

## Adopt A Program

WE heard recently of a plan used in a local church in which a "Planning Committee" submitted to the Fourth Quarterly Conference certain objectives and goals for the next Conference year which when presented and explained were adopted and became in part the accepted program for that local church for the following year. We personally used that plan in a pastorate we served and found that it works to a great advantage.

In this day when the program of The Methodist Church has become rather heavy and intricate, there is all the more need for long range planning. We know of one District Superintendent who takes the ministers of his district on a "retreat" for several days following annual conference at which time the program for the whole year is planned together. Even as that works to an advantage, there is also much to be gained if the local church sets before itself certain goals, dates, objectives and policies, around which a program for a year would revolve. This could be done at the end of a Conference year or perhaps at the beginning of a new conference year. Know why and where the program of the church leads.

## What Have You Done?

SOMETIME ago we asked for and received a history of the giving by the Little Rock and North Arkansas Conferences to the scholarship and student loan program sponsored by the Division of Educational Institutions of the General Board of Education. This observance known as Methodist Student Day is observed annually on the second Sunday in June at which time funds are received in local churches to provide scholarships and loans to deserving college students who show promise of Christian leadership. Because Arkansas Methodism has never supported this program in anything like the measure that it should we all but apologize for revealing the record but at the same time feel that if our church leaders knew how little was being done then perhaps our support would be greater.

According to records in the Nashville Board of Education office the following is the record:

	North Arkansas	Little Rock	Total
1940-41	0	0	0
1941-42	1.50	5.40	6.90
1942-43	25.54	61.85	87.39
1943-44	80.03	32.00	112.03
1944-45	116.63	88.35	204.98
1945-46	0	16.50	16.50
1946-47	235.13	30.56	265.69
1947-48	128.55	72.27	200.83
1948-49	270.33	185.17	455.50
1949-50	161.76	54.13	215.89

This is the record. Now the surprising aspect of the record is that Arkansas Methodism is getting by far a great deal more out of this program than it is putting in. For several years, and up until the school year of 1950-1951, Hendrix College received six Methodist Scholarships, each providing tuition and fees for a year. This last year, largely because Arkansas Methodism was not supporting this program as it should, the number of scholarships was reduced to three. The total cost of these three scholarships exceeds by three times the amount paid in the year 1948-49 when the largest offering was given in Arkansas to this program.

We are fully aware that the date, the second Sunday in June, comes during the annual conference season and does not lend itself to good promotion. We would like to see this date changed. Perhaps the Conference Boards of Education would consider naming another date for

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## Arkansas' Bishop For Two Quadrenniums

WHEN our June Conferences have been held, Bishop Paul E. Martin will have presided over the Annual Conference sessions of our two Arkansas Conferences for two quadrenniums.

Bishop Martin was comparatively young when he was elected Bishop in 1944 and assigned to the Arkansas-Louisiana Area. Nevertheless, from the beginning he gave such evidence of an unperturbed poise, a balanced judgement in leadership and a general "know how" that our people at once felt that they could trust him completely and follow



his leadership with confidence.

Although highly honored and esteemed at the beginning of his work, there has been a constant deepening of appreciation of the life, character and work of Bishop Martin and his gracious companion as they have labored tirelessly and unselfishly through the years they have been with us. So universally are they loved that it is our sincere belief that a resolution presented to any group of Methodists in Arkansas anywhere, asking that they be reassigned to this Area for another quadrennium—or permanently, if it were legal—would receive a unanimous vote.

It is not surprising to his many friends in Arkansas to know that The Methodist Church at large is rapidly recognizing and increasingly using the unusual powers of leadership possessed by Bishop Martin. His selection by the Council of Bishops to visit India, one of the most important mission fields of our church; his election this quadrennium as Chairman of the General Board of Temperance, member of the World Peace Commission, Vice-Chairman of the General Board of Education, and Chairman of the Editorial Division of that great Board; his recent election as one of the five members of the Executive Committee of the Council of Bishops and Chairman of the College of Bishops of our Jurisdiction and the fact that he was one of the Bishops elected as a delegate to the Methodist Ecumenical Conference which meets in Oxford England and will give the worship meditation at the first regular session of that conference are some of the evidences of his growing leadership in Methodism.

## Little Rock Conference Meets In Hot Springs

THE Little Rock Annual Conference will meet in Hot Springs next week with the opening session at 9:00 a. m. Wednesday, June 6, Bishop Martin presiding. Under the present plan all annual sessions of the Little Rock Conference are held at The First Methodist Church in Hot Springs.

Election of delegates and alternate delegates to the coming General Conference will be one of the interesting features of this conference. Bishop Ivan Lee Holt, presiding Bishop of the St. Louis Area will be the guest conference preacher. Bishop Holt is a recognized leader in the Council of Bishops. He is the only native son of Arkansas ever elected to the office of Bishop. Arkansas is proud of the record he has made as a Bishop.

## Government Ownership--And You

THE growth of America from the original thirteen colonies to the greatest nation of all time in less than two hundred years is one of the marvels of history. Three things contributed to the unparalleled material development of our nation—free men, free enterprise and a land of opportunity.

Without question, America of all the nations is still the land of opportunity. It remains to be seen whether the other two elements that made for our material greatness, free men and free enterprise, are to continue to exist in our nation. In the present trend we are rapidly selling our free American birthright for government patronage which means government supervision and ultimately government ownership of materials and men unless the trend stops somewhere.

Increasingly we look to national government for aid for schools, roads, welfare work and other activities. Some talk freely of government ownership of utilities, railroads, mines, etc. The trouble with national aid is that national planners usually expect and at times demand a voice in local affairs in proportion to the money invested. The trouble with government ownership is the fact that the end result of that course, as is evidenced in dictator states, is that the government is not content to own just the material industries and activities, it tends to pass on to ownership of the people who operate the interests it controls. That is the thing for which we have engaged in three wars within a generation to prevent. It is strange that so many of our leaders encourage the trend toward what we fight in wars so desperately to prevent.

Some wax enthusiastic about government owned TVA's which furnish cheap power to a comparatively local constituency. They seem to forget that these tax-free power plants, that benefit only a microscopic fraction of our citizenship, are made possible through taxes collected from practically every person in every county in every state of the nation. If experience at home and abroad is worth anything, America had better stick to the program of free men and free enterprise which has produced the marvelous wealth of our nation. Arkansas has power from a source of which it may well be proud. The Arkansas Power and Light Company is an inspiring example of free men and free enterprise at work to help build the state that made its growth possible. Unless we ourselves want to be owned, we had better steer clear of government ownership.



Statements of Students Helped By Churches Which Have Observed

## Methodist Student Day

The observance this year is June 10. Dr. John O. Gross, Executive Secretary, Division of Educational Institutions, Board of Education, explains here the Loan and Scholarship Program of the Methodist Church.



Freda Lou Wilson, Greenbrier, Says:

THE National Methodist Scholarship has meant many things to me. It has given me the opportunity to further my education in a school that stands for high Christian ideals, one that

is respected throughout the country. It has challenged me to be a better person, to work harder because people have faith in me. I have gained valuable experience this year in church work which will be of much importance to me this summer as I go out into my work as youth director. These experiences were made possible through the scholarship.

On College Day, the people of the Methodist congregations are asked to give money to the fund for these scholarships — the scholarships which make it possible for some students to attend the college of their choice. I would like to take this opportunity to tell every person who contributed to this fund how very much I appreciate what they have done for me and to encourage them to give again this year to this fund which has helped me so much.

Linda Smith, Gurdon, Says:

THE National Methodist Scholarship which I received in my junior and senior years in Hendrix has enabled me to continue my education in a school I particularly cherish because of its Christian atmosphere. This past year I made a decision to enter the field of social service, specifically the division of child welfare, which I feel to be my life's work. Attending school in which service is emphasized influenced my choice to some degree. I have been and am grateful for this financial aid which has given me the opportunity to experience college life based on high scholastic standards and firm ideals.

Cynthia Brown, Bastrop, La., Says:

I am deeply grateful for having received for two years a National Methodist Scholarship. I speak for hundreds of students throughout the United States who are enabled to attend Methodist-supported colleges and universities as

a result of the church's scholarship program.

Attendance at Hendrix has been a most significant experience for me. The association with faculty of the highest caliber, wholesome friendships, and the opportunity of enriching one's self in both a spiritual and an intellectual way—these have been the outstanding components of the Hendrix way of life. And that way of life is made possible by the church-supported school.

Receiving the scholarship has also made possible the attendance of another member of my family at Hendrix. It was the desire that she have the same opportunity to know the Hendrix ideals that makes me doubly thankful to the Methodists of Arkansas and the United States for their generous support of the church's annual College Day.

Dr. John O. Gross, Nashville, Says:

(As interviewed by James Roland)

"METHODIST Student Day," according to Dr. John O. Gross, Head of the Division of Educational Institutions of the Methodist Board of Education, "is one of the most important days on the Methodist calendar."

I chanced to be in conversation with him as he waited for a train in a railroad station. He had participated in a district-wide college rally that day, and, though he had every reason to be fatigued and weary, he responded with great vigor and enthusiasm to the questions I asked him concerning various aspects of Methodism's program of higher education.

Our pastor and the president of our conference college had suggested that I attend the rally and, since I was chairman of our local church Board of Education. I was rather easily convinced that the meeting might provide me with some very much needed practical guidance.

To me, the meeting was an impressive one. Its program carried the names of some of the top brass of church-related higher education and the subjects they discussed were as challenging as were the names of the speakers. Dr. Gross pointed out, in the meeting, that "as surely as the armed services and industry find it advisable to train their own leaders, just as surely the church must train its leaders."

"Its chief agencies for implementing this training are," he said, "the Christian home, the local church, the Christian college, the Wesley foundation, which serves Methodist students on

tax-supported campuses, and the Church's program of student loans and scholarships."

It was the Methodist Student Day observance, as urged by Dr. Gross, that interested me most. I wanted our little church at home to make the most of it. I wanted the church to derive all possible values for itself and I wanted it to send in a generous offering to be added to student loan and scholarship funds.

I was glad when this opportunity for an uninterrupted talk presented itself. "Dr. Gross," I said, "is this Methodist Student Day observance, together with the loan scholarship program which it supports, something relatively new in Methodism? I was in the southern church before unification and I don't recall that we had more than a very small program of student loans."

"The loan program was in operation in the former Methodist Episcopal Church for many years prior to church union," said Dr. Gross. "Since Methodist union, its service has been extended over the entire church and its support is also becoming more general."

"How much money is loaned to students each year?" I asked.

"The amount loaned per year is less right now, due to disturbed world conditions, than it was in pre-war years and the amount is less than it is likely to be in the immediate future. I think the total loans last year ran about \$211,000."

"How many people receive loans or scholarships per year?"

"Last year those numbers were: loans, 1103; scholarships, 387."

"What is the actual value of a Methodist scholarship?"

"A National Methodist Scholarship covers tuition and fees up to \$400. We know of no other scholarship program, with the exception of that supported by the G. I. Bill of Rights, that compares with it."

"What are the eligibility rules?" I asked.

"The eligibility requirements are very simple and very reasonable. The candidates for a scholarship must have a good grade record and must hold promise of future usefulness to the church and society. Only students enrolled in accredited Methodist colleges are eligible."

"We have a couple of boys in our Sunday School who are finishing high school this year. I think they might be good prospects," I said. "How would they apply for National Methodist Scholarships?"

"They should get in touch with the president of the Methodist college which they mean to attend."

"Will the loan and scholarship programs hold any values other than for the students who are fortunate enough to receive them?"

"We think so," said Dr. Gross. "We are convinced that these scholarships help the students, their home churches, the colleges they attend, and society. But—there's my train! I'll have to go."

As we walked down the station platform I managed to fire one more question at him.

"Suppose one of these boys should need a loan at some point in his college career. Would it be hard to get?"

"Not at all," he answered. "He would simply get in touch with the loan officer on his campus and if he is a worthy case, his application would receive prompt attention and his check would reach him within a few days."

### JAPAN CHURCH GIVES TO KOREA RELIEF

The check which traveled the farthest to join the **Week of Dedication Fund** for relief in Korea was from Japan. It came from the former Methodist Matsumoto-Dori Church of the City of Kobe.

When the Rev. S. Takebayashi learned of American Methodism's concern for Koreans and other needy peoples throughout the world, his church decided to send an offering, too. The pastor had to be away from his pulpit that Sunday but his wife saw the enterprise through to completion. In Japanese money the total collection was one thousand yen — in American money about \$2.80.

Now a receipt is on its way from the **Advance** office in Chicago to Mrs. Takebayashi for this precious **Week of Dedication** "Special"—and the money will soon be going to Korea.

# THE DEVOTIONAL PAGE

REV. ROY BAGLEY, Editor

## THY SANCTUARY

I come to this thy sanctuary  
Though small it may be,  
Conscious that I am not worthy  
To stand before thee . . .

Give me my Lord the strength to live  
Each day by thy will,  
Knowing that every time I grieve  
Thy love's with me still.

Protect my loved ones far and near.  
Their fortress thou art;  
Bless them through Him, I have no fear  
For faith's in my heart.

Father so kind and merciful,  
Hallowed be thy name.  
Willing in all to be faithful,  
I stand before thee.  
Amen.

Read Psalm 93.

—From Power

## TREASURES, NEW AND OLD

Scripture: 2 Timothy 2:1-9.

Verse for Today: *Every scribe . . . is life . . . an householder, which bringeth forth out of his treasure things new and old.* (Matt. 13:52)

My son and I spent a pleasant evening making a "treasure chest," that he might pass a Cub Scout test. Into this good strong box will go the treasures of boyhood; already it contains some old valentines and some model cars. As time goes on he will discover that many of the objects will not be kept in the chest. But always there will be treasures, some old and some new.

We are at heart treasure seekers. It may be that we find our treasure where the wild flowers grow profusely, or where the wild grapes are ripe with bitter sweetness, or where dainty shells are cast upon the seashore. It may be that a stamp album contains our treasure, or a record album, or a specimen cabinet, or a bookcase. Many an attic tells the story of household treasures, old and new, that have been cherished and kept because to someone they had meaning and value.

For many centuries man had been seeking the treasures of religious faith. Then Jesus came, and knowing how the human heart clung to these treasures, he entrusted to men the supreme gift—eternal truth. Let us remember the words of Paul to Timothy: "The things that thou hast heard of me among many witnesses, the same commit thou to faithful men, who shall be able to teach others also."

Prayer: *We give thee thanks, O God, for Jesus Christ who has opened up to us the treasures of thy divine love and wisdom. Teach us to cherish the truth we have learned from him, and to share it freely in the service of Christ. Amen.*

—Virgil W. Neville, The Secret Place

When a man has a reputation for telling the truth he doesn't have to prove everything he says.—Ex.

The reason some people find life an empty dream is that they put nothing substantial into it.—Ex.

## THE TEACHER

He sent men out to preach the living Word,  
Aflame with all the ardor of his fire;  
They spoke the Truth, wherever truth was heard  
But back to him they brought their hearts'-desire;  
They turned to him through all the lengthening days  
With each perplexity of life or creed.  
His deep reward, not that they spoke his praise,  
But that they brought to him their human need.

—Hildegard Hoyt Swift, from Quotable Poems

## SPECTATOR OR WITNESS

And sitting down they watched him there. (Matt. 27:36)

THIS short descriptive phrase is found of a group who sat around the foot of the cross.

We never enter into a real unity with Jesus Christ until we pass over from being a spectator to a living witness. We never know the real significance of the church until we have become an active member carrying our share of the load.

There are many different attitudes of a spectator. He may have a curiosity that makes him wonder what is going to be done next. He is not concerned so much with the activity only insofar as it may satisfy his curious frame of mind.

Then there are those who have a suspicious attitude. They are concerned only if the Gospel of Jesus Christ interferes with their business. They place their selfish desires and ambitions above the common good of all men. We remember the clash that St. Paul had with the makers of idols in Ephesus. They opposed St. Paul because they realized in his message there was ruin for their business.

Then there are the opportunists. They watch to see if the church will be successful. If it appears that it is going to be successful in a venture then they will want to join the throng and get on the band wagon. If there is failure they are the ones who stand back and say, "I told you the venture would fail." Then there are those who are critical. Perhaps they are members of the church who do not take any interest or who give little of their means to support the church, but are ready at all times to give you the benefit of their "superior wisdom" as to the shortcomings of the church. This group would be the most obnoxious of all the others.

Then we have spectators in the church who are only the "Rooters." They will cheer loud and long but so far as getting into the game and giving their energy for the success of the church they are hesitant to do so. They say they are interested, but by their actions they prove themselves to be false. The church needs the encouragement that may be furnished by all men. But that encouragement comes when earnest men give themselves devotedly to the great purpose which motivates the program of the church. There is something that every member of the church can do for the success of its mission.

There are the witnesses who are in the church and these are the

ones who do not merely take their seats but who are found performing the many duties that come upon the church in this hour. They will witness by attending the worship services of the church. Every time a member attends church he witnesses for God. When one stays away from the church wilfully, he has cast a vote against God.

Then there are those who witness for the church by visiting in interest of the great needs that present themselves. There is the need for people to be invited to accept Jesus Christ as their personal Saviour. Many men and women have found deep joy in visiting for Christ and His Church. Their friendly invitation to "come with us to Christ" has borne great fruit. Every time a call is made in a home to invite people to Jesus Christ and encourage them to be loyal to the church, that home is better.

Then we witness to Christ and His Church by giving our money so that others may be able to witness where we cannot. Our missionaries serving in difficult places are our witnesses there because we have given of our means to support them. Our giving helps in training young ministers who will assume the reins of leadership in proclaiming the Gospel of Jesus Christ. What a great satisfaction to see young men and women answering the call of Christ to serve in our churches and communities.

Then we witness to Christ and His Church in our business and social life. Religion is not a kill-joy, but a deep and abiding joy that comes from fellowship with God in the business of building His Kingdom. If in our business and social life our convictions are made known, people have a deeper sense of our faith and are attracted to it.

A witness is not ignorant of the shortcomings of his church; but, he is doing his best to overcome the weaknesses that he sees. It is only to him who is earnestly striving to serve Christ who has the qualifications of a sincere critic.

What shall we witness to? A book? A form of government? A certain kind of ritual? Is this the heart of our Gospel? St. Paul comes to the heart of the matter when he says "I determine not to know anything among you save Jesus Christ and Him crucified." Can we witness to a person? Certainly we can witness to a person. But we can only witness to that person by becoming intimately acquainted with Him. We

## PRAYER FOR THE WEEK

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

can witness to Jesus Christ, His life, His teaching, His death and resurrection as we become intimately acquainted with Him. We want our neighbors to come to know Jesus Christ because He can change their lives. And through Him the world can be changed. We are witnessing to an eternal and unconditioned love that went the full extent to redeem mankind.

God calls people to witness for Him. There are those who are called into fulltime Christian service. To the young man who feels the call of Christ the road is open. The young woman who feels the claim of Christ on her life must not ignore that call. God needs young men and young women to give themselves as earnest witnesses to His love.

God needs those who can give only a part of their time to witnessing. Earnest laymen and women can be mighty instruments in the service of Christ when they feel that God has touched their lives in a peculiar way for His service. The Sunday school teacher who feels an urgent responsibility for the group that he teaches has a divine call that cannot be ignored. Fathers and mothers in their homes are constant witnesses for Jesus Christ.

It is true that the world needs witnesses who can point them to eternal truths. But the world needs more than that. They need to see Jesus Christ in the lives of His followers. Those who watched by the cross had different attitudes of mind. Some left to start a triumphant march around the world that continues even unto this day. Others sat there and went away without ever feeling the depth of His sorrow. The world is filled with spectators, but we need witnesses to His love.—R. B.

There is a wonderful mystical law of nature that the three things we crave most in life—happiness, freedom, and peace of mind—are always attained by giving them to someone else.—Baraca-Philathea News

One way to be popular is to listen attentively to a lot of things you already know.—Cominco Magazine



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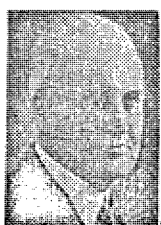
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## A WEEKLY MESSAGE

By FORNEY HUTCHINSON

### WHAT IS IT TO BE OLD?

Amongst the first articles I wrote after returning to the columns of the *Arkansas Methodist* was one entitled, "How to Grow Old Gracefully." I disavowed any claim to having learned the secret myself.

Judging from a letter I received recently from an old Hot Springs, Arkansas, friend, I must have made the impression that I, myself, was getting old prematurely, and that it was largely a mental phenomenon. I'm sorry to have made that impression on my readers, for I have a very well established record of my age. However, at seventy-five I have some unmistakable marks of increasing years. In other words, I am not as young as I once was.

But that's neither here nor there. I was not primarily telling my own experience, but giving my observations of *old age*, reinforced by my own experience. If I were in perfect health, my age wouldn't bother me, and I think perhaps many of my readers are in the same position. Anyway, nothing can be done about the age problem. So, I devote myself mostly to my health. In the meantime, I'll try to keep looking on the sunny side and stay as young as I can. My heart goes out to all who are feeling the weight of their years and *unmistakably are growing old*. It is not so much the question of how old we are, but how well-matured and developed we are for our age.

We have a rule in our church which allows our preachers to take the retired relation at seventy-two. I have noticed that some are older at that age than others. I am not so much afraid of being old in body, as of being old in mind and spirit. Some of the most delightful persons I know are those whom we call "old people." It is pathetic to see persons who have aged prematurely, either in mind or body.

Personally, I covet the prayers of my readers and other friends that I may be able to "grow old gracefully." As to my success along that line, so far, I will leave to others. Recently a preacher friend of mine, Rev. Joe E. Bowers, gave me the following verses, which I heartily endorse:

"Age is a quality of mind.  
If you have left your dreams behind,  
If hope is cold,  
If you no longer look ahead,  
If your ambitions' fires are dead,  
Then you are old.

But if from life you take the best,  
And if in life you keep the jest;

## NEWS AND NOTES ABOUT FACTS AND FOLKS

REV. W. T. BONE pastor at Watson, preached the commencement sermon for the Watson High School on Sunday, May 20.

REV. AND MRS. AARON BARLING of Hartford announce the birth of a son, Phillip Wayne, on May 15.

CHAPLAIN ALVIN MURRAY is home on leave from duty in Korea and will attend the sessions of the North Arkansas Conference. He will then return to Korea.

REV. RUFUS SORRELLS, pastor of Scott Street Methodist Church, Little Rock, preached the sermon for the graduating class of the England High School in the high school auditorium on Sunday, May 20.

REV. C. RAY HOZENDORF, pastor of Grand Avenue Methodist Church, Hot Springs, preached the commencement sermon for the Hot Springs High School on May 20 using as his subject "Undigged Wells." This is the second time he has preached the sermon in his three-year pastorate.

WORD comes as we go to press of the death of Mrs. J. J. Galloway, wife of Rev. J. J. Galloway, retired member of the North Arkansas Conference, at their home in Ft. Smith. Mrs. Galloway was the mother of Rev. Paul V. Galloway, pastor of Boston Avenue Methodist Church, Tulsa. A fuller notice will appear later.

REV. J. E. LINAM, pastor at Swifton, preached the sermon for the high school commencement at Swifton on May 20. This is the second year for him to serve in this capacity. Joe Linam, his eldest son, who was a member of the class, will enter college at the summer term to begin his pre-theological training having been licensed to preach by the Batesville District Conference, meeting at Newport on December 6, 1950.

DR. JAMES W. WORKMAN, pastor of the First Methodist Church, North Little Rock, will be the guest speaker at the weekly luncheon of the Paragould Rotary Club on Wednesday, June 13, during the session of the North Arkansas Conference in Paragould. The luncheon will be at the Hotel Vandervoort. The Lions Clubs at Paragould meets on Monday at the noon hour and the Kiwanis meets Tuesdays at noon.

QUINTUPLETS — five new churches — have "arrived" in Bidar District of India, reports Methodist Missionary David A. Seamands. "Their names are: Hallembur, Waldodi, Solpur, Rathnapur, and Amlapur," he says. "Bishop S. K. Mondol came out to Bidar and we had a quadruple-headed dedication in just two days; then the fifth a bit later. In Hallembur village, where just a few years before there had stood a Hindu temple, now, on the same spot and built with the very same stones, we dedicated the church-school unit of the Bethel Center. It was so named because the money for the roof was given by the Methodist Church in Bethalto, Illinois."

REV. E. B. WILLIAMS, District Superintendent, Jonesboro District, will lead in the service of Dedication next Sunday, June 4, at The Methodist Church, Lepanto, when a Connsonata Organ, the Sanctuary lights, new Hymn Books, and the Pulpit Bible will be dedicated. The organ was installed in the church three years ago having been provided by the congregation. The Hymn Books were the gifts of various families in the church. The Pulpit Bible was the gift in 1946 of the Children's Division of the Church School, Mrs. A. T. Bell, Superintendent. The sanctuary lights are a memorial to Mrs. Deloris Bridenthal Prestridge, having been given by the Bridenthal and Prestridge

If LOVE you hold,  
No matter how the years go by,  
No matter how the birthdays fly—  
You are not old."

families. Rev. Irl Bridenthal is the pastor of the Lepanto Methodist Church.

MISS HELEN KIM, leading woman educator in Korea, is now in the United States on a "goodwill mission," sent by the Korean Citizens League on Friendly Relations to thank U.S.A. and U.N. groups for their aid to Korea since June 1950. She is visiting American cities under the auspices of the Woman's Division, Methodist Church, and of the Young Woman's Christian Association. From the United States she will travel on to Europe on a similar mission of goodwill and thanks. A graduate of Ohio Wesleyan, Columbia, and Boston universities, Miss Kim is president of Ewha Woman's University, Seoul, a Methodist-supported university which before hostilities had 1250 students. Classes are now being carried on in Pusan. "The Korean Christians have tried to be Christian through all our experiences," says Miss Kim.

### SCOTT COUNTY IN COMMUNITY LIFE CONFERENCE

Methodists of Scott County met in Waldron at the First Methodist Church on Tuesday, May 29, for a Community Life Conference which was under the general sponsorship of the Town and Country Commission of the North Arkansas Conference. Rev. Elmo Thomason, Waldron pastor, presided at the morning session and Dr. Harold Wright, Waldron layman, had charge of the afternoon program. The program was concerned with the various phases of community life and their relation to each other.

Dr. W. Henry Goodloe, Fort Smith District Superintendent, Rev. J. Albert Gatlin, Executive Secretary, North Arkansas Conference Town and Country Commission, Dr. Earl Hunt, President, Arkansas Medical Association, Mrs. Estes, Scott County Home Demonstration Agent, and Dr. Fred G. Roebuck, pastor, First Methodist Church, Fort Smith, contributed to the program of the morning session while Dr. Matt Ellis, Hendrix College president, Dr. Ira Brumley, Executive Secretary, North Arkansas Conference Board of Education, Flora Friend, District Home Demonstration Agent, Carl Hendrix, Ex-Speaker of the House of Representatives, Arkansas Legislature, and Leland Hunt, Fort Smith business man, led the afternoon's program. Lunch was served at the church.

### NOTICE TO MINISTERS

Due to the bad health of my mother and father, I feel it advisable not to take a pastorate for the next Conference year. Circumstances are such that I am available for revival meetings throughout the summer and fall revival season, in singing or preaching or both. Letters of recommendation upon request. My address is: Rev. Coy Rodgers, McCaskill, Arkansas.

### LITTLE ROCK CONFERENCE MINISTERS' WIVES LUNCHEON

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### WHAT HAVE YOU DONE?

(Continued from page 1)

Arkansas. We know of at least two churches that observed this day during May because the June date came during the annual conferences. As a minimum Arkansas Methodism ought to put as much into this program in dollars as the program puts back into students through the granting of scholarships.

# Looking At Visual Aids

By ALFRED A. KNOX



ONE of the most significant programs in the use of audio-visual materials is now being carried on throughout the state in the organized showing, district by district, of the color film on India, "The Mecosa Story". Two things should bear observation as this film is shown up and down the state: (1) This largest audience for a single piece of material should give all opportunity for objective testing of the effectiveness of this medium and (2) we can see the economy of distribution when a film is booked for showing where it can be used night after night.

It will be of great benefit in the work which is being carried on in this field if you would write in your reactions and those of your laymen to these showings of the film on India.

One of the best ways we know to spread the enthusiasm for audio-visual materials is to point out successful ventures being carried on by churches in the state. The Methodist Church at Hughes, Harold D. Womack, pastor, has secured one of the most complete sets of equipment which we have seen, and they are getting their program under way. This writer taught a training class for them in this field during April.

We recently saw an article in *The Arkansas Methodist* which made us feel that our teaching efforts were not in vain. It told of the project carried on by First Methodist Church, Dermott, C. B. Atchley, pastor, in producing a set of slides for Easter use. We taught the training class here last fall and enthusiastically recommended this sort of project.

Recently a group of preachers and laymen of the North Arkansas Conference in the Jurisdictional Audio-Visual Workshop in Little Rock requested this writer to prepare some recommendations for Annual Conference concerning a program for channeling more helps to the local churches in this field. If any of our North Arkansas Conference folks have any suggestions we would appreciate your sending them to us at West Memphis.

One of the ambitious undertakings for the Methodist Radio and Film Commission is rapidly mov-

ing toward reality. It will be the filming of a full-length picture on the life of John Wesley. It will be made in the J. Arthur Rank studios in England, and the production will be aided by research already carried on by the Rank organization. The premiere showing is planned for the General Conference in San Francisco.

One of the helpful pieces of material prepared by our church is "Diagnosis", a sound filmstrip designed for group discussions on how prejudices develop. It uses the technique of inviting the viewer to meet several so-called "nice" people who have prejudices.

Two new religious films recently produced by the J. Arthur Rank Religious Films organization and released in this country by United World Films are "David Livingstone" and "David the Shepherd Boy". The former is a 15 minute film telling the story of Livingstone's medical and missionary work in Africa. The other is 22 minutes in length and pictures David's anointment by the prophet Samuel, this friendship with Jonathan, and his battle with Goliath.

Harry J. Kreider, pastor of St. James Lutheran Church, writing in "Pulpit Digest" said: "Films are much like oral sermons or Sunday School lessons. Which of our sermons or lessons have direct results? Doubtless it would be wise for us to evaluate film experiences. No one film, any more than a single sermon, will likely accomplish much."

The Batesville District, S. B. Wilford, D. S. has been continuing this year the program of showing visual materials in smaller churches as an aid to raising funds for Advance Specials. They have been using Bishop Martin's slides on India and the sound filmstrip on Korea.

For those of you who may be interested, the films on the relations between science and religion, produced by Moody Bible Institute, are now available on a straight rental basis. Formerly they sent a man to show them and took an offering for the institute. The titles, which are of course slanted along the lines of traditional M. B. I. theology are: "God of Creation"; "God of the Atom"; "Voice of the Deep"; and "Dust or Destiny". For information write Don H. Parson, Director, Film Department, Moody Bible Institute, 820 N. La Salle St., Chicago 10, Illinois.

Latest release of the Protestant Film Commission is "Second

Chance", a 70 minute sound film based on the Faith Baldwin novel of the same name. It is said to be fine for teaching in the field of Christian homemaking. The rental is \$15.00.

**The Pilgrimage Play** (16 mm color sound film produced by Preferred Pictures, running time 95 minutes, rental \$50.00). This picture uses the cast of the original Hollywood Pilgrimage Play and tells the narration of the life of Christ through a series of flashbacks as the Apostle Peter tells the story in prison. We used the film and had a huge audience and an offering which more than paid the rental, demonstrating that it does have large audience appeal. It is my opinion that it is too long and lacks reality because too much of it was photographed on the stage of the Pilgrimage play theater. The device of having Peter tell the story does not add anything, but rather breaks the continuity.

**Again Pioneers**, (16 mm sound film produced by Protestant Film Commission, running time 70 minutes, rental \$12.00, Methodist Publishing House.) Here is a feature length film produced in Hollywood with a top cast, and one which has received critical praise as it comes face-to-face with Christian responsibility. It might have happened in any American town and therefore puts us all to thinking. It is well fitted for the home mission study, "Toward a Christian Community." Acting and technical quality are of the best.

**Young Adults Wake Up** (35 mm sound filmstrip, produced by Methodist Board of Education, rental \$2.50). This picture deals with the problems of our under-privileged

section of Nashville, Tenn., and what one group of Young Adults did about it. Its purpose is to help leaders of Young Adults realize the various approaches to the teaching problem.

**The Growing Teacher** (35 mm sound filmstrip, produced by International Council of Religious Education). This is one of ten filmstrips which is in a kit for leadership education. It is a true story of one junior high class teacher and how she grew in the understanding of her task. As yet there are not available except in total set of 8 which must be purchased.

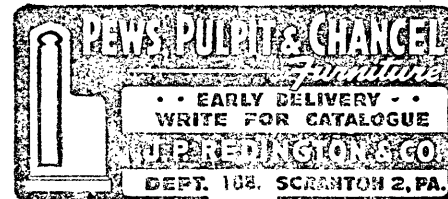
## 23,000 BIBLES SOLD IN HUNGARY

BUDAPEST (RNS) -- Twenty-three thousand Bibles were sold in Hungary during 1950, according to a report presented to the National Bible Council of the Hungarian Protestant Churches at a meeting here.

It was announced that work on a New Testament revision has been virtually completed and the new text is expected to be published this year.

Meanwhile, it was stated, a new translation of the Book of Genesis will be published shortly. The translation is part of a project for the ultimate revision of the entire Old Testament.

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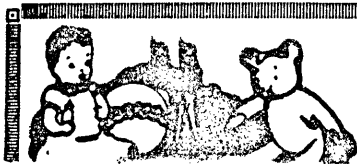
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# THE CHILDREN'S PAGE

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## IN STORYLAND

### THE GOTT-GEGBEN BICYCLE

(A true story from Switzerland)

By Conrad P. Heins, Jr.

"I wish we had a bicycle like the boys," said Doris Aeberhard to little Lucie Domine as they gathered strawberries for supper in the orphanage strawberry patch.

"Well," replied Lucie brightly, "let's ask Mrs. Frischknecht. Maybe she can get one for us."

That evening Doris talked the matter over with the other girls, and together they went to Mrs. Frischknecht, the house-mother, to ask if they could not have a cycle for running errands and riding for fun. Mrs. Frischknecht listened sympathetically to the girls' request but had to shake her head a bit sadly.

"I know," she said, "that you girls would like to have a cycle, and I do wish I could buy one for you. But you know, the directors don't have very much money to give us, and after I buy the food and clothing, and some good shoes for you to wear in the wintertime, there just isn't anything left for a bicycle."

There didn't seem anything more to say, so the girls turned sadly away. But then the house-mother smiled a bit and added, "But one thing we can do girls, we can pray."

Back in their rooms the girls talked it over. Some of them really couldn't see much in such a prayer. They didn't think God cared much about such things. And anyway, how was he to give a bicycle, even if He wanted to? But nobody had any better idea, so the prayer for a bicycle became a regular part of the girls' "family devotions."

Then a wonderful thing happened! One day, about a week after the girls had decided to pray, the house-mother got a letter from a lady in a nearby town. The letter said:

"Dear Mrs. Frischknecht, You don't know me, but I have heard much about you and your good work with the orphan boys and girls. I have something I want to ask you. Would you have any use for a girl's bicycle? I have one I was going to sell, but somehow I feel that I should write to you first and see if you would like to have it for your girls.

Sincerely yours,  
Mrs. Mueller"

Would she like to have it! That very day a letter went off to the lady telling her about the hopes and prayers of the girls. A few days later another letter came from Mrs. Mueller. She was so interested in the girls and their prayer that she had decided to bring the bicycle herself and pay a visit to the Home.

Mrs. Frischknecht didn't tell the girls what had happened. But on the day Mrs. Mueller was to arrive she said to the girls, "Get dressed nicely and come with me to the railway station. We're going to meet a lady who wants to visit our home."

The girls were not too happy about

## GOD IN NATURE

We cannot go far on a sunshiny summer day without finding butterflies. They are beautifully colored. Some are large and some are small, but whether large or small their wings are delicate and easily injured.

Everybody enjoys watching butterflies, but children seem to have the urge to chase them. That does no harm unless they chase them with a butterfly net, and butterflies cannot always escape those nets which are thrown over them, often badly hurting their delicate wings.

It is interesting to watch them as living things flitting from flower to flower, sipping a drop of nectar as they travel about the countryside.

Butterflies do not live long. Many have but one day to live, so let us

that but anyway they put on their Sunday dresses and hiked down to the station. Soon the train came in and they were greeting the visitor. Then, with a smile to the house-mother, the lady said to the girls, "Come with me. I have something to show you."

Off they went together, and then, out of the baggage car it came—the "God-given bicycle," all ready for the girls to ride. What excitement there was at the Mary Martha Home, and what fun they had that afternoon! And that night as the children gathered for their family devotions there was one prayer in the heart of every girl, "Thank you dear Lord for the Gott-gegeben bicycle."



## GOOD TIMES

*My dog and I have such good times,  
He's friendly as can be.  
I'm always kind to him and he  
Is always good to me.*

*We think of lots of things to do,  
We romp and skip and play,  
And then it's time to do our chores,  
We've had a happy day.*

—A.E.W.

## IN THE WORLD OF BOYS AND GIRLS

### SINGING IN THE RAIN

Wee Marilyn stopped playing with her family of dolls and her china tea set. Breakfast was just over. The rain was falling steadily and beating a heavy tattoo on the side of the house and porch.

In the bay window in the pleasant living room hung two cages of canary birds, and were they singing! Marilyn couldn't help but wonder why they were so enthusiastic.

Just then her daddy came into the room.

"Well, well," he laughed "our bird family is having a regular chorus. They enjoy the rain evidently if no one else does."

"What makes them sing more than on a sunshiny day, do you s'pose?" questioned Marilyn.

Her daddy shook his head.

"I don't know for sure just why," he smiled, "but I rather think it is because they like the steady beat of the raindrops, and are anxious to make as much happiness for themselves and others as they can, as long as the day is gloomy. And that's rather a good idea for the rest of us to think about."

"Perhaps we could remember when the raindrops fall or the clouds are gray and heavy, to wear something bright and cheerful, and to be merry, and more than usually kind to everybody around us. Then when the sun comes out, we'll be ready to look for rainbows if there are any."

Marilyn nodded. "I'll remember about that, daddy," she promised, "and then we'll not mind the stormy days 'cause we'll be looking for the time when the world will be bright and gay once again.—Anon.

## JUST FOR FUN

A wealthy woman asked an assistant in the wool department of a big shop for instructions on how to make a dog's sweater.

"How big is the dog?" asked the salesgirl. The woman's illustrations were not very successful.

"Maybe you had better bring him in," suggested the girl.

"Oh, I can't do that," said the woman. "It's to be a surprise for him."

Wife (in back seat): "Don't drive so fast, George."

George: "Why not?"

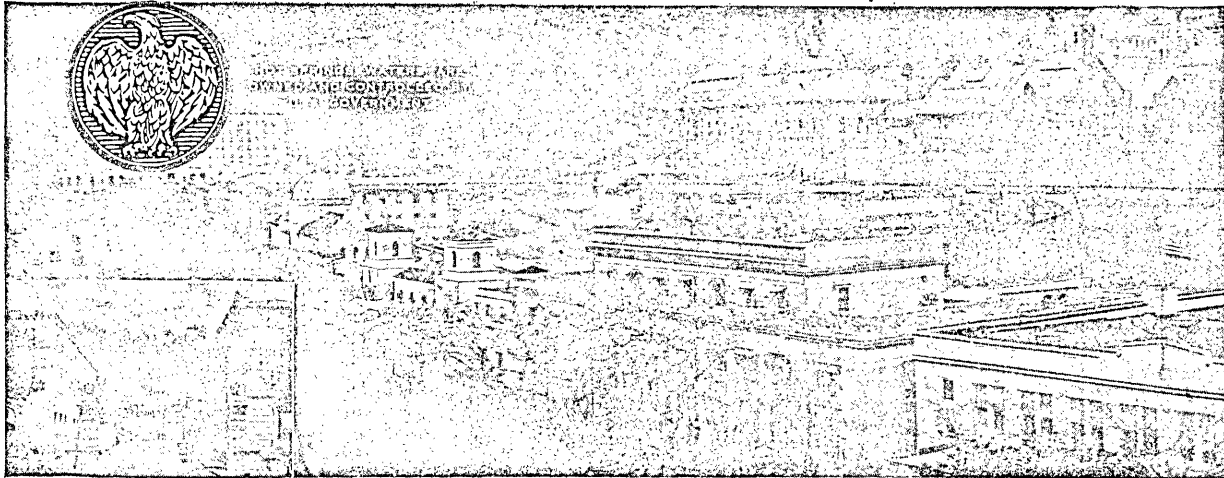
Wife: "That policeman on a motorcycle behind us can't get by."

Mother: "Johnnie, dear, I was hoping you would be unselfish enough to give your little sister the largest piece of candy. Why, even that old hen will give all the nicest dainties to her little chicks and take only a tiny one once in a while for herself."

Johnnie (after watching the old hen a while): "Well, Mom, I'd do the same thing if it was worms."—Advance



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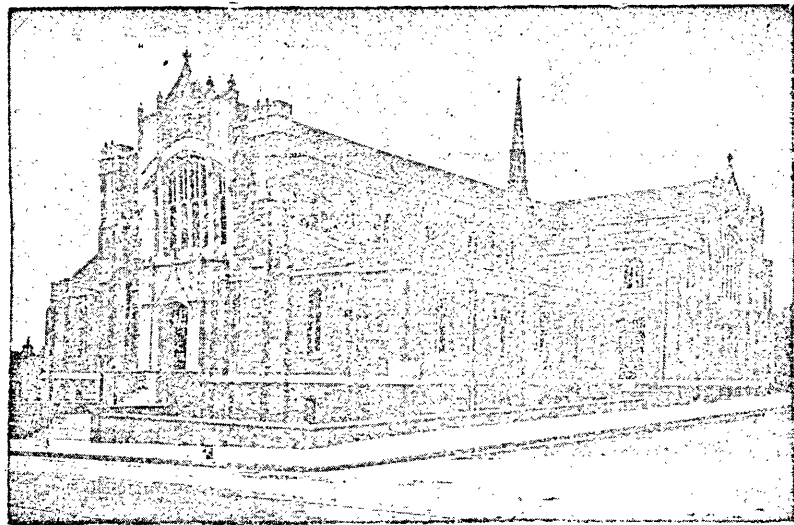
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## Little Rock Conference Meets



FIRST METHODIST CHURCH, SEAT OF CONFERENCE

## HOT SPRINGS FIRST METHODIST CHURCH

The members of First Church, Hot Springs, join with the members of our sister churches of the city in a hearty welcome to the Little Rock Conference as it comes here for the ninety-eighth session since the organization of the Ouachita Conference in 1854.

This will be the fourteenth time the sessions of the conference have been held here. The first meeting was in 1878 with Bishop D. S. Doggett in the chair and with S. G. Colburn as secretary.

The new conference year will have an especial significance for Hot Springs Methodism in that our one hundredth birthday will come in 1952. According to available records the church here had its beginning in February of 1852 and the first records of

organization are as of August of that year. The quarterly conference of First Church meeting May 16th of this year took note of this fact and voted to make this our "Centennial Year." A committee will be appointed to plan the observance.

First Church has in the past been served by a distinguished group of men, known for positions of confidence and leadership both in the Church and in the Little Rock Conference. Mr. H. L. Disheroon, long time member and faithful steward, takes much pride in his picture gallery, where he has photographs of pastors who have served this church during his relation with it. He hopes to have his gallery complete by the time of the annual conference.

At present the church staff in addition to the ministry is Mrs. Julia Corley, church sec-

retary; Mrs. Kem Worden, recently elected to succeed Miss Sue Plummer as Director of Christian Education; Mr. Charles Wilkes, minister of music; Clarke Lockhart, in charge of church property.

Most of the elected officers of the church come from the younger leadership of the church. Mort Cox is at present chairman of the board of stewards; Fred Blagg and Earl Howard are vice-presidents; F. A. Fason is secretary; J. B. Leach is treasurer; Wilkes Crume is superintendent of the church school; Mrs. Joe Boydstone is chairman of the board of education; Oscar Leubben is head of the finance committee; J. C. Case is chairman of the house committee; Fillmore Meadows is head of the parsonage committee; Ray Smith is chairman of the trustees.



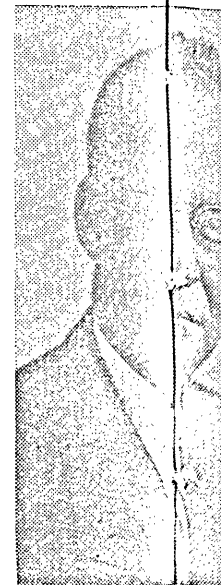
BISHOP PAUL F. MARTIN  
Presiding Bishop

C. L. Johnson is probably one of the best known church ushers in the south, having made it his work to greet visitors and make them at home in the service for a number of years.

The women of the church have made a great record both in the work of their society and in their participation in the work of the local church. At present there are nine women on the board of stewards; Mesdames R. L. Bedwell, Julia Corley, B. C. Goodwin, R. T. Higgins, B. W. McCrary, Charles Nims, H. King Wade, B. G. Wilson, Jesse Cox. The Woman's Society has a membership of two hundred and eighty, and last year was second among the Little Rock Conference Societies in the amount given to the Woman's Division Work.



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have given valuable help to some of the small churches nearby which do not have service every Sunday.

The present plant of First Church was completed in 1914, and some extensive improvements were made in 1940. Plans are underway at present looking toward extensive re-decorating and repair work on the plant during the coming year. Some years ago property south of the building was purchased, and this is now being used for a parking lot. It is understood that within a few years it will be necessary to use that property as the site of another building to house a growing Church school and meet the needs of the congregation.

Again the Methodists welcome you to Hot Springs.

## GARDNER METHODIST CHURCH

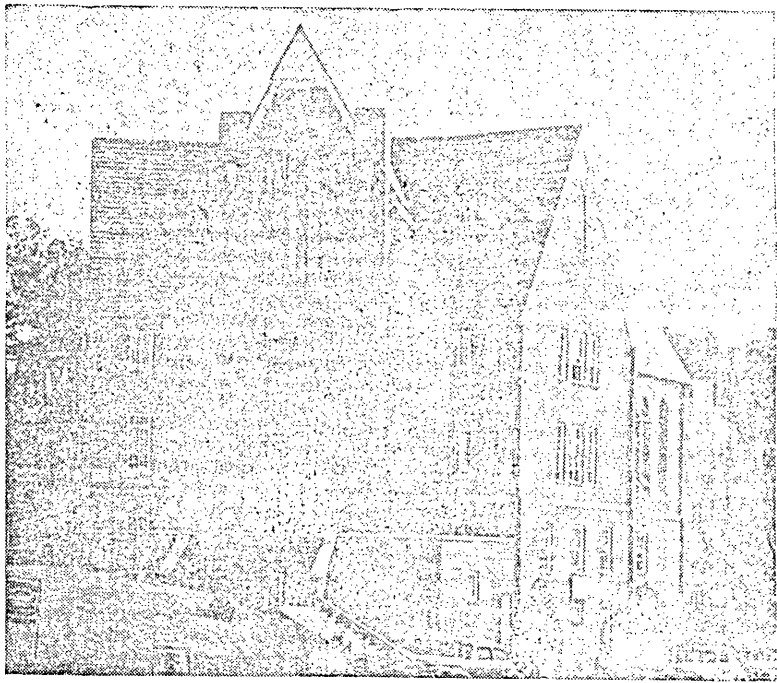
The Gardner Methodist Church was organized at the Gardner school on Sunday, February 25, by Rev. Robert L. Moore, District Superintendent, and although there is no church building as yet the church is growing in interest and enthusiasm. The Charter membership list has reached a total of 53 to date.

The Church School under the leadership of Frank Kimery, Superintendent, and Mrs. Mary Carter, assistant, Mrs. Mary Carter and Mrs. Edith Lewis, secretaries, is doing a splendid work, and has an average attendance of 65.

Members of the Board of Stewards elected are Horace Baber, Floyd Carter, Ernest Green, Mrs. J. V. Shaw, J. K.



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GRAND AVENUE

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The enthusiasms and interest of this growing congregation will soon establish it as a force for righteousness in Hot Springs. They are a consecrated people and will labor diligently for the Lord in building the church. Just as soon as possible the church will be erected.

C. Ray Hozendorf is serving as pastor until Conference when it is hoped a pastor will be assigned who can give the major portion of his time to the growth of this new church.

## GRAND AVENUE METHODIST CHURCH

Grand Avenue Methodist Church is in its sixty-fourth year of service to the residents and visitors of Hot Springs. Its vision of its mission and purpose in the community and the world has increased through the years and is now at its highest peak. The leadership of the church cooperates faithfully in fulfilling its responsibility to God through the church.

The Committee on Membership and Evangelism under the leadership of its chairman, Mack Brown, has led the church in an aggressive program of winning people to Christ. A total of 129 new members have been received  
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## HENDRIX COLLEGE NEWS

Commencement exercises for the 112 seniors of Hendrix Class of 1951 will be held Sunday, June 3. Speaker for the exercises will be John R. Steelman, a native of Thornton, who is now special assistant to President Truman. Dr. Paul V. Galloway, an Arkansan who is now pastor of Boston Avenue Methodist Church, Tulsa, Okla., will deliver the baccalaureate sermon that morning.

Graduation activities began last week with the annual Junior-Senior Week ceremony when the senior women bestowed their privileges and responsibilities upon the women of the junior class.

Expected on the campus for commencement is a large group from the Class of 1926, which is holding its 25th anniversary reunion.

On June 1, the members of the graduating class will be officially inducted into the Hendrix Alumni Association, according to Richard T. Steel of Conway, president of the group.

Also included in the commencement events are a number of parties and receptions for the seniors.

### Religious Organization Elect

In a recent election the entire student body selected the 1951-52 officers of Hendrix Christian Association. Heading HCA will be Clint Burleson of Gurdon. Burleson will automatically be president of the HCA Council, which directs the program and work of HCA.

Other officers of HCA, which is composed of all members of the student body, are Charles Brewer of Pine Bluff, vice-president; Freda Wilson of Greenbrier, secretary; Pat Couch of Little Rock, treasurer; Mary Kincannon of Little Rock and Jerry Delleney of Dallas, Texas, program chairman.

Paul Dean Davis of Manila was chosen president of the Pre-Theological Fellowship, an organization of students preparing for the ministry or other church work. Also elected were Louise Fincher of Waldo, vice-president; Barbara Meacham of Batesville, secretary; David Dickens of Nashville, Tenn., treasurer, and Hattie Lou Wilson of Hot Springs, program chairman.

### Holmes and Tennyson To Head Honorary Groups

Bill Holmes of Little Rock was recently elected president of Blue Key, national honorary leadership fraternity, for the coming year. Other officers of Blue Key are George Mitchell of Sheridan, vice-president; Walter Hodges of Conway, secretary-treasurer; Clint Burleson of Gurdon, corresponding secretary; and David Crouch of Lexa, alumni secretary.

In another of the many spring elections Ann Tennyson of Smackover was chosen to head Cardinal Key, sister sorority of Blue Key. Also elected were Nona Eagle of Prescott, secretary, and Miss Annie Maude McCorvey of the homemaking department, sponsor.

The officers will begin their duties in the fall, according to Jim Clemons of Wynne, president of Blue Key, and Dot Wilson of Huttig, president of Cardinal Key.

Two of the major projects carried out by the organizations during the past year have been solicitation of

## HENDRIX COMMENCEMENT SPEAKERS



DR. PAUL V. GALLOWAY

Speaking at Hendrix College's commencement exercises June 3 will be an Arkansas man who has become history's first assistant to the President of the United States.

Dr. John R. Steelman, who was born at Thornton, Ark., and graduated from an Arkansas Methodist college, has gone from his family cotton patch to the east wing of the White House itself, where he has the largest staff of any presidential aide.

A crowd of Arkansans is expected to hear Steelman's address to the Hendrix seniors, which will be delivered in the college's Axley Gymnasium on Sunday afternoon at 3. Following his address he will receive the college's honorary Doctor of Laws degree. He is a graduate of former Henderson-Brown College at Arkadelphia, Methodist institution now merged with Hendrix.

Also receiving the Doctor of Laws degree will be Dr. Harry A. Little, Little Rock superintendent of schools. Honorary degrees of Doctor of Divinity will be conferred upon two prominent Methodist ministers, Rev. Fred R. Harrison of Texarkana and Rev. Paul V. Galloway of Tulsa, Okla. All of the men are Hendrix alumni. A hundred and twelve Hendrix seniors are candidates for bachelor degrees.

Dr. Galloway will deliver the baccalaureate sermon at Conway First Methodist Church the morning of June 3.

Steelman first attracted national

signatures for Freedom Scrolls and an intensified program of acquainting Arkansas high school seniors with Hendrix.

### Dr. Ellis Speaks At Last Chapel

Speaking at the closing chapel program of the spring semester at Hendrix last week, President Matt L. Ellis called on students to continue to strive for cultivated minds, morals and tastes. In a world beset by many tremendous problems and difficulties, he said, he would still offer as his best advice the words of an old song, 'Look For The Beautiful, Seek to Find The True.'

Dr. Ellis called attention to the fact that May 22 probably marked the last time chapel would be held in Axley gymnasium. The college's new chapel and auditorium is scheduled for completion this summer.—Cynthia Brown.



DR. JOHN R. STEELMAN

attention as a member and director of the U. S. Conciliation Service. It was here that he showed his gift as a conciliator in national labor-management disputes. He has been labeled the person most responsible for industry and labor's having accepted the idea of using the government as a third, neutral party for settling their disputes.

Steelman has been described as a doer rather than the intellectual "planner" type which became associated with Roosevelt's New Deal. This has enabled him to negotiate affectively in the down-to-earth-burly of labor-management squabbles.

A close associate of President Truman, Steelman is the only outsider privileged to attend the weekly cabinet meetings. He often accompanies the President on his vacation trips. At other times he stays behind at the White House to watch after Truman's interests there.

At the same time, as Newsweek Magazine once pointed out, Steelman is one top Washington figure that no one tries to make the subject of gossip or acid anecdotes. A work-

horse, he often lets his office day run to 15 hours.

Steelman is famed for his staggering telephone bills. His long distance calls are said to have run as high as a hundred a day. At one time he was holding a phone to his ear so much that he developed a semi-paralysis in the left arm and had to use a special electronic device that would allow his arm to be free.

Fortune Magazine has paid high tribute to the Arkansas farm boy who came to handle the nation's biggest labor disputes. Fortune points out that in some 25,000 cases handled by Steelman's office, involving more than 12 million workers, more than 90 per cent were settled without a strike.

"Arguments will never be a substitute for goodwill," Steelman has said. "Labor problems can be settled only on a basis of mutual confidence and respect. Respect and confidence can never be legislated. If I have a creed of labor relations, that is it."

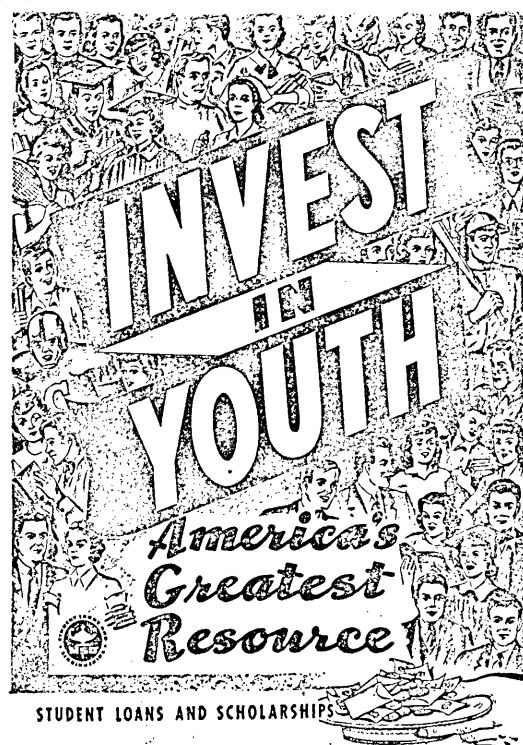
Steelman's wife is the former Miss Emma Zimmerman, a Missourian. He met her in a labor union office where she was a secretary and he calls her his "greatest conciliation." They have no children.

### "BE A DIRECTOR OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION"

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## W. S. C. S. ENLARGED EXECUTIVE MEETING

By MRS. ERIK F. JENSEN

**"ADVANCE—MY CONCERN"** was the theme developed at the Enlarged Executive Committee meeting of the Little Rock Conference Woman's Society of Christian Service at the First Methodist Church in Pine Bluff, May 8-10.

The meeting opened with a Dinner-Executive Meeting at the home of Mrs. N. J. Gannt, President of the W. S. C. S. of the First Methodist Church.

The meeting was officially convened on Wednesday morning by the President, Mrs. T. S. Lovett. "It Happens Every Four Years" was the subject of the President's Address.

"The Quiet Hour" in the Chapel, with directed meditation by Mrs. J. Gordon Wilson, Conference Secretary of Spiritual Life, was held each morning.

Officers elected and installed are: Mrs. Erik F. Jensen, Stuttgart, Vice-President; Mrs. Ewing T. Wayland, Little Rock; Promotion Secretary; Mrs. Earl D. Cotton, Little Rock, Secretary of C.S.R. & L.C.A.; Mrs. Edward McLean, Arkadelphia, Secretary of Youth Work; Mrs. J. Gordon Wilson, Little Rock, Secretary of Spiritual Life; Mrs. Charles Primm, Smackover, Secretary of Student Work; Mrs. Roland Shelton, Little Rock, Secretary of Status of Women, all for two-year terms.

Officers elected for one-year terms are: Mrs. M. E. Scott, Stamps, Secretary of Missionary Education; Mrs. John Hefley, Arkadelphia, Secretary of Missionary Personnel and Mrs. T. W. McCoy, Benton, Recording Secretary.

Mrs. T. S. Lovett of Grady, president, was elected last year for a two-year term.

Mrs. H. King Wade installed the new Officers in an impressive service.

During the business session the following officers were voted to be sent as Delegates to the South Central Jurisdiction Annual Meeting in 1953: Promotion Secretary, Missionary Education, Treasurer, Vice President, and Christian Social Relations.

The four Reserve delegates were elected by name and are: Mrs. J. Gordon Wilson, Mrs. Ashley Ross, Mrs. G. W. Harrington, and Mrs. Edward McLean.

The invitation from First Methodist Church, Texarkana, for the 1952 Annual Meeting of the W. S. C. S. was accepted by the group.

Workers in the Little Rock Conference were presented and each gave a report of the work carried on.

The Workers who were presented are: Miss Margaret Marshall, Mrs. W. N. Willis, Miss Alice Rogers, and Miss Sunshine Mann.

Mrs. E. D. Galloway, Hope, immediate past-president, brought an inspirational worship at noon day.

The Work Groups led by the Conference Officers were well attended with District Officers receiving valuable information. In the "Sharing Hour" which followed recommendations from each group were given.



"Bramexin" was the theme of the Dinner Meeting on Wednesday, with Mrs. Erik Jensen presiding. The tables were decorated in the motif of the countries in which our three L. R. Conference missionaries work. Mrs. Ewing Wayland decorated the table in the Mexican theme and presented a former pupil of Miss Orlene McKimmey, our missionary in Mexico City, who made a most interesting talk.

Mrs. Earl Cotton, whose gaily decorated table in the Brazilian manner added much color to the occasion, presented, with the assistance of Mrs. C. I. Parsons, our Missionary to Brazil, Miss Mary McSwain.

Mrs. Erik Jensen, dressed in an Indian Sari, loaned for the occasion by Mrs. A. F. Knoll of Stuttgart, presented Miss Wanda Stahley, our missionary to India. The table with its decorations of genuine articles from India, which were also the property of Mrs. A. F. Knoll, added the final touch to our "Foreign Atmosphere."

Mrs. Kenneth Spore, who was in charge of the music for the entire meeting, presented four young girls dressed in native costumes, who sang appropriate selections, in a most beautiful manner.

At the evening meeting in the Church Sanctuary, with Mrs. Lovett presiding, the Rev. L. Gray Wilson, Pastor of Grady Methodist Church, led the worship.

Miss Mary Sue Brown, Waco, Texas, returned Missionary from Brazil, spoke on the progress in Christian Education in Brazil.

Two anthems were sung by the choir of the host church, directed by Virgil Howard. The anthems were: "Watchman, what of the night" and "Hear our Prayer."

Miss Penny Feters sang "The Stranger of Galilee."

On Thursday morning Mrs. Earl Cotton presided at the "Atlas Breakfast." Mrs. Cotton presented Mrs. Wayland. The "Atlas Plan" was ably presented in an original skit, written by Mrs. Wayland. Mrs. R. H. Cole, Jurisdiction Secretary of Literature and Publications, was the narrator for the skit. She was assisted by District Promotion secretaries.

Mrs. Erik Jensen reported on the Wanda Stahley Love Offering. This Offering was given for Wanda Stahley in honor of various people, instead of corsages that might have been given.

The Reverend Kenneth L. Spore, host pastor, brought the closing message of personal Dedication. Mrs. Spore brought a beautiful message in song. The meeting was adjourned by the President, Mrs. T. S. Lovett.

## CARTHAGE ELECTS NEW W. S. C. S. OFFICERS

The Woman's Society of Christian Service of the Carthage church has elected the following officers for next year: President, Mrs. L. F. Griffin; Vice President Mrs. Paul

## MARKED TREE INSTALLS OFFICERS

Installation service for 1951-52 officers of the Marked Tree Woman's Society and the Wesleyan Service Guild was held at the Marked Tree Methodist Church on May 16.

Preceding the service Mrs. T. C. Brigance, retiring president of the W. S. C. S. was presented a life membership in the organization by the two circles and the Guild. Mrs. E. P. Burton, promotional secretary, made the presentation.

Mrs. Frank Brunner had charge of the pledge service immediately before the installation. After members had heard of the worthy use that is made of their money, each signed a pledge card and placed it in a silver bowl on the altar table. The bowl was flanked by tall white tapers in crystal candelabra, and the picture was completed with a lovely arrangement of white roses.

Rev. Paul M. Bumpers officiated at the installation service. The officers gathered at the chancel rail while he read a verse of scripture pertaining to each office, addressing it to the officers. He then presented each new officer with a certificate outlining the responsibilities of her office.

W. S. C. S. officers installed are as follows: president, Mrs. E. M. Calvert; vice president, Mrs. Paul Whittington; recording secretary, Mrs. C. A. Dawson; promotion secretary, Mrs. E. P. Burton; treasurer, Mrs. Raymond Bradsher; secretary of missionary education and service, Mrs. A. O. Harmon; secretary of Christian social relations and local church activities, Mrs. A. J. Sharpe; secretary of student work, Mrs. Lee Glasco; secretary of youth work, Mrs. Burk Dabney; secretary of children's work, Miss Helen Stewart; secretary of spiritual life, Mrs. J. D. DuBard; secretary of literature and publications, Mrs. John Benham; secretary of supply work, Mrs. J. C. McCroy; secretary of status of women, Mrs. A. W. McClendon.

Wesleyan Guild officers installed are: president, Mrs. Howard C. Stuck, Jr.; vice president, Miss Ruby Hastings; promotion secretary, Miss Marion Dawson; treasurer, Mrs. J. G. Waskom, Jr.; recording secretary, Mrs. Eschal Hendrix; secretary of spiritual life, Mrs. Maurine McCormack; secretary of missionary education, Mrs. J. L. Baird; secretary of supply work, Miss Helen Stewart; secretary of status of women, Mrs. Phillip E. Calvert; secretary of Christian social relations and local Church activities, Mrs. Juanita Hazel; secretary of recreation, Mrs. Sidney Arnold.

Wylie; Promotion Secretary, and Treasurer, Mrs. C. C. Cox; Recording Secretary, Mrs. Edna Mae Lea; Christian Social Relations, Mrs. S. W. Treadwell; Missionary Education, Mrs. R. L. Scudder; Literature, Mrs. Hanna Wylie; Youth Work, Mrs. Wm. S. Johnson; Supplies, Mrs. Lewis Walker.

The Society has been doing good work this year, and feel that under the leadership of the newly elected officers that they will go forward in even a better way next year. Reporter

## BATESVILLE DISTRICT W. S. C. S. ZONE MEETINGS

Societies of the southern zone of the Batesville District Woman's Society met at First Church, Newport, on May 3, Mrs. J. P. McNealy, District President, presiding. Twenty societies were represented at the meeting.

The Rev. Guy Ames, host pastor, led the morning devotional based on the 21st chapter of Philippians.

Visiting pastors were introduced by the Rev. S. B. Wilford, District Superintendent. Mrs. McNealy introduced Mrs. H. H. Fulbright, Conference Promotion Secretary; Mrs. W. D. Murphy, Jr., Conference Secretary of Children's Work; and Mrs. Hamlin Conditt, Conference Secretary of Youth Work.

A duet, "Rock of Ages," was given by Mrs. J. M. Williams and Mrs. Clyde McDonald, with Mrs. Claude Erwin at the organ.

Mrs. McNealy spoke briefly on the Annual Meeting at Searcy and the address, "Three-Fold Fellowships," delivered by Mrs. Johnnie McClure, Conference President.

Mrs. R. L. Blair, District Treasurer, reported that total giving in the district for the year 1950-51, up to May 3, showed an increase of \$400 over the previous year.

Mrs. L. L. Mack, District Vice President, spoke on the duties of the local vice president.

Mrs. H. H. Fulbright brought an inspiring message, using as her subject, "My Concerns." She also discussed the plan for progressive visitation in the local church published in the March issue of the Methodist Woman.

At noon the hostess society, assisted by the women of Umsted Memorial Church, served a delicious luncheon in the church dining room. The tables were attractively decorated with spring flowers.

At the opening of the afternoon session, Mrs. W. D. Murphy, Jr., delegate to the Tenth Annual Meeting of the South Central Jurisdiction, gave an interesting report on the Jurisdiction Meeting and Convocation, with highlights from addresses delivered by Methodist leaders from all parts of the country.

District Secretaries of Lines of Work reported on the year's activities and presented their recommendations for strengthening the work in the coming year.

The meeting closed with a meditation and prayer by Mrs. Edgar Morris, District Secretary of Spiritual Life Work.

Seventy-five members of societies of the northern zone of the district met at Melbourne Methodist Church on May 10. Mrs. S. B. Wilford presided in the absence of Mrs. J. P. McNealy, District President, who was unable to attend because of her husband's illness.

The meeting opened with the singing of the hymn, "Jesus Calls Us." The Rev. Y. D. Whitehurst, host pastor, led the devotional which was followed with a prayer by the Rev. S. B. Wilford. Mrs. Lillie Clem welcomed the members and guests.

Mrs. H. H. Fulbright and Mrs. (Continued on page 13)



## CURRENT NEWS IN ARKANSAS METHODISM

### MARYSVILLE TO HAVE NEW CHURCH

At the recent session of the Fourth Quarterly Conference of the Marysville Methodist Parish, at Fredonia, May 20, the Marysville congregation was authorized to dismantle its present building and proceed to erect a new building to meet present needs. Other actions taken by the conference included the receiving of reports of the activities of four churches comprising the Parish, Bethel, Fredonia, Friendship and Marysville, the election of new officers for the next conference year and the annual conference delegates, and receiving of reports of improvements made on the church buildings of the parish and the parsonage.

Other recent activities at Marysville include a Father-Son banquet of the Methodist Men, a fish-fry, at which Rev. R. C. Walsh, Bearden, was a special speaker. Ben E. Vinson, president, and Darce Bishop, vice-president of the organization, had charge of the meeting, and Darwin Vinson and Conn Williams had charge of the meal arrangements. Excellent attendance was reported.

### A LAYMAN SPEAKS

The name being proposed for our Little Rock Conference Camp, is "Camp Tanako" with the sub-title "Little Rock Conference Methodist Assembly." The writer is a great believer in the use wherever possible of our church name for our institutions or properties. It occurs that if the suggested title is used, it would be good to include the word "Methodist" along with the first title, i.e. "Tanako Methodist Assembly" or "Tanako Methodist Camp," or whatever name is adopted let the church name be shown, too.

First, this would add prestige, tend to have a better appeal out across the years as an institution of Methodism, which is no little matter for consideration as no doubt many people would be influenced in supporting the assembly camp if the word "Methodist" is not deleted. Why shouldn't we want to do this in first place? This is to bring the matter before our people for their consideration and attention.—K. H. Skinner, Mena, Arkansas

### METHODIST MEN RECEIVE CHARTER



The Berryville Methodist Men met in their regular monthly meeting Thursday evening, May 9. The meeting was of special significance for two reasons. It was the annual Ladies' Night, and Dr. Matt L. Ellis, the Conference Lay Leader, presented our charter from the General Board of Lay Activities. There are twenty-six charter members.

Forty men and women attended

the meeting. The meal was prepared and served by the Young-Adult Class, taught by H. A. Schoepel.

The Methodist Men are looking forward to many years of fellowship together and service to the church. Officers are: President, J. E. Griner; Vice-president, Leland Marlin; Secretary-treasurer, Herbert Pharis.—J. E. Griner

### FISHER STREET CHURCH BUYS HOME FOR PARSONAGE

Fisher Street Church, Jonesboro, has announced the purchase of the T. N. Stephens house in Jonesboro to be used as a parsonage. The pastor, Rev. W. M. Womack, and his family have moved into the new parsonage.

Purchase of the house at a cost of \$8,000.00 brought an end to plans to build a new parsonage on the church property at 309 North Fisher. The old five-room parsonage located on the church property in the angle of the church and the education building will be torn down. The space left vacant will be seeded and the entire area will be used as a church lawn by the church and

the education department.

The new parsonage is a two story house with four bedrooms and two bath rooms and is just across the street from the church.

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### NEWS FROM MOUNTAIN LAKE CHURCH

Last Sunday was a very unusual day at Fountain Lake Methodist Church. Two members were received into the fellowship of the church at the morning worship hour. One of these was a man eighty-three years of age and one was a little girl eight years of age. Brother A. H. Pickard, who recently moved to our community from Waterloo, Iowa, transferred his membership to Fountain Lake church. He has been a Methodist 67 years. The little girl, who joined on profession of faith, is Joanne Kukulinski. The entire congregation was deeply moved as it beheld these two stand side by side at the altar.

We have had a good year at Fountain Lake. Nineteen have been received, and two more are to be received next Sunday. We have had the best prayer meeting and Bible study in the history of our ministry. It has run continuously since last June with an average of about 25. We had a good Vacation Bible School with seventy in attendance. Seven babies have been baptized. We have a good M. Y. F. Society with splendid leadership. We have licensed two of our young people to preach. No one has ever served a more loyal congregation than is found at Fountain Lake. It is a little church with a big heart and vision.—J. A. Wade, Pastor

There is no beautifier of complexion, or form, or behavior, like the wish to scatter joy and not pain around us.—Ex.

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### HOMECOMING REVIVAL AT BATESVILLE CENTRAL AVENUE

The week of May 2 through Mother's Day was a high point in the life of the writer during this conference year. At the invitation of the pastor, David Conyers, these days were spent in preaching and in visiting old friends of Batesville.

The music was directed by W. L. Munday of Memphis; three splendid choirs assisted. The attendance was unusual throughout the revival. A three-point emphasis was enjoyed on Sunday, the closing day of the meeting. These were Mother's Day, Homecoming Day, and the Anniversary of the beginning of the new church building. A great fellowship supper was enjoyed in the basement of the church on Sunday evening, May 13.

In 1936 at the meeting of the Annual Conference in Batesville the writer was assigned as the pastor of the Central Avenue Methodist Church in Batesville. The salary was \$1310 per year. The parsonage was comfortable but old and much added to. The church, a plain wooden structure, had completed its service in the point of usefulness to a modern congregation. With the leadership of the Holy Spirit and the cooperation of a great body of people in the Central Avenue Church as well as in the First Methodist and others over the city, the year 1937 saw many great things happen. Among them can be listed the erection of a beautiful new Batesville limestone church, the purchasing and remodeling of the new parsonage property, the building of a concrete tennis court, the paving of the street along the church for parking space, and the erection of a retaining wall along the western line of the property. All these were

completed in the one year and the small indebtedness was liquidated within the next three years.

Today the salary has tripled; the Sunday school has practically doubled; the church membership is greatly increased; and a great program is being carried out. It was a high privilege to be entertained in the home of the Frank Whites during my stay in Batesville and to be royally feasted from house to house during those days.

The Central Avenue Methodist Church may look forward to greater days of service in the Master's Kingdom. The writer will be ever grateful for the courteous hospitality of the David Conyers, the fine people of the Central Avenue Church, and many other friends in Batesville.

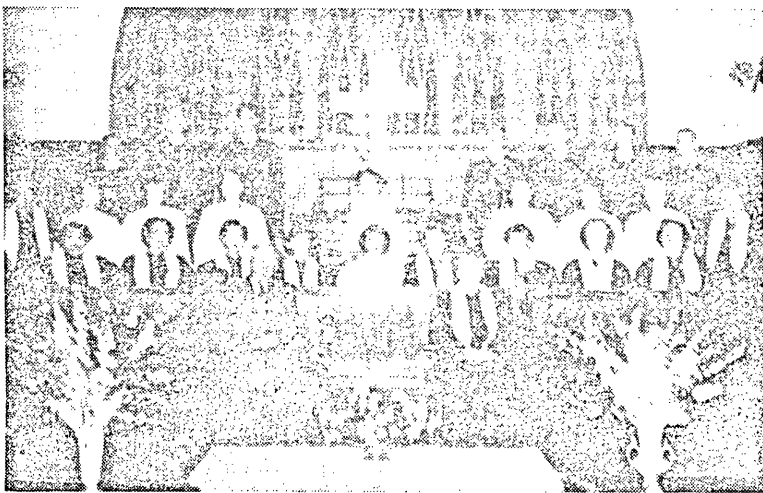
Sunday Afternoon, May 13  
At New Haven

In company with Edgar Baker, who graciously furnished transportation, we journeyed to the New Haven Church on the Brooklyn Circuit for a special communion service Sunday afternoon, May 13.

A splendid congregation awaited us there. Under the direction of the pastor, Rev. Laymon Bounds, the communion service had been prepared. A fine fellowship was enjoyed with these good people. The church had been redecorated and greatly improved inside. A new altar enhanced the spirit of the communion service. Henry Baldwin of the First Methodist Church in Jonesboro was in the service having spoken to the congregation at the eleven o'clock hour.

The spirit and attitude of the congregation of the New Haven Church points toward better days for this fine community.—J. Albert Gatlin

### AUGUSTA CHOIR IN EASTER CANTATA

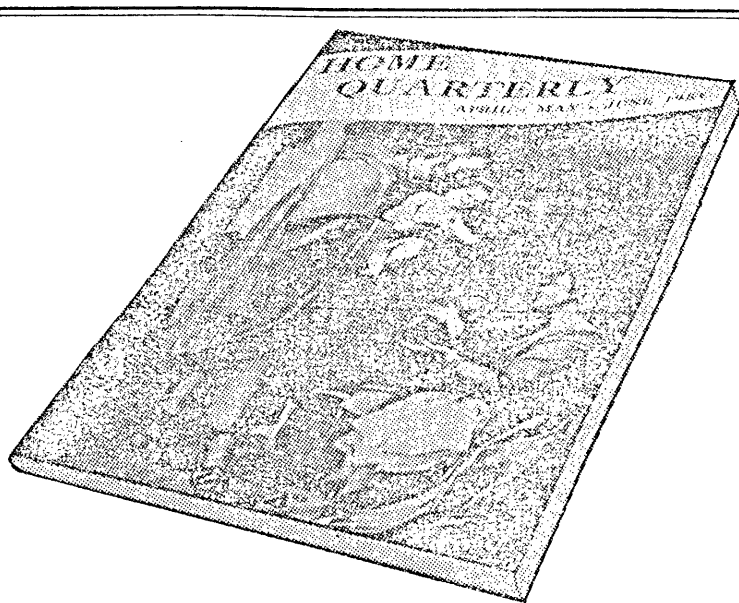


Pictured above is the choir of the Methodist Church, Augusta, Rev. W. Vance Womack, pastor. Mrs. B. E. Whitmore is the choir director and

Mrs. T. J. Stacy the organist. The picture was made after the singing of the Easter Cantata, Easter Sunday evening, March 25.

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### BATESVILLE DISTRICT W. S. C. S. ZONE MEETINGS

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W. D. Murphy, Jr., brought challenging messages to the group emphasizing the need for more workers in the mission fields and for increased giving to carry on the work.

The morning session closed with a prayer by Mrs. L. C. Craig.

At the noon hour members and guests were invited to the church dining room where a bountiful luncheon was served by the women of Melbourne church.

The afternoon session opened with the hymn, "Let the Lower Lights be Burning," followed with a prayer by Mrs. Arch Jones.

Miss Betty Letzig, deaconess of the Mountain Home Area, spoke on "Things We Need To Make Our Concern."

Mrs. R. L. Blair's financial report showed total giving in the district for the year 1950-51 amounted

to \$7100, an increase of \$787 over the previous year.

District Secretaries of Lines of Work gave their reports, together with suggestions for improving the work next year. Mrs. Arch Jones, District Secretary of Literature and Publications, presented a clever garden skit illustrating the use of our material in promoting our work.

Following a meditation, "Legend on Responsibility" by Mrs. Edgar Morris, the meeting closed with a prayer by Mrs. Y. D. Whitehurst.—Reporter

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### UNION COUNTY SUB-DISTRICT

A large crowd of Methodist Youth from Union County churches were present May 7 at Norphlet, to participate in the annual Sub-District election.

An inspiring devotional service was presented by the Norphlet Youth on the theme "Jesus Way—Our Way." This is the theme for the Methodist Youth Fellowship for the Quadrennium 1948-1952. Taking part were Janeene Benton, Jackie Evans, Francis Henley, and Albert Sanders, Miss Evelyn Ware, Miss Janeene Benton and Miss Marlene Benton.

A report by all the churches in Union County was given, and it was found that the Union County Sub-District had paid around \$578.50 to the Methodist Youth Fund during this Sub-District year, 1950-51.

All seniors were honored by the president, Morris McKinnon, as they were asked to stand.

Publicity for the summer camps was furnished by Mrs. Edward H. Harris and members of the First Methodist Church of El Dorado, with a "Summer Parade of Camps."

Janice Wilson, chairman of the nominating committee, presented the slate of officers, and they were elected. They are: President, Albert Sanders; vice-president, Ronnie Columns; secretary, Betty Burson; reporter, Mathlene Dumas. Commission Chairmen and Adult Advisor: Worship and Evangelism, Aleta Adams and Mrs. H. J. Cotrell; World Friendship, James Cammack and Mrs. J. S. Williamson; Community Service, Pat Allen and Mrs. John R. Dodson; Recreation, Francis Henley and Mrs. J. S. Fulmor; Visual Education, Harold Braswell and Rev. K. K. Carithers; Intermediate Advisor, Mrs. Walter Self; Sub-District Counselor, Rev. Robert Core.

A special installation service will be held at the next Sub-District meeting, June 4, at Pleasant Grove.

Both banners were awarded to Dumas Memorial's Seniors and Intermediates. — Albert Sanders, Reporter.

### NEWS FROM HARTFORD M. Y. F.

A candle-lighting installation service was held Sunday evening, May 27th, for the new officers of the Hartford M. Y. F. The officers are: President, Mary Frances Baker, vice-president, Jean Wilkens, secretary, Joan Anderson, treasurer, Joe Bill Roberts, and reporter, June Edington.

Already these new Council members are looking forward to, and planning for, a full and prosperous year for our M. Y. F. at Hartford.

Included in their plans is the Youth Activities Week and District Camp Retreat to be held in July. The "Steering Committee" for this project has been meeting regularly and from all indications it looks as though we shall undoubtedly have a wonderful and well-planned week.

Committee members and chairmen of the five commissions will be appointed at a later date.—June Edington, Reporter.

### ASSIGNED FOR SPECIAL SUMMER WORK



MARION SORRELLS

Miss Marion Sorrells, student of Hendrix College, will leave June 3, for Augusta, Georgia, where she will work two months in Bethlehem Community Center, under leadership of the head Deaconess, Miss Fannie Bame. This is one of the projects of the Woman's Division. Her work will include camp work and the work in the Bethlehem Center.

Marion was an honor student at Little Rock High School in 1949. She is a full time Christian Volunteer. This past year at Hendrix College she was co-chairman of the fellowship team, chairman of the daily morning worship for the student body, chairman of the evening worship in Galloway Hall, and a member of the Hendrix choir.

Marion is the daughter of Rev. and Mrs. R. F. Sorrells, 221 E. 22nd St., Little Rock, Ark. Brother Sorrells is pastor of Scott Street Methodist Church, Little Rock.—Mrs. E. W. Holland, Student Secretary.

### WESLEYAN SUB-DISTRICT MEETING

The Foreman M. Y. F. was in charge of the worship service for the Sub-District meeting Wednesday, April 11.

Taking part on the program were Bill Thrasher, Amanda Black and John Beasley. Mrs. E. D. Galloway was the guest speaker, using as her subject "What the Church Expects of Its Youth". She said the church expects the youth to uphold the church and it expects its youth to judge a vocation by what it will do to meet the needs of humanity.

James Hubbard presided over the business session. The Sub-District will be named the Wesleyan Sub-District.

There were fifty-seven present with DeQueen, Lockesburg and Foreman represented. DeQueen won the banner for having the largest number present.

Election of officers will be held at the August meeting in DeQueen.

A social hour was held following the meeting.—Amanda Black.

### MISSISSIPPI COUNTY SUB-DISTRICT

The Mississippi County Sub-District met at Osceola, May 7th, with the following churches represented: Wilson, Luxora, Blytheville, Yarbrow and Osceola.

Since this was National Family Week, a film strip, "Family on Trial", was shown. Discussion was led by Mrs. C. W. Watson.

Jimmie Gossett, president, presided at the business session. Ways and means of bringing other churches into the Sub-District were discussed.

Officers for the new year were elected as follows: President, Jo Wynn Vowell, Yarbrow; vice-president, Jane McClendon, Luxora; secretary, Shirley Cone, Osceola; treasurer, Pat Hearn, Blytheville; Chairman, Worship Commission, Carolyn Reid, Counselor, Mrs. Mona Moore, Osceola; Chairman, Community Service, Jo Alice McGuire, Counselor, Bailey Tarply, Yarbrow; Chairman, Recreation, Mary Abbot, Counselor, Mrs. Scotts, Wilson; Chairman, World Friendship, Dona Sue Cone, Counselor, Mrs. Gossett, Blytheville; Sub-District Counselor, Leroy Brownless, Luxora.

Recreation was led by Steve R. P. Refreshments were served.—Patsy Cone, Reporter.

### GRAND AVENUE METHODIST CHURCH

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during the year with 61 coming on profession of faith or vows. A week of visitation evangelism was conducted with splendid response.

The Board of Stewards, S. H. Allman, chairman, has led in planning and carrying out plans for the growth and development of the entire church program.

The Church School has shown a marked growth throughout the year with increased attendance and enrollment in all departments. The officers and teachers have been faithful and effective in their work. Pennix Thrash is Superintendent.

The Woman's Society of Christian Service has increased its membership by 21% and its pledge to missions by 15%, and has carried on an active program of study and work under the leadership of Mrs. E. B. Williams, president. Mrs. Wm. Baber has been elected president for the new year.

The Methodist Youth Fellowship has carried on an active and varied program this year. The interest has grown continually and many new members have been added. The enrollment in the Sunday School has increased by 29% over last year. They have pledged and are paying \$100 to the Youth Fund. A total of \$248 has been raised on the District Cabin Fund at the New Methodist Camp on Lake Catherine. Douglas Baber has served as resident and Mrs. Bertha Payne as Counselor. James Coker has been elected

as the new president.

The financial obligations have been met when due through the systematic and proportionate giving of the membership. All benevolences and conference related items have been paid in full and the Retired Ministers Endowment Fund is being paid in four equal installments. The Advance for Christ program of study, missions, ministry has met with a splendid response among our people. Three-fourths of our goal in finances will be met by Conference.

The advancement that has been made in the church may be attributed to the loyal devotion of the membership, the capable leadership of the officers and members of the Board of Stewards, and the other organizations of the church. The officers, leaders, members and pastor are aware of the fact that the presence and leadership of God has given us courage and determination to serve Him and his people more unselfishly. We feel that God has used us to his honor and glory.

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## OBITUARIES

**MOORES** — Mrs. Alexander Ross Moores, nee Nellie Cook, was born November 5, 1860 in Richmond, Arkansas. She was the daughter of Col. William Dew Sims Cook of the Confederacy and Dorthula Virginia Glover, neice of the late Bishop Robert Paine, in whose home Miss Glover was reared and educated. Bishop Paine was at that time the president of La Grange College. Mrs. Moores is survived by two children, Van A. R. Moores of Russellville, Arkansas, and Mrs. Wiley Lin Hurie of Tallula, Illinois; two grandchildren, three great grandchildren. No more devoted mother or grandmother ever lived and the influence of her Christian life will live on in the lives of her children while her soul lives on with her God. Funeral services were conducted in the Methodist Church in Russellville by the pastor, Rev. Harold Eggensperger.

Mrs. Moores was born on the eve of the election of Abraham Lincoln to the presidency of the United States. Thus she came into the world in an era of crisis and turmoil. She lived to experience the effects of many wars and changes in our national life. She died on March 15, 1951, as our country again faces grave uncertainties. She never lost interest in national and international affairs and with a clarity of vision placed her faith in the ultimate triumph of righteousness and justice.

Her husband, the late Alexander Ross Moores, founder of "The New Store" in Russellville, died in 1897. With dauntless courage, Mrs. Moores gave her unselfish devotion to the rearing of her children, and her untiring service to her friends, her church and her community. She was a charter member of the Women's Missionary Society of the M. E. Church, south of Russellville and taught in the Sunday School as far back as her children can remember. When the Sunday School was divided into departments, she was made superintendent of the Primary Department. Always eager for new and improved methods, she was largely responsible for the introduction of the Graded System of Literature into the Sunday School of her local church.

For twenty-six years, she lived in Clarksville with her daughter, whose husband, Dr. Wiley Lin Hurie, was the president of The College of the Ozarks. There too, she entered into the activities of the home, the college, the church, the community and was an integral part of the campus life. Her faith was an inspiration to all who knew her.

When advancing age deprived Mrs. Moores of many activities, she turned to her innate love of writing and left several cherished manuscripts. One was the history of the Sunday School, based upon her recollections from earliest childhood to the present. She wrote her own "Memoirs" with a prefaced account of the migration of her grandfather's family from Virginia to the Carolinas and eventually to the then new state of Arkansas. She described her father's return from battle, a wounded Confederate officer.

In closing her "memoirs," she paid tribute to her heritage of brave and honest forebears, each generation characterized by the love of good literature, good citizenship and with a dominant love of country, of God and His Church. Those who knew Mrs. Moores know that her own life was the epitome of all such traits, strengthened by courage, faith and devotion to the highest ideals of life.

To know her was not only to love her but to feel an inspiration that can emanate only from a true and noble Christian life. — Harold O. Eggensperger.

**HICKMAN** — Martha M. Steadman Hickman was born near Charleston, S. C., November 7, 1858, and passed away at Hot Springs at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Sarah J. Trussell. She was the daughter of Edward M. and Mary Esther Waters Steadman. She came to Bradley County when about ten years of age and on December 24, 1873, she was married to William T. Hickman and started her home within one-half mile of where she was buried. To this union twelve children were born of whom eight survive: Two sons, J. A. Hickman of Hermitage, S. E. Hickman of near Warren; six daughters, Mrs. S. W. Beasley, Mrs. M. C. Mann and Mrs. S. C. Jones of the Sumpter community, and Mrs. Belle Norman of Meyers and Mrs. E. M. Thomas of Monroe, La.; and 34 grandchildren; 76 great grandchildren and 21 great great grandchildren.

Her funeral service was conducted from Matan Chapel by Rev. J. E. Cooper, pastor, assisted by Dan R. Robinson of Crossett, former pastor, who assisted us in building the new church.

Mrs. Hickman, with her late husband, established a Christian home, having united with the church early in life. They supported the church from building a log church in the woods to the beautiful church we now have. She had been unable to walk for ten years due to an injury in a fall, but she never lost interest in life. I have known her for fifty years and I have never known anyone who had more courage and who gave themselves more unstintedly than did she. She visited and nursed the sick when doctors and hospitals were scarce.

The beautiful floral offering and the number of people who attended the funeral service was evidence of the esteem in which she was held. She has fought a good fight, she has kept the faith and gained a crown of righteousness. — M. C. Mann.

**BEIGHT** — LeRoy F. Beight, age 71, father of Mrs. Theron McKisson, died at a Searcy hospital, April 21, 1951. Mr. and Mrs. Beight had recently moved to Bald Knob to be near their only child and daughter, Mrs. McKisson. Funeral services and interment were conducted at Bald Knob by Rev. C. E. Whitten, district superintendent of the Searcy District. Neighboring pastors of the district acted as pallbearers: W. V. Womack, F. G. Villines, Jr., J. Ralph Hillis, Hubert Pearce, Gerald Hammett, Jefferson Sherman, and Harold Spence. Mr. Beight was a member of Quaker Hill Friends Church, Sebring, Ohio. He is survived by his wife, Olive L. Beight, one daughter, Mrs. McKisson; one brother, Clark Beight of New Middleton, Ohio, one sister, Mrs. Alice Myer of Columbiana, Ohio; eight grandchildren and four great grandchildren.

Deep appreciation is expressed by the family for the kindness of District Superintendent Whitten, our minister neighbors, the local church for their many acts of love, to Mrs. Curry Martin, organist, and the Bald Knob choir for their thoughtful sympathy. — Theron McKisson.

**GORDON** — Mrs. Harry Morton Gordon was born in Marshall County, Tenn., in 1865, and she passed from this life at her home in Little Rock, February 10, 1951.

Words are not adequate in describing her life of service in the activities that she loved and believed in as the best. She worked unstintedly for years in the WCTU. No greater friend of sobriety could be found anywhere. She was always found standing fearlessly against the liquor traffic.

Her life as a true and faithful Christian as she lived it in her community and the church that she loved was one that stood out in front in zeal and consecration, for she never asked anyone to do something that she could do herself.

Every pastor who came her way not only found her each Sunday morning in her place in the church but also in prayer meeting every Wednesday night.

Her body was not strong, but always she "went about doing good". Her long and useful life of 86 years bespeaks the faith she had in God and His people, and the reward could be no other than "well done good and faithful servant."

Funeral service was conducted in Hunter Memorial Methodist Church, the one she loved and served well so long.

Due to the absence of the writer, Dr. Francis A. Buddin, her district superintendent, conducted the last rites, assisted by a former pastor, Rev. A. E. Jacobs. One brother of Chapel, Tenn., and her daughter-in-law, Mrs. Jim Cates, survive her. — Fred L. Arnold.

**ROBERTS** — John D. Roberts was born at Salem, Arkansas, September 30, 1877, and passed away May 6, 1951, at Elm Springs, Arkansas. He was converted when quite young and united with the Methodist Church at Salem. He answered the call to preach and joined the White River Conference in 1903 and was ordained deacon in 1907 and elder in 1912.

Brother Roberts served the following charges: Springdale, Prairie Grove, Viney Grove, Elm Springs, Springton, Barling, Kibler, Waldron, Magazine, East Van Buren, Alma, Green Forest, Walnut Ridge and

Huntington. He retired from the active ministry in 1929 after having served twenty-one years as an active minister.

He is survived by three daughters, Mrs. Lark Cowart of Alma, Mrs. John Bell of Van Buren and Mrs. Misely McCarley of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma; two sons, J. D. Roberts of Elm Springs and Joseph B. Roberts of Fayetteville and fourteen grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted in the First Methodist Church, Springdale, on May 7 by Rev. Charlie Sherman of Mountain Home, assisted by Rev. W. F. Cooley, district superintendent of the Fayetteville District and Rev. Woodrow Woods, pastor of the Elm Springs Methodist Church. Burial was in the Elm Springs cemetery. — Woodrow Woods.

**JONES** — Walter Jones slipped away from this earthly life, suddenly and quietly on the afternoon of April 30 at his home in Mansfield, Arkansas. While he had been in ill health for some months he was able to be up and about the home, and went down into town frequently. He lay down to rest and dropped off to sleep to awake in a better land.

Mr. Jones was a long-time resident of Scott County and lived a useful life. He was well informed about all this western country, and was known far and wide. He befriended quite a number of young men and helped them get started in life.

He was a faithful Christian and loved his church. He was active in Sunday school work in his early days, organizing and maintaining a Sunday School in Abbott, Arkansas for many years.

His devoted wife with six children, eleven grandchildren and one great-grandchild are left to mourn his passing. His going was the culmination of eighty-three years of life well lived. He left a goodly heritage to his loved ones—the heritage of a useful Christian life. — J. M. Harrison, his pastor.

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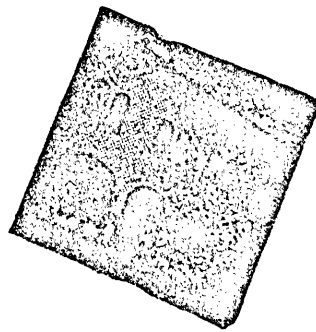
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## The Sunday School Lesson

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### WHO WAS JESUS?

LESSON FOR JUNE 10, 1951

READ THE ENTIRE LESSON FROM YOUR BIBLE:  
Luke 4, 15, 19:1-10; Mark 10:54; John 3:16, 12:44-50.

GOLDEN TEXT: "The Son of man also came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life a ransom for many." (Mark 10:45)



#### A Look At The Scriptures A New Unit of Study

Today we are beginning a new unit of study. This unit consists of three lessons. The general theme is "The Christian Mission". The subject of today's lesson is "Who Was Jesus?" It is very fitting that the series of lessons begin with this question. The personality of Christ and the Christian mission are so interwoven that it is impossible to learn of the one without a study of the other. The development of Christianity is simply the account of God manifesting himself in and through history. This fact will be noted over and over again as we continue this series of studies.

#### Christ Returned To Nazareth

This event took place fairly early in the ministry of Christ. It will be noted, however, that he had already made quite a reputation for himself in various parts of the country.

The lesson begins with the fourth chapter of Luke. The first thirteen verses of the chapter tell of the three distinct temptations of Christ which took place in the wilderness immediately following his baptism. Christ gained a great victory in these temptations. He was made spiritually strong by them. In verses fourteen and fifteen of this chapter we are told that Christ came away from this experience in the power of the spirit. Pretty soon he went into Galilee. Luke has this to say about his going there: "There went out a fame of him through all the region round about. And he taught in their synagogues, being glorified of all." This was the beginning of the popular period of Christ's ministry. He was especially popular in Galilee. It will be remembered that it was in this section of Palestine that he grew up.

Soon after going to Galilee Christ made his way to his home town—Nazareth. At first his old neighbors and friends received him graciously. When the Sabbath day came, as his custom was, he went to the synagogue along with his mother and disciples. At that time they had no regular preachers or pastors in the synagogues of the land. The priests officiated in the Temple at Jerusalem and not in the various synagogues. From Sabbath to Sabbath the people were in the habit of calling on some person in the congregation to read the Scripture and lead the worship. This was usually some outstanding citizen of the community or some visiting rabbi. It was perfectly natural that on this occasion they would call on Christ. The Lord gladly responded, stood up to read the Scripture and then sat down (as was the custom) to teach.

Christ did some two or three things on this occasion that offended his old friends. First, he did not read the particular passage that

was set apart for that day. Instead, he found another passage and read it. He read from Isaiah 61:1-3. This within itself was a bit out of the ordinary. It was a thing that no one else ever dared to do. But the thing that angered them most was the fact that he applied the passage to himself. He insisted that he was the one the prophet was talking about. The Spirit of the Lord was upon him. The Father had anointed him to preach to the poor; to heal the captives; and to preach the acceptable year of the Lord. He went on broken hearted; to set at liberty the to tell the people "This day is this scripture fulfilled in your ears." They knew that Isaiah was talking about the work of the Messiah. They could not imagine that Christ, whom they had known all of this life as a common laboring man, could be this great Person. This led the Lord to make a statement, the truth of which has been proven over and over again: "No prophet is accepted in his own country." The people became so angry that the meeting was finally broken up. They tried to kill the Lord. They attempted to throw him over the precipice of the mountain on which their town was built. We are told that he escaped out of their hands.

After this experience, Christ left Nazareth never to return again. From henceforth he made Capernaum his headquarters while working in Galilee. This fourth chapter closes with the account of his preaching in the synagogue at Capernaum, after which he healed Peter's mother-in-law and later on that same day, a great multitude of people.

#### Christ Teaching By Parables

The fourth chapter of Luke sets Christ forth as a preacher and healer. The fifteenth chapter reveals him as a teacher. Christ did most of his teaching by parables. In this particular chapter we have three great parables—the lost sheep, the lost coin, and the lost son. In these parables Christ revealed God's desire to save the lost. It is said that his story of the prodigal son is the greatest of all his parables. It shows both God and man's part in the plan of salvation. In speaking of this particular chapter Dr. Campbell Morgan had this to say: "I suppose if we were selecting the great chapters of the Bible, it is certain that we would choose, among others, this 15th chapter of the Gospel according to Luke. Among all the things our Lord said none is more wonderful in its light and in its beauty, its color and its glory than this . . . There are three things that are lost, each is restored, and joy in each case is the result. In the first two parables the lost are sought; in the last, the lost seeks."

#### Salvation Bestowed

In the first division of our lesson

we have Christ preaching salvation to the poor and neglected from the Old Testament. In the second we have three parables showing how God through Christ seeks the lost. In this division we have an illustration of a sinner being saved. In Luke 19:1-10 we have Christ coming into contact with Zacchaeus. This man was chief among the tax collectors in that section of the country. He, though a Jew, was collecting taxes from his people for the Roman Government. This made him very unpopular. He was looked upon as a traitor. All the other Jews shunned these tax collectors. Zacchaeus was anxious to see Christ. He climbed a tree in order to get a better view of him. The Lord went home with him. He deeply repented of his sins, and offered to restore four-fold, in property, to any one whom he had cheated. The Lord realized that his repentance was genuine and said to him, "This day has salvation come to this house." Here we have a sinner being saved.

#### Why Christ Came To The Earth

Christ gave many reasons for his coming to the earth. He said he came to seek and save the lost. He came that people might have the abundant life. He came to reveal God. He insisted that those who saw him saw the Father. He came to preach the gospel to the poor; to heal the broken hearted; and to set at liberty those who were in bondage to sin. In speaking of this matter he went on to say, "If the Son, therefore, shall set you free, ye shall be free indeed." In the memory selection for today (Mark 10:45) he gives another reason for his coming: "The Son of man also came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life a ransom for many." The greatest single verse in the Bible (John 3:16) gives the Father's motive in sending the Son into the world. God the Father was moved by love to make the greatest sacrifice the world has ever known. He gave his only begotten Son that those in open rebellion against him might repent and have eternal life.

On and on we could go giving the various reasons, as stated in the Bible, for the coming of Christ into the world, but they are all summed up in one great motive: the salvation of the lost. All that Christ said and did during his entire active ministry and all of the motives and attitudes he exhibited had this one object in view. He lived only for this purpose; he died for it; and today he is using every possible means to carry it out. We are told that he is at the right hand of the Father making intercessions for us. He prayed for those who were killing him: "Father, forgive them; for they know not what they do."

#### The Lord's Desire To Save The Lost

In the last passage of the lesson (John 12:44-50) we are told of the anxiety of Christ to save the lost. His anxiety was so great that John tells us that he cried and said, "He that believeth on me, believeth not on me, but on him that sent me. And he that seeth me seeth him that sent me." He insisted that he came as a light to the world, but men chose to remain in the darkness of sin. He came not to judge the world but to save it. People, however, who rejected him would be judged in the last day. They would be judged and condemned by the words he had spoken. People must live up to the opportunities that are theirs. Light brings knowledge of evil. Those who have the light have no cloak for

their sins. They must repent or suffer the eternal consequences for their sins.

#### The Theme of Our Lesson

The theme of our lesson today is in the form of a question: "WHO WAS JESUS?" This is one of the most important questions that can possibly be raised. More than once the Lord raised it himself: "Whom do men say that I, the Son of man, am?" "Whom do ye say that I am?" Christ is the very center and foundation of Christianity. Paul said, "Other foundation can no man lay than that which is laid, which is Christ Jesus." To start out with a wrong conception of Christ means that one has not laid the proper foundation for strong Christian character. The structure he thus erects will be sure to fall.

"Who is Christ?" He is God's only begotten Son. That is, he is unique; he is different from all others. There are about two and a half billion people on the face of the earth today. The human race has been here a long time. The chances are there are a million dead for every one who is alive today. But in all the history of the human race there has never been another like Christ.

Christ sums in himself all that is best in the human race. The one name above all others by which he preferred to be known was "Son of man". He not only revealed God to man but he also revealed man at his highest and best to man. Christ is the Man that all people in their highest and best moments long to be. He is not only our Saviour he is also our Example. He said to his disciples, "I have given you an example that you should do as I have done unto you."

The reason why Christ fully reveals both God and man is he is both human and Divine. There yawned a bottomless gulf between a Holy God and sinful men. If men are to be saved that gulf must be bridged. One end of this bridge must reach all the way up to God while the other end comes all the way down to men. The other, therefore, who spans this chasm must be both human and divine. This requirement is fully met in Christ and in Him alone.

Christ never spoke of himself as the end and final goal of Christianity. He called himself the way. "I am the way, the truth and the life." A way is something over which one passes to his goal. He spoke of himself as the door, "I am the door; by me if any man enter in, he shall be saved, and shall go in and out, and find pasture." (John 10:9). A door is an opening through which one enters. One enters the Christian life through the God-Man Christ Jesus and finds himself at home with God—Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Christ is, therefore, our Saviour. "He breaks the power of canceled sin and sets the captive free." He is our way to God, the Father, and God's way to us. He is our example; for he lived in the flesh as we do. He is the full and complete revelation of God; for he is divine as well as human. More than any other truth in the Christian life, a proper conception of him is necessary. In the interpretation of other Bible doctrines one might exercise some liberality, but here is a truth upon which all need to be sound. It is the foundation of Christianity.

It isn't a bad thing to be a dreamer, provided you are awake when you dream.—Ex.