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General MacArthur Returns To America

AFTER years of distinguished service in the Far East, General Douglas MacArthur has been relieved of his duties there by President Truman and will arrive in America this week.

The division on the advisability of the President's action in dismissing General MacArthur is largely following party lines. Hence, it is not possible for the average man, with the facts at hand, to make an appraisal of the merits of the action.

Unfortunately, there is a tendency to make a political football of the incident. Pronouncements regarding the matter are so completely colored by partisan viewpoints that we cannot but feel that neither side is attempting to present all of the facts.

Whatever we may finally find those facts to be, it may be said now with emphasis that it is doubly deplorable that America should be so completely divided about such an important matter at this time of international crisis.

Are We To Be Destroyed By Divisions?

WE have learned from past experiences that "divide and conquer" is a basic strategy of dictators. This policy has worked so effectively in the past that we may be sure it was high on the list when Stalin mapped out his plans for conquest.

There was a time, only a few years ago, when it would have appeared like sheer madness for Russia, with her present Balkan satellites—plus China, to challenge the rest of the world in war. In 1904-5 Japan decisively defeated Russia in the East and practically dictated terms of peace. In the First World War Russia collapsed in the face of only a part of the German armies despite the fact that Germany was also at war with France and England at that time. As late as 1920, Poland, alone defeated an attack by the Soviet Union. In the Second World War, with only a part of Hitler's armies available for the attack, the pendulum swung precariously between survival and defeat for Communistic Russia.

It is fantastic now to think of Russia attempting to call the plays for the rest of the world without the support of any great nation of earth, except the backward nation of China. In addition to the numerous smaller nations of earth that oppose communism, there is a potential strength in Western Germany, Italy, Japan, France, England and the United States that, properly developed and coordinated, would overshadow any force Russia would be able to muster.

The greatest danger to free nations across the world today is still the dictator's strategy of "divide and conquer." It has not been many years since Russia would hardly have dared make war on any one of a half dozen nations that now oppose Russian aggression.

Coming closer home, the danger of destruction by divisions becomes increasingly alarming in our own nation with each passing day. Our nation faces the greatest crisis in its history while we experience more cross-currents and divisive incidents in our national life than we have known before. America is strong and united we can stand. We must not be destroyed by our divisions.

From Where Do Our Ministers Come?

AFTER his housetop vision, the Apostle Peter declared, "I perceive that God is no respecter of persons." We believe this truth is in evidence in the manner in which God has called men from all walks of life into the ministry. Christ called humble, unlearned fishermen from their nets to help in the founding of His kingdom. This same Christ, in a vision, called the learned scholar, Saul of Tarsus to be a "chosen vessel" to preach the gospel. Perhaps the percentage of those called into the ministry from the more privileged classes and the common masses is still about the same.

Nevertheless, as matters stand, the large percentage of our ministers have come from the homes of what we frequently call the "common people." That may be true because there are so many

How shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard? and how shall they hear without a preacher? And how shall they preach except they be sent? as it is written, How beautiful are the feet of them that preach the gospel of peace and bring glad tidings of good things! Roman 10:14-15.

more of us than there are of the privileged classes. Some one has said, "God must have loved the common people, He made so many of them." If God were to call a proportionate number of people into the ministry from all strata of life and they all answered the call then we would of course have, as we now have, a preponderance of ministers from the everyday masses of the people.

It is quite possible, also, that it is much easier for one from the rank and file of people to answer the call to the ministry than it is for those we think of as belonging to the more privileged classes. Few of us who answered the call to the ministry from the everyday walks of life are conscious of having made any real sacrifice to do so. We feel that the opportunity for the service of God and humanity, which the ministry offers, is infinitely greater than anything we may have left behind in order to be a minister.

The fact remains, however, that a large percentage of those answering the call to the ministry comes from the average walks of life. They are consecrated, religious and ambitious for the kingdom. Nevertheless, most of them need the help of the church financially, if they are to be the trained leaders the church so badly needs. One may dare to go in debt while training for the more remunerative vocations. The salary of the average preacher, especially in his early ministry, is such that a heavy debt would be a serious, crippling handicap in his work. Any investment the church makes in a trained ministry is a paying investment.

Students In Annual Meeting

THE Arkansas Methodist Student Movement concluded a three-day annual meeting at Arkadelphia last Sunday, sessions of which were declared to be the best ever held by the 120 students in attendance. Methodist students from the University of Arkansas, Arkansas State College, Arkansas State Teachers, Arkansas Tech, Southern State College, Henderson State Teachers, and Hendrix College were registered in attendance.

Anyone fearful about the lay and ministerial leadership for the church of tomorrow should sit in on some of the sessions of these students either at their annual meeting or at their colleges. You may not always agree with their thinking but you can never ease to admire their earnestness, sincerity, and enthusiasm, especially when they have been sufficiently challenged to call for the best in them, and that is just what their annual meeting does for them. Their leaders are to be commended for the splendid job they are doing in this field.

Inflation And Hendrix

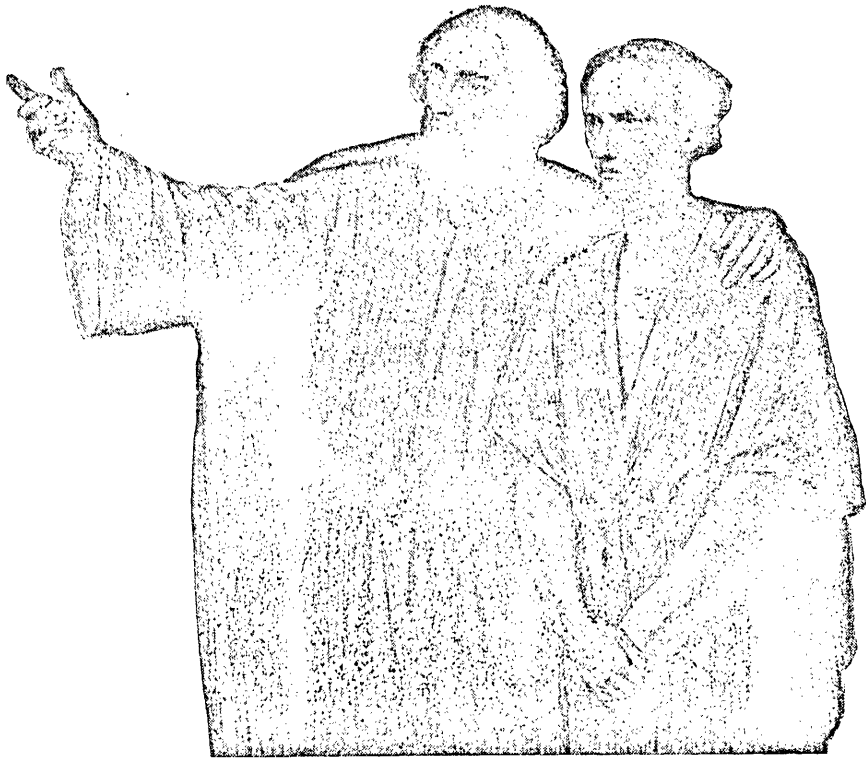
PUBLISHED news accounts of the recent Hendrix Board of Trustees meeting reveal that Hendrix College will sustain a deficit of \$15,000 for the school year ending next month, bringing home to Arkansas Methodists the financial problem which schools, public and private, now have. Inflationary trends affect schools of higher learning just as much as the cost of the family groceries. Methodist schools are not exempt from the effects of inflation. Our school leaders have been saying for sometime now that the squeeze of rising costs would make necessary the giving of some attention to this problem. Their prediction has now been fulfilled and the time is at hand.

Obviously, some adjustment will have to be made or additional funds secured to prevent future deficits. We are quite sure that there is no intention on the part of the college authorities to continue to spend beyond the college's income from tuition, fees, investments, endowment, etc. We also know that it would be with the greatest reluctance that any curtailment of the present program be undertaken with a view to cutting costs to any great extent. Hendrix has come to its present high scholastic rating through the work, sacrifice and devotion of many persons and any move which might in any way affect its accreditation would be viewed with alarm.

The college and the Board of Trustees are anxious that a serious program of "Living Endowment" be undertaken among its alumni and friends. For the sake of the uninitiated this program envisions payments of "interest" to the college by persons in whom the college "invested" during their years as students. Thus a person can "give" Hendrix, say, \$2,000 by paying the "interest" (3%) on that amount which would be approximately \$60.00 a year, or \$5.00 per month. If the \$2,000 were given in a single payment, the college would invest that money along with its other endowment funds. In the Living Endowment program, the donor, as the Living Endowment, pays the "interest" himself that the investment would otherwise bring.

The last time we made inquiry there were approximately 200 persons participating in the Hendrix Living Endowment program, contributing about \$6,000 annually. The problem of

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A Heartwarming Account Of The Place Of Today's Minister As Preacher, Pastor, and Church Administrator. Any Young Person Contemplating Full Time Service In The Christian Ministry Will Find Help Here In Making A Decision.

"... Instead Of Eyes"

By REV. FRED R. HARRISON

At the request of the Editors of the Arkansas Methodist Rev. Fred R. Harrison, pastor of the First Methodist Church, Texarkana, has prepared this article and the Editors are pleased to present it to Arkansas Methodism as a contribution in the current emphasis of the Advance For Christ Program, "Our Ministry." Brother Harrison has had wide experience as a pastor, district superintendent, and leader in conference activities. At present he is also serving as Chairman of the Little Rock Conference Commission on Christian Vocations.



HENRY VAN DYKE, in his story "The Source," describes a beautiful and prosperous little city and its surrounding countryside situated in the midst of a desert. The area is an ideal one in which to live and love and labor because of a river which provides an unfailing abundant supply of water. Yet the river is not "The Source." That is a spring high up in the mountains, a fountain of living water welling up unceasingly, which long ago had been opened by a man who sacrificed his own life in doing it.

To keep "The Source" and with it the river and all the channels and fountains depending on it flowing, the people visit the mountain spring each day. They go up with singing and at "The Source" offer their prayers and praises and whisper reverently the beautiful name of their benefactor.

But little by little the people tire of this daily pilgrimage. As the older folks die, the younger turn to other things which leave them little or no time to visit the spring. They began to doubt and at length to deny that the visitations have any worth or meaning. At last "The Source" is forgotten entirely save by one young woman who remembers and continues to worship by its waters each day.

In consequence of this prevailing neglect and forgetfulness the spring no longer wells up and overflows. The river bed becomes all but dry. The city and the country round about are impoverished more and more and seem destined to become uninhabitable. It is kept from this complete doom, however, by the faithfulness of the young woman, Ruamie, to whom the wandering visitor who tells the tale says: "You are the life of the city, for you alone remember. Its secret is in your heart, and your faithful keeping of the hours of visitation is the only cause why the river has not failed altogether and the curse of desolation returned."

Just as the young woman alone remembered to visit "The Source" and kept the river flowing to the fields and homes, so down through history have such vigilant souls been needed who knew "The Source" and wanted others to know and share the blessings coming from "The Source."

This is dramatically illustrated in the search Moses made for leaders in his efforts to lead the people out of Egypt, and through the wilderness to the new day of freedom. One day he met a man—whether a youth or in middle life we do not know—who impressed the magnificent Moses with his potential powers of leadership for a noble cause. When Moses asked him to join in this great effort to help the people, this man, Hobab by name, tried to excuse himself on the ground that he had other work to do. Finally, he yielded to the pressing invitation of Moses,

and gave such splendid service that Bible authors later mentioned his fine contribution.

The Methodist Church is calling its Hobabs to yield their powers and talents to Christ as He would lead the people through today's wilderness. Each year our great Church needs approximately 1,000 men to replace those who drop from the ranks of the Methodist ministry through death or retirement. With a growing church, and with the inroads which the call to the armed service is making on the young manpower of the nation, we shall need even a larger number.

In recent years an increasing number of men, successful in other fields of work, have told me they felt in their teens the call of God to the ministry. Like Hobab they felt they wanted to go into other vocations. Today they wish they had accepted God's call. I am thinking now of the boys in high school and college who likewise feel an inward urge to respond to "the still small voice" of God for the full-time Christian ministry. The Church needs more young men to obey "the tap on the shoulder" as the late Dr. Peter Marshall expressed God's calling people into the ministry.

What is the place of the preacher today?

He has a place in the pulpit.

Saint Paul, by any standards, one of the preaching 'greats' of all time, asked the Christians in Rome a very pertinent question: "How then shall they call on Him in Whom they have not believed? And how shall they believe in Him of Whom they have not heard? And how shall they hear without a preacher?" He partly answered this question when he wrote his first letter to the Corinthian Christians: "For after that in the wisdom of God, the world by wisdom knew not God, it pleased God by the foolishness of preaching to save them that believe."

When Moses presented Hobab with a call to leadership he summoned him to "be to us instead of eyes." Did not Moses have the cloud to lead the march of the people through the wilderness? Yes, the cloud was important. God had put it there. But it was necessary to have a man that knew all about the oases and the wells, and who could teach the motley company from Goshen the secrets of camp life, because he was familiar with the country through which the Israelites were to pass.

The preacher today is to be to the people "instead of eyes." He is to see farther than they see, that they may see better what is before them. Preaching is paramount. Truth is abstract and needs to be personified. God's truth was presented in the matchless person of Christ. That truth needs to be presented by personality today. No wonder then that the great peer of the pulpit, Phillips Brooks, defined preaching as "the transmission of truth through personality." When a man preaches the Good News of Christ, men know they have been confronted by God. No man can hear such preaching without know-

ing that God through the preacher has set before him life and death and urged him to choose life.

Dr. Joseph R. Sizoo tells a story of Mark Matthews, one of the distinguished Presbyterian preachers of the last generation. A lawyer in Seattle who attended his Church saw one morning, sitting near him, a charwoman who scrubbed the floors in his office. Somewhat surprised, he asked her the next day if she had been at the service. When she assured him that she had been there, the lawyer replied, "But Matthews is a very scholarly person; could you understand what he said?" To this she replied, "Oh no, I could not understand him, but he always washes clean the gutters of my life." That is the business of preaching, making it vital and vibrant, so that the preacher becomes a living witness. As Dr. Clovis Chappell assures us, the preacher should put the major emphasis on preaching.

Preachers are to be witnesses of Christ and for Christ. This makes it impossible to find a substitute for preaching. The church can use ceremony, pageantry, and ritual when they contribute to worship and the cultivation of reverence. It has been pointed out that God has managed His church through the years without a good many things we count important today, such as the Sunday School, which came into use about 400 years ago. But God has never been able to manage without the preacher. The preacher must be for men "instead of eyes," to visit "The Source" and see that fountains of living water pour into the parched areas of human living.

He has a place as Pastor.

A trashman said to Dr. Samuel Harkness: "You and I are in the same business—I haul trash away from people's houses; you haul it away from their minds. This world ain't nothing but a big trash can to me, but I try to leave it cleaner than I found it."

A great deal of trash can be hauled from the minds of a congregation as the preacher sheds light and gives inspiration from the pulpit. But there is a great deal of dirt which the preacher will never see until he gets out into the community and knows the problems of the people. A preacher's place is not simply by the side of the road as the passing parade of hungry humanity goes by, but walking alongside of people in spiritual and physical need.

Preaching is primary in the effort to extend the influence of Jesus. But the great majority of Christian ministers work in small churches. Only the few have a wide hearing, who can give themselves almost exclusively to preaching, while assistants look after the pastoral work.

He who goes into the ministry needs to possess the quality of enjoying working with people. The true minister of Christ must learn to walk in other people's shoes. One of the ancient

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THE DEVOTIONAL PAGE

REV. ROY L. BAGLEY, Editor

FROM THE BOOKSHELF

The first man who ever prayed was conscious of two things—that he had a will of his own and that there was another will with which he had to cooperate.

In the presence of God each one discloses his inner self, and while he prays in company with the others he finds that their heartfelt desires are the same as his own. It is through common prayer that we come to understand each other.

We draw nearest to him in our own souls when we unite in prayer with our brethren.

He declares repeatedly that the object of prayer is to ask God for what we need.

In some of the sayings the idea of asking is set aside altogether and prayer is regarded simply as the means of knowing God and keeping ourselves in harmony with his will.

For Jesus, therefore, prayer is a form of action . . . Prayer cannot be real unless it is conjoined with the endeavor to act by the will of God.

It is necessary, first of all, to wait on God with a true conception of his nature. Unless you know whom you are addressing you cannot highly speak to him. So it was the chief aim of Jesus' teaching to change our attitude to God, and by doing this he gave a new meaning to prayer.

For Jesus God was the Father, who is near to men and knows them one by one.

From THE LORD'S PRAYER by E. E. Scott.

LOOK TO THE SHINING LIGHT!

Verse for Today: "I am the light of the world: he that followeth me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life." John 8:12

John Bunyan dreamed that he saw a man who was distressed about himself because of what he read in a book. In his distress, Evangelist came to him and pointed him to a shining light, directing him to go toward it. He obeyed, but with his first steps he fell into the Slough of Despond, a place of "many fears and doubts and discouraging apprehensions."

This is a picture of our own times. There are those who would hasten toward the shining light, but they have slipped into the prevalent mood of fear, doubt and suspicion. Their attention has been drawn insistently toward world problems—fear of a wily aggressor, the size of military appropriations, loyalty purges, high names darkened by low morals, strikes and crimes, haste and waste. These are a quagmire in which the noble assurance of freedom from fear is too often lost.

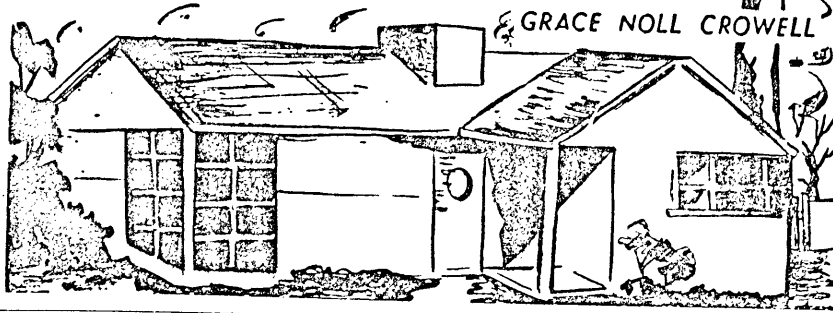
Yet the shining light is still the fact of supreme importance. The way to freedom from fear is discovered in listening to the truth of the gospel, and in looking toward the shining light that Christ has set before us, to glorify and make

I PRAYED TODAY

IN my quiet room I talked with my Friend today;
I opened my heart to Him with its weight of care.

I spoke of the burdens I carried along the way;
I sought His help as I knelt at His feet in prayer.
I told Him my griefs, forgetting He knew them all;
I prayed for my own, forgetting that He could see
Within their hearts each need, though great or small,
Each unsolved problem and dark perplexity.

In my quiet room I talked with the Friend I love,
As He engineered His planets, His stars, His suns;
My little world was what I was dreaming of,
My little day, and my own near precious ones.
And He with His hands on the universe, His eyes
Upon endless space and the sweep of eternity,
Bent above me, listening to my cries,
And, forgetting my faults and failures, answered me.



Are You Giving Your Best To Your Church?

By ELIZABETH LEE

EMERSON said, "Every great and commanding moment in the annals of the world is the triumph of some enthusiasm." Nothing in this world has ever been achieved without some person having a vision, and with the vision, enough of faith in its value to have boundless enthusiasm. No other virtue is as contagious as enthusiasm, nor engenders more success. It is the match that sets off the fireworks; it is the flame that warms the heart to action.

There is no better way to share our experience with people than to become a member with them in that one organization that exists solely for the purpose of helping men to gain the best things life has to offer. "Birds of a feather flock together" is nowhere so true as it is in the fellowship that a Christian Church affords. It is here one finds the sym-

thetic heart, the friendly smile, and the warm handshake. It is here the finest values in life are preached and lived. And when we are enthusiastic for something, we leave no stone unturned until we are doing everything in our power to further that cause. There are innumerable duties in every church that can be done only by those who are eager for its success. We find two classes of church members. One of them sees a need, and says, "Someone ought to do it, but why should I?" The other groups see the same need, and says, "Someone ought to do it, so why not I?" Depending on which class you are in, will be the amount of your enthusiasm for the coming of the Kingdom of God on earth.

The secret of getting ahead is getting started. Many of us talk about doing things, until we wear ourselves out with talk, and have little enthusiasm left for the task itself. One thing is certain, you can never start any younger, so you might as well start now! Every new day makes our yesterdays greater in number, and gives us fewer tomorrows. The tragedy in life is that we so often let the tomorrows slip away into the yesterdays, and still we remain the same, talking, instead of doing. True enthusiasm must find expression in action; otherwise it dies, and leaves us less a man, for we have cast aside an opportunity.

Many people have a morbid fear

Prayer: Our gracious God, though we are surrounded by dangers, we turn to thee, ready to go on our pilgrimage. We would lay hold on Christ, our salvation, until we reverence thee and thy Word. Through Christ. Amen.

—Rex E. Kinsell from The Secret Place.

PRAYER FOR THE WEEK

In this day when we are prone to forget the deep and finer things of life, call us to remembrance of our Creator. Prod us into the consciousness that we maintain that dignity and honor which Thou hast bestowed upon us as we fulfill Thy eternal purpose in our life and in the life of our world. Forgive us of the prostitution of the capacity with which Thou hast endowed us. Help us to have a deep sense of repentance that will keep us humble and ready for Thy use. Give power to Thy humble children who testify of Thy presence. Draw us closer together in the bond of fellowship that will defy the inroads of forces that seek to destroy. When we forget the pattern of our lives prompt us to turn again to the life of Thy glorious Son, Jesus Christ and seek His spirit in our lives. We pray in His name. Amen.

FRIENDS

Friendship is one of the richest possessions of life. The old adage, "It is better to have friends than to have money" is a truth that most of us would verify. The one who does not care for friends but seeks his own selfish ends has certainly attained a high degree of self-importance and self-love which betrays him in his time of need and in the day by day happiness he hopes to achieve.

The greatest friend of all men is Jesus. His love and concern reached far, and to the low and the high, the rich and the poor, the vile and the pure. His love knew no bounds and regarded no station, but all men were alike in the greatness of his heart. "Greater love hath no man than this a man lay down his life for his friends", was the expression of Jesus. Yet his love was greater than that. He harbored no grudge against those who spitefully used him. Would not his example be worthy for us to follow if we are planning a world of good will?

A prize was once offered for the best definition of a friend. The winner gave this definition. "A friend is the person who comes in when every other person has gone out." Friendship cannot be placed on a selfish basis. It may be desirable to "win friends and influence people" but friendship is something far deeper than that.

Some observations are pertinent to building real friendship. It has its origin in faith and understanding. (Continued on page 15)

of death. Fear not that your life shall come to an end, but rather that it shall never have a beginning. Deep within each of us are unlimited resources upon which we can draw. Using these, our hearts filled with an enthusiasm which only a great vision and a consciousness of a divine purpose can give, the power of our lives is unlimited. Together as a church, in the common bond that unites us to the cause of the Master, let us resolve now that our enthusiasm shall not die, that our lives shall not have an end, without ever having had a beginning.

Let our enthusiasm be: "For God; for the Christ Church; and for Humanity!"

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A WEEKLY MESSAGE

By FORNEY HUTCHINSON

A REQUEST FOR PRAYER

One night, while I was still living in Shawnee, I received an unusual and very important request. Henry Dial, whom I had known while pastor of St. Luke's Church in Oklahoma City, was calling me from Denver, Colorado. He said, "Brother Hutchinson, I am suffering with tuberculosis and am told I haven't much longer to live. I am calling to ask you to tell me how to pray." Without previous notice, and being so far away, it was difficult for me to comply with his request over the telephone. I did the best I could and told him I would write him more fully in a short time. Not long after our conversation, I learned, through relatives, that he had passed away.

The seriousness of his case and the earnestness of his request impressed me deeply. What more could one man do for another than to teach him how to pray! Since then I have often thought of that experience, and realize more than ever today how greatly the world needs the ministry of prayer. Somebody had been negligent, or Henry Dial, at mid-life, dying of tuberculosis, would have known how to pray. He was a fine, substantial citizen, but he had failed to learn one lesson which he so greatly needed to know.

The greatest lesson I can possibly learn is how to effectively approach God's throne in prayer. It takes on peculiar significance when one finds himself in a trouble like Henry Dial's. While conditions are favorable, let us first learn ourselves, and then try to instruct our friends how to approach the Throne of Grace. Then, when real trouble comes, we will be prepared to meet the emergency.

Perhaps there are many others like Henry Dial today, who want to learn that great lesson. God teach us how to pray!

NOTICE

Pursuant to its policy, the Board of Home Missions and Church Extension cannot receive applications for aid for churches or parsonages later than May 6. All applications must be in the hands of the secretary on or before May 6.—Roland E. Darrow, Executive Secretary, Monticello

THE UNIVERSITY CHOIR of Southern Methodist University, Dallas, Texas, will give a concert in the First Methodist Church, Jonesboro, on Monday evening, April 23.

NEWS AND NOTES ABOUT FACTS AND FOLKS

REV. ROY I. BAGLEY, pastor of First Church, Blytheville, did the preaching in a post-Easter revival at the Lepanto Methodist Church, March 25-April 1. Rev. Irl Bridenthal is pastor.

PHILANDER SMITH COLLEGE CHOIR presented a program of sacred music at the evening service of the First Methodist Church, Jonesboro, on Sunday evening, April 8.

REV. R. B. MOORE, district superintendent of the Arkadelphia District, was the speaker at a Family Night program at the Methodist Church at Lonoke on Friday evening, April 13.

REV. JOE H. ROBINSON, pastor at Strong, spoke on "Our Ministry" at the Sunday evening service on April 8 and gave a report on the Jurisdictional Convocation held in Little Rock, April 2-5.

DR. J. T. CARLYON, professor of Christian Doctrine at Perkins School of Theology, Southern Methodist University, Dallas, Texas, was the speaker at the Sunday evening services, April 15, at the First Methodist Church, Searcy.

REV. EDWARD W. HARRIS, pastor of the First Methodist Church, El Dorado, was the guest speaker at the Monday evening meeting, April 16, of the Methodist Men of Sheridan. Howard Johnson is president of the organization.

STRONG METHODIST CHURCH has just completed a series of special services during the month of March. Guest speakers were Miss Georgia Watson, El Dorado, on March 4; James Victor Spencer, Jr., El Dorado, on March 11 and M. W. Phillips, Huttig, on March 18.

A beautiful illuminated cross was presented to the Cole's Chapel Methodist Church by Mrs. O'Lea Cole Word in memory of her grandfather, Jonathan Cole. The cross was dedicated in a beautiful service on April 2. Dr. W. Henry Goodloe, district superintendent of the Ft. Smith District, preached the dedicatory sermon.

WORLD CRISIS AND CHRISTIAN MISSIONS will be the theme of a "Conference of Furloughed Missionaries of the Methodist Church, June 20-27 at DePauw University, Greencastle, Indiana. About 200 missionaries, many of them on unscheduled furloughs from China, will be present. They will meet with staff members of the Board of Missions and Church Extension to discuss mission strategy and administrative problems.

REV. AND MRS. D. G. HINDMAN, Charleston, announce the marriage of their daughter, Marilyn, to Thomas D. Peterson of Selma, Alabama, on March 17 at the Charleston Methodist Church, the father of the bride officiating. Mr. Peterson is a ministerial student at the School of Religion of Vanderbilt University and will finish his work in December. Until his assignment in the North Alabama Conference they are temporarily at home at 1218 18th Avenue South, Nashville, Tennessee.

THE Christian Council Rural Conference, meeting in Madras, the center of the present famine area of south India, sent this message to Church World Service, New York, the agency of American Protestantism in the field of relief: "Since the monsoon has failed for the fourth successive year, conditions are already very precarious and are likely to become desperate within a few months. The future looks very, very serious. . . . We therefore send this urgent appeal to Church World Service not only to continue 'famine relief', as was given these past months, but to greatly enlarge the shipments of food that will be urgently needed in the near future."

THE week of April 29 to May 6, 1951, will be generally observed throughout American Protestantism as "International Christian University Week." During that period pastors in cooperating churches (all those in the National Council of the Churches) will tell their congregations the aims and plans of the proposed International Christian University in Mitaka, Japan, and ask them for funds for the institution. It is expected that this initial offering from America, plus funds already raised in Japan, will be sufficient to complete existing buildings, provide for the faculty and their homes, and provide for the first year's budget.

MISS HANNA KELLY, Little Rock Conference W. S. C. S. Secretary of Wesleyan Service Guild, presided at the annual Wesleyan Service Guild meeting at the First Methodist Church, El Dorado, this past weekend. One hundred seventy members were registered in attendance. Mrs. T. S. Lovett, Grady, Mrs. George Dismukes, Westville, Okla., Mrs. Earl D. Cotton, Little Rock, and Mrs. Ewing T. Wayland, Little Rock, addressed the meeting. Mrs. Neill Hart, Camden, and Mrs. C. I. Parsons led in the annual pledge service. Miss Ollie Hall, Little Rock, served as program chairman for the meeting. The group will meet at the Lakeside Methodist Church, Pine Bluff, next year.

REV. WM. A. STEWART, JR., pastor at Eureka Springs, writes: "On Palm Sunday a new church model Hammond organ was demonstrated in the Eureka Springs Church. Our congregation thought it such an improvement over the old reed organ that they decided to keep it as a permanent fixture for the church. A committee was appointed with Delbert Weaver as chairman to canvass the membership for funds to pay for the new organ. On Wednesday, March 29, the committee signed the contract to purchase the organ. The new organ and the Adult Choir, under the direction of Mrs. Merle King, and the Junior Choir, under the direction of Mrs. Jean McVay, are giving us a ministry of music that is unsurpassed."

NEWLY elected officers of the Arkansas Methodist Student Movement which met last weekend at the First Methodist Church, Arkadelphia, include Bill Henderson, University of Arkansas, president; Peggy Benson, Southern State College, vice-president; Polly Lefler, Arkansas Tech, secretary; Mary Lynn Rivers, Southern State College, treasurer; John Rosso, University of Arkansas, publicity chairman. These officers were installed by Rev. James S. Upton, Hendrix professor, who serves as director for the organization. Officers who served last year were Walter Hodges, Hendrix, president; Agnes Clark, Henderson, vice-president; Bonnie Lee, Arkansas State Teachers, secretary; Mrs. Robert Sessions, Arkansas College, treasurer; and Barbara Blackburn, Hendrix, publicity.

RURAL Life Sunday—annually the fifth Sunday after Easter—will be observed this year in many Protestant churches on April 29. The day was first generally observed in 1929, at the suggestion of the International Association of Agricultural Missions, for "emphasizing the meaning of Christianity for rural life; for the invocation of God's blessing upon the seed, the fruits of the soil, and the cultivators of the earth; for the consideration of justice for agriculture and the spiritual values of rural life." It is now promoted by the National Council of the Churches of Christ, and by many denominational agencies. The Council urges that not only rural churches, but city churches also observe the day "since we are all dependent upon the seed, the soil, and the farmer."

INFLATION AND HENDRIX

(Continued from page 1)

a \$15,000 budget deficit could be immediately solved if each of 250 alumni would give \$5.00 each month as his share in the Living Endowment program. There are certainly that many other alumni who are able and willing to help eliminate this deficit.

We want to seriously commend such a program for your serious consideration. This plan would enable the college to continue the quality of work for which it is so well known and in which we all take so much pride.

CURRENT NEWS IN THE RELIGIOUS WORLD

Selected from Religious News Service Releases

Woman Teaches Sunday School At 89

A Louisiana woman who started teaching Sunday school classes 72 years ago is perhaps the oldest active Sunday school instructor in the country. She is Mrs. L. H. Moreland, 89, of Baton Rouge, who is active in PTA work in addition to teaching the Mothers class at the Istrouma, La., Baptist Church. Mrs. Moreland began teaching 72 years ago in the Selene Baptist church in north Louisiana at the age of 16 where her father, the Rev. J. H. Harrell, was a minister. Mr. Harrell, who came to Louisiana in 1847, was the first Baptist minister in the northern section of the state.

Report Restrictions On Korea Missionaries Lifted

Restrictions have been lifted on the return of missionaries to Korea, according to word received from Tokyo by United Church of Canada leaders. "Evidently it is considered by the United Nations officials that it is safe for them to resume their work," said the Rev. David Gallagher, associate sec'y of the Church's Overseas Missions Board. Wives of missionaries are not yet being allowed to return, it was said, but women doctors and nurses will be admitted because of the country's need for medical services.

Southern Baptists Raise Six Millions For Missions

A total of more than \$6,000,000 was raised during 1950 by the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board, an increase of \$695,000 over the previous year. Dr. M. Theron Rankin, executive secretary, told the Board at Richmond, Va. This amount did not include relief funds. He said that \$275,000 has been earmarked for the purpose of sending out 100 new missionary appointees this year. Thirty of the new missionary appointments have been made so far.

Korean Protestant Churches Ask 'Christian Democracy'

A joint statement issued at Pusan, Korea, by the Korean Protestant churches urged Christians to oppose Communism by "rearming themselves with the Christian revolutionary idea." Published in the Protestant weekly, The Christian Times, the statement declared "Christian democracy alone will be the key answer to the present growing, aggressive Communist revolution." It called upon church members "to penetrate into economic, agrarian, labor and political fields" and lead in a "vigorous campaign against hatred, fear, and above all, poverty."

Ministers To Gather Gambling Information

A resolution permitting its members, as individuals, to gather and give to the proper authorities information on gambling was adopted by the Hot Springs, Ark., Ministerial Alliance. A report by the Alliance's committee against gambling urged that information on gambling be distributed to church congregations.

Editors Ask Senate Group Not To Raise Mail Rates

Editors of Protestant, Roman



EDITING — WITH EMPHASIS

A good many of us never repeat the Lord's Prayer without editing it as we go along—giving emphasis to that which meets our selfish needs. God's will could not be done by most of us without changes in the way we live. When we say "Thy will be done", we really mean only if it's done "our way"—therefore His Kingdom does not come. We re-write in big letters, "Give us this day" our daily needs and then touch lightly on the part about forgiveness and deliverance from some of the evils we enjoy. That little prayer we repeat so often has enough power and challenge in it to turn our world upside down. To be influential and effective personalities, we do not need to achieve monumental works; we only need to repeat the Lord's Prayer some morning and start the day as if we really meant it. That day we would never forget.—Chas. A. Wells.

Catholic and Jewish publications asked the Senate post office and civil service committee not to raise second class mail rates. The committee is considering a measure that would double both second and third class rates. Protestant spokesmen at the committee hearing included Dr. Daniel Poling, editor of The Christian Herald, New York; Dr. Herbert F. Osteyee, of the American Baptist Publication Society, Philadelphia; Frederick Decker, managing director of Guideposts, New York; and John Ribble, of the Publications Division, Presbyterian Church in the U. S. A. Speaking for a group of Protestant publishing houses, Dr. Osteyee declared that the Sunday school program would be seriously affected by the proposed heavy increases in mailing rates for their publications.

Administration Leaders Drop Fight For UMT

Religious groups won major victory when administration leaders in the House dropped their fight to enact universal military training at the present time. Witnesses for religious groups testified at length in public hearings against the proposal that all youths at 18 be permanently required to take up to 26 months of military training. When the legislation reached the floor of the House, administration leaders found that too much resistance had been built up among members. Rather than

suffer defeat on a roll call, the leaders agreed to accept a series of amendments which virtually kill permanent universal military training for the present.

Clergy Group Ask Action On Food To India

A group of 12 leading Protestant clergymen have sent a letter to Speaker Sam Rayburn urging immediate Congressional action on the proposed gift of 2,000,000 tons of food grains to India. The clergymen acted as religious groups warned that famine aid to India, strongly supported by Protestant and Roman Catholic groups, is apparently going to be defeated in the House of Representatives without even coming to a vote on the floor. Unless much stronger sentiment for the measure develops among the membership of the House, its Rules Committee is not expected to report the legislation to the floor for action, but will pigeon-hole it indefinitely.

Kentucky Methodists To Make College Survey

Kentucky Methodists are preparing to seek a new, and perhaps drastically different, approach to the problems of church-sponsored higher education in the state. Between now and the annual meetings this fall of the Louisville and Kentucky Conference of the Methodist Church, a complete survey will be made of the needs and problems of

Union College, Barbourville; Kentucky Wesleyan, now at Winchester but moving to Owensboro, and Lindsey Wilson Junior College, Columbia. Money loomed largest in preliminary discussions of the survey. All three institutions need more money, but Lindsey Wilson and Kentucky Wesleyan apparently are in actual jams, it was brought out.

Mormons Sponsor Anti-Tobacco Films

The Mormon Church has turned to television in its fight against the use of tobacco. Taking a tip from the tobacco companies — leading users of television time—the church has completed a series of 16 mm. movie shorts designed for motion picture theaters and television. The shorts — all made in Hollywood studios using professional techniques and actors—have the same theme, "Can You Take The Chance?" They are slanted to Mormon youth of high school age. The scripts are fictionalized and feature portrayals of firemen, policemen, athletes, actors, professional men and their attitude on smoking.

Government Rejects Atheist's Plea

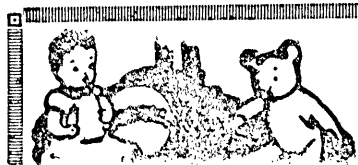
The United States Government has rejected an atheist's plea that criminal action be started against the University of Minnesota on the grounds that it is violating the separation of Church and State. It is "the view of the Department of Justice that action in the matter would not be desirable and none is contemplated," Frank C. Hughes, the atheist, was advised by C. U. Landrum, United States district attorney in St. Paul.

Formosa Interfaith Group To Fight Communism

An interfaith amity association has been formed in Formosa, it was reported by the Chinese News Service. The new group comprises Protestants, Roman Catholics, Mohammedans, and Buddhists — the four main religious faiths of China. Its primary purpose, according to an association statement translated by the Chinese News Service, is "to exert the moral force inherent in all religious faith to arrest the spread of Communism and to fight against Communist imperialism. We feel that this is the natural duty of the people of all religious faiths, because this is the only way by which religion can be preserved and the world can be saved," the statement said.

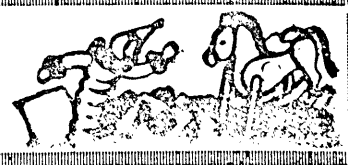
Korean Christians Act On Slayings

Acting on a resolution sponsored by Christian members, the Korean National Assembly voted at Pusan, Korea, to set up a special committee to investigate the alleged slaying of innocent persons in the South Korean army's drive against Communists. The resolution was proposed after the Christian representatives had presented a statement protesting against the reputed killing of several hundred villagers at Kochang, in Kyung Sang province by government troops.



THE CHILDREN'S PAGE

ANNIE WINBURNE, Editor



IN STORYLAND

A SHOVEL, A HOE, AND A RAKE

"A shovel, a hoe, and a rake,
All for the minister's baby's sake,"
chanted Peter, as he dug a hole in his own special corner of the parsonage garden. This morning, when Mummy took his garden tools out of the big chest in the hall, she told him again about the happy lady who had given them to him when he was a tiny baby. The lady had written a gay little verse to go with them, but Peter could just remember the two lines that he liked best, and so he sang them over and over,

"A shovel, a hoe, and a rake,
All for the minister's baby's sake,"

But he wasn't the minister's baby any more. He was a big boy, almost four. He was big enough to go to church with Mummy and watch Daddy preach behind the tall pulpit. Sometimes he wished his Daddy could sit beside him in the pew like other Daddys did, but most of the time he felt very proud of Daddy as he stood at the front of the church and told people about Jesus. Daddy loved Jesus so much that he couldn't help telling everyone else about Him. When Daddy told Peter about Jesus at bedtime his face looked so happy that Peter knew Jesus must be very very wonderful. It made him think that he'd like to be a minister some day, and help people to be good and happy as Daddy did.

When Peter was a tiny baby, he had lived in the far north, where it was so cold that his mother had to put a lot of clothes on him to take him outside. Mummy often told Peter about the rides they used to have in a sleigh that was pulled by two big dogs. Peter loved to look at the pictures Mummy had taken while they lived in the north—pictures of the dog teams and the snow-plane that used to take Daddy to visit the lumbermen in the bush, pictures of the tiny white churches where Daddy used to preach. But the picture he liked best of all was one of Daddy on skis, all dressed up like a lumberman, talking to two little Indian boys. He just wished he had been old enough to go with Daddy and play with the little Indian boys and girls while Daddy visited their mothers and fathers. Mummy said he did go with her and Daddy to visit the Indian families in the summer, but he had been too small to remember.

Now Peter and his Mummy and Daddy and baby brother David lived in a small town in the southern part of the province, where winter was not nearly so long and cold. Peter could remember moving here very well because it was just a few months ago. He had helped Mummy and Daddy pack the pictures and dishes and clothes, and Daddy had given him a box in which to pack his own toys. Daddy said he was glad they did not have to move the furniture, too! The furniture belonged to the little white parsonage in the north. It had been bought by the people in the church there for their minister and his family to use. Daddy told Peter

there would be more furniture waiting for them in their new home. When everything was ready they had said good-bye to all their friends, and started off on their long journey. They had to drive for several days and they stayed at night in hotels that seemed very big and strange to Peter and two-year-old David. When they finally reached their new home, the brick house looked so large and so different from the cosy little cottage up north that Peter held tightly to Daddy's hand, and little David whispered, "I want to go home." Mummy had laughed as she picked him up in her arms and carried him into the big front hall. "We are home, darling," she said, "and you'll soon learn to love this home just as much as the other."

As he thought about that day, Peter stopped his digging to peek through the fence to see if Mrs. Richards was out in her yard. They had hardly looked through the house, he remembered, when Mrs. Richards tapped on the door and gave Mummy a fresh apple pie for dinner. She had looked down at Peter with a friendly smile and said, "I'd just love to have a small boy like you come to visit me some day when I'm baking cookies." Peter had visited her lots of times since—not just for her cookies, either, although they certainly were good! Other nice ladies had called on Mummy that day, too, and left cookies and cakes so she wouldn't have to bake while she was getting unpacked and settled. Daddy said it was a lovely thing for them to do—and Peter thought so, too. Friendly people like that helped you to forget to be lonesome for all the friends you had left behind. And Mummy had been quite right about Peter and David learning to love this home—Peter loved it already. The big rooms were wonderful for games of hide-and-seek with Daddy

after supper, and having a garden all his own was mighty fine, too.

Click! Peter's shovel hit a big stone. It was exactly the kind of stone Mummy wanted for her new rock garden in the other corner of the yard, so Peter tugged and pulled at it until he got it out for her. He was just going to start rolling it over there for Mummy when he saw what had been left in the hole—two fat, wiggly earthworms! Daddy had said he would take Peter fishing if Peter would find the worms. It didn't take long to fill a jar with earthworms inside it. Peter knew Daddy was visiting some sick people in the hospital that afternoon, but he had promised to come home early and take Mummy to see a little old lady in the country. Maybe he'd take Peter fishing while Mummy visited. Peter picked up his earthworms and hurried in to ask Mummy about it, still humming his own little song,

"A shovel, a hoe, and a rake,
All for the minister's baby's sake,"

—Genevieve Carder, Barrie, Ontario, in The United Church Observer.

JUST FOR FUN

A middle-west draftee claimed exemptions on grounds of poor eyesight and brought his wife as evidence.—Woodmen of the World Magazine

Lady (engaging new maid): "And what denomination are you?"

Maid: "Well, mum, Mother goes to the Baptist church and Father goes to the Methodist, but speaking for myself, I'm radio."

A mild little man walked into an income-tax inspector's office, sat



THANK YOU

I like to tend my little plants
With blossoms bright and gay,
I give each one of them a drink
Some time throughout the day.

They raise their pretty heads and look
As happy as can be,
And then it seems that each one says:
"Thank you" to me.—A.E.W.

IN THE WORLD OF BOYS AND GIRLS

MYSTERIOUS VISITOR

By Don Moon

One morning Little Sister,
Still lying in her bed,
Heard tap, tap, tapping at her door
And raised her sleepy head.

"Come in," she called, but no one came,
No kind hand turned the lock.
No sweet voice said, "It's breakfast time,"
But still she heard the knock.

And so she threw the covers back
And barefoot crossed the floor,
To find it was the playful wind
A-rapping at her door!

—In the Christian Advocate

REMEMBERING AND FORGETTING

By Maude Irene Evans

My grandma's memory is so very queer,
Most every happy thing she can recall;

But I found out that she has clear forgot

The time I broke her window playing ball!

And one day when my puppy chased the cat

Right 'round the parlor where the Ladies' Aid

Had met with grandma, and I 'polo-gized,

She smiled, "We'll just forget this little raid."

But she remembers when I've cut the grass,

Or swept the porch, or done some errand well;

How she can just recall the pleasant things,

Forgetting all that's bad, I cannot tell.

Well, when I'm old and have a grandson, too,

I'll think of all the nice things he has done;

And if I'm asked what naughty pranks he's played,

I'll speak up like my grandma answers, "None!"

—The Better Home

down and beamed on everyone.

"What can we do for you?" asked the inspector.

"Nothing, thank you," replied the little man, "I just wanted to meet the people I'm working for."—Great Northern Goat, Great Northern Ry.

"Don't worry about rats, madam," the pet-store salesman assured his customer. "That dog is the best rat catcher in the county."

At this moment the woman screamed. A rat was strolling casually across the store.

Minutes later, when some of her composure was restored, she asked, "Why didn't your dog go after him? I thought he was supposed to be such a good rat-catcher."

"He is," nodded the salesman smugly. "Just let a strange rat come in!"—World Digest

Christian Education:

**NORTH ARKANSAS
CONFERENCE NOTES**

By Ira A. Brumley

Training School For Ministers

The Board of Ministerial Training and the Board of Education cooperated in making possible another school for ministers. We were fortunate this year in being able to secure Dr. John H. Hicks and Dr. J. T. Carlyon of Perkins School of Theology to offer two courses each in this school. Rev. S. B. Wilford and Ira A. Brumley offered one course each. The school was held April 9-17 in First Church, Batesville.

The Batesville Training School was held in connection with the school for ministers, with two of the courses being held at night and open to the members of the local churches of the Batesville Area. A third course was offered in the training school for workers with youth, "Teaching Youth," taught by Mrs. Smalwood of New Albany, Miss.

Each morning during the school for ministers there was a discussion group on some phase of their work. The program was planned under the leadership of Rev. J. Albert Gatlin and the Board of Ministerial Training. The following ministers led these periods: Rev. Allen D. Stewart, Chairman of Board of Ministerial Training; Rev. J. Ralph Hillis, Registrar; Rev. Lloyd M. Conyers, Treasurer of Board of Ministerial Training; Rev. Raymond L. Franks, pastor of First Church; and Rev. S. B. Wilford, District Superintendent.

Each of four mornings there was a worship service conducted under the leadership of Bro. Wilford's

class, with one of the ministers preaching. The following were the ministers bringing a message: Rev. Byron McSpadden of Trumann; Rev. Albert Gibbs of Mt. Carmel; Rev. Amos Howard of Pea Ridge; and Rev. Robert Montgomery of Paragould Ct.

The following ministers were enrolled in the school: W. G. Conner, Viola; Amos Howard, Pea Ridge; Byron McSpadden, Trumann; Clyde Crozier, Nettleton; Albert Gibbs, Mt. Carmel; William Womack, Jonesboro; M. L. Kaylor, Newport; W. T. Johnson, Bethesda; Felix Holland, Waldron; Loyd Turner, Greenbrier; James R. Shelton, Batesville; J. R. Welch, Magazine; Sherman Ragsdell, Ravenden Springs; M. J. Pollard, Cave City; Lee Anderson, Mt. Home; Alvin Gibbs, Sedgwick; James Smith, Valley Springs; Carl Strayhorn; Carl B. Adams, Alix; Hascle West, Weiner; William Odom, Weona; Ray Edwards, Manila; Robert Montgomery, Paragould; Kenneth Renfro, Evening Shade; D. Kern Johnson, Cave City; M. B. Short, Black Rock; T. B. Parmenter, Maynard; W. T. Lingo, Hoxie; Harold Brent, Sulphur Rock; J. Hillman Byram, Desha; Dave Smitherman, St. Francis, a total of thirty-one.

The membership of the Batesville churches opened their homes to the ministers and this made possible this school. The Board of Ministerial Training out of the offerings made through the November Special for Ministerial Training provided funds for the meals of the ministers.

This special school for ministers through the years has encouraged a large number of men to begin further special educational programs, which have brought a number of the men enough training to make it possible for them to become members of the annual conference.

**Church School Membership
Campaign Makes Gains**

The reports continue to come to our office indicating that local churches are joining in the campaign to increase church school enrollment and attendance. The reports indicate that many church schools are now ready to report good increases in church school membership and in average attendance.

We will be sending to superintendents by the end of April a report form for giving us a report on membership and attendance.

Registrations For Convocation

The North Arkansas Conference has already been able to send almost half of its quota of delegate registrations to the National Convocation of Methodist Youth to be held in West Lafayette, Indiana, August 27-31.

Should your sub-district have selected you as its delegate it is important that you get your application in at once, as we must have all applications in by April 25, as we want to have them cleared and in the Nashville office by May 1.

We have a number of persons who want to attend the Convocation who have not been given one of the fifty-three places. If you do not get your application in then your place will be going to one of these.

**FINE THINGS GOING ON IN
CHILDREN'S WORK**

By Mrs. Ira A. Brumley

Mrs. H. D. Castleberry, Director of Children's Work in Jonesboro District, reports an inspiring Vacation Church School Clinic held in an all-day session in First Church, Jonesboro, March 29. More than 100 attended the meeting which began with words of welcome from Rev. John McCormack. Rev. E. B. Wil-

liams, district superintendent, discussed, "Re-consecration of Children's Teachers." Mrs. Castleberry presided, emphasizing throughout, the Fiftieth Anniversary of Vacation Schools. Departmental groups were led as follows:

Kindergarten: Mrs. A. P. Jumper and Miss Sue Osment, "My Home and Family," Roorbach.

Primary: Mrs. Castleberry, "We Go to Church," Goddard.

Junior: Mrs. W. W. Mills, "The Story and Work of the Methodist Church," Freige.

Mrs. Roy I. Bagley led a group of workers with Intermediates.

The Woman's Society of Christian Service of First Church, Jonesboro, Mrs. Rudolph Morris, president, served a lovely luncheon at noon. The tables were beautifully decorated to carry out the Fiftieth Anniversary of Vacation Schools theme.

Mrs. A. N. Storey, District Director of Children's Work, Paragould District, has attended several training schools in her district, has visited 16 churches, and sent out 23 cards. One church has started using Methodist literature. The Vacation Church School Workshop for Paragould District will be held at First Church, Paragould, April 19, beginning at 10 a. m.

The Searcy Area of the Searcy District will have a Vacation Church School Clinic at Searcy, May 17, beginning at 7 p. m. The Harrison-Clinton section of Searcy District took part in the Clinic at Conway.

Mrs. Carl Meeker, District Director of the Searcy District, has sent out 40 cards and letters and has held two meetings (at Jasper and Valley Springs) this quarter. She took part in the Workshop at Conway. Parents are showing interest in reading and studying. A church that has not had a Vacation Church School in recent years is planning for one.

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NEW YOUTH BUILDING AT GODDARD

ON Easter Sunday morning the Youth Division of Goddard Memorial Methodist Church, Fort Smith, moved into its new building constructed especially for accommodating the young people of the church. Open house was held on Sunday afternoon, April 8th from 3 to 5.

The two-story structure is of Malvern brick, matching the church and parsonage. The building contains a chapel, parlor, kitchenette, classrooms, and rest rooms.

The chapel has wainscoting and

pews in light walnut finish. A cross is placed on the central altar behind which hangs blue velvet draperies. The lectern is covered with the official pulpit scarf of the Methodist Youth Fellowship, in colors of blue and gold, bearing the motto, "Christ Above All."

The hall and parlor have natural

Below—Goddard Memorial Church, showing new youth building on right.

Below right—Chapel of new youth building, Goddard Memorial.

pine wainscoting, and all walls on the ground floor are tinted blue. The kitchenette adjoins the parlor, which is designed for small group meetings and entertainments.

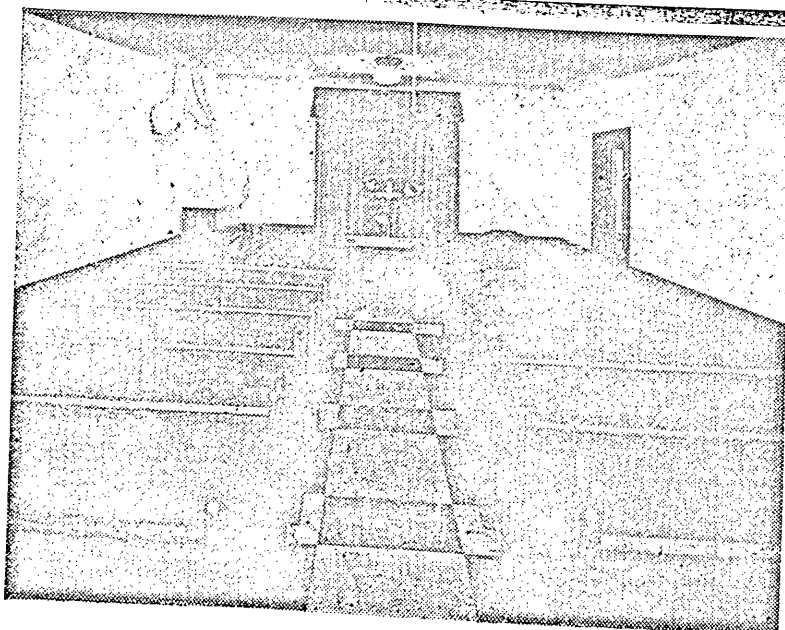
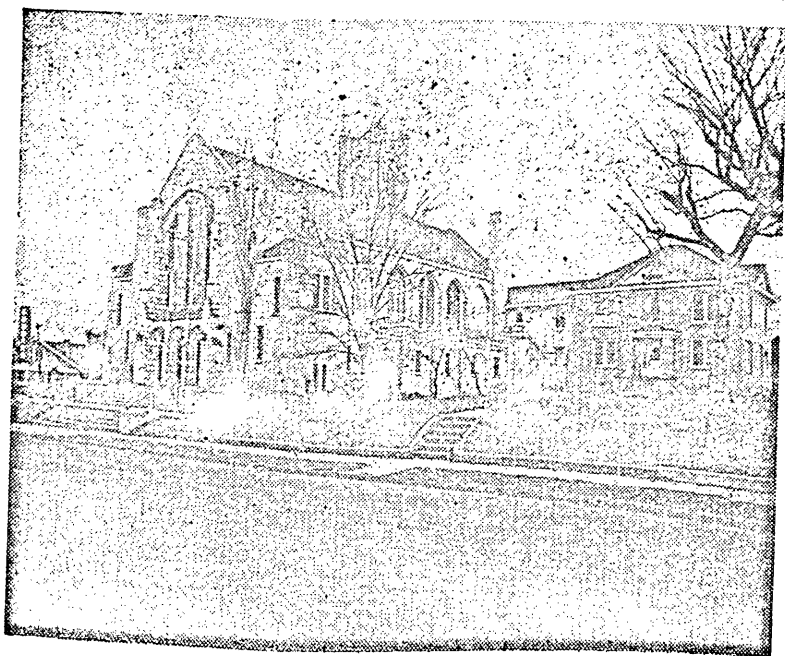
On the second floor the classroom walls are light green. The floors throughout the building are of asphalt-tile and pleasing patterns of gold and brown tiles.

The new Youth Building was constructed from an apartment house that stood on the lot west of the church. The house was purchased, moved, attached to the southwest side of the Church School building and completely remodeled at a total cost of \$22,500. The moving of the building left a large lawn between

the parsonage and church which will be used for children's play area and outdoor worship services.

The Youth Building is a part of the expansion program begun in March 1943. Other steps accomplished have been the construction of a new parsonage, installation of refrigerated air-conditioning unit and heating plant. The total cost of the improvements to date has been \$48,000.

Dr. Ralph E. Crigler is chairman of the Board of Stewards. Robert Young, Jr., is chairman of the building committee, and Robert Cargile was in charge of construction. Rev. Robert E. L. Bearden is pastor of the church.



	World Service and Con. Ben.	Bishop's Fund	Conference Claims	D. S. Salary	Gen. & Jurisd. Administration	Min. Salary	Min. Fund	For Christ	Week of Dedication
Wabash	65.00	7.00	56.00	44.00	12.50	9.00	32.50	26.00	
FORREST CITY	1763.00		535.00	459.00		90.00	659.00		
HELENA	1709.00	79.25	714.00	511.00	70.00	253.00	600.00	300.00	
HOLLY GROVE	409.00	52.50	426.00	331.00	23.00	88.00	227.50	60.20	
HUGHES	275.00	31.50	272.00	167.50	23.00	42.00	125.00		
HUNTER	40.00		40.00	20.00				64.40	
Whitehall	68.75	8.75				6.00			
MARIANNA	1290.00	73.00	508.00	369.50	50.00	204.00		227.00	
MARION	850.00	63.00	546.00	429.00	45.00	124.00	425.00	75.00	
MARVELL	102.00	29.00	50.00	50.00	8.00	20.00			
Leva	36.00	18.00		60.00	4.00	15.00			
Turner	53.00	6.00	42.00		4.00	5.00	27.00		
PARKIN	218.75	22.50	176.50	139.66	10.80	29.24	41.66		
VANDALE	150.00	21.00	162.00	112.00	7.50	6.00	35.00	10.00	
Cherry Valley	50.00	12.25	50.00	37.75				11.50	
Farm Hill	5.00	2.10	10.00	10.00					
Bay Village	10.00	2.20	17.50	13.75					
WEST HELENA	225.00	23.87	181.00	161.50	17.50	37.50	137.50	31.50	
WEST MEMPHIS	1060.00	30.00	300.00	337.50	20.00	70.00	480.00	110.00	
WHEATLEY	65.25	8.50	70.00	55.00	5.50	8.25	46.25	18.00	
Salem	13.00	1.50	14.00	11.00	1.50	1.50	7.50		
WIDENER-ROUND POND	258.85	23.10	184.80	145.20	12.50	18.40	150.00	85.55	
WYNNE	1200.00	73.00	538.00	452.00	60.00	115.00	600.00	122.96	
Total	12474.13	908.95	7297.55	5631.03	625.31	1611.77	5881.77	1332.20	

GOLDEN CROSS: Crawfordville, \$17.10; Marion, \$50.00; Marvell, \$10.00; Turner, \$3.90; Bay Village, \$14.00; West Helena, \$20.00.

METHODIST YOUTH: Brinkley, \$24.00; Blackfish Lake, \$9.91; Earle, \$54.00; Forrest City, \$30.00; Helena, \$43.22; Marvell, \$10.00; West Memphis, \$72.26; Wheatley, \$3.55; Widener-Round Pond, \$2.89; Wynne, \$5.00.

RACE RELATIONS: Cotton Plant, \$22.66; Blackfish Lake, \$4.00; Wabash, \$5.27; Helena, \$150.00; Holly Grove, \$10.00; Marion, \$55.00; West Helena, \$11.00; West Memphis, \$50.00; Widener-Round Pond, \$19.40; Wynne, \$75.00.

WORLD COMMUNION: Brinkley, \$29.55; Choctaw, \$2.00; Clarendon, \$25.00; Cotton Plant, \$22.66; Crawfordville, \$11.65; Blackfish Lake, \$10.00; Elaine, \$21.69; Melwood, \$1.39; Wabash, \$19.72; Haynes-LaGrange, \$9.50; Helena, \$70.00; Holly Grove, \$13.15; Marion, \$50.00; Marvell, \$14.25; Parkin, \$120.00; West Helena, \$2.50; West Memphis, \$47.36; Wheatley, \$5.00; Widener-Round Pond, \$5.50; Wynne, \$59.00.

WESLEY FOUNDATION: Forrest Chapel, \$5.00; Wesley Chapel, \$5.00; Cotton Plant, \$125.00; Earle, \$150.00; Melwood, \$25.00; Wabash, \$12.50; Helena, \$450.00; Holly Grove, \$100.00; Hughes, \$75.00; Whitehall, \$1.25; Marianna, \$200.00; Marion, \$200.00; West Helena, \$50.00; Wheatley, \$22.00; Salem, \$2.00; Widener-Round Pond, \$50.00; Wynne, \$250.00.

FT. SMITH DISTRICT

	World Service and Con. Ben.	Bishop's Fund	Conference Claims	D. S. Salary	Gen. & Jurisd. Administration	Min. Salary	Min. Fund	For Christ	Week of Dedication
DISTRICT									
ALIX	37.00	5.25	42.00	33.00	4.30	1.25	1000.00	2.25	
Coal Hill				31.50					
Enterprise	25.00			27.50					
Mt. Vernon	25.00	3.60	28.00	22.00	3.40	1.00			
ALTUS	50.00	12.00			8.00	4.00	24.00		
Denning	15.00	1.50	12.50	10.00	1.50		25.00		
Gar Creek	17.00		7.00	6.00					
Grenade's Chapel	20.00		15.00	15.00					
ALMA	161.25	19.50	157.50	123.75	13.50	10.50	10.00	30.00	
Mulberry	161.25		157.50	123.75			10.00		
Newberry	6.00	2.00	9.50	11.00	2.00				
BETHEL	50.25	7.50	63.00	49.50	6.00	2.25			
Dyer	46.50	7.50	63.00	49.50	7.50	3.00			
BOONEVILLE	712.50	43.32	346.50	272.25	34.10	37.50	425.00		
BRANCH	60.00	14.00	55.00	88.00	5.40				
Cecil	20.00	1.31	10.50	8.25	2.20				
Lowe's Creek	35.00	2.62	21.00	16.50	4.40	2.50	25.00		
Ratcliff	25.00		10.00				2.00		
CHARLESTON	187.50	21.00	163.00	132.00	24.75	38.50	9.70	49.50	
Cole's Chapel	48.75	5.91	47.25	37.14	6.60	6.75		5.52	
Grand Prairie	41.25	4.62	36.75	23.99	6.60	5.25			
CLARKSVILLE	1500.00	65.70	523.40	412.50	19.25	108.10		160.00	
FORRESTER	100.00	21.00	133.00	132.00					
PORT SMITH, First	4200.00	123.30	1095.00	782.00	122.00	304.00	700.00	450.00	
Fifth Street	50.00	20.79	83.16	65.34	8.00		5.00	12.16	
Grand Avenue	94.50	35.43	233.30	222.75	8.40		10.00	9.10	
Massard	60.00	17.50	140.00	110.00	12.60	15.00	25.00	8.36	
Barling	30.00		7.00		1.90				
Goddard Memorial	1750.00	63.04	652.00	345.50	52.00	107.35	444.00	148.15	
Midland Heights	675.00		504.00	200.00			15.00	55.00	
St. Luke	250.00	15.00	125.00	100.00			60.00		
St. Paul's	375.00	53.75	345.50	272.25	35.20		112.50	61.25	
Towson Ave.	16.00	2.70	21.00	16.50	2.20		1.00		
GREENWOOD	300.00	31.25	252.00	198.00	35.00	40.00	10.00	28.00	
Milltown	12.00	1.75	14.00	11.00	3.00				
HACKETT CT., Bethel	5.00	2.00	6.00	5.00	2.00				
BONANZA	35.00	11.40	75.35	63.25	4.40				
HARTFORD	216.00	32.00	252.00	198.00	18.00	20.00	84.00	44.00	
Midland		3.67	3.43	23.10	2.20				
HARTMAN	60.00	11.25	87.39	62.67	4.40	7.00	2.50	43.60	
Hay's Chapel	16.00	3.34	13.37	10.50	3.00				
Mt. Zion	25.00		13.00	10.00					
Spadra	31.00		25.12	20.50					
HUNTINGTON	100.00	26.23	175.00	137.50	10.00				
KIBLER	45.00	6.57	52.80	41.25	7.70	7.50	5.00		
Mountain View	25.00	8.75	70.00	55.00	5.70	5.00			
LAMAR	60.00	11.25	90.00	70.50	4.25				
Madden's Chapel	30.00	3.75	29.25	23.25	1.85	9.20			
Mt. Olive	22.50	3.25	26.50	20.50	2.00	10.60			
LAVACA	75.00	13.12	105.00	82.50	6.60	7.50	3.50		
Central	30.00	2.90	21.00	15.50	3.60	3.00			
Union	9.00	1.50	10.50	8.25	2.20	1.50			
Vesta	30.67	4.61	38.83	31.05	2.00	3.00			
MAGAZINE	50.00	12.12	25.00	50.00					
Waveland	12.00	1.75	14.00	11.00	2.20				
Wesley's Chapel				5.00					
MANSFIELD	228.55	42.00	244.75	188.00	32.00	24.00	6.65	45.70	
Shiloh	20.00	2.00	14.00	11.00					
OZARK	375.00	39.75	315.00	247.50	44.00			61.37	
PARIS	375.00	70.00	280.00	220.00	48.00	114.00	25.00	52.05	
PRAIRIE VIEW	42.00	6.27	49.89	39.21	4.98	2.40	5.00		
Scranton	15.00	2.20	18.00	13.75	2.30				
McKendree	30.00	3.50	28.00	22.00	4.60				
New Blaine	20.00	3.50	20.00	23.00	4.60	2.00			
Pioneer Memorial	20.00	3.50	18.00	10.00	4.40	2.00			
VAN BUREN, First	750.00	53.85	159.60	128.10	44.00	78.60	220.00	125.00	
City Heights	60.00	8.00	35.00	32.50	6.00				
St. Johns	155.00	30.63	245.00	192.50	11.00	28.50	12.50		
New Hope	40.00	16.62	35.00	30.00	10.00	3.75			
WALDRON	364.50	43.77	350.00	275.00	44.00	46.30	284.83		
WALDRON CT., Birds View	15.75		23.10	17.50			3.00		
Cauthron	25.00	3.25	25.00	20.35	3.30	1.85			
Mt. Pleasant	18.40		20.00	16.00	3.30	1.50			
Parks	23.00	5.25	35.00	25.50	3.30	1.84			
Square Rock	27.50	5.25	42.00	33.00	3.00	3.00	6.50		
Total	14638.63	1115.99	8468.14	6557.00	797.91	1071.00	3573.93	1391.76	

GOLDEN CROSS: Ft. Smith First, \$150.00; Hartford, \$18.00; Paris, \$35.00; New Blaine, \$5.00; Pioneer Mem., \$5.00; Van Buren First, \$25.00; St. Johns, \$15.00.

METHODIST YOUTH: Booneville, \$12.25; Charleston, \$13.00; Fifth Street, \$6.00; Goddard Mem., \$10.00; Bonanza, \$7.00; Hartford, \$10.00; Mt. Olive, \$2.92; Lavaca, \$15.46; Mansfield, \$10.00; Prairie View, \$5.00.

RACE RELATIONS: Branch, \$7.00; Charleston, \$12.23; Ft. Smith First, \$150.00; Fifth Street, \$5.35; Goddard Mem., \$150.00; St. Luke, \$10.00; Greenwood, \$15.00; Hartford, \$9.00; Mansfield, \$10.00; Ozark, \$18.20; Paris, \$25.00; Prairie View, \$1.50; New Blaine, \$2.00; Pioneer Mem., \$2.00; Van Buren First, \$25.00; St. Johns, \$15.00.

WORLD COMMUNION: Bethel, \$2.50; Dyer, \$4.50; Booneville, \$65.74; Clarksville, \$76.40; Ft. Smith First, \$177.85; Fifth Street, \$16.77; Grand Ave., \$15.96; Massard, \$3.60; Goddard Mem., \$104.68; St. Luke, \$25.00; St. Pauls, \$36.00; Bonanza, \$8.00; Hartford, \$15.00; Kibler, \$7.45.

JONESBORO DISTRICT

DISTRICT									
BLACK OAK	100.00	16.50	127.00	93.00	8.00		65.00	176.40	
Blytheville, First		13.20		53.50	5.00			23.30	
Lake Street	1250.00	96.00	770.00	605.00	99.00	164.50	1000.00	110.00	
ELY, West-Half Moon	293.00	52.00	250.00	165.00	25.00		88.00	8.00	
Wesley Memorial	25.00	7.00	56.00	41.00	9.00	5.00	6.50		
BROOKLAND	50.00	14.00	112.00	83.00	5.00				
Pine Log	100.00	10.00	15.00	36.50	21.90				
New Haven	18.75	3.00	22.50	18.00	3.75	1.50			
Pleasant Grove	15.00		12.00	10.00					
CARAWAY		5.40	39.60	5.00					
DELT	100.00	31.00	252.00	193.00	8.00	30.00		10.00	
DYESS	230.00	43.75	350.00	275.00	15.00	25.50	79.00		
GOSNELL						12.00			
HARRISBURG	100.00	30.00	252.00	193.00	14.00	19.00			
Pleasant Valley	375.00	45.75	367.50	238.75	12.00	36.00	225.00	62.55	
JOINER	50.00	8.75	70.00	55.00	8.00				
JONESBORO-First	225.00	53.00	420.00	330.00	22.00	63.00		20.00	
Fisher Street	3600.00	105.00	700.00	550.00	56.00	215.00		250.00	
Huntington Ave.	150.00	23.50	189.00	148.50	12.00	24.00	100.00		
KEESER	600.00	58.00	462.00	363.00	31.00	125.00	250.00	20.00	
LAKE CITY	100.00	21.00	109.00	112.00		12.00		33.25	
Lake View	100.00	7.87	63.00	49.50	7.00			6.60	
LEACHVILLE	109.00							7.80	
Mary	60.00	33.00	154.00	121.00	20.00	21.00		20.00	
LEPANTO	25.00	3.50	23.00	23.00	4.00	6.00			
Garden Point	250.00	39.00	200.00	209.00	23.00	50.00	100.00	40.25	
LANSFORD	50.00		50.00					10.20	
Pleasant Valley	25.00	3.10	23.00	22.00	6.00		23.00		
LEONORA	40.00	5.25	42.00	33.00	7.00		34.00		
MCCORMICK	200.00	53.00	206.00	200.00	33.00	83.00	75.00		
Mary	40.00	4.00	20.00	20.00	6.00				
MANA	23.00	1.75	14.00	5.50					
MARY	23.00	6.13	49.00	23.50	2.00				
MARY	630.00	53.00	585.00	356.00	21.50	83.00			
MARY	750.00	70.00	509.00	440.00	59.00	160.00		100.00	
MARY	320.00	43.34	336.50	272.25	12.37	47.50	140.00	39.59	
MARY	50.00	17.50	40.00	29.00	5.00				
MARY	15.00	3.50	23.00	22.00	1.60				
MARY	140.00	23.62	183.00	140.00	13.00	33.00	75.00	15.00	
MARY	70.00	12.00	84.50	79.00	7.00	19.00	37.50		
MARY	1000.00	84.00	672.00	523.00	51.00	240.00		100.00	
MARY	235.00	35.00	245.00	195.00	25.00	35.00	170.00	27.00	
MARY	100.00	23.00	146.68	146.68	14.00	22.67		15.00	
MARY	40.00	12.00	93.00	73.00	9.00				
MARY	400.00	57.75	422.00	363.00	25.00	75.00	200.00	49.30	
MARY	233.00	26.25	210.00	165.00	13.00	42.00	202.00	14.00	
MARY	145.00	17.00	136.50	107.25	11.00	27.50	100.00	37.25	
MARY	15.00	50	3.50	2.75	1.00	1.00			
MARY	34.00	3.50	23.00	22.00	5.00	6.00	25.00	8.50	
MARY	90.00	16.00	126.00	15.00	10.00			3.00	
MARY	90.00	16.00	65.00	13.00	10.00				
MARY	475.00	63.00	504.00	396.00	31.00	140.00		20.00	
MARY	70.00	12.65	109.20	85.80	9.00	14.50	78.00		
MARY	140.00	25.20	201.60	159.40	18.00	26.00			
MARY	61.64	9.00	57.49	51.37	15.00	3.00			
MARY	60.00	8.75	70.00	55.00	12.00				
Total	13726.26	1423.01	10365.97	8204.85	907.52	2975.67	3124.70	1018.29	

"... INSTEAD OF EYES"

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prophets wrote, "I sat where they sat." Of Moses it was said, "He went out unto his brethren, and looked on their burdens." Our word in the pulpit will carry more weight when we come with a sense of divine concern.

In this pastoral relationship the preacher has both the example and commission of Jesus. He went about doing good: sometimes to a wedding feast; sometimes to a family in the anguish of a fresh sorrow; sometimes to this woman in the shame of uncovered sin; sometimes to the multitude hungry for abiding happiness. The knowledge of Him spread abroad, and people yearned to touch even the hem of His garment.

As a personal testimony, let me say that I had heard many fine sermons on the call to full time Christian service, but it was left to a Pastor in my home town to show interest in me and give me the final word of encouragement to commit myself to the ministry when I was just about ready to give it up. In his pastoral contacts with me, he placed me in the pulpit. The counseling function of the preacher is becoming increasingly important today. People need an understanding person with whom to talk, as well as someone to deliver great messages from the pulpit. The pastoral side of the ministry is more necessary today than ever.

It is said that in Antarctica everyone turns to the left by instinct. Left-turning is a common phenomenon in this land of deep-freeze. Lost men and lost dogs always circle to the left. Snow always swirls to the left. We do not need to live in the frozen north to have that experience. People seem more prone to turn left to evil than right to good. The preacher in his pastoral contacts has one of his greatest opportunities in ministering to people trying to overcome this pull to the left.

He has a place with practical problems.

The preacher must deal with practical problems. The minister must be an administrator. Whether he likes it or not, and many do not, he must oversee the operations of the church: the church as a school; the church as a society, consisting of numerous group of various ages and descriptions; the church as a building that requires upkeep; the church as a "business" with an office and employees, even though the stewards "take care of the finances;" the church as a community and activity center. He must also provide continued and dependable volunteer leadership for this varied program.

The preacher's skill in this aspect of his work is vitally important because the church can be a success or failure depending on whether the organization runs smoothly or whether it bogs down under its own weight. In short, in addition to his basic abilities in leading his people spiritually through preaching and counseling the preacher must plan the program, delegate responsibility and supervise the organization.

And so it is a many-sided task which the preacher faces today. As Dr. A. W. Palmer has said, "The modern preacher must be more versatile than a Sunday paper, more alluring than a baseball game, more interesting than the movies, and better informed than the latest book."

Hobab was finally persuaded by Moses to start out on faith to be unto the people "instead of eyes." "Come with us," says Moses, "we are journeying unto the place of which the Lord said, I will give it you." He went, and neither he nor Moses ever set their feet in the land, although Moses saw it from Pisgah. Hobab dying in the desert had made the right choice, and did not regret his choice. He went out, "not knowing whither he went," but confident that God's hand was in it all.

And so the young men who enter the ministry today go forth to be for people wandering

in a modern wilderness "instead of eyes." They must know where the wells of living water are to be found; they can go forth with the same assurance that God through Christ goes ahead; that there is a promised land, whether ever seen or not, for those who have the faith to start making a road through the wilderness; they plant seed in the hearts of hungry humanity which may bring forth fruit, "some thirty, some sixty and some a hundred fold." Thus the rewards may go: A preacher in a small country church in Texas touches the heart of a Doctor's son, who enters the Methodist ministry. A great layman's heart is warmed by this preacher's message and gives sufficient money to erect the buildings for an entire theological school and breathes a prayer at the dedication that this school shall give other Paul Martins to the Church.

Modern Hobabs, as they enter the ministry of helpful preaching, effective counseling and efficient organizational work, find themselves in the position of the settlers who trekked out into the territory of Kansas in order to keep it free from slaves. Dr. Ralph W. Sockman reminds us that they sang a hymn which John Greenleaf Whittier wrote for them. Preachers today might well sing this hymn as they go out to help keep mankind free from the slavery of sin.

*"We cross the prairies as of old
The pilgrims crossed the sea,
To make the West as they the East
The Homestead of the Free."*

*We go to plant her common schools
On distant prairie swells,
And give the Sabbath of the mind
The music of her bells."*

*Upbearing like the ark of old
The Bible in our van,
We go to the test the truth of God
Against the fraud of man."*

NORTH ARKANSAS CONFERENCE TREASURER'S REPORT

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	World Service and Conf. Ben.	Bishops Fund	Conference Claimants	D. S. Salary	Gen. & Jurisd. Administration	Min. Salary Fund	Advance for Christ	Week of Dedication
Ravenden	15.00	4.80	14.20	21.00	4.00			3.00
Willford	37.50	4.81	20.50	12.69	4.00			
RECTOR, First	750.00	63.00	504.00	396.00	40.00	120.00		82.00
Fourth Street	50.00		56.00	44.00	10.00			
RECTOR CT., Pleas. Grove	45.00	5.25	42.00	33.00	4.00	1.25		3.05
Ebenezer	48.00	6.12	49.00	38.50	4.00	1.50		9.35
Liberty Hill	57.00	4.00	35.00	28.00	5.25	3.00		6.45
Ramer's Chapel	45.00	4.00	35.00	28.00	5.64	3.00		2.42
SEDGWICK	30.00	3.00	24.50	19.50	3.50	1.50		
Egypt	60.00	6.00	49.00	38.50	10.00	4.75		
STANFORD	63.50		63.00					
Warren's Chapel	40.00	3.75	35.00	27.50	4.00			
SAINT FRANCIS	53.75	10.50	42.00	33.00	8.00	2.75		
Cummin's Chapel	15.00	4.50		15.00	4.00	1.25		
Mt. Zion	25.00	4.50	42.00	27.50	4.00	1.25		
WALNUT RIDGE	500.00		250.00	200.00				45.67
Old Walnut Ridge	60.00	5.00	49.00	39.00	5.00	5.00		
Total	9054.30	613.53	4903.60	3837.64	482.38	593.75	594.55	715.02
GOLDEN CROSS: Reyno, \$7.00; Macedonia, \$10.00; Simmons Chapel, \$2.50; Union Grove, \$2.50; Ebenezer, \$5.50; Sedgwick, \$10.00; Strangers Home, \$5.00.								
METHODIST YOUTH: Boydsville, \$4.98; Mars Hill, \$4.00; Union Grove, \$9.11; Marmaduke, \$4.94; Middlebrook, \$1.00; Paragould First, \$47.05; Griffin Mem., \$10.00; Piggott, \$17.57; Pocahontas, \$14.00.								
RACE RELATIONS: Black Rock, \$3.00; Portia, \$2.50; Piggott, \$25.00; Rector First, \$32.00.								
WORLD COMMUNION: Black Rock, \$7.00; Clover Bend, \$3.00; Portia, \$5.00; Corning, \$25.00; Hoxie, \$12.00; Macedonia, \$5.00; Union Grove, \$2.00; Mammoth Spring, \$3.00; Marmaduke, \$7.45; Bard, \$5.22; Paragould First, \$100.00; Griffin Mem., \$10.00; Piggott, \$20.00; Pocahontas, \$74.85; Ravenden Springs, \$10.21; Rector First, \$52.27; Fourth Street, \$12.10; Pleasant Grove, \$1.87; Liberty Hill, \$6.25; Ramer's Chapel, \$3.65.								
SEARCY DISTRICT								
ANTIOCH	138.00	10.00	45.00	50.00			25.00	
Ward	58.50	4.59	36.75	23.89	3.00	4.00		
Stony Point	53.50	4.59	36.75	23.89	3.00	4.00		
Sixteenth Section	7.25	1.76	14.00	11.00				
AUGUSTA	766.00	63.00	504.00	396.00	66.00	140.00	334.00	130.05
DAID KNOB	75.00	8.00	62.00	48.00	3.50	8.00		
Bradford	20.00	4.60	36.40	28.60				15.90
Russell	45.00							
BEEBE	573.00	53.00	420.00	330.00				50.00
CABOT	573.00	44.00	364.00	286.00	43.40	45.00	250.00	13.32
CLINTON	425.00	22.00	176.00	138.00	25.00	20.00	154.00	10.00
DEVIEW								
Fitzhugh	18.60	2.73	21.87	18.85	.82			
Wyville	13.75	1.89	15.16	11.91	.82			
Patterson	8.33	.73	5.83	4.53				
	27.50	3.50	30.90	23.90	2.00			

GRIFITHVILLE	7.66	63.00	49.50					
Ellis Chapel	2.67	20.88	17.09					
Friendship	.25	2.25	1.75					
New Hope	1.00	4.75	3.75					
Belcher	.50	3.95	2.30					
Dogwood	1.00	10.75	8.50					
HARRISON	73.50	588.00	462.00	86.00	117.00	250.00	100.00	
HEBER SPRINGS	63.00	504.00	363.00	64.00	104.00	425.00		
JACKSONVILLE	293.00	15.00	252.00	8.00	10.00		30.00	
JUDSONIA	259.47	28.19	209.97	164.97	29.25	30.00	5.00	
KENSETT	209.25	21.24	170.10	133.65	16.47	18.00		
Higginson	23.00	2.50	21.00	16.50	5.00			
West Point	18.00	1.50	12.60	10.00	3.50	1.50		
LESLIE	228.00	35.00	205.00	180.00	19.00	17.50	125.00	8.00
MARSHALL	145.00	20.00	155.00	119.00	9.00	5.00	25.00	
MCCRORY	362.00	13.50	252.00	198.00	33.00	18.00		25.00
Fakes Chapel	25.00		21.00	16.00	6.00	3.00		
MCRAY	150.00	19.65	157.50	123.75	4.50	9.00	37.50	
Copperas Springs		5.25	42.00	33.00	5.00			
Garner		3.50	24.50	22.00	5.50	6.00		
Sixteenth Section	30.00							
Floyd	25.00	3.50	28.00	22.00	2.00	1.50	15.00	
Vinity	20.00							
NEWTOWN COUNTY	62.00		25.00	61.00				
PANGBURN	65.00	10.00	52.00	40.00	6.00		9.00	
Mt. Pisgah	80.00	6.00	25.00	20.00	6.00			
Oak Grove	32.00							
QUITMAN	200.00	18.25	154.00	30.25	15.00	3.00		
ROSEBUD	10.00	4.00	11.00	25.00				
Gum Springs	30.00							
Smyrna	20.00		7.00	22.00			15.00	
Center Hill	15.00	2.50	21.00	16.50	2.00		10.00	
SEARCY	1666.66	87.50	700.00	550.00	95.00	177.00	200.00	
VALLEY SPRINGS	102.00	14.00	108.00	84.00	9.00	8.00		
VAN BUREN CO. NO. 1:								
Damascus	15.00	4.37	35.00	27.50	2.20	9.50	18.00	
Steele-Hopewell	5.50	.87	7.00	5.50	1.38	2.00	4.00	
Shirley	7.00	1.09	8.75	6.87	1.33	2.50	10.00	
VAN BUREN CO. NO. 2:								
Culpepper	12.50	1.42	11.34	8.91				
Walnut Grove	7.50	.88	7.00	5.50				
VAN BUREN CO. NO. 3	6.00	1.75	24.00					5.00
Total	7017.31	694.83	5714.00	4254.41	586.72	763.50	1761.50	587.27
GOLDEN CROSS: Augusta, \$75.00; Cabot, \$20.00; Harrison, \$100.00; Leslie, \$29.75.								
METHODIST YOUTH: Cabot, \$10.00; Harrison, \$20.00; McCrory, \$50.00; Quitman, \$14.00.								
RACE RELATIONS: Cabot, \$40.00; Harrison, \$75.00; Jacksonville, \$15.00; Judsonia, \$5.00; McRae, \$7.58; Searcy, \$50.00.								
WORLD COMMUNION: Antioch, \$11.00; Augusta, \$48.00; Cabot, \$9.86; Griffithville, \$10.85; Jacksonville, \$20.00; Judsonia, \$14.65; Leslie, \$9.25; McCrory, \$12.35; Mt. Pisgah, \$24.00; Quitman, \$13.80; Rosebud, \$10.77; Searcy, \$108.90; Valley Springs, \$9.00; Bellefonte, \$12.30; Bergman, \$1.70; Everton, \$3.00.								
WESLEY FOUNDATION: Augusta, \$250.00; Cabot, \$100.00.								
In addition to collections shown in "Advance for Christ" column, I have vouchers from the General Treasurer for Advance payments made direct to him, as follows: Conference at Large, \$246.49; Washington Ave., North Little Rock, \$450.00; Berryville, \$190.00; Fayetteville Central, \$600.00; Gentry, \$30.00; Gravette, \$50.00; Greenwood, \$228.00; Waldron, \$50.00; Forrest City, \$30.00; Marion, \$10.00; Round Pond, \$10.00; Joiner, \$128.00; Jonesboro First, \$1800.00; Turrell, \$100.00.								

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RECAPITULATION

	World Service & Conf. Ben.	Bishop Fund	Conference Claimants	D. S. Salary	Gen. & Jurisd.	Min. Salary Fund	Advance for Christ	Week of Dedication	Golden Cross	Methodist Youth	Race Relations	World Com. (Overseas Relief)	Wesley Foundation
Batesville District	7,546.57	603.26	4,811.16	3,786.15	453.57	637.12	1,772.69	843.09	70.00	139.40	137.53	307.20	
Conway District	10,086.47	758.93	5,417.64	4,361.64	548.47	1,300.50	3,351.30	834.43		190.47	550.86	535.00	
Fayetteville District	9,372.00	858.90	6,353.28	5,327.02	569.56	1,196.16	1,670.25	935.95	5.00	208.15	849.80	421.46	1,969.75
Forrest City District	12,474.13	908.95	7,397.55	5,631.06	625.31	1,611.77	5,881.77	1,302.20	116.10	259.66	397.33	570.63	1,727.75
Fort Smith District	14,638.63	1,115.99	8,468.14	6,557.09	797.91	1,071.00	3,573.93	1,391.76	253.00	91.53	457.28	614.59	
Jonesboro District	13,726.26	1,423.01	10,365.97	8,204.85	907.52	2,075.67	3,124.70	1,018.29	280.00	410.08	294.25	755.00	789.85
Paragould District	9,054.30	613.53	4,908.00	3,637.64	482.38	593.75	594.55	715.02	42.50	112.65	62.50	376.87	
Searcy District	7,017.31	694.83	5,714.00	4,254.41	506.72	763.50	1,761.50	587.27	224.75	94.00	192.58	319.62	350.00
GRAND TOTAL	\$83,915.67	\$6,977.40	\$53,436.34	\$41,959.77	\$4,968.23	\$9,249.47	\$21,730.69	\$7,693.01	\$991.35	\$1,503.24	\$2,942.16	\$3,910.29	\$4,836.35

WOMAN'S SOCIETY OF CHRISTIAN SERVICE

MRS. SUE M. WAYLAND, Editor

WESLEYAN GUILDS MEET AT MIDLAND HEIGHTS CHURCH

The Wesleyan Service Guilds of Midland Heights Methodist Church, Ft. Smith, were hostesses to the Wesleyan Service Guilds of the Fort Smith District Sunday, April 8. Representatives from eighteen Guilds attended the morning church service. The meeting continued with lunch at Jimmie Little's Restaurant.

Miss Marcelle Phillips, District secretary, presided at the afternoon session at 1:30. Mrs. Merle B. Mooney, president of the Midland Heights Wesleyan Service Guild, welcomed members and guests. Rev. J. T. Byrd led the devotional. A violin solo and a sextett was furnished by the Youth Division of Midland Heights Church. Mrs. W. L. Cunningham sang a solo.

Mrs. Henry Goodloe, North Arkansas Conference Secretary of Missionary Education of the Woman's Society of Christian Service, talked on the Four Point Program of the Woman's Division of the Methodist Church.

Miss Margaret Weaver of Goddard Memorial Church, gave a report of the North Arkansas Conference of Wesleyan Service Guilds, held in Searcy, Arkansas, March 3-4. The theme of the conference was Advance My Concern. Miss Gertie Stiles of First Church, Fort Smith, North Arkansas Conference Wesleyan Service Guild Secretary, presided at the two-day conference held in Searcy.

Sixty-three answered roll call from Booneville, Charleston, Clarks-ville, Fort Smith First Church, Goddard Memorial, Midland Heights, Saint Luke, Greenwood, Mansfield, Paris, and Waldron.

Minutes of the October District meeting held at Clarksville, Arkansas, were read and approved.

The nominating committee submitted the following for district officers, the new year to begin June 1, 1951.

District Secretary, Mrs. Estelle Evatt, Waldron; Associate Secretary, Mrs. Julia H. Freeman, Fort Smith; Recording Secretary and Treasurer, Miss Eugenia Swearingen, Van Buren; Missionary Education, Mrs. Anderton, Mansfield; Christian Social Relations, Miss Faye Moore. They were elected.

Miss Marcelle Phillips led the pledge service in which \$1,940.00 was pledged for missions in 1951-52.

The Fall District Meeting is to be held in October. The District Secretary and the Waldron Wesleyan Service Guild—the hostess Guild—will announce the date later.—Mrs. Julia H. Freeman.

FT. SMITH DISTRICT EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETS

The Executive Committee of the Ft. Smith Woman's Society of Christian Service met at the First Methodist Church in Van Buren for the regular meeting.

Mrs. W. E. Smith, secretary of Spiritual Life, opened the meeting with a most impressive and inspiring devotional, after which Mrs. T. C. Chambliss presided over the business session.

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THREE METHODIST WOMEN HONORED



Three Methodist women, who were members of the 1910 graduating class at Northwestern University, Evanston, Ill., have been honored for outstanding service—each in a different country. They are, left to right, Miss Mabel Marsh, educational missionary to Malaya; Miss Marion Lela Norris, executive secretary of the Wesleyan Service Guild in the U. S.; and Miss Myrtle Pider, educational missionary to Japan.

Miss Marsh has been made an honorary member of the most distinguished Order of the British Empire. She was included on the King's birthday honor list of 1948. She holds the distinction of having served in the Education Department of Malaya longer than any other woman. She began her career there in 1910 as a teacher in the Methodist Girls School of Kuala Lumpur and was principal the following year. The school pioneered in classes for physical culture, domestic science and home arts, operettas, and choral groups. It grew in enrollment from 100 to 1,600 girls. Miss Marsh also helped found the Y. W. C. A. in Kuala Lumpur, and was made a life member of that organization. She retired recently and is living at 8950 Victoria, South Gate, Calif.

To honor Miss Norris, the Wesleyan Service Guild has established ten "Marion Lela Norris Scholar-

ships" and has already raised over \$12,000 for the fund. Scholarships have been awarded ten young women who are candidates for missionary service. Miss Norris founded the Wesleyan Service Guild in 1920 to provide spiritual, missionary and citizenship opportunities for employed women. A component part of the Woman's Division of Christian Service, the Guild began with 14 units and 326 members. It now has over 4200 units with over 12,000 members. They contributed \$388,671.88 last year toward home and foreign mission projects. Miss Norris will retire in April, and plans to remain in New York City.

Miss Pider, a missionary in Japan for 40 years, was decorated by the Emperor for her work in Methodist schools and colleges. Before she sailed for the United States last year, Miss Pider was a guest at a private tea with the Empress of Japan, a gesture of appreciation of the missionary's service. Miss Pider began as a teacher at Aoyama Jo Gakuin, a high school in Tokyo, and taught at Tokyo Woman's College from 1919 to 1950. For several years she gave demonstrations in teaching methods before conferences of Japanese teachers. During the war she taught at Moravian College, Bethlehem, Pa. During her furloughs, she studied in England and the United States. She now resides at 1253 South 21 St., Lincoln, Nebr.

DERMOTT STUDIES "NEAR EAST"

The Woman's Society of Christian Service of Dermott studied the book, "Near East Panorama," with Mrs. J. M. Thorp as teacher. Twelve ladies were enrolled for the first session.

The first session consisted of studying pictures, biographies of writers and illustrators and maps taken from the study book, also other maps of interest on the wall.

The second session was taught by Mrs. A. F. Pruor, very ably assisted by Mrs. John Armor, Mrs. M. Golden, Mrs. Dan Harrison, and Mrs. Thorp, also a general discussion by the group.

The worship center was an oriental scarf and an open Bible and a double candlestick on either side of the Bible.—Reporter

LEWISVILLE W. S. C. S. HOLDS LENTEN SERVICE

The Annual W. S. C. S. Lenten service of Lewisville was given March 19 in the church sanctuary. The church was beautifully decorated with candles and a cross of white and gold.

The program had been arranged by Miss Etta Hurd. The special music was played by Mrs. H. E. Haden, which consisted of "The Holy City", "More Love to Thee", and "Oh Master Let Me Walk With Thee."

During the program appropriate talks, hymns and poems were used impressively. The program closed with offering and special dedication prayer at the altar, led by Miss Hurd.—Reporter.

ATKINS W. S. C. S. COMPLETES STUDY

The Woman's Society of Christian Service of the Atkins Methodist Church has recently completed a study course, entitled, "The Near East", under the direction of Mrs. Myrtle Alewine, study chairman. The course was presented in four programs, each portraying the Islam and religions of the Near East.

Mrs. J. M. Barker was in charge of the first program. She was assisted by Mrs. Turner Hamlet and Mrs. S. O. Boone in discussing "Geography and the Peoples". The second day's program was given by Mrs. Rife Hughey, who discussed "The Religion of The Near East". A highlight of the study course was the third afternoon when Rev. John Cannon, Church of Christ minister, gave an enlightening talk on "The Political and Economic Life of the Near Eastern People." He was introduced by the leader, Mrs. I. J. Hughey. The concluding program was presented by Mrs. H. C. Minnis, whose subject was "The Will and Testament of Jesus". She was assisted by Mrs. John Berkemeyer.

A simple and impressive worship center in accord with the theme of the program was arranged each day.

As a climax to the study a silver offering was given to the Lucie Harrison Girls' School in Lahore, Pakistan, a Jurisdiction project.—Mrs. L. A. Hammock.

GRAVETTE W. S. C. S. STUDIES NEAR EAST

The Woman's Society of Christian Service of Gravette Methodist Church has just studied the course "The Near East Panorama" by Glora M. Wysner. A bird's eye view was gathered of the religious, political, and social conditions of some of the countries bordering the Mediterranean Sea.

Of particular interest was the fact that the near East was the cradle of the three Monotheistic Religions, Judaism, Christianity, and Mohammedanism, yet in spite of this we find today this region marked by diversities, divisions, hatreds, especially between Jews and Arabs.

The ladies who gave reports and devotionals are Mrs. J. L. Oswalt, Mrs. Clarence Teeter, Mrs. Clay Jenkins, Mrs. Luther Baughn, Mrs. W. Wilson, Mrs. Clifford Fry, Mrs. P. J. Jorgensen, Mrs. A. P. Dunigan, and Mrs. L. M. Pearson. The pastor led the discussions.—Reporter.

FAYETTEVILLE DISTRICT COMPLETES BIRTHDAY VISITATION

The district Promotion Secretary, Mrs. Bessie Andrews, reports the completion of the Tenth Anniversary Birthday visitations in the Fayetteville District, which entitles the district to 100% credit on this project.

The presidents of all local societies will participate in a recognition service at the district meeting in Rogers, April 25th.

Mrs. Andrews states that it is impossible to estimate the inspiration and spiritual value of the Christian fellowship which resulted from these visitations.

CURRENT NEWS IN ARKANSAS METHODISM

BENTON COUNTY YOUNG ADULT FELLOWSHIP

The April meeting of the Benton County Young Adult Fellowship was held April 5 in the Bentonville Methodist Church. Caughn Pickard, president, led the singing with Mrs. Alf Eason at the organ. Rev. H. W. Jinske led in prayer.

Mr. Pickard introduced Rev. L. A. Johnson of the Christian Church, as the principal speaker. The speaker told of his visits in Mexico and contrasted the American and Mexican ways of life. He stated that Mexico is rich in natural resources and yet the masses of the people are poor. This is largely due to their high percentage of illiteracy which is about 60 per cent. According to him the people of Mexico are not educated like those of the United States. Their religion also keeps them in a state of ignorance. They do not seem to have the same concept of freedom and of progress that Americans have. The instability of the Mexican government is another reason why capital hesitates to develop these natural resources.

A resolution was unanimously adopted urging the Legislature in its special session to bring relief to our public schools.—H. W. Jinske, Reporter.

A WEEK OF SERVICES AT MOUNTAIN VIEW CHURCH

We had a wonderful week of services during Holly Week with the following ministers assisting: Dr. Aubrey G. Walton, Rev. J. R. Martin, Rev. Kirvin Hale, Rev. Cecil R. Culver. Our people responded splendidly. There were five additions to our church.

Since assuming this pastorate last August we have added 16 new members. Our church has developed into

NOTE OF THANKS TO ARKANSAS METHODISM

Thanks for your gifts to the relief program being carried on by our Regiment. Everyone here is greatly impressed by the great generosity of Arkansas Methodism.

I would like for you and all concerned to know something of our work here. We are presently distributing our packages through regimental screening teams; that is a group of men composed of Korean and American officers who have the responsibility of thoroughly screening all civilians who pass through our front lines. We have a regular Korean country store set up and give the very young and aged people articles of clothing according to need. These people do not go far back of the lines and would never receive help from world overseas relief agencies. There are just two relief agencies up this far. As far as I know our regiment is the only one that is doing any relief for these people near the front.

Many of these children and aged people will never reach relief centers like Pusan or Taegu or Chaju Island. They will just try to stay far enough back to avoid shell fire. Although in the earlier days I gave all my packages to orphanages, I now feel that these people up near the front but away from relief agencies need help more desperately than the organized charities at the rear.

We screen about 150 people too young or too old for war each day. As troops move up these refugees have to move out with whatever pitiful belongings they can carry. They have no definite place to go but go they must. They can be seen living in burned out remains of houses a few miles back of the war front, eating dry corn, peas, handouts from soldier, just trying to exist.

Children with no parents, almost naked, without food, roam the country side. They are worse off than children of the orphanages. Many will surely die.

There are also many aged people too sick to move. These we leave in houses or burned out walls, perhaps a bit of straw or mud over them. To them we give cocoa and milk powder as long as our supply lasts.

I wish you would inform the people that here is a place organized relief does not reach and that through the chaplain and the regiment only are they receiving. To be sure we will never have enough but it is so nice to be able to help some. Bless you all for your kind gifts of money, food, and clothing.

Ray O. Seals, Chaplain
Office of The Chaplain
31st Infantry Regiment
APO 7, San Francisco, Calif.

a real live force in this community. We have our Educational Building two-thirds completed and anticipate its completion by Annual Conference. We hope to start work on our sanctuary this coming conference year. God has richly blessed us in

our labors with these fine people. We give thanks to him and look forward to the future confident of an ever-growing church in this community through the loyalty and devotion of our people for Christ and His Church. — Carlos E. Martin, Pastor.

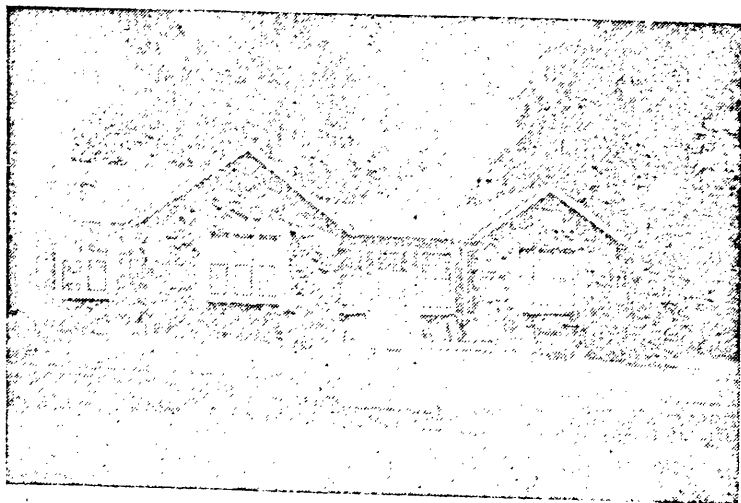
BISHOP MARTIN DEDICATES SULPHUR SPRINGS PARSONAGE

Bishop Paul E. Martin led the ceremonies when the Methodist parsonage at Sulphur Springs was dedicated on Saturday, April 7 at 5:00 p. m. He was assisted by Rev. W. F. Cooley, district superintendent of Fayetteville District, Rev. Elmer H. Hook, former district superintendent, and Rev. Olin R. Findley, former pastor of the church. Other ministers present were: Rev. J. Wm. Watson, Siloam Springs; Rev. Arnold Simpson, Fayetteville; Rev. H. W. Jinske, Gravette; and Rev. Oral

Van Horn, Noel, Missouri.

The W. S. C. S. held open house following the dedication ceremonies, and tea was served from a prettily appointed table to approximately 120 guests. Mrs. Emma Fountain, chairman of the Board of Stewards, presided at the tea table.

The beautiful six-room stone parsonage was willed to the church in 1946 by Mr. and Mrs. L. J. Phillips. It is now occupied by Rev. and Mrs. O. Wendell Barbaree and their two small sons, Gary and David.



MINISTERS' WIVES OF HOPE DISTRICT

The wives of the ministers of the Hope District were entertained by Mrs. E. D. Galloway with luncheon in the beautiful new district parsonage, at 200 North Pine, in Hope, at the March meeting. Attractive arrangements of white iris and spirea were used throughout the house.

At the business session, Mrs. Huston Farmer, of Texarkana, outgoing president, was in charge of the meeting. She expressed her thanks to the group for their fine spirit of love and cooperation throughout the year.

New officers elected for the new conference year were: Mrs. George G. Meyer, of Nashville, President; Mrs. W. D. Golden, Ashdown, Vice-President; and Mrs. John L. Tucker, of DeQueen, Secretary-Treasurer.

Mrs. Fred R. Harrison will be hostess to the group at her home at 2221 Glendale Street, Texarkana, at the next meeting, May 14th. Co-hostesses for that meeting will be: Mrs. James McCammon and Mrs. Huston Farmer, both of Texarkana, and Mrs. Claude Clark, of Richmond.

The meeting with Mrs. Galloway will long be remembered by all those who attended as one of the most delightful occasions of the entire conference year.—Mrs. J. L. Tucker, Secretary

EASTER AT SILOAM SPRINGS

The Methodist Church of Siloam Springs set an attendance record at the morning worship service on Easter Sunday when it was necessary to fill the rear aisles with chairs to accommodate the capacity crowd.

The cantata, "The Triumph of the Cross", was presented by the choir at 5:00 o'clock vesper service and again the church sanctuary, including the wings and balcony, was well filled. Mrs. Milo K. Roth directed the choir, Dr. Reginald Martin was the organist, and the pastor, Rev. J. William Watson, took the part of the narrator.—Mary Walker, Secretary.

MOUNTAIN HOME METHODIST PARISH

As the sun rose over beautiful Norfolk Lake on Easter Sunday morning a group of 250 early risers were assembled for the early morning worship service. Music was furnished by a robed choir of forty voices. A tall cross was erected amid a rustic setting on one of our top-most mountains.

As the mists cleared away one crucifixion scene and two garden scenes were portrayed by young women in native costumes of the holy land. The large rocks made it possible for the scene of Mary at the tomb to be very impressive. Rev. Lee Anderson brought the message. We hope that this service will be re-enacted each year and that it will be a tradition throughout the years. We are happy that our Parish has sponsored such a movement.—Reporter.

MEETING OF JONESBORO DISTRICT SUB-DISTRICT

The Jonesboro Sub-District held its monthly meeting Monday, April 2, at Pleasant Valley. A business meeting was conducted by the president, Marge Stone.

During the recreational hour folk songs were sung by the group, after which assorted cold drinks and doughnuts were served.

The next meeting will be at Pleasant Grove, May 7. — Jo Anne Thomas, Reporter.

He is a fool who cannot be angry, but he is a wise man who will not. —Proverb

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A GREAT WEEK WITH THE OPPELO METHODISTS

During the past week the writer was privileged to preach in the Oppelo Church where the Rev. R. B. Howerton, Jr., is the pastor. The song services were directed by Rev. David Dickens, Ministerial student of Hendrix College. This was one of the finest weeks of the year. The attendance upon the services was most encouraging throughout the meeting. Numbers of our friends from Morrilton attended the services from night to night. This is Brother Howerton's fourth year on this charge, and he has rendered outstanding service in this splendid field. His laymen are active in the Conway County Layman's program, furnishing speakers regularly for the rural churches in the County. The parsonage and church have been redecorated. At the close of the revival plans were initiated to modernize the parsonage, this work to be done before the session of the Annual Conference. Under the splendid direction of David Dickens assisted by a fine youth choir great gospel singing was enjoyed during the revival. Mrs. Howerton has rendered fine service in the organization and directing of the youth choir for the regular services. The

Oppelo Methodist Church is indeed one that can be counted among the progressive and forward looking congregations of the Conway District.

The North Arkansas Conference Accepted Supply School

During this week the writer has been in attendance upon the Supply School held at Batesville. The school this year is held in connection with the Batesville Training School. In cooperation with the Board of Education and the Town and Country Commission the Board of Ministerial Training this year provided for a strong faculty and a daily pastor's clinic. Dr. J. H. Hicks and Dr. J. T. Carlyon of the Perkins School of Theology of Dallas, Texas, were both in the School. Rev. S. B. Wilford and Rev. Ira A. Brumley represented the Conference Staff. Rev. Allen D. Stewart, Rev. Ralph Hillis, Rev. Lloyd Conyers, Rev. Raymond Franks and the Rev. S. B. Wilford furnished leadership for the clinic. The people of Batesville extended the use of their homes to the instructors and pastors. As is characteristic of the people of this great city hospitality and friendliness prevailed.—J. Albert Gatlin

RADIO-FILM COMMISSION PLANNING FOR WESLEY FILM

If plans of the Methodist Radio and Film Commission are supported by sufficient contributions, production of an new film on the life of John Wesley can be launched this summer, it was pointed out at a meeting of the commission's staff and executive committee in Chicago March 28-29.

Bishop Donald Harvey Tippet of San Francisco, president of the commission, reported that he found J. Arthur Rank, outstanding Methodist layman and British movie producer, most enthusiastic about the possibility of a Wesley film when they talked together during the bishop's recent trip around the world.

"Filming of the Wesley picture could perhaps be started at the time of the Ecumenical Methodist Conference in Oxford, England, this August," Bishop Tippet said, "provided we can raise sufficient funds for production costs."

He also expressed the hope that the film might have its premiere at the 1952 General Conference in San Francisco.

Bishop Charles C. Sealeman of Dallas, Texas, who is serving as special representative of the Radio and Film Commission, reported on his efforts to interpret the commission's program to the church at large and to solicit funds for its work. Strong appreciation was expressed by the group for Bishop Sealeman's successful work of cultivation and solicitation during the six-month period since he assumed his duties as their representative.

A preliminary script for the Wesley film, prepared by Dr. Fred Eastman, has been considered by the staff and is now being reviewed by member of the executive committee, professors of church history in the ten Methodist theological schools in America, and the J. Arthur Rank film company staff in England.

The committee also approved tentative plans for a movie on the church college if the Methodist colleges can cooperatively finance it.

Dr. William J. Scarborough, president of West Virginia Wesleyan, and President Hurst Anderson of Hamline University, represented the colleges in requesting cooperation from the Radio-Film Commission.

Reports at the meeting indicated increased production and use of Methodist audio-visual materials. The joint staff reported production of four films and 10 filmstrips during the past year. Two films and 20 filmstrips are currently in production.

Distribution of films by the Methodist Publishing House has increased 11 percent over a year ago, it was reported.

Rev. Howard Ellis of the Board of Evangelism reported that the Upper Room transcriptions for Holy Week were used by over 500 stations and that at the time of the meeting more than 300 radio stations had definitely accepted the Family Week Series of transcribed programs.

"Manhood is not measured by the size of the chest, but by the quality of the heart."—Ruritan

CLOVIS CHAPPELL AT TEXARKANA



Dr. Clovis Chappell will be the guest preacher at the Family Week Revival May 13-18, at the First Methodist Church, Texarkana, Rev. Fred R. Harrison pastor. Dr. Chappell, a member of the Western North Carolina Conference, is now devoting his full time to writing and lecturing. He is the author of several books and is a widely known preacher.

HENDRIX COLLEGE NEWS

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In 1900. He received the bachelor of divinity degree from Southern Methodist University in 1927. Now the pastor of the First Methodist Church at Texarkana, he has also served at Mabelvale-Primrose, Malvern, Hope and Pulaski Heights in Little Rock. He has also been superintendent of both the Arkadelphia and Pine Bluff Districts. He is a member of the Hendrix Board of Trustees and a past president of the alumni association.

FT. SMITH DISTRICT EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETS

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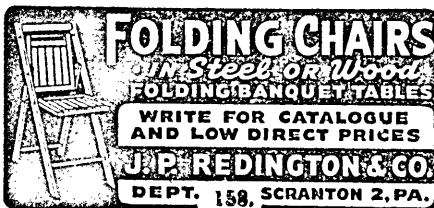
The following members reported their work: Mrs. T. C. Chambliss, Mrs. W. Henry Goodloe, Mrs. E. D. Haisten, Mrs. George Colville, Mrs. F. E. Sexton, Mrs. Alfred McElroy, Mrs. W. E. Smith, Mrs. W. J. Spicer, Mrs. Dwight Hawk, Mrs. Alex Mitchell, Mrs. J. J. Clark, Mrs. J. P. Chancey, Mrs. T. L. Hunt, Miss Marcelle Phillips and Mrs. W. H. Lewis.

Mrs. Goodloe urged all district officers to attend the School of Missions to be held from July 24-27 at Hendrix College.

Plans were made for the Annual Spring meeting of the Ft. Smith District Woman's Society, which was held April 10th. The meeting was dismissed with prayer.

The man who removed the mountain began by carrying away small stones.—Ex.

Service is the rent we pay for our room on God's earth.—Arthur unknown.



FINE THING GOING ON IN CHILDREN'S WORK

(Continued from page 7)

Mrs. Anna Rose Miller, District Director of Ft. Smith District, has announced a Vacation Church School Clinic for the Ft. Smith District to be held at St. Paul's Church, Ft. Smith, April 26.

The Forrest City District, under the leadership of Mrs. W. P. Gibbs as District Director, will have a Vacation Church School Clinic, April 17, Forrest City.

Eighty Children's Workers attended the Conway District Vacation Church School Clinic in First Church, Conway, April 7. Rev. Allen D. Stewart read the scripture. Dr. C. M. Reyes led in prayer. Mrs. Albert Gatlin, District Director of Children's Work, presided in an atmosphere of Golden Anniversary reminders. Miss Lula Doyle Baird discussed, "Setting Up the Vacation Church School." Departmental groups were led as follows:

Kindergarten, Mrs. Gatlin, "My Home and Family," Roorbach.

Primary, Mrs. H. D. Castleberry, "We Go to Church," Goddard.

Junior, Mrs. Brumley, "Leisure Time Activities," Martin.

Individual box lunches were enjoyed informally at noon.

This was a highly enthusiastic meeting.

"RECOMMENDED SOURCES FOR CHURCH SCHOOLS"

Nashville, Tenn.—The Division of the Local Church, General Board of Education, has cooperated with the Methodist Publishing House in publishing a catalog of "Recommended Resources for Church Schools."

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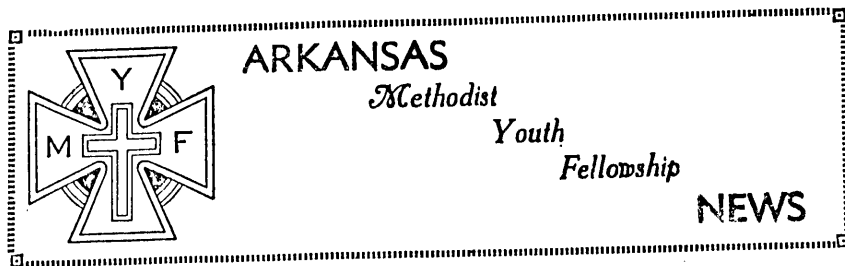
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INTERMEDIATES OF LITTLE ROCK HAVE PARTY

A dessert party for all Methodist Intermediates of Little Rock was held at Winfield Church, on March 31. The event was patterned after a similar party for the Senior Highs which was held in January. Each church furnished a host and hostess, dessert for ten, and a centerpiece for a table representing some foreign country. They also brought clothing for the Koreans.

Highland Methodist youth presented the play, "Bill Greenback". Churches portraying various countries were: Asbury, Japan; First Methodist, Korea; Pulaski Heights, Mexico; Henderson, India; Forest Park, Alaska; Scott Street, Germany; Oak Forest, Brazil; 28th St., Czechoslovakia; Winfield, China.—Reporter.

CONWAY-PERRY COUNTY SUB-DISTRICT

Conway-Perry County Sub-District meeting was held April 9, at Perryville Methodist Church. The young people of the church gave a very inspiring worship program. Taking part were Bill Bell, Gale Halbrook, James Lodermilk, Jerry Yates, Billy Loudermilk, Bill Bell, Dickie Boyd and Bobbie Sue Tarvern.

After the worship program recreation was held and refreshments were served.

Miss Bobbie Sue Tarvern, president, presided over the business meeting. The Sub-District voted to send two delegates to the National Convocation of Methodist Youth at Purdue University at Lafayette, Indiana, August 27-31. Miss Bobbie Sue Tarvern of Perryville and Jimmy Hardin of Morrilton were the delegates elected. There were 43 present. The next meeting will be held at Ada Valley Methodist Church, May 7.—Reporter.

FAULKNER COUNTY SUB- DISTRICT M. Y. F.

The Faulkner County Sub-District M. Y. F. met Monday, April 9, at Oakland Church. Sarah Workman of Conway First Church, presided over the business meeting. A short program on materials followed. Recreation was led by James Conley of Wesley Memorial and Anne Steel of First Church. Frank Jones of Hendrix, was the guest speaker.

Officers for the new year were elected as follows: Martha Matthews, Greenbrier, president; Lou Ann Butler, Oakland, vice-president; Sue Taylor, First Church, secretary-treasurer. Commission Chairmen are: Ruth Anderson, First Church, Worship; Rose Norwine, Wesley Memorial, Community Service; Ann Mowrer, Wesley Memorial, World Friendship; James Conley, Wesley Memorial, Recreation; and Jimmy Mode, publicity chairman. The counselors are Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Fleming, Conway First Church. These officers will be installed on May 14 at Conway First Church.—Ruth Anderson, Reporter.

WEONA M. Y. F.

We have a group of young people who are wide-awake and are doing great things for the church and the Kingdom of God. They are always ready and willing to take part when called on. Five have accepted calls for full time or part time Christian service.

About twenty-four of the group along with their sponsors, were present for the Easter Sunday gathering which was at the Harrisburg park.

A youth choir has been organized and practices each Wednesday night.

The group attends all Sub-District meetings. Virginia James was elected a delegate of the Poinsett County Sub-District to the Youth Convocation to be held at Purdue University in August. At the M. Y. F. meeting on Sunday we had an attendance of twenty-five. — Bill Odom, Pastor.

HENDRIX COLLEGE NEWS

Hendrix College has immediate need for an additional woman's residence hall, a new physical education plant and at least a half million dollars of additional endowment. President Matt L. Ellis told members of the college Board of Trustees at their annual spring meeting on the campus April 10.

Board members agreed that the needs are pressing, President Ellis said, and endorsed a study to determine possible means of obtaining the \$1,200,000 necessary. The two buildings would probably require an outlay of about \$700,000.

Trustees also endorsed a suggestion that the college hold a special day next fall to celebrate completion of the college's new chapel and auditorium scheduled for completion this summer, and the new dining hall and student center completed about a year and a half ago. Half a million dollars of the cost of the buildings came from a financial campaign led by Methodists of the state several years ago.

The college suffered a small deficit in current operations for the year ending last July and anticipates a deficit of perhaps \$14,000 for the year ending next July, President Ellis told board members. Alumni and other college friends have been asked to assist the college financially, he said.

Contributions to the current operation of the college through "Living Endowment" program have increased materially during the past year, President Ellis said. Receipts for the year ending next July have already passed \$7,000, he said. Total for the year ending last July was about \$4,300. Friends are responding unusually well to the "Living Endowment" appeal, he said, and it is expected that funds materializing from it will continue to increase.

Enrollment prospects for next year have been improved by the recent action giving preferential treatment to college students doing superior work, President Ellis told board members. The military situation is expected to cause a substantial decrease in number of students, how-

ever, he said. No decrease in enrollment figures for women students is expected, he added. Hendrix for many years has been unable to accept all women applicants because of limited residence facilities for them.

Charles Barnett of Batesville, first vice-president of the trustees, presided. Dr. J. H. Reynolds of Conway, former president of the college, was a visitor.

E. W. Martin, treasurer of Hendrix, and Dr. W. C. Buthman, dean, made reports to the board. Dean Buthman expressed appreciation on behalf of the faculty for the board's recent action by which staff members were made eligible for social security insurance and retirement benefits. The faculty has been under a retirement plan for a number of years financed through insurance with the Teachers Insurance and Annuity Association. Addition of social security to the college's program will also include a number of general staff members who had not been included in the TIAA program.

Trustees at the meeting were Dr. A. W. Martin, Dallas, Tex.; William R. Stuck, Jonesboro; Dr. Ira A. Brumley, Conway; Marvin E. Bird, Earle; Dr. C. M. Reves, Conway; Charles W. Barnett, Batesville; J. T. Thompson, Little Rock; Rev. Fred R. Harrison, Texarkana; Rev. Arthur Terry, Little Rock; Dr. Aubrey G. Walton, Little Rock; C. E. Hayes, Little Rock; W. P. McDermott, Little Rock; R. T. Steel, Conway; Dr. J. S. Rushing, El Dorado; H. F. Trotter, Pine Bluff; Dr. Connor Morehead, Camden; Harvey C. Couch, Jr., Little Rock; George E. Pike, DeWitt; Bishop Paul E. Martin, Little Rock; R. Percy Goynes, Dallas, Tex.; Leslie F. Bryant, Clarksville; Dr. E. J. Munn, El Dorado; H. F. Buhler, Little Rock, and Rev. Roy E. Fawcett, Little Rock. Also attending was Paul Faris of the Hendrix faculty, secretary of the board.

Alton B. Raney of Little Rock is board chairman.

Four distinguished Arkansans will receive honorary degrees from Hendrix College at the 1951 commencement exercises June 3.

The honorary degree of doctor of laws will be conferred upon Dr. John R. Steelman of Washington, D. C., special assistant to President Harry S. Truman, and upon Dr. Harry A. Little, superintendent of the Little Rock public schools.

The honorary degree of doctor of divinity will be conferred upon the Rev. Fred R. Harrison, pastor of the First Methodist Church at Texarkana, and the Rev. Paul V. Galloway, pastor of Boston Avenue Methodist Church in Tulsa, Oklahoma.

Dr. Steelman is scheduled to deliver the commencement address on the afternoon of June 3. Mr. Galloway is scheduled to deliver the commencement sermon that morning.

Dr. Steelman, internationally known for his work in labor conciliation, was born in Thornton, Ark., in 1900. He graduated in 1922 from Henderson-Brown College, former Methodist institution, which was merged with Hendrix in 1929. He holds a master of arts degree from Vanderbilt University and a doctor of philosophy degree from the University of North Carolina. From 1937 to 1944 he was director of the United States Conciliation Service. Following the war he was director of the U. S. Office of War Mobilization and Reconversion. Since 1946 he has been special assistant to President Truman and has served as conciliator in various controversies between labor and business. He is a Methodist and a 32nd degree Mason.

Dr. Little was born at Abbot, Ark., in 1900, and graduated from Hendrix in 1919. Except for a period in the real estate and insurance business in Fort Smith from 1920 to 1922, he has been in educational work. He was a teacher at Newport High School from 1919 to 1920, superintendent of schools in Charleston from 1922 to 1923 and in Rude, Miss., from 1923 to 1924, and county superintendent of Ashley County from 1924 to 1928. From 1928 to 1933 he was with the Arkansas Department of Education. He was a member of the education faculty of George State College for Women from 1934 til 1948, at which time he assumed his present position in Little Rock. He holds the master of arts degree from Peabody College for Teachers and the doctor of philosophy degree from Teachers College, Columbia University.

Mr. Galloway, who was born at Mountain Home, Ark., in 1904, attended both Hendrix and Henderson-Brown in 1923. He also holds the bachelor of divinity degree from Yale University. He has held a number of outstanding appointments of the Methodist Church in Arkansas, including Central Methodist in Fayetteville and Winfield Church in Little Rock. In 1950 he was called to his present pastorate in Oklahoma, in what is considered to be the seventh largest Methodist Church in America.

Mr. Harrison was born in Fordyce (Continued on page 13)

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OBITUARIES

MAYHAN—Mrs. Mary Jane Wyatt Mayhan was born in Independence County, Arkansas, Feb. 26, 1861, and passed away March 21, 1951, being a few days past 90 years old. In her young days she united with the Methodist Church, in which she lived a devoted, consecrated Christian to the end of her long life.

In July of 1879, she was married to James A. Mayhan. To them were born five daughters and three sons. Four daughters and one son are still living. They are, Clarence Mayhan, Shreveport, La., Mrs. Herman Welborn, Batesville; Mrs. Rufus Johnston, Algoa; Mrs. Tom Berry, Balch, and Mrs. Etta Jones, Little Rock, with whom she had made her home the last thirty years of her life. Other surviving relatives, are one sister, Mrs. M. E. House, Wichita Falls, Texas, and twenty-nine grandchildren, ten great grandchildren; also two daughters-in-law, Mrs. J. L. Mayhan and Mrs. Cephe Mayhan, both of Little Rock.

Her body was brought to Newark where she had spent most of her life and reared her family. Funeral services were in the Hazel Edwards Memorial Methodist Church, conducted by the pastor, Rev. M. A. Graves, and Rev. J. M. Hughes, former pastor of the local church. The large auditorium was packed and the floral expressions were beautiful indeed. We laid her to rest in Blue Springs cemetery to await the morning of the resurrection. Truly a good woman has passed to her reward in heaven. — J. B. Stewart.

DOWDY—On March 13, 1951, one of the oldest and most useful members of the Clarksville Methodist Church joined the company of the Church Triumphant, James Arthur Dowdy. Brother Dowdy was born in White County, Arkansas (Center Hill near Searcy) August 17th, 1870. He was the son of W. T. and Elizabeth Sessums Dowdy. One of two children, Andrew, another son who was a useful and devoted member of the Methodist Church in Batesville, preceded him in death about a year. The home in which these sons grew to manhood was an old-fashioned Christian home, and gave to them the ideals which through them have been a blessing to countless others.

Brother Dowdy moved to Clarksville in 1894 and engaged in business. In 1896 he was married to Miss Darthulia Hardgrave, a member of one of the pioneer families of Johnson County. To this union was born two children, James Arthur, Jr., and a daughter, Marjorie. The son was a member of the Marine Corps in World War I, and died at Quantico, Virginia, in October 1918, during the influenza epidemic. He was a son of whom any parent would be proud — graduating from The College of the Ozarks, then Hendrix College and in June before his death taking a Master's degree from Vanderbilt. His death was a severe blow to the devoted parents, but, they found comfort in their religion, and rendered even more faithful service to their Church.

Brother Dowdy was a great sufferer in the last few months of his life. He almost lived with his Bible in his hands, and wanted to talk about it on all of his pastor's visits. He was a steward for many years and taught a class of boys in the Church school. He had great faith and was deeply interested in the program of the Church. In his last

conversation with the pastor, only a few days before the end, he said, "My only regret is that I have not done more for my Church."

He is survived by his beloved companion, Mrs. Darthulia Dowdy, the daughter, Mrs. Leslie Bryant, three grandchildren and one great grandchild.

We laid him to rest March 14th in the Clarksville Cemetery. The funeral was conducted by the pastor from the First Methodist Church. — C. Norman Guice.

LESLIE—Mrs. Martha Leslie died March 1, 1951, in a local hospital in DeQueen, her home town. She was one of the oldest members of the church there. She had lived in DeQueen almost from the beginning of the town.

Mrs. Leslie was one of the charter members of the Woman's Society of Christian Service. She had been an active member since its organization July 28, 1898. She loved her church and was concerned in all its activities. She was a friend to every person who ever needed a friend. Any young person who needed a word of encouragement and a helping hand found in Mrs. Leslie a true friend. It was the same with the older people.

I shall never forget the time when Mrs. Leslie came to me in the congregation and said, "Son, don't you want to be a Christian?" I went to the altar and began my Christian life then. She did not quit there. When I answered the call to the ministry, I found that Mrs. Leslie was a true friend in helping me to get into school to prepare for my work. Through the years of high school and college she stood by me as a true friend.

Since my active duties in the ministry began I have always gone to see Mrs. Leslie when I went to DeQueen to visit my mother. She expected these calls. She always loved her pastor and was glad for him to call. A true friend of man and of the church has gone home. — M. L. Edgington.

PERSON—Mrs. Charline W. Person was born in Old Lewisville, Lafayette County, Arkansas, December 21, 1876. She entered into eternal rest March 22, 1951, at the age of 74. She was the daughter of Lucy Lungren and Charles Hunter Beasley. She was the great granddaughter of Major and Mrs. Thomas Brooks, who moved to Hempstead County, Arkansas, in 1837. She was married to Levin King Person, II, in Old Lewisville, in 1893. Mr. Person took his bride to the Person Place at Garland, Arkansas, the same plantation to which his father, Colonel Levin King Person, moved from Ashville, North Carolina in 1858. It was then in Lafayette County, now known as Miller County. The Person Place has been in the Person family for 97 years.

Mrs. Person is survived by one son, Mr. Levin K. Person of Garland, Arkansas, and two daughters, Mrs. Emmet Williams and Miss Lucy Mae Person of Garland. She was well known throughout South Arkansas as a great churchwoman, philanthropist, and community leader. The material blessings which God had given so freely to her and her family were ever at the command of the needy or suffering humanity with whom she came in contact. Her most substantial philanthropies were directed to the church and its institutions. For many years she maintained a missionary in India through her personal contri-

butions. When Henderson-Brown College was threatened with closing its doors because of financial needs, field workers found their most substantial gift from this good woman. She was one of the earliest contributors to the Methodist and Christian churches in Lewisville.

In the late 1920's Mrs. Person saw the great need for a community church in Garland, Arkansas, and she began to plan to make it possible. Donations were few and limited in amount. When the structure was actually begun, it was in the heart of the depression. The financing of weekly payrolls and the payment of bills for materials often came from the sacrificial sale of her own cotton. Her own financial resources made its completion possible. It is one of the most attractive and best built of the small churches in Arkansas, and stands as a monument to the faith, perservance, and generosity of this great woman. In keeping with her generous spirit, the people of the community have found a spirit of unity in their use of this building for worship and study. She was a loyal and faithful Methodist all of her life, but she was always considerate of the faith and practice of all her neighbors. The memories of her devotion to her Methodist Church will always be a living memorial to her friends and pastors. The beauty of her devotion to her family and home will ever be a source of inspiration to her children and grandchildren. The "Preacher's" Room in her home is a place of sacred memory to every minister who enjoyed the hospitality of her fine Christian home.

It was most appropriate that the memorial services were held in the church which represented a labour of love for her. They were conducted by the pastor and life-long friend, Rev. T. M. Armstrong, assisted by Rev. Edward W. Harris, friend and former pastor. It can truly be said, "Well done, thou good and faithful servant, enter thou into the joy of thy Lord." — Edward W. Harris, El Dorado.

FRIENDS

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Where doubt and suspicion linger, friendship cannot be a reality. There must be mutual trust. Religion in its simplest and highest form is friendship with God. Jesus showed us that God is to be trusted as a friend. But what of mutual trust? What of God trusting us?

Friendship grows into fellowship. Time spent in association moves people to a common interest and fuller appreciation and understanding of each other. Charles Lamb, the great essayist, sat at a banquet across the table from a loud offensive person. To his companion he said, "I hate that fellow." His companion answered, "Why, you don't even know him." Lamb replied, "If I knew him, I could not hate him."

Friends become alike. As people grow together, many likenesses are evident. So in religion friendship that moves to its rightful goal stamps upon men godliness. It must not be born of necessity for self-preservation, but of natural growth and happiness. Broaden this beyond the narrow confines of race and Nationality and the road points to a happier world. — R. B.

In 1934, about 31% of the people in the United States above the age of 20 were drinkers. By '43 this had increased to 42% of those over 18 yrs; by '50, the rate had increased until 55% of those over 16 years are drinking.

By 1977, at the present rate, 85% of the people 18 years and over will be heavy drinkers . . . and by the year 2000 we as a nation will be ALCOHOLICS UNANIMOUS. A fearsome thought. — R. D. Dexheimer, Illinois Temperance News

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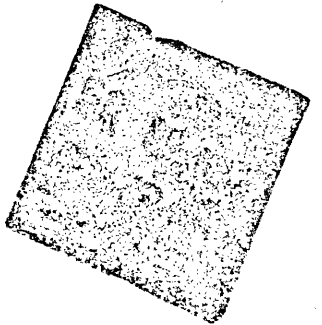
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IS OUR LAND A LAND OF PROMISE?

LESSON FOR APRIL 29, 1951

READ THE ENTIRE LESSON FROM YOUR BIBLE:

Joshua 1:1-9; 14:1-13; 24:1-4, 14-15, 19-28; Judges 2:6-23; 21:25.

GOLDEN TEXT: "Be strong and of good courage; be not affrighted, neither be thou dismayed: for the Lord thy God is with thee whithersoever thou goest." (Joshua 1:9)

A Look At The Scriptures The Call of Joshua

Moses the great leader was dead and God called Joshua to take his place. It will be remembered that these men had been closely associated for many years. Joshua had been Moses' helper. In this call God made Joshua some strong promises. He told him that he would be with him as he had been with Moses. He promised him that he would succeed in his undertaking. Not a man would be able to stand before him all of his life. He would succeed in conquering Palestine.

These were great promises indeed and God made them on two conditions. First, that Joshua would be very courageous, and second, that he would carefully obey the law of Moses. It may be said to Joshua's credit that he carefully kept his part of the covenant and God richly blessed him.

The Division of Canaan

The next Scripture (Joshua 14) tells of the division of the land of Canaan. This was done by lot for all the tribes except that of Judah. Caleb was at the head of this tribe and Moses had already assigned him his territory.

Forty years before this time the Israelites had come to the bank of the Jordan river. Moses sent twelve spies (one for each of the tribes) into the land to look it over. Ten of these men brought back adverse reports. These reports so frightened the people that they refused to attempt to take the country. Two of the spies, Caleb and Joshua, insisted that the land could be taken and they advised that they go at once to take it. Moses also wanted to take the land immediately. He felt that this was God's will. He greatly appreciated the stand of these two faithful spies and promised Caleb that he could have as his share of the country the part he had traveled over in spying the land. This was the best part of Palestine and contained Jerusalem, the greatest city of the country.

Through fear, the people refused to take the advice of Caleb and Joshua and turned back into the wilderness and spent forty years in wandering from place to place. Not a person of that generation, twenty years old and over, was ever permitted to set foot in the Promised Land, except Joshua and Caleb.

Joshua's Last Address

Joshua finally came down to the end of his life. He had served the people well. For many years he worked as Moses' assistant. When he was eighty years old Moses died and he became the chief ruler of the land. He ruled for thirty years and died at the age of one hundred ten.

Just before his death he called the nation together at Shechem, which was a city near the center of the country. There he made his farewell address. He began by giving a brief review of the birth and growth of the nation. He recounted the history of his people from the time of Abraham and coming right down to the moment in which he was making this address. The purpose of giving this history was to remind the people just how good God had been to them. He then used this as a reason why they should faithfully serve the Lord. He warned them to put away false gods from among them. He challenged them to follow the true God. His words were clear and to the point: "Choose you this day whom ye will serve." Then the great leader insisted that regardless of what others did he and his would be faithful. He went on to say "As for me and my house, we will serve the Lord."

The people kept insisting that they, too, would serve the true God. Joshua bound them to make this promise good by a covenant. The record goes on to say "So Joshua made a covenant with the people that day, and set them a statute and an ordinance in Shechem. And Joshua wrote these words in the book of the law of God, and took a great stone, and set it up there under an oak, that was by the sanctuary of the Lord. And Joshua said unto all the people, Behold this stone shall be a witness unto us." At the close of this great meeting we are told that Joshua let the people depart and each man went to his own inheritance. The book then closes with the death and burial of Joshua.

What Made Palestine A Promised Land?

We naturally think of a promised land as being a place that flows with milk and honey. This figure was applied to Palestine more than once in the Scripture. But let it be remembered that this is only a figure. Palestine has never been a place highly favored in natural resources.

Palestine's claim to being a promised land is not based on its size for it is a very small country. It is scarcely half the size of Arkansas. Neither is this claim based on its fertility for the land is not noted along this line. In fact most of the land is very poor. The coastal plains bordering on the Mediterranean Sea are fairly fertile but they make up a very small portion of the country. Most of the country is mountainous and is not noted for its fertility. The claim is not based on mineral wealth for the country has never been rich along this line.

The chief claim of Palestine to being a land of promise lay in its location. No country has been so

highly favored as Palestine along this line. In his Bible Handbook, Haley has this to say: "It was the geographic center and meeting-place of Egyptian, Babylonian, Assyrian, Persian, Greek, and Roman cultures, a strategic and protected location in the very hub of these mighty civilizations that made ancient history." No one will ever know just how much the settling of these people at this particular location has had to do with determining the history of the world. They felt that it was God's will that they occupy this land and when we note what came from it we are convinced that it was God's will that they settle there.

The People of The Land

No country can be a land of promise unless it is inhabited by a people of promise. Such were these Israelites. It is true that these tribes were more or less a barbarous people. They had recently come from a condition of slavery. But in spite of all this the most promising thing about the whole situation was not the land but rather the character of these people. This was especially true of their leaders.

These people had within their keeping the seeds of a new religion, a religion that thought in terms of only one God and worshipped him as a Being of infinite holiness. It is said that the most important thing concerning any people is the type of God they worship and their attitude toward him. It is a well-known fact that people tend to become like the God they worship. If they worship a plurality of wicked, lustful gods their very religion, in the place of helping them to better lives, degrades them.

Some one has called attention to the fact that the three greatest gifts that have come to the world have come from three separate nations. The Romans have given the world an appreciation of law and order. This is a wonderful gift. It has saved the world from anarchy. The Greeks have given the world a love for the beautiful. This, too, is a wonderful gift. We live in a world of matchless beauty. Beauty of form, beauty of color, beauty of sound. The great arts have come from this source. The Hebrews, however, have made the greatest gift of all. They have given the world the proper conception of God. This in turn has laid the foundation of ethics and morals as well as religion.

One thing that made these Israelites great was the fact that they felt that they were a people with a mission. They felt that God had placed them in the world to prove a blessing to the world. No individual or nation can possibly become truly great without this feeling of mission. A nation or an individual without this feeling of mission is like a ship at sea without a compass, and one might well say without an engine, for this feeling of mission is not only the guide of life but also its driving power.

Is The U. S. A Modern Promised Land?

This is a great question and there are arguments on both sides. There are some who would tell you that we are missing the boat. They point out the fact that our wealth has tended to make us soft as a nation. History shows that individuals and nations that have made the greatest success have had to battle against adverse circumstances. This struggle has tended to give them inner strength. It has produced rugged-

ness of character that is necessary for great achievement.

It is a well-known fact that materialism is one of the chief dangers of the modern world. There is a tendency on the part of people everywhere to place emphasis on material things while they forget the great spiritual values. Over and over again the Israelites were warned against this very thing. They were told by their leaders that when they entered the Promised Land and began to enjoy material comforts that other hands had created they would be in danger of forgetting God. The nation finally did this very thing and lost its Promised Land. The U. S. as a nation must be careful at this point. Materialism has a habit of feeding upon itself. Like an individual, the more a nation has the more it wants, and if not careful it will practice greed and selfishness to obtain this end.

Crime is rampant throughout our country. Our crime bill exceeds not only that of any other country of our day but of any other country throughout the history of the world. Our liquor traffic is enough to blush Satan himself and gambling has grown to such an extent that the nation is trying desperately to do something about it. Corrupt politicians are very much in evidence on every hand. This corruption extends from the top to the bottom of our political life. This affords a hook-up between the lowest type of criminals and people who aspire to be leaders of the country. This nation greatly needs a Moses or a Joshua to lead it out of its present situation.

All realize that the strength of any nation is to be found in its homelife, but the American home is drifting in the wrong direction. We have a divorce evil that is ever growing. The broken homes of the nation is the greatest source of our juvenile delinquency problem.

We have a country of great natural resources but they are being exploited at a terrific rate. To realize this fact one has only to note the manner in which the timber of this country has been wasted in the last fifty years. Our natural resources are going the same way. Soil depletion became so alarming that the Government is trying to do something about it.

In brief, the above statements show the negative side of the picture. We thank God that there is also a positive side. Space will not permit us to go as fully into the other side as we would like to go.

It is a fact that this country has been greatly blessed in a material way, but it is using its material resources to help other countries in a way that has never been equaled by any other nation in all the history of the world.

We do have a crime situation that is embarrassing to us, but a large part of that crime is occasioned by the very freedoms of our democracy. We Americans had rather have freedom with crime than regimented totalitarianism. Freedom means to do wrong as well as right. Corrupt people take advantage of our freedoms. We must put more Christianity in our democracy to make it a safe form of government for the world.

The U. S. is a modern Promised Land. God has assigned us a mission, that of spreading Christian democracy throughout the world. This will finally lead to a world brotherhood and peace that reaches out to the ends of the earth. May God help us fulfil our mission.