Chicago March 27 to 31. Dr. Ellis has been president of the Association during the year now ending.

Educational topics which will receive attention at the meeting include the place of fraternities and sororities, problems arising from the national emergency, general education, and staff public relations. Speakers at the general sessions will include Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt, who will speak on the theme of education for the improvement of human relationships at the community level.

The North Central is the oldest and most influential of the regional educational accrediting agencies. It includes 20 states and has approximately 3000 high schools and 400 colleges in its membership. Hendrix has held membership since 1923.

Outstanding Musicians Win Auditions

Donald Warmack, violinist on the Hendrix music faculty and Miss Mildred Palmer of Little Rock, Hendrix student, won Arkansas "young artist" auditions recently in Little Rock. The award will give each of them a chance at a \$1,000 music scholarship.

The contest was conducted by the State Federation of Music Clubs and was held at Robinson Memorial

Auditorium. Warmack and Miss Palmer will go to the American Federation district auditions at Kansas City, Mo., on April 14. If they win there they will be eligible for the national auditions, at which the first prize will be \$1,000 for music study.

Coming Musical Events

Numerous musical events leading up to a festival of music and drama have been scheduled by the music department, according to Ashley R. Coffman, department head.

V. Earle Copes, organist and director of the Chapel Choir, will appear April 5 in a recital at Henderson State Teachers College, Arkadelphia. He will also be guest organist at Winfield Methodist Church, Little Rock, on Sunday, April 29.

The Hendrix Varsity Band will present a concert at Little Rock High School April 6 and at Fort Smith High School April 27.

Culminating the spring music activities of the college will be Hendrix's Third Annual Festival of Music and Drama, April 30 to May 4. Opening the festival on April 30 will be a concert by the Chapel Choir and Choiristers, campus vocal groups. The next day will feature a Varsity Band Concert and a student piano recital. The third day of the festival includes a program of drama and religion. Closing the celebration will be a concert featuring original compositions by students and faculty members.

Award to Freshmen Science Student

William Wilson, freshman from Little Rock, has recently won awards as the top freshman student in both chemistry and mathematics departments at Hendrix.

He has been presented with two extensive laboratory handbooks on chemical formulas and mathematical tables. The awards were made by the American Chemical and Rubber Company, which annually makes an award to the top freshman student in math and chemistry at Hendrix.

Spring Recess

Students enjoyed a spring vacation last week when classes closed at noon on the 22nd. Classes resumed after the holidays the 27th. Practically all boarding students spent Easter week end at home.—Cynthia Brown.

Panics in some cases have their uses; they produce as much good as hurt. Their duration is short; the mind grows through them, and acquires a firmer habit than before.—Thomas Paine

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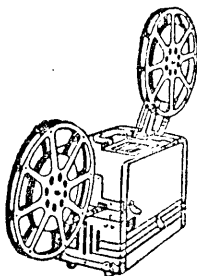
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MISSISSIPPI COUNTY SUB-DISTRICT

The Mississippi County Sub-District met March 12th at Blytheville First Methodist Church. Members were present from Yarbrow, Luxora, Blytheville, and Osceola.

Group singing was led by Miss Sue Osment. Jim Gossett, president, presided. Shirley Cone, Osceola, and Pat Hearn of Blytheville, were elected delegates to the Convocation at Lafayette, Indiana in August. Jane McClendon of Luxora was elected alternate.

Mrs. Alex Shelby gave a chalk talk on "Jesus, the Man." Emandel Swearingen led the recreation.

The next meeting and Council meeting will be held at Yarbrow.—Patsy Cone, Osceola, Reporter.

WESLEY FOUNDATION HAS SPIRITUAL LIFE RETREAT

The Wesley Foundation of the First Methodist Church, Conway, sponsored a Spiritual Life Retreat at Camp Aldersgate, March 2-4, with Rev. George Harper, administrative secretary of the National Conference of Youth, as the leader. Preparation was made by each individual by reading the pamphlet, "Spiritual Life Retreats", and other suggested books. While at the Camp, the work was done by members of the group. The entire group participated in recreation, singing, discussion, study, private devotions, and the closing worship service on Sunday morning.

Students participating were: Lola Featherston, Gloria Mitchell, Richard Hudson, Frank Jones, Emmy Witt, Charlotte Berry, Mary Ann Kincannon, Hallie Jo Hart, Gerald Fincher, Walter Hodges, J. G. Greening, SuElla Anderson, Mary Ann Metzler, Alicia Ann Bell, Bonnie Lee, Carolyn Tull, Sue Huffaker, Martha Lou Grove, Charlotte Ferrel, Pat Crow, Cannon Kinnard, Marian Ragsdale, Hettie Lue Wilson, Freda Lockwood, Barbara Meacham, Minola Caplena, Lynette McKenzie, Ray Culver, Howard Childs, Jean Dodds, Bill Elliott, Louise Fincher, Doris Hodges, Bob Jordan, and Marynell Schafer from Nashville. Rev. James S. Upton, Mrs. Allen D. Stewart and Miss Mamie L. Adams went with the group.—Reporter.

SEBA-SCOTT SUB-DISTRICT

The M. Y. F. Seba-Scott Sub-District met at Greenwood on March 8 with 102 present. The subject of the program was "A Consecrated Vessel." Waldron won the banner on roll call.

Reports were given on the accomplishments of each M. Y. F. since the last meeting. Hartford is having a membership campaign and has increased the membership from 14 to 23. Waldron is having a study course on each of the four commissions. Mansfield has contributed to the M. Y. Fund and is planning to build equipment for games. A meeting will be held soon to plan for the Intermediate Seba-Scott Camp at Shores Lake on July 2.

The next meeting will be in Waldron.—Carol Cherry, Reporter.

OVER 1,000 YOUTH ATTEND EVANGELISM RALLIES

Over a thousand youth, their adult workers and pastors assembled in the three youth rallies on evangelism which were held in the Little Rock Conference. The first meeting was held on Thursday, March 8, at First Church in Pine Bluff, the second was held on Friday, March 9 at the Methodist Church in Fordyce, and the third meeting was at Arkadelphia on Saturday, March 10.

Under the direction of a special youth team, the groups spent considerable time in discussing the techniques of carrying on evangelism campaigns in their own local communities. Team members who led discussions were: Mary Pearl Harbuck, Malvern; Howard Childs, El Dorado; Ed Hollenbeck, Pine Bluff; Carr Dee Racop, Jr., Pine Bluff; Rev. George Harper, Nashville, Tennessee, and Emogene Dunlap, Little Rock.

Following the work groups each evening, the highlight of the evening was the inspirational address by Rev. George Harper.

The Conference Council of the Methodist Youth Fellowship wants to take this opportunity to thank the ministers in the churches where the meetings were held, and their own youth groups for all the extra work required of them to make the rallies a success. Much credit for the large attendance goes also to the district superintendents, district directors of youth work and of evangelism, district secretaries of youth work of the W. S. C. S. and district youth presidents for their efforts to keep these meetings before the local youth groups. Interested youth, pastors and adult workers are to be commended also for their efforts to be present in their respective meetings.

It is hoped that local youth groups will investigate at length their various opportunities for evangelism projects in their own communities. Please contact the conference office if there is any way in which we can help.—Emogene Dunlap.

CONWAY DISTRICT M. Y. F. MEETING

The Conway District Methodist Youth Fellowship met at Conway in the First Methodist Church on March 13.

Recreation was led by David Dickens.

Joe Lee Fleming, district president, presided and introduced our district director of youth work, Rev. Raymond Dorman from Levy. Rev. Harold O. Eggenberger, Russellville, announced that the Intermediate Camp would be held from July 9 through July 13 on Petit Jean Mountain.

There were about 350 young people present. All five Sub-Districts, Conway-Perry County, Faulkner County, North Little Rock, Pope County, and Yale County, were well represented.

Dr. C. M. Reves, district superintendent, led in prayer. Joe Lee Fleming introduced the members of the fellowship team who had charge of the worship service. Each carried out the theme of the service by telling of their call to full-time Christian service. The members of the team were: Lola Featherston, James Beal, Cannon Kinard, and George Wayne Martin. Following the speakers a film, "Cross Roads", was shown. This was the story of a young man's call to the ministry. All were inspired by this impressive worship service.—John Gulling, Treasurer, Ark. Tech, Russellville, Arkansas.

M. Y. F. ORGANIZED ON DELIGHT CHARGE

Rev. Joe Hunter met with the youth of Saline on the Delight Charge and organized a Methodist Youth Fellowship.

Officers elected were: Sarah Humphrey, president; Joyce Bate-man, vice-president; Irene Cox, secretary and treasurer.

Mrs. Tom Parson is sponsor.—Reporter.

LITTLE ROCK SUB-DISTRICT

The Little Rock Sub-District M. Y. F. held its monthly meeting at Henderson Church on Monday, March 26.

Miss Barbara Ago, president of Henderson M. Y. F., led the worship service. A motion picture, "Again Pioneers", was shown.

Miss Emogene Dunlap, Conference Director of Youth Work, led recreation. Refreshments were served by the Henderson Church women.—Eugene Efird, Reporter.

PHILLIPS COUNTY SUB-DISTRICT

The regular quarterly meeting of the Phillips County Sub-District was held in the Helena Methodist Church.

Worship service was in charge of Jamie Basker of Helena. Mr. Poole, principal of Helena Junior High School talked on "Fault-finding, Doubt and Excuses." A film, "Your Nickel—Your World" was shown.

A recreation period was held. The next meeting will be at Melwood.—Lois Jean Watson, Reporter.

CHRISTIAN SOCIAL RELATIONS IN THE HOPE DISTRICT

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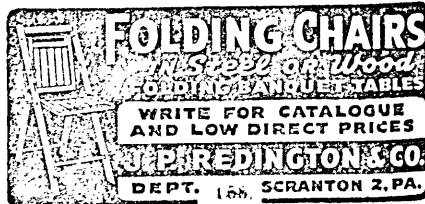
church rooms; get someone to speak to youth in school and church on alcohol and its effects; start a survey to determine where our community, both the church, and unchurched, go for recreation; urge church members to set a better example of living for the entire community; urge passage of laws, both local and state, with regard to morality.

Legislation: Every Christian become an intelligent voter; urge our Senators in Washington to cooperate in sending surplus grain to India from a humanitarian standpoint; recommend women write Senator Fulbright asking support for the ratification of Genocide Convention.

United Nations: Recommend we support the United Nations with prayer, giving more understanding and less criticism; circles study pamphlets on organizations of the United Nations, these to be secured from UN; support convention on Genocide.

After a discussion on reporting, the afternoon meeting was closed with a meditation by Mrs. Cotton period of silent consecration and rededication to the tasks that face us.

A delightful luncheon was provided by the ladies of the district and and Woman's Societies of Emmett and Locksburg.—Mrs. Earl D. Cotton.



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OBITUARY

ATCHLEY—Mack Atchley was born September 22, 1870 at Yellville, Arkansas, and died at his home in Dalark, Arkansas, April 25, 1950.

Mr. Atchley was born and reared in a parsonage home. Early in life he gave his heart and life to Christ and united with the Methodist Church, and for many years he walked with God and his church, thus giving to them his consecrated life, following the example of his godly parents. He was superintendent of the Sunday school at Dalark for many years. He was not only an inspiring church leader but a civic leader as well.

He was married to Miss Vellie McGhee of Pine Bluff, October 14, 1896. Four children were born to them. One of the children died at the age of five. Surviving are: R. M. Atchley, Jr., of Little Rock, Mrs. Graham Thompson of Pine Bluff, and Oliver Atchley of Dalark. His first wife died June 29, 1930. On Sept. 22, 1932 he married Miss Venia Carter of Arkadelphia, who also survives him.

Funeral service was in the Dalark Methodist Church April 26, by his pastor, R. L. Diffie.

Mr. Atchley is greatly missed by his many friends, but we cherish the memory of his great life and we feel that he is at rest with God.—R. L. Diffie, Chidester, Ark.

A TRIBUTE

One year ago, March 5, 1950, my brother, Colburn R. Sturch, went to his heavenly home. He was born on May 7, 1897, near Newark, Arkansas, and was dedicated to the Lord by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Sturch early in life. At the age of 18 years he accepted Christ as his Saviour and joined the Methodist Church. He was a member of the Masonic Lodge and had been an employee of the Rock Island Railroad as agent and operator for more than 33 years.

Colburn lived a beautiful Christian life, always giving God and his church the first place in his life. He taught a Sunday School class for several years. At the time of his death he was a member of the First Baptist Church at Forrest City. Funeral services were held in the church by his pastor, Rev. Minor E. Cole, and his body was laid to rest in the cemetery at Augusta.

In addition to his wife he is survived by one son, R. K. Sturch of Japan; three sisters, Mrs. Bessie Short of Pangburn, Mrs. Amanda Allen of Sheridan, and Mrs. Essie Boles of California; two half-sisters, Mrs. Bertie Shook and Mrs. Locky

SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

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me of the tree, and I did eat." It was about as though Adam would say to God, "I was getting along well enough but you had to give me this woman and now she has gotten me into this trouble." This is the first case in human history of "passing the buck." It started with the first man who came on the scene and has been going on ever since. When God raised the question with Eve she laid the blame on the serpent. Nothing is said here in Genesis about this serpent being Satan who had taken this form on this particular occasion, but the serpent is constantly referred to as Satan in other passages. (See Revelations 12:9 and 20:2.)

The Curse

As a result of this sin God placed two curses; one on the serpent and the other on the ground. It will be noted that there was no curse placed upon Adam and Eve, but both of them were punished. Eve was cursed with the pain of child-bearing, and Adam in tilling ground that persisted in bringing forth weeds and grass rather than vegetables and crops good for food.

Another punishment sent upon Adam and Eve was that of death. As a matter of fact they did not die physically within the limits of a twenty-four hour day after partaking of the forbidden fruit. There are three possible explanations given here. One is that God was speaking of spiritual death which means being separated from him, and they were driven out of the Garden of Eden that very day. Another explanation is based upon a Bible statement to the effect that a day with God is a thousand years and a thousand years is a day. (See 2 Pet. 3:8.) The argument is that Adam and Eve both died before God's day had come to a close; for no one has ever lived to be a thousand years old. The other explanation is that death began to work on the cells of their bodies the very day they partook of the forbidden fruit though it took several years for it to work out to their final destruction.

Some contend that the above mentioned items were not sent on Adam and Eve because of their sin. They call attention to the fact that the lower animals did not sin and yet they suffer these same consequences.

Young of Bradford; three half-brothers, G. W. Sturch of Clarkston, Mo., W. S. Sturch of Roosevelt, Arkansas, and M. H. Sturch of Grand Glaize, Arkansas.—Mrs. Bessie Short

The females of these creatures suffer in bearing young. These animals, as well as man, must put forth effort to live. Finally, all must die. The people who hold this opinion contend that these items of suffering come to all physical creatures, and that regardless as to whether or not they have sinned.

Some who disagree with the above mentioned opinion contend that the death spoken of as a punishment for sin is spiritual and not physical. The Bible speaks of two deaths—physical and spiritual. Death always means separation. Physical death is the separation of the soul and body; while spiritual death is the separation of the soul and God. All physical creatures must undergo the first, but no one is under necessity of suffering the second. We read in God's Word, "It is appointed unto man once to die." The trouble is, in spite of God's provision for the restoration of spiritual life, many die twice — they are eternally separated from God. That is hell enough for anybody, since the greatest blessing on earth is harmonious fellowship with God. As to the matter of labor, people who hold this opinion contend that it is not a curse. God had already put Adam to work in the Garden of Eden before the fall.

There is still another group who feel that the curse for sin was both physical and spiritual death. They feel that had Adam and Eve not sinned here would have still been a human race, but people would have passed off of the earth through translation (as did Enoch and Elijah) rather than through physical death.

The chief points of this lesson,

however, are as follows: Sin is a great evil and a terrible reality. The judgment of God is upon it. Those who refuse salvation must suffer the evil consequences of sin to the fullest extent which means damnation, or eternal separation from God.

ALL THE WAY

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that he was as happy about it as his boys.

All Christians are called of God to separate themselves from every evil association, and to give themselves to Christ without a single reservation.

Gracious God, our Heavenly Father, open our eyes that we may see the folly of wasting our time and talents in idleness or unworthy companionships. Strengthen us that we may serve and follow Jesus Christ. Amen.

Thomas A. Stacey
—from The Secret Place

The most destructive element in the human mind is fear. Fear creates aggressiveness; aggressiveness engenders hostility; hostility engenders fear—a disastrous circle.—Dorothy Thompson, "We Have Nothing to Fear But Fear Itself," Ladies' Home Journal, 3-'51

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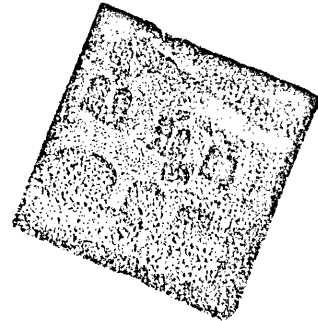
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WHAT IS SIN?

LESSON FOR APRIL 8, 1951

READ THE ENTIRE LESSON FROM YOUR BIBLE:
Genesis—3:1-8, 14-19; 4:1-8, 9-15; 6:5-8; 7:1-5, 23-24; 9:8-17.

GOLDEN TEXT: "For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Jesus Christ our Lord." (Romans 6:23)

Our lesson today is of great importance. We have for our consideration the beginning of sin and the fall of man. In speaking of the third chapter of Genesis Archbishop Trenchard had this to say: "This is the most important chapter in the Bible. It is the only chapter which, if we conceive it as being withdrawn, would leave all the rest of the Scriptures unintelligible. Nor is it the Bible alone that would at once become unintelligible, but the whole condition of the world around us would present itself to us as an unexplicable riddle."

Some scholars are inclined to take these first chapters of Genesis as allegorical. They insist that facts taught are not to be taken in literal form. The author simply uses this method to teach great spiritual truths much as Christ did in his parables. Others feel that these chapters are to be taken literally. They insist that we have here the actual history of the beginning of all things.

Let that be as it may, the lessons for us remain the same. The universe is here. Man did not create it, and it did not create itself. Its mechanism shows that its Creator was possessed of intelligence and purpose. Man is also here. He did not create himself. He is a person. The greatest thing we know anything about is personality. The lesser cannot create the greater, therefore, man must have been created by a Person, or something that man does not yet know about, which is greater than personality. We conclude that God, a Supreme Being, or Super-Person made man.

Sin is also here. We know that sin is not natural to human personality. People are contented and happy with things that are natural to them, but no person can be happy in sin. Sin to a person is like a splinter in the flesh or a gravel in the eye. People, therefore, were no more created to be sinners than was an eye to be filled with sand. But in spite of this fact all are sinners. The Bible never spoke a greater truth than when it said, "All have sinned and come short of the glory of God." Since man was not created to be a sinner and yet all are sinners, somewhere up the line there has been a fall.

We are confronted with two obvious facts. First, the fact of sin. This is one of the most positive realities of human experience. Men may deny many things in life but they cannot deny the fact of sin. It is present on every hand. The second reality is the fact that people are not and cannot be satisfied in sin. Genesis explains why these facts are true. Man was originally made in God's image. Sin entered man, as a foreign substance, after his creation. Man was created for fellowship with God. Away

from that fellowship, he cannot be happy. Augustine was right when he said in prayer to God, "Thou hast made us for thyself, and we cannot rest until we rest in thee."

Sin

According to the Bible there are several possible definitions to the word "sin". In some cases sin means missing the mark. God has a purpose or goal for each individual and for the human race as a whole, but many times that goal is not reached. God's purpose is thwarted. For example, God wants the human family to live the abundant life, but the majority of people fail to attain to it. God wants his Kingdom to come. He longs for a social order in which all will do his will, love him supremely and neighbor as self. This love is to express itself in active goodwill. All are to live together as brothers. The hope of the world lies here, but the goal is far from attainment.

Again, sin is spoken of as rebellion. People do their own will rather than the will of God. It is wickedness. It is failure. It is unrighteousness. It is crookedness. It is disobedience. It is doubt.

There are also sins of omission. It is just as sinful in the sight of God to leave undone good things that one should do as it is to do bad things. In fact Christ had far more to say against sins of omission. In the parable of the rich man and Lazarus, the rich man lifted up his eyes in hell not because of what he did but because of what he did not do. The same is true in the case of the rich farmer. He was lost not because he raised a good crop and built barns large enough to take care of it. His trouble was he thought he could feed his soul on the material things of life. He forgot that God said "Man cannot live by bread alone." The one-talent man is another case of an individual being lost because of sins of omission. The judgment scene recorded in the twenty-fifth chapter of Matthew also tells of others. Those on the left had failed to feed the hungry; clothe the naked, visit the sick, etc. We could go on multiplying illustrations. In fact, every person Christ spoke of as being lost was lost for sins of omission; not the bad he did but the good he left undone.

The Temptation

This temptation is supposed to be the first that ever came to the human family. The author pictures the tempter as the serpent. He goes on to say he was "more subtle than any beast of the field." According to the record he gets the woman into a conversation, and leads her step by step until the wrong is done. His first step was to lead her to doubt God. The woman had just told him that God had warned them

that the day they ate of the fruit they would die. The serpent replied, "Ye shall not surely die." He made her feel that she could sin and escape the punishment. That is still a big item in the matter of temptation. We have had thousands of years of history since the days of Eve. We should have learned long ago that "The wages of sin is death", people still take the chance. They still feel that they can sin and get by with it. A person is tempted to sin. He knows that thousands of others have dabbled with that sin and it has ruined them, but somehow he feels that in his case it will be different. Others have failed to get by, but his will be a special case.

The second thing that the serpent led Eve to believe was that God was holding out on her. He went on to say, "God doth know that in the day ye eat thereof, then your eyes shall be opened, and ye shall be as gods, knowing good and evil." It will be noted that these two steps made God out to be a bad Person. The first accused him of lying, and the second of being selfish; of keeping something back for himself that should be shared with others.

These two statements concerning God did the job. We read, "And when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was pleasant to the eye, and a tree to

be desired to make one wise, she took of the fruit thereof, and did eat, and gave unto her husband with her; and he did eat."

Their Sin Found Them Out

God warns in his Holy Word "Be sure your sins will find you out." That is exactly what happened on this occasion. Adam and Eve learned, as all others have done, that one cannot sin and escape the consequences of it. When sin is committed it becomes a part of the sinner. He cannot any more run away from it than he can run away from himself. There is a true sense in which sin carries with it the elements of its own punishment.

When Adam and Eve realized that God was present they tried to hide, but all to no avail. The voice of God rung loud and clear in the first question he ever raised with man—"Adam, where art thou?" God knew where Adam was and what he had done. He knows all things. He reads our minds afar off. The very hairs of our heads are numbered. Not even a sparrow can fall to the ground without his knowledge.

We recall the excuses made by Adam and Eve for their sin. Adam tried to lay the blame both on Eve and God. He said "The woman thou gavest to be with me, she gave

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