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Serving One Hundred

"The World is My

Methodist

by Thousand Methodists in Arkansas

"Go ye into all the world—" — Mark 16:15

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CONFERENCE ON FAMILY LIFE

The above picture is one emphasizing family life on a Christian basis as both desirable and necessary for the development and maturity of individuals, families, of churches, of communities and the world. To make this emphasis more real in the lives of Methodists the Advance For Christ and His Church is sponsoring a National Methodist Conference on Family Life in Chicago, October 12-14. Meeting under the theme "Christian Family Living in Today's World," the planners of this conference have spared nothing to complete a program that will bless the lives of couples from

over the church that are being urged and invited to attend.

The church is asking young couples, between 20 and 30 years of age, to seriously consider the possibilities of attending. It is hoped that from three to six couples from each District of each Conference will register for the conference. Such church-wide leaders as Bishops W. C. Martin, Hazen G. Werner, J. Ralph Magee, G. Bromley Oxnam, and Dr. Ralph W. Sockman have been secured for places on the program. Much pre-

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Editorials:

Sabbath Observance In A Complex Civilization

RECENTLY, in Greater Little Rock, there was another periodic attempt to enforce the Sabbath "Blue Laws" passed in a former generation. As has happened before, the decision to enforce these laws was short-lived.

May we say in the beginning of this article that the editors of the **Arkansas Methodist** believe in a sincere Sabbath observance as a Christian privilege and obligation. It is our firm conviction that the modern commercializing of the Sabbath for profit is a sin against both God and man.

It should be said, however, that Sabbath observance is not as simple today as it one time was. When officers of the law attempt to enforce laws on Sabbath observance it is not so difficult to know where to begin but complications develop, in our complex civilization, when they try to find a place to stop.

The same thing may be said of the most devout Christian. We, as Christians, may feel that we know where to begin in urging proper Sabbath observance—usually we begin with the modern tendency to commercialize the Sabbath and with much justification. However, when we as Christians start down the pathway of strict Sabbath observance it is not so easy to find a place where we may comfortably stop. As an example of complications which we commonly overlook, let us remember that each time we turn on the gas in our homes on the Sabbath day we are buying a commodity on the Sabbath day and in so doing we make it necessary for a large number of men to work on the Sabbath day in order that the gas may be used. We cannot, on the Sabbath day, throw an electric switch in our home, or turn on the water for the various purposes it is used in the home or even use the telephone without in each case using a commodity for which we must pay and also in each case cause a large number of people to labor on the Sabbath in order that we may have such conveniences. Our Sunday papers must be delivered to us by carriers or postal authorities who must work on Sunday. If we get a Monday paper, we have made it necessary for the whole office force to work all day Sunday in order to gather the news and print the paper so that we may receive it Monday morning.

These are but a few of the countless complications we encounter today when we begin to think of an ultra-puritanical observance of the Sabbath. We, as Christian people normally use and expect so many different services on the Sabbath day for which we pay, and expect so many people to work on the Sabbath day in order that these services may be available that it is difficult to know just where to stop in our demands for a proper Sabbath observance. Moreover, much of the blame for the commercialized Sabbath must be shared by many church people who, by their patronage help to make the commercialized Sabbath profitable for those who do business on the Sabbath day. All of this is to say that the business of Sabbath observance is not as simple either for an officer of the law or for a member of the church as some would have us believe.

Let us remember that controversy over Sabbath observance is not new. It was raging in all its fury while Christ lived in Palestine, two thousand years ago. Strange to say, Christ was on the side of the liberals in the controversy when it dealt with impractical matters. He declared, "The Sabbath was made for man, and not man for the Sabbath." For this at least we may be thankful, as citizens of our great nation—it is our recognized right and privilege, as individuals, to be just as strict as we desire to be in our personal observance of the Sabbath day. We

Evangelism For Christ And His Church

DEFINITE plans and policies are now taking shape for the Area-wide Evangelistic Mission scheduled for this conference year in the Arkansas-Louisiana Episcopal Area. In a meeting in Monroe, La., June 28, Bishop Martin, the Area Cabinet, the District Committee Chairmen and other leaders met with Dr. Eugene B. Golay, General Board of Evangelism, to lay the initial plans for the large scale program. In keeping with the Advance emphasis on evangelism during this next conference year, this Area program is one of several which are scheduled throughout the church. The program in this Area will be divided into two missions: Mission A, Louisiana Conference and the Hope, Monticello and Camden Districts of the Little Rock Conference, November 30-December 9; Mission B, North Arkansas Conference and Little Rock, Pine Bluff and Arkadelphia Districts of the Little Rock Conference, January 18-27.

Ministers from the Mission B territory will assist the charges of Mission A during the first date and the ministers from Mission A will assist the pastoral charges of Mission B during the later period. The program will follow the pattern of simultaneous Preaching-Visitation that has proven so effective during recent years.

We would like to suggest first that all Methodists, ministers and laity, give much thought and prayer to this program. This is the real primary task of the church, the redemption of individuals and society. This will be a year of decision for many persons. This program by its very nature deserves nothing less than the unqualified, energetic support of every local church, minister, and church member. It is suggested that each day at 6:00 p. m. each Methodist offer a prayer for the success of the program. Without the prayerful support of all concerned the program cannot succeed. With the prayerful support the program cannot fail.

Second, we would like to suggest that all Methodists keep informed and help inform others about the program. The **Arkansas Methodist**, daily and weekly newspapers, and other news media will be used to keep this program before the people. You can help your pastor in getting the people of your charge acquainted with the facts of the program.

We would make one other suggestion at this time and that is to prepare yourself to be of whatever service you can in your local church when the time comes for your church to have its mission. In a program of this proportion there is much work to be done. Committees will be raised to carry out the details of the program. Your pastor will need your help. We will each find our place and give ourselves to it knowing that in the doing we are contributing just as really as one who visits or leads a service of worship.

For An Effective Rural Church

THE attention of all Methodism is currently being focused on Sioux City, Iowa, where July 21-24 the National Methodist Town and Country Conference will be held. For many months now this conference has been talk-

ed and planned and now in a few days it will become an actuality. Meeting for the stated purpose of Making More Effective the Program of The Methodist Church in Town and Country, the conference is expected to draw an attendance of several thousand Methodists from all sections of the church.

A large delegation is expected to attend from both of the Arkansas conferences. Bishop Martin, who has had an active part in planning the program, will lead one of the Study Groups, Advance in the Local Church. Rev. Glenn Sanford, Secretary of the Board of Missions Department of Town and Country Work, is Secretary of the Conference and has had much to do with the general organizational details. Conference leaders in Arkansas are vitally interested in what a good representation from our state will mean in the future in developing more effective rural churches in Arkansas.

Certain persons by virtue of the responsibility they hold in annual conference or district programs are delegates to the conference. Others are appointed by certain conference and district organizations as delegates. Persons interested in the spiritual development of Methodism in town and rural areas could profitably spend these few days in Sioux City.

Bishop's Conference On The Ministry

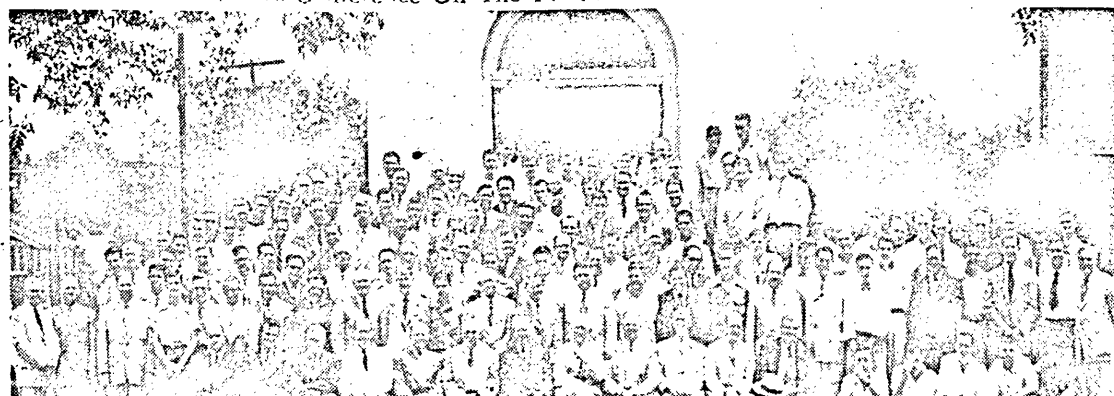
THE Methodist Church in Arkansas has many meetings but we venture to say that it will be a long time before there is another meeting which will mean to those who attended what the Bishop's Conference on the Ministry meant to those young men and their pastors who attended this meeting June 26, at Asbury Methodist Church, Little Rock. Bishop Martin had invited quite a number of young men who had indicated some interest in the ministry to meet together and share a program designed to acquaint them with the personal and spiritual content of the ministerial calling. Eighty-one of these young men together with their pastors, spent the day together in hearing challenging addresses, having stimulating fellowship and sharing rewarding discussion.

The young men who attended certainly saw the ministry at its best. Bishop Martin was in general charge of the day's proceedings and the program and those who assisted in its presentation were in keeping with the best in Arkansas Methodism. Such addresses as "The Place of The Church in the World Today", "The Rewards of The Ministry", and "God's Man For The Day", given by J. Kenneth Shamblin, D. L. Dykes, Jr., and Bishop Charles C. Selecman, respectively, and the devotional message by Arthur Terry, "Stir Up The Gifts of God", brought clearly into focus the view of the high calling and challenge of the Christian ministry. Following lunch the young men met with carefully chosen ministers from over the state for periods of informal discussion. Afterwards, they saw with appreciation a new film, "Crossroads", which concerns a young man deciding for the ministry. The conference was concluded in mid-afternoon by Bishop Martin, who led in a sacred period of dedication shared by all in attendance.

Then again the young men there probably

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Bishop's Conference On The Ministry, June 26, Little Rock



THE DEVOTIONAL PAGE

REV. ROY I. BAGLEY, Editor

FROM THE BOOKSHELF

Against the Powers of Darkness

"I recognize that full catastrophe may break upon the world at any time," says Dr. O. Frederick Nolde, international authority of the World Council of Churches. "Nevertheless I make bold to contend for my fundamental thesis: So long as there remains even a marginal possibility of averting total global war, we must utilize every means which will not betray conviction or offend conscience. In this process, and even if war should come, we must penetrate the artificial curtains by which we are momentarily separated and experience the bonds of humanity and faith which unite men of different nations and races. The struggle for peace must go forward unrelentingly and men must be driven by the conviction that the peace can yet be won. We pray God, through Jesus Christ our Lord, for the faith which will enable us to stand in face of principalities and powers of darkness."—W. W. Reid, "News in the World of Religion."

Watershed of History

When we were impotent to redeem ourselves God Himself provided for us a way of redemption. He sent us a Saviour, His own well-beloved Son, Jesus Christ, who took on our human nature, appearing in fashion as one of ourselves, dying for our sins and rising again from the dead for our salvation. This event marks the watershed of history and provides the key to the whole of it, so that the most important aspect of any other event is the relation in which it stands to this centre. This is indicated by the Christian calendar, the system of dating whereby the years and centuries are counted backwards and forwards from the nativity in Bethlehem.—From *The Belief in Progress*, by John Baillie; 1951, Charles Scribner's Sons.

THOUGH CHRIST COME SOFTLY

Should Christ come softly like a thief at night,
Unheralded by pageantry and might,
His step would have no unfamiliar sound,
For I have often walked on holy ground,
Trailing His shadow where wild roses glowed,
With added glory where His garments flowed,
Smiled when He found the robin's secret nest,
And shared His rapture on the mountain crest.
I think that I should know that He was here,
By the soft coolness of the atmosphere,
By the tall sunflowers turned with one accord
To greet the presence of a holier Lord,
By the white silences when every bird
Thrills to the soundless music of His Word,
By swift atonement for each thoughtless wrong,
By silent hearts tuned suddenly to song,
By greed-filled hands turned merciful and mild,
Feeding a homeless dog, a hungry

HOW TEDIOUS AND TASTELESS THE HOURS

*How tedious and tasteless the hours
When Jesus no longer I see!
Sweet prospects, sweet birds and sweet flowers
Have all lost their sweetness to me;
The midsummer sun shines but dim;
The fields strive in vain to look gay;
But when I am happy in Him,
December's as pleasant as May.*

*His name yields the richest perfume,
And sweeter than music His voice;
His presence disperses my gloom
And makes all within me rejoice.
I should, were He always thus nigh,
Have nothing to wish or to fear;
No mortal so happy as I;
My summer would last all the year.*

*Content with beholding His face,
My all to His pleasure resigned,
No changes of season or place
Would make any change in my mind.
While blest with a sense of His love,
A palace a toy would appear;
And prisons would palaces prove,
If Jesus would dwell with me there.*

*My Lord, if indeed I am Thine,
If Thou art my sun and my song,
Say, why do I languish and pine?
And why are my winters so long?
Oh, drive these dark clouds from my sky;
Thy soul cheering presence restore;
Or take me to Thee up on high,
Where winter and clouds are no more.*
—John Newton

AN EASY ESCAPE

TEXT: "The word of the Lord came unto me again, saying, What mean ye, that ye use this proverb concerning the land of Israel, saying, The fathers have eaten sour grapes, and the children's teeth are set on edge? As I live, saith the Lord God, ye shall not have occasion any more to use this proverb in Israel. Behold all souls are mine; as the soul of the father, so also the soul of the son is mine; the soul that sinneth, it shall die." (Ezekiel 18:1-4)

IN the group of hostages that Babylon took from Jerusalem was a young priest whose name was Ezekiel. Ezekiel is a prophet priest of the first order. In Babylon he becomes convinced that the old order is gone. He is not dismayed nor despondent for he believes that there is a new day arising and it will be far better than the old scheme of things.

Ezekiel does not come to this optimism all at once. But slowly he fights his way through his doubts and comes eventually to a satisfactory faith. In this new experience he tries to do three things. First, he strives to hold the group together. Then, he holds up the standard of conduct becoming a follower of

Jehovah. Finally, he strives to hold the group to God. He contends their strength is in their allegiance to their God.

There is one barrier, however, that he must overcome and that is the disposition of these hostages to blame all of their predicament upon the sins of their forefathers. Ezekiel recognized that sin was the barrier that separated him and his people from the achievement of the three things he was trying to do. They were not concerned about their own conduct for they were not responsible, in their own minds, for their plight.

Sin was treated lightly and as just a surface experience. Ours too is the disposition to treat sin too lightly. Sin is down in the will of a man's life where decisions are made. It is in the citadel of a man's own soul that the battle is won or lost. But merely to see the seriousness of sin is not enough. There must be a recognition of our personal responsibility in our own sin and the sin of our world. From the time of Adam and Eve we have violated this principle of our personal responsibility. These Jews in Babylon kept saying they were where they were because of the sins of their fathers.

This attitude sounds the death

child,
Yes, even before His lengthened shadow falls
On all the warring world, before He calls
His messengers and every flag is furled
Except the star of one united world;
I'll hail His presence, lovelier than light,
Though He come softly, like a thief at night.

—Lilith Lorraine

THE HEM OF HIS GARMENT

Verse for today: "For we have not an high priest which cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities. Heb. 4:15"

Scripture: Luke 8:43-48

Friendless, afflicted and impoverished, she was driven by desperation to press through the multitude to Jesus. Not only did she go to him; she touched him. She went in fear and trembling, but Jesus said, "Thy faith hath made thee whole." The touch of her hand, stretched out in faith and hope, had aroused all the compassion of his heart.

We cannot begin to enumerate the varied kinds of trouble that afflict many people. There is poverty, sickness, bereavement, and sin. Yet how few of us know what to do when trouble comes! Let us learn from one who in desperate need drew near and touched the hem of Jesus' garment.

For we, too, may go to him. Though the world may show no sympathy, the heart of Jesus will be moved with compassion, for he is God's answer to all of his children whose days are "full of trouble." If we will but reach out to him with our prayer of faith, we will find that as many as "touch" him are made whole. Our faith may be imperfect, but if it is centered in him it will bring us wholeness of life. Jesus hears when we pray and is responsive to every call of those who come to him for help. Even now he is saying to someone who came to him in fear, "Go in peace."

PRAYER: Our Heavenly Father, we thank thee that in our day of trouble there is One to whom we may go for deliverance. Help us, we pray, to reach out to Jesus by faith, that we may be whole again and glorify thy holy name. Amen.

Clarence K. Graham—From *The Secret Place*

knell to progress. We may find sufficient social evils to tempt us but that is small comfort when we realize that we have broken the laws of God. Carry this from the negative over to the positive and you will see this would immediately halt all Christian action.

It only aggravates guilt and deadens the soul to refuse to assume our personal responsibility. Ezekiel declares that this proverb shall be used no more. When we use such an excuse for our sins we are like people freezing to death.

David was more wicked than Saul, but David does not violate this principle. Hear him as he prays, "Against Thee, Thee only have I sinned."

Spiritual life is not dependent upon surroundings. Influence counts and the community or the parent that forgets this lays a stumbling block in the pathway of children and youth. We cannot realize the importance of the influences that play upon the life of our children. Our social order must be redeemed and purified. But to offer this as our excuse for sin and failure is but to invite certain disaster. History reads of great spirits who have walked from adverse surroundings and have become great spiritual giants. A person may be influenced
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BISHOP'S CONFERENCE ON THE MINISTRY

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had some questions answered for them that until that time were unanswered. The conference was not projected as a "Call To The Ministry", but rather to assist any young man to recognize the call if and when God directs it to him. The program gave to the young men a greater understanding of the task which confronts the minister as he deals with individuals and society. In all probability the conference helped some young men to decide for the ministry. Who among those in attendance will ever forget D. L. Dykes' statement, "If God ever hints that He wants you to be one of His ministers you take Him up on that call before He changes His mind or before you change your mind and He never calls you again." It probably also helped some to decide against entering the ministry as they discovered what the ministry is really like. It is far wiser to decide rightly, either for or against, before actually entering a period of preparation and work than to make the real decision at a later time.

Then also the young men in attendance, whether they enter the Christian ministry or not, will always have a different point of view about their life's work. They will long remember the question posed by Bishop Seelman, "What Shall A Young Man Do With His Life?" The conference may have well given life and purpose and a Christian interpretation to some other calling than the ministry. If so, it will have served its purpose for that young man. No youth—or for that matter, no older man—present will be content to be the same again because of the day together.

This conference was the open sharing of the minister's experiences with those young men who are considering the ministry. Bishop Martin and those who assisted him are to be commended for the creative presentation of the claims of the Christian ministry to those young men. We are confident that many of them who were present will long remember the day as one of revelation, inspiration and consecration.

Hopeful-With Reservations

THE peace-loving nations of earth are not overlooking any hopeful prospect for peace. Consequently the recent suggestion by Russia that a cease-fire agreement might be reached in the Korean war led the United Nation forces in Korea to investigate the possibilities. This has resulted in the meeting now in progress in the war-wrecked town of Kaesong near the 38th parallel. There opposing forces are engaged in an effort to reach an agreement that may end the shooting war in Korea.

Judging by the general reaction in our nation to this peace proposal, officially and unofficially, it would appear that "Hopeful-With Reservations" might well describe the attitude of America and Americans in this unexplainable and un-

NEWS AND NOTES ABOUT FACTS AND FOLKS

THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES of the Western Methodist Assembly met on Mt. Sequoyah on July 10. Bishop Paul E. Martin is chairman of the Board.

DR. WILLIAM E. BROWN, new district superintendent of the Monticello District, preached at the First Methodist Church, Warren, on Sunday, June 24. Rev. J. E. Cooper is pastor.

THE METHODIST MEN of Gardner Memorial Church, North Little Rock, met on June 22 for a dinner meeting. Judge Guy Williams was the speaker for the evening.

THE sanctuary and the Sunday School rooms of the First Methodist Church, Helena, have recently been air-conditioned. Rev. E. J. Holifield is pastor.

REV. AND MRS. C. V. MASHBURN, of Glenwood, announce the marriage of their oldest daughter to Jerry Partridge of Amity. The couple will make their home in Wilmington, California.

REV. JEFFERSON SHERMAN has assumed his duties as associate pastor of the First Methodist Church, Searcy. He and Mrs. Sherman are living at 208 North Locust Street.

BISHOP PAUL E. MARTIN preached at the 11:00 hour at Henderson Methodist Church, Little Rock, on Sunday, July 1. Rev. K. A. Hale is pastor.

REV. BRADY COOK and his sister, Miss Irene Cook, are conducting a revival meeting at Alicia. Services began Wednesday evening and will continue for ten days. Rev. J. E. Linam is pastor at Alicia.

MR. AND MRS. HENRY THOMAS, formerly of 220 Beech Street, have moved to their new home on their farm 12 miles south of Little Rock, near the town of Alexander. They have sold their Little Rock home.

A RECEPTION honoring Rev. Fred G. Roebuck, pastor of the First Methodist Church, Ft. Smith, and Mrs. Roebuck, was held in the church parlor following the evening service on Sunday, July 1.

GERALD FINCHER of Little Rock, who was graduated from Hendrix College in June, will serve as associate pastor at Helena this summer. He will enter Perkins School of Theology at Southern Methodist University this fall.

AMITY CIRCUIT: C. V. Mashburn, pastor. Salaries and World Service were paid in full

expected move by Russia.

Our experiences with Russia since the late war have convinced us that it is seldom possible to discover Russian motives and purposes by analyzing Russian actions or pronouncements. At this time, Russia apparently wants neither war nor peace. Turmoil and unrest provide the soil essential to the spread and growth of communism. World peace would all but destroy the Russian program of expansion. On the other hand, in total war, Russia would run a great risk of losing everything. Hence the Russian program seems to be to prevent peace while avoiding total war.

For this reason we should not be too optimistic about world peace because of this diversional peace move by Russia which does seem to hold some promise of peace in Korea. The peace-loving nations of earth should take advantage of every opportunity offered to promote the cause of peace either temporary or permanent. The longer total war can be avoided now the greater the hope that a third World War may be avoided altogether.

Let us remember, however, that Russia depends on force to undergird its program of expansion. It is contemptuous of weakness and considers weakness an invitation to further conquests. Russia stops only when it faces a force equal to or greater than its own. World powers opposing communism should furnish that force until a better way can be found.

as well as other acceptances. We received 8 members on profession of faith, 2 from other denominations and 6 by certificate.

REV. J. M. HAMILTON, district superintendent of the Arkadelphia District announces the following appointments since Conference: Rev. Forney Harvey, Amity Ct.; Rev. Albert Burroughs, Hot Springs Ct.

REV. AND MRS. ALFRED KNOX of the First Methodist Church, West Memphis, were hosts to twelve preachers' families on the parsonage lawn on the evening of Saturday, June 23. A number of the new pastors in that area were present.

THE new ministers and wives of the Fayetteville District were honored at a reception at Central Methodist Church, Fayetteville, on Tuesday evening, July 3. Also present were members of the District Set-up Committee which met on the same evening.

THE WESLEYAN SERVICE GUILD of Fairview Church, Texarkana, recently honored Rev. and Mrs. C. H. Farmer with a reception on the church lawn. Approximately 100 guests called. Brother and Mrs. Farmer were presented with a whatnot shelf.

REV. BATES STURDY makes the following correction in his recent report from the State Sanatorium: The Garfield Sunday School Class was listed as contributing to the Sunshine Fund. This should have been the Bright Water Methodist Sunday School Class.

YOUTH ACTIVITIES WEEK was observed at the First Methodist Church, Russellville, July 1-7. The theme for the week was "Jesus' Way—Our Mission." Discussion groups were led by Charles Morehead and Dr. P. K. Merrill. Rev. James Beal, pastor at Opello Church and Hendrix College senior, was inspirational speaker.

THE members of Henderson Methodist Church, Little Rock, honored their pastor, Rev. Kirvin A. Hale and family, with a miscellaneous shower in Fellowship Hall of the church on June 24. Refreshments were served by the women of the Woman's Society of Christian Service.

REV. W. F. COOLEY, district superintendent of the Fayetteville District, announces the following changes and additions to the appointments in the Fayetteville District: Avoca Ct., W. C. Hutton; Viney Grove Ct., W. D. Gray; Bentonville Ct., Lindsey Rolland, associate; Morrow-Evansville, Walter Pennel.

REV. S. T. BAUGH, pastor of Geyer Springs Church, writes: "Geyer Springs Church gave us a lovely reception and a bounteous pounding on Wednesday evening, June 27. We are beginning our second year in this fast-growing church, just outside the city of Little Rock. The church last year showed remarkable growth and indications are bright for a greater year ahead."

A Building Committee composed of T. W. McCoy, chairman, Fred Walton, Henry Finkbeiner, Henry Gingles, Mrs. W. A. Utley and Mrs. Hubert Blakley was appointed at a recent Quarterly Conference of the Methodist Church at Benton when it was voted to build a new parsonage at a cost not to exceed \$20,000.00. It is planned to have the new building ready for use by fall. Rev. H. O. Bolin is pastor.

REV. GEORGE WAYNE MARTIN, recent graduate of Hendrix College who will enroll as a student at the Perkins School of Theology this fall, is working with Rev. Henry Mood, First Methodist Church, Garland, Texas, in organizing a new church in that city. The first services of the new congregation were held last Sunday. Brother Martin's address is Box 806, Garland, Texas.

DR. CHARLES E. SCHOFIELD, editor of Adult Publications of the Methodist Church which are published by the Editorial Division, General

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*Religious News Service Briefs:***NEA Opposes Public Funds For Religious Schools**

A resolution condemning the use of public funds for religious schools was adopted by the National Education Association at its annual convention in San Francisco. Part of the legislative commission's report, the resolution declared: "The Association believes the American tradition of separation of Church and State should be vigorously and zealously safeguarded. The Association respects the rights of groups, including religious denominations, to maintain their own schools so long as such schools meet the educational, health, and safety standards defined by the states in which they are located. The Association believes that these schools should be financed entirely by their supporters. The Association therefore opposes all efforts to devote public funds to either the direct or the indirect support of these schools."

Evangelist Sees Russia Failing In East Germany

Russia's greatest failure so far has been in East Germany, where only about five per cent of the people have been won to Communism, Dr. E. Stanley Jones, noted evangelist, said on returning from a preaching tour of German cities. "In Germany the Communists have met resistance not encountered elsewhere," he said. Dr. Jones held evangelistic services in ten German cities under the auspices of the Evangelical Church

in German and the German Methodist Church. He said he addressed "large and responsive audiences. In West Germany I found the people more hopeful than I expected," he said. "I had heard that they were depressed, but I found they had come back amazingly. If Russia would get out of the East and the allies would get out of the West, and if there were a peace treaty and Germany were admitted into the United Nations on equal terms with other nations, then Germany would come back like a rubber ball and there would be unity overnight." Dr. Jones described the German people as spiritually hungry, and said they pack the churches for all services. "In East Germany," he said, "they go more than in West Germany, for in the East the Church is the only outlet of freedom the people have."

'Divorcees Anonymous' Organizing Local Chapters

At the suggestion of a Minneapolis clergyman, an effort is being made there to organize a local chapter of "Divorcees Anonymous," which seeks to reconcile squabbling couples. Samuel Starr, Chicago attorney who founded the group, came there at the invitation of the Rev. Paul Engstrom, associate minister of Wesley Methodist church and secretary of the Minnesota legislature's interim commission on domestic relations. The interim commission drafted a series of bills providing for the establishment of conciliation

courts that would attempt to bring divorce-seeking couples back together. The legislation failed to pass, however, and Mr. Engstrom and associates began seeking other means of curbing divorces. Among the possibilities, they found, is "Divorcees Anonymous."

Korean Protestant Leaders Favor Cease-Fire Proposal

Most Korean Protestant leaders in Pusan generally favor the cease-fire proposal if it can be assured through negotiation that North Korean Communists will not reinvade South Korea. An appeal to the free world to recognize Korea as a neutral country has been made by Methodist leaders. They have urged the following three conditions for a negotiated peace with the Chinese Communists: (1) Withdrawal of Chinese forces from Korea and the placing of all Korean troops under supervision of the United Nations to prevent a future recurrence of civil war in the country. (2) Neutralization of Korea through a guarantee by the United Nations that the independence and territorial integrity of the country will not be violated. (3) The beginning of reconstruction and rehabilitation of Korea by the United Nations countries on a substantial schedule.

Baptists Commorate First Service In Nation's Capital

President Truman joined other Washington Baptists in celebrating the 150th anniversary of the first

preaching service by a Baptist minister in the nation's capital. Mr. Truman, who frequently worships at First Baptist church in Washington, sent a letter which was read at a service held on the south steps of the Treasury Building where the Rev. Lewis Richards of Baltimore on July 5, 1801, held a preaching service in the basement. First Baptist church was organized on March 7, 1802, as a result of this service.

Liberal League Threatens Suit Against Schools

Dr. Harry A. Little, superintendent of public schools in Little Rock, was warned that a court suit would be instituted against Little Rock school authorities if teachers continued to check on the church attendance of pupils. The warning was voiced by Charles Smith, executive committee member of the National Liberal League. He stated that the League was organized to maintain the separation of Church and State and to "support the McCollum case, the decision by the United States Supreme Court which you are refusing to obey." In a letter to the Arkansas Gazette, Dr. Little defended the public school practice of checking on church attendance. "We do not teach religion in our schools," he said. "We merely take a few seconds to count the pupils who attend any kind of religious service — Jewish, Catholic or Protestant. We do not coerce anyone into a church or denomination. In my opinion this is not in conflict with our Constitution."

FAMILY LIFE CONFERENCE PROGRAM

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there were no funds to bring their people together or because of their lack of leadership, felt that they would not be able to make this study.

These groups have been working for the past two months and sent their materials in on June 15 to the Department of the Christian Family, Nashville. They were then sent to five resource persons known for their interest and ability in the field of family life. These resource persons will draw together the ideas of the Annual Conference and produce the materials to be sent to the delegates. The five resource persons who are working at this job are: Dr. Evelyn M. Duvall, Dr. Donald Maynard, Dr. Samuel Hamilton, Dr. Frank Slutz, and Dr. Richard E. Lentz—all well-known leaders in the field of family life education.

It is expected that the materials will be sent to the delegates about September 1 so that they will have a month to read the materials before the National Conference on Family Life.

In the Central Kansas Conference questionnaires have been sent to selected pastors to find out what is being done in their programs to serve families. In the Iowa-Des Moines Area the study committee is making a survey of selected communities to determine the relationship which exists between church families and the community. In several Conferences the study committee has divided into small groups so that a more thorough piece of work might be done. Other members of study committees have been visiting churches, interviewing pastors, and talking with community leaders regarding families' needs. An amazing number of man hours will have been spent in preparation for the National Conference on Family Life before the Conference opens. Chairmen of the Annual Conference study groups have attended coaching conferences in one of the eight centers in the United States conducted by the Advance for Christ and His Church.

If the interest shown in the pre-conference study is any indication of the interest of the Church in the field of Family Life, the National Conference should be a great success.

The names and addresses of the chairmen of the pre-conference study committees and, in

parentheses, the Annual Conference which each represents are:

South Central Jurisdiction

Rev. Trevor Baskerville, Baldwin, Kan. (Kan.); Rev. Ralph Cain, 630 Jackson St., Alexandria, La. (La.); Mrs. Uel D. Crosby, 1917 23rd, Lubbock, Tex. (Northwest Tex.); Rev. Howard Davis, Will Rogers Methodist Church, Tulsa, Oklahoma (East Oklahoma); John Wesley Ford, 329 Center, Arlington, Tex. (Central Tex.); Rev. Robert A. Greaves, Jr., Box 87, Kirbyville, Tex. (Tex.); Rev. Therman Harris, 423 S. W. State St., Portales, N. M. (N. M.); Neill Hart, El Dorado, Ark. (Little Rock); Mrs. Harold Soulen, 204 Crescent, Hutchinson, Kan. (Central Kan.); Rev. P. P. Taylor, 829 Cherry, Chillicothe, Mo. (Mo.); Mrs. James S. Upton, 1212 Winfield, Conway, Ark. (North Ark.).

NEWS AND NOTES ABOUT FACTS AND FOLKS

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Board of Education, passed away on June 28, at Vanderbilt Hospital in Nashville, Tennessee, of coronary thrombosis. Dr. Schofield who was 57 years old was the author of several books. He is survived by his wife, a daughter, Mrs. Max Garrett of Houston, Texas, and a son, Robert Edwin of Schenectady, N. Y.

THE third national reunion of the Turrentine family will be held in Shelbyville, Tenn., August 9-10, 1952, according to announcement of G. R. Turrentine, registrar of Arkansas Polytechnic College, Russellville, who is historian of the Turrentine Family Association. All the Turrentines in America are descended from two brothers, Alexander Turrentine and Samuel Turrentine, who came to Philadelphia from Ireland in 1745. The Turrentine Family Association consists of descendants of these two men.

BISHOP PAUL E. MARTIN announces the transfer of Rev. C. Robert McCammon from the Little Rock Conference to the Louisiana Conference with appointment to Plaquemine charge in the Baton Rouge District, effective July 17. Brother McCammon has served as associate pastor at Asbury Church, Little Rock, for the past three and one-half years. He was formerly pastor at Wilnot and also served as director of

Aldersgate Camp near Little Rock.

BISHOP W. C. MARTIN, Dallas-Fort Worth Area, led in the services of dedication when the Blevins Church was dedicated last Sunday afternoon. Bishop Martin lived at Blevins when a youth and attended the public schools there. On Sunday morning he preached at the First Methodist Church, Prescott, to a large and appreciative congregation. Rev. Joe W. Hunter is the pastor at Blevins and Rev. W. R. Burks is the Prescott pastor.

DR. W. HENRY GOODLOE, district superintendent of the Ft. Smith District, announces the following appointments: Rev. J. W. Sandage has been transferred from the Alix Circuit to the Waldron Circuit. His address is Waldron, Arkansas. Rev. Walter B. Johnson, who was recently licensed by the Ad Interim Committee of the Ft. Smith District, has been appointed pastor of the Lavaca Charge and assumed his duties on the first Sunday of the conference year. His address is Lavaca, Arkansas.

WORD comes of the tragic death of Robert Devere Bollinger, age 23, son of Dr. and Mrs. Hiel D. Bollinger, secretary of the Department of College and University Religious Life, General Board of Education. An employee of American District Telegraph Company, Mr. Bollinger was killed instantly by a night watchman at the plant where he had been sent to investigate nonreceipt of a 3:00 a. m. report. He had been a student at Morningside College, Sioux City, Iowa, since 1946, was active in dramatics and had planned to go to Europe this summer with the Nashville Wesley Foundation players.

JACKSON STREET, MAGNOLIA: W. R. Boyd, pastor. We have had another good year in the work and fellowship of the people of Jackson Street Church. We have received 59 members, 36 by certificate, 20 on profession of faith and 3 by vows. We have baptized 2 babies. There has been a remarkable increase in the Sunday School enrollment and attendance. The attendance at the morning and evening worship service is good. The Official Board, the Woman's Society of Christian Service, the officers and teachers of the Church School, the Youth Fellowship with the entire membership of the church are faithful and true. They have paid this year on the budget and improvements \$10,471.00.



THE CHILDREN'S PAGE

ANNIE WINBURNE, Editor



IN STORYLAND

WHY THE ROBIN HAS BLUE EGGS

Everybody loves robins. Every spring people wait, watch, and listen for the first robins. They know spring has come when the robins arrive with their bright red breasts and their happy song.

But there was a time, a long time ago, when the robins didn't sing. People didn't know they could sing, but were happy just to see them come back in the spring of the year. The robins could sing but they didn't, and they didn't because they were unhappy. Each year they made their nests, laid their eggs, and brought up their families, but not once did they sing. The trouble was they were always disappointed in their eggs because they were just small, ordinary white eggs.

So one year they decided to try to do something about it. They thought if instead of eating bugs and worms they ate grass and green leaves they might have green eggs. They tried it. They could hardly wait until they made their nests and laid their eggs, but not one robin had a single colored egg.

How disappointed they were! The next year they all decided to eat forget-me-nots, bluebells and grape hyacinths, and they did, but when they laid their eggs every robin had only four little white eggs in her nest.

Then the robins flew about, here, there, and everywhere, peeking into other bird's nests. There they saw some greenish colored ones, grey ones, yellow ones, and even speckled ones. "Speckled ones should be easy to have," they thought. So they ate pansies, tulips lilacs, iris, and every kind of a flower they could find, as well as some nice juicy bugs and worms. They made their nests in apple trees, in the corner of a front porch, and under the eaves of houses, and laid their eggs, but not one speckled egg could be found. How disappointed the robins were.

One little robin was so sad she flew away from her friends because she was afraid she was going to cry robin tears and she didn't want her friends to see her. She flew a long way off and stopped to rest among some tall grasses near a pool of water. "Be careful there, young fellow," croaked a big bull frog. "You'd better get out of that grass and near the pool or else up in a tree where you belong or you'll get stepped on there." And without another croaking word he took a great leap and disappeared in the water.

At first the little robin was angry, but she decided she might feel better if she took a bath, so over she went to the water's edge. She made such a splashing and the water felt so cool she forgot to cry and instead flew up into a tree to shake and comb her feathers.

As she did, she noticed a house close by. She peeked in a window, and there she saw a little boy with red speckled arms, hands and face, lying in bed. "Why even boys can get speckled," she thought. "I'll ask him how he became speckled. Per-

haps he can help me." And so in a happy, cheery voice, she called asking him to please tell her how he got so speckled.

The little boy looked surprised, and his face looked happy as he tinkled a little bell. In came the little boy's mother. "Look, Mother, see the robin singing up in the tree! I never heard a robin sing before."

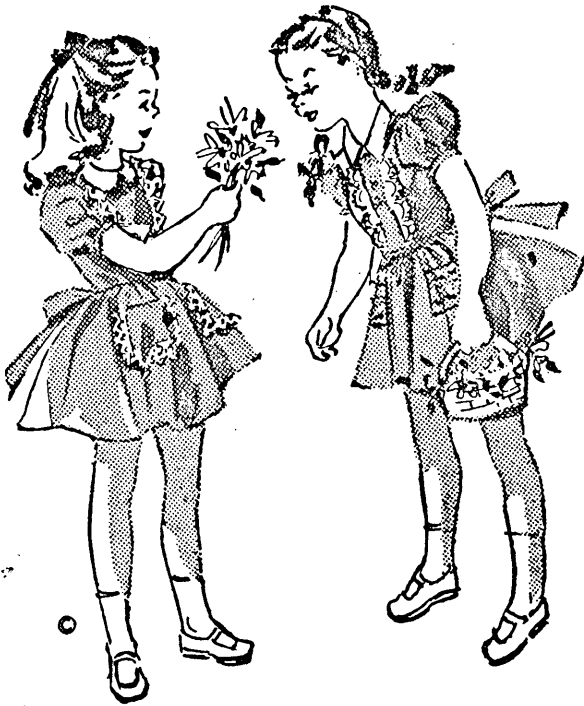
"No, I never did either," said his mother, "but perhaps this little robin knows my little boy has the measles and she has come to cheer him up. Those old spots will soon be gone, and then you can go out in the garden, too, just like the robin."

"Measles! Spots! Speckled eggs! Did you have to have measles and stay inside a house to have those red spots? I'd rather be able to fly about," thought the robin, and she sang and sang and sang.

Then she flew off to tell her robin friends, who flew right back to see the speckled boy for themselves. It was true. There he was, covered with spots, lying in bed. The robins were so glad to be outside that they all sang and began to get busy building new nests in trees, bushes, under eaves, and in corners of front porches. When their nests were all finished, they left them and flew about to tell their friends about their new homes.

Then they returned and laid their eggs. And when they looked inside their neat little homes at their eggs they discovered they were all blue—every single egg—in every robin's nest was blue.

My, how those robins sang, and they have been singing and laying blue eggs ever since.—The United Church Observer, Canada



MY FLOWERS

*I'd like to share my flowers with you,
They're from my garden here,
I tended them and watched with joy
The tiny buds appear.*

*I fixed the ground and planted seed,
God sent the sun and rain,
And now the blossoms seem to sing
A happy, glad refrain.—A. E. W.*

IN THE WORLD OF BOYS AND GIRLS

WHAT LETTY MISSED

By Beth Slater Whitson

Like a great many little girls, Letty was not always obedient, and her Aunt Helen who was visiting Letty's mother, began noticing this fault in her little niece, of whom she was very fond.

Letty was so pleasant and sunny Aunt Helen thought it too bad that she wasn't also obedient.

Letty and her sister Hetty were going visiting one afternoon, and Aunt Helen said, "Now I want you to be sure to come back promptly at five o'clock, no later, little folks."

The two little sisters had a nice afternoon and when it was almost five o'clock Hetty reminded her sister of Aunt Helen's command to come home.

Letty was having such fun playing with the white rabbits just then. She couldn't really see why she should go just because Aunt Helen had said to come at five. Her mama hadn't told her when to come, so she said, "Oh, let's play a little while longer."

Hetty said she was going on, and getting her hat she told her little friends good-bye and then went away, leaving Letty with the rabbits for company.

It was getting quite late when Letty reached home and ran up the steps, eager to tell what a good time she'd had. But no one was in the hall or mother's room, and finally when she ran out to the kitchen she found Mary, the cook, sitting by the window, crocheting, and nothing being done about cooking supper.

Mary looked up in surprise. "Well, well, and didn't yer get back in time to go with the rist av them Letty?"

"Go where?" asked Letty, looking very much like she was going to cry.

"Why, out to your Aunt Milly's, to be sure. Wasn't ye knowin' she called up an' asked the whole family out for supper?"

"They—they didn't t-t-tell me," quavered Letty.

"But I heard yer Aunt Helen cautionin' ye to be back by close after five," said Mary.

"But s-she didn't say we—we were going anywhere," answered Letty, a big tear rolling down one cheek.

"Well, maybe she thought tellin' ye was enough, an' that ye was obedient like Hetty. It is too bad, too bad—an' myself just havin' a cup o' tay and somethin' cold, rather than cook. But there's a glass of buttermilk in the refrigerator, and some bread an' butter, so run along an' get ye a bite, Letty."

The buttermilk was sour and the bread stale, and Letty was rather silent when the family came home at nine o'clock in high good humor, everyone having enjoyed the evening at Aunt Milly's.

"We were sorry you didn't get back in time to go with us," said Aunt Helen, "but we're going again next week."

"I won't be late next time, Auntie," said Letty eagerly. And she wasn't.—Our Little Ones

JUST FOR FUN

Critic: "Ah! And what is this? It is superb! What soul! What expression!"

Artist: "Yeah? That's where I clean the paint off my brushes."

"Dear, I saw the cutest little hat in town today."

"Put it on; let's see how you look in it."

"I've got it on."

Garage Mechanic: "What's the trouble, lady?"

Mrs. Newdriver: "They say that I have a short circuit. Can you lengthen it while I wait please?"

A small boy came home from his first day at Sunday School and began emptying his pockets of money—nickles, dimes, quarters—while his parents gasped. Finally his mother asked:

"Where did you get all that money?"

And the youngster replied: "At Sunday School. They have bowls of it."—Monmouth Message

She was bitter, vengeful, and very, very angry. So she wrapped the engagement ring carefully in wadding, tucked in it the box, and addressed it to her former fiancé. Next to the address she pasted a label inscribed with large red letters: "Glass — Handle with Care."—Dorchester Beacon.

National Conference On Family Life

WHY A CONFERENCE ON FAMILY LIFE?

By Bishop William C. Martin, General Chairman
The Advance for Christ and His Church

UNTIL quite recently almost everybody was disposed to take the family for granted. Other social groups might need guidance and encouragement, but the family was so ancient in its origin and so elemental that it could take care of itself. And then the fact began to impress itself upon observing people that something alarming was happening to American home life. Examples of these danger signals were found in the mounting divorce rate, the increase in juvenile delinquency and in the general agreement among psychiatrists that nearly all personality maladjustments are traceable to unfortunate experiences which occur in childhood, sometimes before the child can remember the circumstances of the experience.

Concern is now being shown in many quarters. The schools through Parent-Teacher Associations, civic organizations and various government agencies are all taking a hand. It is not surprising that the church is giving major attention to every phase of the problem. With no thought of underestimating the value of any other source of help, it must be said that there can be no final or dependable solution of the family problem until the central message of the Christian faith is accepted and put into operation in the home. Until each member of the family recognizes that life can never be lived at its fullest on the basis of self-interest alone and that the ultimate source of authority is found only in God, the family will continue to be in perilous waters. This is why the Church must speak—promptly and emphatically.

This is, of course, not the first evidence that The Methodist Church is concerned with the problems of family life. But it is the most serious and far-reaching effort that has been made to bring the entire Church to the conviction that something can be done about this situation and to provide some helpful means for moving in the direction of a more stable home life.

But what can four thousand people do, however well informed and enthusiastic they may be, in a church of nine million members? Not much—if their activities are confined to their own homes. But three such couples in each of the 573 districts of Methodism, working with the district superintendent and other district leaders in sub-district and other group meetings, could reach a million families within a period of twelve months with a new emphasis on the Christian elements of family life. This Conference could easily be the beginning of the most significant forward step which the Methodist Church has taken during the current quadrennium. The need is beyond question; the resources are available. The Family Life Conference is an earnest and straightforward effort to bring the two together.

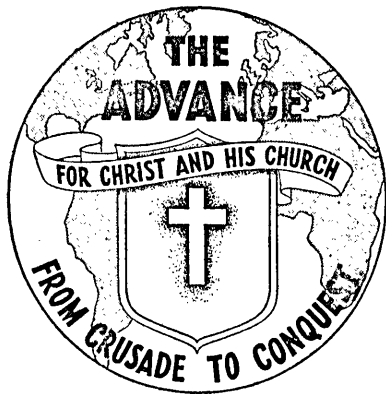
TRAVEL POOL FOR DELEGATES

To The National Methodist Conference On
Family Life, Chicago, Ill., October 12-14, 1951

Reimbursement for a part of the travel expenses of those delegates to the National Methodist Family Life Conference who will have come from a distance exceeding 500 miles has been provided for as follows:

1. The fee of five dollars which must accompany each registration card (\$10.00 when a married couple uses one card) will be used as a "travel pool." Since the administrative expenses will be paid by the Advance for Christ and His Church from a fund set aside for that purpose, the sole purpose of the registration fee is to help overcome the necessarily wide differences in the travel expenses of delegates. This means, of course, that all registration fees will be assigned to the travel pool.

2. According to its geographical location in relation to Chicago, each district has been given a zone number. Zone 1 includes all districts within 500 miles of Chicago; zone



2—500-1,000 miles; zone 3—1,000-1,500 miles; zone 4—1,500-2,000 miles; zone 5—2,000 miles and over.

3. There will be no reimbursements to delegates from zone 1.

4. Delegates from zone 2-5 will have part of their expenses refunded when they arrive in Chicago. The amount of the reimbursement will be determined by the number of registrations. It probably will be something like \$6.00 to zone 2 delegates, \$18.00 to delegates from zone 5, with proportionate amounts to delegates from zones 3 and 4.

What are the reasons for the travel pool? A national meeting depends for full effectiveness upon its being truly national and, to be that, every section of the country must have adequate representation. Ideally, California, Oregon, Maine and Florida would have a full quota from each district, as would Illinois, Ohio, and Michigan. We know this ideal is possible, but we must be realistic and recognize that the costs in time and money will be much greater for delegates from the far distant states than for those from adjoining counties or nearby states. These heavier costs can be reduced somewhat in the sharing which is the "travel pool."

This device, adopted here in a somewhat modified form is not an experiment. It has been used successfully many times, and the Committee is convinced that it will be a great help toward guaranteeing the success of this undertaking.

One further word should be said: If delegates can possibly afford the greater time usually required, economies can be effected if four or five delegates travel cross-country in an automobile, or if a larger group charters a bus.—Advance for Christ and His Church, 740 Rush Street, Chicago 11, Illinois

FAMILY LIFE CONFERENCE PROGRAM

DISTRICT superintendents are now receiving registrations for the National Methodist Conference on Family Life to be held in Chicago next October 12-14. Pastors are urged to interest couples between the ages of 20 and 45 for enrollment. Each district is entitled to six couples and each delegate must be approved by the district superintendent.

Registration blanks may be secured from the district superintendent or from the Advance Office at 740 Rush Street, Chicago 11, Illinois. After July 20 the district superintendents, within an Annual Conference, may re-shuffle the district quotas in order to reassign unused quotas to other districts. After August 15 registration will be open to all until the limit of 4,000 delegates for the United States has been reached.

Delegates

Delegates must provide their own travel and entertainment expenses. But various cooperating boards and agencies are eager to help as far as possible. These expenses should be provided as follows:

1. In part by the couple themselves.
2. In part by the local church which is honored to have them chosen.
3. In part by available district or annual conference funds controlled by cooperating boards and agencies.
4. In part by special contributions from interested groups or persons.
5. Other sources.

Subsidies

The Advance, through its Preaching and Teaching budget, will pay the entire expense of the Chicago program and preparation of materials for discussion. Also, it will collect a registration fee of \$5.00 from each delegate. However, the registration fees will not be used for the Conference.

These registration fees will be used by the Special Committee to help subsidize delegates who travel more than 500 miles, each way, to attend the Conference. Such subsidies will be small but helpful and they will be graduated in amounts from about \$6.00 to \$18.00 per delegate, depending upon distance traveled. These subsidies will be paid at the Conference, upon arrival.

Speakers

Specialists in the field of family relations have been secured for the Conference. Some of them are:

Dr. Alexander J. Stoddard, Superintendent of Public Schools, Los Angeles, California.

Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam, New York City.
United States Senator Paul H. Douglas, of Illinois.

Dr. Harold C. Case, President of Boston University, Boston, Massachusetts.

Dr. Ralph W. Sockman, New York City.

Dr. W. J. Faulkner, Dean of Chapel, Fisk University, Nashville, Tennessee.

Dr. Evelyn Duvall, National Council on Family Relations, Chicago, Illinois.

Bishop Hazen G. Werner, Chairman, is in charge of the Conference. Bishop William C. Martin, General Chairman of The Advance, will open the Conference and Bishop J. Ralph Magee will conduct the Communion Service. Other presiding officers are Dr. Arthur Flemming, President of Ohio Wesleyan University; Bishop James C. Baker of Los Angeles, California; and Bishop J. W. E. Bowen of Atlanta, Georgia.

Resource Leaders have been secured from specialists in the field of family relations: Dr. Richard Lentz, National Council of Churches of Christ in the U. S. A.; Dr. Donald M. Maynard of Boston University; Dr. Frank Slutz of Dayton, Ohio; Dr. Evelyn Duvall of Chicago, Illinois; and Dr. Samuel Hamilton of New York University.—E. Harold Mohn

STUDY GROUPS COMPLETE WORK

Fifteen Hundred Methodist Leaders
Share in Preparation for National
Conference on Family Life

By Edward D. Staples, Director, Department of the Christian Family, Division of the Local Church of the General Board of Education.

IN seventy-four Annual Conferences study groups have been at work preparing material for the National Methodist Conference on Family Life, to be held in Chicago, October 12-14. Most of these groups have already completed their work and have sent the results to the committee preparing the document to be sent to delegates well in advance of the National Conference. Approximately 1,500 persons have had a share in the preparation of this material. It comes from the grass roots of Methodism.

In preparing for the Conference, Bishop Hazen G. Werner and his committee representing all of the boards and agencies of the church, agreed that delegates would get more out of the Conference and put more into it if they did some reading and preparation before coming to Chicago. The problem was how to get study materials which would not be just an academic paper but would reflect the thoughts of Methodist churches throughout the United States. Each Annual Conference was invited to set up a study committee to work in one of the five areas to be considered in the Conference: (1) The Family Living Its Religion; (2) Growing Mature Persons in the Family; (3) The Family Looks to the Church; (4) The Family Living in the Community; and (5) The Family Living in a Troubled World.

Only a few of the Annual Conference groups, because their churches were so scattered and

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This report for the Methodist Children's Home is for the months of May and June. We deeply appreciate all the memorials for these two months and all the special gifts sent to the Home.

We covet the continued interest of the Methodist people and others in our Home for unfortunate children.

MEMORIALS

IN MEMORY OF:

Mrs. A. G. Sweet, given by Circle No. 2, Forrest City; Forrest City W. S. C. S.
 Mrs. Etta Tuck, given by Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Wright and Betty, W. Helena.
 Mr. Jim Harklerood, given by Salem W. S. C. S.
 Mr. Sam Seligson, given by Dr. and Mrs. E. L. Davis, Texarkana.
 Mrs. J. W. Moore, given by West Helena Methodist Church.
 Mrs. E. L. Hutchinson, given by Mrs. F. F. Crow, Dumas.
 Miss Annie Lowrey, given by her nieces, Lois, Bill, Kate, and Dorothy, Little Rock.
 Doctor William O. Loftis, given by Mr. and Mrs. Lantie R. Martin, Pocahontas.
 Mr. Will Gantt, given by Dr. and Mrs. G. F. McLeod, Magnolia.
 Mrs. Emma Brooks, given by Miss Eunice Cannon, Magnolia.
 Mrs. Carroll Thomas, given by Mr. and Mrs. Robert Moore, Brinkley.
 Mr. Hall Frazer, given by Children's Department, Kensett Methodist Church.
 Mr. Hardy Peacock, given by Mr. and Mrs. Dudley Mayo and Family, Pine Bluff.
 Mrs. Walter Sweet, given by Mr. and Mrs. R. F. Kerr, Forrest City; Mr. and Mrs. Charles Shiveley, Forrest City; Board of Stewards, Forrest City Methodist Church; Mrs. Irene Cash, Wynne.
 Mrs. J. J. Galloway, given by Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Nance and Family, Marion.
 Mrs. George Willey, given by Mrs. George S. Word, Marianna.
 Mr. Gregg C. Bates, given by Arkansas Farm Bureau Federation, Little Rock.
 Mrs. C. R. Hine, Sr., given by Youth Division, Forrest City Methodist Church; Mr. and Mrs. Webb Sweet, Forrest City.
 Mrs. Katie Watts, given by Mrs. Homer Williamson and Miss Ethel Spicer, Wheatley.
 Mr. Noah Calloway, given by Mrs. G. W. Wester, Holly Grove.
 Mrs. Mollie Anderson, given by W. S. C. S., Jonesboro, First Methodist Church.
 Mr. J. M. Scales, given by Mrs. Harold Scales (Aline, Harold and Fannie) Parkdale.
 Mrs. D. B. Woollard, given by Mr. and Mrs. Louis Barton, Marion; Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Nance, Marion; Mr. and Mrs. B. J. Wallace and Mrs. Pierre Swepston, Crawfordville; Mr. James C. Hale, Marion; Mr. and Mrs. Leon Meyers, Marion.
 Mr. W. M. Haley, given by Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Trieschmann, Little Rock.
 Mrs. Carolyn Willey, given by Mr. and Mrs. W. I. Gerard, Marianna; Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Andrews, Jr., Marianna.
 Miss Essie Maie Underwood, given by Mr. and Mrs. W. I. Gerard, Marianna.
 Mrs. Elbert Stewart, given by her neighbors, Little Rock.
 Mr. Tom S. Dabney, given by Mr. and Mrs. R. T. White, Hope.
 Mrs. Alice Crone, given by Adult Home Department, Pulaski Heights Church, Little Rock.

METHODIST OVERSEAS MISSIONARIES REACH POST-WAR PEAK

The Methodist Church has 1,421 active missionaries serving overseas today—245 more than it had in 1946 when the communists began their tightening of controls in China, it is announced by Dr. Jesse C. Engle, an executive of the denomination's Board of Missions and Church Extension. Two factors account for this, Dr. Engle says: the large number of young people who are volunteering for missionary service, and the transferring of seasoned missionaries from China to other parts of the world, especially to countries in which there are large immigrant populations from China. These countries include Malaya, Burma, Su-

Mr. Gene Luman, given by Mrs. T. T. McNeal, Little Rock.
 Mr. T. J. W. Devlin, given by Mr. and

MISCELLANEOUS CONTRIBUTIONS

Mrs. Louis Barton, Marion; Mr. and Mrs. Leon Meyers, Marion.
 Mr. Warren Blankenship, given by Dr. and Mrs. H. E. Ruff, Magnolia.
 Total Memorials \$212.00.
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 Naylor Circuit 4.00
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 Batesville 100.00
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 Dardanelle Circuit 4.00
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 Susanna Wesley Class, First Church, Texarkana 15.00
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OTHER GIFTS

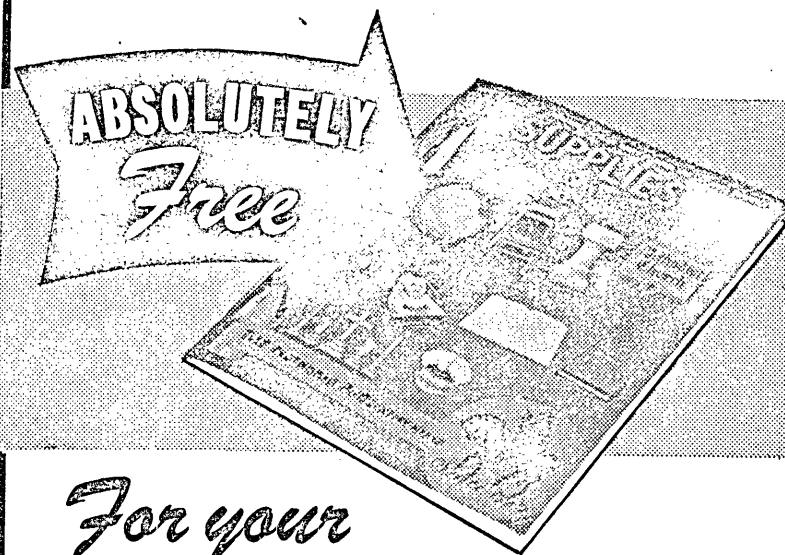
Augusta W. S. C. S., box of cookies and candy.
 Mr. Charles Baber, North Little Rock, candy bars and toothpaste.
 Mr. R. K. Covington, Little Rock, load of dirt.
 Virginia Howell Class, Asbury Church, cakes, popples, and cold drinks.
 Circle No. 2, Fordyce, a quilt.
 Razorback Distributors, Inc., tickets to Dick Jergen's Review.
 Mrs. Dewey Price, Little Rock, clothing.
 C. A. T. Sorority, party and ice cream for all the children.
 Mrs. George Cress, Little Rock, clothing.
 Stuttgart W. S. C. S., shower of soap, tooth brushes, tooth paste, etc.
 Mrs. Annie B. Hagler, Fort Smith, two new pillow cases.
 Mr. Garvin B. Myhand, Little Rock, canned goods.
 Mrs. Sam Wassell and the Federation of Women's Clubs of Greater Little Rock, trip to circus at Blass Store, and cold drinks and balloons for children.
 Junior Department, Clarendon Methodist Church, scrap books.
 Mrs. Otho Odem, Walnut Ridge, electric train, clothing, and books.
 Mrs. Hennig, Little Rock, clothing.
 Bauxite Methodist Church, sack of cabbage and potatoes.
 Keith Memorial Vacation Church School, 32 pairs of socks.
 Mrs. H. H. Lubken, North Little Rock, fruits and jelly.
 —MILDRED CANNON, Sec'y

matra, Borneo, Indonesia, and the Philippine Islands.

"While almost all Methodist and other missionaries have left China," says Dr. Engle, "some because of communist restrictions upon their work, and some because their presence would be an embarrassment to Chinese Christian colleagues who might be accused of association with enemies of the people," the fact is that they left the work—the hospitals, schools, and churches—in trained and competent Chinese hands. The missionary may be out of China; the Christian witness and service goes on."

Of the 1,421 Methodist missionaries in service, 157 are accredited to China, some of them now on furlough, some in temporary service elsewhere; 333 are missionaries to

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KOREA MISSIONARIES URGE KOREA PEACE

Sixteen missionaries of the Methodist Church, all experienced in service in Korea, and now in attendance at the "Conference of Furloughed Missionaries" in progress at DePauw University, Greencastle, Ind., have sent telegrams to President Harry S. Truman and other American and U. N. officials "rejoicing in prospect of hostilities ceasing" in that land. They said: "We Methodist missionaries, representing 300 years of living and working in Korea, rejoice in the prospect of hostilities ceasing, but strongly urge unification of the entire country under the supervision of the United Nations as basis of settlement until a united Korea can take her rightful place in the family of nations."

The telegrams were sent to Pres-

ident Truman, Secretary-General Trygve Lie, Ambassador Warren Austin, Secretary of State Acheson, Congressman Walter Judd, Senator Richard Russell, and Senator Walter George.

Signers of the telegram were: Dr. and Mrs. Frank E. C. Williams of New Windsor, Col.; Mrs. Anna B. Chaffin of Des Moines, Iowa; Miss Clara Howard, of South Georgia; Miss Jeanette Hulbert of Cleveland, Ohio; Miss Elston Rowland, of Baltimore; the Rev. and Mrs. Carl W. Judy of Charleston, West Virginia; Miss Esther Laird of Columbus, Ohio; Miss Sadie M. Moore of South Georgia; the Rev. M. O. Burkholder of Detroit, Kansas; Miss Helen E. Boyles of Columbus, Ohio; the Rev. and Mrs. James H. Moore of Johnson City, N. Y.; Miss Margaret Billingsley of New York City; and the Rev. Dr. Thoburn T. Brumbaugh of New Rochelle, N. Y.

A small girl was taught the prayer: "Now I lay me down to sleep..." The 3rd line of it rather got her. She interjected: "If I should die before I wake, Lord, couldn't we have breakfast together?"—H. J. Haskell, Kansas City Star

India; 254 to Africa; 19 to Burma; 135 to Japan; 51 to Korea; 305 to Latin America; 75 to Malaya; 2 to Okinawa; 21 to Pakistan; 48 to the Philippines; 8 to Sumatra.

WEST MEMPHIS VACATION SCHOOL

With a top enrollment of 130 children between the ages of four and twelve and an average attendance of 113 the Vacation Church School of the West Memphis Church under the direction of Mrs. Fred Owen held its final services Sunday night, June 17, in the church sanctuary.

After a worship service which was planned and carried out by the children, Rev. Alfred A. Knox presented Bibles and certificates to the Primary and Junior Departments. The children of the Kindergarten Department received their awards and presented their program before their mothers on the preceding Friday morning.

One of the outstanding features was the work completed by the Junior Department. Within the space of only ten mornings, this group, directed by Mrs. Owen, made paper churches, which were lighted if the individual who made it had perfect attendance, pamphlets containing John Wesley's favorite passages of Scripture, stuffed, colored, and dressed dolls representing all the parts of the world into which Methodism has gone, paper folders outlined with craft strip containing the materials they worked with during craft periods, and several types of booklets made from construction paper which contained phases of the growth of Methodism and the Ten Commandments for Parents. The devotions and study for this group were under the supervision of Mrs. Taylor Claiborne with able assistance given by Mrs. Fred Owen, Mrs. Melvin Dacus, Mrs. Alfred Knox, Mrs. D. C. Neal, Mrs. Glenn Schoettle, and Miss Shirley Cumberland.

Mrs. Ralph Craig, Sr., was superintendent of the Primary Department whose theme was "We Go To Church." Assisted by Mrs. R. H. Bennett, Mrs. W. O. Byler, Mrs. R. L. Crossett, and Misses Jocyle Cook, Susie and Billie Dean Ingram, and Alice Maddux, Mrs. Craig led the children in making a miniature of the church sanctuary, including the organ, hymnals, and baptismal font.

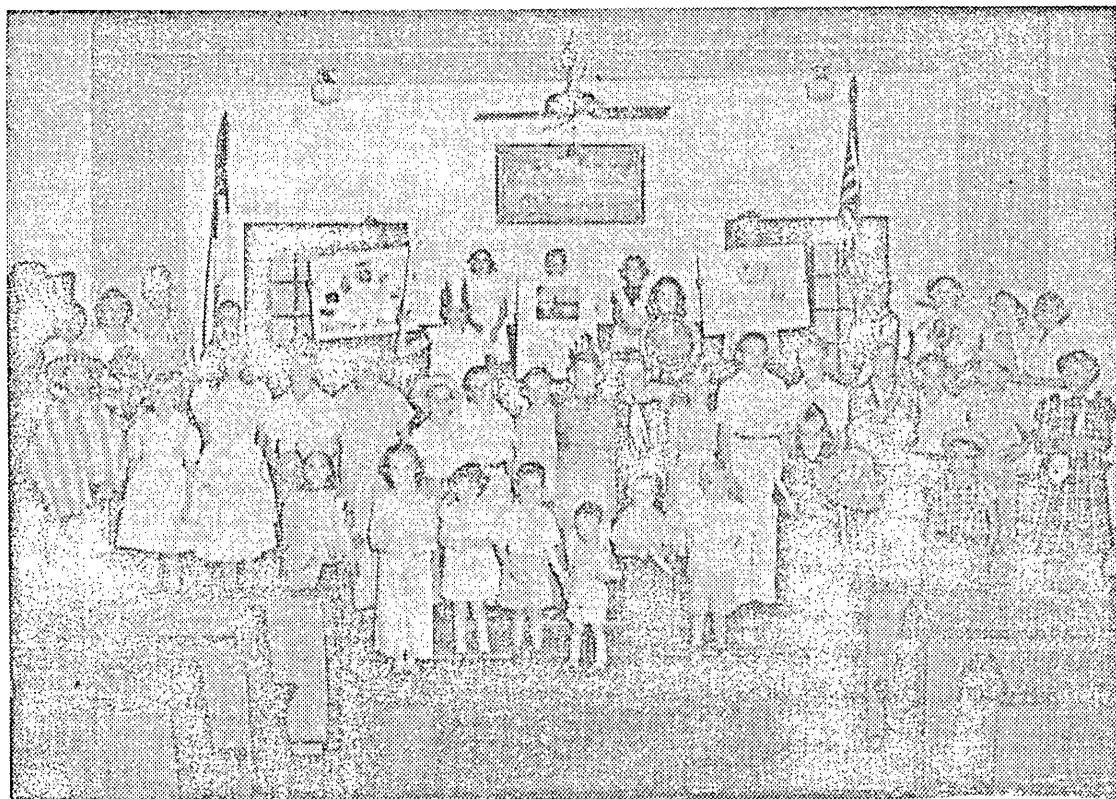
Friday morning the mothers of the Kindergarten Department visited the school and saw the results of the work of their children, who worked with the theme, "My Home and Family." This included pictures and pamphlets of many phases of home life. Mrs. Charles J. Upton was the primary superintendent with Mrs. V. V. Chapman, Mrs. Jeff Eaton, Mrs. Donald Hall, Mrs. Ed Lalman and Mrs. Hershel Manning serving as her workers.

Parents and friends almost overflowed the sanctuary Sunday night, then remained after the worship service to visit the various departments and survey the excellent work the children had done.

There was little doubt in the minds of any who attended that this was truly the most successful Vacation Church School the church has had in its brief eighteen-year history.—Reporter

Since the year 1896 our planet has hardly known one year without warfare, massacre, pogroms or some other form of slaughter and barbarism. It has been estimated that between 1900 and 1930 the powers of Europe alone were engaged in 74 wars. It is also a fact that during the last half century more than 150 million lives have been destroyed in or as a direct result of war.—May Lusher, "Know Thyself," New Outlook, 5-51

VACATION CHURCH SCHOOL AT GOOD FAITH



The Vacation Church School in Good Faith Methodist Church, Route One, Pine Bluff, was brought to a close Sunday, June 10, with a pageant presented at the regular morning worship hour. Fifty-four children were enrolled in the Kindergarten, Primary and Junior Departments during the week.

The pageant, originated and directed by Mrs. O. R. Dial, combined the themes of the topics studied in

the three departments. Participants dressed to represent people from foreign countries and people in different occupations and professions in our own country. The world friendship idea was emphasized, showing America's part in bringing this to realization.

Mrs. J. A. Sheffield was director of the school. Workers who assisted her were Mrs. J. C. Fox, Mrs.

J. N. Robertson, Mrs. Grover Scruggs, Mrs. Peary Lusinger, Mrs. J. D. Burns, Mrs. Carr Culpepper, Mrs. O. R. Dial, Mrs. Barnett Ragan, Mrs. H. A. Price, Miss Marie Wilson, Katie Sue Culpepper, Patricia Greenwood, and Patsy Dial.

Members of the Woman's Society of Christian Service and Mr. O. R. Dial furnished refreshments and transportation.—Reporter

VACATION SCHOOL AT VILLAGE

We have just held a Vacation Church School at Village from June 11 to June 14. We had an enrollment of 50 with good attendance.

Mrs. J. B. Edwards was superintendent of the school. Martha Jean Rogers was secretary and treasurer, and Ann Franklin was pianist. Mrs. K. O. Roberson directed the children in singing.

The Beginners Department was taught by Mrs. D. D. Crumbler, assisted by Mrs. Eli Wooley, Mrs. Carlton Cheatham, Mrs. Harold Dennis, Mrs. Ralph Ross, and Miss Iris Alma. They studied "The World About Us". They used posters, pictures and books on the world and made work books and made articles of construction paper. They potted small plants to take home.

The Primary Department was taught by Mrs. K. O. Roberson, assisted by Miss Ann Franklin. They studied "Our Daily Bread." They made posters of the ingredients that make bread. They studied Bible passages, learned verses, planted seeds, potted flowers, made work books of prayers, graces and Bible verses. They made articles of paper to carry home.

The Juniors studied "Praise Ye The Lord". Mrs. H. H. Wilson was the teacher, assisted by Mrs. Bob Beene and Mrs. Bob Williams. Their study was based on the Psalms. They made work books, did memory work, spatter painted a large hanging for their room and hand painted scarves.

The Intermediates studied "Discovering God in the Beautiful." Mrs. Frank Turk was the teacher, assisted by Mrs. D. L. McCauley. This was a study to help Intermediates appreciate nature and to look for the beauty

LOCKESBURG'S VACATION CHURCH SCHOOL

The Methodist Vacation Bible Church School was conducted from June 9th to June 15th. Thirty-five children attended. Mrs. A. B. Gilliam was director, with Mrs. Frank Wallis in charge of Kindergarten, Mrs. W. C. Grady Primary, Mrs. Guy Zachrey Juniors and Mrs. D. L. Sanders Intermediates. These, with their helpers made a faculty of ten.

A very interesting and helpful program, composed of worship, art, devotional training and recreation was carried out. The high point of the school was Friday 15th when the pupils gave a program in auditorium of church where art and project work were exhibited. This was followed by a picnic for all on the church lawn. There was an offering of \$5.00 by the children for the Navajo Methodist Mission School, Farmington, New Mexico.—Mrs. W. C. Grady

in every phase of life. They studied from Psalms and Jesus' teachings on nature. They made and painted wall plaques and did some fingerpainting.

The ladies of the church served drinks and cookies during the recreation period each day. On Friday a sharing time was enjoyed by inviting the parents and having a short program and issuing the certificates. After the rooms were all visited the group went to the basement where refreshments were served. We feel we have closed another good school and will be looking forward to another school next year.

An offering of \$11.60 was sent from the school to Korean refugees.—Reporter

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL AT HORATIO

The Vacation Bible School was held at the Horatio Methodist Church, June 18th-22nd, with Miss Othelma Shull as Director. Forty-eight children enrolled, with an average daily attendance of forty. Of this number twenty-seven were present in every session. Ten workers helped to make the school a success. The women of the W. S.-C. S. served refreshments each morning at 10:30 o'clock. The children returned to the church lawn to enjoy a picnic at 5:30 p. m. on the closing day of the School. A program was presented, by the children, at the Worship period of the Sunday School on June 24th.

The Beginners were under the guidance of Miss Ruth Nix. She was assisted by Mrs. James Regnier. They studied "Stories of Jesus."

Mrs. Ressie Everett, assisted by Miss Julia Ann Pickett, led the Primary group in a study of "Our Daily Bread."

The Junior group studied "Praise Ye the Lord," under the leadership of Miss Billye Kirby. She was assisted by Mrs. Dickey Halliday.

Miss Shull had charge of the general worship period, assisted by the pastor, Rev. E. T. Miller, and the Church School Superintendent, A. H. McDonnell. Mrs. Mildred Tompkins was in charge of the music.—E. T. Miller, Pastor

The salesman who thinks that his first duty is selling is absolutely wrong. Selling is only one of the two important things a salesman is supposed to do—and it is not the more important of the two. The salesman's first duty is to make friends for his house.—E. M. Statler, quoted in Mgt. Briefs

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NORTH ARKANSAS CONFERENCE NOTES

By Ira A. Brumley

Successful Laboratory School

The North Arkansas Conference Laboratory School, our first Conference School of this type, was very successful. Those who attended were high in their praise of the work carried out. The four units offered gave the persons taking part an opportunity for growth in their work with children. The classes were well balanced in the enrollment, each class being near the size of the other classes.

The four instructors did good teaching in the guiding the teachers under them. Miss Anna Rose Miller and Mrs. Frances Winter of Ft. Smith, provided an excellent program on Creative Activities.

Dr. Pearle McCain of North Little Rock, provided an interesting evening through her discussion on the Children of China. This message followed a social period made possible by the workers of First Church, Conway, in cooperation with Mrs. J. Albert Gatlin, Conway District Director of Children's Work.

Thursday evening was an interesting session under the leadership of Dr. John Warren and Miss Myrtle Charles, both of Hendrix. Dr. Warren led a general discussion on questions about children's work. Miss Charles gave a most interesting book review, "See How They Run," Vroman.

The following were instructors in the school: Mrs. H. C. Jett, Kansas City, Miss Elizabeth Workman, Conway, Mrs. W. A. Wooten and Mrs. H. E. Tomlinson, Memphis.

The school was under the leadership of Mrs. Ira A. Brumley, Conference Director of Children's Work.

Why not plan a training enterprise in your local church or with other nearby churches? We must have more and better trained church school workers if we are to do the educational work of the church. There are more than 100 certified instructors in the North Arkansas Conference, whom should be used.

Register For Youth Workshop

The Conference has a quota of thirteen youth and three adults for the Youth Workshop at Mt. Sequoyah, August 8-17. Some registrations have gone in, but there is still space for those desiring to attend. After July 15 we will register any sub-district officer, who desires to go, as far as our quota will permit. We have been holding the thirteen places for sub-district presidents and the conference officers. Persons interested in going should write our office for folder on the Workshop, which has attached an application form.

National Youth Convocation

There is still a chance that you can go to the National Youth Convocation, even though you have not yet registered. The reports from the headquarters indicate that there may be a few extra places after July 15th. If you want to go and are within the age range of 16-23, please get in touch with our office at once.

The North Arkansas Conference has a great delegation going to the National Youth Convocation. We

SPEAKER FOR PASTORS' SCHOOL

DR. JEWELL SMOOT, a co-pastor of the Metropolitan Methodist Church in Detroit, will be the platform speaker at the Arkansas Pastors' School, July 30-August 3. He will be speaking twice daily, from Tuesday, July 31 through the morning of August 3.

Dr. Smoot is a native of Missouri, where he began his ministry in the Methodist Episcopal Church into which he was received into full connection in 1937, and in which he continued to serve until unification. He was ordained elder in the Southwest Missouri Conference in 1940.

He received his A. B. degree from Drury College and his B. D. from Garrett Biblical Institute, where he was selected for the Preaching Award of the graduating class of which he was president. He has completed all resident requirements and courses for an M. A. degree in the field of philosophy, at Northwestern University.

He has served important pastorates in his home Conference, from which he transferred to the Rock River Conference, and later to the Detroit Conference of which he is now a member. He has been a member of a number of the Boards of the Conferences in which he has served. Through the General Board of Education, he has served on the "Pilot" Committee in the Commission on

have a larger delegation proportionally than in the last Convocation. We have around 90 in this convocation which is to have only 5,000.

Report Your Vacation Church School

We have a number of splendid Vacation Church School reports, but we are certain that a number of the schools have not yet been reported. Should you need blanks for reporting your school please write us and we will be glad to send them.

Leadership School

The North Arkansas Conference has a quota of thirty for the Leadership School at Mt. Sequoyah, July 16-27. This is above those of Central Church, Fayetteville, who will be attending.

We have one of the finest lists of enrollment for this Leadership School we have had in a long time. This should be true when we have what promises to be the best Leadership School held in many years.

There are outstanding general courses, with fine courses in each of the three age groupings. Any local church worker as well as district and conference leaders can get good courses in this school. We have persons registered from six of the eight districts of the conference and will probably have persons from each of the districts enrolled by the time the school opens.

Due to the fact that there is more space this year we will be able to get more than our quota into the school. Should a worker from your church desire to attend, please get in touch with our office at once and we will try to get such a person into the school.

Youth Course at Weona

The Weona Church, under the



DR. JEWELL SMOOT

Ministerial Training, participating in seminars in four of the jurisdictions and in the general meeting of the Commission at Evanston in 1950.

Dr. J. Richard Spann, Director of Ministerial Training, has this to say: "Dr. Smoot is a vigorous and most able young man whom I have come to esteem very highly as a pastor and preacher. He will render a grand service."—Roy E. Fawcett

INTERMEDIATE DEPARTMENT ELECTS OFFICERS

The Intermediate Department of the First Methodist Church, West Memphis, elected the following officers at their first regular meeting after Christian Adventure Week, Sunday, July 1: President, Marion Nichols; vice-president, Harold Craig; secretary, Ray Landrum; treasurer, Gloria Hicks.

This group, with Miss Yvonne Fuggitt, Mrs. J. W. Burrow, and Mrs. James T. Clemons, will serve as the Intermediate Council for the next six months. One of their first activities will be to plan the entire program for the Intermediates attending the Delta Sub-District meeting Thursday night, July 5.—Reporter.

Leadership implies knowing where you want to go, how you plan to get there, and how you will help your associates to advance with you.—Management Briefs

Some people use religion like a bus. They ride on it only when it is going their way.—Phi Delta Kappan

leadership of Rev. Billy Odom, had the first Leadership School this conference year, with the course on the Methodist Youth Fellowship being offered by Miss Viola Callahan of Clover Bend. There was an enrollment of 21 with 20 course cards being granted in the school. Miss Callahan reports that the response was the best she had ever had in a local church situation.

Rev. Billy Odom is counselor for the sub-district of that area. He is already registered as an adult counselor for the Youth Workshop at Mt. Sequoyah in August.

ARKANSAS STUDENTS ATTEND CONFERENCE

Glen Rose, Texas—Two students from Arkansas were among the 96 college students and adult counselors who attended a student leadership training conference at Glen Lake Methodist Camp here June 2-9. Twenty-six colleges in Texas, Louisiana, Oklahoma, and Arkansas were represented.

The Arkansas students attending were Bill Henderson, Carlisle, a student at the University of Arkansas, and president of the Methodist Student Movement in Arkansas, and Richard Hudson, Delight, Hendrix College student, who is president of the Wesley Foundation at Conway.

Emphasizing the theme, "The Christian Faith and the Meaning of Security," the conference featured platform lecturers, workshops, fellowship groups, and panel discussions.

Dr. H. D. Bollinger, Nashville, Tenn., served as educational director, and the Rev. Cecil Matthews, Lubbock, Texas, was dean of the conference.

Platform speakers included Dr. Bollinger; Dr. Samuel Stumpf, Vanderbilt School of Religion; Dr. Eddy Asirvatham, Boston University; the Rev. Claude Singleton, secretary of Methodist student missions; and Glen Smiley, Los Angeles, Calif.

Workshops were conducted on eight topics: adult counselors, recreation, program planning, public relations, worship, world Christian community, social action, and the ecumenical movement.

The Glen Lake Conference is one of six such conferences being sponsored by the Methodist Church this spring and summer in the United States.—Texas Methodist Information.

HENDERSON'S VACATION SCHOOL

Henderson Methodist Church, Little Rock, held its Vacation School June 4 to June 15 with 120 pupils enrolled. Teachers were: Kindergarten, Mrs. J. H. Martin, Mrs. Olen Agee, Mrs. P. F. Davis, Mrs. E. W. Blevins, Mrs. Opal Kovalcheck and Miss Barga Agee. They used "The World About Us." Primary, Mrs. J. R. Claunch, Mrs. J. E. Murphy, Mrs. Jack Spencer, Mrs. G. W. Taylor, Mrs. B. O. Crain and Miss Janet Crain. Their study was "Our Daily Bread." Junior, Mrs. Roy Bale, Mrs. Z. T. Russom, Mrs. N. E. Strohsahl, Mrs. C. C. Hudspeth. The lesson material was "Praise Ye the Lord." Intermediate, Mrs. W. T. Butler, Mrs. Bernard Creech, Mrs. O. L. Fought and Mrs. Carol Tackett. They used "One Church For One World."

Recreation was in charge of Mrs. D. E. Wilson, Jr., and Mrs. W. E. Butler was in charge of music. Mrs. B. V. Rogers and Miss Carolyn Lancaster were organists.

Our pastor, Rev. K. A. Hale, assisted each day in the service of worship which was held at the close of the session.

A cooperative spirit prevailed throughout the sessions, and we are deeply grateful to those who helped in any way to make our school a success.—Mrs. Doyle E. Wilson, Director.

WOMAN'S SOCIETY OF CHRISTIAN SERVICE

MRS. SUE M. WAYLAND, Editor

MONTICELLO DISTRICT SPRING CONFERENCE

The Monticello District Meeting of W. S. C. S. met in Warren Methodist Church Thursday, April 26, for spring conference.

Theme for the day was, "Advance—My Concern."

The meeting opened with an organ prelude by Mrs. Forrest Gardner and singing of hymn "We've a Story to tell to the Nation."

Rev. J. E. Cooper of Warren led the morning prayer and the devotional was given by Mrs. C. B. Nelson of Warren.

Mrs. John Golden, district president, presided over the business sessions of the day.

Guest speaker for the meeting was Mrs. T. S. Lovett, Conference President. She gave a very inspirational talk on "W. S. C. S.—A Missionary Arm of the Methodist Church."

Mrs. T. T. McNeal in behalf of the district officers presented Mrs. John Golden, retiring district president, a life membership.

The following officers were elected and installed by Rev. J. E. Cooper: President, Mrs. Leslie Jeffress, Crossett; Vice-President, Mrs. L. T. Sandborn, Crossett; Recording Secretary, Mrs. DuVal L. Purkins, Warren; Treasurer, Mrs. A. B. Cone, Wilmot; Secretary of Missionary Education, Mrs. George Renfro, Tillar; Secretary of Youth, Mrs. C. B. Nelson, Warren; Secretary of Children, Mrs. Ralph Clayton, McGehee; Secretary of Supplies, Mrs. Fay Nolley, Hamburg; Secretary of Christian Social Relations, Mrs. Rowan Prewitt, Tillar; Secretary of Status of Women, Mrs. Horace Everett, Fordyce; Secretary of Literature & Publication, Mrs. Booth Hope, Fordyce; Secretary of Student Work, Mrs. J. A. Joyner, Wilmot; Secretary of Missionary Personnel, Mrs. T. G. Ross, McGehee; Secretary of Spiritual Life, Mrs. Argie Henry, McGehee; Promotion Secretary, to be supplied.

Mrs. Argie Henry of McGehee elected to serve on Conference Research Committee.

At noon a covered dish luncheon was served to 125 guests.

Mrs. J. E. Cooper gave an interesting report of the jurisdictional meeting held in Little Rock.

The meeting adjourned at 3:00 p. m. with benediction in unison.—Reporter

WESLEYAN GUILD ORGANIZED

A Wesleyan Service Guild was organized at St. Paul's Methodist Church, Fort Smith, Arkansas, on May 22, with eighteen women listed as charter members. At the organization meeting the following officers were elected:

President, Mrs. Allyne Gilstrap; Vice-President, Mrs. Irene Basham; Recording Secretary, Miss Jaunita Smith; Promotion Secretary, Mrs. Renna Kelton; Co-ordinator, Mrs. Connie Schumacher; Treasurer, Miss Aline Wells.

The Installation Service, using the Wesleyan Service Guild Candlelight Installation Service, and the Pledge Service was had Tuesday evening, June 26, 1951, at the home of Mrs.

Fifth Annual School of Missions and Christian Service of North Arkansas Conference

THE fifth annual School of Missions and Christian Service of the North Arkansas Conference Woman's Society of Christian Service will open Tuesday, July 24, 1951 at 3:00 p. m., with registration in charge of Mrs. C. J. Greene in the Administration Building of Hendrix College, Conway, Arkansas, and will close Friday, July 27, at 3:00 p. m.

Registration date begins July 1. Please send registration and enrollment fee of \$3.00 to Mrs. C. J. Greene, 1713 Independence Street, Conway, Arkansas. Each woman attending, including members of the staff, is expected to make her own reservation. There are dormitory facilities to accommodate only 114 women.

Room and board will be \$8.00. Please bring sheets, pillow case, and towels—also pencils, notebooks and electric fan!

Mrs. Homer Williamson, Conference Secretary of Literature and Publications will be in charge of the literature room and will make available for sale the textbooks and supplementary material for the four approved studies. There will also be devotional books and cultivation materials for sale. Please come prepared to purchase materials since this service is provided for your convenience.

The school is open to ALL who wish to attend. Officers in the local societies, as well as the district officers, who will have their particular line of work emphasized are urged to attend. Local societies should make it possible for at least one officer from their group to be present.

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Woman's Division Secretary of Missionary Education and Christian Service, has been secured to teach the course on The Book of Acts and lead the Workshop on Christian Dynamics in the North Arkansas School of Missions and Christian Service.

Miss Mildred Osment, Jonesboro District Officer, will teach the home missions course, Churches of Our Country's Needs.

Mrs. W. Henry Goodloe, North Arkansas Conference Secretary of Missionary Education and Service, will teach the Christian Social Relations course, The Family — A Christian's Concern.

Leaders of the Departmental Clinics: Treasurers and Promotion Secretaries (combined), Mrs. E. E. Sexton and Mrs. J. W. Glass; Supplies, Mrs. Mavis Settlemire; Status of Women, Mrs. H. C. Couchman; Wesleyan Service Guild, Miss Gertie Stiles; Christian Social Relations and Local Church Activities, Mrs. Walter Jimerson, Sr.; Spiritual Life, Mrs. Monroe Scott; Missionary Education and Service, Mrs. W. Henry Goodloe.

Workshop Leaders: Integrating the Work of the Woman's Society into the Total Church Program, Mrs. L. W. Blakely; Christian Dynamics (based on a Study of the Book of Acts), Miss Elizabeth Stinson.

Officers of the School: Dean, Mrs. James S. Upton; Chairman, Mrs. W. Henry Goodloe; Registrar, Mrs. C. J. Greene; Treasurer, Mrs. H. H. Bumpers; Literature, Mrs. Homer Williamson.

Many interesting and helpful features are being planned, along with special time for personal quiet time, study and rest.—Mrs. W. Henry Goodloe, Chairman School of Missions.

GOOD FAITH WOMAN'S SOCIETY

The Woman's Society of Good Faith met with the new president, Mrs. A. D. Rial, presiding. The opening prayer was led by Mrs. B. F. Fitzhugh. Recommendations from the executive meeting were read and approved.

Announcements were made concerning the Aldersgate Training school at Little Rock, July 24th.

Mrs. Carr Culpepper had charge of the program, and the emphasis was on giving. The program was well presented with capable leaders, and closed with a beautiful candle lighting service, in which Mrs. Otis Beavers, Mrs. J. A. Sheffield and Mrs. Barnett Ragan took part.

Rev. B. F. Fitzhugh was guest of the meeting, and Mrs. Beavers and Mrs. J. E. Bradston were hostesses. Lovely refreshments were served to 25 members.—Reporter.

True happiness consists in making your own way, in earning your own living, in beholding yourself to no patron, in knowing that you're useful.—Geo. F. Taubeneck, Air Conditioning & Refrigeration News

Almeda Hunt. Mrs. Martin Bierbaum was in charge of the service.

WOMAN'S SOCIETY OF CHRISTIAN SERVICE AND SUB-DISTRICTS

The idea of organizing sub-districts of the W. S. C. S. has sprung up among some Arkansas districts. On June 14, the Little Rock District President, Mrs. E. B. Matkin, had the sub-district officers meet with her at her home to plan the organization of our sub-districts.

Those present were Mrs. Matkin, who as hostess served us with a lovely luncheon after the meeting, Mrs. Faye Nunally, District Promotion Secretary, Miss Margaret Marshall from Little Rock, Methodist Council and Sub-District officers as follows: Grand Prairie: Mrs. Merlin Morris, Carlisle, and Mrs. Bradford, Lonoke; Southwest: Mrs. H. G. Lenhardt, Mabelvale and Mrs. Viola Ford, Douglasville; Maumelle: Mrs. Lillian Harrison, Martindale, and Mrs. Edwin Gundoff, Pleasant Hill; Three Circuits: Mrs. Maggie Rawley, Concord; Little Rock: Mrs. W. R. Rice, Asbury, and Mrs. N. T. Hollis, Winfield.

Miss Margaret Marshall presented an outline of our sub-district program for the coming year. We planned to meet every quarter to carry on the same Advance program as (Continued on page 13)

PRIMROSE CLOSES A GOOD YEAR

The W. S. C. S. of Primrose Methodist Church has closed a very happy and successful year under the leadership of Mrs. Frances James.

All phases of the work of the W. S. C. S. were covered as well as a society with a small membership could, using the material suggested for all Societies.

All study courses were completed and the attendance and interest were excellent.

We think a few of our outside activities might be worthy of mention; one of the outstanding ones being the Christmas dinner and party the 19th of December when the W. S. C. S. entertained 21 of the elderly ladies who reside at the State Hospital at the beautiful country home of Mrs. W. T. Dorrough. Two nurses and three members of the Ladies Auxiliary accompanied the guests. A bounteous meal was served, and favors of home-made cookies and candy wrapped in bright red cellophane was provided for each guest to take home with them, also a small gift was included. Added to these were hand crocheted frogs (covers for soap) and a sweet scented bar of toilet soap nestling inside the frog was presented to each guest by our supply chairman, Mrs. Rosalea Kaufman who supplied them.

We have provided sewing material to the T. B. Hospital at Booneville and McRae Hospital at Aelxander, sent clothing to Chaplain Seals in Korea and to Overseas Organizations.

The new year began with the installation of the Officers by the pastor, Rev. H. D. Ginther.

The following officers were installed: President, Mrs. W. B. Neel; Vice-President, Mrs. Clint Huffstular; Recording Secretary, Mrs. Horace Illing; Promotion Secretary & Treasurer, Mrs. Joe Fiser; Secretary C. S. R. & L. C. A., Mrs. Wallace McDorman; Secretary Missionary Education, Mrs. B. G. Hinson; Secretary Student Work, Mrs. Vincent Page; Secretary Youth Work, Mrs. Ed Wright; Secretary Children's Work, Mrs. H. D. Ginther; Secretary Spiritual Life, Mrs. H. E. Green; Secretary Status of Women, Mrs. Luther Fishback; Secretary Supplies, Mrs. Rosalea Kaufman; Secretary Literature & Publications, Mrs. Frances James; Telephone Secretary, Mrs. Annie L. Dixon.

After the installation Mrs. H. H. Bacon presented a Life Membership to the retiring President Mrs. Robert James with the following tribute: "We, the members of the W. S. C. S., are happy to present to you this certificate of Life Membership and beautiful pin in appreciation for the years of your work of love for our organization and our church as a whole. We hope that as you proudly wear it that you will remember that it is a small token of our love for you. May God's rich blessings be yours."

After the presentation everyone was invited to the basement for a social hour, lovely refreshments was served, with Mrs. Ginther in charge of arrangements.—Reporter

The man who masters himself is free.—Epictetus

CURRENT NEWS IN ARKANSAS METHODISM

LITTLE ROCK CONFERENCE CALENDAR 1951-52

Adopted By Interboard Council,
L. R. Conference

JULY

- 3-11 Woman's Society of Christian Service Jurisdictional School of Missions, Mt. Sequoyah
- 9-12 Older Adult Assembly (65 and older) at Hendrix College
- 9-14 Fellowship Team Training Laboratory at Aldersgate
- 10-12 Conference Children's Worker's meeting at Camp Tanako
- 10-13 Jurisdictional Missionary Conference at Mt. Sequoyah (for Conference and District Missionary Secretaries and Conference Board Chairmen)
- 13-18 Conference and District Secretaries of Evangelism meet at Albion, Michigan
- 16-27 Jurisdictional Leadership School at Mt. Sequoyah
- 21-24 National Town and Country meeting in Sioux City, Iowa
- 24-26 Woman's Society of Christian Service Conference School of Missions at Aldersgate
- 30-Aug. 3 Arkansas Pastor's School at Hendrix College
- 31-Aug. 3 Leadership Training for Youth Secretaries (W. S. C. S.) at Aldersgate

AUGUST

- 11-12 Conference Wesleyan Service Guild Retreat at Aldersgate
- 17-19 Young Adult Conference at Camp Tanako

SEPTEMBER

- Board of Ministerial Training meets in Little Rock
- 15-30 W. S. C. S. Educational Seminars District Seminars for Town and Country Commission
- 16-22 District Seminars on Home and Family Life
- 30 Church School Rally Day
- 30-Oct. 4 Texarkana Leadership School
- 30-Oct. 7 Christian Education Week

CHRISTIAN ADVENTURE WEEK

Worship, recreation, crafts, and study were on the schedule for the Christian Adventure Week held at First Methodist Church in West Memphis during the week of June 25-29. But for the 30 Intermediates between the ages of 11 and 13 who attended, there was a feeling of fellowship and a glimpse of what the fellowship could mean for "Friends Around the World," the theme for the week's work. The enthusiasm shown in planning and carrying out worship programs and dramatics, and the attendance, which averaged 23, plus their looking forward to other activities, seemed to be signs of a successful week.

Craft periods were used to make bracelets, lanyards, and ear rings from plastic craft strip, and to make plaques from plaster molds. Much of the recreation period was directed by members of the group.

An Thursday night two cars of visitors from Forrest City visited the church and presented a skit on the coming District Intermediate Camp and also led an outdoor worship service. This program was presented after a picnic supper.

The group decided that future activities would include election of officers, planning programs for sub-district meeting, and meeting one Wednesday afternoon each week for recreation and crafts.

Adult leaders for the week were Mrs. John Burrow, Miss Brooks Maddux, and Rev. and Mrs. Jim Clemons.—Reporter.

There are but two classes of people in the world: those who live to get what they can by fair means or foul, and those who are anxious to give so that others may live better and happier lives.—John J. Metz, editor, Industrial Arts & Vocational Education.

WORK STARTED ON NEW EDUCATIONAL BUILDING

The Lakeside Methodist Church started construction on their new Education Building May 23, Selligman and Reed architects and Charlie Quinn, contractor and builder. The new building will be two story and will have 15,000 square feet of floor space and is planned to house the Nursery, Kindergarten, Primary, Junior, Intermediate and Senior Youth Departments. It will provide for three adult class rooms, and a total attendance of 600. There will be a Sunday School office, pastor's study and a chapel with a seating capacity of 90. The Building Committee is as follows: Leslie Helvie, Chairman; Walter Theis, treasurer of the building fund; Sidney Good, Mrs. Leslie Helvie, Mrs. Paul Clanton, W. A. Baker, Mrs. Cline McKay, Dan McDonald, T. J. Blewster, Frank Tuselton, Charlie Quinn, J. E. Brown and E. H. McFadden.

The building, when completed, will cost approximately \$150,000.00. The campaign for funds for this building project was begun during the pastorate of the Rev. T. T. McNeal in 1944 and much subsequent planning and counseling has taken place since that time, with a continued effort in the matter of raising funds.

During the pastorate of the present pastor, Rev. Otto W. Teague, the church has gone forward with this program and the over-all program of the church. Brother Teague was re-assigned last week for his seventh year at Lakeside Methodist Church. During this period 183 members have been added to the church by vows and profession of faith, 398 by transfer, a total of 581 additions to the church. Fifty-eight members have been lost by death and 276 transferred, leaving a total membership of 1183 active members and 224 inactive members. A little over a year ago the old parsonage at 1406 Pine Street was sold and with money received from this sale and additional funds a new modern brick parsonage was erected at 1501 Olive Street, at a very conservative valuation of \$35,000.00. Repair to the church structure during this period has amounted to \$12,600.00.

It is hoped that this new building will be completed during this conference year. This congregation anticipates one of the greatest years in its history.—Publicity Chairman.

NEWS FROM CARTHAGE- TULIP

After two good years at Tigert-Morning Star, Hot Springs, we moved into the Carthage-Tulip parsonage on Wednesday morning following our appointment. We have here faithful, consecrated workers who make it possible for their pastor to be a real leader.

Last night following a fellowship supper and stewards' meeting two big boxes came containing groceries, fruit and vegetables, enough for several families.

Our parsonage is one of the best in the Conference.

We hope and pray we will have the greatest and most fruitful year of our ministry here.—L. R. Sparks, Pastor.

The only way to understand your enemies is to love them.—Ex.

FAYETTEVILLE DISTRICT SET-UP MEETING

The Fayetteville District Set-up Meeting was held on July 3 in the Central Methodist Church, Fayetteville with Rev. W. F. Cooley, district superintendent, in charge. Dr. Will Mock led in prayer.

Brother Cooley stressed the United Area Evangelistic program which is being led by Bishop Paul E. Martin.

By a unanimous vote it was voted to send flowers and greetings to Rev. and Mrs. James Burris. Brother Burris, who is chaplain at the Veterans' Hospital in Fayetteville, was in an automobile accident with Mrs. Burris on their way home from Annual Conference.

Brother Cooley stated that Rev. Ted McNeal, new director of the Methodist Children's Home, would be available to the district for two Sunday services between now and Christmas.

The district superintendent also stated that in the near future two important conferences take place, the National Conference on Family Life in Chicago and the National Town and Country Conference to be held in Sioux City, Iowa. The District will send three or four delegates to the Chicago Conference. Dr. Will Mock will be the lay delegate and Rev. Kermit VanZant the clerical delegate to the Town and Country Conference.

Dr. Ira A. Brumley urged that our churches should give more attention to the Youth Programs. He mentioned the National Youth Convocation to be held at Purdue University and the Leadership School at Mt. Sequoyah.

The Intermediate and Senior Camps to be held August 13 to 17 at the "Heart of the Hills Camp" in Oklahoma, were announced by Brother Cooley. Rev. Arnold Simpson is in charge of arrangements.

Upon motion of Dr. Mock the District Stewards approved the financial set-up for the district as recommended by Brother Cooley. The District Fund was increased from 2½ per cent to 3 per cent.

The new pastors in the district and their wives were honored with a reception in the parlors of Wesley Hall by the host pastor, Rev. D. L. Dykes, Jr., and Mrs. Dykes and the church. Introduced were: Rev. and Mrs. H. M. Lewis, Rev. and Mrs. Allen D. Stewart, Rev. and Mrs. Vernon E. Chalfant, Rev. and Mrs. Hubert Pearce, Rev. and Mrs. Thomas Whiddon, Rev. and Mrs. Lindsey Rowland, Rev. James W. Workman, Jr., Rev. Frank Shell, Rev. and Mrs. A. L. Riggs, Rev. Bob Ritter, and Rev. and Mrs. W. D. Gray.—H. W. Jinske, Reporter.

Intelligence is like a river—the deeper it is, the less noise it makes.—Gilcrafter

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FT. SMITH AREA PASTORS' CONFERENCE

The regular meeting of the Fort Smith Area Pastors' Conference was held at the Midland Heights Methodist Church Monday morning, July 2, with Mrs. W. A. Downum as hostess. A very tasty breakfast was served.

Plans for the summer camps at the Shores Lake were completed and dates cleared.

The "City Slickers", as we are called by the rest of the district, enjoyed a rich fellowship hour. There are four new "City Slickers" since Annual Conference. They are Rev. and Mrs. Hindman of the St. Luke's Church, Floyd G. Villines of the Fifth Street Church, and W. Leonard Byers of the Mulberry Church.

The following officers were elected for the coming year: Rev. Martin Bierbaum, Chairman; Rev. T. C. Chambliss, Vice-Chairman; Rev. Robert P. Sessions, Secretary; W. Leonard Byers, Publicity Chairman; Rev. Robert E. L. Bearden, Sergeant of Arms, and Rev. J. H. Hoggard, Treasurer.

The next meeting will be held September 3 at the home of Rev. and Mrs. Martin Bierbaum in Fort Smith.—W. Leonard Byers, Reporter

SHERRILL-TUCKER

We have moved to Sherrill where we have found a lovely, well-furnished parsonage. I preached on Sunday at 11:00 a. m. at Sherrill to a good crowd and on Tuesday night a reception was held at the parsonage by two of the churches who furnished the refreshments and a large old-fashioned pounding.

We are having our first district-wide preachers and district stewards meeting at the First Methodist Church, Pine Bluff, this week.

Everything starts off in a splendid way.—H. A. F. Ault, Pastor.

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THE NATIONAL METHODIST TOWN AND COUNTRY CONFERENCE

JUST immediately before us is the great National Methodist Town and Country Conference to be held at Sioux City, Iowa. There are many reasons why this will be one of the major meetings of the Methodist Church.

It will be outstanding because it will be national in scope. The entire nation's eyes will be focused on this meeting. There is a growing feeling across the nation that something must be done to recreate and revitalize the community life of the nation. Individual life where human personality is exalted and community life where each individual lives in fellowship and good will are the great bulwark of Christian Democracy. All of the agencies of the nation that deal with the many interests of human endeavor are more and more seeing the need of cooperation in the matter of strengthening community life. The Methodist Church for the past several years has taken the lead in emphasizing this most important matter. The fact that this is the second National Annual Town and Country Conference is evidence of this.

Also this will be a great meeting because of the outstanding leaders of the church and of community life who are taking part in the planning and the program of the meeting. Men of ability and vision have planned this conference and will carry it to a great climax.

From our own conferences representing the church from the national angle will be Bishop Paul E. Martin, who is on the general planning committee of the conference and who will serve as chairman of one of the study groups. Of great interest to the people of Arkansas is the fact that one of our own North Arkansas Conference members, Rev. Glenn F.

Sanford is the Secretary of the Department of Town and Country Work of the General Board of Missions and Church Extension. This is one of the outstanding positions of the church and carries along with it great honor and heavy responsibility. Dr. John Q. Schisler, Executive Secretary of the General Board of Education of the Methodist Church and long a prominent leader in Methodism, is a member of the General committee. Dr. A. W. Martin, head of the Department of Church Administration in the Perkins School of Theology at Dallas, Texas, is a member of the committee. The Arkansas delegation can be proud of these leaders who have such great places of service in this field of the work of the church.

Seven study group are organized through which many phases of community life will be given definite attention.

On Sunday, July 23, the delegates will be visitors at the churches in the Sioux City area extending over a territory of 75 miles. On Sunday night a great mass meeting will be held in the main auditorium where the conference convenes.

The conference will open at 8:30, July 21 and will close Tuesday afternoon, July 24, at 4:00.

Each district superintendent is requested to give guidance in the matter of transportation and expense.

No doubt it will be wise for each delegate to plan to arrive in Sioux City Friday afternoon in time to register and receive room assignment. This will be of great assistance in the matter of meeting the conference the following morning and getting things in order. We are expecting more than 40 persons to attend this meeting from the North Arkansas Conference.—J. Albert Gatlin.

AN EASY ESCAPE

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by the environment he is in, but he does not have to pay the penalty for the sins that he has not committed.

There is another side to Ezekiel's message and that is the declaration that God is on the side of the person who repents and dedicates his all to Him. "If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness." God does not bring ruin upon His children. The ruin that we see is a result of our own disobedience unto the law of God. But even in that disobedience God continues to plead, "turn, why will ye die?"

It may be a tough situation, one that you did not create, but there is offered strength to overcome.—R.B.

The wise man is one who can find a sensible answer to a foolish question.—Detroit Free Press

W. S. C. S. AND SUB-DISTRICTS

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the local society, the idea being that bringing a fewer number of churches together more often we shall be better able to help each other with our local advance programs. Drawing the churches into sub-districts will provide the closer contact needed to carry out successfully the Atlas Plan and Link program of Progressive Visitation.

We of the Little Rock District are just getting started but with Miss Marshall as grandmother of our organization, Mrs. Matkin as our Mother and with Mrs. Nunnally acting as big sister, "we" the baby hope to grow and learn and help other Arkansas sub-district babies. Let us hear that you are organizing soon.—Reporter

Man is the merriest, the most joyous of all the species of creation. Above and below him all are serious.—Jos Addison

CONFERENCE ON FAMILY LIFE

(Continued from page 1)

liminary work is being done and will be done on a district and annual conference level dealing with the five phases of Family Life with which the conference will be concerned.

Any couple interested in attending this conference is urged to consult with its pastor or District Superintendent. We want to heartily commend this conference to your consideration for we believe it to be an emphasis in the total life of the church which has been sorely neglected.

CHATS WITH A LAYMAN

By Roy Stetler

Political pressure groups, organizations either for or against some new legislation, often are heard to say, "Write your congressman," or "Wire your senator."

I imagine one of the most difficult things a congressman has to do is to decide which way he will vote, particularly when he receives a deluge of letters or telegrams, some urging him to vote for the bill and others telling him if he supports the bill they will not vote for him the next time he runs for office.

Maybe the difference between a politician and a statesman can be determined if we will observe whether he is moved to vote for or against a measure just because his constituency threatens him that unless he votes their way they will not support him in the next election. The politician sometimes weighs the matter from that angle alone; the statesman weighs it from the angle of right or wrong, whether it will be helpful to the country or not.

The other day a friend of mine wrote his congressman a letter, and I feel it is the type of letter more of us might write. It is the first term for this congressman, and I suspect all such men would be encouraged to receive such a letter from their friends.

My friend wrote something like this: "Dear Congressman—You are taking office as our representative in a very trying time. We realize the problems of world and state are very complex. You will be called upon to make decisions that will have far-reaching effects on all of us, and I suppose at times you will scarcely know how to vote. You will be high-pressured on every side. In order that you may be able to keep your mental equilibrium, may I suggest that you set aside some time each day for prayer, meditation, and the reading of God's Word."

When my friend told me this, I said, "Excellent!" I wish more people would write their congressmen such letters. What do you suppose your senator would think if he got a similar letter from you?

Wouldn't it be great if we really had a Congress in which all the members were faith-believing men, humble enough to ask God to lead them? With men like that we soon would be going in the same direction as God.—The Christian Advocate

FOREST PARK-KAVANAUGH WELCOMES NEW PASTOR

The Forest Park - Kavanaugh Methodist Church welcomed their new pastor, Rev. Charles Richards and family, with an informal reception at the church Wednesday night, June 20th.

A short program was given.

At the close of the evening a gift

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Says ---

The American farmer has increased his output 40 per cent in the last ten years. This has been because of better plant varieties, hybrid seeds, more efficient use of fertilizer and soil conservation practices. This is making it possible to feed an increasing population at home and ship food to hungry people abroad.

Rural pastors are preaching and practicing the principle of stewardship of the land. One New England minister who serves a rural church has also built up a run-down 130-acre farm. He has contoured and fertilized and used cover crops. He has 40 head of registered Holsteins, each one of which produces about 10,000 pounds of milk a year. "My farming helps me in my preaching," he explains. "The life line for each life in the city extends back to the land."

"The Psalmist knew what he was writing when he said, The earth is the Lord's. God's goodness is also in the soil, the minerals, plants, and animals. It is our duty to protect them and use them wisely not only for ourselves but for those who follow."

and guest book with the names of those attending were presented to Brother and Mrs. Richards. — Reporter.

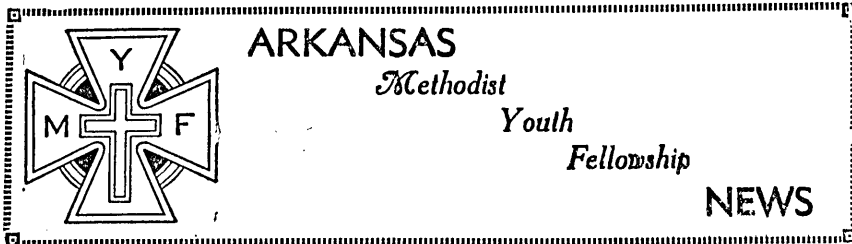
From exactly the same materials one man builds a palace, while another constructs a hovel.—F. Field

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PIGGOTT M. Y. F. ELECTS OFFICERS

The Piggott Methodist Youth Fellowship met on Sunday, June 10, and elected officers for the coming year as follows: President, Beverly Underwood; Vice President, Anna Clark Janes; Secretary and Treasurer, Judy Brannan; Reporter, Marilyn Stalling. The three commission chairmen are Betty Crews, Bonnie Howard and Phyllis Lewis.

Beverly Underwood and Betty Crews left for Hendrix on Tuesday morning with Mrs. W. O. Scroggin to attend the youth assembly there. —Marilyn Stallings, Reporter.

MOUNT MAGAZINE SUB-DISTRICT

The Mount Magazine Sub-District met June 11 at Grand Prairie. Representatives who had attended a conference at Hendrix College told of the conference. Mrs. D. G. Hindman and Rev. W. J. Spicer told of the camps to be held at Shore Lake. The Intermediate Camp will be held June 25-29 and the Senior Camp July 23-27.

Wayne Hunter talked on the needs of India and urged all M.Y.F.'s to send packages to India.

There were 135 present. A recreation period was held. — Jo Ann Spencer, Reporter

CLINTON M. Y. F.

The Clinton Methodist Youth Fellowship had its June 17 meeting on Pinnacle Mountain, four miles north, overlooking Clinton, with a picnic lunch under the leadership of Mr. and Mrs. Grayson Lewis, counselors. The picnic lunch was followed by recreation led by Polly Lefler.

At sundown a worship service was held before a campfire on the edge of the mountain, with Martha Sue Walker and Barbara Linn as speakers and Patsy Patton as soloist. The program centered around the thought, "As we kindle the fire to make it better, let us renew our lives for Christ." Approximately 25 attended. —Ted Blair.

BATESVILLE SUB-DISTRICT

The regular meeting of the Batesville Sub-District was held on Monday, June 11, at Bethesda. There were 72 present, representing the following churches: Asbury, Desha, Cushman, Central Avenue, First Church, Moorefield, Cave City and Bethesda.

Bethesda presented an interesting worship program. Leah Walbut, president, was in charge of the business meeting.

Ann Wilford, who was elected secretary of the Youth Fellowship of the North Arkansas Conference at Conway, gave an interesting account of the activities there.

Plans for sending a box to Korea were discussed.

The Sub-District will meet for the next meeting on the third Monday in July instead of the regular second Monday at Blanchard Springs.

Ann Wilford and Ann Franks led in recreation and Bethesda served refreshments. —Barbara Low, Publicity Chairman.

BUFFALO ISLAND SUB-DISTRICT

The Buffalo Island Sub-District M. Y. F. met at the Caraway Methodist Church Monday night, June 18, with 55 young people present from Manila, Monette, Caraway, Lake City, Lake View, Delfore and Black Oak.

A very inspiring worship service was given by the Caraway M. Y. F. with a large white cross mounted on black as the background. Three girls interpreted "Near the Cross" which was sung by Dutch Dennis. As the young people silently stood in the darkness, Rev. J. W. Moore of Caraway, led the group in prayer. Taking part on the program were J. B. Upton, Louise Wheeler, Bettina Harper and Nancy Ann Tucker.

Wanda Louise Skidmore of Black Oak presided over the business session. Manila regained the banner with 495 points.

While outdoor games were played, a council meeting was held to select delegates to the National Youth Convocation.

Refreshments were served by the Caraway M. Y. F. —Mary Ellen Tip-ton, Reporter

SUB-DISTRICT OF POINSETT COUNTY

The Methodist Youth Fellowship Sub-District of Poinsett County met at Weona on June 7, with Bobby Rowlett, president, in charge. The group discussed plans for the Senior Camp at Wayland Spring on July 9-13. Betty Bolton gave a report on the Intermediate Camp where she served as counselor.

Weona was in charge of the program and Betty Bolton led group singing.

Eighty-five were in attendance from the following seven churches: Harrisburg, Weiner, Market Tree, Truman, Terrell-Gilmore, Tyronza and Weona with Weona having the largest number.

The July meeting will be at Marked Tree. Truman gave the devotional meditation. — Ida Buryl Gongales, Reporter.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS AT WEST MEMPHIS

The M. Y. F. of the West Memphis Methodist Church held its election of officers for the coming year, Sunday night, June 24. This past year our council and commissions have done excellent work and we hope that this new group will continue to carry on as successfully.

The new officers are: President, Tommy Sims; Vice President, Joryn Smith; Secretary, Doris Manchester; Treasurer, Lewis Claiborne. The chairmen of the different committees are: Worship Committee, Alice Maddox; Recreation Committee, Joyce Hollenbeck; Community Service Committee, Tommy Smith; Missions and World Friendship Committee, Roy McKee; Evangelism Committee, Molly Manning and Sue Sharp, who will work as co-chairmen, and Stewardship Committee, Buzz Johnson. —Doris Manchester, Reporter

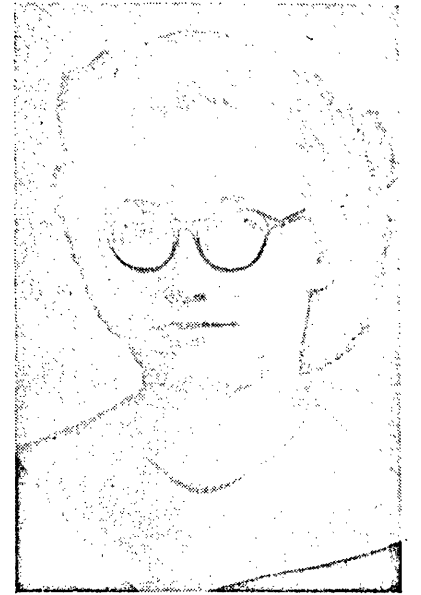
A Word About The Conference Program

By SARAH WORKMAN, Vice-President, North Arkansas Conference M. Y. F.

WE youth of the North Arkansas Conference can and will, I am sure, make this coming year a successful one. To do so we must make each and every part of our program a success. Here are some of the major things we hope to emphasize during the coming year.

The first is the M. Y. Fund. The conference has made gains this past year in M. Y. Fund giving, but we are still crowding the bottom of the list in our jurisdiction. This can be remedied if we are willing to work hard enough. Programs can be given at sub-district and local church meetings that will show the importance of this fund. A pledge system is a very successful way to increase M. Y. Fund donations.

This summer we have a large number of opportunities for the training of our youth leaders. Among these are the National Convocation of Methodist Youth at Purdue University and the Jurisdictional Workshop at Mt. Sequoyah. The Workshop is set up by the plan used at Boy's and Girl's State except that, in place of cities, counties and state, there will be local church, sub-district, and district. The group will face actual problems and try to find the best possible solutions. We hope



SARAH WORKMAN

that our delegates to Convocation and Workshop will return to their local churches better equipped and more inspired to carry out the work of the Kingdom.

We as young people have a challenge to meet in this new year. Let us go to our knees and pray that we will successfully meet it.

PAUL E. MARTIN SUB-DISTRICT

The Paul E. Martin Sub-District met at Mountain View Church on Tuesday, June 19. Carolyn Dooley led a short program. Leon Putman and Mary Virginia Wakefield gave reports on the Conference Youth Assembly at Hendrix College. Rev. W. A. Downum installed the following officers: President, Carolyn Dooley; Vice President, Margaret McAlister; Secretary, Sally Wernette; Treasurer, Anne Barker; Publicity Chairman, Marilyn Hurst; Worship and Evangelism Chairman, Danny Roebuck; Recreation Chairman, Betty Johnson; Missions and World Friendship Chairman, Eugene Shoemaker; Community Service Chairman, R. B. Carney. It was agreed to send two members to the Jurisdictional Conference to be held at Mt. Sequoyah this summer. These two members will be selected by the Sub-District Council which is to meet Tuesday, July 17.

There were 131 members present. Mountain View received the attendance plaque with a high single attendance of twenty-six. The meeting ended after recreation on the church lawn. —Reporter

GRACE CURTIS SUB-DISTRICT

The Grace Curtis Sub-District met at the North Arkansas Conference on June 15 at the Paragould First Methodist Church. After a worship service which included congregational service, the message was delivered by Dr. Warren Johnston, pastor of the First Methodist Church, Ft. Worth, Texas.

Four districts were represented.

Rev. R. E. Connell, pastor of the First Methodist Church, Paragould, talked on the Youth Assembly to be held at Mt. Sequoyah. He announced the number of adult counselors and youth to attend. —Roma Blake, Reporter

ELBERTA SUB-DISTRICT

The Elberta Sub-District met at Amity on May 24th. Forty-two were present. Mary Alice Spurlin, Joan Fincher, and Theresa Rose had charge of the program, the main feature of which was a film, "Unto Thyself be True."

The following officers were elected for the coming year: President, Sunshine Dillard; Vice President, Theresa Rose; Secretary, Katherine Denny; Reporter, Jimmy Featherston; Treasurer, Martha Ligon; Recreation Chairman, Mary Alice Spurlin; Worship and Evangelism Chairman, Polly Elzy; Community Service Chairman, Hildred Bean and Mission and World Friendship Chairman, Curtis Riddling; Jessie Mae Stell, Counselor.

On June 21st the Elberta Sub-District met at Delight and the new officers were installed with Rev. A. W. Hamilton as installing officer. Following the installation service there was a period of recreation. The next meeting will be held on July 19th at Murfreesboro. Plans are to have a picnic at the Narrows Dam at this meeting. —Ruby Branch

METHODIST YOUTH OF COLUMBIA COUNTY

The Methodist Youth of Columbia County installed new sub-district officers at the Jackson Street Church in Magnolia at a recent meeting.

Sue Wicker, president, presided over the meeting. Mrs. Bertha Rucks was elected adult adviser for the sub-district.

The next meeting will be on July 30 at First Methodist Church, Magnolia. —Reporter

The man who is so busy that he does not have time to read his trade papers is like the man who was so busy chopping wood that he didn't have time to sharpen his axe. —Your Cue to Business, Indianapolis Business Library

OBITUARIES

MOORE—Ruth Irene Moore, daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Isaac McCracken, was born at Ozone, Johnson County, Arkansas, May 17, 1890, and ended her earthly pilgrimage after three years illness at the Methodist Hospital, Memphis, Tenn., Tuesday, May 8th, 1951, thus ending a great Christian life.

Mrs. Moore received her public school education in Johnson County, then entered the College of the Ozarks at Clarksville, and received a degree from that institution. She taught music for a number of years, and directed choirs in many churches where she served with her husband.

At the age of ten Mrs. Moore was converted and joined the church at Ozone, thus giving more than fifty years to the church she loved. She was a member of the Woman's Society of Christian Service for many years, and held every official position in that organization, and was Spiritual Life Leader of the local organization at her death. She was a life member of the W. S. C. S. and was elected delegate to the Annual Conference a number of times. She was also a member of the Order of Eastern Star, having joined early in life, and served in every station in the order.

On February 22, 1924, she was happily married to Rev. J. W. Moore, in Fort Smith, by the late Rev. F. M. Tolleson. Mrs. Moore dedicated her physical and spiritual life to the church, the parsonage and the Kingdom of God. She took the plain parsonage into which she moved along with her family, and made it a delightfully attractive home.

Mrs. Moore was truly a missionary in spirit, having an uncle who was pastor of one of the leading churches in Chicago, and having an uncle and aunt who were missionaries in Turkey. Miss Eloise Butler, who went from the Hoxie Methodist Church as missionary to India, while the Rev. and Mrs. Moore were serving the Hoxie church, said this about Mrs. Moore, "I have never had a friend that I admired, appreciated and loved more than Mrs. Moore. She was a beautiful soul, and her life will continue to live in the lives of all who knew her. It was easy to pour out one's heart to her, and feel a complete understanding. In her presence I felt a harmony with life, God, and the universe, and to me, it marked true greatness in her life."

In addition to her husband, she leaves a daughter, Mrs. Howard Selby of Leachville; a step-son, Fred P. Moore of Jonesboro; two sisters, Mrs. Abe Ford of Ozone, and Mrs. J. E. Standley of Fort Smith; and five grandchildren.

Funeral services were held in the Caraway Methodist Church Thursday afternoon, May 10th, with Rev. E. B. Williams, district superintendent, in charge, assisted by the Rev. Lyman Barger of Jonesboro. Burial was in Linwood Cemetery in Paragould, Arkansas.

A good woman has gone to her reward—"Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord from henceforth: yea, saith the Spirit, they may rest from their labor; and their works do follow them." Revelation 14:13.—Written by one who had the privilege of loving and living with her for the last twenty-seven years of her life.

her home in Norman, Ark., April 14, 1951. She was married to Manroe Stafford, who survives her, November 17, 1889. To this union 11 children were born, 10 of whom survive:

Mrs. Pearl Carter of Dallas, Texas; Mrs. Coral Fryar of Oakland, California; Everette of Dallas, Texas; Elgan of Pampa, Texas; Mrs. Arris Stevens of Dallas, Texas; Mrs. Ava Watson of Glenwood, Arkansas; Doyle of Saguache, Colorado; Clyde

of Walnut Ridge, Arkansas; Mrs. Cleo Hester of Yakima, Washington; Aldridge of Springfield, Oregon."

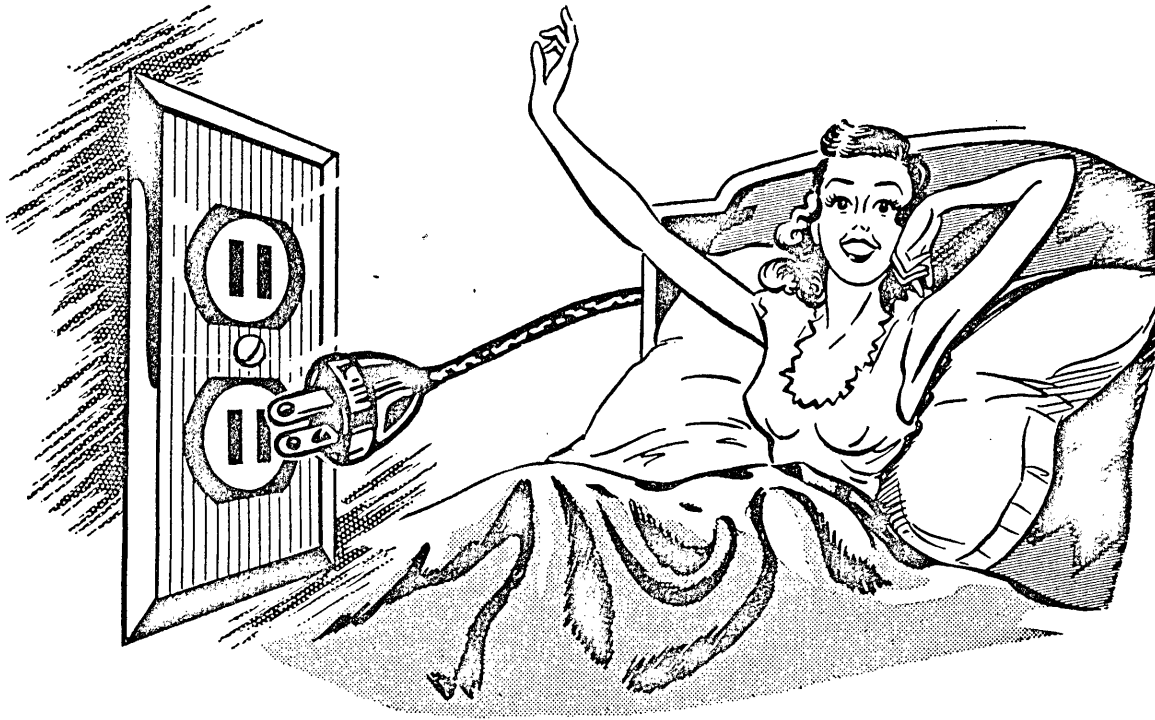
She is also survived by 35 grandchildren and 29 great-grandchildren.

Mrs. Stafford was converted and joined the Methodist Church at Emmett, Arkansas in her childhood. She moved to County Line Community at the age of 16 years. She spent the rest of her life in Montgomery County, having lived in the Sardis, South Fork and Norman

communities. In every community where she lived she was an active worker in the Methodist Church. She served her Christ and her church in whatever capacity she was called upon to do so. She served her Christ about 70 years in the Methodist Church. She was faithful until her death.

We do not say goodbye to her, only good night, for tomorrow we hope to say "good morning."—Osborne White.

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HOW CAN WE TRANSFORM COMMUNITY LIFE? LESSON FOR JULY 22, 1951

READ THE ENTIRE LESSON FROM YOUR BIBLE:
Matthew 25: 31-46; Acts 6:1-7; Romans 12:9-21, 13:8-10.

GOLDEN TEXT: "Owe no one anything, except to love one another; for he who loves his neighbor has fulfilled the law." (Romans 13:8)



A Look At The Scriptures Religion Is Practical

All of the passages of this lesson have one thing in common—kindness motivated by love. In the twenty-fifth chapter of Matthew, we have the account of the judgment. Christ had previously said that all judgment would be placed in his hands and in this passage he pictures himself as the Judge of all mankind. This passage is strong proof that Christ believed in his own Divinity. No mere man could afford to set himself up as the Judge of all others.

One of the things that stands out in this scene is the fact that Christianity is very practical. It is not some mystical something that is far removed from this earth. It is not a matter of carrying out some ritual or form of worship that cannot be understood by all. It is purely and simply kind deeds motivated by love. It is feeding the hungry, clothing the naked, visiting the sick, and administering to those in prison. In this scene, Christ insisted that one's eternal welfare depended upon forgetting one's self in service to others. This service was to be rendered through love for Christ and love for those thus helped.

Another beautiful thought here is the humility of these Christians. They had no memory of ever having seen Christ in need and rendering service to him. He informed them that in helping others they had served him. He so identifies himself with the whole human family that when one member of that family helps another he is helping Christ. Little wonder that Christ liked to call himself "Son of Man". He summed up in himself the human family. He is the head of the redeemed human race. That is, that portion of the race that will accept him as Saviour. They are the group who on the judgment day will stand on his right hand.

Officers In The Early Church

The next passage (Acts 6:1-7) also speaks of charitable service that was being rendered. This event took place at Jerusalem. There were many needy people in the early Church; especially widows and orphans. The Church at Jerusalem was daily distributing the necessities of life to these poor people. Some friction arose over this distribution. All of these people were Jews. The fact that some of them are called Hebrews and the others Grecians simply means that some were born and reared in Palestine while the others were born in other provinces of the Roman Empire (where the Greek Language was spoken) and later moved to Palestine.

This friction led to the appointment of the first officers in the early church—the deacons. There were

seven of them. Among the number were Stephen and Phillip. These two later became outstanding leaders of the early Church. Stephen became the first Christian martyr. These seven were appointed primarily to look after the poor. The Apostles were too busy teaching and preaching to assume this responsibility.

Christian Relationships

The next selection (Romans 12:9-21) is one of the most practical passages in all the Bible. It might well be termed applied Christianity. Some one has said that this whole chapter is a good commentary on the Sermon on the Mount. At the time Paul wrote these words the teachings of Christ had not been committed to writing, but he must have been acquainted with them anyway, for much he says in this chapter sounds a great deal like the doctrines of our Lord. The gist of this passage might be summed-up as motivated by love.

Paul insisted that all relationships be based upon love. He had about the same idea Christ had when he gave the two great commandments—Love God supremely and neighbor as self. All sin is a violation of relationships. One cannot sin without wronging self, fellowman, or God. If one loves as he should he will do no intentional wrong. His evil deeds will be mistakes of the head and not the heart. One of old gave the advice, "Love God with all the strength of your being, fellow-man as self, and then do as you please." That is not bad advice. No one can thus love and intentionally wrong anybody.

Sincere Love

In this passage Paul goes on to tell us that if love is to work it must be sincere. It must be a thing of deed and truth and not merely of word. Talk is cheap but deeds are sometimes expensive. Love that does not lead one to sacrifice for the good of others will never succeed in making a better social order. It is love that shares with others that counts in the relationships of life. The pagan idea is that of getting for self; the Christian idea is that of self-giving. Christ gave himself; first in service to others and then in death for others. Modern Christians should follow in the footsteps of Christ. If need be, they should be willing to die for their cause. Many are paying that price for their convictions in certain sections of the world now. Many will never be called upon to pay the last full measure of devotion in tragic death, but they must never forget that it is just as important to faithfully live for a good cause as it is to die for it.

Not only is Christian love one that shares with others, but it is one that places the advancement of others above self—"in honor pre-

ferring one another." When honor is to be conferred it is a bit hard for one to take a backseat and desire that another have the favor, but sincere, Christian love will enable one to do that very thing. The fact that we seldom see that done only shows how rare true Christian love is.

The Apostle next tells us that this must be a love for the brethren; that is, it must be a love for all Christians. This advice is especially applicable to our age, when the Church is divided into scores of denominations. Our love for the family of God must reach out beyond the bounds of our particular denomination otherwise denominationalism becomes a curse instead of a blessing. As Christians, we must learn to magnify the things we have in common rather than the things that separate us. We have the same God for a Father; the same Christ for an elder Brother and Saviour; the same Holy Spirit for a Comforter and Guide; and the same heaven for an eternal home. We must learn how to live together on this earth if we are to live together in peace and harmony forever in heaven. We are thinking today about how to transform community life. Nothing will be of more help in accomplishing this task than a greater spirit of co-operation between the various denominations. "Where there is unity, there is strength." If communities are to be transformed and a better world made, there will have to be a greater spirit of working together on the part of all of God's children.

We are next admonished to keep up our enthusiasm. No worthwhile task can be accomplished without it. We must never let our zeal lag. We must keep our spirits aglow. This can only be done through close contact with Christ; a contact that is secured and maintained through persistent prayer. This fellowship with Christ will lead to charitableness; kindness in forgiving and overlooking the faults and shortcomings of others and hospitality in the matter of sharing possessions with the needy. The faithful practice of these principles would greatly improve the life of any community.

The Apostle goes on to deal with the matter of revenge. "Vengeance is sweet," is an old saying. It may be sweet for a time but it usually culminates in great bitterness of spirit. Paul warns against trying to get even with those who have wronged us. He would have us leave it to God. God is the Judge of all the earth, and as such, must do right. He must see that justice is rendered to all. He has built a universe which ultimately rewards righteousness and punishes wickedness. He is merciful to all who truly repent, but as the righteous Judge of all, his mercy must be tempered with justice. If one has been wronged in such a way that recourse can be had to the laws of the land, and Christian wisdom dictates such procedure, that method should be used. God often works through such laws. If help cannot come from this source then one should leave the matter only in the hands of God, remembering that justice will be done to all concerned. No person who wrongs another ever fully escapes the consequences of his sin. Even the forgiving mercy of God does not insure such escape. God is the Judge of the victim as well as the wrong-doer. He cannot afford to look after the interest of one to the neglect of the other. The repentant, wrong-doer is restored to harmonious relationship with God. He suffers the penalty of his sin (short of hell, which is eternal separ-

ation from God) in harmony with God rather than separated from him. All of this deals in the matter of making a better community since it has to do with the method of handling frictions that arise between citizens.

Love At Its Highest Point

Love reaches its highest point in the heart of the individual who not only refrains from seeking revenge but actually renders help to the person who has wronged him. In closing this great chapter Paul goes on to say, "Therefore if thine enemy hunger, feed him; if he thirst, give him drink: for in so doing thou shalt heap coals of fire on his head. Be not overcome of evil, but overcome evil with good."

This is one of the high points of the whole Bible. It is surpassed only by the teaching of Christ, along the same line, in the Sermon on the Mount. This shows that Paul was well acquainted with the great doctrines of the Lord, though these doctrines had not yet been committed to writing.

Many times, by the power of love, enemies are transformed into friends. So it had been in the case of Paul. He went about persecuting the Church. Many of the early Christians were imprisoned and some killed at his behest. But in spite of all this Christ kept loving him. This love finally paid off. Paul became the best and most active friend Christ ever had. The love and kindness of Christ heaped coals of fire on Paul's head. That is they brought about in his heart a burning sense of shame. This led to a complete transformation of this life. Nothing would help more in transforming communities and making a better world than the practice of this type of love. Pretty soon most enemies would be turned into friends and love and peace and goodwill would come to the earth.

True Love Is Perfect Obedience

In the last passage of the lesson (Romans 13:8-10) Paul goes on to tell us that true love produces perfect obedience. He who loves his fellow-man has fulfilled the law. When one loves his neighbor as he does himself he will do no intentional wrong to him. Paul's thought at this point is a complete commentary on the two great commandments given by Christ—love God supremely and neighbor as self.

Thus we see from the above Scripture passages a complete remedy for the transformation of community life. The Gospel is both individualistic and social. It is the power of God unto salvation. It first reaches the individual and transforms the inner springs of his life. But it does not stop there. It finds its way out into the community life through all the contacts that the saved individual has with his fellow citizens.

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