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## "And Are We Yet Alive"

HIS opening line of Charles Wesley's great conference hymn stirs our hearts with a new sense of gratitude as Annual Conferences meet and we are conscious again of God's sustaining grace that has preserved us through "Fightings without, and fears within, since we assembled last."

One of the features of any Annual Conference is the happy fellowship of preachers and laymen as they strike hands again and recount the successes and disappointments of the conference year that has passed, discuss possible appointments and plans and prospects for the year ahead or simply enjoy the luxury of a friendly chat

Amid such a happy reunion there is always a sense of sadness if we miss faces we have been accustomed to see. Their going helps us to realize the larger debt we owe our Maker for permitting us to continue to serve here. Let us continue that service with gladness of heart and try, through added activities, to help fill the vacancies left by our departed friends.

## "We Walk By Faith"

T is possible that nowhere is faith so essential to the deeper satisfaction of all concerned than in the making of appointments at an Annual Conference.

It is not enough for the Bishop and his Cabinet to feel that they have conscientiously done their best in making the appointments. It is not enough for our ministers and our churches to be willing to accept the appointments that have been made. We cannot stop there if appointments are to mean more than tasks conscientiously done or authority properly recognized.

The deeper satisfaction possible for appointive powers comes only when, "walking by faith" they truly believe that the appointments made will open wider the door for the advancement of the kingdom. Such appointments are never simply responsibilities met; they become instruments, agencies for the building of the kingdom of God.

For the minister or church the deeper satisfaction in appointments does not come simply through a willingness to accept the decisions of those in authority. The minister's deeper joy comes in service when, by faith, he goes about the work of his charge feeling that somehow God has chosen his field of service for him through the appointive powers. There is then a sense of mission that adds power, effectiveness and happiness to his work that is impossible when we do our work in a certain field just because we have been appointed to that position and do our work through a sense of duty.

A church comes into its largest joy and possibilities for helpful service when, by faith, it receives its pastor not simply as a minister appointed to the charge by a Bishop and his Cabinet, but as a messenger of God who is its leader, not only by appointment at an Annual Conference, but also by the will and purpose of God.

The matter of appointments is a venture of faith by all concerned. Those who make appointments do not know that they are for the best. They believe it is so. It is a venture of faith when a minister trusts his interests and the interests of his family to the appointive powers. Faith alone can bring him the peace of mind such a trust deserves. It is a venture of faith when churches surrender to others the right to select their leaders. Because the whole process of making appointments is so much a matter of faith, it is vitally important that all concerned have faith in each other.

#### Guest Preacher At His Home Conference Session

HE many friends of Dr. Warren
Johnston, both ministers and laymen, attending the North Arkansas
Conference at Paragould this week
are happy in the fact that he is the guest
preacher for the conference session.

Dr. Johnston is a native of Arkansas. He was born at Conway, Arkansas, the son of Dr. and Mrs. F. S. H. Johnston. His father was for years an outstanding leader in Arkansas Methodism.

Dr. Warren Johnston is a graduate of Hendrix College. Hendrix also conferred on him the honorary degree of Doctor of



DR. WARREN JOHNSTON

Divinity. He also received an M. A. degree from Southern Methodist University and a B. D. degree from the Southern Methodist School of Theology.

He was admitted on trial in the North Arkansas Conference at the session held at Walnut Ridge in 1923. He served the following charges in the North Arkansas Conference: Holly Grove-Marvell, Wilson, Searcy, Fayetteville and the Ft. Smith District. He was transferred to the Little Rock Conference in 1939 and appointed pastor of The First Methodist Church in Little Rock. In 1942 he was transferred to the Central Texas Conference and stationed at The First Methodist Church in Ft. Worth, Texas, where he has served as pastor since that date. It is a mark of real distinction for any Methodist preacher to serve a church like The First Methodist Church of Ft. Worth with a service as effective and progressive as Dr. Johnston has given that great church for nine years.

Dr. Johnston is one of a number of recognized church-wide leaders that Arkansas Methodism has furnished Texas and other neighboring states. We are especially proud of the contribution he has made to Methodism and we welcome him back to our state for this special service in the conference which received him into the active ministry.

### Highlights Of Little Rock Conference

HE Little Rock Conference concluded its ninety-eighth annual session last Sunday at Hot Springs with the reading of the appointments for the new Conference year, ending a session which reflected a good year in the history of the Conference. Of particular interest was the election of Conference delegates to the General and Jurisdictional Conferences next year. These delegates are listed on page four.

While reports in practically all the areas of the program of the Conference were good, perhaps the most significant advances called to the attention of the Conference were in the field of ministerial supply and evangelism. Twelve men were Received on Trial, ten of these being men who are now in one of the seminaries of The Methodist Church. Two of these ten men are sons of Rev. and Mrs. R. B. Moore, Camden, and are in the fourth generation of Methodist ministers in this family in the Little Rock Conference. Four ministers were Admitted into Full Connection, four ministers were ordained Deacons and six as Elders. Rev. J. Wayne Mann, with 42 years of service, was retired. Reports showed that 2,323 persons were received into church membership on profession of faith, 639 from other denominations and 3,147 by transfer of membership from other Methodist churches. These figures represent increases over the figures reported for two previous years and indicate that the vigorous Conference program of evangelism (preaching-visitation) is having good results.

Among the accomplishments of the Conference was the organization of the Conference Interboard Commission, raising the minimum salary level from \$1600 to \$1800 for married ministers and from \$1400 to \$1600 for single ministers, the adoption of a resolution requesting Bishop Martin's reassignment to the Arkansas-Louisiana Area next quadrennium, naming of T. T. McNeal Director of Methodist Children's Home, adoption of a program of Hospitalization Insurance on Conference basis, granting Arkansas Methodist permission to publish conference organ for Louisiana Conference, and adoption of significant memorials to General Conference.

Among out of state visitors to the Conference were Bishop Ivan Lee Holt, St. Louis Area, Conference Preacher, who was heard with great appreciation; Dr. Lewis N. Stuckey, Dallas, who delivered a stirring Temperance address; Dr. George C. Baker, who addressed Conference in the interest of Southern Methodist University and Perkins School of Theology; Dr. J. Wilson Crichlow, who represented the Board of Pensions, and Dr. J. Manning Potts, who represented the General Board of Evangelism.

Thirty-six (36) percent of the Little Rock Conference churches will have new pastors according to appointments announced Sunday, 64 of the 177 charges having changes in pastoral leadership. This is a larger number than the 56 changes made last year. The larger number of changes this year were among the Conference men rather than Accepted Supplies as is often the case. There were changes in the leadership on two of the districts with William E. Bro being appointed to the Monticello District to succeed T. T. McNeal, named Director of the Methodist Children's Home, and J. M. Hamilton appointed to Arkadelphia District to succeed R. B. Moore, appointed to First Methodist, Camden. Among those transferred were Edward W. Harris and J. Eldred Blakely to the Louisiana Conference, and William E. Brown from the Louisiana Conference. Brother Harris succeeds Brother Brown as District Superintendent of the Baton Rouge District, Louisiana Conference.

## Little Rock Conference District Superintendents' Report

method of making a composite report for all the districts of the Conference is an innovation in our Conference. A district superintendent is always conscious of the fact that he is reporting work done by other pastors and laymen when submitting the report of one district. In this particular instance, your reporter is keenly aware of the fact that this summary includes the work done by six district superintendents, all of the pastors and laymen of the Little Rock Conference and under the wise counsel and great leadership of Bishop Paul E. Martin.

It is unusual, we believe, for a report of this sort, so comprehensive and inclusive, to be made at the opening session of the Conference and in exact figures and facts. This is possible because of the faithful and highly efficient work of our statistical secretary, Brother Louis Averitt. For the past several weeks he has travelled over the Conference and has worked long hours. The cooperation of every pastor, our church members and officials, has contributed largely to this achievement. It has been a great experience of teamwork, accuracy and prompt-

There are 90,115 members of our churches. 6139 new members have been added during the year, 3197 by certificate and 2942 by profession of faith and vows. 856 infants were presented for baptism and dedication and 1703 others have been baptized. Simultaneous campaigns of evangelism were conducted under the direction of the Conference Board of Evangelism during this year in the Monticello and Pine Bluff Districts where unusual results were reported. Every charge in the Conference is looking forward with great expectations to the

Area-wide Evangelistic efforts in November and January next.

We have 373 Church Schools with an enrollment of 53,038. 1171 training credits have been earned, 150 Vacation Church Schools held reaching more than 8000 pupils. Because of the expanded program of our Board of Education, specifically in the Youth Work under the direction of Miss Emogene Dunlap, our churches were asked for increased Church School May Offerings. It is gratifying to report that these increases have been met almost unanimously. Every district is deeply indebted to Rev. Roy E. Fawcett, Executive Secretary and his staff, for constant help in the work of Christian Education.

Twenty-six have been licensed to preach during the year. Eleven applicants for Admission on Trial have been recommended by the districts. Rev. Edward W. Harris, Chairman of the Committee on Ministerial Supply and Training, reports that the class for Admission on Trial includes the largest number of men well equipped according to the standards of our church, that we have the greatest number registered for the School of Accepted Supplies at SMU, and that the largest number of hours have been earned during the year on the courses of study, in the records of our Conference. We believe this to be highly significant. Our Minimum Salary Plan is operating successfully; the Group Life Insurance contract has proven its worth and wisdom; and the Cabinet favors the adoption of the Group Hospital and Medical Policy which will be presented to the Conference. The work of the committee on Christian Vocations, the emphasis in the Advance on Our Ministry and our Bishop's Conference on The

are contributing largely toward a more useful and a better trained group of preachers.

Three new district parsonages are reported: at Monticello, Pine Bluff, and at Hope, where the newly formed Hope District has erected a residence of great beauty and utility valued at \$30,000. New parsonages at Foreman and Camden have been acquired during the year. New church buildings are well under construction or have been completed during the year at Philadelphia, De-Blevins, Few Memorial, Queen, Pulaski Heights, Highland, Oak Forest, Concord, Roland, Mt. View, First Church Little Rock, Hamburg, Hampton, Newton Chapel, and Warren. At Stuttgart First Church a \$100,000 Educational Building has been erected and about \$80,000 of that amount raised during the year. Seven church buildings have been dedicated since last Conference, among them being First Church Magnolia, Fairview Camden, Timothy, Lewisville, and New Era.

There are 197 Woman's Societies of Christian Service with a membership of 13,617. Under the leadership of Mrs. T. S. Lovett, Conference President, and her staff of helpers including local presidents and members, this group of women has raised more than \$165,000 for all purposes and has rendered faithful and sacrificial service in every undertaking our Church has faced. Their program of supporting district workers has been highly successful and is deeply appreciated.

Salaries for the Conference will be practically 100%; World Service has been paid 100% plus. All Conference items are reported paid 100% including Conference Claiments, General Administrative and Jurisdictional Budget, Episcopal Area Fund, and Minimum Salary Fund. Our churches have contributed \$60,134 on the Retired Ministers' Endowment during the year making a total to date of \$175,000. The Christmas Offering for the Methodist Children's Home reached an alltime high this year, \$50,350. This amount includes offerings from both Conferences since this great institution is owned jointly by the North Arkansas and Little Rock Conferences. Outstanding progress has been made at the Children's Home under the consecrated and efficient direction of Mr. J. S. M. Cannon, who has given himself unreservedly to the

Our Area stands ninth in the nation on the Advance For Christ offerings and thirteenth on the Week of Dedication. The churches have paid \$45,569 on the Advance this year and \$11,349 on the Week of Dedication which is a marked increase over last year. Already plans are being made by our Bishop and the Board of Missions to make next year's Week of Dedication the greatest yet, by far. Our churches report \$6,757 paid to date on the Wesley Foundation at Fayetteville and in every district there is determined and enthusiastic planning to bring this worthy undertaking to a successful completion at a very early

No doubt some very important facts have been omitted from this report. It would be impossible to single out every accomplishment. We believe it is worthy of special note to mention the fact that the Little Rock District raised for all purposes this year \$900,567—almost a million dollars, and exceeding all past records. This has been a good year in the Little Rock Conference. We thank God and take courage.

### CHILDREN'S WORKERS' CONFERENCE

Ministry June 26, at Little Rock, all

#### By MRS. IRA A. BRUMLEY

UR conference this year will be a four-unit Laboratory School at Hendrix College and First Methodist Church, Conway. Remember the day of June 24-29. Mrs. H. E. Tomlinson, Mrs. W. A. Wooten, Miss Elizabeth Workman, and Mrs. H. C. Jett will be the teachers.

Classes for children will be held in their departments each morning at the First Methodist Church in Conway from 8:50 to 9:50. Adults will remain for two fifty minute sessions.

The afternoons will be spent in rest and study with the exception of Wednesday afternoon when Miss Anna Rose Miller and Mrs. Frances Winter wil lead in carrying out "Creative Activities" at the church.

Miss Winfred Segers, Supervisor of 3rd and 4th grades in the Training School at Arkansas Teachers College, will assist Miss Miller and Mrs. Winter with some interesting activities, Tuesday evening from 7 to 8:30 p. m.

Dr. John Warren, professor of education in Hendrix College, will lead an informal open discussion Thursday evening in Hulen Hall on the Hendrix Campus.

It is planned to have committees working throughout the conference, on the following subjects:

1. Organization of the Children's Division and Leadership Education. 2. Rooms and Equipment.

3. Our Literature and Publica-

4. Vacation Schools and Vacation School Clinics.

5. Creative Activities.

It is hoped that everyone will choose a committee group in which to work. Committees will report Wednesday evening.

District Directors: Mrs. Carl Meeker, Mrs. J. Albert Gatlin, Miss Anna Rose Miller and Mrs. Frances Winter, Mrs. S. O. Patty, Mrs. H. D. Castleberry, Mrs. A. N. Storey, Mrs. W. P. Gibbs, and Mrs. Paul Jamison will make brief reports of work done during the year, on Sunday evening before the first class

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Price, codirectors of Children's Work in First Methodist Church, Conway, the workers of their Children's Division. Mrs. J. Albert Gatlin, Director of Children's Work, Conway District, are planning a happy time for all workers on Monday evening. It will be a "get-acquainted" time. Don't miss it.

The first meal at Hendrix will be breakfast on Monday morning. Get your meal as you come on Sunday

#### Ethusiastic Vacation Clinic Held

Searcy and Paragould Districts held highly helpful vacation school clinics last month.

Mrs. Carl Meeker, District Director of Children's Work in the Searcy District, and Rev. Coy Whitten, district superintendent, were assisted by Mrs. J. Albert Gatlin of Conway District, who led the Kindergarten group, and Mrs. Verlie Harris of Clinton, who led the Primary group. Mis. Meeker led the Junior group. Mr. Brumley showed a film on "Setting up the Vacation School". Sixty workers attended.

Rev. and Mrs. A. N. Storey of Paragould District, were assisted by Mrs. W. W. Mills in the Junior group, Mrs. H. D. Castleberry in the Primary group, Mrs. A. P. Jumper in the Kindergarten group. These three workers are from Jonesboro, First Church. Sixty workers attended.

Mrs. Storey plans to help in two vacation church schools in her district, as District Director of Children's Work in Paragould District. She has given help this quarter in small churches in planning centers, choosing pictures and using assembly periods to best advantages. Children in the district have given \$10.00 to a church building fund, \$5.00 on furniture in a pastor's study, \$50.00 to India, food to Chaplain Seals in Korea for hungry children, clothing to Korea and two supply boxes to Rose Gregory Settlement, El Paso, Texas.

#### A STATEMENT OF APPRECIATION

I want to express my appreciation for the privilege of giving myself to ministering to the patients in the State Sanitorium. This is an "open door" for service to those who are sick. Often one is reminded of what Jesus said about ministering to the sick. He said "I was sick and ye visited me." To serve others in His name is to serve Him. This work is the one passion of my heart. God has been good to me in that the way was opened that I might give all of my life to this work.

I express appreciation for the following: For the gracious way the staff and patients have welcomed me as a chaplain. The co-operation given me is heartening; for the brotherliness of Rev. W. J. Spicer, pastor of the Booneville Methodist Church. Many of the patients are members of his congregation; for the efforts and contribution of the Woman's Societies of the two Arkansas Conferences. Their friendliness and support in a material way help to make possible the work here. Several societies contribute to the Sunshine Fund which is so badly needed and helps to bring sunshine to many; for the interest and material help of the Board of Missions of the two Conferences in helping to promote the work here. Through their spirit of reaching out in the Master's name much can be accomplished; for the help of Sunday School classes and individuals for

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## Host District Reports Building Program And Other Gains

By EWING T. WAYLAND

EVERAL of the rural churches of the Paragould District have completed or are in the process of completing building programs that are worthy of note. Under the guidance of the District Superintendent, Rev. A. N. Storey, these projects are proving to be the means of providing houses of worship that will enrich the experience of worship, Christian fellowship, and creative learning for many people.

Brother Storey brought to his appointment as District Superintendent a long experience in helping to administer the program of Church Extension in the North Arkansas Conference. For many years he had served with the Conference Board of Missions and Church Extension and in that relationship he had the opportunity to study the physical needs of the church in rural communities. That experience has been invaluable to him in his present responsibility. He has been able to plan wisely with pastors and local church leaders as opportunities for building projects developed.

An excellent example of a building program where an existing structure is being made over is at Knobel where Rev. H. M. Sanford is pastor. By careful planning the large single room church at Knobel is being remodeled into a sanctuary, two Sunday School rooms, and space for a choir. The building will have a new entrance and vestibule. New windows of frosted florentine glass, celotex ceiling, sheetrock walls, flourescent lighting, a new roof, a propane gas heating system, new pulpit arrangement and communion rail are being provided in the building program. When completed this plant will be a vast improvement over the original building.

The Knobel Building Committee included Mrs. Evelyn Gowan, Mrs. A. G. Files, George Hughey, and J. B. Byers. The renovation cost will be approximately \$2,500 not including a considerable amount of free labor and additional savings in purchasing some of the materials and equipment at cost.

It sometimes happens that church buildings are erected in a community before there is a congregation organized. Such was the case in Boydsville. To Rev. J. W. Simmons, a retired member of the North Arkansas Conference who resides at Boydsville, goes much of the credit for the building of the Boydsville church. He was indeed the moving spirit of this enterprise. He called this church a "faith church" and personally colfected much of the funds that provided for its construction.

The church finished in 1949 is of frame construction, asbestos siding, has a sanctuary, two classrooms, sheetrock walls, celotex ceiling, plywood wainscoating, and is equipped with heavy pews finished in natural wood.

The first services were held in the church in 1949 when Rev. Gus Evans, pastor of Greenway Circuit, accepted responsibility for the new church. A few members were received prior to annual conference in 1949 when the church congregation was actually organized. That summer Rev. J. H. Holt assisted Rev. Marvin Thompson, Rector Ct. pastor, in revival services at the church and as a result thirty persons were received as members. That year the church was transferred from the Greenway Ct. to the Rector Ct. At last year's Annual Conference Boydsville was again changed, this time being added to the French Grove Church to form a new charge, with Rev. E. Marlar, pastor.

This \$6,000 investment now has sixty-five members and has the unusual distinction of not having an inactive member.

The oldest Methodist church organization in Clay County is the Mars Hill Church on the Greenway Ct., Rev. Gus Evans, pastor. This church is located on a hill commanding a view of the surrounding territory for miles. This congregation has been engaged during the past year in a renovation program which has included a new floor, new celotex ceiling, sheetrock walls and new pews. The Trustees of the Church property have served as the Building Committee and they included L. C. Gillam, Laymon Harris and E. R. Holifield. Two Sunday School rooms will be added later.

Work for this enterprise was authorized at the First Quarterly Conference last September and much of the cost for the program is being borne by the sale of timber from the church property. This congregation was organized in 1852.

If there was ever a layman who was instrumental in providing a community with a church building and organization it is George French and the church bearing his family name, French Grove, is a fitting tribute to him for him tireless and sacrificial efforts in providing a place of worship and religious training for the people of this community. Mr. French donated the ground for the location of this church and has joined others in spending countless hours in work and providing labor for the erection of this beautiful chapel. Of frame construction with asbestos siding, the interior woodwork of the building is of natural wood finish; the ceiling and the walls are of sheetrock. The building is on a concrete foundation and boasts a concrete walk from the road to the entrance.

There are two Sunday School rooms which open onto the sanctuary through disappearing walls. The Sunday School now has an average attendance of 48 pupils and the church has eleven members. What this church doesn't have in numbers it makes up for in vision. Mr. French says with pride that the children have had a real part in the making of this church. Rev. E. Marlar has been serving as pastor this past year.

Still another different type of building program in the Paragould District is to be found at the New Home Church, Corning charge, Rev. A. W. Harris, pastor. The membership of this church is on the roll of The Methodist Church in Corning but they attend the services of worship at the New Home Church located near Corning. Brother Harris reports that the laymen of the Corning church "are deeply interested in this extension church, cooperate in efforts to improve it, and often go out to make addresses in the church. There is close cooperation between the membership and a fine spirit among the people.

Shortly after Annual Conference of last year a new roof was put on the building and a bell tower added. Needed repairs were made and two coats of paint applied. Recently celotex walls and ceiling were added and wainscoating added to the walls; a chancel rail was built and the wood-work inside was repainted. Men of the community donated all the labor for this project and the \$600.00 for the cost of the materials needed is practically paid for. The ladies of the church through various activities have raised most of the needed funds.

Brother Harris preaches twice each month at 9:30 at the New Home Church and he reports that during the last year the Church School attendance and membership have increased considerably, until on a recent Sunday there were sixty persons recorded present.

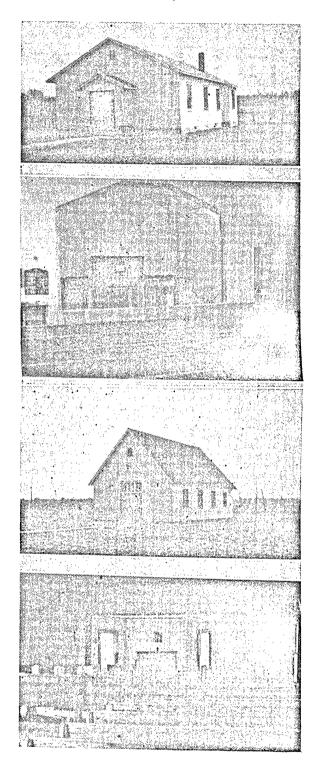
There have been other notable advances in the Paragould District during the last year. For instance, there have been new parsonages at Walnut Ridge, Maynard and Rector. On the whole the District accepted more than its apportionment on World Service and it is expected that this acceptance will be paid. There have been according to the District Superintendent "fair salary increases" during the year and for next year. There have been more than 400 addi-

Top: The Methodist Church of Boydsville, constructed in 1949. Rev. E. Marlar is pastor. Church built before congregation organized.

Second from top: Interior view of The Methodist Church at Knobel, Rev. H. M. Sanford, pastor, where a remodeling program is in progress.

Third from top: View of The Methodist Church at French Grove where Rev. E. Marlar is also pastor. Note concrete walk to road. Church has a flourishing Sunday School.

Bottom: Interior view of church at Mars Hill, Greenway Circuit, Rev. Gus Evans, pastor. Brother Evans himself did much of the carpenter work in building Chancel rail, pulpit, and altar.



tions to the church during the last year, more than half of which were on profession of faith as a result of three sub-district visitation-preaching evangelistic missions held during the year. Three unit training schools have been held during the past year at Rector, Paragould and Pocahontas and a single unit school was held at Hoxie. These schools have resulted in more than 350 training credits being issued for work done in these schools.

Miss Viola Callahan, District Director of Youth, and Miss Leola Featherson, Conference Youth officer, have led in the holding of several clinics for youth work in the district. Rev. J. Albert Gatlin, Executive Secretary, Town and Country Commission, led in a Financial Clinic for the churches in Greene County during the year. Other clinics of this nature are planned for the future.

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#### PASTORS' REPORTS FROM LITTLE ROCK CONFERENCE

TORATIO CT.: E. T. Miller, pastor. Horatio Ct. has had a good year. Thirteen members have been added to the church and all finances are paid in full.

WASHINGTON: W. C. Lewis, pastor. We have received 8 members by baptism. The bathroom has been equipped and hot and cold water installed throughout parsonage. All finances are

UTTIG-BOLDING: P. D. Alston, pastor. There has been \$2,200.00 spent on improvements on the Huttig and Bolding Church. We have received 26 members. All items are paid in fulf. There were 36 enrolled in Vacation Bible School.

USTIN CT.: J. R. Martin, pastor. We have A USTIN CI.: J. 16. Markin, proceed 2 members by transfer and 12 on profession of faith. Salaries and World Service paid 100 per cent. We have paid \$4,810.00 for improvements on churches and \$600.00 on parsonage. There has been a 10 per cent increase in Church School attendance.

NORPHLET: S. B. Mann, pastor. We have had a fine year. Every department of the church has grown. We have received 27 into the church. Everything is paid in full. \$500.00 has been paid on Retired Ministers' Endowment. We have a fine group of people at Norphlet.

AIRVIEW, TEXARKANA: Charles H. Giessen, pastor. We have closed a great year with the largest budget ever raised in the history of the church. We received 51 members on profession of faith and transfer. We are building a two-story brick educational building which will adequately meet the needs.

YEYER SPRINGS: S. T. Baugh, pastor. We have had a 22 per cent plus increase in membership this year. We received 25 members into the church on Easter Sunday, all on profession of faith. Every agency in the church is well organized and working. We have raised for all purposes \$6,355.00.

KOLONA CT.: E. T. McAfee, pastor. We have built four Sunday School rooms and changed the choir space of the Center Grove Church at a cost of \$800.00. Most of the labor was contributed and some material which helped keep the cost down. The improvements are paid for in full and we now have an attractive rural church there.

TILLAR-WINCHESTER: O. L. Daniel, pastor. I The askings and salaries are paid 100 per cent. The parsonage has been re-roofed and partly refurnished. There have been 36 additions, 12 on profession of faith and 24 by certificates. An educational building has been completed at Newton's Chapel. Funds are being raised for repairs on the Tillar Church.

DUMAS MEMORIAL, CALION CHARGE: Ralph S. Mann, pastor. Salaries, Benevo-

### NEWS AND NOTES ABOUT FACTS AND FOLKS

MRS. WILLIAM W. BARRON, wife of our pastor at Carthage, is recovering from an operation at the Gray Clinic in Little Rock.

MISS MARY ANN KINCANNON of Little Rock will be Youth Director for the Methodist Church of Russellville during the summer months. Rev. Harold Eggensperger is pastor.

MISS PEARLE McCAIN, returned missionary from China, will do work in Japan and has been assigned to Seiwa College in Nishinomiya, a training school for Christian workers. She will sail in August.

 ${f R}^{\rm EV.}$  MARTIN CAL MARTIN, pastor at Forester, and Miss Margaret Day of Ft. Smith were married on Saturday, June 2, in the sanctuary of the First Methodist Church, Ft. Smith. Both Brother and Mrs. Martin are students at Henderson State Teachers College, Arkadelphia.

DRINCIPAL AND MRS. MARVIN H. HARPER, of Leonard Theological College, Jubbulpore, India, are now in the United States on a year's furlough. Dr. Harper will spend some time in speaking engagements in the interest of the College and of India. They may be addressed at 2464 Boulevard Drive, N.E., Atlanta, Georgia.

**P**R. PAUL V. GALLOWAY, pastor of Boston Avenue Methodist Church, Tulsa, Oklahoma, preached the Commencement sermon for the Arkansas School of Medicine on Sunday, June 10, in the Robinson Auditorium. He preached at Winfield Church at the evening service.

DR. P. GORDON GOULD, director of Methodist work in Alaska odist work in Alaska, was the guest preacher at the First Methodist Church, Jonesboro, on Sunday, May 27. Dr. Gordon was the first native Alaskan to be ordained as a Methodist minister. He has served pastorates in both the Central New York Conference and the Genesee Confer-

sentence dropped into an address made by A Atomic Energy Commissioner Sumner T. Pike, at the University of Rochester, is finding its way into many sermons preached recently across the country. Said the Commissioner: "The atom is a completely law-abiding creature: the use to which its energy is put depends entirely on the people who guide it."

lences, all Conference and local items are paid in full. There has been \$2,400.00 paid on building improvements and church debt retirement; \$100.00 paid on Advance fund; \$170.00 paid on Retired Ministers' Endowment. Have received 29 into the churches during the year. We have active M. Y. F. and W. S. C. S. on the charge.

STRONG: Joe H. Robinson, pastor. We have received 14 into the church. There was an increase in budget of \$2,157.00, or 80 per cent over a year ago. There was an increase in Church School attendance of 24 per cent. The church sanctuary has been remodeled and made into a beautiful and convenient worship center with elevated choir loft and two choir rooms which also serve as class rooms. The parsonage has been redecorated. A beautiful dining room suite was given by Mrs. P. E. Harper. This was Strong's first year as a station.

BUCKNER: Myron C. Pearce. There has been a definite advance in the churches on the Buckner Charge this year. Sardis has new pews, Mt. Vernon has new pews, pulpit and chancel and Buckner church has completed a complete interior decoration of the sanctuary and Sunday School rooms. There has been an increase in enrollment and especially in attendance at Sunday School on the charge. The charge has started a repair program at the parsonage. To date they have built concrete back steps, covered and built a new garage. A new paint and interior decoration program is on the agenda. We are proud to work with such fine people as we have on Buckner Charge.

#### LITTLE ROCK CONFERENCE **DELEGATES TO GENERAL AND** JURISDICTIONAL CONFERENCE

General Conference

Connor Morehead, Aubrey G. Walton

Jurisdictional Conference

E. D. Galloway, R. B. Moore, Francis A. Buddin.

(Jurisdictional Conference Delegates are Reserve Delegates to General Conference.)

Reserves To Jurisdictional Conference Arthur Terry, E. Clifton Rule, J. L. Dedman.

#### NOTE OF THANKS

We wish to express our appreciation by means of the Arkansas Methodist for the many telegrams and letters of sympathy, and the kindness extended to us in the passing of Mrs. Moore. We shall never forget your many kindnesses.-J. W. Moore and Family.

ISS MILDRED G. DRESCHER, missionary personnel secretary of the National Council of Churches of Christ in the U.S.A., has been elected an officer of the Woman's Division of Christian Service of the Board of Missions, Methodist Church. Effective July 1, she will be in New York as a field secretary of the Division of Education and Cultivation and will direct promotional work for the Wesleyan Service Guild. A native of Jones, Michigan, Miss Drescher was a missionary of the Methodist Church in India for twenty-one years before 1940.

shipment of 300,000 vitamin capsules, a A friendship gift from three American agencies working in India (Church World Service, American Friends Service Committee, and the War Relief Services of the National Catholic Welfare Conference), was recently presented to Mme. Ramji Ram Sakasena, wife of the India consulate-general in New York. The presentation was by Miss Eileen Egan of the National Catholic Welfare Conference. The shipment of vitamins were flown to India where they are being distributed among children suffering from mal-

L. S. DUNAWAY of Conway, writes: "Dr. Ben M. Bogard, age 83, and one of the best-known Baptist preachers in Arkansas passed away last week and the funeral was held at Antioch Baptist church by Rev. N. C. Glover and Rev. L. D. Foreman, the local pastor. When Dr. A. C. Millar, former editor of the Arkansas Methodist, passed away Dr. Bogard had the following editorial in his paper that was published all over the state: 'I didn't like Dr. Millar and he didn't like me as we were not members of the same church. We clashed through our papers at each other in a friendly way and the finger of time rubbed us together and in the same temperance league and Anti-Saloon League, our friendship and fellowship ripened as the years went by. I called and put roses on his casket and mourn the lost of one of the best men who ever lived'."

HARLES WESLEY, the great hymn-writer and brother of John, was buried in Marylebone, Churchyard, England, when he died at the age of 80 more than 150 years ago. He had only a simple tombstone. But a generation later, Methodists erected an obelisk commemorating not only Charles, but the other members of the Wesley family buried with him. Early in the last century Parliament allowed the graveyard to be taken over as a playground for an overcrowded school in the district, and the commemorative obelisk fell into a bad state. Bombing in the district made things worse a few years ago. As there is to be road widening in the district the Anglican vicar has given land from the old graveyard which is to be turned into a Garden of Rest, with the obelisk in the centre. Dr. W. E. Sangster the Methodist president, has appealed to lovers of Charles Wesley's hymns and they are sharing the cost.

#### HENDRIX COLLEGE NEWS

#### Dr. Steelman Speaks At Commencement

Dr. John R. Steelman, national labor conciliator and close advisor to President Truman, told the Hendrix graduating class of 1951 June 3, that a nation that relaxes its efforts on behalf of peace—in the blind belief that it can go about its own business and ignore the problems of the rest of the world—is a nation more likely to become the victim of aggression.

The college conferred degrees on 112 seniors and awarded four honorary degrees.

Classes of 1926 and 1941 held special reunions in connection with this year's commencement program.

Relaxation, Dr. Steelman declared, also increases the danger of inflation-for a nation that permits inflation to grow is a nation lacking in discipline.

"Inflation," Dr. Steelman said, "comes about because people lack the ability or will to sacrifice personal gains for the national interest. All these dangers, each one feeding upon the other, are part and parcel of the threat to world peace and freedom."

In defending Korea, he pointed out, the United States is doing more than repel an invader. "We are serving notice to the foes of freedom that aggression will not be tolerated. In defending Korea we are defending the rights of all people to independence and to governments of their own choosing.

At the outset of his address, Dr. Steelman, who graduated from former Henderson-Brown College, later merged with Hendrix, said that he is thankful that he had the opportunity to attend a small college and church school. He said he had found no match for this system of education.

Dr. Steelman asserted that he didn't see how he ever could carry on the responsibilities he faces without the training offered by the small church school.

Rev. Paul V. Galloway, pastor of Boston Avenue Methodist Church in Tulsa, Okla., preached the baccalaureate sermon to the Hendrix class at the Conway First Methodist Church, Sunday morning.

He said Jesus wanted every person to be significant and nothing is wrong "if we think we have an outstanding place in life."

The speaker's subject was "Who

We Are and Can Be."

He said, "What we can say about ourselves down in our hearts, is that all of us really want to do good, be respected and have principles and characteristics that stand out."

'Recognize you have a few faults and make mistakes," the speaker continued, "and learn to work and live and give in to other people"

'If you want to be better and do better, it takes work and may God's presence always be with you.'

#### First Conference Youth Assembly Held

Nearly 100 students representing the eight districts of the North Arkansas Conference of the Methodist Church, enrolled last week at the annual Conference Youth Assembly held on the Hendrix campus, according to Rev. James S. Upton, dean of the assembly.

Bob Edwards of Springtown was elected president of the assembly for the coming year. Sarah Workman of Conway will serve as vicepresident. Other officers are Ann Wilford of Batesville, secretary; and

#### DEDICATION SERVICE AT HAMPTON METHODIST CHURCH

The Hammond Electric Organ at the Hampton Methodist Church was dedicated Sunday morning, June 3, with a very impressive service. Walter Dunn, chairman of the Board of Stewards, presented the organ for dedication and Rev. Claude O. Hall, pastor, dedicated it, after which he was joined by the congregation in responsive reading and prayer. Brother Hall also brought the memorial message. A quartette, "Precious Memories", was sung by Mrs. H. O. Splawn, Reba Rogers, Walter Rowland, and H. O. Splawn. The choir sang "Memory Bells" and was joined by the congregation in singing two hymns, "Jesus Is Always There" and "Dedication Hymn" composed by Mrs. H. O. Splawn, choir director.

The organ was given to the church as a memorial to Wallace Primm by the Primm family, Mrs. Mary Primm, employees of the Arkansas Power and Light Company, and Hamilton Moses, a native of Hampton.—Reporter.

#### MINISTERS' WIVES **ENTERTAINED**

The ministers' wives of the Hope District were honored with a buffet luncheon in the home of Mrs. Fred R. Harrison, 2221 Glendale, Texarkana, on Monday, May 14.

Artistic arrangements of gladioli and roses made this lovely parsonage home more beautiful.

Mrs. George Meyer, president, had charge of the business meeting. It was decided the next meeting would be a picnic shared with the families.

Entertainment was in charge of Mrs. Houston Farmer.

Mrs. Clovis Chappell of Nashville, Tennessee, was a welcome guest.

Co-hostesses with Mrs. Harrison were Mrs. Cleve Gilliam, Mrs Claude Clark, Mrs. James McCammon and Mrs. Farmer.--Marie Tucker, Secre-

#### 500 New Protestant Chaplains Procesed

More than 500 new Protestant chaplains have been recruited and processed through the General Commission on Chaplains since recruiting efforts began last November. This information was disclosed at the Commission's semi-annual meet-

Martha June Warner of West Memphis, treasurer. Commission chairmen are Bobby Watson of Tuckerman, Recreation; Virginia Thomas of Jacksonville, Community Service; Jim Gossett of Blytheville, Worship; and Peggy Metcalf of Cole's Chapel, Missions and World Friend-

Miss Sookney Lee, Korean student at Hartford Seminary, Hartford, Conn., acted as foreign student representative at the assembly, and Dr. Fred G. Roebuck, pastor of the First Methodist Church at Fort Smith, served as inspirational speaker.

#### Students Register For Summer School

Nearly 130 students have registered for the summer session at Hendrix, according to Victor Hill, registrar. More than 40 of the students are new to the campus, Dr. H. I. Lane, summer session director, said. -Barbara Noble,

### AREA SENDS STATION WAGONS TO ALASKA

The members of the Arkansas-Louisiana Area Methodist Churches have presented two station wagons to Rev. P. Gordon Gould, director of Methodist work in Alaska, to be used in Nome, Alaska, and along the Kenai Peninsula highway.

Rev. Mr. Gould accepted the vehicles at Jonesboro recently in a ceremony at the First Methodist Church of that city.

Rev. and Mrs. Gould will drive the station wagons to Seattle, Wash., where the one destined for work in Nome will be placed aboard an Alaska Steamship Company freight-

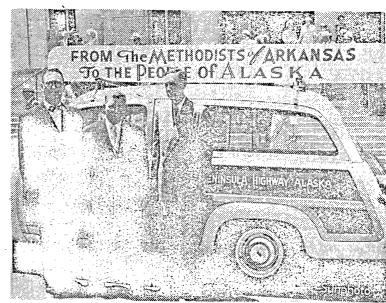
The vehicle will arrive in Nome about mid-July and will be put into service by Rev. Robert Treat, Methodist pastor there.

The other station wagon will be driven over the Alcan Highway to Alaska. It is destined to be used by Rev. Eugene Elliott, who is at present serving as Methodist minister to the communities scattered along the Kenai Peninsula Highway.

The idea for purchasing the vehicles came last winter when Mr. Gould, while making a tour of the 21 districts of the Arkansas-Louisiana Area, stated that the work of the Methodist Churches in Alaska could be greatly expanded if ministers there were able to serve a greater area.

His suggestion for expanding Methodist services in Alaska led to the purchase of the two vehicles by the Arkansas-Louisiana congregations with funds from collections taken during Brother Gould's visit to the Arkansas and Louisiana churches. The cars were purchased through the Patton Motor Co. of Jonesboro.

The Methodists of the Arkansas-Louisiana Area are helping to support mission work in Alaska as a part of the Advance For Christ And His Church.



One of two station wagons presented to Rev. P. Gordon Gould (center), director of Methodist work in Alaska, by the Arkansas-Louisiana Methodist Districts, is shown above. At left is Rev. John McCormack, pastor of the First Methodist Church, Jonesboro. At right is R. H. Patton, chairman of the First Methodist Board of Stewards and Ford distributor, from whom the two vehicles were purchased.

ing in Washington, D. C., attended by 83 delegates representing 40 cooperating Protestant denominations. The delegates discussed means of procuring additional chaplains to bring the armed services up to their goal of one chaplain for each 1,000

#### Proposes 'Research Laboratory' On Religious Problems

Setting up of a "research laborato probe into religious and moral problems of our day was recommended in Chicago to the Board of Education of the Methodist Church at its annual meeting. The recommendation was made by Bishop J. Ralph Magee, of Chicago, chairman of the board's division of the local church. This laboratory of experts, he said, could advise, in a changing world, on the significance of religion and religious methods for each recurring situation.



#### Protestant Chapel Inaugurated On French Liner

A Protestant chapel has been inaugurated on the French transatlantic liner Liberty. The first service was conducted by Dr. Marc Boegner, president of the Reformed Church of France, while the liner was docked at Le Havre. The Liberty is the former German liner Europa, which was turned over to France as a war reparation and put into passenger service by the French Line.

Work is not drudgery unless you have developed the wrong frame of mind toward it.—Prairie Farmer

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## THE CHILDREN'S PAGE

ANNIE WINBURNE, Editor

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#### IN STORYLAND Easunaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaa

#### MARTHA'S VACATION IN THE COUNTRY

By Dorothy K. Sampson

The car stopped in front of the big farmhouse. A little girl with brown curls jumped out and ran towards the house.

Grandmother was at the door waiting with outstretched arms.

"Grandmother, we're here-we're here!" cried Martha as her little feet skipped up the walk. Mother and Daddy weren't even out of the

"And I'm so glad, baby," said Grandmother. "Grandma hasn't seen her little girl for such a long time!"

"But we'll be here for ever so long now, Grandmother, won't we?" asked Martha.

Grandmother nodded her head, but she knew that three weeks would soon pass.

Martha had been born in the old farmhouse. She had lived there until last year. Then the people Daddy worked for had sent him on a job in another State. And Martha and Mother had gone with him, of course.

This was Martha's first visit back home. She was anxious to see what had happened since she left. Grandmother told her there were three new kittens in the barn. She had to see them right away. Two were all black, one black and white. She would have to find names for them.

After lunch Grandfather took her to see Betsy, the cow. And Old Tim, the horse. She took her shoes off and waded in the creek that ran through the woods. Butch, the dog, followed her wherever she went. He was glad to have her back too. Martha had forgotten how much fun it was to live in the country. There were so many things

Grandmother had planned to take Martha to see all of her aunts and uncles and cousins. There was also Linda. Linda was a little girl her very own age. They had been great friends before she moved away.

Martha went to bed that first night a little tired. Her face was flushed, but Mother said it was only the excitement.

The next morning Martha did not feel at all well when she awoke. Her head ached and her throat felt dry. Mother and Grandmother looked at each other in a funny way when she finally came to the breakfast table.

"Don't you feel well, Martha?" asked Mother.

"No'm — not so very!" Martha's only reply.

"I'll call Dr. Mann right away." And Grandmother hurried to the phone.

Mother took Marthà upstairs and put her to bed. When the doctor came he took one look at Martha and said, "Measles!" He gave her a mirror and told her to look in it. Her face had little red splotches all over it.

Tears came to Martha's eyes. Of all times to get sick—and the meas-



#### SUMMER JOYS

One of the joys of summer days Is finding many different ways To be a friend.

The chickens all have to be fed Before their time to go to bed At each day's end.

The other friends who have no words, Our pets, the squirrels, the singing birds, All these have needs.

True happiness this service brings, A joy in doing kindly things And gracious deeds.-A.E.W.

les of all things! A whole week she by sickness. But Martha was well would have to stay shut up in her bedroom. No visits to Linda. No wading in the creek. No trips to the stable to see Old Tim and Betsy. It was going to be awful.

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The first two days Martha was a very sick little girl. She didn't even mind having to stay in her room.

Then, the next day she felt better. Her aunts and uncles came to see her. They brought her picture books and paper dolls. Linda's mother sent her a big box of candyto eat when she was well. It was all quite nice-getting so much attention. Martha decided it wasn't so bad after all, having the measles. Especially when you were away from home visiting. People were nicer than ever then.

Daddy went into the little nearby town and came back with a color book and crayons. They had a wonderful time coloring pictures of flowers and trees and birds in the little book. They could see the big red barn from the window. Daddy drew a picture of it. Then he drew, pictures of Betsy and Old Tim standing in front of the barn.

"Will I be able to go outdoors to-morrow, Mother?" Martha asked at the end of the week.

"Yes, honey, I think so—if the weather is nice," Mother said.

"You know, it will be fun getting outside again," Martha said in a very grown-up way, "but I'll miss all the 'tention I've been getting!"

Mother smiled to herself. She had been worried about the little girl's visit back to the farm being spoiled

again now. She would have two more weeks to romp and play and wade in the creek. Mother knew she would enjoy it all the more now because she had had to give it up for awhile. She knew, too, that as long as Martha was with her grandparents she would be getting plenty of attention-measles or no measles.

---Virginia Methodist

#### JUST FOR FUN

Moe and Joe were fishing in Florida waters. Suddenly Joe felt a jerk on his line. "Moe," he said quietly, "I got me a haddock!"

"Vell," said Moe, "vy don't you take an aspirin?"—Pure Oil News, Pure Oil Co.

Bill: "Old Perkins, proprietor of the general merchandise store at Mesquite Corners, fired his head clerk."

Will: "Why was that?"

Bill: "Why, he put up the slogan: Best in the Long Run,' over the nylon hose counter."

Five-year-old Bobby was showing the family photographs to a playmate. Very shamefaced, he exhibited one of himself, taken when he was three years old, wearing beautiful curls. Apologetically, he explained, "I was borned a girl."

#### IN THE WORLD OF BOYS AND GIRLS

#### MYSTERIES OF THE SKY

By Johnnielu Barber Bradford

Last night before I closed my eyes I watched the mysteries of the skies-

White clouds sailed by like ships at

And now and then one paused for

The big moon glowed like a fresh struck match

And when the stars began to hatch, Like downy yellow baby chicks, The blue was filled with quivering specks-

Just like a hen's brood fills a nest, I saw one star run from the rest . . . I saw it hide beneath the wings That hover over heavenly things.

-Baptist Standard

#### THREE LITTLE PANSIES

By Marjorie Allen Anderson

Three liftle pansies Bloomed in a row, Looking up brightly, Faces aglow.

The yellow one said to The purple one near, "I'm feeling so happy And full of good cheer."

The purple one said to The blue one near by, "I'm sure you're not feeling As bouncy as I."

The blue one laughed gaily And said to the two, "Do you know what I'm wishing And longing to do?"

"Have somebody pick me And take me today To a child who is sick and Whom I could make gay." -The Christian Advocate

#### THE BEGGAR MAN

By Sophie Rowe

A beggar in a tattered coat Passed through our yard today. The dogs ran out and barked at him To send him on his way.

The beggar stumbled on a root, And down he fell and cried. The dogs came on with fearful barks Until they reached his side.

And then they saw what funny jokes A little child can play. For underneath that tattered coat Their little master lay!

But when they saw his sorry tears, They licked his dirty face, To let him know they didn't think His fall was a disgrace.

And then they wagged their friendly tails

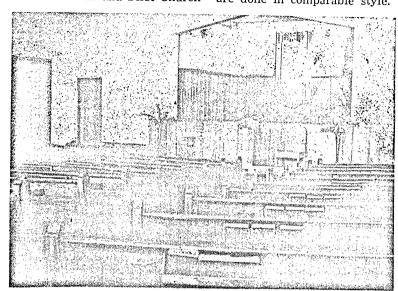
And jumped around with joy, For 'spite of all his teasing ways They love that little boy.

-No. Carolina Christian Advocate

### HEBER SPRINGS METHODIST CHURCH

HE Cleburne County Times last week carried a full picture page of the remodeled building of the Methodist Church.

In the spring of 1949 Central Methodist Church and First Church remainder of the building was completely remodeled in keeping with the best ideas of modern needs. The Children's Division was finished with beautifully tiled floors and pastel walls. All other class rooms are done in comparable style.



were merged to form what has been named simply, The Methodist Church. It has a present membership of 511.

In 1949, a 1500 square foot unit was completed housing a Young Adult and Young People's departments and church office.

Beginning in September 1950 the

The sanctuary is plastered with a texture finish in a snowflake pattern and tinted in tan. The woodwork is all figured white oak with a natural finish. The floor is carpeted in a rose-burgundy.

A full set of stained-glass windows will be delivered in July.

Rev. Hubert E. Pearce is pastor.

## A STATEMENT OF APPRECIATION

(Continued from page 2) prayers and help on the Sunshine Fund and in sending literature for the patients to read; for the courtesies and help of the superintendent, Dr. J. D. Riley, Mrs. Claude Moore, superintendent of nurses, the doctors, nurses, teachers, supervisors, librarians, business personnel, and all who are employed here.

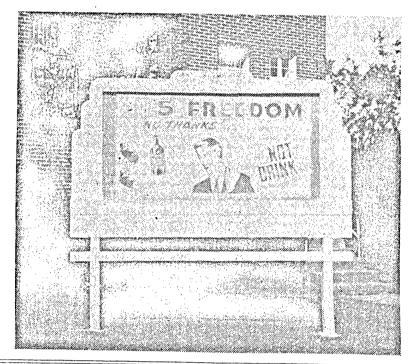
This is a statement of my sincere appreciation for this opportunity to do the thing I find great satisfaction in doing. Pray that my service may be better day after day. — Bates Sturdy, Chaplain.

The real art of conversation is not only to say the right thing in the right place, but . . . to leave unsaid the wrong thing at the tempting moment.—Dorothy Nevill, Under Fire Reigns. (Methuen)

#### SIGNS FOR TEMPERANCE

HE Board of Temperance of the Little Rock Conference has a program of using visual aids in promoting the cause of temperance. The accompanying picture shows one of the six "Signs for Temperance" that have been purchased by the board this year. This one is located on the corner of the Fordyce Methodist Church property where the three highways, 167, 89 and 8 pass. The sign is serviced with temperance posters each month by the Youth Division of the Fordyce Church. The Board will purchase six other signs for setting up in the various districts this year.

In addition to these signs the Board has purchased a 16-millimeter moving picture machine which may be had for the asking by any church not being equipped with one. Also the board has a copy of the film "The Power of Decision," for the use of any church or organization that wishes to put on a temperance program. The only requirement is that a freewill offering be taken at the showing. Churches or other organizations that wish to cooperate in this program should contact the Chairman of the Board of Temperance, Rev. J. L. Tucker, DeQueen, Arkansas.



People who talk about the things they can't afford sometimes forget that the list should include pride, envy and malice.—Springfield Republican Many persons have a wrong idea about what constitutes true happiness. It is not attained through self-gratification, but through fidelity to a worthy purpose.—Helen Keller

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The 1951 season at Mount Sequoyah Fayetteville, "Summer Capitol for Methodism's South Central Jurisdiction" of eight states, will open June 11 and will continue through August 17.

Program highlights promise to be a full ten weeks of spiritual and cultural fellowship. Record attendance is indicated by registration to date. Several sessions are already booked to capacity.

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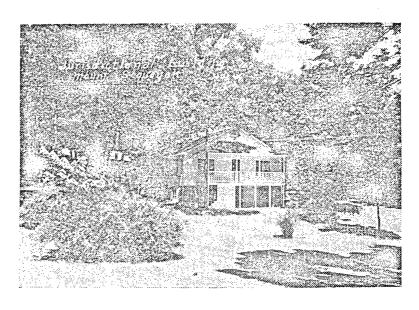
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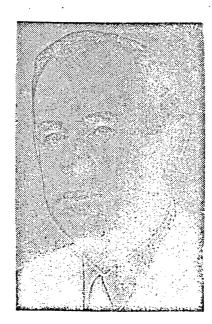
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June 11-16. Hotels, tourists courts and institutions of the Ozark mountain region have been asked to cooperate by helping to care for the people. Mount Sequoyah expects to house some 400 of the guests.

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Commerce is expecting some 20,-000 visitors.

The Mozark Youth Institute which is the Methodist Youth Fellowship of the three Missouri conferences will be held June 25-July 1. Dr. Shrum Burton, Pastor of Melrose church, Kansas City, is dean. Dr. C. Silas Roe of First Church, Monette is business manager. The Institute will have class periods, interest groups, vesper, recreation, prayer circles, and a morning platform hour at which time the theme of "Understanding the Christian Faith" will be presented.

The Woman's Society of Christian Service Jurisdiction School of Missions will be July 4 through 10. The dean of the school will be Dr. Paul D. Womeldorf, of Oklahoma City, executive secretary of the jurisdiction. Bishop Glenn R. Phillips, Denver, Colorado, is to be the chief inspirational speaker. The faculty is composed of 27 specialists in the field of Bible and Missions, among whom are Dr. J. T. Carlyon of the Perkins School of Theology, Southern Methodist University, Dallas, Texas, Dr. James S. Chubb, formerly of the General Board of Evangelism, now pastor at Grand Island, Nebraska, and Dr. J. R. Drake, director of the Bisti Outstation, from the Navajo Indian Mission School at I spington, New Mexico. Mrs. (Dameron, Pineville, Louisia archairman of the school contee, by virtue of her office aron retary of Missionary Educ Baand Service for the Jurisd lice Woman's Society of Christian Service.

The Jurisdictional Leader School, July 16-27, guided staff of 30 specialists in Christon and School, July 16-27, guided staff of 30 specialists in Christon and School and Schoo



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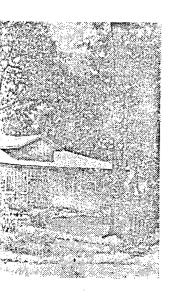
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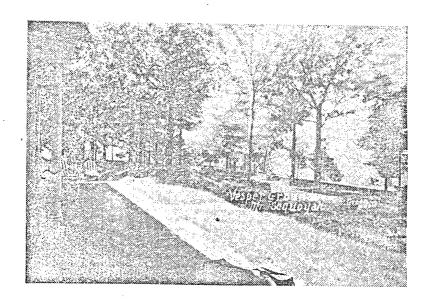
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spirational addresses. Bishop <sub>Dana</sub> Dawson, Kansas-Nebraska area, will give the major address. Four Arkansas people will be in the staff. Miss Lula Doyle Baird, District Supervisor of Pubic Schools, Morrilton, will be upervisor of the laboratory secion, Rev. Harold Eggensperger, pastor of First Methodist Church, Russellville, teacher in the internediate department of the labratory section. Miss Violet Holrook, Morrilton, an experienced worker with children, will be in harge of the playground, which s related to the laboratory secion. Dr. D. L. Dykes, Jr., pastor entral church, Fayetteville, will e speaker for Vesper services.



June 25-July 1
July 4-10
July 7-8
Secretaries July 10-13
July 16-27
July 28-August 6
Owship Workshop-Aug. 8-17



Two former Arkansas people who will be a part of the leader-ship for this school are Dr. J. Q. Schisler of the General Board of Education, Nashville, Tennessee, and Rev. Glenn F. Sanford of the Board of Missions and Church Extension of New York.

The Wesleyan Service Guild will hold a jurisdictional conference July 7 to 8 under the leadership of Mrs. Alma G. Riley, Houston, Texas. There will be about 125 Wesleyan Service Guild women in attendance on this week end conference.

A meeting of annual conference and district Board of Missions secretaries is scheduled for July 10-13. The leader will be Dr. A. W. Martin of the Perkins School of Theology, who is chairman of the Jurisdictional Board of Missions. Dr. J. A. Engle, executive secretary of the Division of Missionary Education, Board of Missions, New York, Dr. Ralph Nance, Wichita Falls, Texas, who has recently toured South America, and Bishop Dana Dawson, of Topeka, Kansas, who has just returned from a tour of Africa, will be the three evening speakers.

Audio visual missionary materials will be a special feature of the conference. Facilities will be available for family groups. Plan to bring your family. A class in missionary education will be

taught each morning for the women and there will be classes and missionary pictures for the children.

The jurisdictional M. Y. F. Workshop, stressing youth leadership training, will be held August 8-17. The theme is "Jesus' Way Our Mission." The dean is Rev. J. Yoyce Wilson, Baker University, Baldwin, Kansas. The dean of women is Mrs. C. B. Nelson, Little Rock. The aim of the workshop is to give leadership



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Superintendent, Mt. Sequoyah

training for conference, district and sub-district workers, both youth and adults, in strengthening the program for the local church. It will bring leadership training to youth and adults which cannot be obtained on a conference level.

Vacation time is July 28 to August 6. Many people who cannot come to the various schools and workshops want to come to Sequoyah for rest and fellowship and to explore the Ozarks. This is your opportunity. Write the superintendent, Rev. Elmer H. Hook, for reservations. Welcome to Mount Sequoyah!

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## A Condensed Minutes Of Little Rock Conference A

The Minutes of the Little Rock Annual Conference of The Methodist Church, held in Hot Springs, Arkansas, from June 6, 1951, through June 10, 1951, Bishop Paul E. Martin, Presiding.

Part I. Organization and General Business

1. Who are elected for the quadrennium: Secretary? R. B. Moore, Camden, Ark. Statistician? Louis W. Averitt, Fordyce, Ark. Treasurer? C. E. Hayes, 417 Donaghey Bldg., Little Rock, Ark.

2. Is the Annual Conference incorporated? No..

3. (a) What officers handling funds of the conference have been bonded, and in what amounts? C. E. Hayes, \$25,000; C. M. Atchley, \$500; Otto W. Teague, \$25,000; James H. Johnson, \$5,000; Fred Gantt, \$5,000; J. Ralph Clayton, \$10,000; R. A. Teeter, \$500; T. T. McNeal \$28,000. (b) Have the books of said officers or persons been audited? Yes.

4. Have the boards, commissions, or committees been appointed or elected? (a) Board of Ministerial Training and Qualifications? Yes. (b) Committee on Conference Relations? Yes. (c) Committee on Accepted Supply Pastors? Yes. (d) Committee of Investigation? Yes. (e) District Boards of Location and Building? Yes. (f) Board of Trustees of the Annual Conference? Yes. (g) Conference Commission on World Service and Finance? Yes. (h) Town and Country Commission? Yes. (i) Conference Deaconess Board? Yes. (j) Conference Board of Missions and Church Extension? Yes. (k) Conference Board of Education? Yes. (1) Conference Board of Temperance? Yes. (m) Conference Board of Lay Activities? Yes. (o) Conference Board of Evangelism? Yes. (p) Board of Conference Claimants? Yes. (q) Commission on Christian Vocations? Yes. (r) Conference Woman's Society of Christian Service? Yes. (s) Committee on Proportional Payment of Ministerial Support? Yes. (t) Other committees, commissions, or boards? See Conference Journal.

5. Have the secretaries, treasurers, and statisticians kept their respective records upon and according to the forms prescribed by The Methodist Church? Yes.

6. What are the reports of the district superintendents as to the status of the work within their districts? See Journal.

7. What is the schedule for minimum support for pastors? \$1,600 for single ministers, \$1,800 for married ministers.

8. What is the plan and what are the approval claims for the support of the district superintendents for the ensuing year? An amount equal to the nearest \$100 to the averages of salaries received by pastors of the ten churches paying highest salaries, plus 20% additional for expenses, up to \$1,200.

9. What amount has been apportioned to the pastoral charges within the conference to be raised for the support of conference claimants? Scale of 7% to 14% of pastor's salaries.

10. What are the apportionments transmitted by the General Commission on World Service and Finance to this conference: (a) For World Service? \$56,221. (b) For Episcopal Fund? An amount equal to 1%% of

cash salary of pastors. (c) For General Administration Fund? \$2,970.

11. What amount is apportioned to this conference for the Jurisdictional Administration Fund? \$3,060.

12. What are the reports, recommendations, and plans of the boards of the conference: (a) What is the report of the Board of Conference Claimants, and what appropriations for conference claimants are reported and approved? See Conference Journal. (b) What is the report of the Conference Board of Missions and Church Extension of disbursements of missionary aid within the conference? See Conference Journal. (c) What is the report of the Conference Commission on World Service and Finance? See Conference Journal. (d) What is the report of the Commission on Christian Vocations? See Conference Journal. (e) What are the other reports? See Conference Journal.

13. What Methodist institutions or organizations are approved by the conference for annuity responsibility? None.

14. What date is determined for Golden Cross enrollment? May 11, 1951.

15. (a) Who is elected conference lay leader? Roland M. Shelton. (b) What is his report? See Conference Journal. (c) Who are elected district and associate district lay leaders? See Conference Journal.

Part II. Pertaining to Ministerial Relations

16. Who constitute the Conference Committee of Investigation? Virgil D. Keeley, George E. Reutz, Doyle T. Rowe, R. A. Teeter, Fred L. Arnold; Reserves: W. Neill Hart, A. J. Christie, J. E. Cooper.

17. Who are the accepted supply pastors? Albert Burroughs, LP; Maurice Burroughs, LP; Horace M. Grogan, LP; C. V. Holiman, LP; E. T. McAfee, LE; John P. Miles, LP; R. H. Richert, LE; Hollis Simpson, LP; W. H. Watson, LP; Bruce H. Bean, LD; Rose P. Carrithers, LD; Thomas Christie, LD; R. M. Crain, LE; C. B. Harris, LP; Ernest E. Hays, LP; Orl S. Lancaster, LP; C. E. Lawrence, LP; Ralph S. Mann, LP; D. L. McCauley, LE; H. R. Nabor, LE; J. R. Callicott, LD; Claude Clark, LP; Wm. Crow, LE; Douglas Dexter, LP; George Leo Glasgow, LP; Connie Robins, LP; Herman W. Worthy, LP; Fred H. Arnold, LP; Harold K. Davis, LP; Kenneth M. Goode, LP; John B. Hays, LP; Art Kidd, LP; William O. Holmes, LP; S. T. Hollowell, LP; Carlos E. Martin, LP; P. D. Alston, LE; J. C. VanHorn, LD; W. E. West, LE; James Constable, LP; Byron Crosby, LP; Palmer Garner, LP; Edward Hollenbeck, LP; W. C. Onstead, LE; Claude Stone,

18. What accepted supply pastors now under full-time appointment are taking the conference course of study: (a) In the first year? Ralph S. Mann, Connie Robins, William H. Watson. (b) In the second year? None. (c) In the third year? Bruce H. Bean, Mrs. Rose P. Carithers. (d) In the fourth year? J. R. Callicott.

19. What preachers, coming from other churches, have had their orders recognized? None.

20. Who have been received from other churches as traveling preachers? None.

21. Who are received on trial: (a) In studies of the first year? Charles

Gary Ashcraft, William Wiley Barron, Gerald Kemp Fincher, Elbert Byron Jean, Robert Bowen Moore, Jr., Withers McAllister Moore, Farris Wendell Norton, Jr., Myron Chester Pearce, Hal Rucks Sessions, Jr., Russell Leroy L. Shaffer, Jr., Woodrow Wilson Smith. (b) In studies of the third year under the seminary rule? None. (c) Exempt from course of study under the seminary rule? None.

22. Who are continued on trial:
(a) Continued in studies of the first year? None. (b) Advanced to studies of the second year? Rayford Luther Diffee, Charles V. Mashburn, Robert A. Simpson, Lee Gray Wilson. (c) Continued in studies of the second year? William Elder. (d) Exempt from course of study under the seminary rule? None.

23. Who on trial are discontinued? None.

24. Who are admitted into full connection? Harmon Barry Bailey, Virgil Chipman Bell, Fred Wesey Reutz, John Harould Scott.

25. What full members are in studies: (a) Of the third year? Virgil Chipman Bell, Fred Wesley Reutz, John Harould Scott. (b) Of the fourth year? None.

26. What full members have failed to complete the studies: (a) Of the third year? None. (b) Of the fourth year? Gerald Clyde Dean, Robert Scott

27. What full members have completed the studies of the fourth year? Jefferson Emmett Davis, Jr., Cecil Alfred DeBlack, Joseph Wiley Hunter, Oliver Wendel Hoover, Robert Louis Riggin, David M. Hankins.

28. Who have been elected deacons: (a) As local preachers? Bruce Hayes Bean. (b) As members on trial in the course of study? John Harold Scott, Virgil Chipman Bell, Fred Wesley Reutz. (c) Under the seminary rule? None. (d) Under the missionary rule? None.

29. Who have been ordained deacons? Bruce Hayes Bean, John Harould Scott, Virgil Chipman Bell, Fred Wesley Reutz.

30. Who have been elected elders:
(a) As local preachers? William Chriss Onstead. (b) As local deacons who have been received on trial? None. (c) As conference members in the course of study? Cecil Alfred DeBlack, Joseph Wiley Hunter, Oliver Wendel Hoover, Robert Louis Riggin. (d) Under the seminary rule? Jefferson Emmitt Davis, Jr., David M. Hankins, Jr. (e) Under the missionary rule? None.

31. Who have been ordained elders? William Chriss Onstead, Cecil Alfred DeBlack, Joseph Wiley Hunter, Oliver Wendel Hoover, Robert Louis Riggin, Jefferson Emmitt Davis, Jr.

32. Relative to accommodation transfers for ordination and reception: (a) What members of this conference have been transferred out for purposes of ordination only: (1) As deacons? David M. Hankins, North Texas Conf., June 1, 1951. (2) As elders? None. (b) Who have been transferred in, having been ordained elsewhere: (1) As deacons? None. (2) As elders? David M. Hankins, North Texas, June 6, 1951.

34. Who have been received by transfer? William E. Brown, Elder, Louisiana Conf., June 10, 1951; Barry L. Bailey, Probationer, Texas Conf., June 10, 1951; David Hankins, Elder,

from North Texas Conf., June 6, 1951; Elmer L. Thomas, Elder, from Southwest Missouri Conf., December, 1950.

35. Who have been transferred out? Edward W. Harris, Elder, to Louisiana Conf., June 10, 1951; H. M. Fikes, Elder, to Detroit Conf., June 10, 1951; David Hankins, Deacon, to North Texas Conf., June 1, 1951; J. C. English, Elder, to Southwest Missouri Conf., Dec., 1950; G. Eldred Blakely, Elder, to Louisiana Conf., June 10, 1951.

36. Who have had their conference membership terminated: (a) By voluntary location? None. (b) By involuntary location? None. (c) By withdrawal? (State if under complaints, under charges, or for what reason.) Jeff Paul (voluntary). (d) By judicial procedure (expelled)? None.

37. What ministerial members have died during the year? F. P. Doak, T. W. Nunn, W. T. Hopkins.

38. Who are the supernumerary ministers, and for what number of years consecutively has each held this relation? Robert L. Long, 2 years.

39. Who are granted sabbatical leave? None.

40. What ministers have been retired: (a) This year? J. Wayne Mann. (b) Previously? H. A. F. Ault, T. M. Armstrong, J. D. Baker, S. K. Burnett, F. C. Cannon, T. P. Clark, J. L. Criswell, C. B. Davis, J. R. Diffee, S. L. Durham, Roy E. Farr, W. W. Fincher, B. F. Fitzhugh, J. O. Gold, E. D. Hanna, J. L. Leonard, W. C. Lewis, J. W. Nethercutt, J. A. Newell, J. B. Pickering, R. J. Rail, J. T. Rodgers, J. D. Rogers, J. B. Sims, L. R. Sparks, A. N. Stonecipher, J. W. Thomas, C. M. Thompson, C. C. VanZant, R. C. Walsh, Doyle L. Wilcox, J. M. Workman. (c) Accepted Supply Preachers Retired? A. N. Youngblood, A. J. Bearden, John A. Simpson, J. A. Ginnings, T. M. Rose, O. C. Robinson, George Townsend.

41. Who are left without appointment to attend school? David M. Hankins, Jr., Robert B. Moore, Jr., Withers M. Moore, Robert A. Simpson, Russell L. L. Shaffer, Jr., Gerald R. Fincher, Elbert B. Jean, Hal Sessions, Jr., Woodrow W. Smith, Ferris W. Norton, Jr., Charles W. Ashcraft.

42. What is the number of: (a) Pastoral charges? 175. Received on trial? 12. Transfers in? 4. Received from other churches? None. Discontinued? None. Accepted supply pastors? 44. Received into full connection? 4. Transfers out? 5; Readmitted? One. Withdrawn? One. Expelled? None. Deceased? 3. Located? None. (b) Ministers: (1) On trial: (a) As pastors? 5. (b) Under special appointment? 1. (c) Left without appointment to attend school? 10. Total on trial? 16. (2) In full connection: (a) Effective: (i) As pastors and district superintendents? 115. (ii) Under special appointment? 7. (iii) Left without appointment to leave? 0. Total effective? 123. (b) Retired? 33. (c) Supernumerary? 1. (c) Total of all ministers? (Add total on trial, total effective, retired, and supernumerary.) 173.

43. What other personal notation should be made? See Conference Journal.

Part III. Concluding Business (Continued on page 14)

## Appointments For Little Rock Conference

#### ARKADELPHIA DISTRICT

J. M. Hamilton, District Superintendent 1

Amity Circuit, To Be Supplied. Arkadelphia Circuit, W. H. Wat-

Arkadelphia, John B. Hefley 7.
Bismarck Circuit, Hollis Simpon 4.

Dalark Circuit, Horace M. Grogan 2

Delight Circuit, Hersel Richert 1.
Fountain Lake, J. A. Wade 2.
Friendship Circuit, C. V. Holi-

Gardner-Morning Star, C. H. Gilliam 1.

Glenwood, C. V. Mashburn 1.
Gurdon, R. O. Beck 1.
Hot Springs Circuit To Be Su

Hot Springs Circuit, To Be Supplied.

Hot Springs Churches: First Church, E. C. Rule 2; Grand Avenue, C. Ray Hozendorf 4; Oaklawn, Noel Cross 2; Pullman Heights, H. R. Holland 5; Tigert, Robert S. Beasley 1.

Malvern Churches: First Church, Van W. Harrell 2; Keith Memorial, W. S. Cazort 2.

Mt. Ida, Osborne White 2.
Mufreesboro Circuit, A. N. Young-

Murfreesboro, A. W. Hamilton 2. Okolona Circuit, E. T. McAfee 3. Piney Grove, S. K. Burnett 3. Rockport Circuit, J. R. Diffee 3. Shorewood Hills, J. D. Baker 4. Sparkman-Sardis, Orrie L. Thompon 1.

Traskwood Circuit, A. E. Jacobs 1. Conference Evangelist, R. E. Simpson.

District Director of Arkansas Methodist, John B. Hefley.

District Director of Evangelism, C. Ray Hozendorf.

District Director, R. M. E., R. O. Beck.

District Missionary Secretary, Van W. Harrell.

#### CAMDEN DISTRICT

Connor Morehead, District Superintendent 3

Bearden, James Robert Scott 1; Thomas Christie, Associate 1. Bradley, O. W. Hoover 3.

Buckner Circuit, Myron Pearce 5. Camden Churches: Fairview, Alfred DeBlack 1; First Church, Robert B. Moore 1.

Chidester, Rayford L. Diffee 2.
Columbia Circuit, G. B. Pixley 2.
Dumas Memorial-Calion, Ralph
S. Mann 4.

El Dorado Churches: Centennial, Ernest E. Hayes 1; First Church, W. Neill Hart 1; Vantrease, J. D. Montgomery 5.

Emerson Circuit, To Be Supplied. Garland, To Be Supplied. Harmony Grove Circuit, H. R. Nabors 8.

Holly Springs Circuit, Irl S. Lancaster 2.

Junction City, Cagle E. Fair 1. Lewisville, James A. Simpson 6. Louann Circuit, George C. Bailey 1.

Magnolia Circuit, C. B. Harris 6. Magnolia Churches: First Church, Elmer L. Thomas 2; Jackson Street, W. R. Boyd 4.

Marysville-Fredonia, K. K. Carithers 2.

Norphlet, S. B. Mann 3.
Parker's Chapel-Pleasant Grove,
Robert W. Core 2.

Princeton Circuit, Bruce H,

Smackover, A. C. Carraway 3.

Stamps M. E. Scott 4.
Stephens, Alfred I. Doss 4.
Taylor Circuit, Charles E. Lawrence 2

Village, D. L. McCauley 4.
Waldo, W. Braska Savage 1.
Assistant Professor of Religion,
Birmingham - Southern College,
Francis Christia

Francis Christie.

District Director of Arkansas
Methodist, W. R. Boyd.

District Director of Evngelism, Alfred I. Doss.

District Director of Radio, Robert B. Moore.
District Director, R. M. E., J. D.

Montgomery.
District Missionary Secretary, A.
C. Carraway.

#### HOPE DISTRICT

E. D. Galloway, District Superintendent 4

Ashdown, W. D. Golden 4.
Bingen Circuit, Douglas Dexter 1.
Blevins Circuit, Joe W. Hunter 1.
Center Point Circuit, L. O. Lee 1.
DeQueen, John L. Tucker 3.
Dierks, G. L. Glasgow.
Doddridge Circuit, W. M. Crow 3.

Emmet Circuit, John W. Rushing 1.
Foreman, Howard Williams 2.
Hatfield Circuit, To Be Supplied.

Hatfield Circuit, To Be Supplied. Hope, Virgil D. Keeley 1. Horatio Circuit, E. T. Miller 4. Lockesburg Circuit, J. R. Callicott 2.

Mena, J. E. Dunlap 1.

Mena Circuit, W. C. Lewis 1.

Mineral Springs Circuit, C. F. Tillmann 1; Associate, A. J. Bearden 1.

Nashville, George G. Meyer 5.

Prescott, W. R. Burks 4.

Prescott Circuit, S. L. Durham 1.

Richmond Circuit, J. Wayne

Mann 1.

Springhill Circuit, Claude Clark 1. Texarkana Churches: College Hill, D. James McCammon 2; Fairview, C. H. Farmer 3; First Church, Fred R. Harrison 3.

Texarkana Circuit, Virgil Bell 1.
Washington Circuit, H. W. Worthy
1; Associate, J. O. Gold 1.

Winthrop, M. T. Rose 4.
District Director of Arkansas
Methodist, W. R. Burks.

District Director of Evangelism, Fred R. Harrison.

District Director, R. M. E., J. E. Dunlap.

District Director of Radio, Virgil D. Keeley. District Missionary Secretary,

George G. Meyer.

#### LITTLE ROCK DISTRICT

Francis A. Buddin, District Superintendent 2

Austin Circuit, J. R. Martin 2.
Bauxite, O. C. Birdwell 2.
Benton, H. O. Bolin 3.
Bethlehem Circuit, C. C. Vanzant 1.

Bryant and Sardis, John Butler Hays 1.

Carlisle, Curtis Williams 2.
Carlisle Circuit, Ralph Vanland-

Des Arc, A. C. Rogers 4.
DeValls Bluff Circuit, Albert

Douglasville, James R. Sewell 1. Geyer Springs, S. T. Baugh 2. Hazen, Harold D. Sadler 4.

Hickory Plains Circuit, Fred H. Arnold 1.

Little Rock Churches: Asbury, Arthur Terry 5, Associate, Robert

McCammon 3; Capitol View, Doyle T. Rowe 3; First Church, Aubrey G. Walton 8, Associate, Edwin Kieth 4; Forest Park-Kavanaugh, C. W. Richards 1; Henderson, Kirvin Hale 4; Highland, William L. Arnold 3; Hunter Memorial, Fred L. Arnold 3; Oak Forest, D. Mouzon Mann 7; Pulaski Heights, J. Kenneth Shamblin 4; St. Mark's-Chenault, William A. Holmes 1; Scott Street, Rufus Sorrells 5; Twenty Eighth Street, Clyde Parsons 2; Winfield, Cecil R. Culver 2, Associate, Jeff Davis 2. Little Rock Circuit. C. D. Meux 2.

Little Rock Circuit, C. D. Meux 2. Lonoke-Eagle, George E. Reutz 1. Mabelvale, Richard T. Perry 1. Mt. Pleasant, J. W. Nethercutt 2. Mountain View, Carlos E. Martin 2. Roland Circuit, S. T. Hollowell 3. Salem - Mt. Carmel, Kenneth Goode 1.

West Markham, A. A. Kidd 1.

Missionary to Japan, William

Chaplain, Veterans Administration, Earl R. Lewis.

Chaplain, U. S. Army, Gerald C. Dean.

Executive Secretary, Board of

Education, Roy E. Fawcett.
Director, Arkansas Methodist Children's Home, T. T. McNeal.

District Director of Arkansas Methodist, S. T. Baugh.

District Director of Evangelism, Fred L. Arnold.

District Director of R. M. E., H. O. Bolin.
District Director of Radio, Robert

McCammon.
District Missionary Secretary,
Doyle T. Rowe.

#### MONTICELLO DISTRICT

William E. Brown, District Superintendent 1

Crossett, Dan R. Robinson 2.
Dermott, Clint M. Atchley 4.
Drew Circuit, To Be Supplied.
Dumas, R. A. Teeter 1.
Eudora, C. Everett Patton 1.
Fordyce, Louis W. Averitt 1.
Fountain Hill Circuit, W. E. West 3.
Hamburg-Snyder, M. W. Miller 4.
Hampton-Harrell, George W. Warren 1.

Hermitage Circuit, S. W. Mooty 2. Huttig, P. D. Alston 3. Kingsland, To Be Supplied. Lake Village, Fred W. Schwendi-

mann 4.

McGehee, J. Ralph Clayton 4.

Monticello, Roland E. Darrow 6.

Mt. Tabor, Byron Crosby 1.

New Edinburgh Circuit, C. R.

Andrews 4.
Parkdale, J. C. Van Horn 2.
Star City, George Kerr 1.
Strong, Joe H. Robinson 2.
Thornton Circuit, W. W. Barron 1.
Tillar - Winchester, Omma L.
Daniel 2.

Union - Rhodes Chapel, James Swaim 1.

Warren-Martin's Chapel, J. E. Cooper 3.
Watson-Kelson, W. T. Bone 6.

Wilmar Circuit, L. C. Gatlin 2.
Wilmot-Miller's Chapel, C. D.
Cade 1.

District Director, Arkansas Methodist, Fred W. Schwendimann.

District Director of Evangelism, Clint M. Atchley.

District Director, R. M. E., Clem Baker.

District Director of Radio, R.A. Teeter.

District Missionary Secretary, J. E. Cooper.

#### PINE BLUFF DISTRICT

J. L. Dedman, District Superintendent 5

Almyra, L. E. Wilson 1. Altheimer - Wabbaseka, Harould Scott 2.

Bayou Meto-Lodges Corner, Palmer Garner 4.

Center Grove, George W. Robertson 1.

Carthage-Tulip, L. R. Sparks 1.
DeWitt, O. E. Holmes 2.
England, John L. Hoover 1.
Gillett, Everett Vinson 3.
Good Faith, B. F. Fitzhugh 2.
Grady-Gould L. Gray Wilson 2.
Humphrey, Claude Stone, Jr., 2.
Keo, Robert L. Riggins 2.
Leola, J. W. Carnell 2.
Little Prairie Circuit, Connie

Robins 1.

Pine Bluff Churches: Carr Memorial, Charles H. Giessen 1; First

Church, Kenneth L. Spore, Associate, Ed Hollenbeck 1; Hawley Memorial, Claude O. Hall 1; Lakeside, Otto W. Teague 7.

Rison, Barry L. Bailey 1.
Roe Circuit, James Constable 2.
Rowell Circuit, W. C. Onstead 2.
Sheridan, Bryan Stephens 3.
Sherrill-Tucker, H. A. F. Ault 1.
St. Charles, Claude R. Roy 1.
Stuttgart Churches: First Church,
Mark F. Vaught 1; Grand Avenue,
Andrew J. Christie 3.

Sulphur Springs, R. H. Cannon 2. Swan Lake, R. M. Crain 1. District Director, Arkansas Meth-

odist, A. J. Christie.

District Director of Evangelism,
Bryan Stephens.

District Director, R. M. E., K. L. Spore.

District Director of Radio, Mark

F. Vaught.
District Missionary Secretary,
Otto W. Teague.

#### SPECIAL APPOINTMENTS

With Annuity Claims

Executive Secretary, Board of Education, Roy E. Fawcett.

Director of Arkansas Methodist

Director of Arkansas Methodist Children's Home, T. T. McNeal.

Without Annuity Claims

Conference Evangelist, R. E. Simpson.

Missionary to Japan, William Elder. Chaplain, U. S. Veteran's Admin-

istration, Earl R. Lewis.
Chaplain, U. S. Army, Gerald C.

Dean.
Hebrew Union College, Charles W. Baughman.

Assistant Professor of Religion, Birmingham Southern College, Francis Christie.

Conference Rural Work, Margaret Marshall.
Little Rock Methodist Council,

Grace Thatcher.
Director of Christian Education,
Olivia Bradley.

#### Left Without Appointment To Attend School

Student, Perkins School of Theology, SMU, David M. Hankins, Jr. Seudent, Perkins School of Theolgy, SMU, Robert B. Moore, Jr. Student, Perkins School of The-

ology, Withers M. Moore.

Student, Perkins School of Theology, SMII Robert A. Simpson

ology, SMU, Robert A. Simpson. Student, Perkins School of Theology, SMU, Russell L. L. Shaffer, Jr. Student, Perkins School of The-

ology, SMU, Gerald K. Fincher. Student, Perkins School of The-(Continued on page 14) 

### WOMAN'S SOCIETY OF CHRISTIAN SERVICE

MRS. SUE M. WAYLAND, Editor

## ANNUAL MEETING OF FT. SMITH DISTRICT W. S. C. S.

Booneville was hostess to the Annual Meeting of the Ft. Smith District Woman's Society at which time Mrs. Sam Roberts, president of Booneville Society, welcomed the 150 women from 27 local societies in the district.

Rev. I. L. Claud, former pastor of the Booneville church, opened the meeting with a prayer after which Mrs. E. A. Haisten, district vice presidest, introducted Mrs. T. C. Chambliss, the incoming president of the Ft. Smith District.

The new chairman took the chair, and reports were heard from the local presidents of the district. These reports were very good and showed growth and intense interest in the whole program. Many societies reported increased membership, and almost 100% visitation program.

The principal speaker of the morning was Mrs. W. Henry Goodloe, who spoke on "The Mid-Century White House Conference."

Following a delicious lunch served by the hostess church the meeting was opened with a worship service conducted by Rev. T. C. Chambliss. Short reports were given by the different officers and secretaries of Lines of Work, on "My Concern" as a district leader.

Mrs. E. E. Sexton, district treasurer, conducted the pledge and consecration service. The meeting closed with the benediction.

#### DANVILLE W. S. C. S.

One of the most enjoyable and well attended meetings of the year was held in the home of Miss Mattie Hames in the Ranger community. She was assisted by her niece Mrs. Albert Hames and co-hostesses Mrs. M. Ray, Mrs. Hays Scisson, Mrs. Arvie Scisson, and Mrs. W. H. O'Hara.

Guests from the community were Mrs. Gath Lewis and Mrs. Mildred Morton. Guests from the Wesleyan Service Guild were Mrs. Odell Lewis and Mrs. T. R. Whiddon. Miss Carroll Edwards from Pittsburgh, Pa., who is visiting her sister Mrs. J. F. Stewart, was a guest.

Mrs. W. C. Landers, president, presided, and the meeting was opened with the call to worship hymn, "Blest Be The Tie." The memorial season was observed in a prayer by Mrs. Baxter Gatlin.

A record of meetings since January 1949 showed that all regularly scheduled meetings except two had been held. Mrs. Joe Nunn had missed only five meetings during that period and was presented a gift by the president. The president had missed two meetings. Mrs. Baxter Gatlin also had a good attendance record.

After voting to send a contribution to the White Cane Committee the members voted to spend the balance of money in treasury for shades for the parsonage.

Mrs. S. C. Tucker was program leader and was assisted by Mrs. Clarence Pledger, Mrs. J. F. Stewart, and Mrs. Eric Caviness.

An enjoyable social hour followed the meeting with delicious cake and punch for refreshments.—Reporter

## BUFORD SOCIETY ORGANIZED

The Fairview church of Buford community, Mountain Home Charge, organized a new society on May 23. Miss Betty Letzig, Rural deaconess, and Mrs. H. H. Fullbright, Conference Secertary of Promotion, had charge of the organization.

The following officers were elected for the new society: President, Mrs. C. W. Layfield; Vice President, Mrs. Joe Misic; secretary and treasurer, Mrs. Clarence Walker; Missionary Education, Mrs. C. D. Pitchford; Christian Social Relation, Mrs. R. L. Haviland

The group decided on the Fairview church as a special project. The fourth Tuesday of each month was chosen as the regular meeting day. The society has seven charter members, but hopes to increase the membership by enlisting other women of the community. They will appreciate any suggestions from other societies to stimulate their growth and interest.—Mrs. Clarence Walker.

## WESLEYAN GUILD ENTERTAINS MOTHERS

The members of the Wesleyan Guild of Marianna entertained their mothers and other guests with a delightful dinner on Monday evening, May 14th. Following the dinner the eighty members and guests enjoyed a lovely program consisting of a devotional led by Mrs. Robert Campbell, and several special musical numbers and readings.—Betty Anderson.

#### WINFIELD WESLEYAN GUILD INSTALLS OFFICERS

The Winfield Wesleyan Service Guild No. 1 met on Tuesday, May 8, at which time Miss Ollie Hall, District Secretary, installed the new officers and committee chairmen for the coming year.

Those serving will be: Miss Rachael Fullwood, President, Miss Helen Dillahunty, Vice-President, Mrs. Frankie Murphy, Promotional Secretary, Miss Vearl Wood, Recording Secretary, and Miss Caroline Peaslee, Treasurer.

Committee Chairmen are as follows: Mrs. Katherine Turner, Spiritual Life, Mrs. Ruth Stout, Christian Social Relations and Local Church Activities, Miss Doris Smith. Telephone, Miss Dallas Smith, Recreation, Mrs. Vina Calhoun, Membership, Mrs. Marguerite Blackwell, Music, Mrs. Margaret Scott, Ways and Means, Miss Mary Bradshaw, Literature, Mrs. Mattie Griffith, Sunshine, Mrs. Melba Garner, Guestbook, Mrs. Mae Duckett, Birthdays, Miss Mildred Fairchild, Missionary Education and World Brotherhood, Miss Alma Smith, Decorations, Miss Nora Anderson, Transportation, and Miss Alma Morton, Publications.— Reporter.

#### SPECIAL NOTICE

The North Arkansas Conference Woman's Society School of Missions will be held July 24-27, 1951 at Hendrix College. Details will be announced soon.

Mrs. James S. Upton, Dean

#### ARKADELPHIA DISTRICT

W. S. C. S.
The Arkadelphia District Woman's Society of Christian Service held its annual meeting in the First Methodist Church, Malvern, on April 25th, with the president, Mrs. W. G. Harrington, presiding.

A lovely memorial service was held following the opening prayer by Rev. Van Harrell. Mrs. J. Gordon Wilson, Conference Secretary of Spiritual Life, in the morning devotional, presented the group with the challenge to make the Advance a personal concern, asserting that God will guide each woman even though she may feel inadequate for her task.

A summary of the year's work and a forecast of things to come were given by Mrs. James Shults, Promotion Secretary, as she told of "The Advance—My Concern."

A report of the Little White House Conference on Children and Youth held in Little Rock recently was given by the Conference Secretary of Children's Work, Mrs. Ashley Ross of Little Rock.

Mrs. C. Ray Hozendorf, treasurer, led the group in a most impressive pledge service.

After a delicious lunch served by the ladies of the church the women met in workshops for training.

At the close of the meeting Mrs. Van Harrell installed the District officers for the coming year.

Other guests of the District were Mrs. T. W. McCoy, Conference Vice President; Mrs. Earl D. Cotton, Conference Secretary of Christian Social Relations and Local Church activities; and Mrs. Arthur Terry of Little Rock; Mrs. Edward McLean, Conference Secretary of Youth Work.—Reporter.

## FINANCIAL REPORT, NORTH ARKANSAS CONFERENCE 1950-51

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RECEIPTS:	Week of Prayer:
W. S. C. S.	W. S. C. S 3,316.88
Pledge\$35,232.06	W. S. G 556.20
Special Memberships:	3,873.08
Honorary Life \$ 100.00	Division Cultivation         34.15           Supplies         5,885.25
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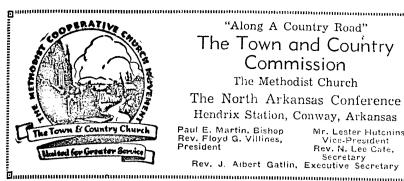
#### LEWISVILLE W. S. C. S.

The W. S. C. S. of the Lewisville Methodist Church is holding an Officers Training Day on June 11. Mrs. J. P. Carpenter, the new president of the Camden District W. S. C. S., has been invited to conduct the meeting, which will start at 10:00 a. m., with a potluck dinner at noon. Mrs. M. E. Scott, Secretary of Missionary Education and Mrs. T. N. Owens, district Secretary of Supply Work, both of Stamps and Mrs. Edmund Cargill, district Secretary of Student Work will assist Mrs. Carpenter.—Reporter

#### GUILD GIVES LIFE MEMBERSHIPS

At the regular monthly meeting held on May 28 Miss Hanna Kelly, Little Rock Conference Secretary, Wesleyan Service Guild, installed the following officers and committee chairmen for Guild No. 1 of the First Methodist Church, Little Rock:

President, Miss Annie Winburne; Vice-president, Mrs. Ethel B. Fairfield; Recording secretary, Mrs. Buford Steed; Promotion secretary, Miss Nora Milligan; Treasurer, Miss LaVerne Hicks. Committee chairmen, Spiritual Life, Miss Mary Florence Scobey; Missionary Education, Mrs. W. D. Self; Christian Social Relations, Mrs. C. R. Benson; Leisure Time Activities, Miss Hazel King; Membership, Miss Elizabeth Lytle; (Continued on page 14)



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Rev. J. Albert Gatlin,
Executive Secretary

#### CARPENTERS MAKE GOOD PREACHERS

TERVING on two of the Pilot Charges of the Conference during this conference year were two young men who gave up a lucrative trade as carpenters to become Methodist preachers. Both of them have done well in their charges. Ben Parmenter at Maynard has built a new parsonage which is a credit to him and his fine people of the Maynard charge. He did a lot of the work himself thereby saving his people much money. The salary on this charge has not been near the figure in income that he could realize in his other field of endeavor-carpentering. The call of God to preach leads many a man from fields of greater income in a material sense but when that call comes the man must answer "I Will Go." Brother Parmenter hopes to continue his education in order that he may be able to do a greater work in the field of the ministry. He has the deep desire to serve and will be able always to find many tasks at hand in the Master's Vineyard.

Laymon Bounds has served the Brookland Charge this year. He has also attended Arkansas State College. The ministerial students elected him president of their group this year. He has worked hard at his school tasks and also carried his program in his churches. The New Haven Church is now in the process of being redecorated and generally repaired. He has done much of the carpenter work and has led his men and others in the community to assist with voluntary labor. This church will have a greater program because of the earnest efforts put forth by Brother Bounds.

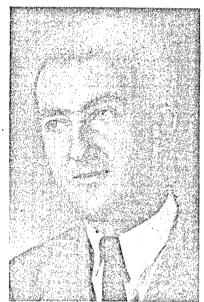
There will always be a hope for the redemption for humanity as long as fine young men continue to hear the Voice of God and heed His Call to go into the harvest fields. Truly, this has been an enjoyable year for the Secretary of the Town and Country Commission as he has been privileged to work with the fine pastors and people on the Pilot Charges and in many other fields over the conference.

#### A Happy Stay At Charleston And With the Hindmans

Though it was Strawberry season in and around Charleston we had a very profitable stay at Charleston recently. The Hindmans, as usual, were gracious and hospitable. These fine people have the respect and esteem of their peovere directed by Mr. Earl Ward of Waco, Texas. There were many visitors in the services including neighboring pastors. Charleston is a splendid little city. They pride themselves on being free from liquor and beer joints. They have few criminal cases in the courts due to the high moral standards held by the citizens. It is always the case when good people



REV. BEN PARMENTER Pastor, Maynard Charge



REV. LAYMON BOUNDS Pastor, Brookland Charge

demand decent environment.

#### A Great Community Life Conference In Scott County

May 29 was a red letter day at Waldron in Scott County. A well arranged program had been planned by Rev. Elmo Thomason and Dr. Harold Wright. Those taking part did a splendid job. The attendance was good in spite of the busy days of farming. This was a mot nificant meeting because it shows! initiative and leadership on the part of local leaders. It reflects the grea fact that community life in our country is beginning to take on noinspiration. When leaders from at walks of life will turn aside to day and think together upon t vital issues of life it room there is hope for a continuation of the democratic way of terpreted by Christians. Vi. look forward to more of such meeting.

#### THE THOMPSONS WORK TOGETHER



Rev. and Mrs. Fred Thompson serve together on the Branch Charge. They have cooperated in a wonderful way with the Secretary of the Town and Country Commission this year. The hospitality has been warm and generous over their charge. Since both of them are ministers the people are given additional worship services and spiritual guidance. They are both studying hard to become more able seryants of the Master. They have completed their conference studies by correspondence and by attending the short term schools held by the conference and at S.M.U. They are genuine and fine in character as are

the other pastors on the Pilot Charges.

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#### METHODIST YOUTH OF CAMDEN DISTRICT **ELECTS OFFICERS**

Ronny Collum of Smackover was elected president of the Camden District Methodist Youth Fellowship at the district rally in Village Sunday afternoon, May 27.

Other officers elected were Tommy McKinnon, Pleasant Grove, vice-president; Billy Cheatham, Village, secretary; Carlene Patterson, Camden, treasurer; Sue Wicker, Magnolia, publicity chairman; Molly Grable, Camden, worship chairman; Myra Hinson, Magnolia, world friendship chairman; Jimmy Cheatham, Magnolia, community service chairman; Albert Sanders, Norphlet, recereation chafrman, and Jimmy Cheatham and Charles Cook, Magnolia, representatives on conference youth council.

Sub-districts taking part and their part on the program were Columbia, summer camping; Ouachita, worship; and Union, Methodist Youth Fund. Lorrance Hodge, president, presided over the meeting. Refreshments were served by the Village church. - Sue Wicker, Publicity Chairman.

#### **COLUMBIA COUNTY** METHODIST YOUTH

Columbia County Methodist Youth met in their regular sub-district meeting Monday night, May 28, at New Era Methodist Church near Walkerville. Approximately youth were present for the meet.

The New Era group presented an inspiring worship program. Charles Cook, retiring president, presided over the business meeting and introduced the new officers for the coming conference year. Plans to attend summer youth camps were discussed by the group.

A potluck supper was served with the host church providing cold drinks and ice cream. Churches represented were Magnolia First, Magnolia Jackson Street, Village, New Era, Atlanta, and Christie's Chapel. The next meeting will be held at Jackson Street in Magnolia, June 25.—Charles Cook, Publicity Chair-

#### OFFICERS ELECTED FOR **BUFFALO ISLAND** SUB-DISTRICT

Wanda Louis Skidmore of Black Oak was elected president of the Buffalo Island Sub-District M. Y. F. at their recent monthly meeting. Other officers are Hugh Welch, Caraway, vice-president: Marcv Carolyn Witcher, Monette, secretary; Audrey McKisson, Monette, treasurer; Mary Ellen Tipton, Manila, reported. Eddy Powell of Black Oak succeeded Rev. H. F. McDonal of Manila as Sub-District counselor.

The Manila M. Y. F., in charge of the meeting at Manila, presented an inspiring devotional service. E. E. Hart directed recreation. Refreshments were served to the 100 young people present.

The next meeting will be at Caraway on June 18.—Mary Ellen Tipton, Reporter.

#### MT. MAGAZINE SUB-DISTRICT

The Mt. Magazine Sub-District met Monday night, May 14, at Cole's Chapel. A beautiful candlelight installation service was led by the pastor, D. G. Hindman.

Allan Brown, new president, presided over the business session.

There were 113 young people present.

Cecil has organized an M. Y. F. which we are glad to add to our Sub-District.

Recreation was led by Peggy Metcalf, and refreshments were served by the hostess church. - Jo Ann

#### MEETING OF PHILLIPS COUNTY SUB-DISTRICT

The quarterly Phillips County Sub-District meeting was held at Mellwood with Mellwood having the largest number present. Bobby Beith had charge of the program. Jimmie Lowrie presided at the business meeting. Ben Silar will represent the Sub-District at the National Assembly this summer.

A recreation period was held. Lois Jean Watson, Reporter.

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#### CONDENSED MINUTES OF LITTLE ROCK CONFERENCE

(Continued from page 10)

44. What is the report of the conference treasurer? See Conference Journal.

45. What is the report of the conference statistician? See Conference Journal.

46. What are the detailed objectives of this conference for the coming year? See Conference Journal.

47. Where shall the next session of the conference be held? Hot Springs, Ark.

48. Is there any further business? None.

49. What changes have been made in appointments since last Annual Conference session? See Journal.

50. Where are the preachers stationed for the ensuing year? (SEE LIST OF APPOINTMENTS.)

#### GUILD GIVES LIFE **MEMBERSHIPS**

(Continued from page 12) Librarian, Miss Ara Rasco; Status of Women, Miss Cora Price; Music, Mrs. H. E. Rilley; Dinner Chairman, Mrs. Mary Brame; Publicity, Mrs. Buena Newcomb and Telephone, Mrs. Nettie Mae Goodfellow.

Life memberships were presented to the following four members by Mrs. Joe Simpson on behalf of the Guild: Mrs. W. D. Self, Mrs. Lillie O'Neal, Mrs. Walter Herron and Miss Edwina Ratcliffe.

Mrs. W. P. McDermott was the speaker for the evening, using as her subject "Threescore Years and Ten."-Reporter

An ideal has never yet in human history been defeated by no ideal at all.—Policy for the West

#### APPOINTMENTS FOR LITTLE ROCK CONFERENCE

(Continued from page 11) ology,, SMU, Elbert B. Jean.

Student, Perkins School of Theology, SMU, Hal Sessions, Jr. Student, Perkins School of Theology, SMU, Woodrow W. Smith.

Student, Perkins School of Theoolgy, SMU, Ferris W. Norton, Jr. Student, Vanderbilt School of Religion, Charles W. Ashcraft.

Transfers In Elmer L. Thomas, an Elder, from Southwest Missouri Conference. Barry L. Bailey, Probationer from

Texas Conference. David Hankins, an Elder from

North Texas Conference. William E. Brown, an Elder frem Louisana Conference.

Transfers Out J. C. English, an Elder, to Southwest Missouri Conference.

H. Mellen Fikes, an Elder, to Detroit Conference.

Edward W. Harris, an Elder, to Louisiana Conference.

G. Eldred Blakley, an Elder, to Louisiana Conference.

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#### SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

(Continued from page 16) blessings in persecution. Briefly the dangers are: first, the failure to stand up under the persecution. During the time described by our lesson thousands of individuals did stand up to their convictions and sealed their testimony with their blood. But there were many others who recanted and denied the faith. This was not altogether because they were weak in the faith. Some of them simply lacked the nerve to stand by what they knew was right. We have a good illustration of this in the case of Bishop Ridley (This case came long after the time of our lesson). At the first, he was tried and sentenced to be burned at the stake. As the fire came up to devour his body, he reached forward and thrust his hand in the hottest part of it declaring that this hand held the pen with which the recantation was signed.

Take the case of the Protestant Reformation as another illustration: There was another man who came just prior to Martin Luther (I believe it was Eramus) who held some of the same ideas as did Luther and had them before Luther. He rather would have been the leader of the Reformation, but he confessed that he lacked the necessary nerve to place his life at stake for the truths he held.

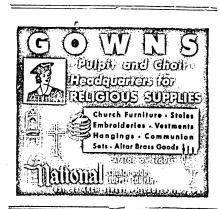
Still another danger of persecution is the fact that one is likely to become embittered by it. It is hard indeed when one is slapped on one cheek to turn the other and keep feeling sweet all the while.

Another danger, which is closely akin to the above, is that of hatred. One simply cannot hold hatred and grudges in his heart and be a Christian, but persecution makes it hard for one to keep free of this sin.

#### Blessings of Persecution

There are many blessings, as well as dangers, in persecution. One of these blessings is the fact that it leads the one persecuted to a reexamination of his faith. One must have strong convictions before he will stand by them at sacrifice to himself. This re-examination of faith usually leads to a strengthening of it. It is a well-known fact that one of the greatest forces of life is faith, and anything that will strengthen it is a blessing.

The faithful bearing of persecution also leads to patience. We are told in the Bible that in our patience we possess our souls. Character is made by faith and patience.



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## WHAT DOES PERSECUTION DO TO CONVICTIONS?

LESSON FOR JUNE 24, 1951

READ THE ENTIRE LESSON FROM YOUR BIBLE: II Timothy 2:1-9; I Peter 4:12-5:11; Revelation I, 7:9-17.

GOLDEN TEXT: "Be faithful unto death and I will give you a crown of life." (Revelation 2:10)

### A Look At The Scriptures Paul's Exhortation To Timothy

Paul wrote many letters. He was the most prolific writer in the Bible. Second Timothy was the last of his letters. He wrote it from a prison in Rome about 64 A. D. He was supposed to have suffered martyrdom pretty soon after this. In that portion of the letter (chapter 2 verses 1 to 9) listed in our lesson Paul admonished Timothy to be strong in the Lord. He insisted that he stand by his convictions as a good soldier of the cross. He was anxious that Timothy pass on the message that he had learned from him to others, hoping that they in their turn would help to spread it far and wide. He spoke of the fact that he himself was bound but that the Word of God was not bound. It was free to be carried to the ends of the earth.

Paul realized that Timothy, like himself, would be persecuted. But he was anxious that this not deter him from doing his duty. He wanted him to endure hardness as a good soldier of Jesus Christ.

#### Peter Admonishes The Persecuted

The scholars are pretty well agreed that the First Epistle of Peter was written about the same time as was Paul's Second Epistle to Timothy-64 A. D. It was written to a group of churches in Asia Minor, and at a time when these churches were being greatly persecuted. The Roman Emperor Nero reigned from A. D. 37 to A. D. 68. He is noted in history as one of the greatest persecutors of the early Christians. He intensified his persecution in A. D. 64, at which time it is said that he burned the city of Rome and accused the Christians of doing it. Thousands of them were put to death in various ways. Some were thrown into the arena with the wild beasts. Others were burned at the stake. Some of them were chained in an upright position to iron posts, then covered with tar and lighted as torches for Nero's gardens. It is said that both Paul and Peter suffered martyrdom in Rome during this persecution. Paul was beheaded and Peter was crucified. Tradition has it that Peter was crucified head downward at his own request. He felt that he was not worthy to die exactly as his Lord had died. Paul also would have been crucified had it not been for the fact that he was a Roman citizen, and according to the Roman law no Roman citizen could be thus killed.

We have I Peter 4:12 through 5:11 in our lesson for today. In this passage he has some strong things to say about the matter of persecution. He warned the Christians of these fiery trails that were about to come upon them. He admonished them not to think it strange that such persecutions would come upon them.

These same persecutions had come upon Christ and the servant is not greater than his Lord. They were simply partakers of Christ's suffering and should rejoice over the fact that they were counted worthy to do so. He promised them that they would be greatly blessed because they were suffering with and for Christ. He warned them, however, that their suffering must be for the sake of Christ and his cause and not for any evil they had done.

Peter-went on to warn his readers that they had come upon a time when judgment was to begin at the house of God. In this connection he made the strong statement: "And if the righteous scarcely be saved where shall the ungodly and sinner appear?" He admonished his readers to commit themselves fully to God in the midst of their persecution. They were to cast all their cares upon the Lord remembering that he cared for them, and that he was bigger than any problems they could possibly face.

Peter insisted that the ministers be good shepherds of the flocks. This was especially necessary in a time of persecution. For their encouragement, they should remember that Christ the Chief Shepherd would one day appear and would give to them a crown of life that fadeth not away.

Peter's next advice was directed to all the Christians in general. He stressed the matter of humility. He went on to say, "God resisteth the proud, and giveth grace to the humble. Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, that he may exalt you in due time.' He insisted that all be diligent and watchful. He warned that Satan as a roaring lion was on the prowl, seeking to destroy them. The Roman Emperor was to be feared especially in a time of persecution, but Satan was a greater enemy than he. The Emperor could destroy the bodies of men, but Satan could destroy their souls as well.

#### John Speaks From Paimos

Patmos was a small island some thirteen miles in circumference, off the southwest coast of Asia Minor. At that time it was used by the Romans as a penal settlement. It is now inhabited by some four thousand Greek, all of whom are professed Christians.

According to tradition John is the only one of the Apostles who did not suffer martydom, but he, like the others, was greatly persecuted. He was sent as a prisoner to this island. There, it is said, that he worked as a slave in the salt mines. If this be true, he was doing very hard work at quite an old age. Revelation is supposed to have been written by John, the beloved Apostle of the Lord. The date assigned for the writing is somewhere about A. D.

90, nearly fifty years after the crucifixion of Christ.

Two assignments for the lesson today are taken from Revelation (Rev. I; 7:9-17). This book was written at least a quarter of a century after the death of Peter and Paul. But like the assignments from these two men, in our lesson, Revelation continues the idea of persecution. In fact this persecution of the Christians which began about the middle of the first century continued unabated until the early years of the fourth century-from Nero to Constantine. Decius followed Nero on the Roman throne. He was so wicked and cruel that he was called 'the accursed wild beast". He filled the Roman prisons with Christians. He tried by all manner of cruelties to break their spirit but failed. These disciples came to be known the "singing Christians" for they went to their doom with songs of praise upon their lips. After Decius came Valerian and after him Diocletian. Under these men the persecution grew in intensity. These Roman Emperors claimed to be divine. Some of them even contended that they were virgin-born. They required that statues of them be erected in various places of worship about over the Empire and that people worship them as gods. The Christians had strong convictions against this thing and flatly refused to do it. For this they were tortured and killed in every imaginable way. Even Marcus Aurelius (who was a philosopher as well as emperor and who in many ways was superior to those who had gone before him) had to his discredit the fact that he killed Polycarp, the aged Bishop of Smyra, and beheaded Justim Martyr. It will be remembered that these were great church fathers of that age.

In the Book of Revelation John tells us that he is speaking from vision. He was banished to this island and cut off from the vision of the world but God opened to him and showed him things that would come to pass. For the encouragement of these greatly persecuted

people John insisted that the Lord himself would come to bring relief: "Behold, he cometh with the clouds; and every eye shall see hnn, and they also which pierced him: and all kindreds of the earth shall wail because of him." John also informed these people that he was one with them in the matter of being persecuted: "I, John, who also am your brother, and companion in tribulation."

John addressed this book to the seven churches of Asia. He spoke of these churches as candle sticks. That is, churches are supposed to give light. He spoke of the seven stars he saw in his vision and said they were the angels of the seven churches — the ministers of those churches. It will be remembered that angels are messengers from God. Every true minister should qualify at least at this point.

The second assignment from Revelation tells of a multitude of the redeemed whom John saw in his vision. They were so numerous that no one could count them. They came from every nation and kindred and people throughout the world. They were compared here to the hundred and forty-four thousand from among the Jews whom he saw with the redeemed. These people were dressed in white robes which represnt purity. This was the purity of Christ and not the natural purity of these people; for their robes had been washed in the blood of the Lamb. These people had palms in their hands. Not palms that are natural to the hands of people, but palm branches which are emblematic of victory. John goes on to tell us that the elder with whom he was talking informed him that this great multitude were individuals who had come up through the great tribulation. They had passed beyond the reach of further persecution. God was to ever be with them. All tears were to be wiped away and all their troubles were to cease.

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