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"The World is My Parish" — Job

Go ye into all the world — Mark 16:15

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Hope Grows As Time Passes

DESPITE the turmoil, dissatisfaction and unrest that exists in our American life regarding both the national and international situation, it is true that beneath it all, as time passes, there is a growing hope that we may be able to avoid another World War.

Perhaps the greatest blunder Russia has made in her schemes for world conquest was the promotion of the war in Korea. We had about decided that Russia would not resort to force in the spread of Communism. Unprepared as we were for war, if Russia had permitted us to sleep on in our sense of false security while Russia continued to increase its military might the day would have come when we would have been helpless before Russian might.

War in Korea, destructive as it has been, has awakened America and our military might increases by the day. If Russia does not move on us now, while only partially prepared, one would hardly expect it to do so when the military potential of America approaches its full strength. As time passes without the development of a full-scale war, hope grows that there will be no such war.

Arkansas Methodists On The March

WITH the reading of the appointments at Hot Springs for the Little Rock Conference, and at Paragould last Sunday for the North Arkansas Conference, Arkansas Methodism is on the march again in a new conference year.

These were both truly great conferences in which the work of the past year was reviewed and progressive programs projected in each conference for the year ahead.

Only the Bishop and members of his cabinet really know what goes on in cabinet sessions where appointments are made. However, one "on the outside looking in" was impressed with the feeling that appointments in both conferences were made this year with a harmony and general satisfaction seldom experienced.

An Annual Conference session, with the many adjustments in appointments normally necessary, is the "Miracle of Methodism." We Methodists have become so accustomed to the delicate, complicated work of making appointments that we accept it as a matter of fact and cease to be surprised when the adjustments are made even in the fine way they have been worked out this year.

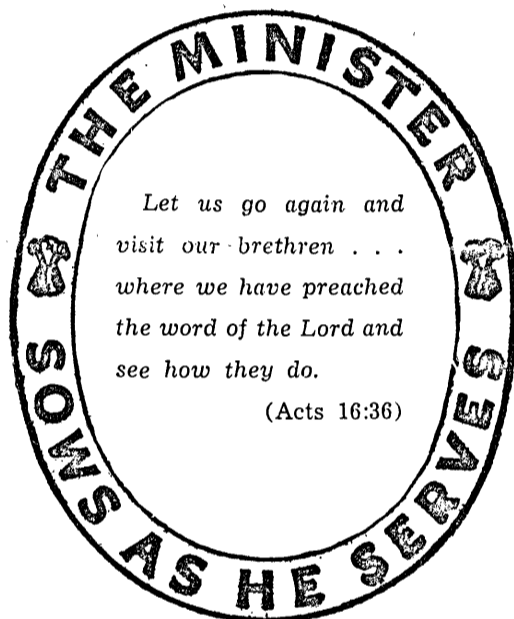
Nevertheless, if we give it thought, it is an amazing thing to realize that more than four hundred Methodist charges and more than four hundred Methodist preachers in Arkansas are willing, without question, to place in the hands of one man, assisted by fourteen advisors, the right to make the final decision as to the leadership for the charges and the place of service for the ministers. More amazing still is the fact that these decisions are so universally accepted by the churches and ministers in all faith and good will.

Bishop Martin and the District Superintendents of both our Annual Conferences deserve and receive the confidence and trust of Arkansas Methodism for the careful, efficient and satisfactory manner in which they have made appointments this year. With new faith and courage Methodism in Arkansas is "on the march" in the work of a new conference year which has a program and a promise that should challenge us.

Musts For "Our Ministry"

ANUAL Conference and other current matters made it necessary for a time to discontinue in this column the discussion of "Our Ministry" a subject now being emphasized during this period in *The Advance for Christ*. We plan now to resume that discussion. In this article we would like to say that **A METHODIST MINISTER MUST KNOW AND VISIT HIS PEOPLE.**

With the closing of our Annual Conferences many of our pastors are beginning work in a new charge. They will unavoidably face a handicap in ministering to their people until they know them. To be sure there are sermons of a general nature that are helpful wherever preached with sincerity and a sense of



mission. It is true, however, that it is not possible to preach in a way to meet the special, personal needs of our people until we personally know those needs by knowing the people. It is as important for a pastor to know the spiritual needs of the individual members of his congregation as it is for a doctor to know the particular ill he is to treat in the patient if his service is to reach its largest possibility.

The visits we make in the homes of our people should have at least two specific objectives. A pastoral visit in the home should be a friendly, good will visit in the name of the church. It is the pastor's way of demonstrating and exercising a personal interest in his people. In the church the preacher is more the prophet of God; in the home he is a friend and personal counselor.

A second major purpose for pastoral visiting is, as formerly stated, that he may know his people. It is quite difficult to really know people if we see them only on Sunday in church services. Often people all but change in personality when they get their "Sunday clothes" on and put on with these clothes their Sunday manners and attitudes toward religion. If we know them as they are in the work-a-day world we can better help them to be what they should be everyday.

Highlights Of North Arkansas Conference

THE North Arkansas Conference closed its 116th Annual Session last Sunday after what was described by many as one of the busiest conferences held. Meeting at the First Methodist Church, Paragould, ministers and laymen from over the Conference attended to the unusually large volume of business that comes at the end of a quadrennium. Interest in the conference's proceedings was maintained until the the business sessions were concluded at noon Saturday, while the usual interest in the appointments continued through and after the reading of the assignments by Bishop Martin on Sunday.

The election of the clerical and lay delegates to General and Jurisdictional Conferences next year was completed in one day of voting. The list of delegates, very representative of the Conference, is listed on page four.

As in the Little Rock Conference the preceding week, one of the most significant developments of the Conference sessions was in the field of ministerial training and supply. Fourteen men were Received on Trial. Ten ministers were Admitted Into Full Connection. Twenty-two men were ordained Deacons (eleven of these Local Deacons), six ministers received Elder's Ordination, and one minister was retired. It is quite probable that this large number of ministers being ordained Deacon is some sort of record.

Of particular significance at this time was the emphasis on evangelism and the present "Our Ministry" Advance emphasis at The Advance Hour when the Conference Board of Evangelism and the Conference Commission on Christian Vocations made their report. The Area-wide Program of Evangelism scheduled for this Conference Year was presented.

Other significant achievements of the Conference included concurring with the Little Rock Conference in granting the Arkansas Methodist authority to publish a conference organ for the Louisiana Conference, joining the Little Rock Conference in setting up a Chaplaincy at the State Sanatorium at Booneville, memorializing the Jurisdictional Conference to return Bishop and Mrs. Martin to the Arkansas-Louisiana Area next quadrennium, lending its support to several memorials to General Conference, recording its sense of appreciation to J. S. M. Cannon, retiring head of the Arkansas Methodist Children's Home, and accepting Blytheville Methodism's invitation to hold its 1952 session there.

Dr. Warren Johnston, former member of North Arkansas Conference and now pastor of The First Methodist Church, Ft. Worth, who ministered to the Conference as its guest preacher, had the unusual distinction of preaching to the largest congregations to attend the several preaching services of the Conference that have attended for many years. These crowds gave their support to the oft heard homiletical injunction that great preaching draws great crowds.

The Conference was well-planned, wisely administered, thoroughly enjoyed, and was climaxed with a set of appointments for the new year that called for 114 changes among the conference's 238 pastoral charges, 48% of the ministers serving churches receiving new assignments. We have seldom heard of such universal approval of a complete set of appointments.

The Conference records show that 3,099 persons were received into church membership on Profession of Faith, 3,260 by Transfer of Membership, with a present total of 98,200 members. There are 68,479 church school members with an average attendance last year of 33,955. \$81,584

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North Arkansas Conference District Superintendents' Report

The report of the District Superintendent to an Annual Conference is never just that, of course. It is largely a report of the tangible results of work done by the consecrated laymen of our Conference, led, inspired and helped by their pastors. All of us feel that much of the credit for whatever success the report will show belongs to our chief pastor, Bishop Paul E. Martin. He and Mrs. Martin have been a constant inspiration to us all. This report is quite inadequate and incomplete as the freshman member of the Cabinet would be expected to make it.

The records show that 6,928 members were received into our church during the past twelve months. Of these, 3,683 were new Methodists; 3,245 came from other Methodist churches. There are now 97,564 members of The Methodist Church in the North Arkansas Conference.

Our Church School enrollment for the year was 67,087, with an average attendance of 33,935. Training credits were issued to 2,037 Church School workers during the year. Church School Rally Day offerings netted the Board of Education \$4,306, and \$10,075 was given to the "November Special." Dr. Brumley reports that we have had 99 young men in college and university this

year studying for the ministry.

Our financial reports show that for World Service and Conference Benevolences \$108,322 was apportioned, \$113,816 was accepted, and \$70 more paid than accepted. "Advance" payments during the year totaled \$46,355, with \$8,424 additional paid as Week of Dedication offerings. We seem to have paid considerably less than a third of our Conference quota for the University of Arkansas Wesley Foundation building program.

We have made progress in the realm of church property. Our pastors report a total property value of \$8,867,968. Nearly a million dollars was spent, or has been raised, for building and improvements—about three-fourths of it for new building projects. Including some new educational units, twenty new church buildings were completed this year. There are ten new parsonages, with several others having been remodeled. A number of additional churches and parsonages are now under construction. One district has leased a camp site, and begun a \$20,000 building and improvement project there.

The work of Methodist laymen throughout the Conference—men and women—has been out-

standing. Our pastors report 274 active W. S. C. S. organizations, and there are many active Methodist Men's Clubs at work in their churches. Without these devoted laymen and the ladies of the W. S. C. S. none of these fine things could have been reported. To our Heavenly Father and to these, His devoted children, be the praise for a gracious year's work in the North Arkansas Conference.

In the year ahead, we urge our pastors and laymen to take seriously and prayerfully their responsibilities in extending the Kingdom of our Lord Christ. In our tense, fear-ridden world there is much need for the saving Gospel of the Man of Galilee. Under God, we should certainly ADVANCE as never before in EVANGELISM—at home and abroad, on a world-wide scale and in our local churches. The Area Program of Evangelism promises the fulfillment of many dreams in this matter. None of us dares go into it half-heartedly or with little faith. We must wholeheartedly heed the call, "Advance, O Church of God, Advance!" and must earnestly pray, "Lead on, O King Eternal!"

Respectfully and prayerfully submitted,
The Cabinet of the North Arkansas Conf.

BISHOP SELECMAN RECEIVES TWO HOSPITAL AWARDS

Bishop Charles C. Selecman of Dallas, Texas, has received two honors because of his work as founder of the Golden Cross Society and his long-time interest in Methodist hospitals.

At an appreciation dinner given by the Methodist Hospital in Dallas on May 15 he was made a member of the Methodist Hall of Fame in Philanthropy and received a bronze plaque honoring his achievements in hospital work.

In a surprise ceremony at the dinner, Dr. Karl P. Meister of Chicago, executive secretary of Methodism's Board of Hospitals and Homes, presented to the bishop a beautifully engrossed membership certificate in the Hall of Fame.

"Probably Bishop Selecman has done more for humanity through founding the Golden Cross than through any other of his major achievements," Dr. Meister said in making the presentation. "In its 30 years, Golden Cross has made it possible for hundreds of thousands of patients to have better health."

Established in 1949, the Hall of Fame in Philanthropy includes only 16 other persons, among whom are such outstanding philanthropists as Mrs. W. W. Fondren of Houston, Texas, and S. S. Kresge, chain store magnate. Purpose of the award is to honor "living persons who have made outstanding contributions in service or money to Methodist hospitals and homes."

Bishop William C. Martin of the Dallas-Fort Worth Area unveiled the bronze plaque which cites Bishop's founding the Golden Cross Society in 1921 when he was pastor of First Church, Dallas.

The plaque will be placed in the foyer of the Dallas hospital.

In 1950, Golden Cross Society offerings amounted to nearly \$250,000 for Methodist hospitals to assist in the care of needy persons.

Among the outstanding Methodist leaders who shared in the dinner honoring Bishop Selecman and took part in the program were: Bishop H. A. Boaz (retired), also of Dallas; Dr. Umphrey Lee, president of Southern Methodist University; and Rev. Bolton Boone, administrator of the Methodist Hospital of Dallas.

Dr. W. Harrison Baker, Dallas District Superintendent, presided.

METHODIST BENEVOLENCE GIVING SHOWS GOOD GAINS FOR YEAR

Methodist giving to World Service for the fiscal year ending May 31 totalled \$8,136,170.59, according to Dr. Thomas B. Lugg of Chicago, treasurer of the church's General Commission on World Service and Finance.

This marks an increase of \$322,572.91 or a 4.13 per cent gain over the \$7,813,597.68 contributed for the same purpose last year. Receipts for the month of May alone amounted to \$1,877,853.99.

May receipts for the denomination's Advance for Christ and His Church program were \$984,019.84. Cumulative Advance receipts from its inception June 1, 1948, until May 31, 1951, rose to \$8,894,789.91.

Week of Dedication receipts thus far in 1951 totalled \$815,395.82. Grand total from March 1, 1949, to the present time was \$2,748,636.54.

The year's receipts for the Episcopal Fund were \$952,358.26—a 10.22 per cent increase over last year's figure.

Receipts for the General Administration Fund were \$466,396.40—also a 10 per cent increase over last year.

PERSON TO PERSON

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special mission. His wide-ranging plans include a specific plan for every single individual.

The vast designs of His kingdom include a particular task that only you can perform and another that only I can perform. And something vital to the whole for which He works will be missing if you or I fail Him.

But that assignment which He intends for each one of us will never be revealed—still less will it be carried out—unless our surrender to Him is complete and our enlistment in His cause without a shadow of reserve.—Forward

Washington Called City Of 'Religious Escapists'

Church membership in the nation's capital is lagging far behind the national average. This report was given by John Halko, director of the department of church planning of the Washington Federation

of Churches, who described Washington as "a city of religious escapists." The report showed that the church membership increase in the Greater Washington area during the last 25 years has been only 38 per cent of the national trend. In the nation as a whole church membership has increased 51.5 per cent since 1926, while the population has increased only 30 per cent. Thus, church membership has gained nationally at a rate 71 per cent greater than population growth. In Washington, however, church membership has fallen considerably below the general rate of growth. The true nature of the situation has been hidden, the Federation report states, by the fact that Washington churches have had an 82 per cent increase in membership. However, during this period, the Washington area has had a population gain of 126 per cent. If church membership in the capital followed the national trend, the gain would have been 216 per cent in this period. Instead, it is only a little more than a third of that. In analyzing the cause for Washington's lag, Mr. Halko said that church construction has failed to keep pace with the population growth.

Methodists Mail 2,250,000 Copies of Periodical

Officials of the Methodist Publishing House at Nashville, Tenn., said an all-time high was set for religious publications with the mailing of more than 2,250,000 copies of the May-June issue of The Upper Room, Methodist devotional periodical. Postmaster Lewis E. Moore, Sr., of the Nashville postoffice, said he had taken on several temporary employees to handle the dispatch of the issue to English-speaking subscribers in all parts of the world.

Sculptor Plans Towering Statue Of Jesus Over Hollywood

Los Angeles city's religious leaders heard the plan of a local sculptor to place a 150-foot statue of the smiling Jesus upon a mountain over Hollywood. The sculptor, Roger Noble Branham, has asked the city's top clergymen to assist him in forming a non-profit organization that would collect the \$250,000 necessary to erect the huge statue. The Christ statue would be finished in fused gold. Including a 60-foot base its total height would be 210 feet.

National Council Sets Evangelistic Campaign

A country-wide evangelistic campaign will be launched by the National Council of Churches on World Communion Sunday, Oct. 7. The campaign will last 15 months. Its theme will be "The Churches United in Christ to Evangelize America." Plans for the drive were outlined by the board of managers of the Council's Joint Department of Evangelism. Major targets will be the nation's armed forces, the country's million migrant farm laborers, high school, college and university students and their faculty members. In local communities the campaign will include religious census, visitation evangelism, Gospel-singing and preaching missions, and church attendance crusades. To obtain more effective evangelistic preaching, one-day institutes are planned for the clergy.

Barden Introduces Federal Aid To Education Bill

A bill to authorize \$314,500,000 a year in federal aid to public schools, year in federal aid to education, was introduced in the House by Rep. Graham A. Barden (D.-N.C.), chairman of the House education and labor committee. Rep. Barden's bill, HR 4468, limits federal aid to salaries of teachers, salaries of supervisory or maintenance personnel, purchase of laboratory equipment, and maintenance and repair of public school buildings. "I do not think there is any issue regarding the use of federal funds for private schools," Mr. Barden said. "The Constitution precludes it and simply because it does, we ought not to deny public school the aid they require."

President, Signing India Aid Bill, Praises CROP

President Truman signed the \$190,000,000 India aid bill and at the same time urged Americans to increase their voluntary aid to India. Mr. Truman paid particular tribute to the Christian Rural Overseas Program (CROP) for its relief on behalf of India. He said that he noted with particular satisfaction the section of the act providing free ocean transportation for relief supplies collected by American relief and charitable organizations.

THE DEVOTIONAL PAGE

REV. ROY I. BAGLEY, Editor

FROM THE BOOKSHELF

But man is the only creature who is endowed with the power of intelligent understanding, the gift of speech, and the ability to discern and choose between right and wrong . . .

The impulse to pray is a natural impulse of every normal Christian . . .

The person who keeps up the habit of prayer on the dead level of life can rise in hours of crises as no one else can . . .

We are accustomed to think of the command to "Go" as being the last command of our Lord; but His final, His very last command, was to "Tarry" . . .

The Bible has been placed in our hands for our own enlightenment and improvement and for our use in making a better world . . .

The Church is the institution which welcomes, nourishes, conserves, protects, and develops the life-power of the Christian religion . . .

There is power in public worship . . .

The person who ignores, neglects, or despises the Church sins against himself and handicaps the development of his own personality. For man is a religious being; and if he holds aloof from the one organization whose specialty is religion, he starves and stunts the highest instincts of his nature . . .

—From *THE STEWARDSHIP LIFE* by Julius Earl Crawford

OUR OWN PRISONS

For now we see in a mirror dimly. (I Corinthians 13:12)

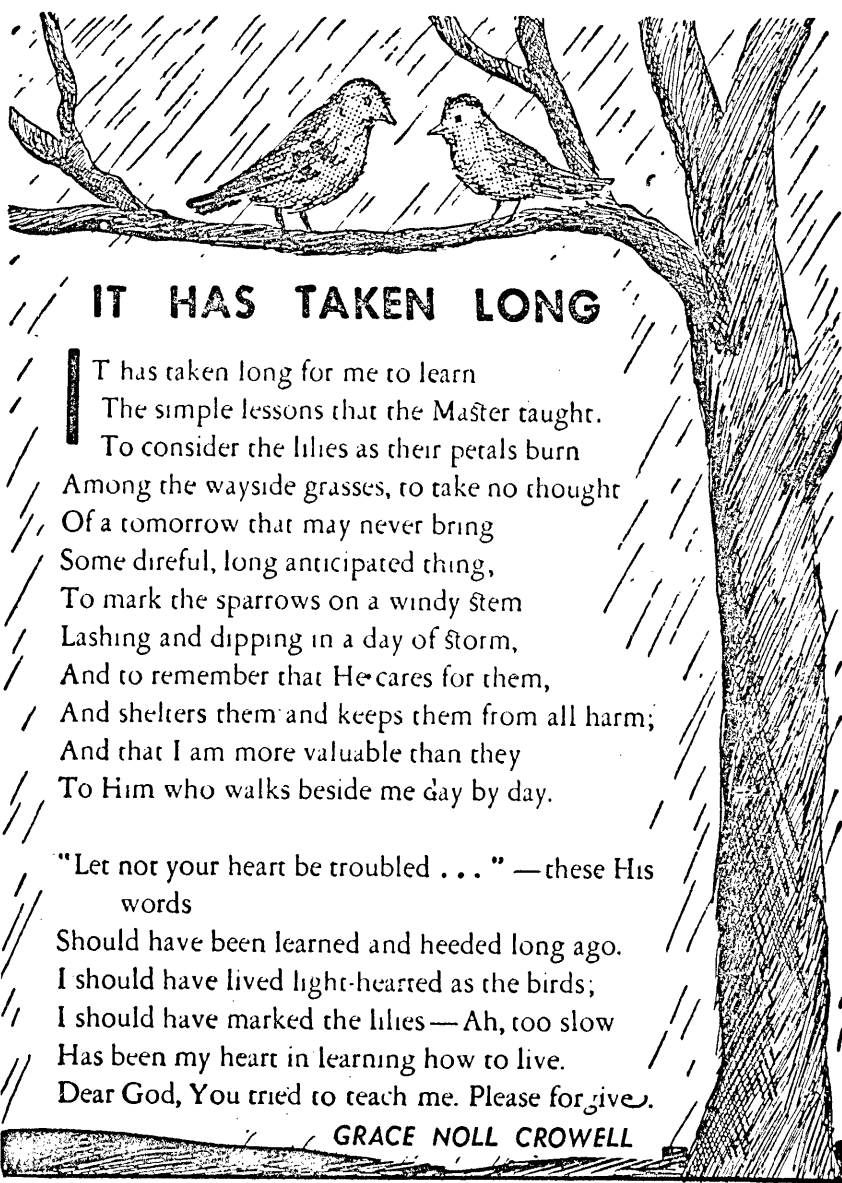
Prince Harweda, a childhood fairy tale character, was a selfish youth. His parents engaged his fairy godmother to teach the young prince qualities necessary for ruling. Harweda's godmother carried him to the depths of the royal forest and locked him in a beautiful enchanted room, walled alternately with mirrors and windows. A sparkling fountain rose in the center of the room; a canary sang in its cage nearby; luxurious couches lined the walls; tables were laden with fruit, mysteriously replenished as it was eaten.

Harweda's only thought was to admire himself in the mirrors and to feast on the fruit. He failed to notice the diminishing windows and expanding mirrors. Eventually only mere slivers of light were seen through cracks between the wall panels.

Until I found God, the affairs of the world looked to me to be in darkness, too. There seemed to be no escape from utter ruin for me, for my country, for the world. I could see no farther than my own limited horizons, with the central figure an overemphasized "ME." Like Harweda, I was oblivious to God's handiwork.

Into such a prison, however, small cracks permitted a few rays of the Light of the world to enter and a change took place in my heart.

Father, help me to recognize thy light shining into my sinful soul. Amen.—Elaine Marable, South Carolina



IT HAS TAKEN LONG

It has taken long for me to learn
The simple lessons that the Master taught.
To consider the lilies as their petals burn
Among the wayside grasses, to take no thought
Of a tomorrow that may never bring
Some direful, long anticipated thing,
To mark the sparrows on a windy stem
Lashing and dipping in a day of storm,
And to remember that He cares for them,
And shelters them and keeps them from all harm;
And that I am more valuable than they
To Him who walks beside me day by day.

"Let not your heart be troubled . . ." —these His words
Should have been learned and heeded long ago.
I should have lived light-hearted as the birds;
I should have marked the lilies — Ah, too slow
Has been my heart in learning how to live.
Dear God, You tried to teach me. Please forgive.

GRACE NOLL CROWELL

"THE PERSISTENT QUESTION"

Scripture: "Lord, what wilt thou have me to do?" (Acts 9:6)

PAUL has been trying to engineer the Kingdom of God too much on a human level. His question on the Damascus Road set the tone of his life from that day forward. He opened the way for God to direct him and worked through him for untold blessings his day and to succeeding generations. It was dawning upon Paul that in his zeal he had missed something vital. He had forgotten to seek God's guidance for his activity.

Men have argued pro and con about Paul's experience on the Damascus Road. Was it a conversion experience or wasn't it? That question, however, becomes secondary when we face our own lives. There are many times when we need to stop short and ask that same question. He who would do God's will must continually ask, "Lord, what wilt thou have to do?"

Some may ask this question but never do anything about the answer. The rich young ruler came to Jesus wording his question a little differently but having the same spirit. He went away sorrowful, "for great were his possessions." He loved what he had more than he desired what he wanted. We read of others following Jesus until the road becomes steep and the way hard and then they left Him. All too frequently we enjoy the happiness of Christians, but refuse to walk in

the Garden of Gethsemane, or face our calvary. As long as our discipleship doesn't take too much of our time, energy, and money we can appear to be very zealous. When the stress comes, do we prove our devotion by seeking what God would have us do, or, do we turn away? Does God not have a word of guidance for us in the stress of life? Does not His word in such time guide us along the best way?

Paul's question implies a willingness to surrender his all to the Divine direction he sought. We are familiar with the strange and hard places into which he was led in following his Lord. He was baffled many times no doubt, but he kept saying, "Lord, what thou have me to do?"

The answer Paul received swept away his foolish pride. We find him reciting his lineage and his achievements but he turns to say, "I am talking as a fool." His summary of it all was, "But God forbid that I should glory, save in the cross of our Lord, Jesus Christ, by whom the world is crucified unto me, and I unto the world."

Paul's answer brought a tenderness into his heart that he had not known before. His compassion for the lost far exceeded his cruelty that he had shown in persecuting those who had disagreed with him. He could write plainly and speak

straight, but always deep in his heart was this burning passion, to save those whom he in love had chastised. The depth of that compassion is glimpsed in his declaration, "I could wish that myself were accursed (separated) from Christ for my brethren, my kinsmen according to the flesh." Paul, the persecutor, is now the persecuted, but there is no bitterness, only a compassionate love that yearned for the souls of the lost to find their Saviour.

We find further that the answer to Paul's question was a new and deeper insight into his partnership with God. No longer could he place his stewardship on a legalistic basis. He built it upon the more solid foundation—the foundation of love. His great hymn of love to the Church at Corinth gives us insight into his attitude. It is an inspiration to us to hold our lives in sacred trust.

It is certain that this Damascus Road experience was great; but, its full meaning continued to open before Paul. He was amazed at what he discovered once his complete commitment had been made. He refused to stop with glorying in that experience but probed deeper to find its continuing guidance for him. Here is instruction for us in our Christian experiences. The depth of each experience should be explored to its fullest meaning. In our constant search for the fuller meaning we are assured of the permanence of our experience.

Did Paul ever regret asking this question? Did he ever falter in following his answer? Like the shout of a victor we hear him from prison as he says, "Rejoice in the Lord always, and again I say rejoice." He has found his answer satisfying through all the varied experiences of his life and even unto the end. Do we dare ask this question for ourselves, "Lord, what wilt thou have me to do?" Do we have the courage to surrender completely to our answer when it comes? If we do we will be led in strange and difficult places, but life will always yield its deepest and most abiding joys.—R. B.

PERSON TO PERSON

And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers; For the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ: Till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ. (Ephesians 4:11-12)

Read I Corinthians 12:4-13.

Another joyful consequence of God's intense concern for each individual life is that He has a special word and a special mission for each one of us.

No two persons are alike. Since each one is the only one of his kind, each is indispensable. Therefore God has something to say to every single soul which is not quite what He can say to anyone else. To believe that truth is to have an added reason for listening eagerly to what God has to say to us. But for each of us, God has not only a special word but a

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A WEEKLY MESSAGE

By FORNEY HUTCHINSON

MY BLOCK

When I discovered that my plan for extensive general reading was not going to work out because of my impaired vision, and also that my programme for general visitation was impracticable, I began to think of some other line of activity which would keep me busy and contented.

We had moved from Shawnee back to Tulsa, bought a modest home at 1529 South Yorktown, and were very comfortably situated. Not long after we arrived, I decided to get acquainted, as far as possible, with our new neighbors. One morning, as I walked past the third house from our own, I noticed a small gathering of people and sensed a feeling of excitement. Following the habit of a ministerial lifetime, I went in to see what it was all about and found an elderly woman at the point of death. The husband seemed heartbroken, but utterly helpless, and the neighbors had come in to render every possible assistance. I tarried for a while, offered a little prayer and went on my way. The sick woman died that night and the husband asked that I conduct her funeral. I excused myself on the ground that I had not been able to do anything of that kind for quite a while. After that, however, I made it a point to visit him as frequently as possible in his loneliness and grief.

As I dwelt upon his experience, the thought naturally came to me—"Why not appoint yourself as an un-official pastor of your block? That I did, and set about to get acquainted with my 'new members.'" I found thirty-two families on both sides of the street. A few of them I had known during my five years pastorate at Boston Avenue Church. I soon discovered that my new appointment represented a cross section of humanity, and began by making a canvass as best I could of every home in the block.

First of all, I discovered that four families were from Arkansas, which immediately gave me a sort of an entree into their lives. Seven or eight others were in some way connected with Boston Avenue Church. All of them were human beings, which furnished me a point of contact. I have now visited and had prayers in all of the thirty-two homes, but two, and am still hoping to have a visit with them.

I began all of this by taking a special interest in the old man, the death of whose wife I have already described. He is not in any sense a Christian, and lives in a garage apartment in the rear of his home, occupied at present by a new family in the neighborhood. I have found in his heart but one tender spot—that is the memory of his

NEWS AND NOTES ABOUT FACTS AND FOLKS

BORN to Rev. and Mrs. John Kermit VanZant of Huntsville a son, James Kermit, on June 14.

DR. A. W. MARTIN, member of the faculty of Perkins School of Theology, S. M. U., was the guest preacher at the First Methodist Church, Jonesboro, on Sunday, June 17.

REV. JOHN WORKMAN, son of Dr. and Mrs. J. W. Workman, of North Little Rock, who is attending school at Southern Methodist University, has been assigned as pastor at Granbury, Texas.

MISS MARY ALICE JONES, charter member of Highland Church, Little Rock, and a member of the Board of Stewards of that church, is a patient in the Missouri Baptist Hospital, St. Louis, Missouri.

MRS. W. P. McDERMOTT, teacher of the Remmel Bible Class of the First Methodist Church, Little Rock, was presented with a wrist watch at a banquet on Monday, June 11, in recognition of the anniversary of Mrs. McDermott's twenty-five years of service. The presentation was made by Mrs. Joe L. Simpson.

REV. ALFRED I. DOSS announces that the Christian Adventure Camp for the Camden District, will be held with the Monticello District camp, July 9-13, at Camp Keener. This camp is for ages 12-14. For further information, contact Brother Doss at Stephens or Rev. M. W. Miller at Hamburg.

CHAPLAIN GERALD C. DEAN is now stationed at Camp Crowder, Missouri. He writes: "While this camp is not in actual operation as yet, we are enjoying our work. We will soon be ready to process newly-inducted men and returning veterans from Korea. Mrs. Dean and I are living at 338 West Patterson, Neosho, Missouri while we are waiting the completion of some new rental units adjacent to our camp."

BISHOP G. BROMLEY OXNAM, of New York, as American president of the World Council of Churches, has been designated by the National Council of the Churches of Christ in the U. S. A. to officially represent it and the thirty-two million American Protestants who compose the Council at the forthcoming 1900th Anniversary of the Arrival of St. Paul in Greece. Bishop Oxnam also represents the Methodist Church and its eight million members at these festivities. The Bishop and a party of American churchmen will join the pilgrimage from June 15 to 30 to places connected with St. Paul's first missionary journey.

THE check which travelled the farthest to join the Week of Dedication Fund of the Methodist Church for relief in Korea was from Japan. It came to America from the former Methodist Matsumoto-Dori Church of the City of Kobe. When the Rev. S. Takebayashi learned of American Methodism's concern for Koreans and other needy people throughout the world, his church (composed of poor laboring people) decided to send an offering, too. The pastor had to be away from his pulpit that Sunday, but his wife saw the enterprise through to completion. In Japanese money the total collection was one thousand yen—about \$2.80.

THE International Christian University which is now being erected at Mitaka, near Tokyo,

saintly and now sainted wife. When I speak of her, he is always greatly moved, and has said more than once, "Brother Hutchinson, when I lost her, I lost the greatest thing in my life." As yet, I have not been able to lead him into an acceptance of the Savior, but I am still hopeful and covet the prayers of my readers in his behalf. He shuts himself up in his room away from his fellow-men, and seems to have no interest except in one grandson, who has been away to college for the past year.

From time to time I will report through this column the progress I am making in my self-appointed pastorate. Pray for me!

NORTH ARKANSAS CONFERENCE GENERAL AND JURISDICTIONAL CONFERENCE DELEGATES

General Conference Lay Delegates:
Dr. Matt L. Ellis, Joe Price, Mrs. Johnnie McClure.

General Conference Clerical Delegates:
Ethan Dodgen, W. Henry Goodloe, A. W. Martin.

Jurisdictional Conference Lay Delegates:
General Conference Delegates and Virgil Blossom, Charles Stuck, James H. Wiseman, Mrs. H. H. Fullbright and I. N. Barnett.

Jurisdictional Conference Clerical Delegates:
General Conference Delegates and W. F. Cooley, Fred G. Roebuck, Ira A. Brumley, J. Albert Gatlin, E. B. Williams.

Jurisdictional Conference Lay Reserves:
P. E. Cooley, Fred Stucky, Fay L. Wells.

Jurisdictional Conference Clerical Reserves:
S. B. Willford, James S. Upton, Robert E. L. Bearden.

Japan, is to have a "Church House" as the "center of the social and religious activities of the students, faculty, and community." And this Church House is to be built as a memorial to Dr. Ralph Eugene Diffendorfer, first president of the University Foundation, long-time friend of Japan, and prime mover of the effort to establish the University. Dr. Diffendorfer died in January, 1951, and his friends are taking this means of commemorating not only his place in this institution but his twenty-five years as Secretary of the Board of Missions and Church Extension of the Methodist Church.

HIGHLIGHTS OF NORTH ARKANSAS CONFERENCE

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was paid on indebtedness, \$911,858 was paid for buildings and improvements, \$115,100 was paid on World Service, and a grand total for all purposes of \$2,527,243 was given by the Methodists of the North Arkansas Conference.

NORTH ARKANSAS CONFERENCE PASTORS' REPORTS

CHARLESTON: D. G. Hindman, pastor. We have redecorated the basement and put new concrete steps with decorated iron railings in front of the church, at a cost of \$1,000.00. Cole's Chapel has been finished, paid for and dedicated this year. All claims were paid in full.

PLAINVIEW: A. L. Riggs, pastor. There have been five infants and five adults baptized, eight received on profession, and four by certificate, making a total membership of 116. We have 31 subscriptions to *Arkansas Methodist*, and one to the *Christian Advocate*. All finances are paid in full. Total enrollment in Sunday School 118.

MARION: G. C. Johnson, pastor. This finishes our four years at Marion. There has been quite a nice improvement on church property and a good parsonage has been completed. There is no indebtedness. We have had a steady increase in Sunday School attendance. We have just closed an unusually good Vacation Bible School.

WALNUT RIDGE: Oscar J. Evanson, pastor. We have received 30 members in the church this year, ten of the number were married men with families. Stained glass windows have been repaired at a cost of \$1,142.00. A new parsonage has been built and new furniture bought at a cost of \$17,000.00.

COTTON PLANT: James R. Chandler, pastor. We have closed a good year at Cotton Plant. We have received 18 in the church. All finances are paid in full. Redecorating and remodeling the church was the outstanding achievement of the year. New wiring and lighting fixtures have been placed throughout the church. The sanctuary and Sunday School rooms have been redecorated and in all there has been about \$6,000.00 involved.

Appointments For North Arkansas Conference

SPECIAL APPOINTMENTS

Edward T. Wayland, Editor, Arkansas Methodist.
 Ewing T. Wayland, Editor, Arkansas Methodist.
 Elmer H. Hook, Superintendent, Western Methodist Assembly.
 J. Albert Gatlin, Secretary, Town and Country Commission.
 Ira A. Brumley, Executive Secretary, Board of Education.
 E. J. Reaves, Approved Evangelist.
 Brady Cook, Approved Evangelist.
 James W. Workman, Chaplain, Veterans Administration.
 Bates Sturdy, Chaplain, State Sanatorium.
 A. W. Wasson, Professor, Scarritt College.
 James Seehorn Senecker, Professor, Perkins School of Theology.
 A. W. Martin, Professor, Perkins School of Theology, SMU.
 J. Q. Schisler, Executive Secretary, Division of Local Church, General Board of Education.
 Glenn F. Sanford, Secretary Town and Country Work, General Board of Missions and Church Extension.
 James S. Upton, Professor of Religion, Hendrix College.
 George Avert, Professor, Hendrix College.
 V. Earle Copes, Professor, Hendrix College.
 Harry King, Professor, Arkansas College.
 J. Rudolph Woodruff, Chaplain, Attached to Central, Fayetteville, Qu. C.
 Archie N. Boyd, Chaplain, Attached to First Church, Ft. Smith, Qu. Conf.
 Ray D. Seals, Chaplain, Attached to Central, Fayetteville, Qu. Conf.
 Gilbert F. Hyde, Chaplain, Attached to First Church, North Little Rock, Q. C.
 LeRoy Henry, Chaplain, Attached to First Church, Jonesboro, Qu. Conf.
 Alvin C. Murray, Chaplain, Attached to Central, Fayetteville, Qu. Conf.

Left Without Appointment To Attend School

Charles Casteel, Perkins School of Theology, SMU.
 Pryor Reed Cruce, Perkins School of Theology, SMU.
 Samuel P. Auslam, Perkins School of Theology, SMU.
 Winslow Brown, Perkins School of Theology, SMU.
 Allen Eugene Hilliard, Perkins School of Theology, SMU.
 Walter C. Johnson, Perkins School of Theology, SMU.
 Norris Steele, Perkins School of Theology, SMU.
 Delbert Paul Remaley, Perkins School of Theology, SMU.
 Edward Coley, Perkins School of Theology, SMU.
 Harry Wayne Huntsman, Perkins School of Theology, SMU.
 Earl Carter, Chandler School of Theology, Emory University.
 Billy Dennis, Duke University.
 Linza Harrison, Garrett Biblical Institute.
 Raymond Krutz, Garrett Biblical Institute.
 William James Cook, Boston University.
 George Trobaugh, Boston University.
 Claudie McLeod, Perkins School of Theology, SMU.
 Earl Hughes, Perkins School of Theology, SMU.
 Gerald Hammett, Perkins School

of Theology, SMU.
 George Wayne Martin, Perkins School of Theology, SMU.
 Robert B. Howerton, Perkins School of Theology, SMU.
 James T. Clemons, Perkins School of Theology, SMU.
 William P. Connell, Perkins School of Theology, SMU.
 Justus H. Edmondson, Perkins School of Theology, SMU.
 John Workman, Perkins School of Theology, SMU.
 Worth W. Gibson, Perkins School of Theology, SMU.

Transferred Out

Loy T. Atkinson, Probationer, to North Texas Conference.
 Bennie F. Jordan, Probationer, to North Texas Conference.
 Howard Cox, Probationer to Texas Conference.
 W. L. Diggs, Elder, to St. Louis Conference.
 Richard H. Whitwam, Probationer, to East Oklahoma Conference.
 Charles Wayne Banks, Elder, to Southwest Texas Conference.
 Linley E. Vowell, Elder, to North Texas Conference.
 Guy C. Ames, Jr., Probationer, to East Oklahoma Conference.
 James Fleming, Probationer, to Northwest Texas Conference.

Transfers In — None.

BATESVILLE DISTRICT

S. B. Wilford, District Superintendent
 Batesville, Central Avenue, David P. Conyers.
 Batesville, First Church, E. G. Kaetzell.
 Bethesda-Cushman, T. B. Parmenter.
 Calico Rock Ct., L. K. Wilson.
 Cave City-Sidney, James Smith.
 Cave City Ct. Kern Johnson.
 Charlotte Ct., T. O. Love.
 Desha Ct., J. Hillman, Byram.
 Cotter, E. W. Faulkner.
 Evening Shade Ct., Aubra Hayes.
 Melbourne, Y. D. Whitehurst.
 Moorefield-Asbury, To Be Supplied.
 Mountain Home Parish, J. C. Wilcox.
 Mountain Home Parish, Lee Anderson, associate.
 Mountain View, M. A. Graves.
 Newark, B. L. Wilford.
 Newport, First Church, Guy C. Ames.
 Newport, Umstead, M. L. Kaylor.
 Pleasant Plains, Ray Burrow.
 Salem, Maurice Lanier.
 Swifton-Alicia, J. E. Linam.
 Tuckerman, Golden Lawner.
 Viola Circuit, Carl Strayhorn.
 Weldon-Tupelo, W. L. Dillon.
 Yellowville Parish, Theron McKisson.
 Deaconess, Mountain Home Parish, Miss Betty Letzig.
 District Director, Arkansas Methodist, Maurice Lanier.
 District Director of Evangelism, David P. Conyers.
 District Missionary Secretary, M. L. Kaylor.
 District Radio Director, E. G. Kaetzell.
 District Director of Golden Cross, Guy C. Ames.

CONWAY DISTRICT

C. M. Reves, District Superintendent
 Atkins, George Stewart.
 Beacon, W. G. Holman.
 Bellville-Havana, Ivan R. Wilson.
 Bethel-Cato, James W. Workman.
 Conway, First, Joel Cooper.
 Conway, Wesley, James R. Shel-

ton.
 Danville, H. C. Minnis.
 Dardanelle, Ray L. McLester.
 Dardanelle Circuit, Frank Weatherford.
 Dover-London, Elvis Wright.
 Grevelly Circuit, Paul Dean Davis.
 Grebrier Circuit, To Be Supplied.
 Morrilton, Herschelle J. Couchman.
 Morrilton Circuit No. 1, A. A. Noggle.
 Morrilton Circuit No. 2, Vernon Paysinger.
 Naylor Circuit, Thomas Nation.
 North Little Rock Churches: First Church, J. William Watson; Gardner, Irl Bridenthal; Levy, Raymond Dorman; Sylvan Hill, William Wilder; Washington Avenue, I. L. Claud.
 Ola Circuit, Kenneth Hatfield.
 Oppelo, James Beale.
 Perry-Perryville, H. A. Stroup.
 Perry County Circuit, William Yarbrough.
 Plainview, To Be Supplied.
 Plummerville, William Walker.
 Pope County Circuit, Thomas Kinslow.
 Pottsville, William C. Hightower.
 Russellville, Harold O. Eggensperger.
 Salem, Fred Mooring.
 Vilonia, Maurice Webb.
 Vilonia Circuit, J. M. Kitchens.
 District Director, Arkansas Methodist, Irl Bridenthal.
 District Director of Evangelism, Harold O. Eggensperger.
 District Director of Golden Cross, Herschelle J. Couchman.
 District Missionary Secretary, George Stewart.
 District Director of Radio, Raymond Dorman.

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 Avoca Circuit, William D. Gray.
 Bentonville, Hubert E. Pearce.
 Bentonville Circuit, Robert L. Ritter.
 Berryville, Edwin B. Dodson.
 Centerton, Charles Wages.
 Decatur, O. R. Findley.
 Elm Springs-Harmon, Woodrow Woods.
 Eureka Springs, William A. Stewart, Jr.
 Farmington Circuit, A. L. Riggs.
 Fayetteville, Central, D. L. Dykes, Jr.
 Fayetteville, Wiggins Memorial, Arnold Simpson.
 Gentry, O. L. Cole.
 Goshen, Cathryn Ferrell.
 Green Forest, C. H. Harvison.
 Gravette, H. W. Jinke.
 Lincoln, Thomas R. Whiddon.
 Madison County No. 1, J. Kermit Van Zant.
 Madison County No. 2, James F. Weatherford.
 Morrow-Evansville, To Be Supplied.
 Pea Ridge-Brightwater, George J. Kleeb.
 Prairie Grove, S. O. Patty.
 Rogers, Central, Vernon E. Chalfant.
 Siloam Springs, Allen D. Stewart.
 Springdale, First, Horace M. Lewis.
 Springdale, Wesley, James W. Workman, Jr.
 Springtown-Highfill, Bobby S. Edwards.
 Sulphur Springs, O. Wendell Barbaree.
 Viney Grove Circuit, W. C. Hutton.
 Winslow, To Be Supplied.

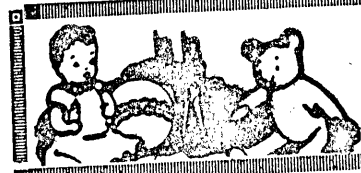
Washington County Circuit, David E. Dorman.
 District Director, Arkansas Methodist, S. O. Patty.
 District Missionary Secretary, Vernon E. Chalfant.
 District Radio Director, D. L. Dykes, Jr.
 District Director Golden Cross, Horace M. Lewis.
 District Director of Evangelism, Edwin B. Dodson.

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 Brinkley, Jesse Johnson.
 Clarendon, G. B. Ames.
 Colt, L. L. Langston.
 Cotton Plant, James R. Chandler.
 Crawfordville - Blackfish Lake, J. W. Glass.
 Earle, L. F. LeFevers.
 Elaine, Glen Bruner.
 Forrest City, Raymond L. Franks.
 Haynes-Lagrange, James O. Davis.
 Helena, Elmer J. Holifield.
 Holly Grove, Charles P. McDonald, Jr.
 Hughes, Harold D. Womack.
 Hunter, William G. Stegall.
 Marianna, James T. Randle.
 Marion, Alf A. Eason.
 Marvell-Lexa, J. L. Pruitt.
 Parkin, H. F. McDonald.
 Vandale, J. H. Richardson, J. W. Howard, Associate.
 West Helena, J. J. Decker.
 West Memphis, Alfred Knox.
 Wheatley, To Be Supplied.
 Widener-Round Pond, Robert T. McMaster.
 Wynne, Lloyd M. Conyers.
 District Director, Arkansas Methodist, Lloyd M. Conyers.
 District Director of Evangelism, E. J. Holifield.
 District Missionary Secretary, Alfred A. Knox.
 District Director of Golden Cross, James R. Chandler.
 District Radio Director, Harold D. Womack.

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 Alma - Mountain View, T. C. Chambliss.
 Altus Circuit, R. B. Sparks.
 Booneville, W. J. Spicer.
 Booneville Circuit, Fred Thompson, Mrs. Fred Thompson, Associate.
 Charleston, O. D. Peters.
 Clarksville, C. Norman Guice.
 Forrester, To Be Supplied.
 Fort Smith: First Church, Fred G. Roebuck; Fifth Street, Floyd G. Villines, Sr.; Goddard Memorial, Robert E. L. Bearden; Grand Avenue, Charles B. Wyatt; Massard-Barling, Vann Hooker; Midland Heights, W. A. Downum; St. Pauls, Martin Bierbaum; St. Luke-Bonanza, D. G. Hindman, Mrs. D. G. Hindman, Associate; Towson Avenue, To Be Supplied.
 Greenwood, J. J. Clark.
 Hackett, George Pahl, Mrs. George Pahl, Associate.
 Hartford, Aaron Barling.
 Hartman Circuit, Paul Kelley.
 Huntington, M. L. Edgington.
 Kibler Circuit, Uriah Smith.
 Lamar Circuit, Carl Adams.
 Lavaea Circuit, To Be Supplied.
 Magazine Circuit, J. R. Welch.
 Mansfield, James Meadors.
 Mulberry, W. Leonard Byers.
 Ozark, O. M. Campbell.
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THE CHILDREN'S PAGE

ANNIE WINBURNE, Editor



IN STORYLAND

THE STORY OF MR. NUISANCE

Mr. Nuisance was a little grey mouse that lived on Mr. Brown's farm. Tawny was his real name, but none of the creatures ever called him that; in fact I think they had forgotten that he ever had any other name but Mr. Nuisance. And he was such a nuisance! It was bad enough to get himself into trouble, he was forever doing that, but frequently he got other animals into trouble, too.

His mother kept telling him that unless he stayed in the hayloft where he belonged, he would some day get into trouble. She always worried about that wicked cat, but Mr. Nuisance never took any chances with her. He had seen her catch more than one little mouse, and he had heard the little mouse cry, too, so Mr. Nuisance always kept his beady eyes open for her.

But he wasn't afraid of that old lazy dog. One day he even ran across his paws in his hurry to get away from the cat. The dog just opened one sleepy eye and was about to shut it again when he noticed the cat. He started after the cat, but she ran so fast that he just lay right down in the driveway on the hot stones and went to sleep again.

Mr. Nuisance's mother was dreadfully frightened when she heard what had happened, and she put him straight to bed and wouldn't even give him a nibble of cheese for his supper.

But even that didn't keep Mr. Nuisance in the hay-loft. Once he poked his way into the speckled hen's nest to see why she was sitting there for such a long time, and she got so excited she jumped and broke an egg. Well anyway, he found out that the silly old hen had been sitting day after day on top of eggs. He always did thing hens were kind of silly, and now he knew, or so he thought, and off he went.

Another day he went into the mare's manger. She jumped with her mouth full of hay, dropped it, and made a terrible sneeze which sent Mr. Nuisance off in a terrible hurry.

He got into Farmer Brown's oat-bin. That was a sad mistake, because the very next day there were three cats in the barn instead of one. And it was much harder to watch out for three cats than it had been for one.

All his family were angry with him. All his cousins and aunts and uncles and friends were angry, too. In fact all the animals were provoked with him. He was such a nuisance. Nobody could ever be sure where he was or what he might be doing, and some even said they wished something would happen to him to teach him a lesson.

And something did happen!

One day he saw a lot of eggs with no speckled hen anywhere around. He climbed up, hoping to find a cracked one. There were none on top, but there were rows and rows of eggs going way down below. He

nibbled his way through the cardboard that separated the eggs and was enjoying a delicious oozy egg on the very bottom, when before he realized it the eggs, boxes and boxes of them, were in a truck and rolling off down the road.

Well Mr. Nuisance didn't care. He was having a good time. He finished that egg and curled up where the egg had been and went to sleep.

Nobody knows how long he slept. He didn't himself. But one day a man began to take the eggs out of the box and his hand came very close to Mr. Nuisance, who quickly jumped and ran over to an empty box. He jumped so fast that the man jumped and dropped the egg he was holding. Then he became angry, and I think he might have done something quite dreadful to Mr. Nuisance had he only seen where he was hiding, but Mr. Nuisance kept very still. He didn't even twitch a whisker.

He stayed there all day, and at night he went about looking for something to eat, but all he could find were eggs. He ate so many drippy eggs that by and by he didn't even like to look at them.

How he wished he were back on the farm! He never slept, because all day he had to keep an eye on the men. They were worse than the cat. They set traps about and poor Mr. Nuisance was afraid to move from his box even at night

for fear he might step on one of them.

Then one day the man lifted him up, box and all, and put him on a truck with a lot of other boxes. Off they went. It was a very bumpy ride, because the boxes were empty and kept bumping about on the truck. Mr. Nuisance was bumped about, too, until his sides and poor little head hurt.

At last the truck stopped, and Mr. Nuisance saw he was on Mr. Brown's farm again. Out he hurried, across the farmyard, into the barn, up to the loft, where he curled up and went to sleep. He slept a long time—nobody knows how long—Mr. Nuisance didn't even know himself, but one thing he did know, and that was that he would never make himself a nuisance to anybody again. And he never did.

His friends were all happy now, and really liked him, but they never did remember that his real name was Tawny and just continued to call him Mr. Nuisance.—The United Church Observer



PLANNING FOR SUMMER DAYS

*I'm planning something nice, I think,
For the long summer days,
I'll try to make folks happy
In a lot of different ways.*

*If little friends are ill
In the days that lie ahead
I'll take a pretty bouquet
From my little flower bed.*

*I'll be thoughtful of the grownups
To make them happy, too,
A little girl can think of oh,
So many things to do.—A.E.W.*

IN THE WORLD OF BOYS AND GIRLS

IT'S SUMMER

By Clarice Foster Booth

*My mittens and snowsuits
Fur eartabs and caps
And clumsy galoshes
With buckles and straps.*

*Along with thick mufflers
And zippered-up clothes,
In which to keep warm
From my head to my toes,*

*Are all in the closet
Stored safely away,
And I'm in a sunsuit!
It's summer—hooray!*

—In The Christian Advocate

A LONG LIST

*List the things you're thankful for,
Write them in a row;
Extra paper you will need,
First thing you know.*

*You'll be very much surprised.
(Another pencil, please!)
Start with things you love out-
doors—
Roses, birds and trees.*

*Add the sun, the moon, and stars,
Don't forget the brook;
Goodness me, before you're through,
You will fill a book.*

*Keep right on and go inside
Look around awhile;
All your playthings, home itself,
Mother's loving smile.*

*Mind you, don't leave out a thing,
Write it down in ink;
Every blessing, big and small—
Did I see you blink?*

*You can't do it possibly!
Row on row on row—
Well, I didn't think you could!
Aren't you thankful though?*

—Daisy Stephenson in Druid Hills Methodist Messenger

take a year." * * *

Mother—"Now, Junior, be a good boy and say 'Ah' so the doctor can get his finger out of your mouth." * * *

Poetry—as it would be defined by a great many youngsters: Poetry is what when the other kids are thru for the day and go home you have to stay in after school if you couldn't learn it.—John Carr Duff, Clearing House * * *

The farmer's wife had a very sharp tongue, but one day he got a rest from her nagging. A farm horse kicked her so badly that she had to go to a hospital.

During her absence there was an unusual run of callers at the farm.

"It's very nice of the neighbors, especially the men, to call and ask after the missus," the farmer remarked to the servant-girl.

"Yes, sir," replied the girl; "but most of them want to know if you'll sell the horse."

JUST FOR FUN

"Darling," asked the young bride after serving her first meal at home, "what will I get if I cook you a dinner like this every day for a year?"

"My life insurance. And it won't

Achievements And Ambitions For Mt. Sequoyah

By MRS. E. H. HOOK

MOUNTAINS have an allure-ment all their own and this is especially true when sun sets and vesper worship are blended. There is not a spot in Arkansas where this is more true than at Mt. Sequoyah, where the jurisdictional and conference leadership make their annual pilgrimage. Here beauty of nature, of thought and beauty of soul can become the experience of individuals and groups through the guidance of consecrated instructors and inspirational speakers.

This genuine beauty has so possessed the mind and soul of the superintendent—that he has purposed to make beautiful the buildings and campus as rapidly as time and means will permit. It is the ambition of the management to provide comfort and convenience for those who come from time to time for study and work and to provide

adequate facilities for other Methodists across the jurisdiction who are denied the privilege of coming for inspiration and enrichment.

A practical endeavor along this line has been the papering, sanding the floors and putting baths in every cottage on the campus. Twenty mattresses have been rebuilt. About two hundred venetian blinds are being installed now, with more to go in later. Two new stoves have gone into the cafeteria kitchen, one is a pastry stove. A thousand dollars worth of linens have been purchased. The "Hut" has been remodeled, papered and modernized. The old auto camp has been converted into staff quarters. That group of cottages has been papered and painted and the grounds in the whole grove of trees has been cleared and put into lawn. Come up and enjoy your Assembly.



1950 CHURCH SCHOOL FIGURES RELEASED

Nashville, Tenn.—Methodist church school membership reached approximately six million in 1950, according to a statistical record of progress just released by the Department of General Church School Work of the General Board of Education.

Total church school membership for 1950 was reported as 5,958,368. This is a gain of 159,686 or 3 per cent for the year.

Among other gains reported were increases of 4 per cent in average attendance at Sunday school and 2 per cent in the number of officers and teachers (total officers and teachers, 497,528). The attendance record showed that every Sunday last year an average of 2,990,594 persons went to Methodist Sunday schools.

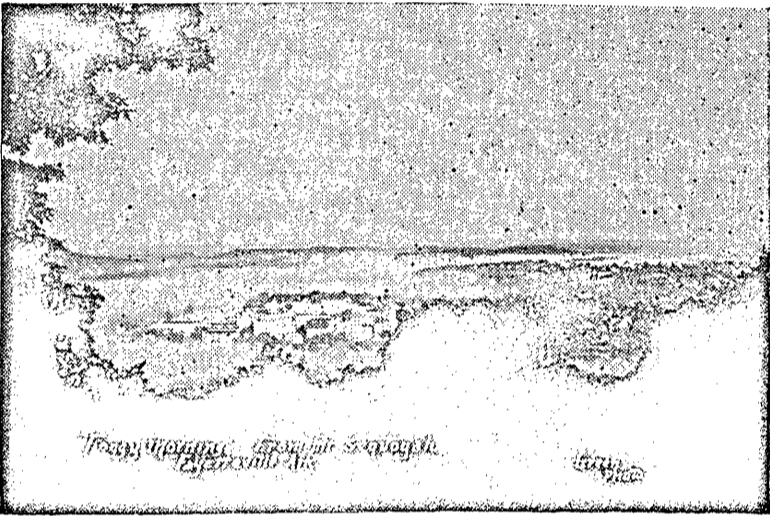
Church school membership in-

creases were reported in all six jurisdictions. Reporting the largest gain was the Southeastern Jurisdiction with 62,561 (total church school membership, 1,626,358); South Central has second largest, 28,006 (total, 1,109,827). The other jurisdictions reported gains as follows: Northeastern, 27,850 (total, 1,250,754); North Central, 19,301 (total, 1,420,472); Western, 13,266 (total, 386,196); Central, 8,702 (total, 164,761).

The Central Jurisdiction had the largest percentage gain in church school membership—5 per cent. Percentage gains of the other jurisdictions were: Southeastern, 4 per cent; Western and South Central, 3 per cent; Northeastern, 2 per cent; and North Central, 1 per cent.

The record revealed that during 1950 church schools in their Fourth Sunday offering to World Service and Conference Benevolences contributed \$2,656,698. Jurisdiction

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Condensed Minutes Of North Arkansas Conference

The Minutes of the North Arkansas Annual Conference of The Methodist Church, held in Paragould, Arkansas, from June 13, 1951, through June 17, 1951, Bishop Paul E. Martin, Presiding.

Part 1. Organization and General Business

1. Who are elected for the quadrennium: Secretary? Ewing T. Wayland, 1136 Donaghey Bldg., Little Rock, Ark. Statistician? E. G. Kaetzell, Batesville, Arkansas. Treasurer? P. E. Cooley, Box 26, Blytheville, Ark.

2. Is the Annual Conference incorporated? No.

3. (a) What officers handling funds of the conference have been bonded, and in what amounts? P. E. Cooley, Conference Treasurer, (Central) \$75,000; Harold D. Womack, \$25,000, Conference Claimants. (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 Deacons Board? Yes. (j) Conference Board of Missions and Church Extension? Yes. (k) Conference Board of Education? Yes. (l) Conference Board of Temperance? Yes. (m) Conference Board of Lay Activities? Yes. (n) Conference Board of Hospitals and Homes? 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 Conference Journal.

7. What is the schedule for minimum support for pastors? \$1400 for single men, \$1500 for married men; \$25 for each dependent child under 18 years of age.

8. What is the plan and what are the approved claims for the support of the district superintendents for the ensuing year? Annual salary of \$6,000, \$1,800 for office and promotional expense each church paying amount equal 11% pastors salary.

9. What amount has been apportioned to the pastoral charges within the conference to be raised for the support of conference claimants? An amount equal to 15% of cash salary paid pastor.

10. What are the apportionments transmitted by the General Commission on World Service and Finance to this conference: (a) For World Service? \$54,161.00. (b) For Episcopal Fund? 1 3/4% of each pastor's salary. (c) For General Administration Fund? \$4,291.00.

11. What amount is apportioned to this conference for the Jurisdic-

tional Administration Fund? \$5,490.00.

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 Conf. Journal. (e) What are the other reports? See Conference Journal.

13. What Methodist institutions or organizations are approved by the conference for annuity responsibility? Arkansas Methodist and Western Methodist Assembly.

14. What date is determined for Golden Cross enrollment? May 11, 1952.

15. (a) Who is elected conference lay leader? Matt L. Ellis. (b) What is his report? See Conference Journal. (c) Who are elected district and associate district lay leaders? Batesville—W. D. Murphy, Jr., Fred M. Pickens, Jr., W. W. Adams; Conway—P. K. Merrill, J. G. Moore, E. W. Martin, J. Frank Warden. Fayetteville—Tex Waggoner, Will H. Mock, Ray Beck, Radus Rice; Ft. Smith—Dave Bateman, A. P. McKeithen, R. W. Lynch, Clyde Hiatt, C. C. Cooley; Forrest City—E. Clay Bumpers, Marvin E. Bird, G. E. Dooley, Elton A. Rieves, Jr.; Jonesboro, Chas. A. Stuck, Carroll W. Watson, W. R. Willis, O. L. Hunnicut (Dell); Paragould—J. A. Walden, E. R. Schurlock, Elbert Callahan, L. L. Swindle; Searcy—Joe S. Pierce, Elmer Hutchins, Marvin A. Hathcoat, W. E. Boyer.

Part 11. Pertaining to Ministerial Relations

16. Who constitute the Conference Committee of Investigation? W. Vance Womack, J. E. Linam, E. J. Holifield, D. G. Hindman, H. Lynn Wade; Reserves: N. Lee Cate, Elmo Thomason, H. C. Minnis.

17. Who are the accepted supply pastors? W. L. Douglas, Gerald Brannon, Laymon Bounds, Albert Gibbs, H. O. West, R. B. Sparks, Billie Odom, Gail Anderson, Ray Edwards, J. O. Davis, H. L. Robinson, Stanley R. Reed, M. B. Short, A. LeRoy Peterson, W. T. Watson, Robert Sykes, T. B. Parmenter, Sherman Ragsdell, Robert Montgomery, Dave Smitherman, John F. Wilson, Alvin Gibbs, J. M. Talkington, Carl Strayhorn, James Smith, C. A. Simpson, Frank Jones, Roy Moyers, Travis Williams, Calvin Roetzel, Harold Brent, J. Hillman Byram, Walter L. Dillon, D. Kern Johnson, W. T. Johnson, Arvest Lawson, M. J. Pollard, Y. D. Whitehurst, James R. Shelton, Ray Burrow, Burnell Stevens, Lee Anderson, Mrs. Lee Anderson, Carl B. Adams, Aaron Barling, W. Leonard Byers, Fred Thompson, Mrs. Fred Thompson, Martin C. Martin, Charles Pacht, Mrs. Charles Pacht, Paul Kelly, James Meadors, C. L. Martin, J. R. Welch, Felix Holland, W. C. Hutton, Oscar Hicks, Jr., Floyd G. Villines, Sr., J. T. Willcox, L. L. Langston, J. W. Sandage, J. H. Richardson, William G. Stegall, Cathryn Ferrell, Olen R. Findley, Kenneth Hatfield,

Roy M. Parks, Bobby Edwards, David E. Dorman, George J. Kleeb, Mrs. E. J. Reaves, Robert Lee Ritter, William D. Gray, Fred Mooring, Paul Dean Davis, Ivan Wilson, Tom Kinslow, Cannon Kinnard, Frank Weatherford, Thomas Nation, Bill Walker, William C. Hightower, Maurice Webb, J. M. Kitchens, Randolph Kerr.

18. What accepted supply pastors now under full-time appointment are taking the conference course of study: (a) In the first year? Kenneth Hatfield, Ray Edwards, D. Kern Johnson, Billy Odom, T. B. Parmenter, M. J. Pollard, Dave Smitherman, J. R. Welch, Hasle West, Carl Strayhorn. (b) In the second year? Carl Adams, William Stegall. (c) In the third year? Lee Anderson, Mrs. Lee Anderson, Felix Holland, Robert Montgomery, Sherman Ragsdell, Robert Sykes, George J. Kleeb, Alvin Gibbs, John Henry Richardson, Albert Gibbs. (d) In the fourth year? Milton Bruce Short, John Wayne Sandage, Mrs. E. J. Reaves.

19. What preachers coming from other churches, have had their orders recognized: (a) As local deacons? None. (b) As local elders? Richard M. Holland.

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? Claudie J. McLeod, Kenneth Renfro, Aubra Olin Hays, Robert Buchanan Howerston, George Wayne Martin, John Sparks Workman, Justus Heber Edmondson, Worth Wesley Gibson, James Thomas Clemons, Burlus Wesley Stallcup, William Pierce Connell, Gerald Hammett, Earl Hughes, and John Robert Manney. (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? Oliver Wendell Barbaree; Raymond Krutz. (b) Advanced to studies of the second year? Martin Leonard Kaylor. (c) Continued in studies of the second year? Charles Casteel and William Paul Lanier. (d) Exempt from course of study under the seminary rule? Earl Carter, Edward Curtis Coley, William James Cook, Billy Vernon Dennis, Allen Eugene Hilliard, Harry Wayne Huntsman, Walter C. Johnson, Delbert Paul Remaley, Norris Steele and George Andrew Trobaugh.

23. Who on trial are discontinued? Raymond Mills.

24. Who are admitted into full connection? G. B. Ames, Henry Wadsworth Jinske, Samuel Presley Auslam, Winslow Eugene Brown, Vann Hooker, Pryor Reed Cruce, Uriah Smith, Luther Loyd Turner, William Marion Womack and Elvis D. Wright.

25. What full members are in studies: (a) Of the third year? Henry Wadsworth Jinske; Vann Hooker; Uriah Smith; William Marion Womack; Elvis D. Wright; G. B. Ames; Samuel Auslam; Winslow Brown; Charles Casteel; Pryor Reed Cruce; Paul Lanier. (b) Of the fourth year? Ernie Carmel Hance; Clyde Emerson Crozier; Robert Paul Sessions and James Warthen Workman, Jr.

26. What full members have failed to complete the studies: (a) Of the third year? Linza Harrison. (b) Of the fourth year? William Tillman Lingo and James Faris Weatherford.

27. What full members have completed the studies of the fourth year? William Maurice Lanier; Charles P. McDonald, Jr.; Robert McMaster; and Byron Luster McSpadden.

28. Who have been elected deacons: (a) As local preachers? Albert Lee Anderson; Mrs. Albert Lee Anderson; Felix Holland; George John Kleeb; Robert Montgomery; Alvin Gibbs; Russell Sherman Ragsdell; Henry Linwood Robison; John Wayne Sandage; Milton Bruce Short, Robert Sykes, William Watson, and John Henry Richardson. (b) As members on trial in the course of study? Henry Wadsworth Jinske; Luther Loyd Turner; William Marion Womack; Elvis D. Wright; Vann Hooker. (c) Under the seminary rule? Edward Curtis Coley, William James Cook, Samuel Presley Auslam, Winslow Eugene Brown, Pryor Reed Cruce; Harry Wayne Huntsman, and William Paul Lanier. (d) Under the missionary rule? None.

29. Who have been ordained deacons? Henry Wadsworth Jinske, Luther Loyd Turner, William Marion Womack, Elvis D. Wright, Vann Hooker, Edward Curtis Coley, Samuel Presley Auslam, Winslow Eugene Brown, Pryor Reed Cruce, Harry Wayne Huntsman, William Paul Lanier, Albert Lee Anderson, Felix Holland, George John Kleeb, Robert Montgomery, Russell Sherman Ragsdell, Henry Linwood Robison, John Wayne Sandage, Milton Bruce Short, Robert Herman Sykes, William True Watson, and John Henry Richardson.

30. Who have been elected elders: (a) As local preachers? Martin Leonard Kaylor and James Grant Smith. (b) As local deacons who have been received on trial? None. (c) As conference members in the course of study? Byron Luster McSpadden. (d) Under the seminary rule? G. B. Ames, Robert Paul Sessions, and Winfred Lee Diggs. (e) Under the missionary rule? None.

31. Who have been ordained elders? Martin Leonard Kaylor, James Grant Smith, Byron Luster McSpadden, G. B. Ames, Robert Paul Sessions and Winfred Lee Diggs.

32. Relative to accommodation transfers for ordination and reception: (a) What members of this conference have been transferred out for purposes of ordination only? None. (b) Who have been transferred in, having been ordained elsewhere? None. (c) Who are transferred in, and from what conferences, for purposes of ordination only, such ordination to be voted by this conference? None. (d) Who have been ordained here, such ordination having been voted by another conference? None. (e) Who have been transferred out, and to what conferences, after ordination? None. (f) Who have been received on trial at the request of another conference? None. (g) Who have been transferred out, having been received on trial, and to what conferences? None. (h) Who have been transferred in, to be received into full connection after election by another conference? None. (i) Who have been transferred out, having been received into full connection after election by another conference? None. (j) Who on trial have been transferred out to be received into full connection by another conference? None. (k) Who have been

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