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From A House To A Christian Home

ON last Sunday afternoon the writer attended along with several dozen members and friends of the Gardner Memorial Methodist Church, North Little Rock, the Dedication of the new parsonage for that church. It was a beautiful service, led by Bishop Martin, in which the Gardner pastor, Rev. Vernon E. Chalfant, and other North Little Rock ministers shared. The service seemed to lift high in the minds and souls of those present the distinctive place of the Home in community life.

We have a recollection of a good many parsonage homes being presented for dedication but why should this blessing be reserved for the residence provided for the minister and his family. Why should not the new homes of Christian laymen be set apart through the use of this service? There have been those rare instances where lay people have asked for such a service in their homes but this practice is all too often the exception.

We are living in a day when the home for many families does not have the personal and social significance that it should. In many such instances, the home is little more than a house. This dedication of the home can very well be the means of transforming many houses into Christian homes.

An Impressive "Altar Service"

IT was the writer's privilege to preach last Sunday at the evening service at Scott Street Methodist Church in Little Rock, where Rev. Rufus S. Sorrells is pastor.

We found there, as a regular part of its Sunday evening worship program, an "Altar Service" which was new to us as a regular feature of an evening service. It was quite informal but impressive and we believe has unusual spiritual values for those who worship at Scott Street in the evening service. We understand that this special feature is used in some other churches in Arkansas.

Instead of a formal pastoral prayer in the evening service, the lights were dimmed following the offertory and an invitation was given to all who wished to do so to come forward and kneel at the altar for a silent prayer. Throughout this period, lasting seven or eight minutes, worshippers came at will and knelt for whatever time desired and returned to their seats without any formal dismissal. While worshippers were coming and going a duet, "Breathe on Me, Breath of God," was sung at the rear of the auditorium, followed by "Softly and Tenderly Jesus is Calling," sung by the choir. Near the end, as only a few were left at the altar, the minister closed this part of the service with a brief prayer.

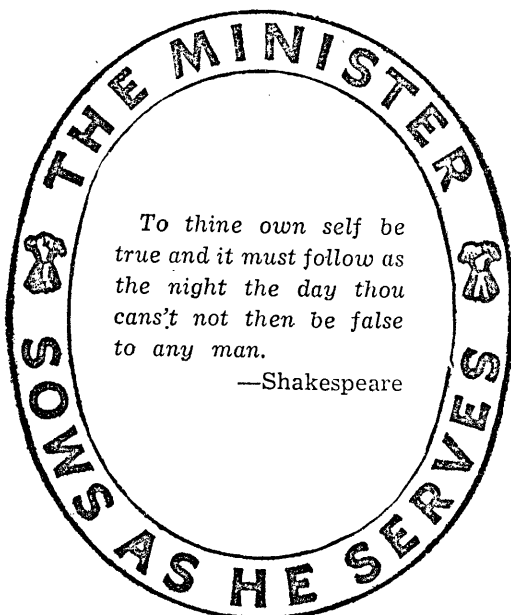
One thing that impressed a visitor in the service was the fact that practically everyone present came forward at some time during the altar service and knelt for an unhurried prayer.

There was no urging or exhorting. Such was unnecessary and would have been out of place in this service. It is our feeling that wherever this form of "Altar Service" can be used as naturally, and as helpfully as it is done at Scott Street such a service will bring a spiritual blessing to the individuals who have part in it and spiritual power to the church that promotes it.

Musts For "Our Ministry"

OUR ministry must not only be morally clean and financially honest but it must be **INTELLECTUALLY SINCERE**. The hurt of intellectual insincerity may be slower in catching up with us than immorality or dishonesty because our mental processes are not so easily discovered as these other sins. Nevertheless, a tragic, ruinous experience, both in our inner souls and in our relation to our people, inevitably awaits one who deliberately practices intellectual insincerity.

Only ourselves and the Lord actually know what goes on in our minds. We may preach something we do not believe or we



may withhold a message that we believe should be delivered and our people may not be able immediately to discover it. However, they do immediately discover that something is amiss in our ministry. It will be unusual if they do not eventually know what the trouble is.

Like any other sin of which we are conscious in our inner souls, intellectual insincerity begins its deadly work in our own inner lives at once, whether the people know our guilt or not. We cannot speak a lie, live a lie or preach a lie without dealing a destructive blow to our own character. No one can effectively preach the gospel who does not believe in himself and no one can believe in himself who willingly, knowingly practices intellectual dishonesty or insincerity. If we are to preach a wholesome, effective gospel, we must believe what we preach and, whenever we feel that it will be helpful, we must preach what we believe.

Because of the very nature of Christianity in which "We walk by faith and not by sight," it is difficult at times to reconcile a dogmatic style of preaching with complete sincerity. It is hardly possible for one to be intellectually sincere and regularly dogmatic. To attempt to teach truth by false attitudes and methods is in itself so contradictory that it is either immediately or ultimately doomed to failure.

Prospect For Good Reports At Annual Conferences

THE time for the opening of our Annual Conference is rapidly approaching. There seems to be a general feeling that we are to have good reports at these conference sessions.

The emphasis that has been given to organized efforts in evangelism on a district or sub-district level has been quite successful. The effect of these larger evangelistic campaigns has been felt in the local churches and many unusually successful campaigns of personal evangelism have been promoted throughout the state in local churches.

It is not quite so easy now as in the recent years past, to complete the financial program for the year. The high cost of living and increased taxes could not but have their effect on our economy. Nevertheless, it is felt that, with the additional emphasis that may be necessary, the financial program of the church will also carry through in the fine way that we have seen for a number of years.

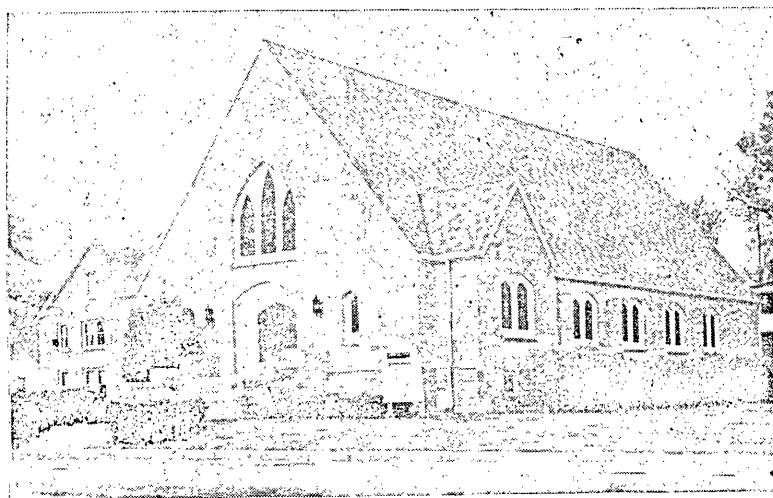
Both the ministry and the laity appear to have become "acclimated" to the spring Annual Conference and we hear no suggestions of a change in the time of meeting. It is hardly probable that even those who sponsored the idea for a change of dates for the conferences anticipated that we would so quickly become adjusted to the change. The fears that we might not be able to complete our reports for the year at a spring conference were not uncommon at the time the change was made. This uneasiness has passed and fears have changed to a spirit of expectancy that reports will be completed in an unusually fine way.

Russian Wheat For India

CHURCH groups have been interested for some time in the Wheat for India movement and a considerable number of such groups have gone on record in resolutions, letters and wires to congressmen, etc., expressing their stand in favor of some provision for making wheat available to India by gift, loan, or sale, to help in this time of a great food shortage there. Methodists have been especially active in this humanitarian endeavor. Thus far the whole matter has received scant support, much too little to get much done. The issue has become something of a political football, being kicked around almost to the hurt of everyone concerned, especially the people of India.

However, at this writing the cause seems to have received new impetus, and the possibility of something being done is good. The interesting thing about this renewed interest is what has apparently caused this reviving of concern for India's starving millions. A little publicized fact is the entrance of Russia into a "relief" role at this point. The *New York Times*, issue of July 13, had this statement: "Last Thursday, Mr. Nehru announced to Parliament that 50,000 tons of Russian wheat purchased on a 'cash basis' were already en route to India. The applause was tremendous. Then he went on to say he was convinced there were not political conditions in the American food bills and that India was grateful for the efforts the U. S. had made to send wheat. The legislators sat on their hands . . . What Congress (U. S.) will do now is uncertain . . . the State Department and other Congressmen point out that, especially in view of Russia's move, the United States must now

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An Example of How One District Is . . .

Advancing In A District Building Program

By EWING T. WAYLAND

THE Fayetteville District of the North Arkansas Conference is in the midst of a building program. This is not a new venture for churches of the northwest section of Arkansas for with the development agriculturally, economically, and with a rising standard of living in this part of Arkansas during the past couple of decades these churches all have been keeping step in the matter of providing adequate attractive facilities for worship. However, there are several building projects underway at the present time that are especially worthy of note.

Rev. W. F. Cooley, though young in point of years and in experience as a district superintendent, brought to his task just a year ago something of the same mature philosophy concerning church plants and parsonages that characterized his predecessors. This outlook may be described as a concern that the physical property of churches should approach or exceed in usefulness, beauty and distinction the physical property of other institutions that contribute to the enrichment of life, namely the home, school and government. If organized religion is one of the most important, if not the important factor in influencing life, than outwardly it should appear to be so. If the church is important then it is important that we have good church buildings. If the minister is an important person in the life of the community, the residence that the church provides for the minister's family should be in keeping with the significance of the position of the minister.

Of course a fine church plant and a comfortable parsonage do not insure a successful program within that church or a minister capable of leading in such a program. However, Methodists are coming to appreciate more and more the necessity of basically providing for a strong home base center from which to operate. A good adequate church plant goes a long way in building a program to meet the needs of the people who constitute its membership.

When the leadership of the First Methodist Church, Springdale, decided several months ago to sponsor the organizing of another Methodist Church in that city, one of the first hurdles to overcome was producing a building in which a newly organized congregation could worship. Following a sermon in which the pastor, Rev. E. G. Kaetzell, emphasized the need for another Methodist Church, a generous lay member of the congregation offered to build a sanctuary if the rest of the congregation would buy the lot and provide the furnishings for the building. A lot in a fast growing section of Springdale was

purchased and, following the organization of the new congregation last summer, construction was begun. The new building is of concrete blocks, waterproofed and painted inside. The furnishings include pews and other furniture from the First Methodist Church, which were redone in keeping with the selected coloring. The celotex ceiling blends in color with the walls. The focal point of worship is a picture of Christ which has been placed on the wall behind pulpit and over a cross. The sanctuary seats 140 persons and has two Sunday School class rooms which are entered immediately from either side of the pulpit rostrum. The building also has two rest rooms.

Rev. Roy Parks was appointed pastor last fall of this new Springdale Church, now named Wesley Church, and organized with a charter membership of 50. The General and Annual Conference Boards of Missions are assisting financially the congregation in the construction of a parsonage to be located immediately east of the sanctuary. Now under construction this parsonage is expected to be completed in June. Next in the building program will be an educational building for the growing Church School. Bishop Martin on Sunday afternoon, April 8, led in the Dedication service for the new Sanctuary which had been completed several weeks before.

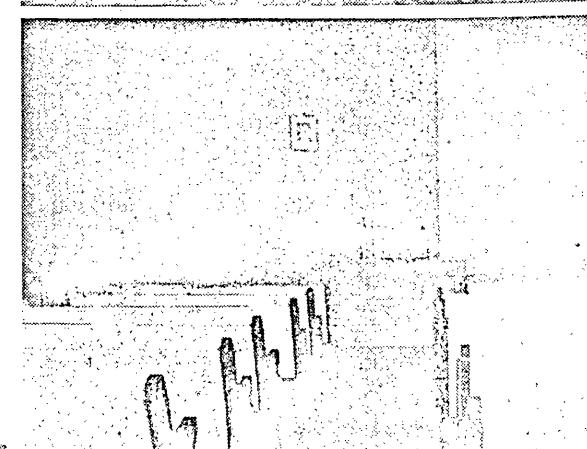
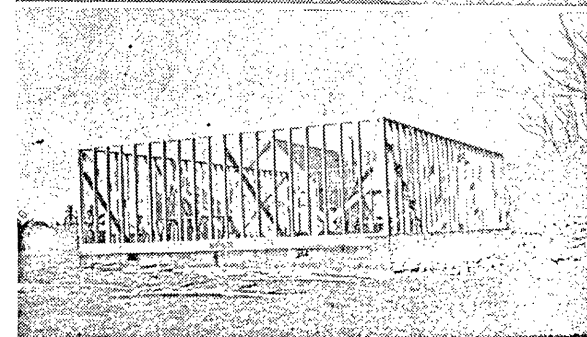
On Sunday evening, April 8, Bishop Martin led in the Dedication service of the Educational Building of the First Methodist Church, Springdale. This building had been completely renovated and stone veneered with stone matching the sanctuary. Approximately \$17,000 had been spent in doing this work which included some new construction linking the building with the sanctuary proper. This new construction provided additional space for the church offices, pastor's study and choir rooms. The educational building now accommodates all the Church School except two adult classes, and features a

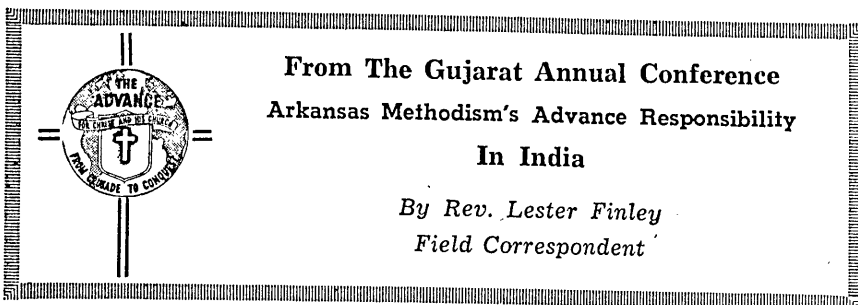
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Top Left: First Methodist Church, Springdale, with Educational Building recently dedicated.

Right, from top to bottom: New Parsonage at Decatur, nearing completion; new parsonage at Goshen under construction; new Wesley Methodist Church, Springdale, with new parsonage under construction; interior of Wesley Church, Springdale; New Methodist Church at Cincinnati.

Bottom Left: Construction begins at Elm Springs for new Church. Right: Interior view of Cincinnati Methodist Church.





From The Gujarat Annual Conference
Arkansas Methodism's Advance Responsibility
In India

By Rev. Lester Finley
Field Correspondent

BARODA BOYS' HIGH SCHOOL

J. R. Boyles, Principal

The steady stream of Scholarship Contributions ranging from dollar gifts for the Christmas Fund, on up through \$5, 10, 25, 35, 50, 75 and \$100 gifts from old and faithful donors together with the 50 or more new gifts from the Arkansas Area plus 25 or more new gifts from the Kingston, N. Y. District, has enabled us to maintain the School with about a dozen additional boys in the hostel this year. We now average 92 boarders in the Hostel and can probably make it an even hundred boys for the new school year that starts in March. Our young missionary, G. T. Johnson has been with us now a full year and has made a big place for himself in the affections of all the boys and staff of the school. His has made a good start in Gujarati and will soon be taking his first year examinations. His fine personality and earnest Christian experience has been a most valuable asset in the school and hostel. He is one of the I-Threes (India-three year service).

Hill Memorial High School Building

After a year and a half of stand-still it is encouraging to see men busy at work again on the construction work. We have suffered severe losses and a long set-back in our plans due to our unfortunate contract with a man who was trying to get by with very poor workmanship and material. We awoke in time to put a stop to his bad work and to get rid of him. It has been a most unpleasant task but we seem at last to be in the clear and with a reliable and honourable contractor now engaged, we are going ahead with the work and are hoping to see it completed by June. Prices of materials have gone up meanwhile and the losses sustained will require some additional help or we may have to stop short of the Assembly Hall, and only put in the foundations of it while completing the rest of the building. But we do hope and pray that our much needed Assembly Hall may be possible if an additional \$5,000 can be found.

MARCELINE SMITH'S WORK AS NURSING SUPERINTENDENT
—NADIAD HOSPITAL

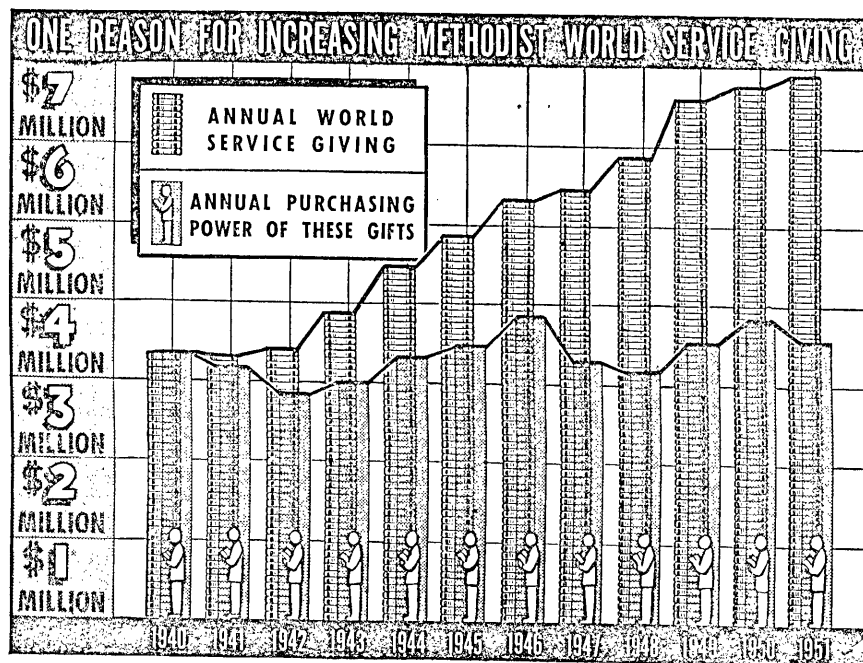
By Hannah C. Gallagher

How would you like to be the Superintendent of Nurses in a hospital that averages 75-125 in-patients daily with a staff of twenty-five nurses on three eight hour shifts? These nurses have to cover two operating rooms working all morning and often far into the afternoon; two treatment rooms for out-patients for the out-patient department is open from 10 a. m. to 7 p. m.; make rounds with the doctors, give medicines, injections, do treatments and dressings, etc. Is it any wonder that Marceline Smith as superintendent wants a nurse?

the administrative duties that are her's, visit the patients, solve the problems of her nurses and their families and a multitude of other duties. The above is a regular everyday routine and of course there are always emergencies which have to be met on top of everything else.

The other afternoon we were sitting at the tea-table just before going back to the hospital for our evening work when we heard a terrific crash—like steel hitting the pavement. We dashed out of the house and reached the front gate to see a bus turned over on its side. People were crying out and a large crowd was gathering. We hurried to the spot to see how many were injured and if first aid was necessary. Miss Smith took charge and we soon had the injured in the old hospital ambulance on their way to the hospital, just a short distance away, so the patients were soon being taken care of by the doctors and nurses on duty. After the worst of the excitement was over we learned that the bus driver was trying to miss hitting a chicken—he missed it all right—but put nine people in the hospital; some with only minor cuts and bruises to fractured hands and arms.

The plans for our nurses' home have gone to New York and have been approved. This building must be completed before Government will permit our opening a training school. We are waiting for the money from home to start the building which will take time; months will come and go before it is finished due to scarcity of materials, delays in getting permits for steel



THIS GRAPH SHOWS THE DECREASED PURCHASING POWER OF METHODIST WORLD SERVICE DOLLARS (BASED ON U. S. BUREAU OF LABOR STATISTICS)

and cement, difficulty in transportation, but we are hoping and praying that the money will soon be sent out so that we can begin the building and take in our first class certainly by July 1952. This will give Miss Smith only one year to get the school in good working order, for she will go on furlough in 1953. Is there not another nurse who would like to come out before that time, in order to get the language and become adjusted to India and her problems so that she can take on the duty as Acting Supt. while Miss Smith is on furlough? Who would like to meet that challenge and help build Christ's Kingdom here in India?

HOPES FOR A VILLAGE CENTRE IN VAGASHI

By Florence Palmer, Baroda
Residency Baroda

The village of Gagashi in Baroda District of the Gujarat Conference, is an ideal location for a village centre. The Methodist Church owns land sufficient for additional build-

ings for such a plan. There is already a nucleus for such a centre in the present church building and connecting pastor's house, both of which are too small to meet the present demands. On Children's Day the Gagashi Church was filled to overflowing with women, children and men, many of whom stood outside looking through the windows and also sitting on the front steps! The pastor reports that even for the regular Sunday morning service the present seating space is not sufficient. With some additional help, the Vagashi Church is willing to undertake the work of enlarging the present church building. Further help is needed to make the present house meet the requirements for a pastor's residence; also for building a simple teacher's quarters with verandah space adequate for the school. With the excess land as it now stands, we face the possibility of others making a read through the centre of the field. Let us be first in building adequately for meeting the pur-

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A NOTE TO CHURCH MEMBERS
AND TO LOCAL CHURCH TREASURERS

This is the last opportunity for church members to bring their pledges up to date and for local church treasurers to send World Service funds to Conference treasurers by May 31—the close of the fiscal year for our Church.

The far-reaching benevolence work of Methodist World Service for the year ahead is governed by the money received from our local churches by

MAY 31, 1951

Local church treasurers are urged to send all money on hand to Conference treasurers before that date. Church members aid greatly by paying balances due through May, before the last of this month.

Let us observe this important deadline.

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A WEEKLY MESSAGE

By FORNEY HUTCHINSON

HOW TO LOVE GOD

"Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all
thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all
thy mind." (Matthew 22-37)

All of us Christians say we love God, but
really few of us know how to do it. Matthew,
in the text, is giving us a very simple formula
concerning the *how* of loving God.

First of all, we are to love God with our
hearts. Through the years the *heart* has been
recognized as the seat of one's affection. There-
fore, to love God with one's *heart* is to love him
with our *emotions*, which is another name for
affections. Love is the function of the heart,
or of the emotions and affections, and to love
Him is to give him first place in our affections.
He will not accept a secondary place in our lives.
He must be first, or not at all. That our love for
God should find expression through our emo-
tions is inevitable. The Christian religion with-
out emotion is a misnomer. On the other hand,
when our hearts are involved, our affections
express themselves through our emotions.

In the second place, the text says we must
love God with our *souls*. To be an indifferent and
unconcerned Christian is impossible. If we love
God, our whole spiritual nature will become in-
volved. "God is a spirit and they that worship
him must worship him in spirit and in truth."
Unless God captures our *spiritual nature*, we can-
not worship him as we should.

Finally, to love God we must love him with
our *minds*. When we really love Him, we give
him our *minds*, as well as our *hearts* and *souls*.
He demands the intellectual life of his children.
Thus we say that becoming a Christian involves
the whole nature, the *heart*, the *soul* and the
mind. Under the influence of the Spirit let us
give ourselves wholly unto God, and we will be
completely absorbed in the Christian life. Noth-
ing less meets the requirements. Nothing less
qualifies us for salvation.

LITTLE ROCK CONFERENCE NOTICE

We have noted that many of our people have
already made their hotel reservations for the
annual conference meeting. If you would like
any help from the local staff please write me.

E. Clifton Rule
c/o First Methodist Church
Hot Springs, Arkansas

NEWS AND NOTES ABOUT FACTS AND FOLKS

REV. HAROLD EGGENSBERGER, pastor, Rus-
sellville, recently addressed the Methodist
Men of the First Methodist Church, Conway.

RICHARD T. STEEL, Conway, addressed the
Methodist Men's group, First Methodist
Church, El Dorado, Wednesday, May 16.

MRS. CLAUDE O. HALL, wife of Rev. Claude
O. Hall, pastor at Hampton, is a patient at
the Baptist Hospital, Little Rock.

REV. AND MRS. LEE CATE, The Methodist
Church, Lincoln, announce the birth of Mark
Reeves Cate, May 4.

REV. HARMON HOLT, pastor, Griffin Memo-
rial, Paragould, was the guest speaker at the
Methodist Men's meeting at Nettleton, Wednes-
day, May 16.

MRS. WILMA FULLBRIGHT, North Arkansas
Conference Promotion Secretary, W. S. C. S.,
was the guest speaker and led in the installation
service at Beebe, Sunday evening, May 20.

REV. ALFRED I. DOSS, pastor, Stephens, de-
livered the Commencement Sermon in the
Commencement Exercises of the Stephens High
School, Sunday, May 20.

DR. J. R. GRANT, former President of Ouachita
College, will be the speaker at the Winfield
Methodist Men's Club, Little Rock, Tuesday eve-
ning, May 29.

REV. OMMA L. DANIEL, pastor, Tillar-Win-
chester, delivered the Commencement Ser-
mon for the Senior Class at the Selma High
School, Sunday, May 13.

THE WINFIELD WESLEYAN SERVICE
GUILD No. 1 has recently undertaken a
project to donate forty dollars to the Seward
Nurses Home, Seward, Alaska. This home was
destroyed last year by fire.

GOVERNOR SID McMATH was the guest
speaker at the special Layman's Day Ob-
servance at the Methodist Church, Berryville,
Sunday morning, May 13. Ray O. Beck, Charge
Lay Leader, presided.

REV. AND MRS. JAMES McCAMMON, Tex-
arkana, announce the birth of a daughter,
Donna Janice, on April 30. Brother McCammon
is the pastor of College Hill Methodist Church,
Texarkana.

REV. CECIL R. CULVER, pastor, Winfield
Methodist Church, Little Rock, was the guest
speaker at the Methodist Men's Fellowship last
Thursday evening at the Gardner Memorial
Methodist Church, North Little Rock.

WILLIAM E. GILKEY, missionary in China, is
still at his post of duty at Yenching Uni-
versity, according to Dr. Frank Cartwright, As-
sociate Missions Secretary for China. Mr. Gilkey
receives a part of his support as an Advance Spe-
cial for the First Methodist Church, Little Rock.

REV. H. R. HOLLAND, pastor, Pullman Heights
Methodist Church, Hot Springs, delivered the
Commencement Sermon for the Cutter Morning
Star High School Graduating Class, Sunday, May
13. On Sunday evening, May 20, he also de-
livered the Commencement Sermon for the
Carthage High School Graduating Class.

REV. JOEL COOPER, pastor, Tuckerman, de-
livered the Commencement Sermon for the
Tuckerman graduating class, Sunday evening,
May 20. Dr. Granville, President of Little Rock
Junior College and Superintendent, Church
School, First Methodist Church, Little Rock, will
delivered the Commencement address, Friday eve-
ning, May 25.

FIRST LT. BENNY B. HALL, son of Rev. and
Mrs. Claude O. Hall, Hampton, has been
assigned to Headquarters, Air Weather Service,
Andrews Air Force Base, Maryland, according to
an announcement by Brigadier General W. O.
Senter, Chief, Air Weather Service. In his new

CUNINGGIM NEW PERKINS DEAN

Dr. Merrimon Cuninggim has been named
the new Dean of the Perkins School of Theology,
Southern Methodist University, effective, Sep-
tember 1, according to a statement released fol-
lowing a recent meeting of the Board of Trustees,
Southern Methodist University, Dallas, Texas.
At that time, Dr. Eugene B. Hawk, who has
served as Dean for eighteen years, will become
Dean Emeritus and will continue as an Admin-
istrative Vice-President of the University. Other
faculty changes include the naming of Dr. Albert
C. Outler as Professor of Theology, Perkins
School of Theology, effective in September. Dr.
Outler, who is known to Arkansas Methodists
through the Arkansas Pastors' School, has been
the Dwight Professor of Theology at Yale Uni-
versity.

Dr. Cuninggim, who was born May 12, 1911,
in Nashville, has his B.A. from Vanderbilt, his
M.A. from Duke. He was a Rhodes scholar 1933-
36, and holds his B.D. from Yale, and also his
Ph.D. from Yale in the field of religion and edu-
cational administration. He was director of re-
ligious activities at Duke and later at Denison
University. He was a Navy chaplain during
World War II. At present he is the chairman of
the Department of Religion at Pomona College,
Claremont, California. He is married and has
three daughters. While Doctor Cuninggim was a
Rhodes scholar, he was inter-collegiate tennis
champion in England. He held national rating in
the United States in 1938 and played both at
Wimbledon and Forest Hills. He is the author of
"The College Seeks Religion."

RUSSIAN WHEAT FOR INDIA

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help India or suffer an incalculable loss of
prestige not only in India, but throughout Asia."

Of course, this 50,000 tons of Russian wheat
is but a small amount of what is needed to begin
to alleviate the food shortage. But this gesture
by Russia during a time of great need could
stand her in good stead at a later time. It could
be on the other hand what Dr. John C. Bennett,
Union Theological School, has described as one
of Communism's "good elements . . . which
turn out in practice to be the entering wedge
of evil." The Kremlin has started out to do some
wonderful things for several countries, including
Russia, but if what we have heard about what
happens in countries under Kremlin's rule or
influence is true, such a gesture, as a sale of a
small amount of wheat, could be an evil omen.

assignment Lieutenant Hall will act as Aid-De-
Camp to General Senter.

THE CAMP COMMITTEE of the Little Rock
Methodist Camp, Rev. Kenneth L. Spore,
Chairman, announces that Jeff McCollum, Lo-
noke, has been named Supervisor of Construction
and Grounds, effective immediately. Mr. and
Mrs. McCollum and their four children will move
immediately to the Supervisor's home at the
camp area, where he will be in general charge
of the property.

THE PRIMM MEMORIAL Hammond electric
organ recently installed in the Hampton
Methodist Church will be dedicated June 3 in a
service led by the pastor, Rev. Claude O. Hall.
The organ is a gift of employees of the Arkansas
Power and Light Company, the Primm family,
C. Hamilton Moses and the Hampton Methodist
Church, and is in memory of Mr. Primm, who
died one year ago.

DEACONESS ARY SHOUGH, who was for-
merly rural worker in the Prescott District,
and now of Dunbar, Pennsylvania, spent the
week end of May 6 with Rev. and Mrs. K. K.
Carithers of the Marysville Parish. On Sunday
evening, in connection with the motion picture,
"South of The Clouds," Miss Shough spoke in
the Marysville church of her work in Pennsyl-
vania.

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*Religion News Service Briefs:***Congregation Reads
Whole New Testament**

Members of Roswell Union church at Colorado Springs, Colo., read the entire New Testament in a single day. The reading began at 5 a. m. after a 15-minute prayer service, and proceeded until 9:45 p. m., except for a five-minute break for announcements at noon. Lunch and supper were served in the church basement while the reading was in progress. Loud speakers were installed so that the reading could be heard outside the church. Attendance was 200.

**East German Regime Sets
Up Church Control Group**

A special department for church affairs has been set up by the State Security Ministry of the East German Communist government, it was reported in Berlin. Organized on orders from Security Minister Wil-

helm Zaisser, the new department will supervise East German churches at the government level. Heretofore, church control measures have been effected on a local basis through Communist agencies in Soviet Zone districts. The department is expected to exercise rigid control of churches and church officials, particularly in regard to their attitude toward the East German political regime.

**Korean Protestant Churches
Form Reconstruction Group**

Protestant churches have organized a special committee at Pusan, Korea, to assist in the reconstruction of war-damaged churches and the revival of their "cultural and social organs." Named to head the new group, called the Christian Churches Rehabilitation Committee, were two Korean pastors—the Rev. Kwan Yun Ho, a Presbyterian, and

the Rev. Pak Chang Hyun, a Methodist. It was announced that the committee would engage also in relief efforts on behalf of homeless and destitute refugees. Part of its work in this connection will be the distribution of literature to sustain the morale of war victims.

Plan Islamic Mission In U. S.

The Egyptian Ministry of Foreign Affairs was reported to have approved a plan for establishing an Islamic mission in the United States. It is expected to be located in a new Moslem mosque and Islamic Institute being erected in Washington, D. C. Plans for the Islamic mission originated with the Council of Sheikhs of Al Azhar, 1,000-year-old Moslem theological university in Cairo, whose chancellor is regarded as the spiritual head of all Moslems. The object of the Moslem Mission, according to the Council of Sheikhs, will be to "inform the people of the New World on the true principles

and aims of Islam and to refute widespread misconceptions."

**Church Construction
Controls Tightened**

Exemptions from construction controls previously given churches and other non-profit institutions have been abolished by a new order tightening restrictions on new building. The National Production Authority said that the new order is made necessary by a growing shortage of steel. No church building can now be erected without a permit if it is to require more than 25 tons of steel. The same restriction applies to hospitals, school and college buildings, and dormitory or residential facilities or any kind. At the moment, no restriction other than the 25 tons of steel limitation, will apply to church, hospital, and school construction, but other restrictions are believed on the way as the defense program consumes more and more raw material.

**ADVANCING IN A DISTRICT
BUILDING PROGRAM**

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worship center for each department and age group. The ground floor has a Ladies Parlor, the church offices, choir room and a small chapel that seats 50 persons. This floor also has space for the nursery, young adult groups, kindergarten, primary, and one Ladies adult class which meets in the Ladies Parlor. The young adults use the chapel for their classroom. The Juniors, intermediate and other youth groups use the second floor. This work was completed more than a year ago and the last remaining debt was paid just prior to the dedication service.

The organization of The Methodist Church at Cincinnati dates back for many generations but within recent years the congregation has been weakened through the loss of members moving elsewhere. The building which the congregation had used for many years was all but unusable when the congregation talked with the District Superintendent about its building problem. It was decided to relocate the church property and build a new building. This enterprise enlisted the support not only of the Methodists of the community but many persons from other churches and even several persons with no church affiliation. The same plan of the new Wesley Church, Springdale, was used in the construction, and with minor changes the churches are identical. The pulpit and pews from the old church were refinished and installed in the new building. The building seats 140 persons, has two Sunday School rooms, is heated with Butane gas, has fluorescent lighting, and a picture of the Head of Christ as the focal point of worship. This church has a movable communion and altar rail while the Wesley Church rail is fixed. Because of the large amount of contributed labor and materials the cost of this church plant was under \$4,000. The Building Committee of this program included Ray E. Spears, Clifford Glenn, Oscar Hays and Clint Davis.

Another new building in the district which is yet in the process of construction is located at the historic community of Elm Springs. This new building is located on the site of the old building which was sold and removed to make room for the new building. Records show that at least eighteen Methodist ministers have come from this community of Elm Springs.

The new building is to be of two units, the sanctuary and educational building. To be of Haydi stone and brick veneered the building is expected to cost about \$10,000, not including labor to be contributed and the purchase of certain materials at wholesale costs. Jim Cheyne is the architect and the Building Committee included Preston Anderson, Chester Burks, Mrs. A. McKrum, Mrs. Curtis Austin, C. V. Steele. Rev. Woodrow Woods is pastor.

Two more new parsonages are to be added to the list of new buildings in the district. Expected to be completed this month is a new home

for the pastor of The Methodist Church at Decatur. Of stucco, plaster and Heidite block, the two bedroom dwelling is located on one side of the full block which the church owns in Decatur. The dwelling will be heated by butane gas, has a large basement, casement windows, hardwood floors and a large picture window in the living room. The property will be free of debt and will cost approximately \$5,000, some of the labor having been contributed. The project has moved forward under the plan of the church purchasing the materials and hiring the work done as funds and circumstances permitted. Rev. Olen Findley is the pastor. G. I. Jackson has served as Chairman of the building committee. Other members include D. L. Reagons, V. D. Hall, J. R. Kincaid, C. T. Edmiston (Sec'y-Treas). Numerous special gifts have been made toward furnishing the parsonage including a gas range, light fixtures throughout, Kelvinator, furniture, rugs; the W. S. C. S. had charge of the interior decoration. This will be a lovely parsonage.

Another parsonage under construction is located at Goshen on the Farmington-Goshen charge, Miss Cathryn Ferrell, pastor. To be of brick (blond) and asbestos shingle construction, with the wood used being from trees cut from the church property and milled nearby, this parsonage is located on the same plot of ground as the church and will be the first Methodist parsonage for Goshen. This church will become a "station" next year, its budget having been expanded to permit that arrangement. A considerable amount of free labor and materials are going into the construction. The building was begun in January and will be completed during the summer. Garland Langham, Chester Gayer and Paul Pray compose the Building Committee.

Other building programs in the Fayetteville District, which have been publicized in these columns include the new sanctuary at the Central Methodist Church, Fayetteville, new parsonage at Gravette, new Educational Building at Rogers, and the building program at Berryville.

Brother Cooley attributes much of the leadership in this building program to an enlightened District Board on Church Location and Building, which according to the District Superintendent has given splendid leadership in assisting and guiding local church leaders in their building programs. Rev. D. L. Dykes, Jr., Rev. E. G. Kaetzell, Rev. S. O. Patty, William Fields, Dr. C. G. Melton and Sherman Crabtree serve on this board. The writer also learned that the District Superintendent himself has considerably more than a passing interest in these building projects.

**NEWS AND NOTES ABOUT FACTS
AND FOLKS**

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DR. MATT L. ELLIS, President, Hendrix College, delivered the Commencement Sermon for the graduating class of the Bauxite High School, Sunday evening, May 20. Dr. Ellis also delivered the Commencement Address at the Commencement Exercises of the Atkins High

School Thursday, May 24. Dr. Ellis is scheduled to deliver the Commencement Address at the Arkansas Baptist College, Wednesday, May 30, at 10:30 a. m.

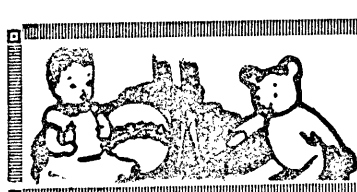
BISHOP MARTIN was the preacher and led in the cornerstone laying service at the newly opened Highland Methodist Church Sanctuary, Little Rock, Sunday morning, May 20. Dr. Francis A. Buddin, District Superintendent, and Rev. William Arnold, pastor, participated in the services. Dr. Buddin delivered the sermon at the evening service which concluded a week of special services in connection with the opening of the new sanctuary.

REV. S. BAXTON BRYANT, pastor of the Methodist Church, Bells, Texas, is featured in the May 21 issue of the LIFE magazine for the unique fund-raising drive, A MILE OF DOLLARS, which he has been conducting to raise funds to replace the church building destroyed by fire last November. Brother Bryant is a former pastor in the North Arkansas and Little Rock Conferences, and has been enrolled in the Perkins School of Theology, Southern Methodist University.

MRS. DUANE E. BROTHERS, who has served as Youth Director at the First Methodist Church, Little Rock, since February, 1948, has resigned her position effective June 1st. Mrs. Brothers will accompany her husband to St. Louis where he will intern at the City Hospital in that city. Mrs. E. Winston Faulkner has been named Youth Director to succeed Mrs. Brothers. Mrs. Faulkner, the former Martha Love of Jonesboro, has served as Director of Youth Work in several churches of the North Arkansas Conference, and is a graduate of Hendrix College.

MISS JUNETTE WADE, daughter of Dr. J. A. Wade, pastor, Fountain Lake Methodist Church, Hot Springs; Billy Don Sargo, son of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Sargo, Hot Springs; Lieutenant J. B. Wilson, First Methodist Church, Malvern; Clarence Henry Riley, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Riley, First Methodist Church, Hot Springs, were each granted License to Preach by the Ad-Interim Committee of the Arkadelphia District, Monday, May 7, at the First Methodist Church, Hot Springs. Rev. Robert B. Moore, District Superintendent, was Chairman of the Committee, and Rev. C. Ray Hozendorf, served as Secretary.

BISHOP MARTIN led in the service of dedication of a home when the Gardner Memorial Methodist Church Parsonage, North Little Rock, was dedicated Sunday afternoon, May 20. Members and friends of the church attended the service which was held on the parsonage lawn. Rev. Vernon Chalfant, pastor, Dr. James W. Workman and Rev. I. L. Claud, North Little Rock pastors, and Dr. E. T. Wayland, Editor, *Arkansas Methodist*, assisted in the service. Open House was held following the dedication service. The parsonage committee is composed of: J. E. Munns, M. W. Koehler, E. M. Boroughs, Mrs. Joe Hirschey, and Mrs. V. E. Chalfant.



THE CHILDREN'S PAGE

ANNIE WINBURNE, Editor



IN STORYLAND

MARY AND HER LITTLE LAMB

Would you like to hear the story about Mary and her lamb?

Many think this is only a piece of poetry. They do not know that there was a real Mary and a real lamb. But there was.

Nearly 150 years ago, away back in 1806, a little girl named Mary Sawyer was born in the village of Sterling, thirty-five miles west of Boston.

When Mary was nine years old, one bleak, cold March morning she and her father went out to the barn and found two little lambs that had been born during the night. One of them was very cold; it had been forsaken by its mother and was almost ready to die.

Mary at once took pity on the lamb and begged her father to let her take it to the house. He told her there was no use; that it could not live. But the little girl was unwilling to let it die without doing what she could to save it.

She took the lamb to the house and held it before the fire. Her mother gave her some warm cloths to wrap it in and some catnip tea for it to drink.

After a while the little lamb seemed to be better and brighter. But Mary was still so afraid it might die that she sat up all night watching over it.

Had it not been for her love and care, we never should have heard of the lamb. No wonder it learned to love her, for she had saved its life.

Before very long Mary had a healthy, happy, playful, loving little lamb. If it was out in the field, it would come at her call. It had a little blanket of its own. She combed the wool on its forehead and tied bright ribbons around its neck. It was her darling pet lamb.

Mary's brother Nat put it into her head to take the lamb to school one day. All went well for a while; it lay quietly at her feet until she had to go to class to recite. Then up jumped the lamb, and clatter, clatter, clatter, it followed her to class.

Of course, all the girls and boys laughed; even the teacher joined in the merriment. Mary had to put the lamb out in the woodshed and take it home at noontime.

A lad named John Roulstone happened to be visiting the school that day and saw all that happened. The next day, as he was riding across the field on horseback, he met Mary and handed her a little piece of paper. On it were written the first three stanzas of the poem that has since become famous all over the world—"Mary's Little Lamb." John was twelve years old at that time.

Some years later, in about 1830, three more stanzas were added to the poem by Mrs. Sara Josepha Hale, a New England poet. It brought out the lesson as to why the lamb loved Mary so—because she loved the lamb.

Mary's beautiful snow-white lamb lived to raise several lambs of its



SPRINGTIME JOBS

*Such a happy, happy family,
They're as busy as can be
Cleaning, painting, all together,
Such a pleasant sight to see.*

*Springtime with its many beauties
Brings a smile to each one's face,
Raking, scraping, planting gardens
Make the home a happier place.*

—A.E.W.

own. Sad to say, it was gored by an ugly cow in the very barn in which it was born, and where Mary had rescued it. This happened on a Thanksgiving morning. It ran to Mary and died in her arms. This was Mary's first great sorrow.

Mary's mother knit her two pairs of beautiful white stockings from the lamb's wool, so the girl would have something by which to remember her lamb. These she kept until 1880, when she was seventy-four years old. Then she allowed them to be unraveled, and the yarn was cut into short lengths and tied to cards with her name written on them. These were sold for several hundreds of dollars, and this money was used to help repair Old South Church, in Boston.

For a time after Mary grew to womanhood, she was a school teacher. She made friends with the sick and sad people who lived in an institution and gave them her love and kindness for many years. She married a man named Mr. Tyler. The latter part of her life was spent in a beautiful home at Somerville, near Boston.

Mary Tyler was nearly eight-four

years old when she died, in the year 1889. She was buried in Mt. Auburn Cemetery, Boston.

Some years ago I visited the little home in which Mary was born, and where she nursed the lamb. It was a great pleasure to me.

I saw the schoolhouse to which Mary took the lamb. Mr. Henry Ford bought this building, repaired it and moved it to Wayside Inn, at Sudbury, Massachusetts. It is again used as a school-house and is visited by thousands of people every year.

Now you will enjoy the poem about Mary and her little lamb more than ever. — William Allen Colcord, In Burning Bush

JUST FOR FUN

While working on a log drive, a lumberjack fell into the water. Dizzy and nearly exhausted, he managed to grasp a big log and hold on to it. The current was so strong and swift that it swept his body under the log until his feet stuck

IN THE WORLD OF BOYS AND GIRLS

ONE WHO WAS BRAVE

"Elton Tilton is just the bravest boy you ever see, mother," said Winfred. "One day a big dog came along with his tongue out, and we thought he was mad and scrambled over the fence, but Elton walked right as calm as ever. He says he isn't afraid of bears or tramps or anything. I wish I were as brave as Elton but I'm afraid I never will be."

"I heard a story about two boys the other day," said his mother, "and I thought one of them was very brave. They went to school together, and one day they thought it would be great fun to hide a frog in the teacher's desk; but the frog tipped over an ink bottle and spoiled a number of examination papers and other things, and the teacher was very angry. He asked the guilty boy to own his fault like a man and take the punishment he deserved. He put him upon his honor, you see. Well, the older boy, who found the frog and first thought of the joke, sat still in his seat without a blush; but the little boy, though he trembled with fear, went to the desk before the whole school and owned his fault. And he sat for an hour on the dunce's stool, a target for fifty pairs of eyes."

"O mother," cried Winfred, "I was so ashamed! I'll never do anything so mean again as long as I live. How did you know?"

"I heard two boys talking about it as I rode in the car. I was proud of my boy, Winfred; and I pitied Elton Tilton's mother, for I said to myself: 'My boy was brave, but her boy was a coward.'"

"Why I never thought that was being brave!" said Winfred.—Youth's Companion

out on the other side.

Just as a comrade, who had run to his assistance, grabbed him by the shoulders, he caught sight of his own feet protruding on the other side of the log.

"I can hold on a bit longer, Jim," he gasped. "Save the fellow who's in head first."

Mother: "What are you doing in front of that mirror?"

Jimmy: "I want to see how I look with my eyes shut."

Joe—"Where is Eddie?"

Bob—"In the hospital. His girl threw him over."

Joe—"That shouldn't put him in the hospital."

Bob—"But you ought to see what she threw him over."—Lone Star Scanner

Musician: "Do you enjoy good music?"

Guest: "Yes, but go right ahead."

Teacher: What's a metaphor?

Young hopeful: "To keep the cows in, of course."

Summer Opportunities

LITTLE ROCK CONFERENCE

REV. SHAMBLIN TO BE VESPER SPEAKER AT SENIOR YOUTH CAMP



REV. J. KENNETH SHAMBLIN

Rev. J. Kenneth Shamblin, pastor of the Pulaski Heights Methodist Church, Little Rock, is to be the vesper speaker at the Senior Youth Camp, June 11-16, and Rev. Fred R. Harrison, pastor of the First Methodist Church, Texarkana, is to be the director of the camp. If you are between the ages of 15 and 17 or a senior in high school this year, you are eligible to attend this camp and you really have a treat in store for you during that week at our conference camp on Lake Catherine out from Hot Springs.

Following the general theme, "Jesus' Way—Our Way," Brother Shamblin will be directing the thoughts of the group toward the best way each individual can serve Jesus in his or her vocation.

In addition to the inspirational message at the vesper hour, there will be several classes for you to choose from for a further study during the morning session. There will be two classes on "Personal Religious Living," one class on "Choosing a Vocation," two on "Boy and Girl Friendships," and one class on "Working Together for a Christian Nation." The faculty for these classes is not complete, so it will be announced at a later day.

In the the afternoons there will be workshop groups in the various commission areas plus a few other work groups which will help each person at camp to learn more about the workings of the Methodist Fellowship. There will be Workshop groups in the following areas: Worship, Community Service, Evangelism, Mission Study for 1951-52, Stewardship, Methodist Youth Fund, Publicity and Recreation. This will enable every person who attends camp this year to get into a workshop group which will be dealing with the specific job for which he is responsible back in his own local MYF group. General officers should plan to get into the workshop group on Stewardship if possible.

The pre-registration fee for the Senior Camp this year is \$3.00. You may secure your application blank from your pastor or district director of youth work. The application

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CONFERENCE WORKSHOP FOR SUB-DISTRICT, DISTRICT OFFICERS

For the first time in the Little Rock Conference, there will be an opportunity for all district and sub-district officers to learn more about their particular jobs in a "Know-Your-Job" Workshop at the Conference Camp, June 16-17.

The workshop groups will be directed by the conference officers and other resource persons. Every sub-district should make plans to send its entire sub-district council, including the sub-district counselor, to this very important training session.

Total cost for the session has been changed to \$3.50 (Please note that change from the amount shown on the conference poster.) Your pre-registration fee of \$1.00 along with the application blank should be mailed by June 11 to Miss Lorene Everett, 326 Exchange Building, Little Rock, Arkansas.

This particular training session is not open to all MYFers—only to district, sub-district and conference officers, district directors of youth work and sub-district counselors. If all these officers and counselors will assemble for this training opportunity, the youth program in the Little Rock Conference will be very greatly improved each year.

FELLOWSHIP TEAM TRAINING PROGRAM AROUSES MUCH INTEREST

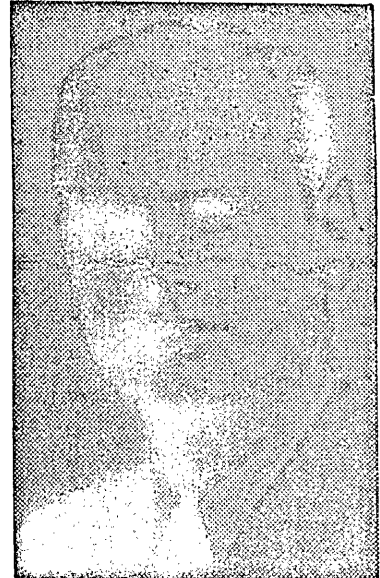
Interest in the Fellowship Team Training program of the conference continues to gain the interest of both youth and adults. For the second year, this unique laboratory training program will be seeking to locate youth and adults who are anxious to render services not only to their own local MYF groups, but to neighboring groups in the conference. At the same time, much effort is being put forth to discover those youth groups who desire some outside help which these fellowship teams can offer.

There are a few more places for youth and adults to be included in the training program, but you should make your application for this camp right away. Write to Miss Margaret Marshall, 1018 Scott, Little Rock for an application blank.

The only cost to an individual is your transportation to and from Camp Aldersgate. The balance of your expenses will be paid by the Conference Town and Country Commission, the group which is sponsoring this training program.

Miss Louise Dutcher, conference director of youth work in the Central Kansas Conference, will be the director of the training classes. This is one of your best opportunities to render service on a volunteer basis—don't let it pass you if you can keep from it!

OLDER YOUTH QUEST LEADER IS REV. D. L. DYKES



REV. D. L. DYKES

At the Older Youth Retreat this year, Rev. D. L. Dykes, pastor of the First Methodist Church, Fayetteville, will be the quest leader, and Rev. Charles W. Richards, pastor of the Methodist Church at England, will serve as director of this camp.

You are an older youth if you have finished high school and or are between the ages of 18 and 23. The week end retreat this summer has been planned in the hope that more of this group who will be working during the summer vacation will be able to "take off" the shorter time and be at camp for this particular session. You will note, that the date has been changed from the August date as it was last year and this year is to be the week end of June 29 to July 1.

In addition to the informal discussion groups which will be led by Brother Dykes, there will be an extensive crafts program, opportunities for nature hikes and exploration and other recreational facilities which include swimming, boating, archery, softball, volleyball, ping pong, and folk games.

The program will begin Friday afternoon and will close out immediately following the noon meal Sunday. The pre-registration fee of \$1.00 should be mailed along with your application blank by June 25 to Miss Lorene Everett, 326 Exchange Building, Little Rock, Arkansas. Total cost for the camp is \$6.00 which includes, room, board, registration fee and insurance. There is no limit to the registration for the camp session, but do not delay in sending in your application.

Pass this word on to other older youth of your church and community—this is an opportunity you can't afford to miss!

NATIONAL CONVOCAION DEADLINE NEARS

If you want to attend the National Convocation of Methodist Youth at Purdue University, Lafayette, Indiana, August 27-31, you should get your application in to your district director of youth work before May 30. Our conference quota for this meeting is 33 youth and 5 adults, and we must have our entire quota registered in the Nashville of-

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OTHER DATES TO REMEMBER

Work Camp for Seniors and Older Youth	June 4-9
Conference Camp	
World Friendship Workshop for Arkadelphia and Little Rock Districts	July 30-August 3
Camp Aldersgate	
Camden District Rural Youth Camp	August 20-24
Ben Few Campground	
Jurisdictional M. Y. F. Workshop	August 8-17
Mt. Sequoyah	
Arkadelphia-Hope District Intermediate Camp	June 18-22
Conference Camp	
Pine Bluff District Intermediate Camp	June 25-29
Conference Camp	
Little Rock District Intermediate Camp	June 25-29
Camp Aldersgate	
Monticello District Intermediate Camp	July 9-13
Camp Keener	

(See the poster of Summer Opportunities for 1951 in your church for further information as to cost, registration fee, etc. regarding these various camps.)



REV. FRED R. HARRISON
Director Senior Camp



REV. CHARLES W. RICHARDS
Director Older Youth Camp

Hot Springs Methodism To Be

PULLMAN HEIGHTS METHODIST CHURCH

The close of this year brings us to the end of our fourth appointment. It was our feeling when we came here that the Lord was leading. We still believe that he was. We have never known a more lovable and congenial people than those at Pullman Heights.

Several things have been done to improve the physical conditions of both the church and the parsonage. Rugs have been added to the sanctuary. The kitchen has been almost

since last conference.

Every organization in the church has done a splendid job. The W. S. C. S. with Mrs. O. E. Nichols as president has done an excellent piece of work. It has not only steadily increased its membership but it has organized a new circle.

church. Several of them sing in the morning choir; all of them sing in the evening choir. The choir with Miss Ruth Rigsby as director would do credit to any church in the conference.

With such fine people and the leadership of Christ, we

the district boasting itself as having one of the most modern and complete school plants in the southwest, Oaklawn Methodist finds itself in a very definite place of leadership in the city of Hot Springs. The church has a membership of 538 and has operated this year on a budget of \$12,000 which will be inadequate with the increases that have been made for another year. In addition to the regular budget the church has liquidated a \$1,000 debt on the beautiful and modern parsonage on Alpine Street,

ents, has increased the capacity of the facilities. Having made for itself an educational building to accommodate the church school. The Senior Y. enrollment of



REV. H. R. HOLLAND
Pastor, Pullman Heights

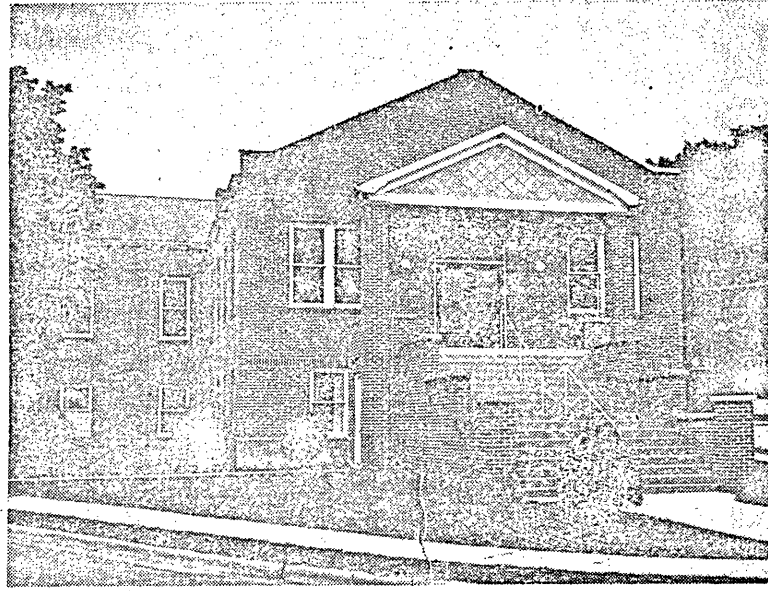
completely refurnished. Various improvements have been made at the parsonage. But the greatest improvements have been made in the realm of the spiritual. Our attendance has been decidedly better. Sixty-five new members have come into the church

The Wesleyan Guild is one of the best that this writer knows anything about.

Mr. L. B. Hardin has led the Board of Stewards in a progressive and challenging program. The Church School under the leadership of Mr. K. H. Harrison has made a twenty per cent gain in attendance over that of last year. The Youth Fellowship with Mrs. A. W. Scheer as counselor is one of the most faithful organizations in our church. Almost one hundred per cent of these young people are in the worship services of the

look forward to greater things for Pullman Heights.

H. R. Holland, Pastor



PULLMAN HEIGHTS

OAKLAWN METHODIST CHURCH

Oaklawn Methodist Church, located on Higdon at Woodlawn Streets, is serving one of the most rapidly growing districts in Hot Springs. With the coming of the hundreds of new residents with the development of the most modern homes and apartments, complete shopping centers, and

installed a sound and chime system, made extensive repairs on the church building, and furnished the church office with modern office equipment.

The Church School, under the able leadership of Mr. G. E. Lesley and his efficient divisional superintendent



REV. NOEL CROSS
Pastor, Oaklawn

an average of 18 for Sunday morning sessions. Thornton is a pastor and President. M. Y. F. also evening sessions. ME is the Adult

The W. S. C. E. Lesley presides over three circles. ly, has made contribution program of W. S. G., Miss president, has valuable church program

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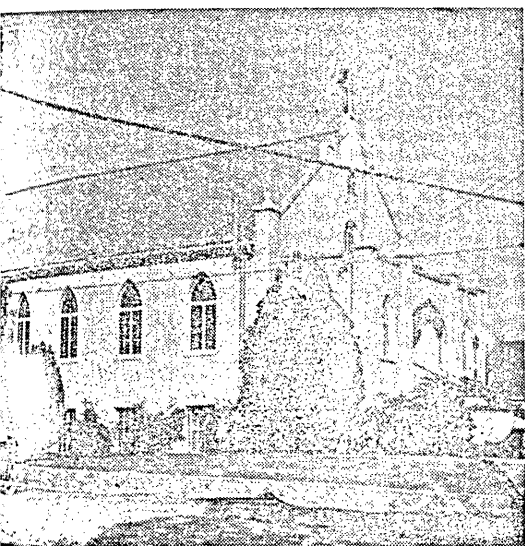
Mrs. Fred Mills is director of the 30 voice volunteer choir and Mr. Joe Warren is the accomplished organist. Not only does the trained choir render the old hymns with effective-

Church was organized in the eastern section of Hot Springs. It was named for one of the early Bishops of Methodism, Bishop John J. Tigert.

The road at times has been rather difficult for this suburban church. With limited resources and in earlier days with a rather limited territory of operation the membership has never been large. At present the section of the city in which Tigert Memorial is located is growing and the opportunities for the growth of the church have much im-

Rev. L. R. Sparks is the pastor at Tigert Memorial and at Morning Star. The new educational building has been completed and is now in use. The assembly room is also being used at the present for the preaching services. This building has added much to

Heights, doing the preaching. Much good was accomplished. J. B. Freese led in the campaign to raise money for the church debt and the church is indebted to him for the splendid work he did. Dr. Hershel Reed, the District Lay Leader, has rendered an excellent



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With the rapidly growing community surrounding Oaklawn Methodist church, there is no reason why it should not become one of the leading churches in the city.

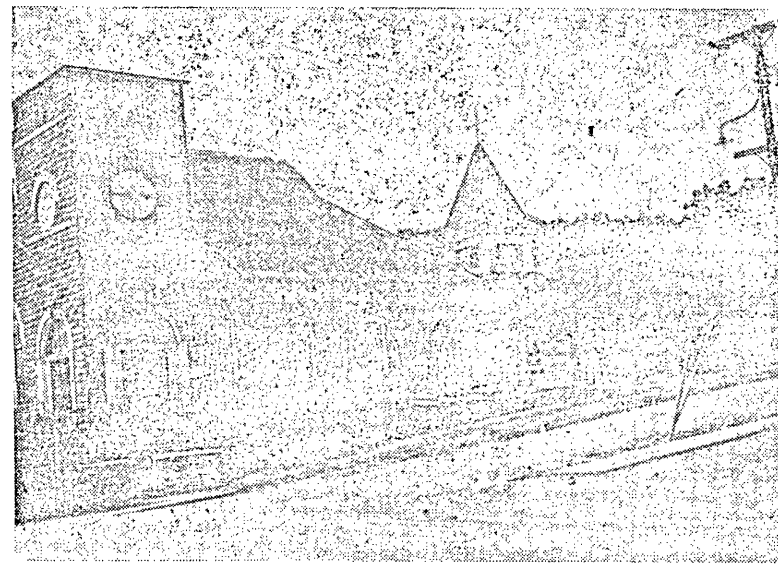
TIGERT MEMORIAL METHODIST CHURCH

Almost a half century ago Tigert Memorial Methodist



REV. L. R. SPARKS
Pastor, Tigert Memorial

proved. There has always been a core of faithful workers in the church who kept the wheels turning whether the going was rough or smooth. The present membership consists of a progressive, consecrated group of people who believe in the future of the church and are willing to make it the channel through which they serve.



TIGERT MEMORIAL AND NEW EDUCATIONAL BUILDING

the value of the church plant. Its splendid class rooms and well furnished kitchen make possible an added service to its membership. The old church building is now being used as a recreation center.

This is the second year Brother Sparks has served this interesting congregation. A very substantial payment has been made on the debt on the educational building. Easter, this year, as always was a great day in the life of the Church. A revival was held recently with Rev. H. R. Holland, pastor of Pullman

service to our church this year.

All conference assessments will be paid in full by the time the Annual Conference meets. Tigert Memorial has a good Sunday School, an active Woman's Society of Christian Service and a growing Youth Fellowship.

Tigert Memorial is now strategically located in a fine field for service. It appreciates the cooperation of the stronger churches of the city. With their help the future for this congregation holds high promise.—Reporter

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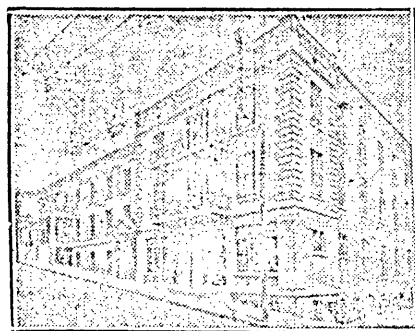
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HENDRIX COLLEGE NEWS

Mary Buthman of Conway and Tom Murry of Malvern have been named outstanding sophomores of 1951 by Cardinal Key and Blue Key national honorary organizations. The announcement was made by Dot Wilson of Huttig, president of Cardinal Key, and Jim Clemons of Wynne, president of Blue Key.

Miss Buthman, daughter of Dr. W. C. Buthman, dean of the college, and Mrs. Buthman, is the first woman to receive the outstanding sophomore award conferred by Cardinal Key. It was instituted this spring and corresponds to the similar award given men students by Blue Key.

Murry is the fourth Hendrix man to be named outstanding sophomore by Blue Key. Outstanding sophs are chosen on the basis of leadership, character, and participation in extra-curricular activities. Both Murry and Miss Buthman will automatically become members of the organizations next year.

Miss Buthman was recently elected secretary of the Booster Club, an organization which promotes extra-curricular activities. She has also been an active member of the senate's social committee, Town Girls club, Hendrix Players, and the business staff of the 1951 Troubadour.

Murry has been an active and talented participant in campus musical organizations. He is a member of the varsity and concert bands, the Troubadour, an independent string band, and Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia, national honorary music fraternity. He is also a member of the Booster Club and the social committee.

Senior Woman Wins Fulbright Scholarship

Marion Ware, Hendrix senior from Little Rock, has been selected to receive a scholarship for study in France under terms of the Fulbright Act.

Miss Ware was notified of her selection for the award by the U. S. Department of State. Nominated for the scholarship by the college and the Arkansas committee on Fulbright scholarships, she was chosen by the national Board of Foreign Scholarships.

One of two Arkansas students to receive the award this year, she will leave the States in early fall for Paris. After a month's intensive study of the language at the Sorbonne, University of Paris, she will go to the University of Bordeaux for eight months' study in French history.

The scholarship will cover all expenses for her stay abroad. Funds for Fulbright scholarships come from the sale of World War II surplus in foreign countries.

Miss Ware will graduate from the college next month with a major in history and political science. While at the college, she has maintained a high scholastic average, and she is a member of Alpha Chi, national honorary scholastic society. She has served as president of the French Club, and has been a member of Cardinal Key, national honorary sorority, Choristers, campus vocal group, and the Women's Athletic Association.

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LITTLE ROCK CONFERENCE CAMP CONTINUES DEVELOPMENT

DURING the past year, the Little Rock Conference Camp has made progress in its development program, though much of the work that has been done is of a type not readily evident to the casual observer. In addition to the buildings that were in use last season, four cottages will be available for use this summer, each accommodating up to ten campers. A modern bathhouse for one of the cabin areas will be completed for this camping season.

Much attention has been given to the equipping of the kitchen for which the Board has been under the necessity of providing refrigeration in the form of a large 6x8 walk-in cooler. It has been found advisable, also, to secure other kitchen equipment so greatly needed for this type of an institution, such as a combination food-mixer and grinder and a dish-washing machine. This equipment has come at considerable expense, but once placed it will go a long way toward making this the type of kitchen to which the Board has looked forward, and hoped one day to have.

Quite a supply of building materials have been placed on the ground for immediate use. Other

than the concrete there is enough material for the second bath-house, and except for some fill-ins enough materials for two more cottages. With this on hand, the material costs for the next few months should be relatively light.

Asbury to Give Cottage

The first local church to pledge a cottage and begin payment is Asbury. The pastors have been assisted in this program by J. Gordon Wilson, a member of the Camp Board, and other interested laymen of this fine growing church. A substantial amount has been paid as the initial installment on this worthy enterprise.

Another Cottage By Board of Lay Activities

Another cottage has been voted by the Board of Lay Activities with the major portion of the funds in hand to turn over to the Board for use in the near future. As in the case of buildings donated by local churches and groups, when this building is completed, it will be dedicated and a plaque placed designating the donors. Roland M. Shelton is Conference Lay Leader.

A Suggested Name

A study has been made for the

past year or more to find a name that would be appropriate and fitting for the camp. At the recent meeting of the Board of Trustees, it was decided to suggest to the Conference the name "Camp Tanako", with a sub-title, "Little Rock Conference Methodist Assembly."

The name is suggested by a legend current in Arkansas folklore based on authentic accounts in early American history to the effect that the area of the State of Arkansas located around Hot Springs was called Tanako by the Tunica Indians who were in possession of it at the time DeSoto paid his memorable visit to that area.

The natives believed this to be a place of healing and therefore would not fight with any people who might come to this area. In Tanako, all Indians were welcome as the natives believed it to be the will of the Great Spirit that all men should go there in peace.

It was the feeling of the Board, therefore, that "Camp Tanako" would be not only an easily spoken name, but would also be appropriate and descriptive of the purpose for which the camp is being established.—Roy E. Fawcett.

TOWN AND COUNTRY CHILDREN AND ELDERS MEET

As a part of the Advance For Christ and His Church the Junior and Primary Departments of the Forrest City Methodist Church and the Wesley Methodist Church, Colt Charge, are trying to learn more about how the church serves in town and country. In order to have some first hand experience these groups met together recently at the Wesley Methodist Church. The children were brought in cars by the teachers and sponsors of the groups, gathering first on the church lawn for games under the direction of Mrs. Charles Johnson, primary superintendent, Forrest City Church and Miss Mauzell Matthews, educational assistant, Forrest City Church.

The group later met for worship in the church sanctuary under the direction of Mrs. Ethan Dodgen and Mrs. Johnson. Mrs. A. G. Bratton, Forrest City, former members of the Wesley Methodist Church, gave an interesting talk about the Wesley Church, its origin, development, and relationship to the surrounding churches. Rev. L. L. Langston, pastor of the Colt Circuit was presented to the group and he in turn presented the Wesley Church School teachers and helpers.

Following the service a picnic was held on the church lawn. The groups attending included 66 children and 17 adults.—Mrs. Claud Tittle, Secretary, Wesley Church School

VACATION CHURCH SCHOOL AT SULPHUR SPRINGS

A recently concluded two weeks Vacation Church School at Sulphur Springs enrolled 112 pupils with an average attendance of 82 children and 38 pupils receiving certificates.

NORTH ARKANSAS CONFERENCE NOTES

By Ira A. Brumley

Holly Grove Church School Bus

The Holly Grove Church School, under the leadership of Rev. Charles P. McDonald, Jr., has worked out a plan to have a bus make a route each Sunday morning and bring in pupils for the Sunday school session of the church school. Charles has given us the following report on the plan:

"A member of our church owns the bus and uses it during the week to haul cotton choppers and pickers during the spring and fall of the year. He uses the bus during the week and then we have it prepared on Saturday for our use on Sunday. Our young adult class has taken the bus as the project of the class. Five men from that class have volunteered to drive the bus on one Sunday each month. The class then takes up a special offering to pay the gas and oil expense. If we have any major repairs on the bus we split that with the owner of the bus and the church pays for that.

"The bus is a great asset to our church. The people are proud of it. It has improved our church school attendance and interest. Through

The pastor, Rev. Wendell Barbaree, served as superintendent of the school and taught a course on worship. Other teachers in the school for beginners, primaries and juniors included Miss Evelyn Eldred, Miss Jo Eldred, Mrs. Phyllis Hutchinson, Mrs. O. W. Barbaree, Mrs. Gladys Murray, Miss Evelyn Swink, Miss Jean Eldred, and Mrs. A. E. Stapleton.

The school closed with a picnic Friday, May 4, followed by a sharing program to which parents and friends were invited.—Reporter

this bus we are serving the people in the country that would not be able to attend church school."

We believe that the Holly Grove Church has under way an excellent plan for bringing people into the church school. We must place churches near the people or find ways of getting the people to the churches. It is hoped that other churches will follow this plan.

It is our understanding that some ministers and some laymen are using their cars to bring in additional people. A report has come to our office that Rev. H. L. Wade of Wilson is doing this type of thing and bringing in a car load of people to the church school.

The Methodist Church has a responsibility for the people where they are. If we cannot bring in the people we should plan for extension classes or schools to give what Methodists have to offer. The Methodist Church has a great church school program, but it is helpful to people only if within reach of them.

Vacation Church School Reports

The first vacation church school reports to reach our office came from the Fayetteville District: Sulphur Springs and Alpena.

We hope that you will see that your vacation church school is reported to our office just as soon as it is held.

Churches needing report forms should write our office and we will send them. It would be well to have these forms even before your school begins. You need to make out four copies of the report to be used as follows: one to district superintendent; one to district director of children's work; one to our office; and one to be filed with the records of your church school.

Enroll Youth For Assembly

It is time for the youth of your church to enroll for the Conference (Continued on page 15)

WOMAN'S SOCIETY OF CHRISTIAN SERVICE

MRS. SUE M. WAYLAND, Editor

IT HAPPENS EVERY FOUR YEARS

Editors' Note: The following address was delivered by Mrs. T. S. Lovett, Conference president of the Little Rock W. S. C. S., at Pine Bluff during the Enlarged Executive Committee Annual meeting recently.

EVERY year is a different year. Every four years are so different. It is so in our work as in every line of endeavor . . . So this year is no exception.

New personalities, new faces, enter and old familiar ones go out into other areas of service, but regardless of how these vacant places came, we find ourselves saying over and over "Oh, if only —" and so my greeting may be today that of these words: It Happens Every Four Years.

This little word "If" has proved most destructive to my peace of mind for the past seven months, and I soon found myself sleeping, walking and talking with it until one day I was reading a book and on the last page was this story:

"Before I came to India as a young evangelist I was impatient and out of sorts with the people in a camp meeting because they were unresponsive. I went out after a meeting and lay down under an apple tree exhausted. The Lord seemed to come to me and say, 'You're tired, aren't you?' 'Yes,' I replied, 'I am for I have worked hard.' 'And you are out of patience, aren't you?' 'I am, and I have a right to be, for these people are hard and unresponsive.' Then he quietly said, 'Do you see the apple tree?' 'Yes,' I replied. 'How does it bring forth its fruit? Does it work itself up into a stew trying to be fruitful? Or does it simply keep its channels open, taking in life from soil and sky and allowing life to flow through itself into the fruit. Then, if you'll not fret and worry about results, but simply keep the channels open, letting MY life flow through you, then you will bear fruit naturally without strain or drain.' I arose relaxed and released.

'I didn't have to succeed . . . I only had to keep the channel open. God did the rest. Success, power and poise was all his . . . a calm possessed him. A door was open . . . his little power did not matter . . . God's resources did.'

There I was . . . one with little power, and with adequate resources. Surely the story was for me, I said, and so here this morning, I find myself only a channel and not really your president at all.

What has happened during the past four years? What do we face today that we did not face at the beginning of the last four years? Here are a few of the differences.

First, war was over . . . peace was being welcomed as we entered 1946. Now, we find ourselves with military service separating families, changing plans for normal marriages; heavy taxes, increased cost of living, defense productions which will call many to work and take them away from homemaking and child rearing, college students bewildered, families transplanted, race relations strained, divorce rate high, juvenile delinquency, fear in every face and worry in every home. We are prone to throw up our hands

and say "What shall I do?" Yes, the cry of the world is loud; it is insistent and it is unceasing.

Will our new year be an easy one? What affect will world conditions have on our program? Surely the church has not been left untouched by world chaos; surely our woman's work will not be left untouched by the tenseness of the situation we find.

How will we face our women as we ask for the increased giving—the 15% increase? Will we be able to make it? Will we increase our Supply giving? Will we intensify our cultivation? Will we reach out further from the home base? Will so many things we see to be done be done, but what of the future? How will it be done?

Before we face our job, we must first face ourselves. Before we can do what we can do for our work, we must let something be done for us . . . Great souls start from within and move out.

What we will be able to do for our conference program of work this year depends largely on taking time to be alone so that something can be done for us. Jesus had this need, and so do we, and often. He went off where he could have something done for Him.

John Homer Miller says in his book, "Take a Second Look at Yourself", this:

"We know we would be overcome unless we could discover life's greatest secret, which being alone reveals, that there is a power that makes itself available to those who wait patiently and wait alone."

So we shall wait patiently and alone if we will receive power for the task. After we have done this and seem ready to move out we will see that the missionary endeavor is divine in its origin; that the Advance program is possible to accomplishment; that the challenge is greater than ever before; that the closed door of the last year may be only the opening of another door even larger and wider. Perhaps we looked at the closed door with such retrospective eyes, we have not seen the one that is already opened.

The Christian is never stymied; he always knows what to do in any situation. And we find ourselves with many difficult situations at the beginning of this year. But the Christian is never at a loss as to what to do; so, we say: He makes cathedrals out of catacombs, bombs into blessings, and makes even the storms sing.

Wider and wider the new door is opening doors of service to us. How will our way of service come? It will come through the membership we hold in the Woman's Society of Christian Service and our contributions of prayer, service and money, into a program of rehabilitation, relief and salvation.

We have inherited four years of service; we have come across the four years right down to this very minute—this minute that is ours, now. Ours is the privilege of carrying forward the task already begun, of entering the open door. And with whom? The best group of Conference and District officers we might find anywhere. Ours is the privilege of opening the new 1951



MRS. T. S. LOVETT

52 door, with seemingly unsurmountable problems, and under adverse world conditions.

Calls are heard every day from our conference; the need is so great and the opportunities so many. Our rural program is calling for help; our girls and young women are being sought in every church and society to meet the needs and demands of service; our children are waiting to become what they might be; our unorganized churches are waiting alone for someone to challenge their women to missionary service through the organization of a Woman's Society. Our societies are being given in many instances secondary place in the lives and interests of our members.

Surely the challenge is great; to these calls come our commitment. It must be a time when we will resolve to use the talents with which we find ourselves today in our conference and district officers. If we but can use and develop this ability, our work will advance.

Our work calls us, it draws us, it makes us stretch our minds, further than ever before, and when it does this, it stimulates our imagination and inspires our zeal. It is not enough that each individual here have faith that is enduring; but we must be united in the devotion of the common purpose of the Woman's Division, and that purpose is that we bring life to those who had no chance at life as a Christian interprets it, and because of this purpose, we ourselves will become alive with life itself. We face not only the responsibility of our work as conference and district officers, but we face the necessity of our doing it if Christianity is to survive: if we keep open the doors of service through which we are passing, the doors that open "That Happens Every Four Years."

"Be ready to launch forth, my heart; and let those linger who must. For your name has been called in the morning sky.

Wait for none. The Eternal Stranger calls; he is going along the road

The sound of His footsteps knocks at my breast.

I ask my heart if its blood carries wisdom of the unseen way."

(Tagore)

A STUDY CLASS AT FAIRVIEW

The W. S. C. S. and the Wesleyan Service Guild of Fairview Methodist Church, Texarkana, have just completed the study of the Near East.

The Guild, with a membership of 18, had a class of 14 who took part on the program and took the study for credit. There were two visitors and four class sessions.

The first meeting of the study in the W. S. C. S. was a luncheon with Harold Hickman as guest speaker. He was a soldier in India for two years and gave us an insight of the customs of the people. The second and third sessions were very interesting. Mrs. Bomar and Mrs. Raymond Harris from Foreman were visitors and Mrs. Harris gave us an interesting talk on the book, Modern Trends of Islam. Fourteen attended all the classes, there were 20 enrolled and 15 different ladies appeared on the program.

At the following Sunday evening service, the Guild and the W. S. C. S. presented the picture "South of the Clouds" to a full audience.—Reporter

BLYTHEVILLE IS HOSTESS TO LUXORA GUILD

In April the Wesleyan Service Guild of the First Church Blytheville was hostess to the Wesleyan Guild of Luxora for a lovely chicken dinner with all the trimmings.

Following the dinner an interesting program was given by the local church. Mrs. T. L. Stanford and Mrs. T. D. Wilkins rendered a beautiful organ and piano duet. This was followed by a devotional given by Mrs. Leroy Brownlee. A piano solo was played by Mrs. Stanford.

Mrs. Bowen Thompson reviewed the book, "Mr. Jones Meet the Master." This was a very enjoyable occasion for all present.—Reporter

WOMAN'S SOCIETY OF UNION CHURCH

The Woman's Society of Christian Service of the Union church, on the Rowell circuit met for the regular meeting on April 12th. This society was recently organized. Mrs. Loyd Gouin, the president, presided over the program.

There were fourteen present, which included three new members. The minutes were read, and the collection was \$3.91. The W. S. C. S. is assisting in the purchase of a Bible for the church.

Mrs. S. C. Curry, Mrs. Lester Curry, and Mrs. N. A. Cope took part on the program. Mrs. Chester Tooke led in prayer. A song, "Take Time to Be Holy" was sung by Mrs. F. P. Graves, Mrs. R. L. Ashcraft, Mrs. N. A. Cope, Mrs. Ray and Mrs. Carl Mercer.

The project for the society is help floor the church. They have \$15.00 in the treasury now.—Reporter

BRINKLEY STUDY CLASS

Members of the Woman's Society of Christian Service of the Brinkley Methodist Church have just completed the study course, "The Christian's Vocation," by Bishop

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CURRENT NEWS IN ARKANSAS METHODISM

HENDRIX COLLEGE NEWS

At the end of a week-long campaign, student body and class officers were elected for the 1951-52 school year, announced Jim DuPree of England, student body president.

President of the student senate, campus governing body, and the student body will be Dick Farr of Wynne. Farr, an outstanding athlete, has won letters in football, basketball, and tennis. He is a member of both Blue Key, honorary leadership fraternity, and Alpha Chi, honorary scholastic fraternity.

Peggy Thomasson of Rison will serve as vice-president of the senate and student body. Miss Thomasson is a member of Cardinal Key, honorary leadership sorority. She is president of her dormitory and was recently elected president of the Hendrix chapter of Future Teachers of America.

Heading the Hendrix Class of 1952 will be James Mosley of Conway, who has served as president of his junior class. Robert French of Little Rock has been elected senior class senator.

President of the junior class for the coming year will be Tommie Thompson of Little Rock. Richard Moose of Heber Springs will represent his classmates as senator.

Charles "Bo" Brewer of Pine Bluff was picked to lead the sophomore class, and Tommy Pryor of Fort Smith will be senator from the class.

1951-52 Publication Heads Announced

Two sets of co-editors have been chosen to head student publications for the coming year, it was announced recently by the publication committee of the Student Senate.

Mary Moore and Jo Lee Fleming, both of Conway, will edit the Profile, student newsweekly. Betty Harton, also of Conway, and Bob Mount of Little Rock, have been named co-editors of the 1952 Troubadour, yearbook.

Business manager for the 1951-52 Profile will be Bobby Lee of Mineral Springs. Advertising director and business manager for the Troubadour will be Richard Moose of Heber Springs.

Heads of the mimeographed summer edition of the Profile will be Jim Thwing of Somerville, Ind., editor, and Barbara Noble of Little Rock, business manager.

Mother's Day Festivities

A large number of Hendrix mothers and fathers spent last week end on the campus and were entertained by various activities.

Special recognition was given to all mothers present at the morning service at the First Methodist Church. Visiting parents attended coffees held in the women's residence halls, a student musicale, the art exhibit of senior art major, Jo Williams of El Dorado, and a reception held in Hulen Lounge.

Journalist Receives Publication Award

Patton Condren of Muldrow,

Annual Conference Preachers Announced



BISHOP IVAN LEE HOLT



DR. WARREN JOHNSTON

Bishop Paul E. Martin has announced that Bishop Ivan Lee Holt, Bishop of the St. Louis Area, will be the Conference Preacher at the sessions of the Little Rock Conference which convenes in Hot Springs June 6-10. Bishop Holt, a native Arkansan, was elected a Bishop in 1938 after having served St. Johns Methodist Church, St. Louis, 1918-38. He has been active in the Ecumenical Methodist Church circles, is a past president of the Federal Council of Churches of Christ, and, among other present church responsibilities is Chairman of the General Board of Pensions.

Dr. Warren Johnston, pastor of the First Methodist Church, Fort Worth, Texas, will be the conference preacher during the sessions of the North Arkansas Conference, June 13-17, at Paragould. Dr. Johnston is a former pastor and district superintendent in the North Arkansas Conference and served as pastor of the First Methodist Church, Little Rock, before going to his present pastorate. Among other church responsibilities Dr. Johnston is a member of the General Board of Education, and a delegate to the Ecumenical Methodist Conference this summer at Oxford, England.

Okla., staff member of both Profile and Troubadour, student publications, will be awarded the Govan Journalism Award at the college's commencement exercises June 3. Condren was selected to receive the outstanding award by the publication committee on the basis of his initiative, past work, and all-around journalistic ability.

Two Science Faculty Receive Recognition

Dr. E. A. Spessard of the biology department has been elected president of the Arkansas Academy of Science. He was chairman of the academy's biology division during the past year.

Joe G. Robbins of the department was in Washington last week to read a paper in a scientific symposium. The symposium was sponsored by the Acoustical Society of America and the American Institute of Architects. The paper, based on research work recently completed by Mr.

Robbins at the University of Texas in his work toward his Ph.D. degree in physics, deals with the significance of harmonics in the acoustical characteristics of a room.—Cynthia Brown.

BRINKLEY STUDY CLASS

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Oxnam. Mrs. J. L. Woodfin was the leader of the course which was given in three meetings.

The background of knowledge with the well-prepared lessons made the study most interesting. The leader used the first two chapters for the first lesson—The Christian's Obligation to Work and The Chris-

LION OIL OFFICIAL AT PARKER'S CHAPEL BROTHERHOOD

The Parkers Chapel-Pleasant Grove Methodist Men met at Parkers Chapel Church for a 'Pot Luck' dinner on Wednesday, May 9th at 7:30 P. M. This group meets regularly on the second Wednesday of each month with an attendance of some fifty to sixty men. We were privileged to have as our speaker on May 9th Mr. T. M. Martin, President of Lion Oil Company and a Methodist layman. Mr. Martin based his talk on Romans 8:31, "What shall we then say to these things? If God be for us, who can be against us?" Using this as a foundation, Mr. Martin talked on success and the rejection of defeat and failure.

It was a real treat for our group to have such a business leader and layman as T. M. Martin to speak to us. He is making a real contribution to the Christian work of his community and contributed much to our brotherhood and to a realization of our potentialities, privileges and obligations as practicing Christians.—Reporter

BETHEL CHURCH HAS HYMN SING

The families of the Bethel Methodist Church of the Marysville Parish met Friday night, May 4 for a Hymn Sing. Rev. Rose P. Carithers, education director, was assisted by Miss Sherry Wilson in directing the program. Mrs. Cleo Eubanks and Miss Ann Williams presided at the piano. Mrs. Eubanks, Mrs. Carithers, Mr. M. O. Hughes, and Rev. K. K. Carithers, the pastor, directed the hymn singing.

Miss Sherry Wilson divided the group into quartets who competed for the prize quartet.

Mrs. Carithers directed a number of games. Delicious refreshments were served by the ladies of the church.

tian's Right to Income.

The Christian as Consumer and the Christian's Duty as a Citizen were the topics discussed at the second meeting. The Christian's Place in World Affairs and The Christian's Source of Guidance and Power were discussed at the final meeting of the group.

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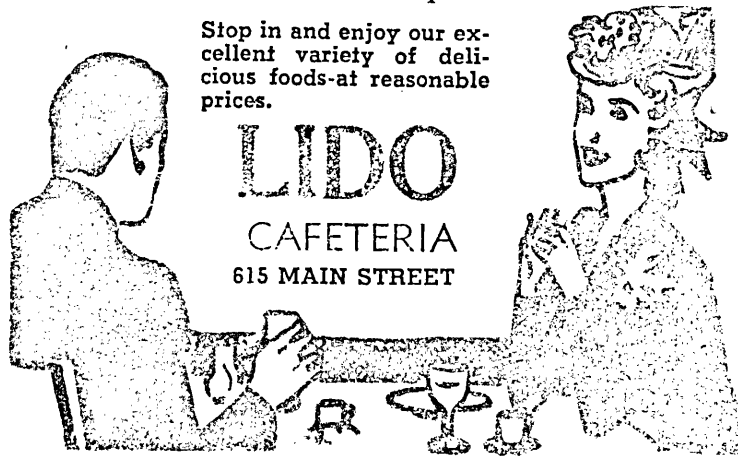
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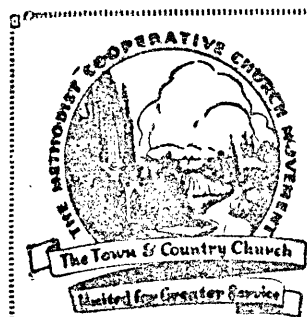
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SCOTT COUNTY COMMUNITY LIFE CONFERENCE

One of the outstanding pieces of work being done in the conference is in the cooperative program among the Methodist Churches in Scott County where the Rev. Elmo Thomason and the Rev. Felix Holland are working together toward the total development of the Methodist Church in this area. One major factor in the program in Waldron is the cooperation of Brother Thomason and Dr. Harold Wright in providing a series of studies in the practical application of Christian principles to every day life. On Tuesday, May 29, at the Waldron Methodist Church, the following program will be given under the direction of the pastor and Dr. W. Henry Goodloe, the district superintendent. This is a splendid and encouraging move on the part of Brother Thomason who has planned the program and it is indicative of the interest and the possibilities in local and county leadership providing an outstanding program for the people of their own area. This should be a fruitful day in the life of the people of Scott County.

Program of Scott County Community Life Conference Purpose

To awaken in ourselves and others concern for individual responsibility in the affairs of community life, and to bring about understanding and cooperation of all phases in community life.

FROM THE GUJARAT ANNUAL CONFERENCE

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poses of a village centre which may serve as many as four or five surrounding villages.

Note: The people of Arkansas are giving generously for village centers.

In Kathoda, a village in the Limbasi Circuit, Gujarat Conference, a caste man had an only son. The lad fell ill. The father went to witch doctors for help. They could do nothing for the sick lad. He sought help from other sources, but help did not come. Finally, he went to the village shrine wherein were the images of Mahadev and Parvati. There he began to pray for the recovery of his seriously sick son, and while praying got into such a state of mind as to take a vow that he would sprinkle the idols with his own blood in order that the gods heal his stricken son. And this he did by hitting his head against the stone images, not once, but several times until blood profusely flowed from his head. But nothing happened to his sick son. Then he met our pastor and a group of volunteers who had gone to that village to preach the Gospel. He told his story to the pastor, and asked if he could help his son. The pastor went to his home, and there in simple faith prayed for the sick son and for healing power through the shed blood of the Lord Jesus. The Lord

A TRIBUTE TO MRS. J. ABNER SAGE

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she would stand the trip, but our worries were in vain. She stood it better than we did.

I well remember once when a person was spoken of as being "old" he immediately came to his rescue, saying, "Why, he is not old. He is about my age." And when the answer was made, "He is about eighty, isn't he?" immediately replied, "Yes, but that is not old." And it wasn't—for her.

Had she lived a few more weeks she would have reached eighty-eight, as did John Wesley. And like him, she was alert and of real service even to the end. On November 7, 1950, she left her "earthly tabernacle" for the "building of God not made with hands, eternal in the heavens."

The funeral was conducted at First Methodist Church, Magnolia, by her pastor, the Rev. J. C. English, assisted by Fred R. Harrison and Neill Hart.

Mrs. Sage's whole life was devoted to God. She had many interests, but two great loves—her home and her Christ. It was around these that she built her life. And what a lovely life it was, one of beauty, and service, and love. How

granted his prayer of faith. The lad recovered.

NORTH ARKANSAS CONFERENCE NOTES

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Youth Assembly. This assembly is for youth ages 16-23. There will be senior assemblies or camps to which fifteen years of age persons can go. Watch for announcements of these.

Dr. Fred Roebuck of First Church, Ft. Smith, is to be the Inspirational speaker in our Conference Youth Assembly this year. He will be speaking on the theme: Jesus' Way—Our Way, Through Church and Vocation. His messages will be very helpful to our youth at this period of world tensions.

Miss Lee, a student from Korea studying in this country, is to be the foreign student in our assembly this year. We are fortunate in having a Korean student in our assembly.

Plan now to have one or more young people from your church in this assembly. We have just received six registrations from one church.

If you need registration cards please write us at once.

Remember that the date of the Laboratory School for workers with children is to be held in Conway, June 24-29. Your church needs to be represented in this important program.

Methodist Student Day, June 10

The second Sunday in June of each year is Methodist Student Day. The purpose of this special day is to bring before our churches the importance of our Methodist Student program for scholarships and loans.

Hundreds of young people have been given help in securing an education through this program.

Each year a few scholarships come to Hendrix College students because of the offering made on Methodist

truly it expressed the thought of the poet who said,

*I live for those who love me
For those I know are true
For the Heaven that smiles above me,
And waits my spirit too,
For all the human ties that bind me,
For the task my God assigned me,
For the bright hopes yet to find me,
And the good which I can do.*

*I live to hold communion
With all that is Divine
To feel there is a union
Twixt Nature's heart and mine.
To profit by afflictions,
Reap truths from fields of fiction,
Grow wiser from conviction,
And fulfill God's grand design.*

*I live for those who love me,
For those who know me true,
For the Heaven which smiles above me
And waits my spirit, too;
For the cause that lacks assistance,
For the wrong that needs resistance,
For the future in the distance
And the good that I can do.*

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Student Day. The truth is that Arkansas has given more in scholarship funds in the past years than the churches of the two conferences have contributed. Other students have been able to secure low rate of interest loans from the Loan Fund.

Realize that there are many students in our churches. We also realize that June 10 is a bad day for any program as it is the last Sunday before annual conference. Yet we hope that your church may observe the day and let your people know about what is being done in the student work for Methodist students, giving the people an opportunity to make a contribution. Do opportunity to know about what is not fail to let your people have an being done and an opportunity to pay what they want to for this program program.

REV. SHAMBLIN TO BE VESPER SPEAKER AT SENIOR YOUTH CAMP

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blank along with the pre-registration fee of \$3 should be mailed to Rev. Fred R. Harrison, First Methodist Church, Sixth and Laurel, Texarkana, Arkansas, by June 4. The registration limit is 175, so you'd better get your application in immediately!

Total cost for the Senior Camp is \$14.00. This includes room, board, registration fee, textbook and insurance. For further information concerning this camp, write to Emogene Dunlap, 326 Exchange Building Little Rock, Arkansas.

NATIONAL CONVOCATION DEADLINE NEARS

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fice by June 1, or we will have to relinquish our unused quota to other conferences that have already filled their quota.

Don't delay in getting your application in immediately. Write your district director of youth work, or the conference office. Total expenses including room, board, registration fee and transportation will amount to approximately \$65.

Don't delay another minute—send in your application blank now!

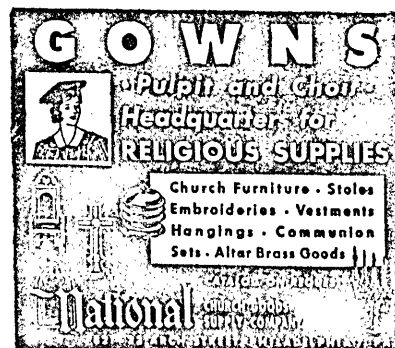
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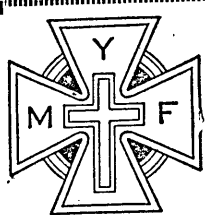
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PLAN FOR YOUTH ACTIVITY WEEK

Youth Activities Week and Christian Adventure Week may be a great help in the youth program of the local church.

That Methodist churches have discovered this new source of power is shown by the increasing number of churches that are setting aside a week sometime during the year for special youth activities.

Usually held in the summer or early fall, Youth Activities Week helps to rally the youth of the church and community. Each day during the week, especially during the evening, young people meet for experiences of worship, discussion and fellowship. It is designed primarily for personal enrichment and not for training or planning, which will probably be done before or after Youth Activities Week. It may very well be an institute or assembly at home, or a caravan week without a caravan.

Youth Activities Week is designed for seniors and older youth while Christian Adventure Week is planned for intermediates. "If you cannot plan a separate week for intermediates, by all means plan a separate group for them during Youth Activities Week," advises the Rev. Joseph W. Bell of the Youth Department staff, General Board of Education. Many pastors and workers with youth have testified to new life in their youth groups because of Youth Activities Week, according to Mr. Bell.

The May 1951 issue of *Workshop for Youth Leaders* will be a special edition to help seniors and older youth and their adult leaders in the Methodist Youth Fellowship to plan their 1951 Youth Activities Week. All churches that receive *Workshop* regularly will have sufficient copies for their planning. If needed, a church may order a copy free from the Youth Department, Box 871, Nashville, Tenn. A Christian Adventure Week packet may be ordered from the same address by groups planning a special week for intermediates, or a separate group for them during Youth Activities Week. In addition, an article in the April 1951 issue of *Workshop* will help groups get started on their plans.

FAYETTEVILLE DISTRICT YOUTH INSTITUTE AT GENTRY

A Youth Institute was held at Gentry for the young people of the Fayetteville District May 4, 5, and 6 with the theme "Deepening of Spiritual Lives of Youth People" receiving special attention. Officers of the Alfred Wasson Sub-District organization, two delegates from each local church in the District, and a fellowship team from Hendrix College were present. Team members included Pat Crow, Lola Featherston, Nancy Sanders, J. G. Greening, and Walter Rockwell. Mrs. James Upton was sponsor.

Churches of the district which were represented in the institute

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Arkadelphia District	
Amity	\$ 65.75
Arkadelphia	240.65
Manchester	72.60
Delight	49.04
Fountain Lake	15.00
Gurdon	103.80
First Church, Hot Springs	244.68
Grand Avenue, Hot Springs	207.65
Oaklawn	77.00
Pullman Heights	50.40
Tiger-Morning Star	25.00
First Church, Malvern	23.43
Keith Memorial	52.60
Mt. Ida	31.75
Murfreesboro	85.40
Butterfield	53.68
Magnet Cove	33.75
Rockport	5.00
Shorewood Hills	7.21
Ebenezer	15.60
Malvern Sub-District	35.6
Total	\$1,780.12

Camden District	
Fairview	\$ 3.00
First Church, Camden	43.00
First Church, El Dorado	60.13
Vantrease	5.00
Louann	35.00
First Church, Magnolia	53.00
Jackson Street	5.00
Marysville	10.20
Norphet	12.51
Parker's Chapel	9.00
Smackover	15.00
Stephens	34.00
Village	75.00
Union County Sub-Dist.	25.00
Columbia County Sub-Dist.	14.00
Chidester	14.00
Total	\$ 384.63

Hope District	
Blevins	\$ 9.00
McCaskill	10.00
DeQueen	15.00
Olive Branch	30.00
Emmet	18.60
Foreman	27.00
Hope	125.00
Fairview, Texarkana	54.51
Total	\$ 289.11

Little Rock District	
Concord	\$ 5.00
Mt. Tabor	20.00
Bauxite	25.00
Benton	7.22
Benton Circuit (Paron)	30.00
Carlisle	10.00
Des Arc	21.25
Sardis	12.00
Geyer Springs	8.40
Asbury	7.00
Capitol View	91.30
First Church	10.00
Forrest Park	20.00
Henderson	20.00
Hunter	4.00
Oak Forrest	4.00
Scott Street	5.00
28th Street	67.00
Winfield	16.00
Lonoke	22.50
Mabelvale	40.00
Primrose	16.00
Maumelle Sub-District	5.00
Little Rock Sub-District	5.00
Total	\$ 471.67

Monticello District	
Crossett	\$ 62.91
Dermott	37.85
Drew Circuit (Green Hill)	5.00
Hamburg	14.20
Huttig	16.00
McGehee	13.46
Monticello	7.00
Star City	6.20
Newton's Chapel	30.00
Delta Sub-District	50.00
John Wesley Sub-District	28.70
Total	\$ 271.32

Pine Bluff District	
Almyra	\$ 22.00
Lodges Corner	53.00
DeWitt	138.00
England	10.00
Gillett	57.00
Good Faith	33.00
Grady	25.00
Humphrey	32.00
Leola	15.00
La Fargue	9.00
Carr Memorial	30.00
First Church, Pine Bluff	226.00
Lakeside	40.00

were Wiggins Memorial, Fayetteville; Bentonville, Rogers, Springdale, Gravette, Lincoln, Prairie Grove, Farmington, Siloam Springs, and Gentry.

A TRIBUTE TO MRS. J. ABNER SAGE

By DR. NEILL HART

MRS. JESSE ABNER SAGE (Mary Caroline Livingston, the daughter of Thaddeus and Mary Caroline Livingston) was born November 23, 1862 in Nevada County near Prescott, Arkansas. Reared in a devout Christian home she early gave her heart to God, whom she served and loved for more than eighty years.

In October 1878, she married Rev. William Bowles Whiteside, then a school teacher and local preacher in the Methodist Church. Three years later Brother Whiteside felt the call for full time Christian service. He joined the Little Rock Conference in 1881 and served faithfully and well the Ultimathule and Texarkana Circuits. Two years after joining the conference, Brother Whiteside went to his heavenly home, leaving his widow and three small children: Daisy (Mrs. T. P. Gantt), Florence (Miss Florence Whiteside), and Willie (Mrs. Nick Wells).

In 1937 this young widow was married to Rev. Jesse Abner Sage with whom she served God and the Church for more than half a century. To this union seven children were born: Hattie (Mrs. W. R. Mahaffey), Rev. J. Abner Sage, Jr., Augusta Benton (Bennie who died accidental death at the age of two and a half), Myrtis Margaret (Mrs. W. James Moore), Dr. Leland Livingston Sage, Thomas Raymond Sage, and John Fletcher Sage.

Brother Sage came to the Pine Bluff District when I was only a boy. The district parsonage was in the next block from my house, so I soon became acquainted with all the

COLUMBIA CIRCUIT SUB-DISTRICT MEETS

Sue Wicker, Magnolia First Church, was elected president of the Columbia county sub-district when the group met at First Methodist church in Magnolia, May 7.

Other officers elected at this time included Shirley Foster, New Era, vice-president; Nancy Hudson, Magnolia First church, secretary; Jimmy Cheatham, Jackson Street, treasurer; Charles Cook, Jackson Street, publicity chairman; Billy Cheatham, Village, Worship and Evangelism chairman; Allen Wicker, Magnolia First church, World Friendship chairman; Nell Lea, Jackson Street, Community Service chairman; and Myra Hinson, Jackson Street, Recreation chairman.

Charles Cook, president, presided over the business meeting. The group was urged to finish payments on the Methodist Youth Fund and Cabin Fund for this conference year. The summer camp schedule and plans for the Camden District Rally were also announced.

Refreshments were served to approximately 45 M. Y. F. members from First Church and Jackson Street in Magnolia and New Era, near Emerson.

The next sub-district meeting will be held Monday, May 28, at New Era.—Charles Cook, Publicity chairman

Sheridan	10.00
First Church, Stuttgart	100.00
Grand Avenue	204.00
Rice Belt Sub-District	209.29

Total \$1,213.29

GRAND TOTAL \$4,416.14 (April 30, 1951)

Sage children. Almost every day I was at their house, and I shall never forget Mrs. Sage as a Christian mother. She was a strict disciplinarian, but behind it was a love and tenderness that no one could miss. She taught by both precept and example; and gave herself untiringly to her family.

Since mothers are the embodiment of love, and the finest example of love that we have, surely we do the Scripture no violence when we paraphrase Paul's great chapter on Love by saying, "Mother suffers long and is kind; mother envieth not; mother vaunteth not herself, is not puffed up; does not behave herself unseemly, seeketh not her own, is not easily provoked, thinketh no evil; rejoiceth not in iniquity, but rejoiceth in the truth; beareth all things, believeth all things, hopeth all things, endureth all things. Mother never fails..."

Surely this is a good description of a real mother and one very fitting for Mrs. Sage who gave her life so unselfishly for her family and their many friends:

"Name her thus: 'A Christian Mother'

Ad no word, say no other—
Nothing finer could be said
Of one who has comforted
Little children in the night
Who has held a lifted light
That small eager ones may go
Down strange paths they do not know;
Who has pointed them to Christ;
Who has given them, unpriced,
All her strength, her love, her care;
No words loosed upon the air
Could pay greater homage to
A good mother, staunch and true,
Who through all her years has given
Earth the high white light of heaven.

(Grace Noll Crowell)

Mrs. Sage graced a Methodist parsonage home for more than fifty years and gave devoted service to the Church wherever she went. Rev. J. A. Sage was in the active ministry for forty-three years after he and Mrs. Sage were married. A list of the charges served will give an idea of the wide variety of service rendered: Fulton Ct., Mt. Pleasant Ct., Stephens and Waldo, Hot Springs District, Magnolia, El Dorado, Hamburg, Fordyce, Benton, Crossett, Pine Bluff District, Camden District, Prescott, Fairview-Texarkana, Lewisville, and Blevins. In all the works her husband served, Mrs. Sage was active in every phase of the church work. Even after Brother Sage retired in 1930 and moved to Magnolia, Mrs. Sage continued to be active in the church. She was one of those who organized the W. S. C. S., and she held many places of responsibility in that and in many other worthy Christian organizations.

When the Conference assigned me to First Methodist Church, Magnolia, I was privileged again to be closely associated with Mrs. Sage. And though she was well past her three score and ten, she was young in spirit, deeply interested in people and in every worth-while endeavor, and active in the service of her Lord.

In 1938 the Harts and the Fred Harrison went to Birmingham, Alabama, to attend the General Conference, and Mrs. Sage went with us. We worried a little about how

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HENDRIX COLLEGE NEWS*(Continued from page 10)***College Receives Gift of Religious Volumes**

A personal library of more than 600 volumes has recently been presented to the library by the Rev. John Walker Coontz, retired Methodist minister who until recently has lived in Eureka Springs.

The library, composed largely of religious books, contains volumes dating as far back as the early 1800's, according to Miss Ethel Millar, librarian at the college.

The library was donated to Hendrix largely through the encouragement of Rev. W. F. Cooley, district superintendent at Fayetteville, and Rev. William A. Stewart, Jr., pastor at Eureka Springs, both of whom graduated from Hendrix, reported Dr. Matt L. Ellis, president.

Women Hold Dormitory Elections

Election of women's residence hall officers was held last week, according to Miss Marie Williams, dean of women. Lorraine Teague of Pine Bluff and Marilyn Locker of West Helena were selected to head Millar and Galloway Halls respectively.

Other officers elected in Millar were Susan Woodford of Little Rock, vice-president, Bonnie Heien of Stuttgart, secretary, and Margaret Rich of Forrest City, treasurer. In Galloway Beth Rhiddlehoover of Hot Springs was elected secretary and Jo Eaton of Blytheville, treasurer.

Chosen as dormitory sponsors were Mr. Joe G. Robbins of the physics department and Mrs. Robbins, and Miss Sarah Robinson of the music department, Millar Hall; and Coach and Mrs. Ivan Grove and Dr. Walter Moffatt of the English department, Galloway Hall.

Summer Training Program At Hendrix

Methodist leadership training sessions at Hendrix College this summer will put particular emphasis on the needs and problems of the oldest and youngest members of the church family. One of the five sessions scheduled to be held at the college will deal with the training of children in the church, and another will study the problems of the older generation.

For the first time, an adult conference-wide assembly of church lay members over 65 will be held to plan a more active and profitable program for the old folks in Arkansas churches. The meeting, to be held July 9 to July 12, was called in recognition of the growing proportion of church members who are 65 and over. Around 80 delegates are expected to attend. Dr. C. M. Reves of Conway is dean of the assembly.

Another innovation in summer sessions is a laboratory school for workers with children, June 24 to June 29. Though schools for such workers have been held in previous summers, this session will do actual laboratory work with the children of the Conway First Methodist Church.

Emphasis will be put on the youth of the church during two confer-

ences. An enrichment program will be held July 2 to July 6 for the 15 to 17 age group. Around 100 delegates are expected from the Conway, Searcy, and Forrest City Districts of the North Arkansas Conference of the church. A youth conference for the 16 to 23 year old group will be held June 5 to June 9. The three-fold purpose of the

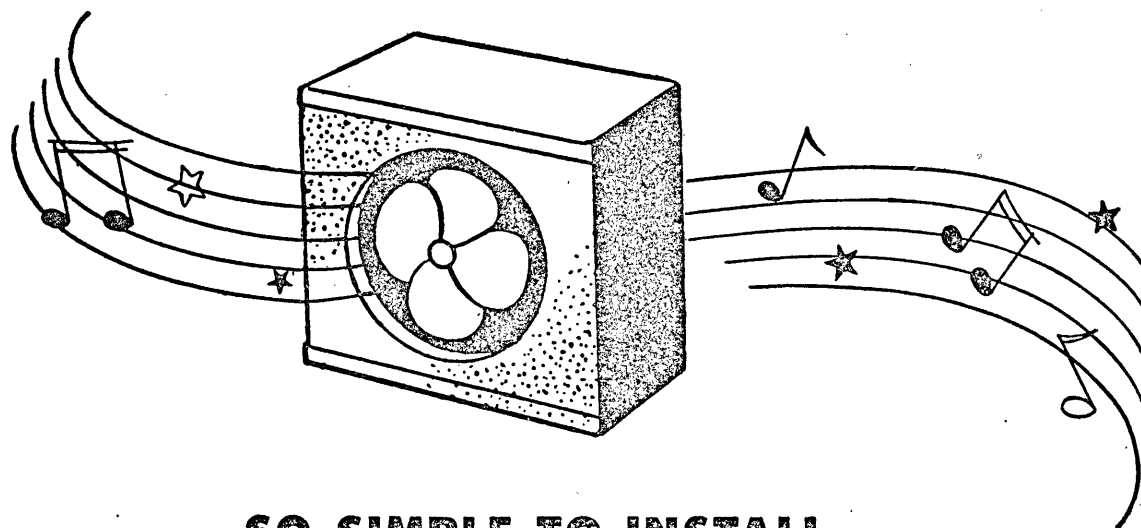
meeting is to enrich the religious experience of the group, to train leaders, and to plan the Youth Week programs for the local churches. Rev. James S. Upton of the Hendrix Religious Department will be dean of the assembly and Rev. Fred Roebuck of Fort Smith will be the speaker for the session. Expected to attend the five-day conference

is a Methodist student from Korea, according to Dr. Ira A. Brumley, executive secretary of the conference Board of Education.

Closing the meetings for the summer will be a pastors' school July 30 to August 3. Approximately 150 Methodist ministers from all over Arkansas are expected to attend the training session.

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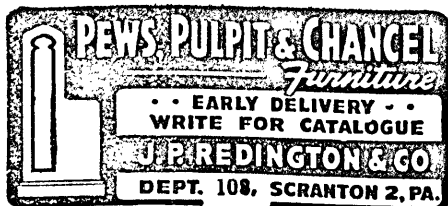
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WHAT IS OUR HOPE FOR THE FUTURE?

LESSON FOR JUNE 3, 1951

READ THE ENTIRE LESSON FROM THE BIBLE: Ezra 1, 5-6 (Three chapters); Nehemiah 2-6, 8-9 (Seven chapters).

This is a rather long reading lesson, but a careful study of all these chapters will be helpful.

GOLDEN TEXT: "They that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; they shall walk, and not faint." (Isaiah 40:31)

A Look At The Scriptures Cyrus Comes To Power

It will be remembered that Judah was conquered by the Babylonians under their King Nebuchadnezzar in the year 588 B. C. Two years later Jerusalem was completely destroyed. The walls of the city were broken down and the Temple was burned. At this time thousands of Jews were carried away into captivity.

Some fifty years later (538 B. C.) the Persians under the leadership of King Cyrus conquered the Babylonians. One of the policies of Cyrus was to permit all the captive peoples of the empire to return to their homes. One year after he took over Babylon he passed a decree liberating all the Jews. All of them were at liberty to return home, but did not do so. A total of 49,697 of these refugees did return at that time. In fact these exiles, and their offsprings, returned in three different groups over a period of 92 years. The first group returned in 537 B. C. The first group rebuilt and covered the altar. Their first concern was for the worship of God. This was done some years before the rebuilding of the Temple. The second group was led by Ezra, the scribe, and departed from Babylon on April 1, 458 B. C. The last group came under the leadership of the King's Cupbearer, Nehemiah, in the year 445 B. C.

Cyrus A Great Man

Cyrus was one of the greatest men of the ancient world. He was not only great but was also wise and good. He was a deeply religious man. He was a polytheist. He had the habit of worshipping all the gods that came to his attention. He did not cease this practice when he learned of Jehovah. He simply added him to the list of the others whom he worshipped. He declared that Jehovah (whom he called the God of heaven) had instructed him to rebuild the Temple at Jerusalem.

This was one of the reasons he was so kind to the Jews. He not only liberated them, but instructed them to return to Jerusalem and rebuild the Temple. He took it upon himself to see that material for the construction of the Temple was furnished. His empire was divided into provinces ruled over by governors. He wrote letters to the governors of provinces surrounding Palestine instructing them to furnish material for the building of the Temple. He also returned to the Jews all the golden vessels that Nebuchadnezzar had taken from the Temple at Jerusalem when he destroyed it. These vessels were kept in the Temple and used in the worship of God.

Cyrus did not live to see all of his plans carried out, but he left

records of those plans which fell into the hands of his successors who completed them in full. By befriending the Jews (who gave to the world its religions — Judaism and Christianity) Cyrus laid the world under everlasting obligation to him. Ira M. Price says of him, "Cyrus was a mastermind among men. His skill in controlling them was almost uncanny. His friendliness, discretion, wisdom, frankness, and valor gave him almost magical power over friend and foe."

Rebuilding The Temple

As stated above, the first concern of the exiles when they reached Jerusalem was the re-establishment of the altar and the covering of it. Some years later they began the reconstruction of the Temple. In this work they were led by a man by the name of Zerubbable. The work continued for some months and considerable progress was being made. Certain tribes surrounding Jerusalem became jealous. Through their influence the King of Persia interrupted the work about 537 B. C. Some seventeen years later, in the year 520 two prophets came upon the scene—Haggai and Zachariah. Their preaching stirred new interest in the work. The Temple was completed in 515 B. C. It will be remembered that this is the second Temple in Jerusalem. The first was built by Solomon.

The Walls Rebuilt

In spite of the fact that the Temple was completed in 515 B. C. the walls of Jerusalem were still laying flat. This left the city at the mercy of surrounding, unfriendly tribes. At that time Artaxerxes was ruler of Persia and a Jewish captive by the name of Nehemiah was his cupbearer. Nehemiah's brother, who lived in Jerusalem, came to Babylon and reported to him the sad plight of the Holy City. This report made Nehemiah very sad. The King noted his sadness and asked the reason for it. When Nehemiah told of the condition of Jerusalem, Artaxerxes ordered him to go to Jerusalem and rebuild these walls. This was in the year 445 B. C. He started immediately to accomplish this task. A large group of the refugee Jews went with him.

Nehemiah was a man of great energy, courage and strength of character. On arriving in Jerusalem he went to work. He carefully organized his forces and assigned certain portions of the wall to various groups. When the non-Jewish, unfriendly people of the country saw what was taking place, they tried every means to prevent the rebuilding of the walls. They ridiculed the builders; they threatened them; they reported them to Artax-

erxes; they tried to bribe the leaders; they tried to kill Nehemiah. In spite of all their efforts, however, Nehemiah went straight ahead with the work. They worked with a spear in one hand and a trowl in the other. They took but little time for rest and sleep. For days they did not remove their clothes except for the purpose of bathing. This strenuous effort paid off. We are told that the walls were completed and the gates hung in only fifty-two days. Nehemiah goes on to say that the enemy realized that this stupendous task accomplished in so short a time could only be done by the help of God. Nehemiah also gave the people much credit for what was accomplished. He insisted that it was done through their co-operation, and willingness to work. In this connection he made this unique statement: "So we built the wall; and all the wall as joined together unto half the height thereof; for the people had in mind to work." If every one works and nobody shirks, you can raise either a church or a nation from the dead.

After finishing the wall Nehemiah returned to Artaxerxes and was away from Jerusalem for a period of twelve years. During his absence, evil came again upon the city. When he learned of this trouble he returned to Jerusalem.

A Revival Breaks Out

Two men stand out during this period of Jewish history—Ezra and Nehemiah. Ezra was a scribe and Nehemiah a builder. These men were different in every respect except for the fact that both were very religious.

Both of these men realized that the only solution of the problems of the nation was in a revival of religion. They co-operated in bringing about this condition. We are told that Nehemiah built a large platform near the water-gate. On this platform stood Ezra, the scribe, certain priests and other Levites. There was much open space around this structure. A multitude of people stood near by. These men read from the Torah, or Law for a period of seven days. It is said that this reading continued for six hours each day. They began reading early in the morning and continued until noon. Not only did these men read the Scripture but they explained it to the people. During these seven days the Torah, or first five books of the Old Testament, were read and explained. This study of the Scripture brought about a great religious revival.

The Lesson Applied

There are many great lessons in these events for us. May we note just a few of them. These Jews had been defeated and carried as captives into a foreign land. This came upon them as a result of their sins. Both individuals and nations reap what they sow. Finally in their extremity they turned to God and God put it into the heart of Cyrus to show them mercy. They were liberated. Many of them returned to their beloved land. The first thing they did was to erect an altar and worship God. They were deeply grateful for his many mercies.

The world is in the midst of a crisis today. Many nations have forgotten God. They have gone off into sin and are suffering the consequences of their sins. Our own nation, in spite of the fact that we call it "Christian", is falling far short of its duties and obligations to God. The strength of any nation lies in

its moral and religious standing before God. We need to rebuild our altars, especially the broken down altars of our homes. We need to remove the corruption that is eating at the very heart of our country. Some spiritual amputations are sorely needed. No less authority than Jesus himself said, "Cut off the hand that offends . . . Pluck out the eye that offends."

Working Together

In the midst of their calamity these Jews worked together as one man. They co-operated to the fullest extent. They learned their lesson. They realized that the fall of their nation had been brought about by corruption, indifference to the higher qualities of life, laziness, and lack of co-operation.

Here also is a great lesson for us. We pray God that our nation may continue to the end of time. We have no absolute assurance that such will be true. We do know that if it ever falls it will do so because of internal trouble rather than external. As a people, we need to search our hearts to see whether or not we are guilty of the same sins that have caused the downfall of so many nations in the past. What about the corruption in our own land? Think of the vast numbers of people in our country who are so carried away with the material things of life that they have forgotten God and all the things for which He stands. We also need to learn our lesson of co-operation. There is so much jealousy and bickering between our two great national parties that it is all but impossible to have a bi-partisan foreign policy. The hope, not only of this nation, but of the world right now lies in the ability of the citizens of this country being able to co-operate in the formulation of a sane foreign policy. This nation is at the forefront of the world, and in such a position, it is necessary that it be able to make and stand by important decisions.

These ancient Jews rebuilt and strengthened their walls. There are certain walls that we need to rebuild today. For the most part the people who settled South America came seeking gold. Those who settled North America came seeking God. Those of the North found both God and gold. The Lord has richly blessed us both spiritually and materially. Our trouble now is that we are in great danger of putting gold first in our lives rather than God. We need to strengthen our spiritual walls. We need to learn again the art of putting first things first.

Still another important lesson for us is the fact that this religious awakening came about through the study of the Bible. In emphasizing the importance of Bible study, Odell Shepherd had this to say: "America rests on four cornerstones: the English Bible, the English language, the common law and the tradition of liberty. But liberty, language, and law might have been drawn from the Bible alone . . . Without this Book America could not have become what she is, and when she loses its guidance and wisdom she will be America no more."

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