

**CONDENSED MINUTES**

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transferred in after having been received into full connection by another conference? None.

33. Who are readmitted? None.

34. Who have been received by transfer? None.

35. Who have been transferred out? Guy C. Ames, Jr., Probationer, East Oklahoma Conf., May 1, 1951; James Fleming, Probationer, Northwest Texas Conf., June 17, 1951; Loy T. Atkinson, Probationer, North Texas Conf., June 17, 1951; Bennie F. Jordan, Probationer, North Texas Conf., June 17, 1951; Howard Cox, Probationer, Texas Conf., June 17, 1951; W. L. Diggs, Elder, St. Louis Conf., June 17, 1951; Richard Whitwam, Probationer, East Oklahoma Conf., June 17, 1951; Charles Wayne Banks, Elder, Southwest Texas Conf., Sept. 1, 1950; Linley E. Vowell, Elder, North Texas Conf., June 17, 1951.

36. Who have had their conference membership terminated: (a) By voluntary location? None. (b) By involuntary location? None. (c) By withdrawal? None. (d) By judicial procedure (expelled)? None.

37. What ministerial members have died during the year? Eugene W. Potter, J. D. Roberts, R. A. Robertson, Francis M. Tolleson, C. J. Wade.

38. Who are the supernumerary ministers, and for what number of years consecutively has each held this relation? None.

39. Who are granted sabbatical leave? None.

40. What ministers have been retired: (a) This year? Grover C. Johnson. (b) Previously? S. N. Adams, W. W. Allbright, R. A. Bevis, W. E. Bishop, C. H. Bumpers, A. L. Cline, M. A. Cherry, Eli Craig, P. W. Emrah, James B. Evans, L. W. Fair, J. J. Galloway, J. F. Glover, A. E. Goode, Charles E. Gray, Norris Greer, James W. Harger, C. E. Holifield, J. W. Howard, James N. Hughes, James M. Hughey, M. N. Johnston, Fred A. Lark, Byron A. McKnight, W. J. LeRoy, W. A. Lindsey, L. E. Mann, E. Marlar, E. K. Means, Guy Murphy, W. L. Oliver, W. A. Patty, George E. Patchell, E. M. Peters, James Anderson Reynolds, J. L. Rowland, A. W. Russell, W. L. Russell, J. Abner Sage, Jr., E. K. Sewell, Jefferson Sherman, William Sherman, Mrs. Ora Sidwell, John Whitaker Simmons, Joseph Howell Smith, J. B. Stewart, Grover Sutherland, F. M. Sweet,

W. P. Whaley, B. L. Wilford, W. J. Williams, C. F. Wilson, Robert E. Wilson, James Turpin Willcox, John A. Womack, Sam Yancey, and J. W. York.

41. Who are left without appointment to attend school? Charles Casteel, Pryor Reed Cruce, Samuel P. Auslam, Winslow Brown, Allen Eugene Hilliard, Walter C. Johnson, William Connell, Norris Steele, John Workman, Worth Gibson, Justus Edmondson, George Wayne Martin, Claudie McLeod, Robert Howerton, Earl Hughes, James Clemmons, Gerald Hammett, Earl Carter, Billy Dennis, Linza Harrison, Raymond Krutz, William James Cook, George Trobaugh.

42. What is the number of: (a) Pastoral charges? 245. Received on trial? 14. Transfers in? None. Received from other churches? None. Discontinued? One. Accepted supply pastors? 86. Received into full connection? 10. Transfers out? 9. Readmitted? None. Withdrawn? None. Expelled? None. Deceased? 5. Located? None. (b) Ministers: (1) On trial: (a) As pastors? 9. (b) Under special appointment? None. (c) Left without appointment to attend school? 23. Total on trial? 32. (2) In full connection: (a) Effective: (i) As pastors and district superintendents? 135. (ii) Under special appointment? 24. (iii) Left without appointment to attend school? 3. (iv) On sabbatical leave? 0. Total effective? 162. (b) Retired? 58. (c) Supernumerary? 0. (c) Total of all ministers? (Add total on trial, total effective, retired, and supernumerary.) 252.

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

**Part III. Concluding Business**

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

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

46. What are the detailed objectives of this conference for the coming year? See Reports of Boards and Commissions.

47. Where shall the next session of the conference be held? First Methodist Church, Blytheville, Arkansas.

48. Is there any further business? See Conference Journal.

49. What changes have been made in appointments since last Annual Conference session? None.

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

**APPOINTMENTS FOR NORTH ARKANSAS CONFERENCE**

(Continued from page 5)

Paris, B. C. Few.  
Prairie View - Scranton, C. R. Hoggard; City Heights-Bethel, Felix Nance.  
Van Buren: First Church, J. H. Holland; St. Johns, Robert P. Sessions.  
Waldron Circuit, To Be Supplied.  
Waldron, Elmo Thomason.  
District Director, Arkansas Methodist, B. C. Few.  
District Director of Evangelism, Elmo Thomason.  
District Missionary Secretary, Robert E. L. Bearden.  
District Director of Golden Cross, C. N. Guice.  
District Director of Radio, Fred G. Roebuck.

**JONESBORO DISTRICT**

E. B. Williams, District Superintendent  
Black Oak-Delfore, Hascle O. West.  
Blytheville, First Church, Roy I. Bagley.  
Blytheville, Lake Street, George L. McGehey.  
Blytheville, West Parish, B. W. Stallcup.  
Bono Circuit, W. L. Douglas.  
Brookland Circuit, Layman L. Bounds.  
Caraway, J. W. Moore.  
Dell, E. H. Hall.  
Dyess-Whitton, M. J. Pollard.  
Harrisburg, J. T. Byrd.  
Joiner, E. E. Stevenson.  
Jonesboro Churches: First Church, John M. McCormack; Fisher Street, William M. Womack; Huntington Avenue, Elmus C. Brown.  
Keiser, J. M. Harrison.  
Lake City-Lake View, Gail C. Anderson.  
Leachville, Carl C. Burton.  
Lepanto, Lyman T. Barger.  
Lorado Circuit, Gerald Brannon.  
Lunsford-Pleasant Valley, Norris Greer.  
Luxora, H. L. Robison.  
McCormick-Calvary, Dave Smitherman.  
Manila, N. Lee Cate.  
Marked Tree, Paul M. Bumpers.  
Monette, G. A. McKelvey.  
Mt. Carmel-Forest Home, Albert Gibbs.  
Nettleton-Bay, Clyde Crozier.  
Osceola, Garland C. Taylor.  
St. John Circuit, To Be Supplied.  
Truman, Byron McSpadden.  
Turrell-Gilmore, Lester Weaver.  
Tyrnza, Thurston Masters.  
Weiner Circuit, Porter Weaver.  
Weona-Center View, Billie L. Odom.  
Wilson, Sam G. Watson.  
Yarbro - Promised Land, Frank Stage.

District Director, Arkansas Methodist, Paul M. Bumpers.  
District Director of Evangelism, Garland C. Taylor.  
District Missionary Secretary, Lyman T. Barger.  
District Director of Golden Cross, E. H. Hall.  
District Radio Director, John M. McCormack.

tians here. A POW elder sent a deacon to conduct the Sunday school for the 'Baby Camp' (the teen-agers), and he sees that leaders are sent here and there to teach the scriptures. Day by day I am learning of work already established by the prisoners who are systematic and determined in their efforts to get Christ to all the Camp . . . There are 134,000 POW's in Pusan."

**PARAGOULD DISTRICT**

A. N. Storey, District Superintendent  
Beech Grove, W. C. Smith.  
Biggers - Knobel, William Paul Lanier.  
Black Rock-Clover Bend, A. Laro Peterson.  
Boydsville Circuit, To Be Supplied.  
Corning, A. W. Harris.  
Dean-Hurricane, Sherman Ragsdell.  
French Grove-Harvey's Chapel, Elbert Marlar.  
Hardy-Williford, W. B. Yount.  
Hoxie, W. T. Lingo.  
Imboden-Smithville, W. T. Watson.  
Leonard Circuit, Robert Sykes.  
Mammoth Spring, M. B. Short.  
Marmaduke, Fern Cook.  
Maynard-Ravenden Springs, Alvin Gibbs.  
Paragould: First, R. E. Connell; Griffin Memorial, J. H. Holt.  
Paragould Circuit, Robert Montgomery.  
Piggott, W. O. Scroggin, Jr.  
Pocahontas, John Bayliss.  
Rector: First, J. M. Barnett; Fourth Street-Five Oaks, H. M. Sanford.  
Rector Circuit, To Be Supplied.  
St. Francis-Wright's Chapel, John F. Wilson.  
Sedgwick-Egypt, To Be Supplied.  
Stanford - Morning Star, Loyd Turner.  
Walnut Ridge, O. J. Evanson.  
Deaconess, Rector Area, Miss Mary Chaffin.  
District Director, Arkansas Methodist, R. E. Connell.  
District Director of Evangelism, John Bayliss.  
District Missionary Secretary, W. O. Scroggin, Jr.  
District Director, Radio, J. H. Holt.  
District Director, Golden Cross, Oscar J. Evanson.

**SEARCY DISTRICT**

C. E. Whitten, District Superintendent  
Antioch, W. T. Johnson.  
Augusta, H. Lynn Wade.  
Bald Knob, Pharis J. Holifield.  
Beebe, Floyd G. Villines, Jr.  
Cabot, C. W. Good.  
Clinton, Verlia F. Harris.  
DeView Circuit, To Be Supplied.  
Griffithville, Ray Edwards.  
Harrison, Earle Cravens.  
Heber Springs, W. Vance Womack.  
Jacksonville, Harold Spence.  
Judsonia, John R. Manney.  
Kensett, W. W. Peterson.  
Leslie, W. A. Lindsey.  
Marshall, E. C. Hance.  
McCrary, John W. Glover.  
McRae, Roy Moyers.  
McRae Extension, To Be Supplied.  
Newton County, C. A. Simpson.  
Pangburn, J. M. Talkington.  
Quitman, Stanley Reed.  
Rosebud Circuit, Harold Brent.  
Searcy, J. Ralph Hillis. Associate, Jefferson Sherman.  
Valley Springs, Kenneth Renfro.  
Van Buren County, No. 1, Calvin Roetzal.  
Van Buren County No. 2, Frank Jones.  
Van Buren County No. 3, Travis Williams.  
Ward-Wilborn, J. G. Grening.  
District Director, Arkansas Methodist, W. V. Womack.  
District Missionary Secretary, Harold Spence.  
District Director, Radio, Earle Cravens.  
District Director, Evangelism, J. Ralph Hillis.  
District Director, Golden Cross, H. Lynn Wade.

**1950 CHURCH SCHOOL FIGURES RELEASED**

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making the largest contribution was Southeastern with \$732,073.

Of the 317,597 persons joining the Methodist Church last year on profession of faith and from preparatory membership, 178,701, or 56.26 per cent came from the church school. "The ratio of approximately 6 out of 10 additions to the church coming through the church schools, has persisted year after year and indicates the crucial importance of the church school in the evangelistic work of the church," said the Rev. Walter Towner, under whose supervision the statistical record was compiled. Jurisdictional totals in this category: Southeastern, 47,678; North Central, 44,847; Northeastern, 34,634; South Central, 34,221; Western, 10,802; and Central, 6,519.

Significant membership totals were noted in the age-group divi-

sions. Number of children reported was 2,219,547, or 37 per cent of the entire membership; adults, 2,106,835, or 43 per cent; youth, 1,142,130, or 20 per cent.

**KOREAN PRISONERS EAGER GOSPEL STUDENTS**

"The longer I am around Prisoner of War Camp No. 3 (in Pusan), the more the enormity and the possibility of this work overwhelms me," says Missionary and Chaplain Harold Voelkel, serving in Korea. "We have in Camp No. 3 about 1,000 to 1,500 bright responsive teen-agers who memorize a gospel chorus and a verse of scripture in no time. I wish I could give them all my time, for after knowing Christ as Savior I'm sure many of them would ultimately find their way into the ministry. They have organized a Sunday school and a Glee Club.

"I continue to be amazed and humbled by the zeal of the Chris-

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## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL AT STAR CITY

The annual Vacation Bible School was held at the Star City Methodist Church on May 28 through June 1 with Mrs. R. M. Cheser as general superintendent.

The Beginners studied "Stories of Jesus." Mrs. T. B. Nichols was in charge with Mrs. Jim Nobles, Miss Judy Springs and Miss Virginia White as assistants.

The Primaries studied "Learning About Our Church." Mrs. Jack Atkinson was superintendent with Mrs. Murle Nobles, Mrs. R. M. Dixon and Mrs. Ted Adair as her assistants.

The Juniors were in charge of Mrs. Vaughn Wade with Mrs. Clyde Culbertson and Mrs. Havis White assisting. They studied "Praise Ye the Lord."

The Intermediates studied the Bible, covering the first nine chapters of Acts. Mrs. Fred Thornton, Mrs. James Mix and Mrs. Isaac Chambers were in charge.

William Shumate had charge of the boys' workshop with Rev. Eldred Blakley assisting. Mrs. W. J. Springs had charge of the music. Mrs. F. T. Tucker was in charge of refreshments which were served each day at 10:00 o'clock. There was an enrollment of 74 with an average attendance of 65; 55 received certificates for having attended three days out of five.

Closing exercises were held on Friday night with an exhibit of the children's work.—Reporter.

## ATKINS VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

The Vacation Bible School at Atkins this year was by far the best school we have had in Atkins in our five years of service here. This was made possible by the fact that a number of our workers went to

## INSTRUCTOR IN PASTORS' SCHOOL

**D**R. ROCKWELL C. SMITH, who offers the course on "The Rural Church" in the Arkansas Pastors' School, July 30-August 3, is a native of Massachusetts. He has studied in some of the leading universities of the North and East, including DePauw and Boston. He was awarded the Ph.D. degree by the University of Wisconsin, and the honorary Doctor of Divinity degree from his alma mater, DePauw. He was ordained and received into the membership of the New England Conference, later transferring to the West Wisconsin Conference of which he is now a member.

After successful pastorates covering more than a decade, he was made Research Assistant at the University of Wisconsin, from which he came to Garrett Biblical Institute, where he has been Professor of Rural Church Administration and Sociology since 1940.

He is not only widely and favorably known as a lecturer, but as a writer, also. His "The Church in Our Town", published by the Cokesbury Press in 1945, was selected as one of the fifty significant books of the year by the American Library Association. He wrote the chapter on "Religion and Family Life" in "Marriage, Family and Parenthood," by Becker and Hill. He is frequent contributor to leading church and sociological periodicals.

In addition to the many other



DR. ROCKWELL C. SMITH

demands on his time, the following are some of his present responsibilities: Chairman Advisory Board of Churches, Editor of *The Rural Church*, and Director of the Interdenominational School of Rural Leaders.

Having been in our Pastors' School before, Dr. Smith is no stranger to many of our leaders in both Conferences. We welcome him for this return visit to Arkansas.—Roy E. Fawcett.

The Juniors were under the direction of Mrs. Joe Moore, Mrs. Virgil Martin and Mrs. H. C. Minnis. There were 24 enrolled.

The Primaries were under the leadership of Mrs. R. L. Haney, Mrs. J. E. Merriman, Mrs. Clara Stanley and Miss Mary Lee Darr. There were 18 in this group.

The Beginner Department was under the leadership of Mrs. S. O. Boone, Mrs. Wade Henry, Mrs. Nancy Highey, Mrs. Irl Darr and Miss Mary Ann Stubbs. Seventeen were enrolled in this group.

There were 59 pupils and 16 workers.

We are grateful to all who made the school a success.—H. C. Minnis, Pastor.

Without music and poetry and painting life is like a pond drying out in the sun.—Bertha Miller, Volta Review

## LEADERSHIP SCHOOL AT MT. SEQUOYAH

Nashville, Tenn. — The annual Leadership School for the South Central Jurisdiction of the Methodist Church will be held at Mt. Sequoyah, Fayetteville, Arkansas, July 16-27, it has been announced by the Rev. M. Earl Cunningham, director of the Leadership Education Department of the General Board of Education and dean of the school. This year's theme is: "The Ministry of Teaching."

Registrations for the school are being handled by the executive secretaries of the Board of Education of the 19 annual conferences comprising the jurisdiction. Those who should attend are: Staff members of conference boards of education, district and sub-district directors of the three age group divisions, district directors of general church school work, district superintendents and certified instructors of leadership education courses.

The school will be divided into two sections — a laboratory school and a general section. Under the direction of Miss Lula Doyle Baird of Morrilton, Arkansas, the laboratory school will have the following instructors and groups: Mrs. J. C. Burrow, Columbia, Mississippi, Nursery; Mrs. Roy Scales, Dallas, Kindergarten; Miss Carrie Lou Goddard, Richmond, Virginia, Primary; Mrs. Uel D. Crosby, Lubbock, Texas, Junior; Mrs. Moe Sigler, Lincoln, Nebraska, and Rev. Harold Eggensperger, Russellville, Arkansas, Intermediate; Rev. A. Merritt Dietrich, Buffalo, New York, Senior.

In the general section sixteen courses covering practically all phases of Christian education in the local church will be offered.

Evening program of paramount interest and significance have been planned. Participants will include: Dr. Mary Alice Jones and Dr. J. Q. Schisler, Nashville, Tennessee; Rev. D. L. Dykes, Fayetteville, Arkansas; (Continued on page 13)

## WESLEY FOUNDATION OFFICERS

**T**HE picture below shows Don Hitt, retiring president of the University of Arkansas Wesley Foundation, congratulating Jerol Garrison, whom the group recently elected as president for the 1951-52 school year. Other U of A students looking on are Marjorie

Hammond, newly-elected vice president, and Bill Henderson, president of the Methodist Student Movement in Arkansas.

Other new Wesley Foundation officers are: Frances Poe, secretary; Bill Bowden, treasurer, and Myron Cassidy, assistant treasurer.



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# WOMAN'S SOCIETY OF CHRISTIAN SERVICE

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## RISON INSTALLS NEW OFFICERS

Installation services for the officers of the W. S. C. S. and the Wesleyan Service Guild were held at the Methodist church Sunday evening. Rev. Geo. Kerr, the pastor, conducted the installation.

The program included an anthem by the choir, solos by Calvin Walker and Mrs. Homer Morrison, meditation by Mrs. Jack England, talks by Mrs. J. W. Newsma, Mrs. Craig Sadler and Mrs. L. W. Knowles and dedication of talents.

The newly elected officers of the W. S. C. S. are: Mrs. Homer Morrison, president; Mrs. Wallace Hobson, vice-president; Mrs. Geo. Kerr, promotional secretary; Mrs. Calvin Walker, recording secretary; Mrs. L. F. Williams, treasurer; Mrs. J. W. Newler, local treasurer; Mrs. J. W. Newsam, secretary missionary education and service; Mrs. A. B. Robertson secretary of Christian social relations and local church activities; Mrs. Van Sadler, secretary student work; Mrs. Boyd Arnold, secretary youth work; Mrs. Guy Cameron, secretary of children's work; Mrs. Roy Wilson, secretary of literature and publications; Mrs. H. D. Sadler, secretary of supplies; Mrs. Herman Davidson, secretary spiritual life; Mrs. J. D. Mitchell, secretary of status of women; Mrs. S. A. Jones, chairman of fellowship; Mrs. J. H. Yaney, chairman of membership; Mrs. J. H. Creed, chairman of publicity and printing.

Guild officers are: Mrs. Guy M. Sadler, president; Mrs. Homer McGowan, vice-president; Mrs. Lanelle Ragan, secretary and spiritual life chairman; Mrs. Corene Brand, promotional secretary, and Mrs. Leali Attwood, treasurer.

Committees were named and recommendations were made for the W. S. C. S. at a meeting of the executive committee Tuesday evening at the home of Mrs. Homer Morrison, the W. S. C. S. president. Mrs. Morrison served refreshments.

## LEOLA ELECTS NEW OFFICERS

The Leola Woman's Society elected the following officers for the new year; President, Mrs. Glen Raines; Vice President, Mrs. Howard Rankin; Secretary and Treasurer, Mrs. Jeff Baker; Promotion Secretary, Mrs. Nell Tucker; Christian Social Relations, Mrs. Coe Riggan.

Mrs. Irvin Weaver, the retiring president has led the group for many years, and has made the society a very vital part of the church program.—Reporter

## THE OLA SOCIETY

The Ola Woman's society met for the regular meeting at the church. The attendance was very good, and an interesting program was given with Mrs. Hurley as leader.

The "Atlas Pledge" was presented and pledges for the new year were made. The secretary of Missionary Education reported that Jurisdiction Credit was received for the recently completed study course "The Near East." Mrs. Hurley was hostess for the society and served delicious refreshments.—Reporter

## MRS. JESSIE GILSTRAP SPEAKER AT GRAVETTE

Mrs. Jessie Gilstrap, President of the Fayetteville District Woman's Society of Christian Service, spoke from the pulpit at the Gravette Methodist Church at 11 a. m., June 3, under the auspices of the Gravette W. S. C. S. Her message was well delivered and appreciated by the congregation.

The officers of the Gravette W. S. C. S. were also installed at this time by the pastor, H. W. Jinske. They are as follows: President, Mrs. S. N. Douglas; Vice president, Mrs. W. Wilson; Recording Secretary, Mrs. C. E. McAllister; Promotion Secretary, Mrs. J. L. Oswalt; Treasurer, Mrs. Stokes Ballard; Secretary of Missionary Education, Mrs. Clarence Teeter; Secretary of Christian Social Relations, Mrs. Clay Jenkins; Secretary of Youth Work, Mrs. H. W. Jinske; Secretary of literature and publications, Mrs. A. P. Dunagin; Secretary of Supply work, Mrs. E. V. Williamson; Secretary of Status of Women, Mrs. Clifford Fry; Secretary of Student Work, Mrs. Haskel Jackson.—H. W. Jinske

## MANSFIELD WESLEYAN GUILD

The Program Committee of the Wesleyan Service Guild of the Mansfield church met at the home of the Coordinator, Mrs. L. A. Hodges, to make out the yearly programs.

The meeting opened with a devotional and the reading of the committees for the new year. Miss Madge Evans, as Vice President of the Guild was chairman of the meeting and presided. She was assisted by the other members of her committee.

The theme for this year's program is "The Earth is The Lord's." The Guild decided to have year books printed and given out at the July meeting.

The June meeting was on the White House Conference, and was led by Miss Maude Evans, at the home of Mrs. L. A. Hodges, with Mrs. Ruby Laster as co-hostess.

The July meeting will be in the form of a Workshop and will meet at the home of Mrs. Anderson, with Mrs. Lanier as assistant hostess.—Reporter

## THE HOPE DISTRICT GUILD MEETS

The Hope District Wesleyan Service Guild met in the private dining room of Hill's cafe in DeQueen with the DeQueen Guild acting as hostesses.

Five Guilds were represented with 54 in attendance.

Invocation was given by Mrs. W. H. Thomas, and the Guild Hymn was sung.

Mrs. O. B. Pullen, program chairman, presided. Miss Bertha Golden, district chairman, presided over the business and the following officers were elected: Miss Bertha Golden, Mena, District Chairman; Mrs. Harvey Prince, DeQueen, Associate Chairman, Mrs. J. W. Patterson, Hope, Secretary and Treasurer, and Mrs. Clifford Powell, Texarkana, program chairman. A love offering was taken for the DeQueen Guild, for the splendid job they have done of acting as permanent hostesses to help them on their building fund in erecting the new church.

Miss Golden gave a report of the Little Rock Conference week-end that was held in El Dorado, and also stressed the four goals of the Advance Program of the Woman's Division to continue as our major emphasis for 1951-52.

Miss Pearl Williamson, of DeQueen was the guest speaker and gave an inspiring talk of encouragement and strength by which to live. She stressed study and the reading of the Bible and good literature and had copies of a number of magazines and Christian publications that she pointed out as good material and also gave several copies to the members.

Mrs. Tooley, of Hope, district president of the W. S. C. S. and Mrs. White, district Treasurer of the W. S. C. S. were guests of the Guild.

## LEWISVILLE WOMAN'S SOCIETY HOLDS OFFICERS TRAINING DAY

The Woman's Society of Lewisville held an Officers Training Day at their church on June 11th. There were 27 present, including one Conference officer, four district officers, and the pastor and his wife, who have been returned for another year.

The morning session began with music played by Mrs. H. E. Haden at the piano and Miss Mary Dale Turner at the organ. The opening hymn was "O Master Let Me Walk With Thee." The devotional was led by Mrs. Jim Walker.

Mrs. W. L. Woods, president of the local society introduced the visitors. Mrs. J. N. Carpenter, district president, spoke on the Needs and Aims of The Society. This was followed by the duties of each local officer being discussed by competent leaders. The group was dismissed for lunch by Rev. J. A. Simpson giving the invocation.

Following the lunch hour the program of officers' duties were resumed, and many helpful suggestions were made. At the close of the afternoon program Mrs. Carpenter gave a summary of the discussions of the day, and of the great work that is ahead for the new year.—Reporter

## FINANCIAL STATEMENT, LITTLE ROCK CONFERENCE W. S. C. S., MAY 50-51

Balance May 12, 1950	\$ 5,076.55	Total Credit on Pledge, W. S. G. & W. S. C. S.	50,093.66
<b>RECEIPTS:</b>		Youth	2,067.47
W. S. C. S.:		Children's Service Fund	138.87
Undirected Pledge	\$43,642.45	Total on Appropriations	61,300.00
Lenten Offering	767.71	Week of Prayer, W. S. C. S.	3,132.84
Projects	1,637.05	Week of Prayer, W. S. G.	328.92
McKimney Fund	1,572.94	Foreign Supplies	708.37
W. S. G.:		Home Supplies	2,484.48
Undirected Pledge	5,0794.14	Supplementary Gifts	63.97
Lenten Offering	58.28	Division Cultivation Fund	30.34
Projects	1,136.90	Total to Division	\$68,048.92
McKimney Fund	37.00	<b>OTHER DISBURSEMENTS:</b>	
Wanda Stahley	1,053.45	Administrative Expense	\$ 996.54
State Sanatorium	969.51	Printing & Mimeographing	985.22
Special Memberships:		Annual Meeting 1950	1,048.53
Hon. Baby	545.00	Annual Meeting 1951	268.01
Hon. Junior	10.00	Annual Meeting W. S. G.	23.20
Hon. Youth	75.00	Jurisdiction & Convocation	100.00
Adult Life	4,525.00	Jurisdiction School of Missions	185.75
Memorial	150.00	Conf. School of Missions	220.38
Honorary Life	287.50	Gifts for Wanda Stahley (1950-51)	100.00
W. S. G. Baby	10.00	Dist. Cultivation Fund—W. S. C. S.	1,616.43
W. S. G. Adult Life	375.00	W. S. G.	348.98
W. S. G. Hon. Life	12.50	Elizabeth T. Workman	900.00
In Remembrance Fund	59.50	Student Loan Fund—W. S. C. S.	557.14
Conference Rural Work	533.00	W. S. G.	20.00
Little Rock Methodist Council	1,658.80	Ref. Little Rock Meth. Council	582.80
Credit on Pledge, W. S. C. S.	57,486.91	Salary of Negro Worker	300.00
Credit on Pledge, W. S. G.	6,713.82	Alcohol Education	750.00
Total Credit on Pledge	64,200.73	Dist. Guild Expense	24.65
Youth Fund	\$ 2,067.47	Car—Camden Rural Work	1,829.46
Children's Service Fund	138.87	Refund—Camden Dist.	450.00
Total on Appropriations	66,407.07	Auditing of Books	50.00
W. S. C. S.:		Research Committee	9.00
Cash for Supplies	3,138.96	Kodak for Conf. Status of Women Committee	43.50
Supplementary Gifts	57.25	Car Expense (Miss Guffey)	64.34
Cultivation Fund	1,616.43	Student Loan Comm.	3.55
Week of Prayer	3,117.89	Dist. Treas. Workshop	23.84
Student Loan	537.14	Spiritual Life Workshop	14.05
Alcohol Education	701.86	Gift for Margaret Marshall	50.00
Other Receipts	89.67	Ark. Legislative League	26.00
Total Receipts	69,736.35	Juris. Cultivation Fund	364.14
W. S. G.:		Memorial Record Book	8.67
Cash for Supplies	702.64	Bank Chg.	1.40
Supplementary Gifts	40.23	Rent on Safety Box	12.00
Cultivation Fund	348.98	Adding Machine for Conf. Treas.	167.48
Week of Prayer	343.87	Insurance on car—Camden Rural Worker	44.00
Student Loan	30.00	Sarah Jackson Children-Youth Meeting	25.00
Alcohol Education	3.00	Conf. Delegates to Cleveland	130.00
Other Receipts	6.00	Increase on Miss Guffey's Salary	50.00
Total Receipts	8,188.56	Dues Council Ch. Wom.	25.00
Elizabeth T. Workman	783.90	Little White House Conf.	15.00
Grand Total from Districts	77,924.91	Other Disbursements	58.48
From other receipts	669.21	<b>TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS</b>	\$80,588.62
GROND TOTAL	\$78,594.12	Balance in Bank May 19, 1951	\$ 3,081.85
C.S.R. & L.C.A. Reported \$48,394.45. Add Balance—Total Cash to account for	\$83,670.67	<b>MRS. C. I. PARSONS, Conference Treasurer</b>	



## CURRENT NEWS IN ARKANSAS METHODISM

### MOTHER AND DAUGHTER BANQUET

The first Mother and Daughter banquet, sponsored by the W. S. C. S. of the Bethel and Marysville churches was held at the Marysville Methodist Church on Tuesday night, June 12. Rev. Rose P. Carithers, Director of Education, of both churches, was toastmaster. She introduced the presidents of the societies, Mrs. H. E. Ballard of Bethel, and Mrs. L. H. Perritt of Marysville. Taking part on the program were Mrs. M. O. Hughes, Mrs. Bobby Andrews, Miss Betty Tompkins, Mrs. A. L. Davis, Ann Williams and Sherry Wilson. Gifts were given to Mrs. Ollie Braswell and Mrs. John Lewis for having the largest family present.

Mrs. Carithers had as her guest Mrs. R. H. Cole of Magnolia, who spoke on Mother and Daughter Relations. Mrs. Cole described an imaginary banquet of her girlhood days and compared it with one of today. She pointed out that clothes had changed, but not human nature, nor mother and daughter relations; that mothers still have good things to pass along to daughters. In the garden of mother-daughter relations there must be planted five rows of peas. "Partnership, Patience, Pattern, Peace and Poise", and these must be cultivated by prayer. They must be fair to each other and must conduct themselves as to leave room for compliments from the family.

The meeting was dismissed with prayer by Mrs. Herman Balard.

Mrs. L. H. Perritt and Mrs. Ballard served as the program committee. Mrs. Carithers and Mrs. Darce Bishop planned the menu, and the older daughters served as table and decoration committee. Miss Betty Smith served as secretary.

There were fifty-seven present who enjoyed the delightful fellowship of the evening.—Reporter.

The greatest want of the world is the want of men—men who will not be bought or sold; men who in their inmost soul are true and honest; men who do not fear to call sin by its right name; men whose conscience is as true to duty as the needle to the pole; men who will stand for the right though the heavens fall.—Signs of The Times

### THIRD ANNUAL STATE SAFETY COUNCIL

"The people of Arkansas will have a chance to set their hearts on Safety when the 3rd Annual STATE SAFETY CONFERENCE is held in Little Rock, June 26th," said Dr. Matt L. Ellis, President of the Arkansas Safety Council.

"In order for Arkansas to have a Safety Educational Program that she will be proud of," said Dr. Ellis, "all of the citizens must work together for the promotion of Safety in all walks of life.

"The winning of the 1950 National Traffic Safety Award for the Southern Region is only the beginning of awards our citizenship can win if we all work unitedly for the cause of a Safer Arkansas," he said.

"The thousands of people who attend some form of church services each week can be good examples for the promotion of Safety, for people still follow the golden rule, 'Do unto others as you would have them do unto you,'" said Dr. Ellis.

"Plan to attend or send someone to represent you," urged Dr. Ellis.

### HOMECOMING AT HUNTINGTON

The first annual Homecoming observance of the Huntington Methodist Church was held Sunday, May 27, with W. E. Rohrer, chairman of the Board of Stewards, in charge.

Approximately 100 people attended the 11:00 o'clock Sunday morning service following the Church School hour, conducted by the superintendent, C. M. Anderton. Rev. James T. Fleming, pastor, preached on "Homecoming" and E. G. Castel had charge of the music. A meal was served at noon and in the afternoon Mrs. Ida McCracken, the oldest active member of the church, welcomed the old-timers. A history of the church, dating back to 1890 was given by Mrs. Pattie Anderton, Youth Counselor in the church. Members in the congregation spoke of past experiences and what various people in the church had meant to their everyday living.

There was a large number of out-of-town guests.

Mrs. Lee Fox, founder of the Helping Hand Class, gave its history. Mrs. Newman, from Little Rock,

gave interesting facts about the Twilight Class. The Pathfinders' Class has been taught by Mrs. Anna Wilkerson for a quarter of a century. The Gleaners' Class last contribution to the church is a beautiful picture of the Last Supper by DeVinci. Miss Gladys Skaggs paid tribute to the members of the church who had influenced the young life for the past half century.

At the evening service, Rev. James Fleming preached on the "Influence of Music in the Life of the Church."

The church hopes to make this homecoming day an annual affair.—Pattie Anderton.

### PASTOR MOVES INTO NEW PARSONAGE AT DECATUR

Rev. O. R. Findley, pastor of the Methodist Church at Decatur, and Mrs. Findley, moved last week into the lovely new parsonage. Open house was held Thursday evening. Many guests were present and enjoyed a pleasant evening of fellowship. The ladies of the church served refreshments.

The house is built of cement blocks to the floor and of hadite blocks on up, then it was stuccoed and plastered. It has steel casement windows, hardwood floors and in the kitchen and bathroom asphalt tile. Of all the rooms perhaps the kitchen is of particular pride. It has "The American Kitchen" styled in

steel, a new Florence gas range, Kelvinator refrigerator and breakfast counter. The home is nicely furnished throughout. Numerous items of new furnishings have been donated by individuals.

There is a full-size basement with garage, laundry and utility room, work bench, shower and storage space. A recent Quarterly Conference valued the property at \$8,000.00. It is truly a wonderful accomplishment for our little church here.

The building committee is G. T. Jackson, D. L. Reasons, J. R. Kincaide, V. D. Hall and Tom Edminston. The decorating committee is Mrs. Ray Rogers, Mrs. V. D. Hall, Mrs. E. C. Fairless and Mrs. Tom Edminston. B. L. Kincaide was the carpenter and mason.

Pierce Harris tells of playing golf with a fighter pilot. A jet plane flew over. "How fast is he going?" the preacher asked. "About 500 miles per hour," was the answer. When a slower plane droned over, the airman said, "That's one we used for rescue at sea. He's going about 150." Then he added, "Silly, isn't it? If you're going to kill somebody, you go 500 miles an hour. If you're just going to save a life, you knock along at 150."—Walter L. Moore, Christian Herald

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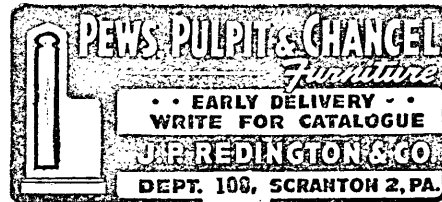
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**Annual Conference A Great Session Of Rich Experiences**

"I am proud of the Gospel of Jesus Christ, for it is the Power of God unto Salvation to every one that believeth" was the great statement of Paul as he thrilled to the truth of the Good News of Christ. As one attends a great Church meeting and hears the messages and looks into the faces of godly people whose lives have been touched by the Spirit Divine he is awed by the work of Grace that seems to show in the lives of the followers of the Master. No other influence has quite such a wonderful transforming power as does the power of the Life of Christ.

The composite lives of His Followers invested in His Great Church shows itself in a multitude of agencies. For every agency there is a fine personality to work through it and for every personality there is an agency through which it can express itself. Thus a great and mighty sweep of His Life can have full sway over the earth.

The Town and Country Commission was given every opportunity to give to the Conference a report of its work. The pastors on the Pilot charges made brief statements as to the help received through the efforts of the commission. Through their cooperation and that of the district superintendents the Executive Secretary was allowed the privileges of laboring on their charges. It is our hope and prayer that his visiting among them had some wholesome influences.

Each and every board and commission brought inspiring and uplifting reports. A great year ahead is visualized as all the many consecrated servants of the Lord go back home to resume their many tasks.

The Executive Secretary was inspired by the Saturday night Town and Country Church night service when Dr. E. T. Wayland brought a great and stirring message to the conference in honor of the occasion. More than forty preachers of the present membership of the Annual Conference have come from the Paragould District and are today leading out in fine service to the conference.

To Dr. E. T. Wayland and Rev. Ewing T. Wayland the writer of this column wishes to express profound gratitude for the wonderful way in which they cooperated in making this column possible for our work.—J. Albert Gatlin

**LEADERSHIP SCHOOL AT MT. SEQUOYAH**

(Continued from page 10)

Rev. Glenn F. Sanford and Dr. James V. Thompson, New York.

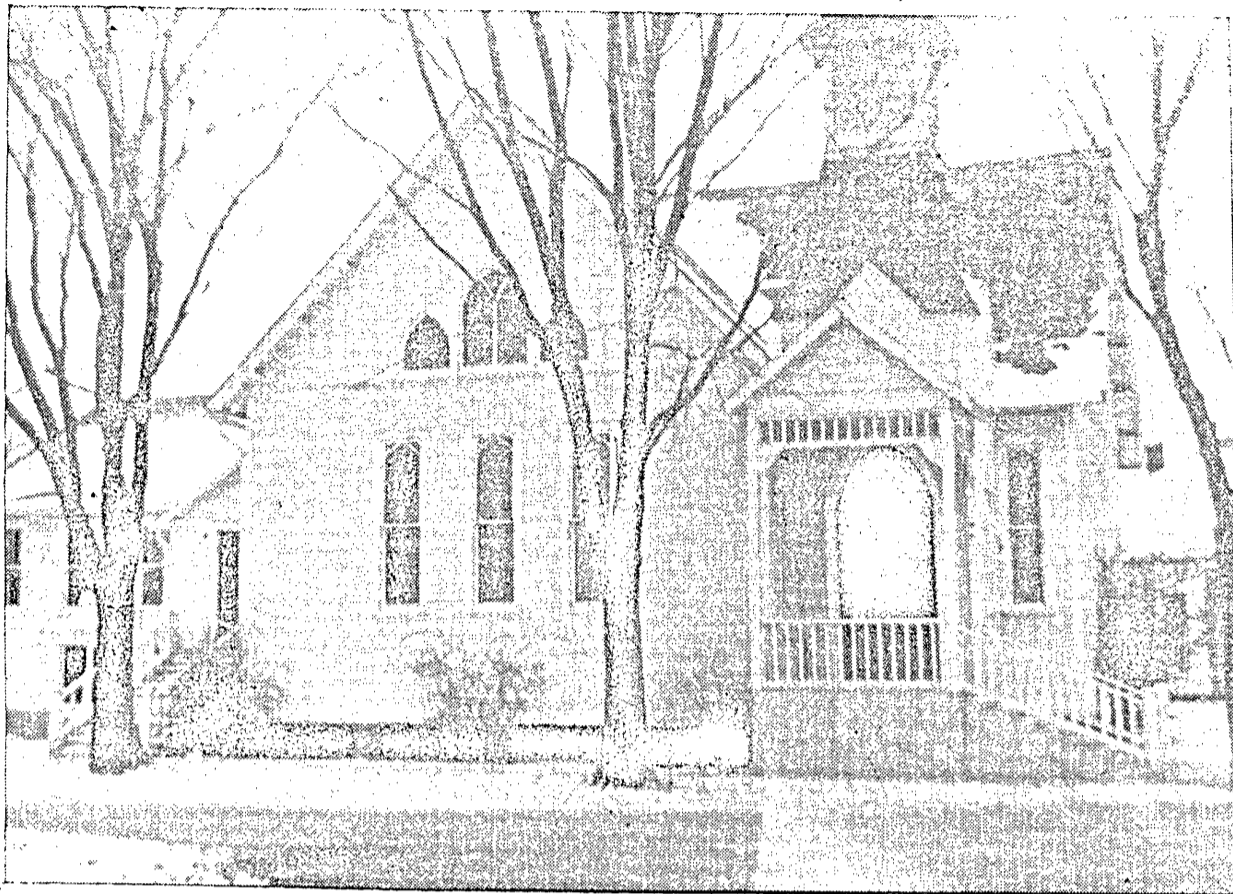
In keeping with the Advance for Christ emphasis on the home, a group of six courses on the home and related subjects will be offered.

Expenses include a registration of \$6.00 and a ground fee of \$1.50. Room rates range from 50 cents to \$2.00 per person per day. The assembly cafeteria serves meals at current prices.

Descriptive folders are available from the Department of Leadership Education, Box 871, Nashville, Tennessee.

There will always be a bumper crop of food for thought. What we need is enough people to harvest it.—Mutual Moments, Mutual Benefit Health & Accident Association

**SWIFTON CHURCH RECEIVES MEMORIAL GIFTS**



**B**EGINNING with Palm Sunday the Easter season was observed in a deeply spiritual way in the Swifton Church. A fine class of young people was received into the church.

As there are three churches on the charge the communion service was observed on Good Friday instead of Maundy Thursday with a large group coming for prayer and meditation. A lighted cross furnished the only illumination. At 6:30 a. m. Easter Sunday a most impressive sunrise service was held with music by the choir of twenty-five young people, directed by Mrs. A. N. Moon.

There has been very little record preserved of the early days of the Methodist Church in Swifton, but in a very old journal there is record of a pastor being assigned to the charge since 1861. The first church building was erected in 1901, services being held by all denominations in an old school building prior to that time. The present building was constructed in 1912 under the pastorate of Rev. Vander T. McCaffery. The pastor's home was built in 1917 during the pastorate of Rev. J. M. Harrison and he and his family were the first to occupy it. An annex which was added in 1949 under the leadership of Rev. J. Clarence Wilcox, contains classrooms and assembly space for the Children's Division, a kitchen and dining room which

also serves as a recreation room. At that time the church was re-roofed and re-decorated inside and out.

With the improved facilities attendance in Sunday School and worship service began to increase. The fellowship activities made possible by the addition of recreational facilities along with the leadership of Brother and Mrs. Wilcox, resulted in a greater Christian fellowship among the members.

Rev. J. E. Linam has been pastor since December 1949. He and his good family have kept this spirit of Christian fellowship active, and he has led the people into an awareness of other things to do to increase the worshipful atmosphere of the sanctuary and to improve the appearance of the grounds.

Many lovely gifts have been presented this year as memorials. Mr. and Mrs. George Kell gave a Men-shall electronic organ. Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Smith and Mr. and Mrs. Joe Smith gave shrubs for the lawn and two handmade linen cloths for the communion table. Mr. and Mrs. M. Jones also gave shrubs for the lawn. Kneeling pads were purchased with funds given by J. Orville Murphy of Clarksville. A communion table and two pulpit chairs were given by Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Taylor. A lighted cross was given by the

Brann and Seaton families. Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Cheek gave a bronze baptismal cup. Mr. and Mrs. Roy Hughes and Mr. and Mrs. Lehman Cross gave an additional tray and glasses for the communion set. Sam Seaton of Memphis, Tenn., gave handmade solid mahogany collection plates. A communion bread plate by the pastor and family and money by Mrs. Anna Abee Cox of Springfield, Colorado, is being used for a number of smaller items. The W. S. C. S. plans to carpet the aisles and around the altar.

The Visitation Evangelism Campaign in the early part of the year, led by Rev. E. B. Williams, district superintendent of the Jonesboro District, and Rev. Byron McSpadden of Trumann, was successful. A number came into the church and many who had been inactive became active.

During the year fourteen have been received on profession of faith and seven by transfer.

Ministers who have served the charge since 1912 are: Vander T. McCaffery, John McKelvy, J. M. Harrison, M. A. Fry, Floyd G. Villines, Sr., C. E. Gray, J. T. Gossett, I. L. Claud, J. W. Johnston, B. L. Wilford, W. J. Faust, C. O. Hall, J. M. Hughes, L. E. Mann, H. W. Jett, H. C. Minnis, J. C. Wilcox and J. E. Linam.—Mrs. C. P. Trice

To clear difficulties out of the way, there is no axe like a good principle.—Asbestos

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**JOHN WESLEY SUB-DISTRICT**

The John Wesley Sub-District of the Monticello District met June 4 at Green Hill Methodist Church. There were 66 present.

The following officers were elected: President, P. A. Shockley, Star City; vice-president, David Scogin, Green Hill; secretary-treasurer, Billie Johnson, Star City; Worship and Evangelism chairman, Betty Burks, Wilmar; Missions and World Friendship, Regina Jolly, Monticello; Community Service, Bily Barnes, Green Hill; Recreation, Sue Harvey, Monticello; Publicity, Benetta Berry, Monticello; adult counselors, Harvey Thomasson, Monticello, and C. W. Ferguson, Star City. This group is planning to attend the workshop for district and sub-district officers and counselors June 16-17 at the Conference Camp. — Benetta Berry, Reporter.

**BANQUET HONORS STUDENTS**

The 1951 graduates from high school and the returning college students of the First Methodist Church, Little Rock, were honored at the annual Youth Banquet held in the church dining hall Monday, June 18. The room and tables were colorfully decorated with old annuals, "bobby sox" figures, blackboard drawings, and other things that would bring back "Old Familiar Things". High school report cards were used for the program and menu, and small dunce caps served as name tags for the students while mortarboards were pinned to the special guests.

Ferd Kaufman, chairman of the program committee, served as toastmaster, and the evening program began with the roll call according to the various years students in the group graduated from high school. The latter was presented by Baxter Marsh, and the program continued with "old familiar tunes" from a juke box. After a delicious menu was served by Mrs. C. S. Bobo, secretary of youth work, and Mrs. H. W. Jefferies, secretary of student work in the W. S. C. S., a tape recording of "old familiar voices" of people in high school and the church was played to the group.

Rev. James S. Upton of the Hendrix College faculty climaxed the evening with a very inspirational message.

Miss Margaret Thompson served as general chairman of the banquet. —Reporter.

**DAL-GRA SUB-DISTRICT**

The Dal-Gra Sub-District met on May 21 at Center Grove Church, which is a consolidation of Center and Oak Grove Methodist churches.

The devotional service was in charge of Louise White. Rev. G. W. Robertson gave the invocation.

The following officers were elected for the new year: President, Ruth Hornbeck, Center Grove; vice-president, James Curtis Toler, Carthage; secretary, Louise White, Center Grove; treasurer, Kitty Meyers, Le-

ola; publicity chairman, Leila Veazey, Center Grove, and counselor, W. Jay Culpepper, Center Grove.

Carr De Racop was in charge of the program with the following taking part: Ruth and Louise White, Ruth Hornbeck and Todd Ward.

The Sub-District is composed of the following churches: Tulip, Carthage, Cypress, Brush Creek, Leola and Center Grove.

The officers plan to attend the summer camp at Hot Springs.

A recreation period was held following the meeting.—Lula Veazey, Reporter.

**NATIONAL CONVOCATION OF METHODIST YOUTH**

Program highlights of the National Convocation of Methodist Youth, to be held August 27-31 at Purdue University, Lafayette, Ind., have been announced by Jameson Jones, national president of the youth group and convocation director.

Held every four years, the meeting will be attended by 5,000 high school and college students, and adult leaders. They will represent local churches, state and regional organizations of the Methodist Student Movement.

Keynote speakers will include the colorful British churchman, Dr. Donald O. Soper, minister of Kingsway Hall, London; Dr. Kirby Page, author and social evangelist of La Habra, Calif., and Dr. W. Aiken Smart, associate dean of the Candler School of Theology at Emory University, Atlanta, Ga.

Dr. H. D. Bollinger, head of the Department of College and University Religious Life, Methodist General Board of Education, Nashville, Tenn., will serve as platform coordinator.

Related to the convocation theme, "Christian Living in Our Time," will be 24 workshops on church fellowship, Christian vocations, youth problems, national and world affairs.

Evening sessions will include an opening night drama staged by the dramatics department of Lon Morris College, Jacksonville, Texas; a youth town meeting, a folk festival, and a "Missions Night" program featuring Mrs. M. E. Tilly of the Southern Regional Council, Atlanta, Ga., a liberal social action group and the first of the J-3 missionaries, William

Porter and Paul Sims, to return from Japan.

Augustas D. Zanzig, director of Music for Boston public schools, will be the song leader. The Illinois Wesleyan University choir will provide special music.

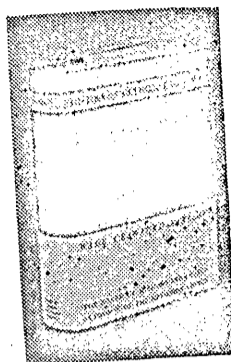
The Columbia Broadcasting System will feature the convocation on its network "Church of the Air" program Sunday, August 26, originating in Chicago over Station WBBM. The Rev. George Harper, administrative secretary of the youth conference, will be the guest speaker. Music will be provided by the youth choir of the Chicago Methodist Temple.

In conjunction with the convocation, the National Conference of Methodist Youth will hold its annual meeting and elect officers for two-year terms.

In addition to Jones, present officers are: James M. Lawson, Massillon, Ohio, vice president; Robert C. Gnegy, Washington, D. C., recording secretary; and Miss Betty Kimbrough, Montgomery, Ala., financial secretary.

**GALLOWAY-TOLLESON SUB-DISTRICT ELECTS OFFICERS**

The Galloway-Tolleson Sub-District had its June meeting Monday night, June 11, at Brinkley with 61 present. The Brinkley Youth Fellowship had charge of the worship service. A special number, "The Call To Youth", was sung by the Brinkley Youth Choir. Rev. George Wayne Martin spoke on, "Jesus' Way Our Way Through Church and Vocations". The officers for the new year were elected as follows, President, Hazel Newsom, Clarendon; Vice President, Carletta Nash, Wheatley; Secretary, Barbara McMulin, Cotton Plant; Treasurer, Barbara Parchman, Brinkley; Worship and Evangelism, Norma Jean Stegall, Hunter; Mission and World Friendship, Billy Frank Powell, Cotton Plant; Community Service, Robert Gibbs, Brinkley; Recreation, W. J. Ernest, Holly Grove; and Adult Counselor, Rev. Jesse Johnson, Brinkley. It was decided that the installation of the officers will be at Holly Grove the next meeting, the second Monday in July.—Robert Carvell, Jr., Reporter.



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I have also received a total of \$190.00 in postal money orders to be placed where it is most needed. Some of it we will use to purchase sewing machines from Japan and any surplus will be used for food.

This week we are distributing our gifts to the people of the ruined city of Chungu. The citizens of this city were ordered to abandon the city on 8 January, 1951, before advancing Communists. They set out on foot with only what they could carry on their person. On return from the refugee camps of the south they find only ruins. They need everything and the gifts of Arkansas churches will be a great blessing.

Two teachers, Mr. and Mrs. Lee Chung Ni of Chungu were former students of our mission and have

eagerly volunteered to help to distribute the gifts. Also Mrs. Kinah, whose son I took to America to educate, lives there and will help in the relief program.

Our soldiers have given me more than 5000 bars of candy to help in our program this week. We gave the candy to streams of children and old people fleeing from Chunchon, 45 miles northeast of Seoul in the direction of Wonju and Chechon. So many of them look like they could not take another step but fear drives them on.

I assure you that it is a great thrill to be able to put candy bars, apples, oranges, anything at all into the outstretched hands of poor souls crying for **chop, chop**.

Please accept our thanks for your publishing our letters. Without your help in the **Methodist** many needy people would have missed a gift.

Altogether I have received more than 300 boxes. God bless Arkansas churches.

Sincerely,

Ray D. Seals  
Chaplain Captain,  
Hdqr. 7th Inf. Div. Art.  
APO 7,  
San Francisco

### SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

(Continued from page 16)

disagree with them. This is true in the matter of religion as well as other things. The Pharisees are good illustrations of this. They were great students of the Scripture, but like any people who already have their minds made up, they read into the Bible rather than reading out of it. In the place of letting God speak to them through the Scriptures they went to the Bible to bolster-up opinions they already had.

Then, the child has great faith. He puts adults to shame at this point. Adults sometimes feel that they become smart; they get disillusioned, but this process is sometimes carried to the extent that even well-grounded faith is hurt.

Again, the little child has no prejudice whatever toward anyone. If left entirely alone, the child of a millionaire will mix and mingle on a basis of absolute equality with the child of a pauper. The same is true in the matter of race. Color and nationality make no difference in the world in the mind of a little child unless he has been taught to note these things by older people.

The child harbors no hatred in his heart. He may fall out with his play mate and a free-for-all may follow, but ten minutes after the fracas is over they are again the best of pals.

In connection with the admirable

qualities of the child, Christ spoke of his humility. The humility of the child is an unconscious humility and that is the only true humility there is. The adult who prides himself on being humble is not truly humble, for true humility is one of the finest qualities of life and the adult who claims to be humble is ascribing to himself one of life's greatest qualities. He is, therefore, egotistical. The truly humble person is not even conscious of the fact that he is humble.

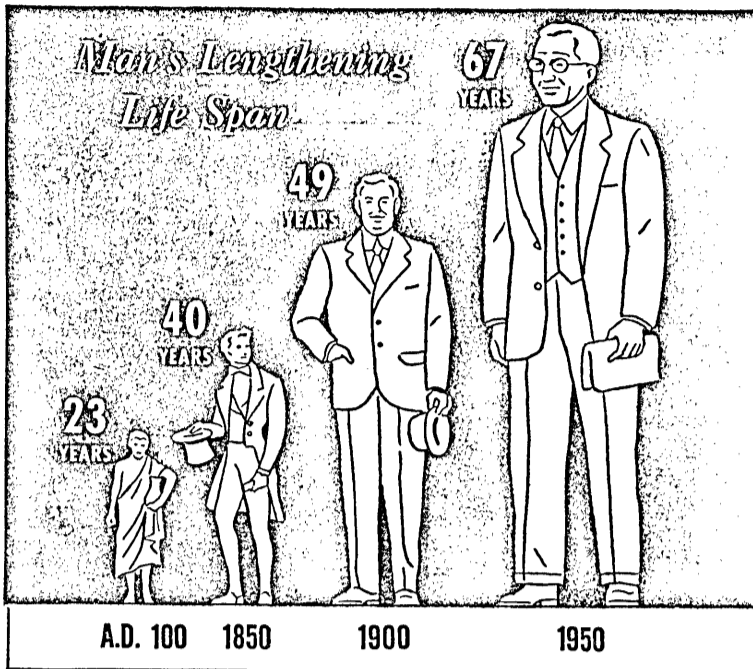
#### Seeking The Lost

The next passage (Matthew 18:12-14) gives a true picture of God's anxiety to see the lost saved. It also emphasizes the value he places upon the individual. The shepherd has a hundred sheep. Ninety-nine are in the fold, but the shepherd is not content. He leaves the ninety-nine and goes out to seek the one that is lost. It is teaching of this nature concerning the value of the individual that have become the foundation principles upon which our Democracy is built.

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### THE VALUE OF THE INDIVIDUAL PERSON

LESSON FOR JULY 1, 1951

READ THE ENTIRE LESSON FROM YOUR BIBLE:  
Genesis 1:26-27; Matthew 8:1-4, 12:9-13, 18:1-6, & 12-14;  
I Peter 1:17-19.

GOLDEN TEXT: "For thou hast made him a little lower than God, and crownest him with glory and honor."  
(Ps. 8:5)



#### A Look At The Scriptures Man In God's Image

In Genesis 1:26-27 we have the account of the creation of man. There are some two or three things about this passage we want to note. First, we have here the idea of the Triune God: "And God said, Let us make man." We note here that God is spoken of, or rather speaks of himself, in the plural. This is the first time the idea is mentioned in the Bible. There is no definite doctrine concerning the Trinity anywhere in the Bible, but there are many passages which imply the doctrine and which cannot be adequately explained unless the idea of the Trinity is accepted. Christ said that he was one with the Father and yet he prayed to the Father and promised that he and the Father would send the Holy Spirit. He also instructed that individuals be baptized in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost.

Not only do we have the doctrine of the Trinity implied in this passage but we also have the idea of the true greatness of man. The greatest compliment that can possibly be made to man is to say that he is made in the image of God. This simply means that God created man, not a lower animal, but a person. Man is like God in that he is a person. God is a Person, but not a human being—he is divine. Man is a finite person while God is an Infinite Person. A person is an individual who has the power to think, to feel and to will. This means he possesses knowledge, the ability to love and the power to will.

God created man a king. He gave him dominion over all the rest of creation. Down through the ages man has asserted that authority. He has domesticated the lower animals of the earth and in many cases made them his servants. He has carefully studied the natural laws and harnessed many of them to do his work. We see man's dominion ever growing and his power ever increasing. When God made man to have dominion over all other things of this world, there was one reservation—man was not to do as he pleased but was to surrender his will to that of his Creator. Man could only have dominion over himself as he surrendered to God and God gave him the power of complete self-control. Man could only have his freedom through surrender, but the idea of thus gaining freedom seemed to be a contradiction of terms. Man rebelled against God and thus lost complete self-control. In his present natural state he is a slave to his evil habits. We thus have man with dominion over all other things of this world except himself. This fact is the source of all of his trouble. It has led man to build a lopsided civilization—one in which the material and physical controls are ever

increasing while the spiritual values of life are more and more being relegated to secondary place. Man is not putting first things first, and because of this fact he is in serious danger of losing the progress he has made along all other lines of endeavor.

One of the most wonderful facts of life is that God has not forsaken man in his terrible plight. He has procured for him—at great sacrifice to himself—a plan of salvation. The repentant man can gain back through Christ more than he lost in Adam. The broken image of God within him can be completely restored.

#### Christ Heals A Leper

The next passage of the lesson (Mat. 8:1-4) tells of Christ healing a leper. We are told that this leper came to Christ and worshipped him. We thus have Christ accepting the worship of others while he was here in the flesh. This, along with many other things, proves his divinity. It will be remembered that on one occasion certain people tried to worship Paul and Barnabas, but they refused to let him do so, saying, "I myself am also a man." Jesus permitted people to worship him, therefore, he must have been more than man. We recall how he even permitted Thomas to address him as God. When Thomas was fully convinced that he had really arisen from the dead he fell at his feet saying, "My Lord and my God."

#### Leprosy Like Sin

There are many ways in which leprosy is similar to sin. For example, there was a certain type of leprosy, or leprosy when it had reached a certain stage in its progress, which was incurable, so far as human remedies were concerned, when Jesus healed this man. It is a fact that certain types of leprosy in their early stages were sometimes healed. This is shown by the fact that the healed person was instructed by law to go through certain ceremonial acts of cleansing before some priest before he could be pronounced well. Sin is like leprosy in its worst form; there is no human remedy that can cure it. God alone can deal with sin.

Then, leprosy is like sin in that it makes one dangerous to others. Sin, like leprosy, is contagious. The law required that lepers be isolated. If they did not go voluntarily they were driven out from their communities, their homes and their loved ones. No healthy person was supposed to come near them. The lepers themselves warned them away by crying, "Unclean! unclean!" Sin makes a person spiritually (and many times physically, unclean. As contact with a leprous parent many times doomed a child to physical death so contact with sinful parents has brought spiritual death (separ-

ation from God) to millions of children down through the years.

Again, sin and leprosy are alike in the way they work—they progress from bad to worse. In its early stages leprosy seems perfectly harmless. The individual affected with it hardly knows he has it. So it is with sin. No one becomes a hardened sinner in short order. Lot did not reach Sodom all in one move. At first he simply "pitched his tent toward Sodom." He finally reached Sodom and lost his family and came very near losing his own soul, but he did not reach that state suddenly. There are millions of prodigals in this nation of ours today. People who have completely reached and are now living in the hog-pen of life. But they did not reach that condition suddenly. Some one has said that if you will take care of the pennies the dollars will take care of themselves. That is good financial advice. The same thing is true in the matter of morals. If one will be careful about the so-called "little sins", if he will refuse even to pitch his tent toward Sodom, so far as he is concerned, there will be no wreckage of human life and character.

Another thought of the passage is the fact that Christ touched the untouchable. He never held himself aloof from any need of life. He had no illusion of superiority toward others. He never felt himself too good to get under the load with any man.

Christ sent the man to a priest to carry out the ritual connected with his healing. He warned him to tell no man what had happened to him. Christ was anxious to help people in every possible way, but he did not want to become generally known as a wonderworker. He could have spent all of his time healing and there would have been no time or strength left for teaching. He wanted to place the emphasis upon the great truths he came into the world to bring. He succeeded in doing this. He is known more as a teacher than as a healer.

#### Love and Mercy Ahead of Law

In Matthew 12:9-13 we have another case of healing. It was on the Sabbath day and as was his custom Jesus had gone to the synagogue. He saw a man there with a withered hand. No doubt this man in his childhood had had infantile paralysis. He had the arm and hand of an infant hanging on the body of a man. Jesus healed the man. He told him to do the very thing he could not do—"Stretch forth thine hand", but when the man, through faith in Christ attempted to obey, he did that which he had formerly been unable to do. Strength came to his arm and he was healed.

Christ then proceeded to rebuke his enemies who criticized him for healing on the Sabbath. He reminded them that they would pull an ox or an ass out of the ditch on the Sabbath. Why should he, therefore, not heal a human being who was much greater than the lower animals? They had no answer for this but none the less they went out and plotted how they might put him to death.

#### The Child In The Midst

More than once the disciples raised the question concerning true greatness in the Kingdom of God. They simply could not get the fact through their minds that the Kingdom is not a thing of this world. They kept hoping that Christ would sit upon a material throne, and each one wanted the highest place next only to him, in it. This question is raised in our next passage—Matthew 18:1-6. In answer to the question Jesus called a little child and set him in the midst of them, and insisted that true greatness is to be found only in child-like qualities. May we note some of these qualities in passing:

First, the child has an open mind—he is teachable. As people grow older, if they are not careful, they assume a closed-mind attitude. They become thoroughly fixed in their opinions and critical toward all who

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### WHAT IS AN ACTIVE CITIZEN?

LESSON FOR AUGUST 26, 1951

READ THE ENTIRE LESSON FROM YOUR BIBLE:  
Matthew 5:13-16, 13:33; Acts 5:25-29; I Peter 3:13-18.

GOLDEN TEXT: "We must obey God rather than men." (Acts 5:29)

#### A Look At The Scriptures Influence For Good

Our first passage (Matthew 5:13-16) deals with the matter of influence. This passage comes from the Sermon on the Mount and is addressed to Christians. It emphasizes their responsibility in the world. They are to be salt and light to a corrupt world. May we note these figures briefly and see just how they apply to the responsibility and influence of Christians in the world.

Salt had some four uses at the time Jesus spoke these words. It was used to preserve, to mix in oil to make lights brighter, to flavor, and to sprinkle on sacrifices. Salt is still used to flavor and to preserve.

The world is rotting in sin. The influence of Christians is supposed to remedy this situation. This influence comes from the attitudes of Christians, what they do, what they say, and most of all what they are. Salt can become insipid. It can lose its power to serve its purpose. Professed followers of Christ can do the same thing. They can become fruitless branches of the Vine. They can become stale and tasteless in their profession as Christians. Insipid salt is the most worthless thing on earth. One is hard put to find a place to dispose of it. He would not dare put it on his farm, yard, or garden. At the time Christ spoke these words, people were in the habit of throwing insipid salt on the streets where it was trodden under feet of men. As insipid salt is worthless so is the professed Christian who lives a life simply filled with worldliness. He is in the same category as were the Pharisees to whom Christ spoke. He accused them of standing in the gate of heaven. They refused to fully enter themselves and by their influence—though they made big professions of righteousness—they kept others from entering. The Lord called them hypocrites.

Not only does salt preserve, it also flavors. Most food without salt is not palatable. It will be noted in this connection that salt is not a food within itself, it simply flavors food. So it is with Christianity. It is not something to be set apart by itself. It must come in contact with all of life and give to it flavor and zest.

Light is also used in this connection. Man has discovered that most diseases are caused by germs. He must combat these germs in order to live. Light is the greatest germicide on earth. As there are physical diseases there are also spiritual diseases. There is nothing like the light of God's Word and the living presence of Christ in the life to destroy these diseases.

While here in the flesh Christ said of himself, "I am the light of the world." When about to take his visible leave he said to his followers, "Ye are the light of the world." He

left the continuation of his work in their hands. They were to be filled with his Spirit and carry on his work.

Light helps people to see. As the light of the world Christ helps people to see what God is like. He also helps people to see what manhood at its highest and best is like. As Christian people imbibe and radiate the Spirit of Christ they also reveal God and they also help people to see what man should be like.

Not only does the Lord say that Christian people are the light of the world but he insists that they let their light shine. Note, he does not say "Make your light shine." We are to let our light shine. We are simply and quietly to meet our duties and responsibilities. When this is done the shining of the light will take care of itself. We cannot be Christians secretly. We must never be ashamed to stand up and be counted on the Lord's side.

#### Inside Permeation

Salt and light work largely from without. Our next passage (Matthew 13:33) has to do with influence that works from within. Yeast or leaven was placed in three measures of meal. Pretty soon all the meal was leavened. The yeast worked by permeation, quietly from within. Christ applied the parable of the leaven to the coming of the Kingdom of God. Influence is shed abroad in the hearts of people and it works slowly there until their characters are finally transformed by it.

The Lord made a very fitting application of this figure of speech. There is a lot of evil in the world, but the leaven of Christian influence has been planted in the hearts of people. This has come through true followers of Christ who, by their lives, have acted as salt and light to the world. This leaven has been working unobtrusively down through the years. It is acting upon the lives of thousands of individuals who are not aware of its presence. They make no religious profession and they have not joined any religious group, but nonetheless the leaven is working in their lives. While here in the flesh Christ said to a young lawyer, "You are not far from the kingdom of God." That same statement could be made to hundreds of thousands of non-church people today. Many of them are not aware of the fact that they are so close to the Christian ideal. They have been brought to this position by the leaven that is slowly but constantly working in our social order. It is true that the world is in a bad way, but it might not be as bad as it seems on the surface. We have our wars and rumors of wars, but there is a greater desire for peace now than ever before. We have our strong aggressors, but over against them we have our United Nations. We have our corrupt politics, but

along with it we have a stronger determination than ever before to clean things up. We have our liquor traffic, but there is a rising resentment against it. The liquor people are right now, through their greed, corruption, and selfishness, forging the weapons with which to cut their own throats. For themselves, they are killing the goose that laid the golden egg. The thing that is bringing all of this about is the leaven of Christianity that is slowly working in our social order.

#### The Moral Law First

Our next Scripture (Acts 5:25-29) deals with the question of obedience to constituted authority. The leaders of the Jews who had been instigators of the crucifixion of Jesus were greatly disturbed over the preaching of the Apostles and others. They were not only preaching that Christ had arisen from the dead but that through faith in him others could also conquer death. Many were accepting this doctrine. The leaders tried to stop the spread of these ideas by commanding that the disciples preach no more in the name of the Lord. They imprisoned them for disobedience to this command, but as soon as they were out of jail they were right back in the Temple preaching again. For this the authorities threatened them and again commanded that they cease this activity. Peter, as spokesman for the group replied, "We must obey God rather than men." God had commanded them to preach the very doctrine that the authorities were trying to prevent them from preaching.

The Bible plainly teaches that where at all possible all civil laws are to be faithfully obeyed. Anything less than this would be anarchy. But where civil laws or the commands of civil rulers conflict with the known will of God then the higher authority is to be obeyed even at the expense of disobedience to the lower. This disobedience might bring about persecution, but if so, such persecution must be suffered rather than one compromise with his own convictions.

#### Suffering For The Sake Of Righteousness

The last passage of the lesson (I Peter 3:13-18) speaks of people suffering for the sake of righteousness. The writer goes on to tell us that it is better to suffer for righteousness than that it is for sin. Christ, though perfect in his righteousness, suffered death on the cross. He stood by his convictions though it cost him his life. He is our example along this line except for the fact that he died as the Saviour of the world.

#### Application of Lesson

So much for the Scriptures of the lesson. It will be noted that all of them can be applied to the theme—"WHAT IS AN ACTIVE CITIZEN?" Above all people, Christians should be good citizens. So long as civil laws do not conflict with the known will of God and so long as they do not violate the Christian conscience, they should be perfectly obeyed. It is possible for one to be a right good citizen without professing Christianity at all, but it is impossible for one to be a Christian (unless the laws of the land are unjust) without at the same time being a good citizen. Just as unionism should stand, not only for better pay but also for better labor, so Christianity should stand, not only for the salvation of the individual, but also for the highest type of citizenship in the land. As salt flavors food, so Christianity is to give flavor

the zest of all life.

#### Requirements of Good Citizenship

There are several requirements of good citizenship. In addition to the matter of keeping the laws of the land, as mentioned above, one should take a hand in politics. The price that good men pay for being negligent at this point is to be ruled over by bad men. The record shows that only about sixty percent of the eligible voters of this nation go to the polls. Many of them set off on the sideline and complain about the corruption in politics rather than doing something about it by exercising their prerogatives as citizens.

Voting alone does not meet all the requirements of a good citizen in the matter of politics. Good people must be willing to serve on juries and to run for public office. They must agitate for political reforms and good laws. They must get back of the law enforcement officers. If they fail to do their duty they should insist that they do it. On the other hand, if they faithfully discharge their duty they should highly commend them for it. Too many people sit on the sideline and criticize rather than getting into the thick of the fight to better conditions.

Another requisite to good citizenship is fair play. Some people act like the whole world belongs to them. They are selfish to the last degree. They never consider the rights of others. They never demand but half of the road in driving, but they want their half right out of the middle. They are constantly think-community, state, and nation rather than what they can put in. They are leaners rather than lifters. They are parasites rather than patriots. If all other citizens were like them the nation would be sunk.

Yet another requisite is honesty. We have often heard the old saying: "Honesty is the best policy", it is really the only policy in true citizenship. One must be honest with his fellowman and honest with his community, state, and nation.

It is also necessary that one be industrious. Some people live out their lives without working. They inherit large amounts from previous generations and spend all of their time in idleness and luxury. Such individuals as these can never be good citizens. They are constantly taking out of the sum-total of the good things of life without putting anything in. They are not truly happy themselves and they make those with whom they associate very unhappy.

A good citizen will be actively interested in every thing that is for the betterment of his community, state, nation, and the world. He will stand for good schools, hospitals, roads and churches. He will strive to make his own home what it ought to be and will try to help his neighbors do the same thing. He will be actively interested in all peace movements realizing that peace has to be won by effort and sacrifice just as does war. He will be helpfully interested in the problems of capital and labor and in bettering race relations. These are his duties and responsibilities.

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