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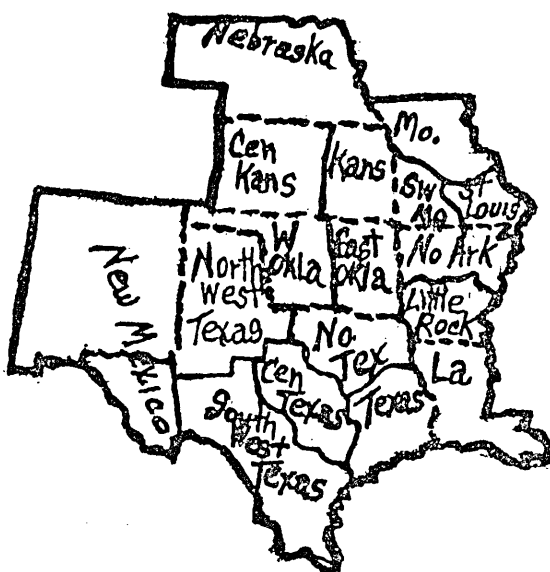
THE Methodist Church in the United States is divided into six Jurisdictional Conferences, five of these conferences being certain designated geographical areas and the sixth Conference being made up of the Negro annual Conferences, the Negro Mission Conferences and Missions in the United States. The Northeastern, Southeastern, North Central, South Central and Western Jurisdictional Conferences are those which are divided by geographical boundaries. The Central Jurisdictional Conference area includes the whole of the United States except for certain states in the Western and Northeastern Jurisdiction.

The South Central Jurisdiction is composed of the states of Missouri, Arkansas, Louisiana, Nebraska, Kansas, Oklahoma, Texas and New Mexico. In land area this Jurisdiction compares in size to that of the Western, North Central and Southeastern Jurisdictions, is fourth in the number of active ministers, fourth in the number of pastoral charges and preaching places, fourth in church school membership, fourth in total number of church members, fourth in number of members received on profession of faith and from preparatory rolls, third in amount paid in support of ministry, fourth in World Service giving, third in support of Advance Specials, and third in amount paid for all purposes.

The South Central Jurisdiction, as are other Jurisdictions, is divided into Episcopal Areas, with one Bishop assigned to each area for general Episcopal supervision. Each area is composed of three or more annual conferences. The following annual conferences make up the various Episcopal Areas of this Jurisdiction: Arkansas-Louisiana Area, Bishop Paul E. Martin, Little Rock Conference, Louisiana Conference, North Arkansas Conference; Dallas-Fort Worth Area, Bishop William C. Martin, Central Texas Conference, North Texas Conference, Northwest Texas Conference; Houston Area, Bishop A. Frank Smith, Rio Grande (Mexican) Conference, Southwest Texas Conference, Texas Conference; Kansas-Nebraska Area, Bishop Dana Dawson, Central Kansas Conference, Kansas Conference and Nebraska Conference; Oklahoma-New Mexico Area, Bishop W. Angie Smith, East Oklahoma Conference, Indian Mission Conference, New Mexico Conference, West Oklahoma Conference; St. Louis Area, Bishop Ivan Lee Holt, Missouri Conference, St. Louis Conference, Southwest Missouri Conference.

The annual conference throughout historic Methodism has been the basic working unit of The Methodist Church. In many instances there is more than one annual conference in a state, depending upon the strength of Methodism in that state and the size of the state. Nebraska and Louisiana are conferences unto themselves as is New Mexico plus the southwest corner of Texas. Arkansas, Kansas, Oklahoma have two conferences each while Missouri has three and Texas five with a portion of a sixth. These annual conferences are more closely organized for purposes of program administration than the various Episcopal Areas of which they are a part. Generally speaking, there is no organ-

Map Of The States And Annual Conferences Of The South Central Jurisdiction Of The Methodist Church



izational structure on the Episcopal Area level although some areas have occasional promotional meetings at the call of their Bishops. The next step from the annual conference level is to the Jurisdictional Conference level.

The South Central Jurisdictional Organization

Only two of the six Jurisdictional Conferences of Methodism are organized on anything like a substantial basis with active Jurisdictional headquarters, functioning Jurisdictional Councils, Jurisdictional Executive Secretaries, and Jurisdictional Boards, Committees and Commissions that meet during the course of the quadrennium to evaluate their work and make plans for further promotion of their areas of responsibility. The Southeastern Jurisdiction and the South Central Jurisdiction have been developing the Jurisdiction system until their Jurisdictional offices, Boards, Councils, etc., are influential in determining the course of the Methodist program in their respective Jurisdiction.

In the South Central Jurisdiction the Jurisdictional Council has developed into an implementing and correlating body, carrying out the actions taken by the General and Jurisdictional Conferences. The Council also fills General and Jurisdictional Board and Commission vacancies, promotes generally the Methodist program, and deals with problems and emergencies which may arise between sessions of the Jurisdictional Conference. This Council has an administrative office, the Executive Secretary, whose duty it is to direct and promote, for the Council, through the Boards and Commissions, the program of the Jurisdiction and the Council. Dr. Paul D. Womeldorf is the South Central Jurisdiction Executive Secretary

and his office is located in Oklahoma City, which is about the geographical center of the Jurisdiction. The Jurisdictional Conference in its last session in 1948 in El Paso, Texas, adopted a constitution for the Jurisdiction Council, a copy of which is found on pages 150-54 of the Journal of that Conference.

The Council by its constitution is composed as follows: effective Bishops of the Jurisdiction, chairman of the Jurisdictional Boards of Education, Evangelism, Hospitals and Homes, Lay Activities, Missions and Church Extension, the Woman's Society of Christian Service; Chairman of following Jurisdictional Standing Committees: Ministry, Annual Conference Boundaries, Annual Conference Journals, Publishing Interests, Conference Claimants, State of Church, Budget; one clerical and one lay representative from each Episcopal Area; one representative of the Missouri Corporation, Board of Pensions; the Secretary and Treasurer of the Jurisdictional Conference, and the Executive Secretary. The Council meets at least once each year and it is holding its 1951 annual meeting here in Little Rock during the Convocation period.

Present officers of the Jurisdictional Council include Dr. H. Bascom Watts, Chairman, Dr. Marshall Steel, Vice-Chairman, T. Russell Reitz, Secretary, and Milton F. Steinfeld, Treasurer. Bishop A. Frank Smith is the Episcopal member of the Jurisdictional Council Executive Committee.

Other than the Council there are the following Jurisdictional Boards or Commissions: Commission on Finance, Jurisdiction Court of Appeals, Board of Education, Board of Evangelism, Board of Hospitals and Homes, Board of Lay Activities, Board of Missions and Church Extension, Board of Pensions, Board of Publications, Board of Temperance, Commission on World Peace, Deaconess Association. These various groups are charged with the responsibility of interpreting and promoting the work of the General Boards of Methodism in their respective areas.

The following additional facts and figures from recent reports may be of interest to those who care to pursue further the Jurisdictional plan of operation. The South Central Jurisdiction through the 1950 annual conferences had 2,994 ministers in the active relation, and 1,194 Accepted Supply ministers. There are 126 Districts in the 19 Annual Conferences, with 4,258 pastoral charges, having 6,951 preaching places. The value of church buildings, parsonages, etc., is placed at \$221,320,462 with a total indebtedness of \$8,907,966. There are 1,106,711 church school members and 265,536 women having membership in the Woman's Society of Christian Service. The Jurisdiction has 1,707,535 active and inactive members of The Methodist Church and they paid last year for all purposes \$49,920,680. \$2,161,940 of this amount was for World Service and \$825,199 was for Advance For Christ and His Church Specials.

(Figures given in this article were taken from the General Minutes of the Annual Conference of The Methodist Church, 1950 Edition.)

Editorials:

Basic Requirements For A Successful Minister

WE are briefly discussing, in this article, four qualities of character which, we believe, are basic in the life of any successful minister. Let it be understood that success, as we think about it here, is not measured by the grade of appointments the minister holds, but by the character of service rendered. Neither are we saying that these four qualities of character alone will make a minister successful. There are many other elements of equipment necessary to the work of a well-balanced ministry. However, the four qualities of character we mention are almost universally found in the life of any truly successful minister.

It is axiomatic to say that every Christian minister *should be sincerely Christian*. Otherwise he is as "the blind leading the blind." If he is not sincerely religious, his whole ministry must, of necessity, be a gross hypocrisy.

Successful work in the ministry requires a *patience* that is akin to the patience of the Master. There are numerous occasions in the ministry when the patience of the minister is so tried that he may feel like "kicking the bucket over" and walking out. However, this course of conduct is a "luxury" too expensive for any Christian minister to afford. The proper exercise of patience in times of stress and strain has prevented the failure and added to the success of multitudes of ministers.

The successful minister must be so *interested in folks* that he not only loves people generally, but he can even love the unlovable, whether that

Combining Mass Evangelism With Visitation Evangelism

IT was the writer's privilege, during the two weeks preceding Easter, to be associated with Rev. I. L. Claud, pastor of Washington Avenue, North Little Rock, in a very unusual evangelistic campaign which he has reported on page 12 of this week's *Arkansas Methodist*.

During the last quarter of a century and more it has been our privilege to work repeatedly in practically every type of evangelism used during this period. As mass evangelism became increasingly difficult, we have joined others, with encouraging results, in personal and visitation evangelistic campaigns with and without preaching services at the church.

In the evangelistic campaign at Washington Avenue, as carefully planned by Brother Claud,

unlovableness is in character or personal appearance. He must be able to evaluate and love human personality regardless of the character of the "earthly tabernacle" in which that personality dwells.

The really successful minister must be blessed with "*common sense*." Paradoxical as it may sound, common sense is in no sense common. Neither is it as commonly found as one might wish. Many other qualities of life may be acquired or cultivated. Common sense is a blessing with which Nature endows us. It may be sharpened and intensified by education but intellectual training will not produce it.

One has not "*arrived*" simply because he may possess these four basic requirements for the ministry but he is ready to get ready for a very promising service as a Christian minister.

there was a combination of some features of mass evangelism with visitation evangelism, which in our judgement, holds high promise for preserving and combining some of the best features of both of these evangelistic methods.

While the total campaign ran through the entire Lenten season, the two weeks preceding Easter were given to a combination of preaching and visitation emphasis that we have not seen before. Beginning with the preaching services at the church on Sunday, we alternated each night, following, with visiting in the homes and evangelistic services at the church. The next night especially trained workers met at the church for a supper meeting and instructions and then, with special assignments went out for evangelistic visiting in the homes. The rest of the church made friendly visits in homes wherever they felt a visit would be helpful. The following night we came back to the church for a preaching service, bringing to the service as many of those visited as possible, thus giving them immediate opportunity to feel the warmth of welcome a church spiritually alive can give.

The crowds and interest grew in the services at the church much as they formerly did in mass evangelism through the climax on Easter Sunday, thereby doing something for the church generally that visitation evangelism, alone, does not do. On the other hand the visiting in the homes did something about reaching the people that, today, mass evangelism, alone, does not do. For the purpose of strengthening the spiritual life of the church, and for reaching the unchurched, it is our feeling that this combination of evangelistic methods holds a high promise for evangelism wherever proper preliminary planning has been made. We believe this plan could be used effectively in situations both large and small.

A Tale Of Two Lands And Two Faiths

By MRS. FRANK G. BROOKS, President, Woman's Division of Christian Service

THE scene of my story is Il Maten—a village typical of the thousands of Moslem villages which dot the mountainsides and top the foothills of Algeria. It is a village whose main street is about six feet wide—a street, of dislocated stones, which winds up the hill for several miles. Along this street are so-called houses, many of which have one room, with a dirt floor and no windows.

Into such a home young girls enter upon marriage, and, oftentimes, never see the world outside again. But my story is of Arezki—a boy—who left Algeria.

Arezki was one of a number of shepherd boys who come occasionally to the mission dispensary for treatment of the various ailments that come to shepherd boys: malaria fever, malignant ulcers, sore eyes. This boy had the same diseases as the other boys, but his appearance was different. He was much more of a blonde than the average Kabyle boy. The North Africans are not Negroes, and the Kabyles are a Berber people who resemble physically, the Spanish and the Italian people of the swarthy type. Occasionally one sees blue eyes and fair hair among the Kabyles but Arezki was exceptionally blonde for North Africa; he was the type one would expect to find in Northern Europe.

It was not so much his complexion that attracted the attention of the missionary in charge of the dispensary, but the fact that he was so desperately miserable, even more

undernourished than the average Kabyle shepherd boy. After many discreet questions, the missionary learned some details of a strange family history.

The boy's mother was a Polish refugee who had come to France after the first great war. She married a French farmer who lived near Paris, and she bore him a son. This son was later called Arezki, though that was not his proper French name. But the Polish woman was not satisfied to stay on the farm; she was lured toward the great city. She ran away to Paris taking with her the infant son. In the great city she met a romantic North African, a Kabyle from the Djurdjura mountains in Algeria. The Kabyle man accepted the Polish woman's French son as his own; and, when the second great war threatened the French capital, this strange family sought refuge in North Africa.

There was not much actual fighting in Algeria, but there was terrible privation and suffering among the poor people as a result of the war. Arezki's mother died not long after her arrival in the native village. And like so many of the Kabyle men who seek fortune in France and there lose their health, Arezki's adopted father died a few months later, leaving the boy to his own aged Kabyle father. Arezki's adopted grandfather loved him very much; but, as in all families where there is polygamy, there is the terrible consequence of jealousy and

intrigue. And this was the cause of Arezki's misery.

As long as the old man was alert, he saw to it that the women of the house gave the strange lad his ration. However, when he began to fail, Arezki received only the scraps and sometimes not even that from the Kabyle women who had hated his mother.

Fortunately the old man had care-

fully guarded the papers for the boy, including his birth certificate. When the missionary discovered the thread of this strange tale, she wondered if she might write to the French father of the boy. Of course, there was little prospect of finding him, and less probability that he would be interested in a nineteen-year-old son who could not speak in any

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Kabyle women at a well in an Algerian town.

THE DEVOTIONAL PAGE

REV. ROY I. BAGLEY, Editor

IS THE MACHINE AGE STUNTING OUR SOULS?

By Elizabeth Lee

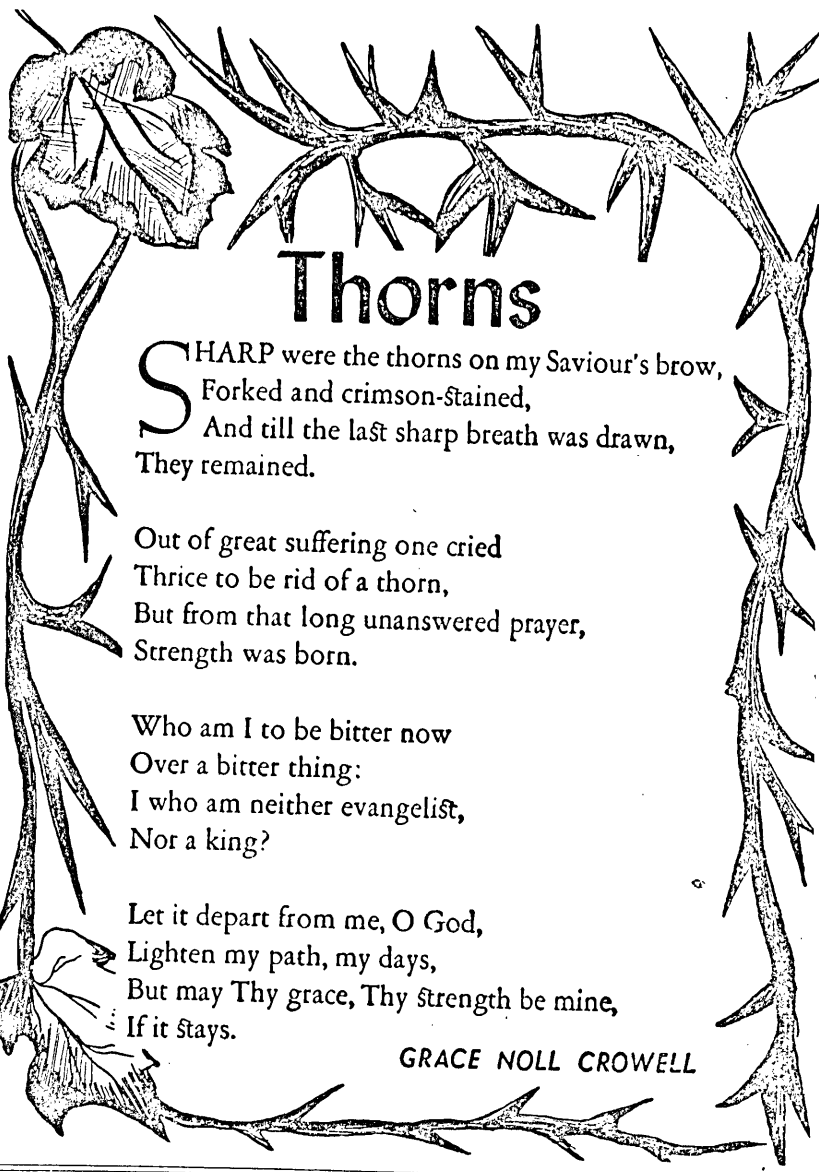
Mechanistic industry has played a large role in the arrival of the world at its present situation. This is the opinion voiced by Dr. Basil Mathews when speaking of the factors which have contributed to the present world economic and spiritual condition which stares us in the face with ever more haunting eyes. *The machine that man has created to be his slave has turned on its creator and is fast enslaving him.* The machine places our screws, turns the rungs of our chairs that might almost be Chippendale were they not of mechanistic production, paints our vases, and almost creates our music, as is shown by a European composer in a symphony where he translates the sounds of the factory into alleged music.

Throughout Europe we find a cry raised against the mechanisms that are "Americanism" as the Germans call it. The most wonderful part of life to the European is the creating of something distinctive, something unique. Many Europeans think of America only as the place where all individual ideas of beauty and art are crushed by the iron machine. As Dr. Mathews says: "They fear that their culture will be swept away and drowned under a Niagara of mass production."

We cannot deny that here in America we are so busily engaged with earning a living that we have little time to really live. Beautiful living is an art. It becomes perfect only when it is cultivated. The sunshine and the rain of a life that has charm, a poise that comes from understanding and adaptability are found in periods of relaxation, moments of meditation, with thoughts and ideals that are of the spirit, and in listening to the silent voice of God which speaks to us from the lovely sunsets, the glory of the flowers the magnificence of the sea. The things in life that make it worth living are not measured by the cubic feet in a factory!

"The mass man with the mass mind is the most dreadful of all slaveries for the soul," says Dr. Basil Mathews. What we need is more intelligence on the part of thinking America. An educated person is often one who thinks just as others think; an intelligent person is one who thinks for himself. Many times we hear the discords when it is possible for us to hear the beautiful harmonies of life. When we think for ourselves, not with a mass mind, we find deep sources of unlimited beauty within ourselves. These are a part of the art of living.

The hope for the world is not in Christianizing it, but in re-Christianizing it. When Ghandi said that he will accept our Jesus but not our Christianity, when Europeans are afraid to adopt our culture less it crush the joy of individual creation from their lives, it is time for us to look to ourselves. Only in the Absolutes of Christianity—Honesty, Justice, Purity, and Love, can we hope to grow a soul that will rise above the mechanism of industry and the material nature of life.



Thorns

SHARP were the thorns on my Saviour's brow,
Forked and crimson-stained,
And till the last sharp breath was drawn,
They remained.

Out of great suffering one cried
Thrice to be rid of a thorn,
But from that long unanswered prayer,
Strength was born.

Who am I to be bitter now
Over a bitter thing:
I who am neither evangelist,
Nor a king?

Let it depart from me, O God,
Lighten my path, my days,
But may Thy grace, Thy strength be mine,
If it stays.

GRACE NOLL CROWELL

IS YOUR RELIGION ATTRACTIVE?

"It is no longer because of your statement that we believe, for we have heard him ourselves, and we know that he is really the Savior of the world." John 4:42

THERE is a phrase in the forty-fifth Psalm that attracts our attention, "All glorious is the king's daughter within." The attractiveness of our religion is from the depth of life and not from outward appearance. This attractiveness in our lives is the magnet that attracts people to our Christ. Many are saying, "Show us the Father and that is enough." Sincere Christians are the light of that text.

It is interesting to note the change in the attitude of the people toward the woman of the village of Sychar. Before her interview with Jesus they had avoided her. The discovery that she had made was so attractive that they listened to her words and went to hear Jesus themselves. The testimony of our lives

will turn people in the right way but they must hear the voice of God themselves to find the deep peace for which they seek. The attractiveness of our Christian experience is of first importance in helping people to yield to God. If they do not see something in our lives as professed Christians they are not likely to be led to the Christ that we profess.

Our religion ought to be wholesome and winsome. All of us have seen people who if that was the kind of religion that resulted in that kind of living then we did not want any of it. If life did not yield any deeper joys than was revealed in these lives then the other way would be more attractive. On the other hand a life that is alive with the Spirit of Christ is refreshing as a cool morning breeze on a hot summer day. Just how attractive is our religion?

How attractive is our religion in trouble? We can remember people in their trouble whose lives were an inspiration. It is more than a stoical attitude toward trouble; it is not just "being able to take it on the chin," it is a purifying and sanctifying spirit in all our trouble that makes even those hours of darkness yield a richness that makes life more beautiful.

PRAYER FOR THE WEEK

Our Father, in this tragic hour of the history of our world we are baffled and confused. We need Thy guidance in our lives and pray most earnestly that the leaders of the nations may turn their hearts unto Thee. We pray for United Nations. Help us that we may never lose faith in a world organization of nations with the purpose of peace. Give us vision to see that in comparison to the age old theory of war that United Nations is an infant. Give the nations that seek peace and co-operation greater wisdom and insight than those who will not seek that goal. But save them from arrogance and foolish pride. May Thine eternal spirit guide us in this New Year. As Thou hast been our help in ages past be Thou our hope for years to come. We pray in Jesus' Name. Amen.

How attractive is our religion when it comes to sharing? Is there a beauty in our lives as we come to share what we have with others; or is there a reluctance that kills all the joy of giving. There are those in the church who will cry loud and long about their giving. They are the ones who usually are not hurt in their generosity. "The Lord loveth a cheerful giver" and so does everyone else. When we come to dedicate our gifts to God do we let people know that we are sharing in the greatest venture known to the mind of man? Or do people see our attitude reflecting the serious mistake that it is just "a necessary evil" that must be tolerated because it is nice to do this? The attitude that we take in our giving will indicate the real value that we place on our Church and on the work of the entire Kingdom. How do people read our sense of values?

Where this question really comes to be uncomfortably close is when we ask whether our religion is really attractive in our homes. Do our children and our neighbor's children really feel that religion makes any difference in our lives? Here is the place where it must really be put into practice. The difference between the practice of parents and their profession is a stumbling block of major proportions in the lives of children and youth.

One other question that we need to ask, "Is your religion attractive in your Church?" How does the visitor, or even the member who does not attend regularly, feel when he comes into the Church? Is there a spiritual warmth that is so attractive that people will say that surely this is the house of God? If there is one thing that will attract people to our churches it is this warm friendly Christian spirit that builds a fellowship in which there is a feeling that God is really present.

There are enough jewels in the life of every Christian to shine out in great beauty when they are refined by the presence of the living Christ. He admonishes us to "let our light so shine" not make it shine. The beauty of the Living Christ is the real source of the attractiveness of our faith. Let us give Him complete control.—R. B.

"For Thy great gift, O Father,
We thank Thee today—
The gift of Silence;

For the rich, warm, generous Silence
We thank Thee,
Wherein our souls,
Stunted and shrivelled and starved
In the arid desert of ev'ryday hurry
and strain,
May rest and quietly grow, and expand
Upward to Thee."

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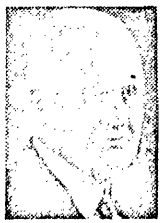
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A WEEKLY MESSAGE

By FORNEY HUTCHINSON

AN INSPIRING PICTURE

Above my desk there hangs, what is to me, a very inspiring picture. It is a portrait of Mrs. Jeffie Wickline, of Oklahoma City. During the fourteen years of my stay in that city she was one of my faithful members at St. Luke's Methodist Church. She was not prominent in the church, nor in society. She lived in a small house in a part of the city which was no longer popular as a residence section. She was always in her place in the church and did her part in its support.

One day, when I was calling to see her, she told me she had a little money on hand that she wanted to give to the cause of Christ, and would like me to help her place it where it would do the most good. A little later, I went back to see her and suggested that she make a gift to Scarritt College, in Nashville, Tenn., to make possible a period of training for some young woman who desired to consecrate her life to Christian service. In a few days she came to see me, and to my great surprise, laid on my desk what was for her a very handsome gift. Through Scarritt College we found the right young woman and made possible her training for Christian service. That scholarship is still in effect.

Sister Wickline lived alone in two rooms, originally intended for the dining room and kitchen of her home. The other rooms were rented to outsiders. She had a son in the regular army, who visited her occasionally and wrote her regularly, but she really knew very little about him. Unexpectedly the news came that he had passed away and had willed what he had to his mother. It created for her an opportunity she hardly knew how to handle.

In the meantime I moved to Tulsa, and a new addition known as Midwest City opened up in Oklahoma City. There they organized a Methodist Church and were trying to find the means to construct a building. To every one's surprise, Sister Wickline made a very generous gift, the building is now complete and the church is a growing institution.

A few years ago, one Sunday morning my wife and I were on our way to Oklahoma City, stopped at Midwest City, went to the church, and on invitation from the pastor I preached at the morning hour. The church is a beautiful modern structure and I wondered at what had been accomplished. The pastor told me it was due largely to a generous gift from a Mrs. Wickline, of St. Luke's Church, Oklahoma City. The church

NEWS AND NOTES ABOUT FACTS AND FOLKS

BISHOP PAUL E. MARTIN will dedicate the new Wesley Church at Springdale on Sunday, April 8, at 3:00 p. m. and the new educational building at First Church, Springdale, at 7:30 p. m.

THE sympathy of friends goes out to Mrs. Ethan Dodgen, wife of the district superintendent of the Forrest City District, in the death of her father, Mr. John Campbell of Welch, Louisiana, on Sunday, April 1.

DEAN J. H. HUTCHINSON, of A. and M. College, Monticello, conducted Easter worship services and Charles E. Jackson delivered the sermon at the First Methodist Church, Monticello, due to the illness of the pastor, Rev. Roland E. Darrow.

DR. A. B. BONDS, State Commissioner of Education of Arkansas, and member of Winfield Church, Little Rock, was the speaker at the recent anniversary banquet of the Builders' Sunday School Class of the Brinkley Church. Edgar Henderson is teacher of the class which has some sixty members.

THE first churchwide meeting for Methodist directors of Christian education will be held at Estes Park, Colorado, July 8-13, it has been announced by Rev. Walter Towner, director of the Department of General Church School Work, General Board of Education. An attractive program featuring speakers of national prominence is being prepared and will be announced later.

REV. JESSE L. JOHNSON, our pastor at Brinkley, writes: "The adult choir of our church presented an Easter cantata, 'The Story of Easter,' according to St. Matthew, by Lorenz, to a large and appreciative congregation on Easter Sunday evening. Equally as many people were present on Sunday evening as in the morning service. The choir was directed by Mrs. J. L. Woodfin, with Mrs. Frank Pace as organist. The choir is made up of fifteen members."

REV. H. LYNN WADE, pastor at Wilson, writes: "We had a good day yesterday (Easter) with sunrise service at 6:30 and another service at 11:00. We received a class of members numbering sixteen, thirteen on profession of faith. A meeting will begin on April 15 with Rev. Garland C. Taylor, pastor at Osceola, as the evangelist and Earl Ward of Waco, Texas, as singer."

REV. CHARLES L. FRY, retired member of the St. Louis Conference who had served appointments in Arkansas, passed away at his home in Russellville on Wednesday, March 28. He is survived by his wife, one daughter, Mrs. Lonus Canerday, and a son, Rev. Paul Fry, Methodist minister in Mississippi. Funeral services were held at the First Methodist Church in Russellville on Thursday.

WORD comes of the death of Hayward Johnson of the Board of Temperance of the Methodist Church on March 12. Mr. Johnson produced such plays as "Prisoner at the Bar" and "The Criminal" across the nation and was in Arkansas last fall when he directed "Prisoner at the Bar" in a large number of churches. He was killed when his car plowed into a parked highway department truck near Collinsville, Illinois.

has since been named the Wickline Memorial Church. It fills a very needy place and is doing a wonderful work.

Since I have been back in Tulsa I had a letter from the pastor, enclosing a picture of Sister Wickline. I had it framed and it now hangs over my desk. I also wrote to her, congratulating her on her wise benevolence. Many others could do what she has done, and is still doing, if they were consecrated to the cause of Christ as she is. Her picture is an unfailing inspiration to me. May God wonderfully bless her and the church which bears her name!

REV. H. W. JINSKE, pastor at Gravette writes: "A new Hammond organ, costing \$1250.00 was installed in the Gravette Methodist Church on Saturday, March 24. It was purchased from the Jenkins Music Company of Joplin, Mo. The transaction was handled for the church by the Board of Stewards with J. E. Potter as chairman. After hearing the organ during the Easter services the entire church was very enthusiastic about it."

A METHODIST church-wide Consultation on Youth Evangelism will be held April 17, 18 and 19 at Scarritt College, Nashville, Tenn. The conference will bring together youth leaders from throughout the county to consider the entire field of youth evangelism and plan the program of 15 to 20 evangelistic work camps to be held this summer. Rev. Howard Ellis, Nashville, chairman of the joint committee on youth evangelism, said staff members of the Board of Evangelism, Board of Education, and the National Conference of Methodist Youth will participate in the meeting.

SO that American, British and Korean troops—and occasionally Korean civilians—may worship together in Christian song, the United Nations Military Command in Korea, through the Corps of Chaplains, has issued a unique Christian hymnal, the first copies of which have just reached the U. S. A. On facing pages the hymn and its music are printed in Korean and in English. They are the Christian songs familiar to English-speaking congregations, and the Korean translations have been made in past years by missionaries and Korean Christians.

THE National Convocation of Deaconesses will bring 500 Methodist women workers to Kansas City, Mo., April 11-13. Miss Mary Lou Barnwell, director of the Deaconess Bureau of the Woman's Division of Christian Service, is planning the convocation. "Our Witness in the Waking World" is the theme for the meeting which has four-fold emphasis on the worker: her purpose, personality, power, and potentiality. A feature is a pageant on the history of deaconess work by Mrs. Ruth M. Worrell, Columbus, Ohio, former executive of the United Council of Church Women.

LETTER FROM CHAPLAIN SEALS

Changpyong, Korea
15 March 1951

Dear Brother Wayland and Readers of the Arkansas Methodist:

Some of our recent packages have had the paper torn and sender's name lost, so I may have missed a few people with my personal thanks notes. I am continuing to receive goods in good shape, even though the cartons themselves are a bit torn.

We are now operating a refugee control point (about 150 people a day) as well as making contributions to the orphanage at Taego. We have sorted out clothes, saved part of our candy ration and collected money from the boys at church for rice to give the refugees who have no food at all. I want to assure you that the clothes are priceless for the orphanage and also for children and old people who flee through our lines from the battle zone almost naked.

The cocoa and powdered milk are fine for the aged and very young we find left in the villages we push into on our advance.

One final thing, if any church cares to make an offering toward the purchase of a sewing machine it would be invaluable for the orphanages or refugee centers. I can purchase them from Japan for about \$50.00 each.

Again let me say thanks to the wonderful people of Arkansas churches.

Sincerely,
Ray

Ray D. Seals,
Chaplain Captain,
Hdqr. 31st Inf.
APO-7
San Francisco, Calif.

CURRENT NEWS IN THE RELIGIOUS WORLD

Selected from Religious News Service Releases

Reports Released-Time Picking Up Speed

The movement to release public school children an hour or more a week for religious instruction is picking up speed, according to Dr. Erwin L. Shaver, director of week-day religious education for the National Council of Churches. "We are trying to get away from the classes being held in public schools or assisted in any way by the public schools," Dr. Shaver said. At present, the said, 85 per cent of the classes are held in churches—"the best place for them." In some areas they are still being held in the schools, but that is being discouraged, he said.

President Asks Denominational Quarrels Be Overlooked

President Truman told a group of Protestant editors that "denominational quarrels should be overlooked" in this time of crisis. The President spoke informally in the White House rose garden to delegates attending the 32nd annual meeting of the Associated Church Press. He said that this nation is attempting "to mobilize the moral forces of the world against the unmoral forces," and that church papers and their readers could help substantially in this aim. Mr. Truman added that he is "somewhat hipped" on this subject since it is "the most important thing in the world today." He urged the editors to give every support to those forces that "believe in honor and ethics, and unrighteousness and the keeping of agreements." When these forces are in control of the world, he said, "we will have peace."

Presbyterian Groups Agree On Merger Plan

Special committees of the Presbyterian Church in the U. S. (Southern) and the Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church announced unanimous agreement at Atlanta, Ga., on a plan of union to be submitted to the governing bodies of both denominations in June. The plan will be presented in the form of a report setting forth recommendations on the basis of which union may be consummated in 1952 provided that local presbyteries of both bodies approve the merger by a three-fourths majority. Under the proposed plan doctrinal standards, for the most part already accepted by both groups, would rest in the Westminster Confession of Faith and the larger and shorter catechisms. The Book of Church Order of the Presbyterian Church in the U. S. would be the basis of government, worship and discipline in the united church.

Business Man To Tackle Clergy Shortage Problem

A businessman who overcame the student nurse shortage for Indiana Methodist hospitals has now tackled the shortage of ministers and lay church workers. Edward F. Gallahue, president of the American States Insurance Co., in Indianapolis accepted an invitation from Methodist Bishop Richard C. Raines of Indianapolis to work out a recruiting program for Christian vocations similar to his nurses' recruiting plan which has been adopted nationally by the Methodist Board of Hospitals

KOREAN REFUGEES THANK U. S. CHURCHES FOR AID

Twenty thousand South Korean refugees attended a mass-meeting at Pusan which voted to send a message of thanks to American churches and church-sponsored relief agencies "for having helped us a great deal both materially and spiritually since the outbreak of the Korean war."

Drafted in the name of six million South Korean refugees in the United Nations perimeter the message read:

"We have been thankful for your sending us necessary relief goods such as food, clothing and medicines, despite the difficulties of transportation in this war. If it were not for your helping us spiritually and materially, thousands more Korean refugees would have died from cold and starvation this winter."

"All free people on the earth today face the historical moment which will decide whether the individual should be able to defend the culture, religion and history that have been inherited from his ancestors."

"The six million South Korean inhabitants came down to this United Nations area with the courage and determination to protect our tradition and native land to the last. If there is any way in which we can possibly repay you for the generous assistance that has been offered to us poor refugees, we will never spare our efforts."

and Homes. Mr. Gallahue will attempt to provide Indiana Methodists with a permanent program for bringing "the cream of the state's youth" into the ministry.

Shipboard Religious Services Well Attended

Shipboard religious services are attended by more American fighting men and crew members than ever before, according to a report released at Seattle, Wash., by Chaplain (Cmdr.) E. C. Andrews of the Military Sea Transportation Service in the North Pacific. He said that, on a recent voyage of the USS Marine Lynx, 598 men attended the six services that were held, as compared with 276 men at the six services of a previous voyage on which the ship carried approximately the same number of troops.

Voice of America Broadcasts Easter Services

Easter services were broadcast in 20 languages by the Voice of America this year. The State Department said that its radio division picked up Protestant and Roman Catholic Good Friday and Easter services in more than a dozen cities from coast to coast. A spokesman for the Department said that "the Voice of America finds religious programs some of the most effective that it can carry. Nothing better bespeaks American democracy than our freedom of worship. It is especially meaningful to those who are denied that freedom."

Plan Speed-Up of Church Relief Supplies to Korea

Efforts are being made to speed up delivery to Korea of relief materials collected by American churches, the State Department's advisory committee on voluntary aid declared. At the same time, the committee reported that American religious bodies had made available to the Secretary General of the United Nations a little more than three million dollars worth of relief supplies for Korea as of March 15. Church World Service, interdenominational Protestant agency, has made available \$322,458 in relief

supplies. The American Friends Service Committee has contributed \$141,500 worth of materials, the National Association of Evangelicals \$60,000 worth, and Lutheran World Relief \$44,550 worth.

Adventists Contribute \$137 Per Capita

Members of the Seventh-day Adventist Church in the United States and Canada gave an average of \$137 each to the work of their denomination last year, according to the Church's 1951 yearbook published at Takoma Park, Md. The denomination has a world-wide membership of 716,538, attending 10,032 churches, the yearbook said, ten per cent of whom are enduring persecution behind the Iron Curtain.

Church Membership Rate Twice Population Growth

American church membership since 1926 has increased at a rate nearly double that of the country's population growth, according to a survey made by the National Council of Churches. Results of the survey showed that between 1926 and 1949 church membership went up 51.5 per cent while the population grew by an estimated 30 per cent. The survey tabulated the membership of 54 religious bodies, all with more than 50,000 members. These groups account for 97 per cent of American church membership. Protestant groups during the 23-year period added 16,954,322 members for a 56 per cent growth. Roman Catholics added 9,005,305 for a 48.8 per cent increase, and Jewish congregations 918,758 for a 22.5 per cent gain. Total membership of the tabulated religious bodies, which include two Orthodox Churches, rose from 53,230,413 in 1926 to 80,682,575 in 1949, the survey reported.

Okl. Legislature Passes 'Bone Dry' Bill

Oklahoma churchmen were one step nearer their goal after the House of Representatives passed a "bone dry" bill already approved by the Senate. The measure, which outlaws the sale of beer for drinking on the premises of any establishment and provides for county op-

tion, passed the House by a 99 to 4 vote. Rep. Edwin Langley of Muskogee, who labeled himself a "wet", said: "I am for the bone dry bill because this state is so emphatically dry. Sixty-six counties voted in 1949 to retain prohibition." Churchmen, banded together as the Oklahoma Dry Association, have been battling for the 'bone dry' measure since the legislative session began early in January. The Rev. Ray C. Snodgrass, Enid minister who is president of the association, hailed the legislative action as a "step forward in our program."

Bible Now Published In 1,034 Languages

At least one complete book of the Bible now exists in 1,034 of the world's languages and dialects, according to a report issued by Miss Margaret Hills, librarian of the American Bible Society. Short Scripture passages or collections of verses have been published in 91 additional languages, she said. In previously published totals, such portions were included in the total number of languages. The whole Bible has now been published in 191 languages, a complete New Testament in 246 additional tongues, and at least one book in 597 other languages or dialects.

Protestant Editors Modify Stand On Postal Rates

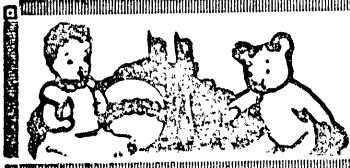
A resolution asking that the church press be granted such exemptions from the proposed increased postal rates "as those guaranteed to non-profit or charitable organizations or agencies" was adopted by the Associated Church Press at its annual meeting. The group comprises editors of Protestant church papers in the U. S. and Canada.

Prohibition Proposals Killed In Texas

A proposal for a state-wide prohibition election was killed by a House legislative committee after it heard clergymen testify on both sides of the issue. Dr. Sam Morris, San Antonio, Texas, a Baptist pastor, led a parade of 17 dry witnesses, mostly preachers and church workers. They spoke on the evils of drink and urged the committee on constitutional amendments to "let the people have the right to vote" on the question. Religious arguments of prohibitionists were countered, however, by the Rev. James W. McClain, Irving, Tex., Episcopal rector, the former "Dr. I. Q." of radio fame.

Protestant Papers Report On Circulation

Member papers of the Associated Church Press have a total circulation exceeding 5,000,000, it was reported to the group's 32nd annual meeting. The ACP comprises editors of Protestant publications in the U. S. and Canada. Weekly Protestant member publications reported to have the largest circulations are the Christian Advocate, official organ of the Methodist Church with 315,000; Signs of the Times, published by the Seventh-day Adventist Church, with 275,000; and The Lutheran, official organ of the United Lutheran Church in America, with 100,000.



THE CHILDREN'S PAGE

MRS. SUE M. WAYLAND, Editor



IN STORYLAND

THE APPLE'S FAMILY TREE FABLE

One morning in spring a little boy and girl ran down the garden walk. The little boy carried a tin shovel and something shut up tightly in his hand. Presently they came in a nice place in the garden and shovelled the earth away with the shovel until they had a snug little bed. They put the tiny seed they had carried into the little bed and pulled the dark cover over it. In the little seed all folded up was a little plant—which the sunlight and rain and proper soil would start growing.

The big round sun shone down on the little bed and after awhile the little seed said, "I'm about to burn up. I just gotta take off my coat."

It tried and tried, but the coat was too tight and very hard. The little seed was sleepy anyway so it just stopped trying. Before many days a cloud came sailing along and said to his children, the rain drops, "There is a little seed down in the earth that needs your help. You've been long enough in Cloudland. Anyway, it is time you were going back to the earth to help the streams and river get to the ocean. Then you can come back."

So the little raindrop children came pattering down and trickled all around the sleeping seed. Soon the seed began to swell, its packet became so tight it could hardly breathe. It made another try to take it off and it split right down the back. Then it came off without a bit of trouble. So the plant was free—but, oh my, it was dark down there.

"There must be some light some place," said the plant, "or I wouldn't want it so badly."

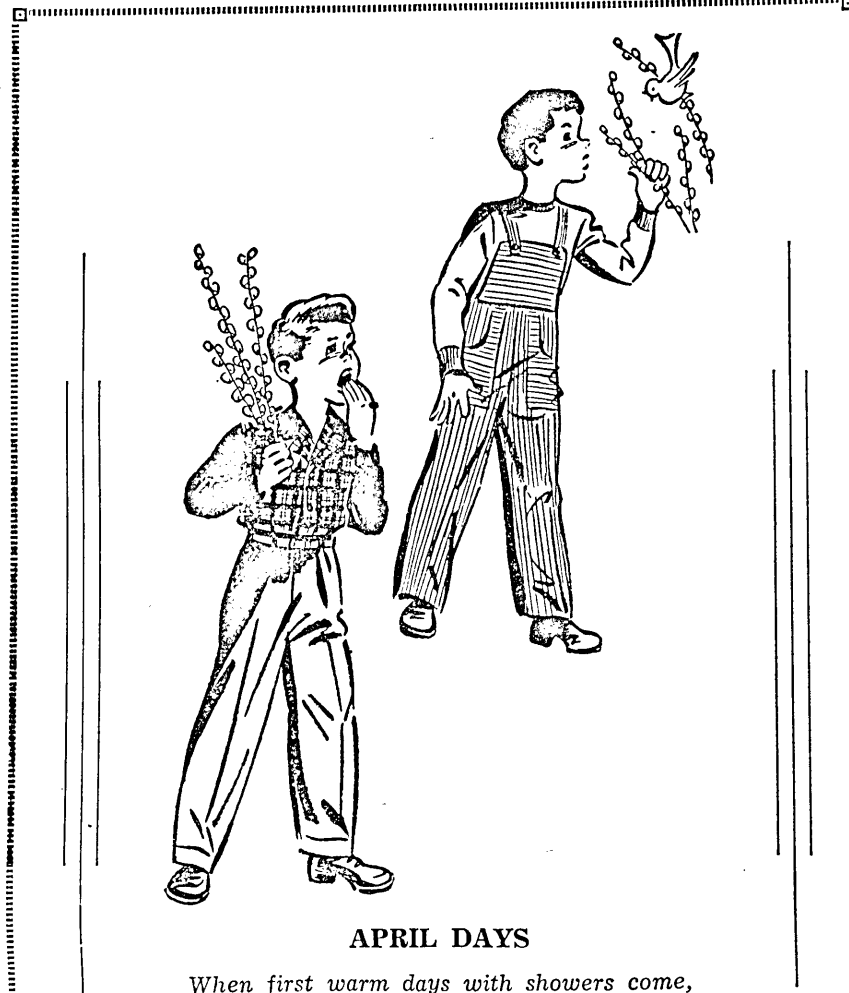
So it sent its little roots down into the earth to get something to eat to make it strong. It kept pushing up to find the light. One day it pushed right through the dark ground! Everything was so bright it could hardly see.

Pretty soon the little sunbeams came and made it welcome. "Welcome to Earthland, little Tree." And the breezes too made it feel right at home.

It grew fast and one day in spring something came out all over the little twigs, beautiful and green. They were leaves. Then something white, something with a little pink tinge, came to visit Mrs. Apple Tree. These, you say, were the flowers. But that's where you are wrong—they were Mrs. Apple Tree's children.

After a time Mrs. Apple Tree said that her children were no longer babies and ought to put off their baby dresses. She had so many babies to dress and it takes so long to dress just one baby that she called for help. Mr. Wind said that he and his family, the jolly breeze children, would be glad to do what they could. She had arranged with Madam Spring to have their short dresses all ready.

The Apple Tree children were very tender and must not be left undressed for an instant. Madam



APRIL DAYS

When first warm days with showers come,
Next skies are bright and clear,
And flowers bloom most everywhere
Then April days are here.

We thank our Father for these gifts
That come with Spring's first days
And may we share the joys we have
In loving thoughtful ways.—A.E.W.

Spring did a strange thing. She put on the short dresses before Mr. Wind had taken off the baby dresses. She never could have done it, of course, if the Apple Tree children had sleeves in their dresses. You see, she could just slip them over their feet and then tie them snug under their chins. And just quick as a wink Mr. Wind and his children whisked off the white dresses and carried them away.

Old Mother Earth called to Mr. Wind as he went rushing along. "What are you going to do with the baby dresses?" Mr. Wind hardly knew because they were not all soiled.

"Well," said Mother Earth, "we must never waste anything. So if you will toss those dresses into my lap we will make them over for the Apple Tree children next year." Mr. Wind was very glad and tossed the dresses into Mother Earth's lap for her to make over.

The children had now short dresses—yes, they were all green. There was something strange about them. They were a little like rubber, when the Apple Tree children grew their dresses grew too. So they were never dresses that were too tight but just nice and snug.

One day in the fall Mrs. Apple Tree said her children were grown. "They ought to have new dresses, but I can't really afford to buy

them! I believe I'll just color them." She was very particular and she sent to the best coloring shop she knew. Mr. Sun was the owner. He sent down his little sunbeam fairies—Red, Orange, Violet, Yellow, Green, Blue and Indigo—in a ray of light to work for Mrs. Apple Tree.

Mrs. Apple Tree thought that the children were old enough to choose the color they wished for their dresses. They thought it would be fun to have red dresses. And do you know what they did? When they saw how beautiful those little sunbeams were they did the queerest thing—they went to work and ate them all—except the red fairy who said that if she made their dresses she could not be eaten.

Mr. Wind came along one day to see how the children looked in their new dresses and he was delighted. "Now Mrs. Apple Tree, your children are all grown up and look beautiful. It's time for them to go out into the world and make somebody happy."

Mrs. Apple Tree sighed but she knew that Mr. Wind was right. So she let him take them out into the world and they spent the rest of their lives making people happy.—Selected.

"Joe, you carry the baby and let me have the eggs. You might drop them."

IN THE WORLD OF BOYS AND GIRLS

RAINDROPS

Raindrops, where do you come from,
And how did you find your way?
Who are your mother and daddy,
And what are the words you say?

As down from the clouds you're floating
Why do you hurry so?
Do you visit with other raindrops
As ever downward you go?

I hope you don't mind my questions
But you're such a mystery;
You seem in such a hurry
To be rolling off to the sea.

You sound so soft and so dreamy
As if falling on a mat,
So I just guess I'll go to sleep
To the tune of your pitty-pat.

—Jouree Williams, Hays Chapel, Hartman Charge

A TWO-YEAR-OLD

To market, to market, away he goes
On his wooden horse, pushed by his toes.

Four little bells so merrily ring,
Seems he makes the whole house sing.

Just a little lad with many toys,
The ones he loves best, make the most noise.

His eyes are blue, his hair is fair,
He's not just here, he's most everywhere.

He goes with his mother the work to do,
Runs and falls the long day through.
But he's always ready at end of day
When daddy comes home to say "Let's play."

—Helen Kell Smith, Imboden

JUST FOR FUN

They were entertaining friends in their new prefabricated home. Suddenly one of the guests sat up and listened.

"Surely you're not troubled by mice already?"

"That's not mice," replied the householder. "That's the people next door eating celery."

Two small boys were hesitant about approaching their mother for permission that was almost certain to be denied. They felt that they must take the long shot, however. "You ask her," said Billy to his younger brother.

"No, you."

"Oh, go on, you ask her," urged Billy.

"No, you," said the younger brother, "you've known her longer than I have."

Wife—"How many fish did you catch on your outing?"

Husband—"Six, dear."

Wife—"Well, the market has made a mistake and sent us a bill for eight."—Public Utility News.

New Perryville Church Dedicated

Editors' Note: The material for the following article is largely supplied by the Perry County News, Jay W. Jackson, editor. The Perryville Methodist Church is on the Perry-Perryville Charge, Conway District. Rev. James W. Workman, Jr., is the pastor.

THE recently completed Methodist Church at Perryville was dedicated in one of the services during Holy Week. Bishop Paul E. Martin, assisted by Dr. C. M. Reves, Conway District Superintendent, and Dr. James W. Workman, father of the Perryville pastor, Rev. James W. Workman, Jr., led in the dedication services Wednesday evening, March 21, a service attended by a large crowd. Bishop Martin delivered the sermon.

Holy Week services at the Perryville Church included sermons by Rev. Thomas J. Shipp, pastor of the Lovers Lane Methodist Church, Dallas, on Sunday, Monday and Tuesday evenings, the Wednesday evening church dedication service, sermons by Dr. C. M. Reves on Thursday and Friday evenings and the services on Sunday morning when the pastor concluded the week's services with an Easter message.

The Wesleyan Service Guild of the Perryville Church was the host at a dinner given in honor of Bishop and Mrs. Martin Wednesday evening preceding the dedication of the church.

The new building was completed at a cost of only \$8,420.81 in money.

The remainder of the cost was taken up by donations of materials and labor by the people of the Perryville area. The Building Committee was composed of Arthur Holbrook, chairman, A. E. Dauley and A. Poteete. Mrs. B. J. Suffridge served as treasurer of the building fund. Records show that the first payment on the work of the new building was made July 16, 1948, during the pastorate of Rev. George Stewart. Most of the actual construction of the building took place during the pastoral administration of Rev. W. M. Womack, now pastor at Fisher Street Methodist Church, Jonesboro. The construction was

completed and final payments made during the past year under the pastorate of the present pastor.

The new building is plastered on the inside and floored with asphalt tile bricks on concrete. It is ceiled with a composition known as Fir-Tex and has steel casement windows with Florentine pattern glass.

The choir loft and pulpit platform is floored with hardwood and the woodwork is finished with light oak varnish. It has birch panel doors with brass hardware.

The new building has a choir room and pastor's study to the right and left of the sanctuary.

Shrubbery around the new building was planted about one year ago under the supervision of Mrs. Carl Adams, Mrs. S. C. Gutowski, and Mrs. H. E. Van Dalsem, who were on the shrubbery and landscaping committee.

Work on the new building was under the direction of A. Poteete. In speaking of Mr. Poteete, Mr. Holbrook, chairman of the building committee, said, "You can not say too much in praise of Mr. Poteete's work in building the new church. He has tirelessly given his time and knowledge. He has probably spent more time on the building than any other member, although many have helped."

The old building was moved from the site of the new one and will be used as a church school building. It is to be equipped with a kitchen for church suppers with the rest of the space to be devoted to classrooms.

History Shows Methodist Church To Be Oldest In Perryville

The first Methodist Church in Perry County was organized at Perryville in 1845 with but a few members. There seems to be no record of the charter members but by about 1887 membership had grown to about 100. It is now 134.

It is not known who was the person responsible for the first church but the Revs. Andrew Hunter and Winfield were presiding elders in 40's and 50's and the Rev. C. M. Slover was one of the early pastors.



—Photo by Raymond Farish, Jr., Democrat Staff Photographer

Recently completed Perryville Methodist Church. Built and paid for under pastorates of Rev. George Stewart, Rev. W. M. Womack, and Rev. James W. Workman, Jr., present pastor. Dedicated Wednesday evening, March 21, in services led by Bishop Paul E. Martin. Building is of white buff brick, plastered walls, asphalt tile on concrete floors.

The Revs. D. B. Davis and A. D. Jenkins were pastors in the 60's and the following ministers served at various times up to about 1887: W. W. Anderson, W. H. W. Burns, H. L. Jamason, E. L. Massey and T. B. Hickman.

A new church was built in 1883-84 and was dedicated in 1887 by the Rev. J. P. Galloway. This building was valued at about \$1000 in 1888 and was located in the southeast part of Perryville on what is now known as the Trundle property.

It was later moved to the present location where it burned in June of 1918 in a fire that destroyed all the buildings on the block except one located where the Perry County Bank now stands. Destroyed in this fire, in addition to the church, were buildings owned by H. E. Van Dalsem, Jack Rankin, and the Perry County News with possibly others.

After this church burned, Sunday School and church were held in the school auditorium until a new building was erected in 1927 under the pastorate of S. O. Patty. This church was completed early in 1928 and the first services were held in it

on Easter Sunday of that year. This is the church that has been moved to make way for the new church that was dedicated recently.

A partial list of the members actively engaged in building the church in 1883-84 include the Rev. E. L. Massey, pastor, T. A. Yancy, Col. J. F. Sellers, V. H. Rook, R. E. Rison, Rev. L. M. Harris, and W. H. Rankin. W. H. Rankin was not listed as a member but his family was connected with the church at that time.

A parsonage was built near the first church building and in about 1888 was valued at \$800. This home still stands and is now owned by Mrs. Annie Moutary. Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Windle own the land where the original church stood and Mr. and Mrs. Byron Huddleston live in a house now located on the property.

When the new church was built in 1928, a new piano and new pews were installed. Both the piano and the pews are still in use. The piano will be replaced in the new church by a Hammond electric organ and the pews are being refinished for use in the new church.

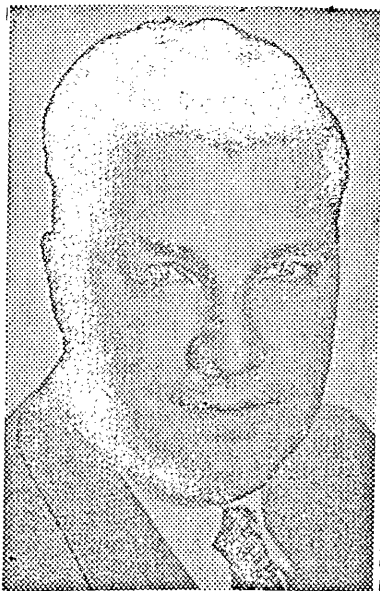
The new building was started in 1947 and on January 6 of that year the first deposit on a building fund was made, according to Mrs. B. J. Suffridge, treasurer of the building committee. The first check in payment for the work done on the new building was issued on July 16, 1948, according to Mrs. Suffridge's records.

Since 1926 there have been 12 pastors of the local church. They are S. O. Patty, C. L. Franks, J. W. Harger, H. C. Minnis, A. L. Riggs, A. H. Dulaney, Verlia Harris, Virgil Hanks, J. E. Linam, George Stewart, W. M. Womack, and Jim Workman, Jr.

(The above information was compiled from several sources and may not be completely accurate in some instances. Much of it came from the memory of some of the older members of the church and in some cases they were not in agreement as to just what happened at a specified time.)



REV. JAMES W. WORKMAN, JR.
Perry-Perryville Pastor



REV. THOMAS J. SHIPP
Dallas, Texas, Guest Preacher
Three Holy Week Services



ARTHUR HOLBROOK
Building Committee Chairman
Church School Superintendent

Increase Membership!!

APRIL CHURCH SCHOOL

We are asking that pastors, church school superintendents and other church school leaders of the North Arkansas Conference make the period of April 8-29 a time for increasing church school membership and attendance.

We have followed the plan for some years of having a time when we would give special attention to the work of increasing our church school membership and attendance. This emphasis has been carried out year by year since 1944. During this time we have had splendid increases even though during that time we changed from the plan of reporting on an annual membership basis to that of reporting the number on the rolls at the time the report is made. We had a church school membership of 56,037 in 1944. Six years later, in June 1950, we had 69,046. That is an average of over 2,000 gain per year. Will we do as well this year?

The goal set for our conference to be reached by 1952 (June) is 70,101. Should we not reach that goal this year, a year in advance of the date set?

Letters have gone out to pastors and church school superintendents asking their cooperation in this period of enlistment.

We believe that each officer and teacher in the church schools of the North Arkansas Conference could find two persons to be enrolled in the membership of the church school. Should each of these officers and teachers bring in two new members that would be over 10,000 new persons. That looks like a lot of people, but it would not be a big job, if each worker would decide to do his or her part.

Should each church school class decide to win two new members, what an increase we would have.

CAN YOU AS A CHURCH



DR. JOHN H. HICKS

SCHOOL WORKER BE COUNTED ON TO DO YOUR BEST TO HELP MAKE THE PERIOD OF APRIL 8-29, A TIME FOR SHOWING GREAT INCREASES IN CHURCH SCHOOL MEMBERSHIP AND ATTENDANCE?

SUGGESTED STEPS IN CAMPAIGN

1. That a meeting of the church board of education be held for the purpose of studying the local church school to see where increases can best be made. The small church school will probably want to bring all the officers and teachers into this meeting.

2. Prospect lists should be made and all names assigned to committees to visit these prospects. Many of our church schools have shown what can be accomplished through a program of visitation and regular contact program.

3. Absentees should be followed up week after week so as not to lose the members we now have.

4. A number of church schools should plan for new classes to serve new people to be brought into the school. Some schools do not have proper class groupings.

5. Many church schools should select a Nursery Home Visitor and begin a Nursery Home program. Other churches should increase the work of the Nursery Home program. Our conference lost 700 Nursery Home members last year. That should not be when there are so many young children whose homes should be served through the Nursery Home program. Should your church need leaflets to help plan this work please write our office.

6. The Adult Home program is another neglected field of work in many of our church schools. We had a gain of only 3 in the Adult Home rolls last year. There are hundreds of adults that should be reached through our Adult Home program. We will be glad to furnish suggestive materials for this program.

7. Even though we have made splendid gains in our church school membership in past six years we have gained in the youth field (ages 12-23) only 327. What has happened about youth enrollment in your church? Does this make a difference? It is hoped that your church school will make a definite effort to increase its enrollment of youth. While many conferences have lost youth membership in their church schools and we have gained a little

PROGRAM REQUESTED BY

The report of the district superintendents to the North Arkansas Conference last June made five definite requests, one of which was "that the Conference Board of Education continue to set aside a time each year for emphasis upon increased enrollment and attendance in our church schools."

Following out this instruction we have designated the period of April 8-29 as such a special period and invite the leadership of the local churches to join with us in making this a time for real increases.

we get little comfort from the fact that we are holding our own when there are so many youth needing Christian teaching.

LOCAL CHURCHES TO SET THEIR OWN GOALS

We are not proposing to give any local church a quota for increases in membership and attendance. We believe that should be the responsibility of the leadership of the local church. That leadership is in better position to know the possibilities of increase than any group outside of the local church.

We have suggested that each church study the possibility of increases up to at least 5%. Many schools can go far beyond that. Please do not set for yourself less than a challenging goal. We realize that some schools will do well to hold their own with changing of population. We hope no church will be satisfied to do less than its best to show gains.

Check on your present church school membership and attendance and note the report made to Annual Conference Session last year and decide how much you must increase the membership of your church school to equal the membership reported last June. Then decide on how much you can go above that report of last June.

CAREFUL PLANNING NECESSARY FOR GROWTH

Few church schools will show increases in membership or attendance without careful planning on the part of the church school leadership. It is our hope that pastors and church school superintendents will bring together their church school leadership and make a careful study of the local situation and make plans for increases in membership and attendance.

REPORTS BEING REQUESTED

We are asking for one report from each pastor and one report from each church school superintendent.

The letters which have gone to the pastors have in them a request that the enclosed card to be found in each letter be used to indicate the percentage of increase in membership the church will make by the last Sunday in April.

A card will go out to church school superintendents asking them to make a report on the 30th of April indicating the attendance on April 29, and the total church school membership at that time.

The cooperation of pastors and church school superintendents in this plan of reporting will be greatly appreciated.

DR. HICKS HERE FOR MONTH OF APRIL

Dr. J. H. Hicks of Perkins School of Theology, Southern Methodist University, is to be in the North Arkansas Conference program of Christian education for the month of April. He arrived in Forrest City on March 31 to begin a series of programs which will take him across the conference. The following is his schedule of activities:

Forrest City, April 1-3.

Helena, April 4-6.

Newport, First Church, April 17, 18.

Supply School and Bates Training School, April 9-17.

Mt. Home School, April 19-21.

Green Forest School, April 22-24.

Gravette School, April 25-27.

Morrilton School, April 29-May 1.

Dr. Hicks has made many visits to North Arkansas Conference and is always able to render a service in presenting the Old Testament. He makes the Old Testament

Improve Leadership!!

MEMBERSHIP CAMPAIGN

DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENTS

The success or failure of such a program depends upon the cooperation of pastors, church school superintendents, and other church school workers. We are counting on the more than five thousand officers and teachers of our church schools to bring many new people into the program of Christian education during this special period.

Increase your church school membership now and you will increase your church membership later, but more than that you will be helping to build better Christians and more Christians.

much more meaningful to those who hear him.

Since he is to be in so many centers during April we hope that hundreds of our people will use this special opportunity to know more about the Old Testament, getting their guidance under this great Christian scholar.

Dr. Hicks was with us for three conferences early in this conference year. When he completes the April schedule he will have been in eleven centers of our conference during this conference year.

This program is being made possible as part of our conference adult program to help build a greater program of Christian education in the conference.

Please check this list of places and decide which one you can attend, if any of these are within reach of your community, and set apart those days for your personal enrichment and spiritual growth.

BATESVILLE TRAINING SCHOOL

The churches of Batesville are taking advantage of the special opportunity of having Drs. Hick and Lyon in the Supply School to train them in their area training school. Two other courses will also be offered in the school. The following are to be the courses for the school:

Teachings of the Prophets, Dr. J. T. Hicks.

The Acts of the Apostles, Dr. J. T. Lyon.

Teaching Children, Mrs. Ira A. Brumley.

Teaching Youth, Mrs. W. C. Small.

This school will begin on Monday morning, April 9 and close on Friday, April 13.

OTHER APRIL TRAINING PROGRAM

Recognizing that it is not enough to get people into the membership of a church school, but that the best possible leadership must be prepared for their guidance we have arranged for a number of training programs during April. Along with the Supply School, Batesville Training School, schools being conducted by Dr. Hicks and Miss Foreman, there are a number of other schools.

Miss Anna Rose Miller of Ft. Smith is conducting a First Series School on Teaching Children, Coles Chapel on the Charleston Charge.

A three unit First Series school is being held at Ozark, April 9-11, with the following courses:

The Church and Its Work, Dr. W. Henry Goodloe.

How to Teach in the Church School, Rev. I. L. Claud.

How to Understand Children, Mrs. Waldo Wettengel.

A three unit First Series school is to be held at Pocahontas, April 18-20, with the following courses being offered:

Teaching Children, Mrs. Robert Clark.

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

The Church and Its Work, Ira A. Brumley.

A one unit training school is being held at Jessup, April 9-11, with the course on The Church and Its Work being offered by Rev. A. W. Harris.

The Havana Church is having a three day training school this week on Christian Stewardship, taught by Rev. Thomas R. Whiddon.

There is to be a one unit three day training school at Hughes on Audio-Visual Aids, to be taught by Rev. Alfred A. Knox.

Rev. Harold Spence is offering the course on Christian Home-Making in the Beebe Church this week.

Plans looking toward two other training schools in the Forrest City

NORTH ARKANSAS CONFERENCE SUPPLY SCHOOL

Plans have been worked out through the Board of Ministerial Training and the Board of Education to have another session of the North Arkansas Conference School for Supply Pastors. This school is to be held at Batesville the period of April 9-17. The cooperation of the Batesville Churches makes this school possible in that the homes of the people have been opened to the pastors attending the school.

The meals for the ministers are provided by the Board of Ministerial Training out of the funds raised in the November Special for Ministerial Training and Hendrix College.

The Board of Education has taken the responsibility of providing a faculty for the school. We are fortunate this year in being able to have Dr. J. H. Hicks and Dr. J. T. Carlyon of Perkins School of Theology, Southern Methodist University, Dallas, Texas as members of the faculty. Rev. S. B. Wilford and Ira A. Brumley will offer additional courses.

Rev. J. Albert Gatlin, assisted by Rev. Allen Stewart, Chairman of Board of Ministerial Training; Rev. J. Ralph Hillis, Registrar of the Board of Ministerial Training; and others will provide special discussion groups each morning for the pastors attending the school.

Each morning under the leadership of Brother Wilford one of the ministers attending the school will conduct a morning worship service and bring the morning message.

The local pastors: Rev. Raymond Franks, Rev. David Conyers, and Rev. Loy Atkinson are giving their cooperation in helping make this an effective program for helping a large group of our ministers do better work in their charges.

SPLENDID REPORTS OF INCREASES

Through church bulletins and by other reports we have been learning of many increases in church school membership and attendance. Some church schools are reporting all time high membership and attendance. Many church schools reported great attendance on Easter Sunday.

District have been under way.

Thus it seems that more than twenty training schools will be held in the conference during the month of April and that this program will touch all of the eight districts.

MISS LUCY FOREMAN COMES TO CONFERENCE

Miss Lucy Foreman of the General Board of Education Staff came to our conference on April 1st for eight three-day training schools. The first four schools are being held in the Jonesboro District, offering the course on "How to Improve the Church School," at the following centers:

Whitton, April 1-3.

Bay, April 4-6.

Brookland, April 8-10.

Bono, April 11-13.

The second four schools are to be held in the Batesville District, offering the course on "How to Teach in the Church School," at the following centers:

Gassville, April 15-17.

Norfolk, April 18-20.

Yellville, April 22-24.

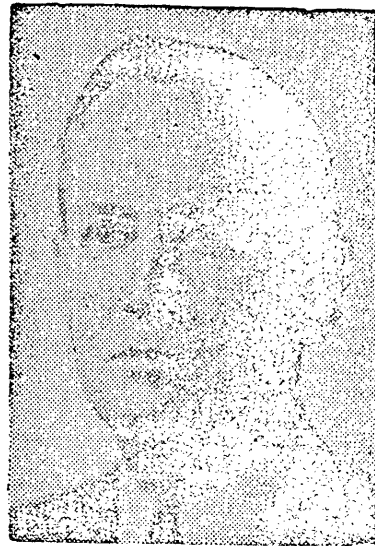
Salem, April 25-27.

We hope that all church schools within reach of these centers will use this special opportunity to improve the leadership of the local church.

Miss Foreman has had many years of experience in working with small church schools in various sections of the Methodist Church. This is not her first visit to North Arkansas Conference. She has worked in a number of our local churches. Her understanding of the program of Christian education in the small church and her knowledge of our church schools prepares her to do a good job in our conference.

This series of schools has been well planned in cooperation with the district superintendents and pastors involved in these charges.

This program has been made possible by the General Board of Education and the Conference Board of Education.



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IN THE CAMDEN DISTRICT

The Village and Marysville Charges came together for a workers' conference at Village on Sunday afternoon, March 18th. The pastors, Rev. Dewey McCauley and Rev. K. K. Carithers, had done a fine job of publicizing the meeting as evidenced by the excellent response on the part of their workers. The most of the general superintendents and many of the age-group workers were present for the meeting. Both the response in point of attendance and the interest were encouraging.

The people of Village are to be congratulated on the building, debt-free, of the beautiful new, buff-brick church. It is one of the most attractive rural buildings in the Conference.

Rev. Elmer L. Thomas, recently assigned to Magnolia, has made an excellent beginning in that strong church. He is in fine favor with his people who are responding splendidly to his leadership. Among his many other activities is the planning of a training school in which he is to be one of the instructors offering the course on "The Methodist Discipline." The other courses to be offered in the school are "Adult Classes at Work," by Dr. J. Daniel Barron, and "The Use of the Bible With Children," by Miss Elizabeth Workman.—Roy E. Fawcett

ANNOUNCEMENT

HOPE DISTRICT VACATION CHURCH SCHOOL INSTITUTES

Tuesday, April 17, Mena, First Methodist Church.

Wednesday, April 18, Nashville, First Methodist Church.

Thursday, April 19, Hope, First Methodist Church.

Friday, April 20, Texarkana, Fairview Methodist Church.

Mrs. John Rushing, District Director of Children's Work, will be in charge of the institutes.—Mrs. W. F. Bates

REGIONAL CHILDREN'S WORKERS' CONFERENCE

Date: April 26-27.

Place: Second Presbyterian Church, Little Rock Arkansas.

If you are interested in the children of your church, plan now to attend this state-wide, interdenominational Children's Workers Conference. Further information regarding the conference, will be found in the next issue *Arkansas Methodist*, or may be obtained by writing: Mrs. W. F. Bates, 326 Exchange Building, Little Rock, Arkansas.

"O God, we praise thee for the Master, who rode in triumph into the city of his fathers. We thank thee that he came not as a conqueror to destroy, but as a Messiah to save, and that he appealed to human hearts with the glory of love. In the spirit of praise and worship we ask that every knee shall bow, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. Amen." — From THE BOOK OF WORSHIP

HENDRIX COLLEGE NEWS

Three students are continuing their studies during the present semester under National Methodist Scholarships, according to Dr. W. C. Buthman, dean. They are Cynthia Brown of Bastrop, La., Linda Smith of Gurdon, and Freda Lou Wilson of Greenbrier. The scholarships were awarded by the church's Board of Education for study during this school year.

National Methodist Scholarships are awarded to students in Methodist universities and colleges on the basis of scholastic ability, Christian character, and promise of distinctive serviceability. They provide funds to cover tuition and fees. Scholarships are made available by funds raised by the church on its annual Student Day.

Miss Brown and Miss Smith are seniors at the college. They each hold scholarships renewed from last year. Miss Wilson is a freshman.

Seven Men Receive Cage Letters

Seven members of the Hendrix Warrior basketball team have been presented letter awards for the past season, according to Ivan H. Grove, athletic director. The presentations were made at a banquet for the team March 31 given by the Booster Club, an organization which sponsors extra-curricular activities.

Winning black-and-orange H's were John Coleman of Conway, Phil Dixon of Little Rock, Tommy Dupree of England, Dick Farr of Wynne, Walter Hodges of Conway, Garth Martin of Austin, and Gene Wilbourn of Little Rock. Richard Neely of Warren, manager of the team, will also receive a letter.

Alumni Dinner At AEA Convention

College alumni and friends attended a dinner in Little Rock last week held annually in connection with the Arkansas Education Association convention.

J. T. Thompson of Little Rock, member of the board of trustees, was the guest speaker. Mr. Thompson is the Arkansas manager for Mutual Life Insurance Company of New York. Richard T. Steel of Conway, president of the Hendrix alumni association, presided at the dinner. Miss Suzanne Williams of Clinton, a senior at the college, played a piano number.

Two faculty members attended the convention, which was held March 29-30, in a special capacity. Mrs. Betty Austin of the physical education department directed a group of Hendrix women in rhythmic designs at a meeting of the Health, Physical Education, and Recreation section of the AEA. Frank H. Govan, president of the art section, attended a meeting on Friday.

Faculty and Staff Attend Professional Meetings

Dr. H. W. Kamp, professor of Greek and Latin, attended a convention of the Classical Association of the Mid-West and South last week in Memphis, Tenn. Dr. Kamp participated in a discussion on classics and general education.

Miss Marie Williams, Hendrix dean of women, returned last week from Chicago, Ill., where she attended the annual meeting of the

NATIONAL FAMILY WEEK

Nashville, Tenn. — Methodist churches throughout the country are already planning for National Family Week which falls this year on May 6-13.

The Department of the Christian Family of the General Board of Education has prepared for the observance of this occasion. Based upon the theme for National Family Week, "Children Deserve Christian Homes," the literature is as follows: (1) "Plans for National Family Week" (free), already sent to pastors (2) "We Thank Thee for the Bible," a new worship service for use on Childhood Sunday, May 6 (3 for 25 cents, 10 cents each); (3) a leaflet whose title is the theme of National Family Week (70 cents per 100; 15 cents per doz.); (4) four posters on family life, one of which is related to the theme of National Family Week but sold only in sets of four (50 cents per set).

The above materials may be ordered from the Service Department, Board of Education, Box 871, Nashville, Tennessee.

In talking about plans for the observance of National Family Week, Dr. Edward D. Staples, director of the Department of the Christian Family, pointed out that paragraphs 189 and 2021 of the Discipline relate to the Christian home. The former contains the Disciplinary provision for the observance of National Family Week and the latter is a resolution on "The Christian Home" adopted by the last General Conference, to the effect that the home is the foundation of society and vital to the stability of both church and state.—Division of the Local Church

NEW VACATION CHURCH SCHOOL TEXTS

Nashville, Tennessee—Another example of Methodism's participation in interdenominational cooperation is found in the issuing of a group of three new vacation church-school texts recently printed by Abingdon-Cokesbury Press for use in schools of many denominations of the nation. The texts were planned through the lesson committees of the Division of Christian Education

National Association of Deans of Women. It is one of five member groups in the Council of Guidance and Personnel Associations.

Elected to Rotary Office

Paul P. Faris, associate professor of English and director of public relations, has been elected president of the Conway Rotary Club. He will take office in July. He is a past secretary and vice-president of the Rotary Club.—Cynthia Brown

WORKSHOP ON MUSIC IN THE CHURCH

Nashville, Tenn.—The Division of the Local Church of the General Board of Education is cooperating with Scarritt College in the Fifth Annual Workshop on Music in the Church, to be held at Scarritt July 15-20.

Especially emphasis will be placed upon the function of music in the church in developing Christian ideals and in promoting Christian experiences of the highest order.

Persons who will benefit by attending the workshop include choir directors, church school superintendents, organists, directors of Christian education, pastors, annual conference and district leaders in Christian education. "This is an unusual opportunity for these leaders to discover how their responsibilities merge in the use of music in the life of the church," said the Rev. Walter Towner, of the Local Church Division staff.

Cost to those attending will be \$30.00—\$15.00 for tuition and \$15.00 for room and board.

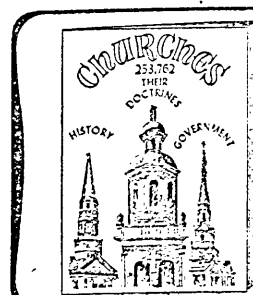
Christian education leaders interested in taking advantage of the opportunities offered by the workshop should write to Scarritt College, Nashville 4, Tennessee, for further information.

of the National Council of Churches, and publication was arranged through the Cooperative Publication Association. The three new texts were edited in the Editorial Division of the Board of Education of The Methodist Church.

Titles of the volumes are *One Church for One World* (for Intermediates), by Olive L. Johnson and Frances M. Nall; *Everyone Needs a Church* (for Primaries), by Lois Eddy McDonnell; and *The Church Around the World* (for Juniors), by Mabel Brehm. For each title there is a teacher's book and a pupil's book. These three volumes on the church were planned especially for use in the summer of 1951 as a part of the celebration of the fiftieth anniversary of the Vacation Church School Movement.

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MEETING OF MONTICELLO DISTRICT OFFICERS

The officers of the Monticello District W. S. C. S. met in Monticello at the home of Mrs. T. T. McNeal March 6th at 10:00 a. m. for an all day business meeting and lunch.

Mrs. John Golden, District President, opened the meeting with a devotional and presided over the business sessions of the day.

The morning was given over to a discussion of the work in the district and suggestions for improvements in carrying it on.

At noon a delicious lunch was served by Mrs. T. T. McNeal as hostess, assisted by Mrs. J. H. Hutchison, Mrs. L. D. Griffin and Mrs. J. R. Echols, co-hostesses.

Following the luncheon, reports from district officers were heard and discussed. Mrs. Zeb Haynes, treasurer of district parsonage fund, reported \$4.22 in fund after bills were paid on furnishing the new parsonage.

Mrs. L. D. Griffin, district treasurer, reported a deficit in funds for this year and made an appeal for cooperation on the part of all societies in meeting their pledge.

The nominating committee composed of Mrs. T. T. McNeal, Mrs. Fay Nolley and Mrs. DuVall Purkins, reported that a full report of new officers would be ready for the district meeting in April.

A motion was made and carried that a life membership be presented to Mrs. Golden, retiring president.

Mrs. W. M. Miller moved with a second by Mrs. T. A. Prewitt, Jr., that the district send Mrs. Ralph Clayton to Hot Springs for Children's Worker Conference in August. Motion carried.

A motion by Mrs. T. A. Prewitt, Jr., with a second by Mrs. T. T. McNeal was made and carried that our new district president be sent to Nashville, Tennessee, in July for a Workers Conference.

Mrs. Rowan Prewitt made a motion to send the district Promotional Secretary and also district treasurer to Mt. Sequoyah for training course. Motion carried.

A motion by Mrs. J. H. Hutchison with a second by Mrs. L. D. Griffin, was made and carried that the district secretary of Missionary Education be sent to Aldersgate for training there in July.

Announcements made by the president were as follows:

April 2, 3, 4 and 5, Jurisdictional Convocation meetings in Little Rock.

April 25, district meeting in First Methodist Church at Warren.

May 9, Officers Seminar in Little Rock.—Mrs. DuVal Purkins.

BATESVILLE DISTRICT EXECUTIVE MEETING

Mrs. Paul McNealy and Mrs. S. B. Wilford entertained the executive committee of the Woman's Society of Christian Service of the Batesville District with a luncheon at 12 o'clock Thursday, March 1st, in the McNealy home in Batesville.

A color scheme of yellow and white was carried out in the floral decorations and the menu. Following the luncheon, a business session was held in preparation for the formal opening of the annual conference in Searcy on March 6.

LITTLE ROCK CONFERENCE WESLEYAN SERVICE GUILD WEEK-END

The Little Rock Conference Wesleyan Guild Week-end will be held at the First Methodist Church, El Dorado, April 14-15, with Miss Hanna Kelly, Conference Secretary, presiding. The theme for the Week-end is "Faith for Our Time."

The program is as follows:

Saturday Afternoon

- 1:00 Registration
- 1:30 Quiet Hour (Sanctuary)
- 2:00 Opening Session, Miss Kelly presiding
- Greetings: Mrs. Esdelle Finch, District Guild Secretary, Camden District; Mrs. Bernice Wilson, president, Guild, First Methodist Church, El Dorado
- Worship Service
- Announcements and Introductions
- Reports of District Secretaries
- Report of Conference Secretary
- Address, "Faith for Our Time," Mrs. T. S. Lovett, president, W. S. C. S., Little Rock Conference
- Pledge Service, Mrs. Neill Hart, Jurisdiction Secretary, Children's Work and Mrs. C. I. Parsons, Conference Treasurer, W. S. C. S., Little Rock Conference
- Guild Hymn
- 4:00 Benediction
- Social Hour, First Methodist Church

Saturday Evening

- 6:45 Dinner Meeting—Garrett Hotel; speaker, Mrs. George Dismukes, Vice-chairman, Standing Guild Committee; subject, "Business Associates With God."

Sunday Morning

- 8:00 Breakfast, Garrett Hotel
- Business Session—Speakers, Mrs. Ewing Wayland, Promotion Secretary, W. S. C. S., Little Rock Conference and Mrs. Earl D. Cotton, Christian Social Relations and Local Church Activities, W. S. C. S., Little Rock Conference.
- 10:30 Sermon, Rev. Edward Harris, pastor, First Methodist Church, El Dorado; service at First Church
- 12:00 noon, Adjournment

Reservations for banquet and breakfast should be made with Miss Julia Hanna, 219 South Smith St., El Dorado, not later than April 11. Hotel reservations are to be made direct with the Randolph and Garrett Hotels.

SILLOAM SPRINGS ANNIVERSARY

Fifty members and guests of the Woman's Society of Christian Service of the Methodist Church of Silloam Springs, including a delegation of 15 members of the Elm Springs Society, joined in observing the tenth anniversary of W. S. C. S. at a special candlelighting ceremony on March 16.

Following the afternoon's study, "The Light Will Shine In North Africa", led by Mrs. Wilbur Nolte, the group left the sanctuary to go to the sub-story, where the St. Patrick's theme predominated in attractively decorated tables featuring trailing green and white yew, green shamrocks, green and white candies and St. Patrick's napkins, with the light from tall white tapers adding further to the festive air. Each plate bore an individual cake with a green birthday candle, and the officers and visiting delegation joined at the

head table where the lovely birthday cake, provided by the Elm Springs Society, was the center of interest as each officer lighted a candle in the impressive service. The ceremony closed as all present joined hands while holding lighted birthday candles, to sing "Blest Be the Tie That Binds." Miss Floy Dodgen, president of the Silloam Springs W. S. C. S., presided at the meeting and during the candlelighting ceremony.

HAYS CHAPEL W. S. C. S. ANNIVERSARY

The Hays Chapel W. S. C. S. observed their tenth anniversary with an all day meeting. There were 65 present with ten churches represented. The women quilted in the morning and had lunch at the church at noon.

Three ministers were guests at the luncheon. Rev. Paul Kelley, pastor of the church, Rev. Jimmy Meadows, pastor of the Lamar church, and Rev. R. B. Sparks, pastor of the Truman church. Another guest of the society was Mrs. Geneva Colville of Paris.

The program started at 1:30 with a song, "Others", followed by prayer led by Mrs. Odie Clark of Spadra. The welcome was given by the president of the Hays Chapel Society, Mrs. Elbert Sparks. Scripture and comment were given by Mrs. Bill Grimmer. A talk, "Our Responsibilities", was given by Mrs. Earl Williams. "How we may

MAGNOLIA W. S. C. S. STUDY COURSE MEETING

An all day session for a study of Corporate Worship based on the book entitled "We Seek Him Together" by Maude Hardie, was held by the W. S. C. S. of the First Methodist Church of Magnolia. There were representatives from the Columbia Circuit, El Dorado, Jackson Street Church, of Magnolia, Philadelphia, Waldo, Waterloo and Willisville.

The meeting opened at 9:30 a. m. in the Education Building with Mrs. G. G. Martel, Study Course Chairman, presiding. Following the singing of "Opening of Worship" words of welcome were given by Mrs. C. B. Lyle, president of the W. S. C. S. Miss Florence Whiteside called attention to the "Browsing Corner"—a display of books and religious literature arranged by Mrs. Harvey Crumpler and Miss Whiteside.

Mrs. Edward Harris of El Dorado, leader of the study and discussion of the text "We Seek Him Together", talked on the topics, "Why Make a Study of Worship" and "Just What is Worship", and Mrs. Sam Thomas spoke on Our Heritage of Worship.

Mrs. Elmer Thomas, wife of our pastor, conducted the devotional based on the sixth chapter of Isaiah. She was assisted by Mrs. Orris Nipper, who sang appropriate songs, and by Mrs. Chester Green, who served as accompanist.

Following the devotional the assembly was divided into six interest study groups. The various groups and leaders are listed as follows:

Techniques for Private Devotions, Mrs. R. H. Cole; Use of Art and Symbols in Worship, Mrs. Lake Green; Family Devotion, Rev. E. L. Thomas; Use of Bible in Worship, Mrs. C. A. Overstreet; Use of Prayer in Worship, Mrs. W. A. G. Woodward; Use of Music in Worship, Mrs. G. F. Delaney.

After lunch all groups assembled in the sanctuary of the new church for a period of silent worship planned by Mrs. Wilmer Lewis with Miss Katherine Jean at the organ.

The group then went to the College Room in the Education Building for a demonstration of one type of worship with the picture, "Praying Hands" as the central theme. This worship period was conducted by Mrs. W. A. Eckert, assisted by Mrs. Doyle Wilson. Miss Maude Crumpler served as pianist during the program.

Returning to the Assembly Hall in the Education Building reports of the interest study groups were given by the chairmen. Mrs. Joe Craighead of El Dorado, next talked on The Results of Worship. Fol-

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lengthen our cords and strengthen our stakes" was the subject of a talk given by Rev. R. B. Sparks.

Of the 65 present, 24 were charter members of the W. S. C. S. The candles on the birthday cake, which was furnished by the Lamar church, were lighted by members of the Hays Chapel Society representing the goals they had met. The program ended with prayer by the Lamar Society. Churches represented were: Lamar, Hartman, Spadra, Mt. Zion, Ozark, Paris, Goosecamp, Little Rock, Truman, and Hays Chapel.—Mrs. Earl R. Williams.

CURRENT NEWS IN ARKANSAS METHODISM

EVANGELISTIC PROGRAM AT WASHINGTON AVENUE CHURCH

Easter at Washington Avenue Methodist Church, North Little Rock, witnessed a successful climax to an extended program of evangelism. The program was planned by the pastor and the Committee on Evangelism and approved by every group in the church early in January. The period of Lent, February 7-March 25th, was designated as the special period for evangelism. All the regular activities of the church and special days and periods like Layman's Day and the Week of Dedication were integrated into this program. A large list of prospects was secured and conditioned for the revival efforts which came the last two weeks of the campaign.

The two weeks preceding Easter were set aside for a preaching and visitation revival. Dr. E. T. Wayland, editor of the *Arkansas Methodist*, came to do the preaching. Brother Wayland has a great message and delivers it in a most effective manner. It was a great experience to have him bring the gospel messages. He preached three full Sundays and alternate nights during the week and we directed visitation the other nights. With this plan all the people had the privilege of attending the preaching services and many of the people participated in the visitation. Some twenty-five persons assisted in the visitation from the church and some fifty made friendly church visits from their homes.

Judged from the interest shown in both activities, preaching and visitation, and the results achieved in renewed interest in the church and the additions to church membership, the program was unusually successful. Twenty-eight persons were received into church membership during the two weeks and fifteen others were received in February or a total of forty-three during the lenten campaign. Also overflow congregations and together with an all-time high Sunday School attendance and church offerings were added evidence of the effectiveness of the campaign. Washington Avenue is steadily growing and it is a joy to work with this good congregation.—I. L. Claud, Pastor

EASTER SERVICES AT BOONEVILLE

As a result of the Personal Visitation Week and special pre-Easter services held from March 11 through March 18, 47 new members were added to the Methodist Church at Booneville. Rev. W. J. Spicer, pastor, said he believed this is the largest number in a specified time in recent years.

Six babies were christened at the Easter morning service. An Easter cantata was given in the evening.

Approximately seventy-five attended the Communion service on Thursday evening.

On Wednesday evening, March 28, a potluck supper was held in the basement of the church, honoring the new members and their families. It was followed by a social hour.—Stella Huddleston

DERMOTT CHURCH FILMS EASTER STORY

The Dermott Methodist Church, under the leadership of the pastor, Rev. C. M. Atchley, spent considerable time filming the Easter Story according to St. Matthew in which more than 100 members took part. This is one of the most outstanding things our church has ever done. Several of the scenes were taken in and near Collins, where the contour of the land contributed to the naturalness and beauty of the picture.

The picture was directed by Mrs. Mildred Oglesby and filmed by B. M. Brazil and A. R. Walker. The costumes were provided by Rogers Costume Shop of Little Rock.

The cast was as follows: Christ, Charles Waymen; the disciples, Lee Collard, Jr., H. O. Richardson, Chester Sven, Hubert B. Patton, H. D. Elliott, Jr., R. D. Harrison, W. E. Lephew, Clarence Horton, James Johns, Harry Ward, George Kelly, Howard Smith; Simon of Cyrene, Lee Collard, III; Barabbas, J. M. Tharp; Pilate, W. F. Pierce, Caiphas, A. F. Pryor; Mary (mother of Jesus), Mrs. Cameron Johnson; Mary Magdalene, Mrs. Oscar Matlock; Other Mary, Mrs. Charles Wayman; Angel, Miss Ann Oglesby; Roman soldiers, David Tharp, Dolph Oglesby, Chester Joe Courtney; Billy Courtney, Joe Dunn, R. H. Dennington, Bob Crockett, Oscar Matlock; Clerk of Caiphas' court, W. C. Nisler; Priest, Owen Majors, James Wagner, Jack Tharp; Elders, U. C. Barnett, Y. C. Suen, W. B. Perry, Cecil Dennington, Frank Dennington, Quincey Downey, Delph Grishman, Louis Kirby, Don Scott, Dewey Scott, Dewey Stueart, Clifton Trigg; Messenger, Bo Waltman; Maid, Marilyn Nisler; Director, Mrs. Randolph Oglesby; Scriptural advisor, Mrs. A. F. Pryor; Photographers, B. M. Brazil, Buddy Walker, Howard Smith, Clifton Trigg; Scene arrangements, Mrs. Harvey Parnell, Mrs. A. Prothro, Mrs. J. C. Hoffman, Howell Richardson; Music, choir and organist.—Mrs. Lee Collard.

ARKANSAS VALLEY BREAKFAST CONFERENCE

The Methodist preachers of the east part of the Fort Smith District, forming the "Arkansas Valley Breakfast Conference," met Monday morning as the guest of the Rev. and Mrs. C. N. Guice in the Methodist Parsonage at Clarksville.

The morning devotional service was conducted by Dr. W. Henry Goodloe. A fine breakfast was served by Mrs. Guice.

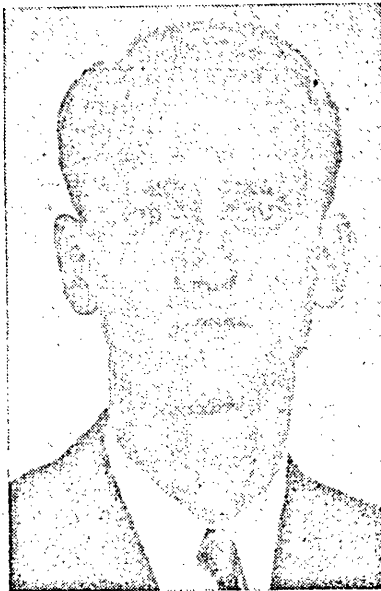
Rev. Earle Cravens of Paris, the conference chairman, presided at the business meeting.

Bro. Guice conducted a tour over the beautiful, new educational building, of the Clarksville Church.

Present were the host and hostess, Dr. W. Henry Goodloe, district superintendent, Rev. Earle Cravens of Paris, Rev. W. Leonard Byers of Altus, Rev. Fred Thompson of Branch, Rev. C. L. Martin of Lavaca, Rev. D. G. Hindman of Charleston, Rev. C. R. Nance of Scranton, Rev. Carl Adams of Alix, Rev. O. M. Campbell of Ozark, Rev. T. L. Dickerson of Ozark, and Rev. James Meadows of Lamar.

The next meeting is to be a joint

NAMED DELEGATE TO OXFORD CONFERENCE



Rev. R. E. L. Bearden, pastor of the Goddard Memorial Methodist Church, Fort Smith, has been appointed by the Executive Committee of the Ecumenical Methodist Conference as one of the delegates to the Conference which meets this year at Oxford, England, August 28-September 7. Brother Bearden has been granted a leave of absence by the Goddard Memorial Methodist Church to attend the Conference and he plans a tour of Methodist points of interest in the British Isles in connection with the trip.

REPORT FROM ST. JOHN CIRCUIT

A day of fasting and prayer was held at the St. John Church on Easter Sunday. Rev. F. M. Sweet preached on "Life." Jim David had charge of the service and Barney Throkle gave a fine talk.

The pastor preached four times on Sunday, with a sunrise service at Riverside at 6:00, at Floodway at 10:00, back at Riverside at 11:00 and at 7:00 at night. God was with us

meeting with the preachers of the entire district to be held in Fort Smith, April 30, at 8:00 a. m.—W. Leonard Byers, Secretary

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METHODISTS NOTE THE LAST SUPPER

Members of the Gardner Memorial Methodist Church, North Little Rock, Wednesday, March 21, celebrated the Last Supper.

Some 225 of them gathered at the church's banquet hall and ate what Christ and His Disciples might have eaten; roast lamb, olives, figs, rice, unleavened bread, fruit, but they departed from the original menu by substituting grape juice for the wine of the Bible account.

During the dinner, Rev. Vernon Chalfant, pastor of the church, and Dan Smith, Hendrix ministerial Student, read scriptural versions of the Last Supper and commented on it as a continuance of the Jewish Passover feast.

The evening closed with celebration of the Lord's Supper according to the ordinance of the Methodist Church. Sixteen men of the church assisted. W. C. Orne, superintendent of Sunday School, was general chairman for the event. Honored guests were those who will be received in the church Sunday.

The entire service was in candlelight. The background was a large drop of "The Lord's Supper."

It seemed as if we all really relived the Last Supper.—E. Zinn

in wonderful services. We had sixty-two in Sunday School.—Ray Edwards, Pastor

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THE EASTER SEASON ON THE FIELD

On Saturday night, March 17, it was the writer's privilege to preach at Rehab Chapel between Keiser and Wilson. Under the leadership of Rev. R. B. Craig of Keiser and Rev. H. Lynn Wade of Wilson a fine congregation had been assembled with great interest in the work of the church. A fine revival was conducted the past summer which resulted in a splendid ingathering of people. This is a splendid field and Brother Craig and Brother Wade are giving brotherly and effective attention to it.

On Sunday March 18, and the week following, it was my privilege to work in the Piggott Church. Brother Bill Scroggin has done a monumental work here. Interest in the church is growing week by week. A most unusual congregation of people make up the Piggott Church, a church that is one of the cleanest and most wholesome communities to be found anywhere. One can walk around the town square without seeing the liquor and beer signs hanging out; neither does he see a community loafing house where the idle gather to waste their time. One is impressed with the fact that here is a great little city where there has to be no dependence upon legalized vice for support. The churches around Piggott are showing marked interest in their work.

In company with Rev. A. N. Storey, district superintendent, and Rev. Bill Scroggin, pastor at Piggott, a number of churches were visited. At Mars Hill where Rev. Gus Evans is pastor a most outstanding redecoration program is in progress. Beautiful pews and altar furnishings have been installed. When completed this will be a very worshipful and attractive chapel. Sunday School class rooms are soon to be built in. At Langley's Chapel the same type program has been started and will be completed in the near future. A beautiful new church was built at Boydsville three years ago. Most remarkable is the fact that there has been a worship and study service every Sunday since the organization of the church. Another new church has been built in this section at French's Grove near Hickora. When completed it will be one of the most attractive rural churches in the district. At Knobel the church is being completely redecorated. The congregation is encouraged and uplifted under the leadership of Rev. Mitchell Sanford who is serving the Biggers-Reno-Knobel-Peach Orchard Expanded Parish, a new approach to the small church problem.

On Easter Sunday morning at the rising of the sun in company with Rev. Verlia Harris, pastor at Clinton, and with a great company of people assembled on a mountain top overlooking great valleys all around, the resurrection of our Lord was remembered. This service was planned during a recent revival at Clinton. It was the first of its kind for this fine community, and it will certainly be remembered by all of us.

At eleven o'clock a service at the Everton Church was enjoyed, with a fine congregation of people present. At three o'clock a service of inspiration was enjoyed at Bergman. At seven-thirty a very splendid congregation gathered at Bellfonte for the evening worship hour. Brother James Smith had just completed the campaign to pay off the debt on the Bellfonte Church.

On Monday and Tuesday night in cooperation with Rev. A. N. Storey, the pastors and laymen in Greene County, a Church Life Clinic was held at Griffin Memorial Church. The clinic was begun with a fellowship supper with the Methodist men of the Griffin Memorial Church. Matters that related to the program and support of the church were given thorough consideration. Among other subjects discussed was "The Church and Its Ministry," "The Laymen Look at the Financial Program of the Church," "How to Make up a Budget," "The Responsibility of the Larger Church to the Small," "The Responsibility of the Small Church to the Large," "A United Methodism in Greene County." Two other such clinics are planned in the district at the request of the District Superintendent. The same type program will be carried across the conference within the next few months. Much good, we believe, will come from such a meeting.—J. Albert Gatlin

EASTER AT LONOKE

The Methodist Church, Lonoke, set an attendance record at church school Easter Sunday and as far as percentages go may have set a record for Methodism in the state. The Easter church school attendance was 347 which is the largest attendance in the history of the church and exceeds the total enrollment of the school and also exceeds the church membership.

J. C. Tankersley, church school superintendent, stated that the previous record of church school attendance of 230 has been exceeded the last three Sundays. The Easter attendance surpassed the church school enrollment of 329.

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Class with an attendance of 113 had defeated the Marion Dunlap Women's Bible Class with attendance of 87 in an attendance contest and the losers will entertain the winners with a banquet at some time in the near future.

Attendance by divisions was as follows: Adult 203; Intermediate 39 and Children 105.

Rev. J. E. Dunlap, pastor, stated that the attendance may have set a record for Methodist churches in comparison with church membership. The attendance was in excess of the church membership which is 300 active members. He stated that he doubted if there is another Methodist Church in the state that had a church school attendance that exceeded the church membership.—E. W. Copeland

EASTER SUNDAY AT CLINTON

The dawn of day on Easter Sunday found some one hundred fifty people on their way to the top of Evans' Point for a sunrise service. Through pre-arrangements made by our pastor Rev. J. Albert Gatlin was here to bring the message. Brother Gatlin was at his best in delivering the sermon. As the con-

gregation of people left the mountain top, they could be heard saying, "It was good to be here." Since it was the first service of this kind in Clinton and the attendance was outstanding, it is the opinion of many who were there that it should be established as an annual affair.

It seemed as though Easter services had just started for the day. The people gathered at the church for Sunday School and at the close of the Church School hour a large group of people came for the hour of worship. Many older members of the church said it was the largest congregation they had ever seen in the building and our pastor, Rev. Verlia Harris, stated it was the largest congregation he had had the privilege of preaching to in our church.

At the beginning of the worship hour, there was a very inspirational service. Two babies were dedicated to Christ in a baptismal service.

At the evening hour the M. Y. F. had its meeting and from there a very busy and pleasant Easter Day was closed by gathering back in the sanctuary of the church for a most worshipful and helpful service.—Lillian Hall

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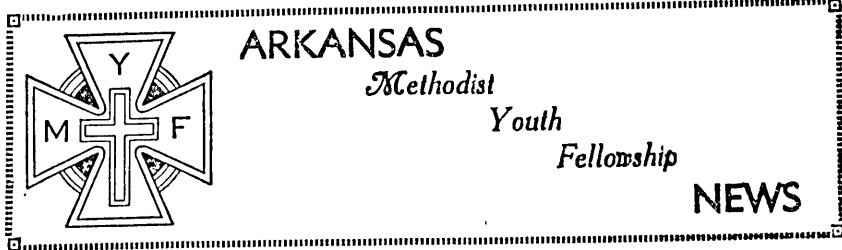
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SACRIFICIAL MEAL AT UNION COUNTY SUB- DISTRICT MEETING

M. Y. Fer's of Union County Sub-District met March 5 at Vantrease Memorial Church, El Dorado, for their Annual Sacrificial meal.

Calvin Fudge led Vantrease Youth in the program centered around a cross having crust of bread on one side, representing Korea's needs, and a bountiful plenty on the other, representing the United States' resources.

Mrs. Edward Harris and Mrs. Harvey Couch, Sub-District Counselors, presented an educational film on Korea and her needs. An offering, totaling \$53.83, was taken. All present gave the price of the meal which went to help supply Korea's needs.

Morris McKinnion, president, and Judy Sayre, secretary, presided over the business meeting. Plans were perfected for the Sub-District to go to Fordyce for the District Rally, March 9.

Mrs. Edward Harris, First Church of El Dorado, gave the initiatory call for the Fifth National Convocational Rally to be held on the Purdue University Campus, in Lafayette, Indiana.

Carolyn Hawkins of El Dorado invited the Sub-District to the First Methodist Church of El Dorado April 9 for the monthly meeting. They have planned a "Career Night" to which resource people will be invited.

Albert Sanders, Norphlet, presented the monthly Methodist Youth Fund Project. This talk briefly told how the M. Y. Fund dollars are working in Hawaii with the aid of dedicated men and women.

Banners were awarded to Parker's Chapel Seniors and Norphlet Intermediates.—Albert Sanders, Reporter.

FELLOWSHIP TEAM AT FIRST CHURCH, CONWAY

"Christ Above All" was the theme used when a fellowship team from Hendrix College, directed by Rev. James S. Upton, worked with the Intermediates, parents and adult workers. The activities began on Friday, March 9, with a fellowship supper, followed by singing, discussion, recreation and worship. There was a quest period for each age group in the Intermediate Department followed by a sharing period. This session closed with a hymn-splosion.

The evening meeting began with a fellowship supper to which the parents of Intermediates were invited. They enjoyed singing, recreation and worship with the Intermediates. Rev. James S. Upton led a discussion group for parents and adult workers. Members of the team were: Gerald Fincher, Alicia Ann Bell, Cannon Kinnard, Bobby Hayes, Virginia Botts, Calvin Roetz, Bill Elliott, Charles Moose, David Dickens, J. G. Greening, George Wayne Martin, and Jean Dodds. The fine work of this team was appreciated by the Intermediate Department.—Reporter.

ARE YOU DOING YOUR PART?

By Martha June Warner, N. Ark.
Conference Treasurer, M. Y. F.

Now is the time to send in Methodist Youth Fund money from your church. Am I right in guessing that some M. Y. F. groups still have not sent in any Methodist Youth Fund offerings this year? Is yours one of these? I hope not.

I hope also that your M. Y. F. is not one of these which may be holding its money until there is more to send or until the end of the year. It is needed now! After all, the M. Y. F., yours and mine, is run by the fund and if we neglect to send our offerings, we are letting our church, M. Y. F., Conference and ourselves down. We must do our very best to up keep this fund and not only keep it up but build it up.

I would like to urge the District and Sub-District officers particularly the treasurers, to encourage the youth of your group and others to give and give freely to the fund. I would also like to urge them to explain to them exactly what it is and show them how much their offerings are needed. If we can get not only the district and sub-district officers but the officers in each individual church in the Conference interested, we can build our M. Y. Fund bigger than it has ever been before.

Can you begin immediately to send your offerings in regularly each month to your Conference treasurer?

We are counting on you and your M. Y. F. to help in the needed increase for 1950-51; the time is getting short and we need your help now!

GOOD FRIDAY OBSERVED BY CONWAY SENIOR M. Y. F.

The Senior Methodist Youth Fellowship of the First Methodist Church, Conway, had a sacrificial meal on Good Friday. The money contributed will be used for a relief project. "Following Jesus Today" was the theme for the impressive service of worship with Sue Taylor as leader.

On Sunday morning following the Easter Sunrise Service, the Senior M. Y. F. met at the Hotel Bachelor for their annual Easter breakfast. Katy Jo Bachelor, Sarah Workman, Martha Sue Fulmer, and Sue Taylor were on the planning committee for the breakfast.—Reporter.

YOUTH FELLOWSHIP HAS EASTER SERVICE

A special Easter service was held at Oakley Chapel Methodist Church on Sunday, March 25, by members of the Youth Fellowship, immediately following the Sunday School.

The church was beautifully decorated with Easter lilies, spring flowers with a lighted cross.

C. A. Johnson, president of the Fellowship, was in charge of the service. Taking part in the service were Mildred Murphy, Max John-

ARKANSAS VALLEY SUB-DISTRICT

The Arkansas Valley Sub-District met Monday, March 12 at 7:30 p. m. at the Mt. Olive Methodist Church. There was a very inspirational picture, "Crossroads", shown by Rev. W. Leonard Byers.

The Ozark M. Y. F. was in charge of the devotional service. Shirley Russell was in charge of the Easter program. Zo Ella Whitson sang a special number.

Frank Clemmons presided at the business meeting. Plans for the Sub-District's summer camp were discussed, and the date set for June 4th through the 8th at Shores Lake Camp.

Mt. Olive M. Y. F. served refreshments in the basement of the church.

The next meeting will be at the Hartman Church. The Mt. Olive M. Y. F. will have charge of the devotional service.—Billie Byers, Ass't Reporter.

MAGNOLIA W. S. C. S. STUDY COURSE MEETING

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Following her talk a report of the Projects Committee was given. The committee was composed of Mrs. Elmer Thomas, Mrs. V. R. Wicker, Mrs. Clarence Few, and Miss Florence Whiteside. It met and formulated its report at the noon hour. Suggestions were made for improving or making more effective the worship period which were to be acted upon at the next meeting of the W. S. C. S.

The closing session was held in the College Room with Mrs. Edward Harris in charge. Mrs. William Shipley, with Mrs. D. P. Futch at the piano, sang a solo. While all heads were reverently bowed, Mrs. Harris concluded the service by reciting the Act of Renewal, and the entire group responded in unison with a pledge to walk in newness of life to the honor and glory of God.—Mrs. F. N. Powell.

son, Ethel May Dean, Jimmie Jo Britt, Bobby Lee McFall, John D. Murphy, Doris Jean Marlow, John Charles Adams, Marvin Autrey, Demarise Shaner, Denny Wood, C. A. Johnson, the Primary Group and the choir.—Mrs. J. E. Britt, Sponsor of Group.

George Bernard Shaw said: "What you must do is to teach them not that drink will do them harm, or good, but make them understand that it is in the last degree disgraceful to a man that he cannot provide his own genuine courage and high spirits without drink. I should be utterly ashamed if my soul had shrivelled up to such an extent that I had to go out and drink a whiskey. Alcohol is a trick. I always tell a man who goes to whiskey for high spirits: 'My friend, you are going to be taken in. Alcohol depresses you, and will only make you feel happy when you are not!'"

BRINKLEY STUDY COURSE

Corporate Worship was stressed in a series of five Lenten meetings sponsored by the Committees on Spiritual Life and Missionary Education of the W. S. C. S. of Brinkley.

Mrs. Robert Moore conducted the study which was based on the book, "We Seek Him Together". The meetings were held on Tuesday mornings at the church and there was an average of sixteen in attendance.

Mrs. Moore emphasized the importance of daily devotions and encouraged the development of family altars.

Appropriate worship centers were prepared for each meeting. Books and pamphlets pertaining to the subject were placed on a table for the use of anyone desiring to borrow them.

The topic for the first week was "Just What is Worship and Why Make a Study of It?" The second topic used was "Formal and Informal Worship". "Building and Using a Worship Service" was the topic used the third week. The fourth week "Christian Symbolism and the Arts" was discussed and the last topic was "The Results of Worship".

The subject matter was well-prepared each time and was presented in a most inspiring manner by the leader, Mrs. Moore.—Reporter.

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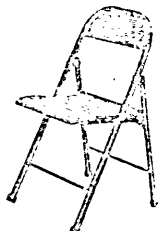
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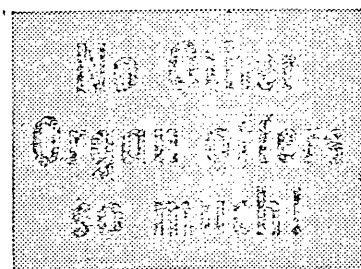
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OBITUARIES

McCLENDON—In the fall of 1933, I was appointed to the Magnolia Circuit by the Little Rock Annual Conference meeting in Hot Springs. One of the first laymen to greet us was R. H. McClendon of Atlanta Church. During our pastorate there a friendship was formed with Brother McClendon and his family that has continued through the years. He never forgot his pastors and loved them all.

Brother McClendon was superintendent of his Sunday School for 53 years and his favorite hymn, with which he often opened Sunday school, was "My Jesus, I Love Thee, I Know Thou Art Mine." He was a Steward for 62 years, a Trustee for 55 years, Quarterly Conference Secretary for 35 years, District Conference Secretary for 12 years, Quarterly Conference Recording Secretary for 25 years, a delegate to District Conference 30 times, and a delegate to Annual Conference 26 times.

Brother McClendon was known throughout the state as a great churchman. He stood high in his own district, and in his own charge and church he was recognized as the leader of all lay activities. Though he was a great churchman and a true Christian, he was never conscious of such recognition by others and would be embarrassed by any suggestion that he make such claims for himself. His life was one of humbleness, obedience and simplicity. We have lost a truly great friend, the church will miss a loyal and consecrated worker, his loved ones will miss his loving presence; but who would call him back from God's heavenly throne where he now stands and sings "My Jesus, I Love Thee, I Know Thou Art Mine."

Funeral service was conducted in his beloved church at Atlanta by his district superintendent, Dr. Connor Morehead, and burial was in the Atlanta Cemetery.

He passed away at his home in Atlanta, Arkansas, on February 11, 1951 after a lingering illness at the age of 86. He was born at Atlanta on March 25, 1864, the son of Russell and Nancy McClendon.

On December 15, 1886 Mr. McClendon was married to Miss Mary Wallace with the Rev. Joseph Turentine officiating.

Mrs. McClendon passed away at their home on November 7, 1919. One son, Felix McClendon, died in France on November 14, 1918 after having been wounded on the battlefield.

Those surviving are: Two sisters, Mrs. Nannie Meadows of El Paso, Texas, and Mrs. Anna Colson (widow of Rev. J. J. Colson) of Hermitage, Arkansas; two daughters, Miss Ruth McClendon of the home and Mrs. C. N. Burleson of Atlanta; four sons, Wallace and Enos of the home, Elmer of Oak Ridge, Louisiana, and Russell of El Dorado, Arkansas. He also leaves seven grandchildren and six great grandchildren. — Alfred I. Doss, Stephens, Arkansas.

BARRON—Thomas Edward Barron, aged 79, of Little Rock, went to receive his reward which he so richly deserved for the good deeds he did while passing through this life. He slipped away from his loved ones on Saturday evening, March 17.

Mr. Barron had been an active member of the First Methodist Church in Little Rock for about fifty-two years. He served on the Board of Stewards and was made an honorary member of the Board

in his less active years.

During World War II he held open house in the church basement every night for service men. He stood on street corners in all kinds of weather and directed boys who were lonely and far away from home to the church building. One night he fell down a long flight of concrete steps to a concrete floor and cut a nasty gash in his head. Everyone thought he would be laid up for a time, but the very next night he was back at his duties helping serve and entertain servicemen.

He made many, many friends among the young and the old.

He was very proud of the achievements of his children. Rev. W. W. Barron is a Methodist minister. Dr. Edwin N. Barron of Little Rock, is also his son. He was equally proud of all of his other children.

His survivors include three daughters, Mrs. William Rohle, Mrs. Harvey Brown, Jr., and Miss Lalla Lee Barron, all of Little Rock; four sons, Dr. Edwin N. Barron and Robert Barron of Little Rock, Rev. W. W. Barron of Carthage and James O. Barron, Tulsa, Oklahoma; two brothers, Claude Barron and J. W. Barron of Little Rock; four sisters, Mrs. Harry Hermann, Mrs. Paul C. Lang, Mrs. Gertrude Busbee and Mrs. Lee Reinhardt, all of Little Rock.

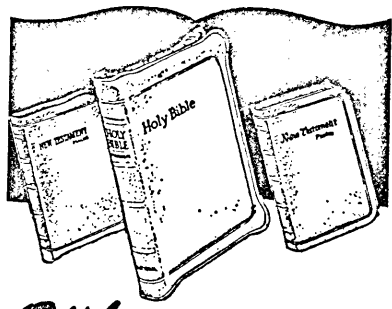
As a daughter-in-law of Mr. Barron I will say he lived a good Christian life.

Funeral services were held in Little Rock by Dr. Aubrey G. Walton, pastor of the First Methodist Church, with burial in Oakland cemetery.—Mrs. Robert A. Barron.

SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

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that nation the whole world would be blest. To a great extent this nation fulfilled its mission. Three nations have laid the world under everlasting obligations to them. The Greek gave the world an appreciation for the beautiful; the Romans a love for law and order; but the Hebrews outstripped all of them. They gave the world its conception of a holy God. The Lord is calling the U. S. today to lead the world in the way of peace. Surely, this nation cannot afford to fail God at a time like this.



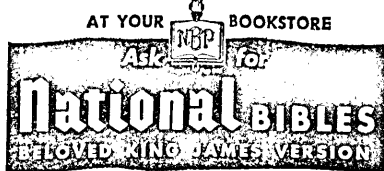
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A TALE OF TWO LANDS AND TWO FAITHS

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language other than the savage gibberish of the Kabyles. But to her surprise and joy, the French father replied by return mail, sending passage money for his return to France.

Arezki was a queer sight when he turned up at the mission in Algiers. He had abandoned the simple dress of the shepherd boy, but, with such European clothes as he could find in the native village, including the missionary's bedroom slippers, he was hardly presentable for the voyage to France. Fortunately, the missionary in Algiers found him the clothes he needed, arranged his passage, found a friend who was going to France and who would accompany the lad to his father.

It would be hard to describe the joy of that reunion between father and son. Certainly no one would dream of accusing the missionary of unnecessarily interfering in the life of the miserable shepherd boy. The son's welfare depended on his finding his father.

This story was told to me by a missionary—Hoyt Smith—when I was in North Africa in February of 1950. Perhaps I should leave the reader to work out his own analogy. But the reader has not been to North Africa and I have. He cannot realize so fully as I the need for

the Christian religion among the Moslems.

Arezki's welfare depended on finding his father. How much more true it is that in presenting Christ to the Moslems of North Africa the missionary is bringing these millions of children of the Creator to the only One who can bring them into a real relation with their heavenly Father. It is true your missionaries in North Africa are preaching to Moslems who are supposed to believe in One God. Actually they are all as miserable as Arezki, before he was reunited with his father. Those of us who know the Father through Jesus are under obligation to Him to help our brothers and sisters find the way home.

And for the Berbers of North Africa to find the heavenly Father through the Lord Jesus Christ is a real reunion in the Christian brotherhood. Before the Arab invasion in the seventh century there was a great Christian community there in North Africa with thousands of wonderful churches. Many people do not know that St. Augustine himself was a Kabyle.

The crescent of Islam has almost obliterated the cross of Christ; and in its sway are all the blights of poverty, ignorance, slavery, immorality, polygamy. There are millions in spiritual and physical misery until they are brought to Christ and His way of life.

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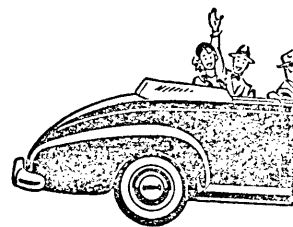
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The Sunday School Lesson

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WHOM DOES GOD CHOOSE?

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READ THE ENTIRE LESSON FROM YOUR BIBLE: Genesis 12:1-4; 15:1-6; 17:1-21. (It would be better if one would read all of chapters 12 through 17.)

GOLDEN TEXT: "I am thy shield, and thy exceeding great reward."—Genesis 15:1

A Look At The Scriptures

As we study the book of Genesis it will be well to keep in mind the fact that it is divided into two main sections. The first eleven chapters deal with the creation and certain philosophical theological ideas about God and the world. From chapter twelve to the close of the book, Genesis deals with stories of the great leaders of the Hebrew people. Since Abraham (first called Abram) was the founder of this race, the account of his life naturally comes first.

A Great Man of God

Abraham was one of the greatest men of all time. He came at the early dawn of history, but exerted such great influence that many races of today call him their father. He also laid the foundation of the three great monotheistic religions of the world—Judaism, Mohammedanism and Christianity. There is no monotheistic religion in the world today that did not take its origin from Abraham.

The Journey To Canaan

In the eleventh chapter of Genesis we have the account of the beginning of this journey. At that time Terah, the father of Abraham, was living. He took his son Abraham and his grandson, Lot, and started for Canaan. They traveled in a northwestern direction from Ur of the Chaldees along the border of the Arabia Desert. After going for some six hundred miles they arrived in the town of Haran which was located in the northern part of Mesopotamia. This was some four hundred miles short of their goal. In order to reach Canaan it would have been necessary to turn back in a southwestern direction. They tarried in Haran for a number of years and Terah died there.

The religious condition of Haran was about the same as was that of Ur. At both places the people worshipped a plurality of gods, chief of whom was the Moon god. They also practiced human sacrifice, and in the name of religion committed all kinds of immorality. Sacred prostitutes inhabited the temples of worship and the act of adultery was their chief act of worship. This was made true because they considered their chief god as the god of fruitfulness.

The Call of Abraham

Beginning with the lesson today we have the definite call of Abraham. This took place following the death of his father, Terah. At the time of this call Abraham was seventy-five years old.

We are impressed with the prompt obedience of Abraham. In response to the call he and his nephew, Lot, together with their families and servants, headed again for Canaan. This call also marks

the beginning of God's covenant with Abraham. God made some wonderful promises in connection with this call, all of which were faithfully kept in later years.

Arriving In Canaan

Pretty soon after arriving in Canaan God reminded Abraham that he was giving the entire country to him and his offspring. The Zionists base their claim on Palestine today because of this promise made by God to Abraham.

Abraham and Lot dwelt in Palestine for some years, during which time God richly blessed them. Then there came a terrible drouth. The group moved to Egypt where they tarried for some time. Because of the beauty of Sarah and through fear that the Egyptians might kill Abraham and take her, they agreed to tell them that she was his sister. This was not a lie out of the whole cloth, for she was his half-sister. At that time comparatively near relatives were in the habit of marrying. We recall what came of this half-lie. Abraham and Lot were sent away from Egypt. They returned to Palestine.

They Part Asunder

By this time Abraham and Lot had become so wealthy in flocks and herds that they no longer could conveniently dwell together. At the time of parting Abraham gave Lot his choice of locations. It will be remembered that God had given all to Abraham. This was very magnanimous on Abraham's part.

Lot, who was constantly thinking in terms of material prosperity, chose the better part of the country from that standpoint, though it was already partially inhabited by people notorious for their wickedness. He lived to rue the day that he pitched his tent toward Sodom."

The First War

In the fourteenth chapter of this book we have the account of the first war ever recorded in the Bible. In this war Lot and his family were taken prisoners. Abraham organized an army and pursued the enemy to a point near Damascus where he defeated them and brought back all the prisoners together with the goods the enemy had taken.

In this connection we have the strangest character to be found in all the Bible—Melchizedek. This man was said to be the priest of the most high God. This is the first time the word "priest" appears in the Bible. This man was also said to be king of Salem. The name "Melchizedek" means righteousness. This man was right with God and right with his fellowman. "Salem" was the ancient name of Jerusalem. This name means "peace". Abraham paid tithes to Melchizedek. This is the first time the tithe is mentioned in the Bible.

Restatement of Promises

Chapter fifteen of our lesson gives a restatement and elaboration of promises God had already made to Abraham. Abraham was still worried about an heir and one to carry on the family name. Much time had elapsed and still no child had come. According to the custom of the time if a man remained childless, then a child of his chief servant became his heir. God told Abraham that the son of Eliezer, his chief servant, would never become his heir. He would have a son of his own to fill that place. He promised him that not only would he have a son of his own, but that his offsprings would eventually become as numerous as the stars.

In this connection we have one of the greatest statements in the Old Testament: "And he believed in the Lord; and he counted it to him for righteousness." This is the first occasion when such blessings were attributed to faith. Centuries later when the great Apostle Paul was trying to show that salvation is by grace through faith and not by works, he quoted this passage. He showed the definite connection between this covenant with Abraham and the covenant of the New Testament. Both are by grace through faith.

Hagar Has A Child

God had promised Abraham a son who would become his heir. He was to be the one through whom God's covenant was to be carried on. Sarah knew of the promise, but she could not wait for the Lord's own time. She decided to help him work the problem out. She gave Abraham her hand-maid, Hagar, to be his wife. This came very near disrupting the home and caused a lot of trouble. Ishmael was born to Hagar, but he was not the one through whom the covenant was to be carried on.

People always get into trouble when they try to run ahead of God. God had promised Abraham that he would take care of him in Canaan, but he got frightened at the drouth and rushed off to Egypt. He barely got out of there alive. We see what happened to Sarah for making the same mistake. Later on we find God promising that Jacob rather than his twin brother, Esau, would be the one through whom the covenant would be carried on. He would have the birth right. He and his mother both knew of the promise but they felt called upon to help God work it out. They deceived Isaac and cheated Esau, but both of them suffered the consequences of their wrong-doing for years to come.

Repetition of Promises

In the seventeenth chapter of Genesis we have God repeating and re-emphasizing his promises. There are two things that stand out in this lesson: One is the fact that God keeps remaking and re-emphasizing these promises. This undoubtedly was reassuring to Abraham. The other outstanding fact is that Abraham is very careful to worship God. He lived a nomadic life. He kept a lot of animals and traveled from place to place to find grazing for them. As Abraham moved from place to place, he was very careful to erect an altar and worship God. He thus kept his religious sensitiveness at high pitch. Little wonder that he could so readily hear the still small voice of God as he spoke to his conscience.

New Names

Three persons get new names in

this seventeenth chapter. God had formerly been known to Abraham as Jehovah, now for the first time he comes to be known as God. All through the lesson we have spoke of Abraham. As a matter of fact he did not get the name Abraham until we come to this chapter. "Abram" means high or exalted father. "Abraham" means father of a multitude or of nations. Sarah also got a new name. Her original name, "Saria" means princess. "Sarah", her new name, means queen. The chapter also records the fact that circumcision was given as a token or seal of the covenant.

Application of Lesson

No sermon or Sunday school lesson is truly helpful to us unless it has a message for our day. Our lesson today measures high at this point.

God Calls Individuals Today

We have all heard the statement "God buries his workman, but his work goes on." How true that is. For the most part God's plans are never fulfilled during the lifetime of one generation. This means that he must have workmen in each generation. As truly as he called Abraham in his day he is calling others today. Many people fail to hear the call because they do not live close enough to God. The Lord does not select his workmen arbitrarily. He is no respecter of persons. He loves all and is anxious to have all work in his vineyard. All, however, will not have the same measure of success even though they put forth the same amount of effort. There are a few factors that determine the measure of one's success in any field of endeavor. One of these factors is the talents an individual has. Another is the training he receives. Still another, in doing the Lord's work, is the completeness with which one surrenders his will to the will of God. Abraham measured high at all these points. So far as the matter of talents is concerned, the individual is not responsible for that, and God only expects him to use what he has.

What Constitutes A Call?

We said above that individuals are called of God today just as they were in Abraham's time. In connection with that statement, we might raise the question, What constitutes a call? Or how does God call people into his service?

One method that God uses is that of vision. We read in his word, "Where there is no vision the people perish." An individual has a vision of certain needs. He feels that something should be done to improve certain conditions. He may rest assured that through the very vision he has God is calling him to do something about the situation.

Still another call comes through a person's talents. It is God's will that no talents shall be buried. Certain individuals have talents that fit them for doing certain types of needed service. It is God's will that they render this service. The Lord is interested in all types of legitimate service. All of life is sacred to him.

Another method the Lord uses is that of inward impression. Somehow an individual gets an inward impression that he should do a certain thing and he is never satisfied until he gets busy at the task.

Nations Are Also Called

God called Abraham to found a nation and promised that through
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