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

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Long Life--For What?

IT is a matter of great importance that the century between 1850 and 1950 saw the span of life in America increased more than twenty-nine years. Of even greater importance is the way we spend those additional years.

Long life in itself is not necessarily so important or valuable. The warden of Sing Sing prison believes that people live longer in jail than on the outside. He believes that longer life in prison may be attributed to the regular hours for work, sleep, food and recreation prison regulations force on the inmates. If he be correct about prison regulations producing longer life, and we simply want to live a long time, perhaps we should break into jail early and live to a "ripe old age."

Experience has repeatedly taught us that life's values cannot always be measured in length of years. Jesus lived only thirty-three years but the whole course of human history over the past twenty centuries has been changed as a result of His life, death and resurrection. Methuselah lived nine hundred sixty-nine years but the only unusual thing about his life seems to have been the length of years.

When Man Attempts To Regulate The Weather

A recent press report indicated that the national government may find it necessary to regulate the activities of commercial rain-makers. Such a bill has been introduced by a western senator.

The unprecedented rains and floods that have been sweeping over Kansas have aroused the suspicion that the excessive rains in Kansas may be the result of "silver iodide 'seeded' into the air by burning the chemical in western states and letting the smoke rise." Some have expressed the opinion that such activities can affect the weather two thousand miles away.

After the explosion of the atomic bombs in Japan, with their indescribable powers of destruction, one of our Methodist leaders made this observation. "To know what God knows and not to be what God is, is the most dangerous thing in the world." It is indeed dangerous to have the power to disturb the delicate balances God has fixed in nature without we also have something of the Nature of God Himself to guide us in the use of that power.

The power to artificially disturb the weather in order to produce increased benefits in one area may, as is suspected, result in disasters in other areas. We are such people that some in government fear that, in possession of such power, we might use it for selfish benefits, regardless of the effects it may produce in adjoining sections.

It is a wonderful thing, after all, that about the only thing we normally can do about the weather is to discuss it. Man is naturally so selfish, and at times so vicious that, with power to regulate the weather, we might be found fighting each other with cyclones and bolts of lightning instead of the caustic comments we sometimes use.

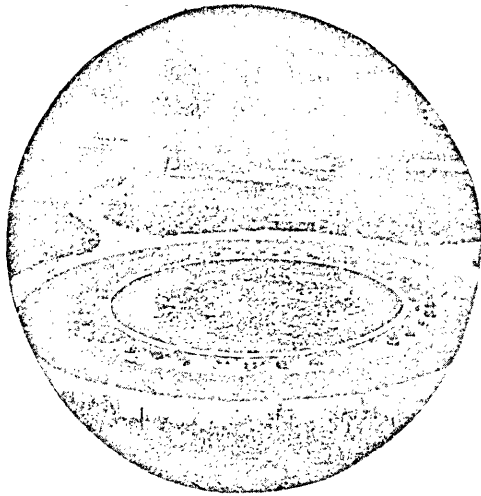
The Record says of God that "He maketh his sun to rise on the evil and on the good, and sendeth rain on the just and on the unjust." Until man becomes more like God, he had better leave the management of the weather in the hands of God, law or no law.

We are indebted to science for prolonging life. That accomplishment carries an obligation for us to make the additional years so valuable as to justify the labors of those who made them possible.

Pastors' School Meets Next Week

THE twenty-ninth session of The Arkansas Pastors' School will open at Hendrix College next Monday, July 30th and close Friday noon, August 3rd. The first class sessions will be held Monday evening 7:15 to 9:00. For the rest of the week classes will meet from 8:40 a. m. to 11:30 a. m. Boards and Committees will meet from 11:35 to 12:20 a. m. The afternoon will be given to a Quiet Hour and Study Period followed by the Evening Address at 7:15.

Our ministers in Arkansas are indebted to the management of the Pastors' School for the excellent program that has been planned for this session. The courses to be offered have been carefully select-



ed; the instructors are among the best in their field. The platform speaker, always a highlight of the Pastors' School is Dr. Jewell Smoot, of Detroit, Mich., who comes with the highest recommendations. All who know him feel that he will do honor to this special feature of the school.

With the change in the time for the meeting of our Annual Conference sessions in Arkansas, it has been necessary to make an adjustment in the time of meeting of the Pastors' School. The date this year is some later than in former years. It is hoped that the additional time allowed between the sessions of our Annual Conferences and the Pastors' School may make it possible for a larger number of our ministers to attend.

The Pastors' School has served well, for these twenty-nine years, as a vital factor in the building of Methodism in Arkansas. As a training ground for our ministers, members of our Annual Conferences, probationers and accepted supplies, it has filled a real need for additional training and for up-to-the-minute discussions of present-day problems and religious questions. It furnishes the one opportunity, annually, for the ministers of our two conferences to have some time together in a common meeting. It serves a high purpose in an enriching fellowship and in an opportunity for planning on a state-wide level. It gives unity and makes more effective all programs of a state-wide nature in our church in Arkansas.

Peace Prospects Still An Unknown Quantity

THE algebraic X, signifying an unknown quantity, might still very appropriately stand for the prospect for peace in Korea despite the military and diplomatic maneuvers that have taken place.

Allied forces have run into a series of delaying actions on the part of the communist forces. As usual, we do not know the motives which have prompted the communists to inject the delaying tactics into the negotiations.

The saving of "face" is so important to the oriental that it is altogether possible that the communist forces are trying to find a formula for accepting allied proposals without too much loss of "face" with their people. If we knew that to be the fact, we could well afford to be patient. If, however, the delay is to enable a regrouping and rebuilding of communist forces, as some believe, anything may happen. It is this uncertainty that has caused the continued air activity over Northern Korea even while peace negotiations are in prospect.

An Excellent Time For Northern Editorial Comment

A recent news release from Religious News Service, in commenting on the disgraceful race riot which occurred a short time ago in Cicero, Ill., near Chicago, says, "The riot grew out of an attempt by a Negro family to move into an apartment building in Cicero. A mob of 3,000 persons invaded the building, smashed and burned the family's furniture and broke the windows." The Cicero riot makes this an excellent time for northern editorial comment on the race question.

For years gone by a favorite pastime of northern editors of both the secular and religious press has been to "view with alarm" and "deplore with regret" the evidences of racial discrimination and intolerance in the south. These lengthy editorials, usually dripping with pious tears, would lead one to believe, if he did not know better, that the Mason-Dixon Line is the colored man's River of Jordan which separates him from the Promised Land. A number of our colored friends of the south have been made to believe that the land "flowing with milk and honey" is just north of that mythical line. However, many of them have had a disillusioning experience when they "crossed over."

It would appear that the repeated, dangerous race riots that have occurred in the north in recent years, of which Cicero is a mild example, and the habitual practice of segregation and racial discrimination existing throughout the north would lead our northern brethren to take more seriously the proverb the Master quoted, "Physician heal thyself." It would be wonderful if our northern critics would give us more good examples of proper race relations and less of the poor advice they offer.

The Arkansas Methodist has no defense for the unbrotherly practices that may at times exist in the south. We are ashamed of them and we are equally ashamed of the same character of conduct so prevalent north of the Mason-Dixon Line. Furthermore, we grow weary, to put it mildly, of the efforts of our northern brethren to "show us the way of the Lord more perfectly" while they, themselves, are missing the way so frequently.

There is plenty of room for improved race relations in both north and south. Each section

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"We are to lift up our heads in days like these because the one towering figure in all the world today is that of Jesus Christ who said and says: 'I am come that ye might have life, and that ye might have it more abundantly.'"

Lift Up Your Heads

By DR. FREDERICK BROWN HARRIS

The following sermon was preached on Sunday, June 17, by Dr. Harris of Washington, D. C., over Columbia Broadcasting System's program, "The Church of the Air." Dr. Harris is pastor of the Foundry Methodist Church where he has been the minister for the past twenty-seven years. He is perhaps best known as the chaplain of the United States Senate, an office he has held for seven years.

TEXT: Luke 21:28. "When these things begin to come to pass, then look up, and lift up your hands; for your redemption draweth nigh."

IT is interesting and significant to read the labels that the contemporaries of every century paste upon the gate posts of their own times. The prophets were nearly all past-masters at coining dismal labels for their particular day as they thundered their warnings. For instance, Isaiah declared of his day: "It is a time of darkness and sorrow." Strange to say, that is about the same label that leaders in every century have suggested as characterizing their times.

In his epistles, Paul put some labels on his lascivious day which savor of the pit of perdition, rather than Utopia. The labels Luther framed for his own evil times hardly suggest the sunrise of the Reformation. And what those whom we call the Founding Fathers had to say about the present and future prospects of democracy, as they stood around the cradle of our state, is not exactly a Jubilate. If our own revolutionary day was as proficient in prescribing the cure for what ails our sick social order as it is in writing labels there would be more hope of reaching our modern malady. Too many would-be prophets of today are specialists in diagnosis, but have no remedy to improve the conditions they describe.

As we stand at the wailing walls of our troubled times they seem as full of discounting labels as the highway billboards are of screaming advertisements. From platform, pulpit, and press, by radio and television we are constantly being told "This is a time of terror and trembling. This is a time when the very moral foundations seem to be moved. This is a time when materialism and secularism are eating out the very moral fiber of civilization. This is a time when the precious things we hold nearest our hearts, are threatened by sinister forces without pity or conscience." So read the labels of this year of our Lord. The adjectives used toll like funeral bells.

Let us admit that any pessimist can find plenty of black paint for his use here in America. Moral delinquency is debauching, spiritual illiteracy is widespread, secularism is blighting; money poured out for strong drink and softening luxuries is a mighty torrent contrasted with the tiny trickle for character-building enterprises.

No wonder one trying to imagine what kind of verdict the future will bring in with regard to the middle of the twentieth century remarks: "It will be interesting to know just how the historians of the future will explain us. How, in

an age that boasted of its science and intelligence, we spent more on liquor than on education; in a time that called for high thought, athletes and pugilists were higher paid than scientists, actors and funny men got more in a week than school teachers in a year; and, in a time when civilization was being shaken to its foundations, the voice to which more ears were tuned on Sunday night than to all the preachers and prophets on the continent was the voice of a wooden dummy." But possible appraisals do not concern us as much as the ominous symptoms of today. Here comes a leader of the Church of England, speaking for his day, as his nation with ours is alerted against the paganism of the Soviet aggression. Look at the labels which this religious official lifts up, as he faces the situation in his own land. Sadly he says:

"Today we confront a new phenomena. A generation has lost God and a whole dimension of life, the spiritual dimension; half our countrymen are worse than heathen in that they believe in nothing, not even in themselves, after a second world war in one generation."

Now, if as Americans we are tempted to ask "What is the use of pouring out our money to aid people like that, who, in such an age, turn their backs on spiritual verities, listen to another contemporary voice. This time, it is an American speaking, and not a preacher, but an outstanding educator to whom the current condition of affairs is deeply discouraging: In the face of what the Senate committee uncovered in New York regarding the criminal alliance between government and gambling, this well-known educator asks this pertinent question, which applies, of course, to other cities: "Does New York City believe in anything? Has it any convictions out of which a scheme of teaching may be made?" Then he adds, gloomily: "Here is the most terrifying question with which present-day education is faced. We are no longer certain that a nation or state or county or city or town or village believes anything."

Well, it was a time strikingly like ours out of which our text comes. Notice, it says, "When these things come to pass—" What things? Here in this chapter of Luke is what some one has called "a devastating catalog of crises and convulsions, of formidable, ruthless forces playing havoc with good men's dreams, of persecutions, racial hatreds and martyrdoms." In this record we are told of nation rising against nation, of abominations and tribulations, of wars and rumors of war. "When these things come to pass," what are the directions and the advice? Is it, Cast yourself to the ground in depression and defeat, abandon hope and wait for the worst?

No. Just the opposite. "When these things come to pass, lift up your heads, for your redemption—your salvation—is not far away; it is drawing near." That is the sound of trumpets we desperately need in these days. Too often our labels are libels. They make us traitors to the faith we profess. To be sure, our badness and our ignorance have brought us to the very edge of chaos and catastrophe. But there's a rainbow around the throne. This is our Father's world!

As Christians we do not, we cannot believe that this planet of ours, to which Jesus Christ came, is to disappear in the dust of an atomic explosion. It is to be the earth of the redemption. And we are saved from black pessimism by the radiant faith that the best is yet to be. Lift up your heads!

*"Ye fearful saints, fresh courage take,
The clouds ye so much dread
Are big with mercy and will break
In blessing on your head."*

There is a story of two friends climbing by night in the Pyrennes mountains. Suddenly a terrific tempest burst upon them. One of the two exclaimed, in awe and terror: "This looks and feels like the end of the world!" "Oh, no!" cried his friend, who had been there before; "This is how the dawn comes in the Pyrennes."

And so today, when one cries with haunting fear "This is the end of everything," another replies: "No! This is my God marching on in judgment and mercy." In such hours of storm and darkness, "the very presence of catastrophe has raised up another prophet, and another, to re-assert the unshaken, everlasting spiritual realities." Today, as never before since Calvary, pagan forces scorn our Christ, assail His ways and blaspheme His truth.

In such an age our best hope is that a militant, atheistic Communism, with its fanatical passion, will dynamite the complacency of a tame, tepid and timid Christianity and fling the Christian Church, of every name and sign, out into the greatest global crusade since the tomb sealed by a dictator failed to hold a Living Lord. Let us remember that the very movements sweeping the world today, demanding more abundant life for that half of the earth which exists in misery and hunger, revolutions used, defiled and debased by the Soviet Union for their own evil designs, are to a large degree the harvest of seed sown by Christian civilization; and in the cries of the depressed and the suppressed is heard the voice of the Father of all mankind, saying, "Let my people go!" We are to lift up our heads in days like these because

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THE DEVOTIONAL PAGE

REV. ROY I. BAGLEY, Editor

FROM THE BOOKSHELF

We shall apprehend the history of the early Church only as we understand that the "company of persons . . . in all about a hundred and twenty" which met in the upper room in Jerusalem on the day of Pentecost were people such as you might find gathered together in any church next Sunday . . .

There is no problem of the Christian pastor today that did not test the wisdom and patience of the leaders of the apostolic church . . .

The Church has depended for its establishment, defense and support, not on a spiritual aristocracy composed of priests and "persons of extraordinary holiness and heroic virtue," but on the great democracy of the faith, the witness of the truth in the hearts of ordinary men and women . . .

The people of the New Testament are the mill run of humanity. The saints were sinners who had found in the faith of Christ a way of hope . . .

It is said that "you can't make a silk purse out of a sow's ear." Perhaps not, but Christian history proves that the noblest character may rise out of the deepest degradation when touched by the spirit of Christ . . .

—From SAINTS WITHOUT HALOS
by Alvin E. Magary

HELP ME LIVE A BETTER LIFE

Dear God of joy and love and life,
With open heart I humbly wait
Before thee, erring, penitent—
God, purge me of all hate!

Let me be true in service, Lord,
A neighbor in a time of need—
A friend of man who shares and gives
Unfettered, Lord, by greed!

Give me the faith that trusts in thee
When night descends and tests appear,
And let me love my fellow men
Without the taint of fear!

God, help me live a better life
So tuned to thee it brings release
From wranglings with thy children,
Lord,
Show me thy Way of Peace!

Thy way? A way that reaches past
The bounding walls of race and clan—
The way of love that makes the world
A brotherhood of man!

—Herbert Wendell Austin,
in Church School

"Do Not Pick the Flowers" is a common sign in America's parks. But in Ireland they read more subtly, "Let it be said of these flowers that they died with their roots on."

The National Press Association was founded in 1895 to promote better understanding and closer cooperation among newspapermen in America.

VICTORY

Ye that have faith to look with fearless eyes
Beyond the tragedy of a world at strife,
And know that out of death and night shall rise
The dawn of ampler life:
Rejoice, whatever anguish rend the heart,
That God has given you this priceless dower
To live in these great times and have your part
In Freedom's crowning hour,
That ye may tell your sons who see the light
High in the heavens—their heritage to take—
"I saw the power of darkness take their flight;
I saw the morning break."

—Owen Seamon
from Quotable Poems

KNOWN BECAUSE OF THEIR FAITH

"The news of your faith is spreading all over the world." (Romans 1:8)

IT was a real spiritual lift for Paul to say of the Christians in Rome that they were known because of their faith. This knowledge fortified his own faith and fired his heart with a new hope.

It might be uncomfortable to ask of ourselves, what are we known for? Are we known as one hard to get along with? Have people lost confidence in us because of a gossiping tongue? Does our reputation spread abroad as a person who seeks to live peaceably with all men? Can others depend on us to seek the good in the life of each person and strive to build happy relationships on that foundation? Just what are we as individual Christians known for?

Just what is our local church known for? Is it known as a church rift with quarrelings and dissension? Does it have the reputation of being unable to get along with the minister? Or is our local church known as one that eagerly strives to strengthen the bonds of Christian fellowship? Within our own church is there a sense of responsibility both in the local community and everywhere?

Paul thanks God that the news of the faith of the Roman Christians was spreading all over the world. All too frequently we take the position that one Christian or one church can do little to forward God's Kingdom. We have become lost in a world of crowds. Even as we say this we are aware of the diminishing size of our world. We may not have a great reputation, but we can be sure that those who do know us will recognize the Christian faith which guides our lives.

Our church may be large or small in membership, but its reputation can be that it is loyal and devoted to Jesus Christ and true to its obligations of Christian stewardship. As individual Christians and as local churches we can do what we are able to do for the cause of Jesus Christ. We all can see that we have fallen short in this respect. But we can repent and determine anew that the power of Christ will control our lives.

What effect does this news of true and wholesome faith have on those who hear of it? It seems that the first effect will be upon the fellowship within the local community.

We all want to have a part in a living and powerful movement. When the word gets around that our church is a vital issue in the life of a community, then the backslidden and indifferent will be challenged to repent and mend their ways.

News of a vital Christian faith will be a boost to every Christian and every church that hears about it. No matter the number of miles that may intervene there is a stimulus when we hear of great Christian living. Some congregations may be having a tough time. Their road may be rougher than we think. When they hear of another's forbearance and stability their own faith is bolstered.

The effect of the news of an individual Christian or local church is so far-reaching it staggers our imagination. This reputation does not just happen. It is only when we as Christians renew our covenant with God and strive to make each succeeding day richer in His grace than the day before. This does not come easy for many times the path leads through a Gethsemane and even to a calvary. We can build this reputation as we are willing to sacrifice that God's will may work more perfectly in our lives as individual Christians and through the church of which we are privileged to be a member.

What are you known for? What is your church known for? The answer to this question lies in our willingness to open our hearts to God and walk in Christ's holy way.
—R. B.

NEW YORK'S UNION SEMINARY GRADUATES 41 METHODISTS

Of the 200 students to receive degrees at its 1951 commencement, one-fifth were Methodists. The Presbyterian Church, to which Union Seminary is traditionally related, supplied 53 of the graduates. Methodists were second with 41. Others were Episcopalians, 19; Congregationalists, 14; Lutherans, 13; Baptists 12; Evangelical and Reformed, 6 and Disciples, 5.

The Rev. Edgar A. Raynis of Plattekill, N. Y., one of the Methodists, won the Maxwell Fellowship for special training in the rural field.

PRAYER FOR THE WEEK

A Prayer For Courage Today

O God, who rulest the world from end to end and from everlasting to everlasting; speak to our hearts when courage fails, and men faint for fear, and the love of many grows cold, and there is distress of nations upon earth. Keep us resolute and steadfast in the things that cannot be shaken, abounding in hope and knowing that our labor is not in vain in thee. Restore our faith in the omnipotence of good, renew in us the love which never faileth; and make us to lift up our eyes and behold, beyond the things which are seen temporal, the things which are unseen and eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

—Mary E. Moxcey

REALIST OR IDEALIST?

To give unto them beauty for ashes . . . the garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness. Isa. 61:3
Scripture: John 5:1-9

A friend of mine, an amateur artist, was visiting Switzerland. He went one day to a hill overlooking a harbor, a favorite spot for artists. As usual, there were several artists at work, all sketching the harbor with its blue-green water, the boats with their many colored sails, and the old stone custom house in its simple beauty.

As he was leaving, he noticed a man somewhat apart from the others but with the same view before him. However, his picture did not show the harbor, or the boats, or the old customhouse. In the center of his picture was a stagnant pool, and on the far side of the pool a dog drinking. Someone apparently had thrown a stone into the water and the ripples distorted the image of the dog. Here, painting just what he saw, was a realist in the midst of a group of idealists who chose not to see the stagnant pool.

Which is the part of the Christian—to see the stagnant pools or the beautiful vistas? Must he not see both and be concerned with both? It is his task to change the stagnant pools into living fountains, to see life at its worst, but never to lose the vision of what it may be at its best. As Jesus saw life's possibilities, so may we see them.

PRAYER: Our Father, let us not close our eyes to the realities of life, even at its worst. Teach us to be aware of life at its lowest, and give us faith in the power of Christ than can lift it to its highest. In his name. Amen.

John D. W. Fetter, Ithaca, N. Y.
The Secret Place

During the last war, London parents shipped as many children as possible into the country where they would be physically safe from air bombardments. Studies made after the war showed that children who remained in London with their parents suffered less, physically and emotionally, than did the children sent to the country for safety. The true security was found to be family unity, not physical safety.—Henry C. Link, Way to Security. (Doubleday)

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ARKANSAS IN OKLAHOMA

In 1918 I was in my first year as pastor of our First Methodist Church in Texarkana. I had been there only about six months and was delighted with the situation. One day the bishop came to the city and called me down to his room at the hotel. After the usual preliminaries, he announced, abruptly and positively, "Dr. Hutchinson, I have made up my mind to send you to St. Luke's Church in Oklahoma City." With great surprise I said, "Why, Bishop, I have only been here about six months and have hardly had time to get started in this important charge." He said, "Yes, I know that, but this Oklahoma proposition is a great opportunity. Oklahoma City is a great, growing city, the capital of the state, and St. Luke's is the leading church of our denomination in that state. I feel like I am opening up to you the opportunity of a life time. Unless you refuse, I will make my plans accordingly." I assured him of my loyalty to the "powers that be" in our Methodism. He then charged me to say nothing about it in Texarkana.

The news of our going was very disconcerting to the leadership of our Texarkana church, but most of them agreed with the bishop that it was a opportunity that could not be turned down lightly. The West Oklahoma Conference met earlier than the Little Rock Conference, and my last service in Texarkana was the union Thanksgiving service. I left immediately afterwards, though reluctantly, and was in Oklahoma City the following Sunday.

I went with the fear that I would be very lonely, leaving the friends of a lifetime and venturing into an unknown field. At my first service there was a great crowd which gave me an enthusiastic welcome. As I entered the church I was met at the door by one of the friendly greeters. I said, "Hutchinson is my name. It seems to me like I have seen you before." He said, "Yes, my name is Sparks. You met me at First Church, Pine Bluff, when you came down there to hold a meeting. We're mighty glad to have you as our pastor at St. Luke's." At the close of the service a man came forward, greeted me warmly, and said, "I'm Will Bragg. You're going home with me for dinner." I remembered later that I had known him in Little Rock when I was pastor of Hunter Memorial Church. He was a steward in Asbury Church.

This will illustrate how I came to realize that I was not a stranger in Oklahoma City. Through the years I have been meeting old friends, who like myself, have transferred their citizenship from Arkansas to Oklahoma. I have never felt like a stranger here. We are a part of Arkansas transplanted in Oklahoma. May God bless Arkansas and Oklahoma!

It seems to me that we can never give up longing and wishing while we are thoroughly alive. These are certain things we feel to be beautiful and good, and we must hunger after them.—George Eliot

NEWS AND NOTES ABOUT FACTS AND FOLKS

MRS. C. B. NELSON, secretary at the First Methodist Church, Warren, was one of the teachers in a recent training school at San Antonio, Texas.

REV. BYRON McSPADEN, pastor at Trumann, was the speaker at the meeting of the Methodist Men of Nettleton on Wednesday evening, July 11.

THE Jonesboro District pastors met on Tuesday, July 17, for a breakfast in Lepanto. Among the items discussed was the "Area Evangelistic Campaign" in Arkansas and Louisiana to be held in January.

THE sympathy of many friends over the state goes out to Rev. C. M. Atchley, our pastor at Dermott, and Mrs. Atchley in the death of their daughter, Mary Theresa, age 12, on July 19. Mary Theresa is survived by her parents, two brothers and a sister.

REV. AND MRS. J. M. HARRISON of Keiser report that they are happy in their new work at Keiser. A reception was given for them last week. The women of the W. S. C. S. plan to put some new pieces of furniture in the parsonage.

THE World's Y. W. C. A. Council is scheduled to hold its next meeting in Beirut, Lebanon, October 14-24. The Council is the legislative body of the World's Y. W. C. A. and is composed of representatives of National Y. W. C. A.'s affiliated with the World's Y. W. C. A. The delegates at Beirut will deal with questions of the policy, practice and affiliations of the movement.

THE sympathy of friends goes out to Rev. Vann Hooker, pastor of the Massard-Barling Church, Ft. Smith, in the death of his father, N. B. Hooker of Leachville. Mr. Hooker was at the St. Bernard's Hospital, Jonesboro, with his son, Cleo Hooker who is critically ill, when he suffered a heart attack and passed away on July 11. Mr. Hooker is also survived by his wife, five sons and five daughters and seven sisters.

FIRST METHODIST CHURCH, Warren, Rev. J. E. Cooper, pastor, announces the following memorial gifts: Clinton Sellars of New York City has given to the W. S. C. S. a gift of \$500.00 to be applied on the pipe organ fund. The gift was in memory of his sister, Mrs. Rufus Martin. Mrs. Herman of Cushing, Oklahoma, has presented to the church an illuminated picture of Christ. The picture was given in memory of Ruth Hoyle.

DR. GEORGE C. BAKER of Southern Methodist University, Dallas, Texas, will be the speaker in a series of services at the First Methodist Church, Warren, August 19 through August 24. Dr. Baker will preach at the Sunday evening service on August 19 which will be a joint service of the Methodist Church and the First Presbyterian Church. The two churches are having joint evening services during the month of August.

THE New England Conference of the Methodist Church has voted to ask the General Conference, when it meets in San Francisco in 1952, to make the waging of a national and churchwide campaign for world peace the major objectives of Methodist people from 1952 to 1956. A resolution proposed by the Rev. John E. Collier, of Webster, Mass., called the peace campaign "the unfinished business of the church." He would have Methodism and other churches cooperate closely with peace plans first adopted by the United Nations. The years would find the churches and their communities deluged with volunteer speakers urging action for world peace.

COMMUNITIES, granges, clubs, churches, and fraternal organizations, especially in the nation's rural and farm areas, are being asked by the Christian Rural Overseas Program (308 West Washington St., Chicago, Ill.) to contribute of

their 1951 crops of grain of all kinds to supplement whatever grains the U. S. government is granting to the starving millions of Indian people. Under the direction of committees named by the governors of the rural states, the collection of grain will be organized and taken to American ports in carload lots, and the Indian government will provide shipping facilities across the oceans. "Friendship Grain for India" is already meeting wide response and several large gifts of wheat have been shipped.

RELIEF PACKAGES TO KOREA NOT DELIVERED THROUGH A.P.O.

Methodist missionaries in Korea can no longer receive packages and relief supplies through A.P.O. addresses, it was announced this week by Dr. T. T. Brumbaugh, Division of Foreign Missions secretary for work in Korea. The Army is unable to extend its facilities to handle parcel post packages.

Freight shipments are being delivered by Church World Service, Dr. Brumbaugh added.

Relief and rehabilitation services are being carried on through the United Command and the United Nations personnel, a program which is supported by funds and relief supplies solicited in this country through American Relief in Korea (ARK) and through Church World Service and the interdenominational agencies which cooperate with the Korean National Christian Council.

ALL METHODIST MISSIONARIES RELEASED FROM EAST CHINA

The Rev. and Mrs. Wesley M. Smith of Changshu, China, arrived in Hong Kong July 20, according to a cable received at the New York offices of the Board of Missions and Church Extension of the Methodist Church. There are now no Methodist missionaries remaining in the East China Conference, the Smiths being the last ones to receive exit permits. Mr. Smith is from Marshall, Mo., and Mrs. Smith was born in China.

AN EXCELLENT TIME FOR NORTHERN EDITORIAL COMMENT

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should give special study to plans for such improvement. May we humbly suggest, also that it is our judgement that our northern, would-be benefactors would accomplish more for the cause if they would give more time to the study of better race relations in their own territory and less time to criticizing conditions in other sections. Furthermore, in that study, we would suggest as parallel reading, in view of the Cicero riot and others of a similar nature, the words of Jesus in the Sermon on the Mountain where He said, "Why beholdest thou the mote that is in thy brother's eye but considerest not the beam that is in thine own eye? Or wilt thou say to thy brother, Let me pull out the mote out of thine eye; and behold a beam is in thine own eye."

HOTEL RESERVATIONS FOR GENERAL CONFERENCE IN SAN FRANCISCO, APRIL 23-MAY 7, 1952

The local committee is in the act of completing arrangements for handling hotel reservations for delegates and unofficial visitors. There will be ample accommodations for all. It is requested that no steps be taken to secure reservations until an announcement appears approximately September 1, in this and other Methodist publications.

After September 1, 1951, Application Forms will be sent to all delegates and reserves. Unofficial visitors may secure Application Forms by applying to the Chairman of the Hotel Reservations Committee, The Rev. Herbert Brooke, Room 200, 61 Grove Street, San Francisco 2, California.

PLEASE DO NOT WRITE DIRECTLY TO ANY HOTEL. BE SURE TO CLEAR WITH THE COMMITTEE.

CURRENT NEWS IN THE RELIGIOUS WORLD

Selected from Religious News Service Releases

Methodists Organizing 100 Men's Clubs A Month

Methodist Laymen's Clubs are being organized at the rate of 100 a month, Chilton G. Bennett, executive secretary of the denomination's General Board of Lay Activities, said at Chicago. In a report presented at the Board's annual meeting, he said that nearly 3,000 clubs have been chartered toward a goal of 5,000. The goal is to be reached by the time the Methodist General Conference meets in April, 1952. This large growth in Methodist men's groups, Mr. Bennett said, is "one of the most significant developments in the Methodist Church, and one upon which we may look with pride and enthusiasm." The meeting was held in connection with a quadrennial gathering of lay leaders from the denomination's 100 Annual Conferences.

Churches Celebrate Their Rift

Something new was added to the celebration of the anniversaries of two churches near Holgate, Ohio. They jointly observed the rift that split them apart a half century ago. St. John's Reformed church, north of Holgate, and Emanuel Reformed church, New Bavaria, were served by one pastor for 40 years before an argument in 1901 over the retention of the minister. Former pastors spoke at the union services held at St. John's church in the morning and at Emanuel church in the evening.

Two Czech Priests Get Death Sentence

Two Czech Roman Catholic priests were sentenced to death by the State Court in Jihlava after they were found guilty of "knowing about plans to murder three Communist officials." The death sentence also was meted out to five other Czechs similarly charged. Seven of the defendants received sentences from life imprisonment to 20 years. The two priests, Msgr. Vaclav Drbola and Father Frantisek Parik of Babice, were said to have "admitted their full responsibility for the murders." Another "proof" was that the alleged terrorists wore rosaries which allegedly were consecrated for them by the two sentenced priests.

Reports Church Membership At New High

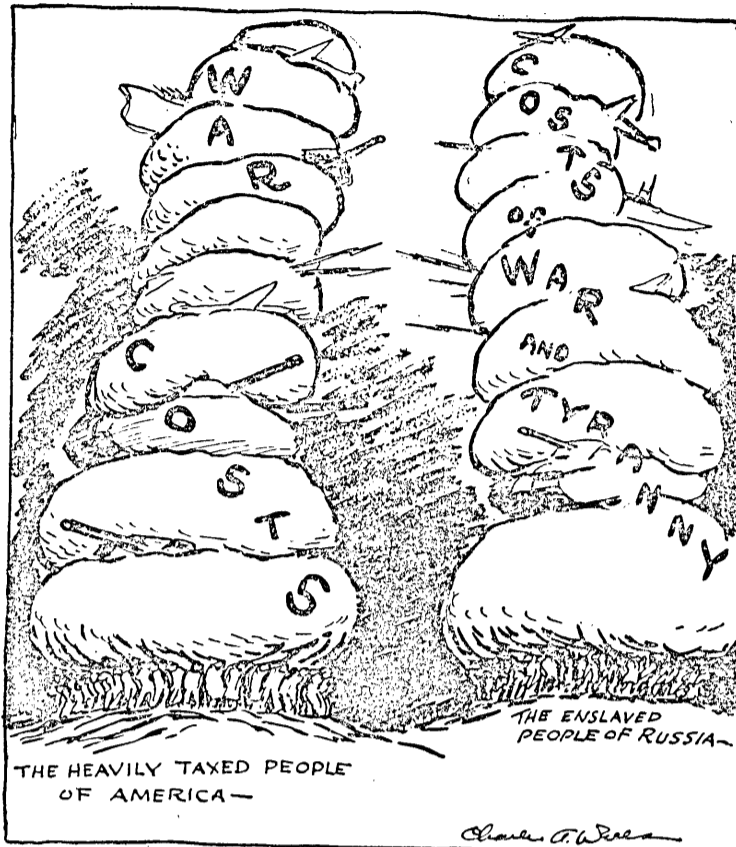
Membership in religious bodies of the United States increased 3.56 per cent last year to a new high of 85,705,280, according to statistics compiled by the Christian Herald. The rate of gain was more than double the 1.67 per cent growth of the general American population in 1950, and brought church membership to a record 55.9 per cent of the people. The survey was based on figures submitted by 114 religious bodies, and does not include members outside continental United States.

Condemns Religious Illiteracy of The Educated

The religious illiteracy of persons otherwise well educated was condemned by a St. Louis pastor, the Rev. Paul Stephan. He addressed some 1,500 delegates attending the

NO WAR—BUT COLLAPSE

By Charles A. Wells



Responsible observers are apprehensive that in our efforts to arm against Russia we can easily become involved in a fate as detrimental to our security and freedom as a disastrous war. No nation can be stronger than the moral fibre of its people. We know that the Russian people have long been under a cruel and oppressive tyranny, a tyranny so diabolical that we can expect some day the whole Soviet structure to collapse. But what of ourselves? Are we secure? We are spending in one year almost as much for arms as the value of all the gold which has been mined since the days of Christopher Columbus! And remember that our welfare spending, vast as it is, is only one tenth the amount of our military spending. Meanwhile, we are economizing on educational, cultural and spiritual programs vital to our people. Karl Marx forecast that communism would come to the capitalist West by collapse from within, and the Kremlin lays much store by that prophesy. America must be well armed in today's world, but if we forget the human, moral and spiritual factors, our physical might can result in a national collapse as disastrous as communism itself.

59th annual convention of the International Walther League, youth organization of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod. "The best educators of our land," he said, "lament the fact that students in colleges and universities pride themselves on their technical accomplishments and the number of degrees they have earned and are actually religious illiterates."

Court Upholds Released-Time Program

In a six-to-one decision the Court of Appeals, New York State's highest tribunal, upheld the constitutionality of New York City's released-time religious education program. Under the New York City program, children are excused from school to attend religious classes off school premises one hour a week. The practice had been challenged in a suit brought by two Brooklyn parents, Tessim Zorach, a Protestant, and Mrs. Esta Gluck, a Jew. They contended that the released-time program was unconstitutional under the 1948 McCollum decision of the U. S. Supreme Court. The plaintiffs, both of whom have children attending Brooklyn grade schools,

took the case to the Court of Appeals after lower courts ruled the program was not unconstitutional.

Methodist Bishop Backs Poling Candidacy

Bishop Fred P. Corson, head of the Philadelphia Area of the Methodist Church, has become the first prominent religious leader to endorse the Rev. Daniel A. Poling as Republican candidate for mayor of the city. Bishop Corson thus entered the lively factional row that has split the Republican party, and has Dr. Poling—who was "drafted" by the regular GOP—opposed for the nomination at the July 24 primary by Walter A. Miller, a prominent manufacturer, who is backed by a strong group of "independents". Both sides make the claim that they "can best defeat the Democrats in November; reorganize the GOP under the new City Charter, and influence Republican sentiment across the country."

Emperor Cets Christian University Friendship Scroll

Emperor Hirohito's grand chamberlain was presented at Tokio with

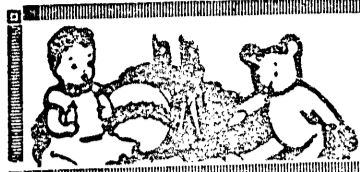
the Japan International Christian University friendship scroll by two Protestant youth leaders from the United States. The scroll bore the names of over 75,000 North American young people who contributed to the building of the new institution at Mitaka, near Tokyo. It was presented in a ceremony at the royal palace by George Lewis of Champaign, Ill., a University of Illinois student, and Miriam Corless, Wilmington, Del., kindergarten director. In his speech of acceptance, the grand chamberlain, Marquis Tsuneko Matsudaira, expressed the Emperor's appreciation for the scroll. Mr. Lewis, a Presbyterian, and Miss Corless, a Methodist, were winners of an essay contest sponsored by the Japan International Christian University Foundation.

200,000 Attend German Protestant Rally

German Protestants were summoned to maintain a Christian solidarity "despite boundaries" as more than 200,000 persons jammed Berlin's Olympic Stadium for the closing service of the third annual German Evangelical Church Day (DEKT) congress. The rally described by Bishop Otto Dibelius of Berlin as the greatest Protestant gathering ever held in Europe, climaxed a five-day meeting at which laymen of the Evangelical Church and the Free Churches discussed a common program of action under the general theme, "We Are Brothers, After All." Over 30 scattered loudspeakers the crowd heard DEKT General Secretary Heinrich Giesen read a congress message declaring that "God does not want us to drift apart and become servants of other masters, but to obey His words and be His witnesses." Summarizing the findings of working groups during the congress, the message stressed that God wants "husband and wife, parents and children, to remain together. He does not want idols and tyrants to corrupt our children," it added, "nor to force them into hatred and revenge. We have brothers among all peoples and races, who remain our brothers despite boundaries. God does not want us to give them up as lost."

Bishop Says Aid To India Converting Communists

Passage of the wheat-for-India bill is converting Indian Communists to Christianity, according to a Methodist bishop in India. In a letter to Senator Hubert H. Humphrey (D-Minn.), Bishop J. Waskom Pickett said that "a good many former Communists are now renouncing the party and its program and we are receiving some of them as Christian converts. I have baptized five or six of them myself," he went on. "One is now proving a powerful advocate of democracy and a very successful opponent of Communism, exposing and denouncing its falsehoods and vicious methods." The bishop said that "millions of Indians are now saying, 'thank God for America!'" He declared that through the India bill "a powerful blow has been struck at the Communist conspirators."



THE CHILDREN'S PAGE

ANNIE WINBURNE, Editor



IN STORYLAND

THE BORROWED BOOK

Shirley picked up the book she had borrowed from Nancy, with her school-books, and went into her room. She would keep them all together and no one ever would know what she had. Anyway, there really wasn't any good reason why Mother should look at every book she ever read. No one else's mother did that.

It really was a good book. She had started to read it during her study period in school and was most anxious to finish it. If she hurried through her home work that evening, perhaps she could read the last few chapters.

She placed her books on her desk and almost before she realized it, she was in her chair by the window with the borrowed book in her hand.

She became so interested in her story that she lost all track of time. It was very exciting—different from any book she had ever read before. She didn't like the words the boys used, but then—it was just a story, and she didn't have to remember that part of it. This was the kind of book Mother always wanted her to return to the library without reading.

Mother was busy in the kitchen. "I wonder where Shirley is. It is time for her to set the table. She is usually under my feet at supper time. She must be in her room doing her home work. Shirley! Shirley!"

"Yes, I'm coming," Shirley called. She read one more paragraph, then she put her arithmetic paper in the place where she was reading so she would be able to find it quickly.

Supper was always a pleasant time when the whole family was together. But the dishes afterward weren't quite so pleasant.

When the last dish was put away, Shirley gathered up her schoolbooks from her room and went down to the parlor to do her homework. She spread them around her on the floor under the big lamp.

Tonight she seemed to have an especially hard time trying to keep her mind on her lessons. She couldn't think of anything but the exciting place where she had left the boys in her story.

First, she tried her geography. She read the page about Greenland three times. Then she tried to answer the questions about it and couldn't answer a single one!

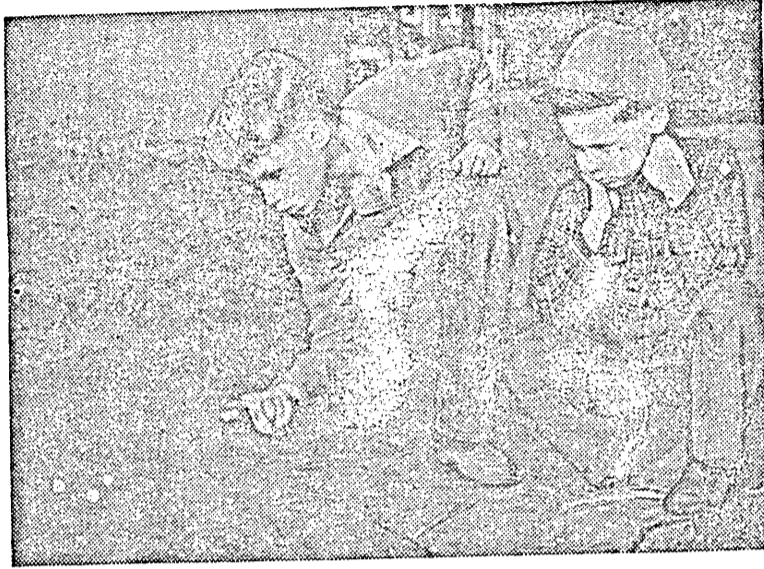
"Well," thought Shirley, "what's the matter with me? I've never been this dumb before."

She closed her book and looked around her. "I guess I'll try my history. That's more interesting."

Shirley tried to read her history but she couldn't get any more interest in that.

Soon she said to herself, "I might as well finish that book because I can't do anything else until I do."

Out loud she said, "I guess I'll go up to my room." She picked up her books and went upstairs. Soon she was lost to everything around



SUMMERTIME

*There are lots of things that a boy can do
When summertime is here.
There are fishing and swimming and all kinds of games
With boys from far and near.*

*When our errands are done we are ready for fun
And a happy summer day.
We think there is nothing much nicer
Than meeting our friends at play.—A.E.W.*

her. Time went by but she was unaware of it.

"Oh, you scared me," Shirley said as Mother came in.

"It's a book Nancy let me take," Shirley answered.

"Have you finished your lessons?"

"No. They were too hard."

"That's strange. Shirley, let me see that book."

She handed it to her mother.

Turning over a few pages, Mother said, "I don't like the way this book is written. It isn't a good book, Shirley, you should know by the language the boys in it use. Now I know why your lessons were too hard and why you were frightened when I came in."

Then, putting the book down, Mother said, "Perhaps this will help you understand why I want you to be careful what you read. In the first place, I don't like to have my little girl reading this kind of language. Then this story is very wild! That is why you were so excited you couldn't study. I think you should return this book in the morning. It's time to get ready for bed now, dear."

It was a thoughtful little girl that said her prayers and crawled into bed that night.

"That's the first time I've seen any reason why I should be careful of what I read," Shirley thought as she dropped off to sleep.—Evelyn Carlson in "The Burning Bush"

LANTERNS

*Have you been along the road in
the wee small hours of night?*

*Have you seen the little lanterns all
atwinkle and alight?*

*They never come in singles; they're
always in a pair!*

*You wonder who's behind them, the
brilliant gleam to share;*

JUST FOR FUN

A man approached the clerk in the shop.

"Say, would you take that yellow tie with the pink spots out of the window for me?"

"Certainly, sir," the clerk replied. "Pleased to take anything out of the window any time."

"That's a lot," breathed the man with relief — "That awful thing bothers me every time I pass by."

A poor Persian asked a prophet whether Satan had a wife. The prophet assured him that Satan hadn't one.

"Alas," said the man. "What have I done to merit a greater punishment than Satan?"—Everybody's Weekly, (London)

ANT'S ANTHROPOLOGY

*Humans are a simple breed,
Yet kindly in their way;
They'll travel miles at break-neck
speed*

*On a hot and dusty day
And scramble through the biggest
bunch*

*Of poison ivy plants
To bring a lovely picnic lunch
To all us hungry ants.*

—Ethel Jacobson, Better Homes & Gardens

*Mayhap, it is a fairy, a goblin or a
gnome*

*That strays out late at night and is
just a-wandering home.*

*But, no, 'tis not a brownie nor any-
thing like that—*

*It's just a very lonely, demure, old
pussycat!*

—Methodist Protestant Recorder

IN THE WORLD OF BOYS AND GIRLS

FIVE LITTLE CHILDREN

Five little children playing near the door,
One went inside, then there were—
Four little children looking at a tree,
One began to chase a bird, then there were—
Three little children saw some violets blue,
One went off to pick a bunch, then there were—
Two little children, having lots of fun,
One ran off to get his dog, then there was—
One little child watched the doggie run,
Then he went inside to play, so now there are
None.

Directions

Use the five fingers to represent the five children. As each child goes off to play, bend a finger toward the palm until at last the hand is closed. —The United Church Observer

QUEER QUESTIONS

*Have you ever heard the dogwood bark?
Or a pussy willow purr?
Does a larkspur sing just like a lark?
Can one make coats of fir?*

*Did you ever hear a horse sorrel neigh
Or see it run a race?*

*Can we really tell the time of day
By four o'clock's red face?*

*If a cowslip down does it hurt to fall?
Is oxalis a lady ox?*

*Does the sleeping clover wake at all?
Are sheep or birds in phlox?*

*Is the toadflax woven into cloth?
Is silkweed made of silk?*

*Does a pale star flower attract a moth?
Can one drink milkweed's milk?*

*Is a tiger lily dangerous?
Can a dandelion roar?*

*Are the catkins any kin to us?
Please tell me, I implore.*

*I've a brand-new flower book, you see,
I've read the index through
And these are—questions bothering me;*

*I think them queer, don't you?
—Maude Wood Henry, in Ex.*

LITTLE HELPER

*Are you a willing helper
And always glad to do
The errands that your mother
Will sometimes ask of you?*

*And are you always willing
To leave your play a while
To do something for Mother
And do it with a smile?*

*To be a willing helper
And each day do your part,
You must be always ready
With loving hands and heart.*

—Cumberland Presbyterian



CHAPEL-AUDITORIUM AT HENDRIX COLLEGE

Above is a view from the south of an architectural drawing of the Chapel which is part of the Chapel-Auditorium building now in process of construction on the campus at Hendrix College. The Chapel will seat about three hundred, the Auditorium with balcony will seat about one thousand.

This combination building will meet a long-felt need at Hendrix College. It was made possible by the recent Million Dollar Campaign for Hendrix College. Building costs have increased so much since original plans were made that it will be

necessary to supplement the \$250,000.00 allocated for this building out of the Campaign funds in order to complete the building.

As is usual in erecting any structure of size under present building conditions and regulations, there has been some delay in the building program. However, work is now continuing. The Chapel is near enough to completion that one can easily imagine the beauty of the completed structure. The Auditorium will soon be ready for the roof. Arkansas Methodism will be justly proud of this building when completed.

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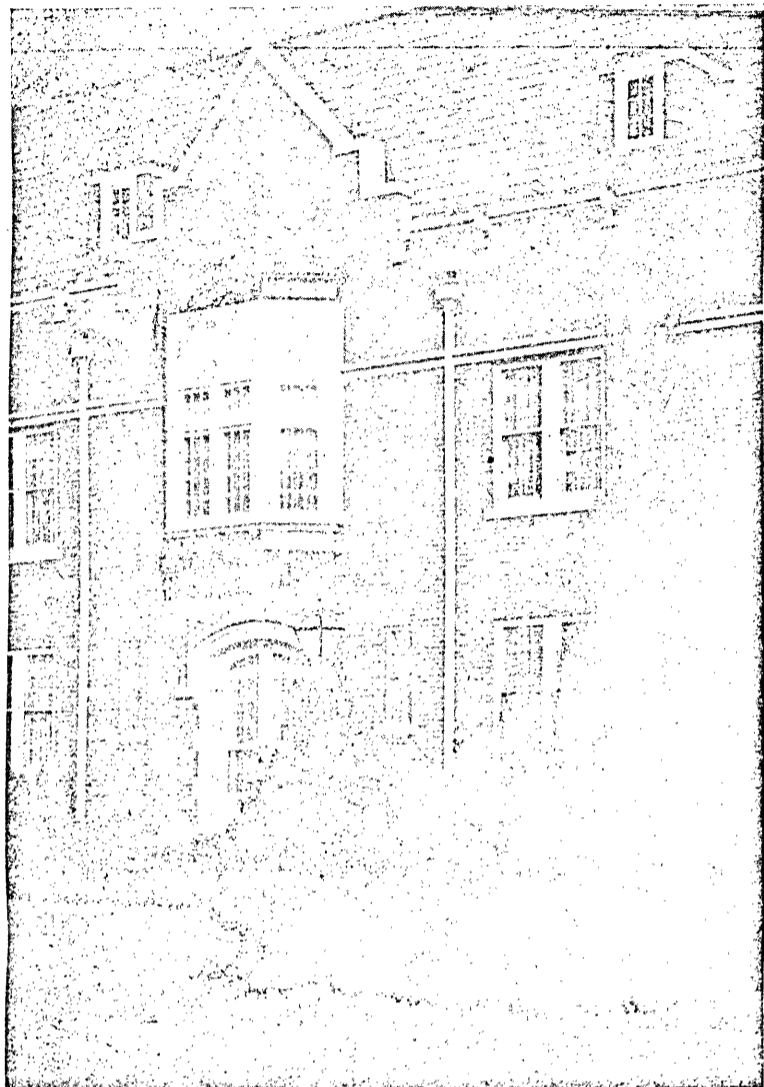
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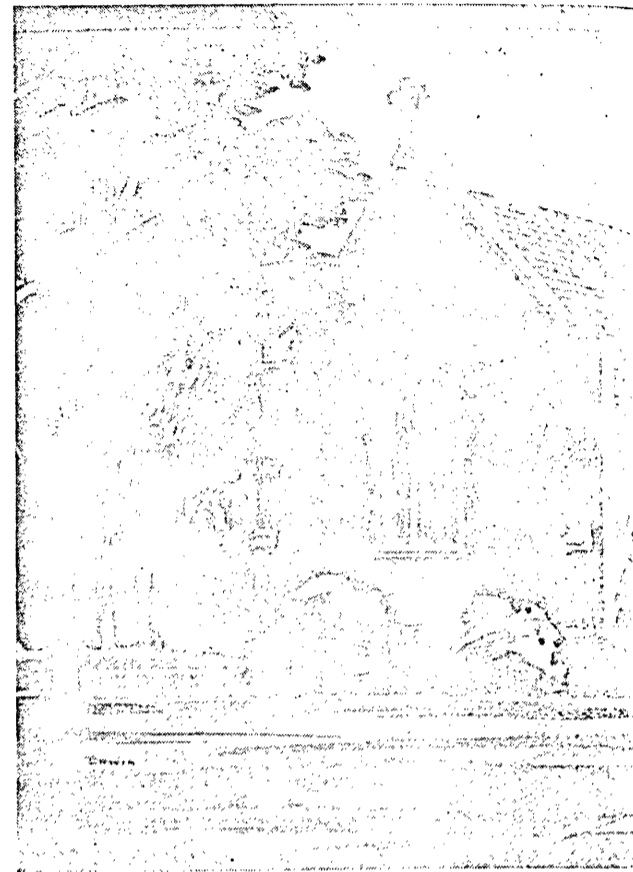
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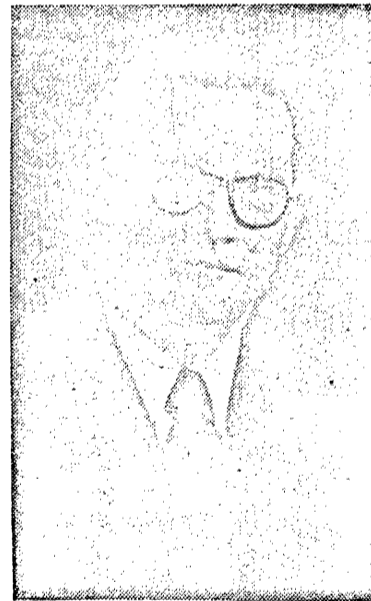


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Dr. George C. Baker, a member of the South-west Texas Conference, is Chaplain at Southern Methodist University.

Dr. G. Ernest Thomas is a graduate of Boston University and is a member of the New Jersey Conference. At present he is Secretary of Spiritual Life Department of the General Board of Evangelism.

Dr. Rockwell C. Smith received his Doctor's Degree from the University of Wisconsin, and is a member of the West Wisconsin Conference. He is Professor of Rural Church Administration and Sociology at Garrett Biblical Institute.

Dr. Wesley C. Davis, a member of the Missouri Conference, received his Ph. D., from Yale. He is Professor of New Testament at Perkins School of Theology.

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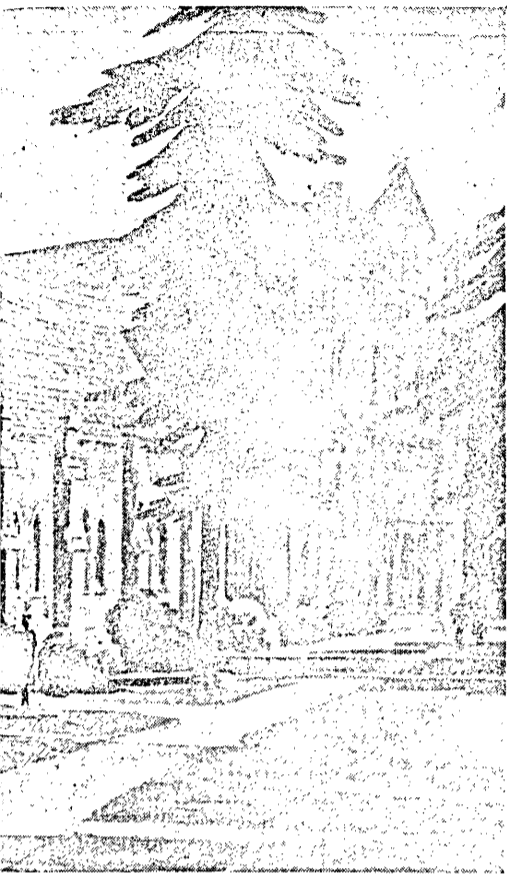
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THROUGH AUGUST 3



(Architectural Drawing)

AKER

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

Smoot is a native of Missouri, and began his ministry in the Methodist Episcopal Church into which he was received into full communion in 1937, and in which he has served until unification. He received his A. B. degree from Hendrix College and his B. D. from the Southern Baptist Biblical Institute.

Smoot served important pastorships at his home Conference, from which he was transferred to the Rockwell Conference, and later to the Conway Conference of which he is a member.



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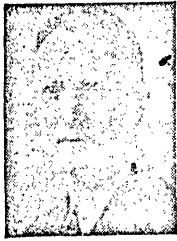
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On A Wide Circuit

By W. W. REID

PEACE IS EVERYBODY'S FULLTIME JOB



SOMETIMES one almost despairs of the attainment of peace among the peoples of the world — especially when he hears the words and notes the acts of men at the

helms of the great governments of the world. Too many of them are military leaders, disguised in the dress suits of diplomacy, subconsciously certain that might will achieve desirable objectives. How can they be expected to wage peace?

And then out of the heat of debate—usually from someone we did not know yesterday, or someone from a small nation—comes a clear call to the path of peace. Such a note came the other day from Abba Eban, Israel's representative to the United Nations. The making and preservation of peace, he urges, must "be regarded as the permanent individual task of all governments and all peoples—all the time."

"The price of peace can never reach such dimensions as to equal the smallest fraction of war's deadly cost," he said. "Nations faced with the task of securing victory in war apply unlimited efforts and resources to that end. Budgets of astronomic proportions are approved; all daily pursuits are canalized to the cause of victory; the theme of indispensable triumph is inculcated by every means of information and instruction; and the conduct of the campaign is subjected hour by hour to the closest scrutiny and control of specialized minds within the framework of the highest political responsibilities. These efforts are gladly given. These sacrifices are willingly made. They are vindicated by the ultimate aim of victory, and their anguish is effaced

in the final triumph.

"We have not yet grown accustomed to regard the preservation of peace as a task no less heavy and intricate, no less complex and time-consuming than the conduct of war. There is not the same vigilance, the same constant tension, the same hourly watching of the changing scene lest a new opportunity for profitable initiative may occur . . .

"Peace must be waged, with no less energy than a successful military campaign. The achievements of free institutions, the cultural values of democracy, the capacity of freedom to secure economic welfare, need to be proclaimed at least as loudly and constantly as these same theories are attacked. Its actions and incentives must be positively asserted with no less energy than a successful military campaign.

"The despairs which attack both democracy and peace have their roots in human misery, in social injustice, in economic apathy. Thus, when we assert the concepts of social progress and development, we defend peace at an earlier stage than when we are forced to take up arms in its defense. Economic assistance to maintain peace is cheaper, even in financial terms, than collective armed resistance to aggression which becomes necessary when peace fails. International organizations embarking upon such projects of social and economic development are not engaging in any diversion away from their peace-making function. They are building peace at its very foundation . . .

"Vigilance, fulltime activity, restraint and positive assertion of peaceful ideals are part of the price which must be rendered if we are to see the day envisioned by Israel's prophets when 'nation shall not lift up the sword against nation, neither shall they learn way any more'."

ARKANSAS MEN ATTEND CONFERENCE ON EVANGELISM

With the largest attendance yet registered at an annual meeting of conference secretaries of evangelism, those attending the July 13-18 sessions at Albion College, Albion, Mich., heard glowing reports of successes in evangelism during the past year. They also made plans for 24 regional united evangelistic missions to be held during the next nine months, involving almost half of the Methodist churches in the nation.

Evidences of spiritual power were on every hand as the secretaries heard outstanding speakers and mapped their strategy for winning converts. They also listened to thrilling testimonies by youth members of a work camp of evangelism, who visited the conference one afternoon and brought first-hand reports of their activities. Delegates contributed more than \$160 to the fund for the campers.

Every annual conference in American and Cuban Methodism was represented by either its annual conference secretary of evangelism, district secretaries, or other leaders. Leadership for the meeting was provided by members of the staff of the General Board of Evangelism, several bishops, and other leaders.

Bishop Ralph S. Cushman, St. Paul, Minn., chairman of the Board of Evangelism, led the opening devotions and preached the Sunday morning sermon. Other episcopal leaders appearing on the program were Bishop J. Ralph Magee, Chicago; Bishop Marshall R. Reed, Detroit; and Bishop Lloyd C. Wicke, Pittsburgh.

Daily chapel speaker was Dr. Lowell B. Hazzard, professor of Old Testament at Westminster Theological Seminary, Westminster, Md. His series of five morning meditations set the spiritual tone for the day.

Other speakers, in addition to staff members of the board, included James Barry, manager of station KMUS, Muskogee, Okla., and Dr.

R. H. Mueller, chairman of the committee on educational evangelism of the National Council of Churches.

The final address was given by Dr. Harry Denman, executive secretary of the Board of Evangelism. Dr. Joseph Edge of the board staff was in charge of arrangements for the conference.

The following ministers from the Little Rock Conference attended the meeting: Rev. W. T. Bone, Conference chairman of the Board of Evangelism; Rev. Cecil R. Culver, Conference Director of Evangelism; Rev. Herston Holland, district director, Arkadelphia District; Rev. Alfred I. Doss, district director, Camden District; Rev. Fred R. Harrison, district director, Hope District; Rev. Fred L. Arnold, district director, Little Rock District; Rev. C. M. Atchley, district director, Monticello District; Rev. Bryan Stephens, district director, Pine Bluff District.

"CRUSADE SCHOLARS" ARE HONOR STUDENTS

Two young women from India, who are studying in the United States under the Crusade Scholarship program of the Methodist Church, have been elected to membership in Pi Lambda Theta, national honorary society. They are Miss Smriti Das, education student at Northwestern University, and Miss Premalatha Shanthappa, who is studying nutrition at Syracuse University.

The scholarships are financed by American Methodists through Week of Dedication offerings. Miss Das is a teacher at Lee Memorial Training Center in Calcutta, and Miss Shanthappa is a teacher in the Mission Hospital in Bidar, Hyderabad State.

A total of 600 "Crusade Scholars" have come from 61 countries since the program was begun in 1945. Today there are 136 who are studying in American institutions and 19 in foreign schools, a total of 155.

The Yale News was the first college daily newspaper in America. It was started on January 28, 1878.

LIFT UP YOUR HEADS

(Continued from page 2)

the one towering figure in all the world today is that of Jesus Christ who said and says: "I am come that ye might have life, and that ye might have it more abundantly."

Bernard Shaw said of himself that he was no more Christian than Pontius Pilate. But in one of his high moments Shaw added: "I see no way out of the misery and muddle of today than the way Jesus Christ would take." The universal fact regarding that One whom the ages call the Light of the World has never been more potently put than in John's incandescent sentence: "In Him life lay, and that life is the light of men."

Wherever, under any sky, that Light shines, redemption dawns. But, asks a modern book: "Is it not a species of intellectual deceit to suggest that Jesus Christ, no matter how good we may agree that He was, who, nevertheless, lived two thousand years ago in a handcraft age, in an obscure province of the Roman Empire, has a social order to suggest for our day of mass production, transoceanic flights and atomic bombs?"

The answer to that is: Jesus did not have a social order to suggest for His own day, let alone ours; He had something vastly more important than that. No matter how men may attempt to explain His personality, it is becoming increasingly clear in the lurid light of today that the Nazarene had broken through to reality, that He stood with His back against the moral pillars of the universe when under the blue sky of Palestine He declared: "Heaven and earth shall pass away; but my words shall not pass away. They

are spirit and they are life." He was proclaiming that His precepts are the very laws of the spiritual world and that they hold as irrevocably as does gravitation in the physical. That means that for men and nations life is in His direction. Away from Him is frustration and death. Some day, when the last cruiser is scrapped as old iron, when the last empire held together by physical force falls apart like a pack of cards, when the last dictator releases his hold on regimented people, the words of Jesus will stand unrefuted and irrefutable. The future is with Him. Proclaim it in Washington and New York, in Chicago and San Francisco, in London and Paris, Moscow and Peiping. This world is not through with that One from whose birth today's newspapers are dated. It is through without Him.

"We see not yet all things put under the feet of man" cries the writer of Hebrews. But he adds, exultantly; "We see Jesus." Therefore, "lift up your heads." This is the triumphant mood of the Psalmist as he set to soaring music his utter assurance of the final victory of God: "He shall not fail nor be discouraged until He hath set judgment in the earth. And the isles shall wait for His law."

That was the basis of Christ's confidence, as His voice resounds across the crowding years: "Fear not, I have overcome the world." To the God to whom a thousand years are as one day only two days have passed on the clock of the eternal since the frustrated disciples turned away in despair and defeat from their Master hanging dead on two crossed beams of wood. But God's purpose for the ages moved unimpeded past a Roman cross, to sweep on from victory to victory. Centuries later, when the barbarians were

hammering at the gates of Rome, St. Augustine wrote his "City of God," which can be summed up in four mighty monosyllables: Lift up your heads!

Now, again, ruthless vandals are on the march. And the same black labels which have done service in all the years are again nailed to our troubled times. In the clouds and darkness of this volcanic day, we see paganism loose in the world, bent on its diabolical mission of destruction. Yes. But in our tendency to panic let us never forget that Jesus Christ is the most relevant fact in the world today. For He is the same yesterday and today and for ever.

The heart of the Christian evangel is that defeat is impossible. Evil has already been sentenced to death. The Lord God Omnipotent reigneth! His great white throne is not empty. Lift up your hearts! And to that trumpet tone increasing millions cry, with a faith invincible: "We lift them up unto the Lord."

But what of the night? The voice of the watchman is heard in the dense darkness with the assurance, "The morning cometh!" To doubt that is spiritual treason. Redemption draweth nigh in the radiant faith of those who, in such an age as this, lift up their heads in the salutation of the dawn as they bear their ecstatic witness.

*"I see His blood upon the rose,
And in the stars the glory of His eyes;
His body gleams amid the eternal snows,
His tears fall from the skies.*

*All pathways by His feet are worn,
His strong heart stirs the ever-beating sea,
His crown of thorns is twined with every thorn,
His cross is every tree."*

WOMAN'S SOCIETY OF CHRISTIAN SERVICE

MRS. SUE M. WAYLAND, Editor

MENA SOCIETY

The W. S. C. S. of the Mena church met in the basement of the church for their regular business and circle meetings.

The devotional was led by Mrs. Walter Bailey whose topic was "Thanksgiving for everyday needs."

Mrs. Ralph Johnson, Sr., president, opened the business meeting with a short talk thanking the society for the privilege of being their new president for the coming year. She ask the society to give a rising vote of thanks to Mrs. R. R. Hicks, the passing president. The minutes were read and approved by the secretary, Mrs. Leon Hall. After a short business session the president, Mrs. Johnson, announced her standing committees for the coming year. The society voted to keep having the fellowship suppers each first Thursday evening of each month.

Mrs. J. W. Witherspoon and Mrs. R. R. Hicks thanked the society for their new life membership pins which they received at the installation service.

Mrs. R. R. Hicks was presented a lovely gift from the society for her loyal and faithful service during the past year.

Mrs. W. I. Morgan was also honored with a gift from the society as she is moving to another city. Her services have been long, faithful and loyal and she will be greatly missed as she is so well loved by the entire society.

The business meeting adjourned to the dining room where they were served a delicious lunch. The hostesses were Mrs. Vernon Rodgers and Mrs. Leon Hall.

At 1 o'clock the two circles met together for a very impressive pledge service under the direction of Mrs. Ralph Johnson.

The devotional, "We would see Jesus, the Great Physician", was led by Mrs. R. R. Hicks, followed by a solo by Mrs. Vernon Rodgers.

Mrs. Ralph Johnson gave the pledge service talk and a group of women gave expressions of personal help from the W. S. C. S. and W. S. G. Those taking part were: Mesdames Walter Bailey, Nabors Shaw, Madge Johnson (WSG member), W. A. Finks and M. E. Drake.

Mrs. E. M. Dover sang "Give of Your Best to the Master," accompanied by Mrs. Johnson.

Those taking part in the discussion of "What We Can Do" were: Mdms. John Barton, A. W. Dodson, and Whit Spires.

Prayer was led by Mrs. Johnson, and the pledge cards were signed.

WESLEYAN GUILD PRESENTS LIFE MEMBERSHIP

At the eleven o'clock service of the Mansfield church, Rev. James Meadows, the new pastor, introduced Mrs. Pattie Anderson, the Guild president, who presented Mrs. Besse Hodges with a Life Membership pin and certificate on behalf of the Guild of the church.

Mrs. Hodges has given thirty-five years of faithful service to the church in leadership in the Woman's Society, work in the Guild, and in teaching Sunday School classes, and is now a member of the Board of Stewards. Her thirty-five years of service, indeed, tell a story of great

FOUR GENERATIONS OF METHODISTS



Four generations of Methodist workers are here pictured. Mrs. C. F. Skipper at far right, her daughter, Mrs. J. A. Morris, her granddaughter, Mrs. Edwin Rodgers and great-granddaughter, Jane Ann (Jan) Rodgers age three.

Mrs. Skipper has been a member of the Dermott Methodist Church for forty-seven years. Mrs. Morris has been a member since she was seven and Secretary of the Sunday School since 1921. Mrs. Rodgers assists in the intermediate department and little Jan is a regular Sunday School attendant.

The occasion of this picture was a presentation to Jan of a W. S. C. S. baby membership certificate and pin which was given her by her aunt, Mrs. Charles Tilman, in memory of Jan's great-grandmother, Mrs. J. A. Morris, Sr.

LAKE VILLAGE

The lovely plantation home of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Holloway on North Lake Chicot afforded a perfect setting for the picnic meeting of the Wesleyan Guild and Woman's Society of Lakeside church, from six to nine p. m.

The spacious lawns terraced to the water's edge, were indeed picturesque with chairs in a large circle and tables centered with arrangements of bright summer flowers.

All women of the church were invited to this occasion and Mrs. T. S. Lovett, president of the Little Rock Conference, of Grady, Mrs. T. O. Prewitt of Tillar, and Mrs. W. C. Shepherd, of Gould, were guests.

Thirty-seven women joined hands, forming a circle of Christian fellowship, and sang the doxology. Each person served themselves from bounteously laden tables.

After the lunch, the guests were introduced by Mrs. Fred Schwendemann. Mrs. Prewitt gave a talk on "God, a Home, and A Garden", Mrs. Lovett spoke on the subject,

...ness in Christian living. Here is an enviable record. Reporter.

"Why I Believe The W. S. C. S. is the Greatest Single Volunteer Organization in the World To-day." She inspired everyone by her knowledge and vision of the great work that is ours at this present time.

Mrs. Prewitt dismissed with prayer for the women's work, the church and its leaders everywhere, and for world peace.—Reporter.

COTTON PLANT INSTALLS GUILD OFFICERS

Mrs. Paul Parnell was hostess for the installation of the officers for the new year. There were nine members and one visitor present. The officers were presented in a lovely setting, and Rev. James R. Chandler, the pastor, installed them in an impressive way.

Mrs. Sam Blalock, president, presided over the business session. Mrs. Mrs. Will May gave the devotion, using as her theme the "23rd Psalm" and Mrs. Chandler reviewed "The Book of Psalms", and Rev. James Chandler gave a talk on "Religious ideas Found in the Book of Psalms."

The president announced her committees for the new year. Delicious refreshments were served at the close of the meeting.—Reporter.

MISSIONARY PERSONNEL COMMITTEE IN THE LOCAL CHURCH

At the South Central Jurisdiction meeting of the Woman's Society of Christian Service in April, certain facts about recruitment of workers for home and abroad, were presented. These facts revealed that we have fallen far short, in our jurisdiction, of the goal we had hoped to reach during the four years of emphasis on the "Advance for Christ" program.

It was further stated that the local church is the weak spot in the recruitment program. A recommendation was made that effort be made to correct this weakness through the Personnel Committee in each local church.

The chairman of this committee is the Secretary of Youth Work in the W. S. C. S. Other members are the pastor, Superintendent of Youth Department, Secretary of Student Work, President of the W. S. C. S., Secretary of the W. S. G., all of whom are workers with youth. They have the responsibility of meeting and making plans whereby youth may receive information concerning missionary projects in a way to inspire them. When Christian Youth learn of world needs that they can do something about, they respond in generous measure with resources, and with lives for service.

The Personnel Committee, at work on the job, planning well and seeing some results from their work, should also make regular reports to their district secretary of Missionary Personnel, through the chairman of Youth Work of the W. S. C. S.

Let us put forth a worthy effort in this the last year of the of the "Advance for Christ and His Church" program, to greatly increase the number of fine young men and women who offer themselves to God through their church, for life service as missionaries abroad or as ministers or deaconesses in the home land.—Mrs. R. E. Connell, Conference Secretary of Missionary Personnel, W. S. C. S.

WEONA-CENTERVIEW INSTALL OFFICERS

The Weona-Centerview Woman's Society held its installation service on the evening of June 12th. The officers were installed by the pastor, Rev. Bill Odom.

Following this service the society held its regular program. Mrs. Buddy McClelland was leader, and her subject was "To Make All Lands Thy Own." The devotional was given by Mrs. Bryan Hinkle.

Those taking part on the program were: Mrs. C. L. Shaver and Mrs. Barolomew. This was followed by a general discussion on our foreign secretaries and their work. Those taking part were: Mrs. Annie McClelland, "Miss McKinnon of Africa", Mrs. James Ramsey, "Miss Lee of Latin America", Mrs. Gerald Foshee, "Miss Colony of India". Mrs. W. M. Hazel, "Miss Robinson of China", Mrs. W. F. Prater, "Miss Billingsley of Japan."

After signing of pledge cards, the Lord's Prayer was repeated in unison. Two new members were welcomed into the society.—Reporter.

CURRENT NEWS IN ARKANSAS METHODISM

LITTLE ROCK CONFERENCE CALENDAR 1951-52

Adopted By Interboard Council,
L. R. Conference

JULY

- 24-26 Woman's Society of Christian Service Conference School of Missions at Aldersgate
30-Aug. 3 Arkansas Pas'or'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

OCTOBER

- 7 World Wide Communion Sunday
15- Conference Board of Temperance meets
12-14 National Family Life Conference in Chicago
21 Veterans' Day (special offering for Conference Claimants)
21-25 Little Rock Leadership School
28-Nov. 1 Pine Bluff District Leadership Program

MINISTERS' WIVES OF HOPE DISTRICT

The Ministers' Wives of the Hope District met in the city park at Hope on Friday, July 6. Mrs. George Meyer, newly-elected president, presided over the meeting.

It was voted to send "We miss you" messages to former members who moved following the Annual Conference and a special welcome was given to the new members who are: Mrs. Douglas Dexter, Bingen; Mrs. Joe Hunter, Blevins; Mrs. Virgil Keeley, Hope; Mrs. J. E. Dunlap, Mena; Mrs. J. Wayne Mann, Richmond; Mrs. H. W. Worthy, Washington.

A picnic lunch was spread for the husbands and children. After the lunch Brother and Mrs. E. D. Galloway bade us goodbye as they will be soon leaving for their European trip.—Reporter

DEDICATION OF BLEVINS CHURCH

Dedication services were held on Sunday afternoon, July 8, at 2:30 o'clock for the beautiful new church at Blevins. It was erected at a cost of \$25,000.00 under the leadership of Rev. Cagle E. Fair. The church was dedicated as Bruce Memorial Methodist Church in honor of the late Rev. Henry M. Bruce, known and loved by the people of this community and throughout the Little Rock Conference. A gift of \$10,000.00 given in honor of Brother Bruce by N. P. O'Neal of Hope helped in a great way toward making our church possible.

An inspirational dedication sermon was preached by Bishop W. C. Martin of the Dallas-Fort Worth Area. He was presented to the congregation by our district superintendent, Rev. E. D. Galloway. Bishop and Mrs. Martin are well known in this community, having spent a part of their early life in and near Blevins.

Following the dedication service a period of fellowship was held during which time refreshments were served to the many guests present.—Joe W. Hunter, Pastor

EBENEZER CAMP MEETING

THE 115th meeting to be held at Ebenezer Campground will begin on August 17th and continue through August 23.

Rev. C. H. Farmer, pastor, Fairview Church, Texarkana, will bring the messages at 11:00 a. m. and 8:00 p. m. each day with visiting preachers speaking at 9:00 a. m. and 3:00 p. m.

Sunrise prayer and grove services each evening at sundown will be a part of each day's services. Joe Arnold of Little Rock will direct the singing.

This campground is located 12 miles north of Nashville on highway 4. The public is cordially invited to attend the services.—Mrs. B. T. Gardner



REV. C. H. FARMER

VACATION CHURCH SCHOOL AT CENTRAL, FAYETTE- VILLE

The Vacation Church School of the Central Methodist Church, Fayetteville, having been in session since June 4, closed Thursday night, June 14, with family night. At that time a pot-luck supper was served to approximately 250 guests. The program for the evening was presented by the children who had enrolled during the two weeks' period. A beautiful birthday cake decorated with fifty candles added to the celebration of this fiftieth anniversary of Vacation Church Schools.

The total enrollment for the children in school, consisting of the Kindergarten, Primary, and Junior departments, was 190. Forty-seven workers directed these children in their various activities making a total of 237. An organized program of class work, recreation and music was offered.

The theme of the school was "The Church." Textbooks used were *Happy Times in our Church* for the Kindergarten, *Everyone Needs a Church in the Primary Department*, and *The Church Around the World* in the Junior Department. The church was studied from the scriptures, from history of the church, locally and in other parts of the world. Individual booklets, in all departments, of the children's studies and findings had on their covers the picture, painting or drawing of a church. Projects such as map-making, frieze making, building of the temple, tabernacle, the church, and an oriental house furthered the study of the school. Special activities also of interest to the children were the making of fans, spatter painting Bible verses on cloth, making of pot holders, handprints, drums, shadow boxes, figurines, and mounting pictures. In addition to daily worship in their own church, the children visited several churches in the community where worship services were held.

Children and workers from eight Protestant churches cooperated in a community wide Vacation Church School celebration at Central Methodist Church, June 17, in commemoration of the fiftieth anniversary

FINE RESPONSE TO APPEAL

Since I made an appeal for the Sanatorium through the *Arkansas Methodist* for literature, packages and boxes containing literature have been coming to my office. I thank you for this response, and for further co-operation.

Donations on the Sunshine Fund have also been received. The checks, or money orders, can be made to me, or the Methodist Sunshine Fund.

I appreciate the letters and cards which come almost daily. They encourage and help me to be of service to others. If you have requests, or desire any information I can give, I am glad to co-operate.

I wish to thank you for your prayers and kind words and ask to be remembered daily in prayer that my service here may become more effective. God is blessing my min-

istry for which I am grateful. If any one wants to send copies of the July-August issue of the *Upper Room*, they will be appreciated. We do not have enough. Patients ask for them all over the Sanatorium. I wish I could supply their requests.

RICHMOND CHURCHGOERS TO GET FREE BUS SERVICE

Richmonders (Va.) don't have to pay a cent to ride buses to and from church on Sunday mornings during July and August. The City Council approved a plan proposed by the local transit company whereby rides are free to churchgoers from 8:30 a. m. to 1 p. m. All the rider has to say is, "I'm going to church," or "I'm going home from church." Richmond clergymen hailed the move as a means of encouraging people to go to church, but one attorney appeared before the Council to oppose the plan.

Please accept my thanks for the interest that is being shown in the work here.—Bates Sturdy, Chaplain

SPEAKER FOR THE METHODIST HOUR

WITH the emphasis of Methodism being placed on the Sioux City national conference on the Town and Country Church where this week end 1500 delegates will be gathered in session, the 151 station network of the Methodist Hour radio program will feature a sermon by Dr. Dow Kirkpatrick, Young Harris, Georgia, titled "The Place of the Threshing Floor."

For four years he has been pastor of the church in the hills of North Georgia. Dr. Kirkpatrick has been working closely with the Towns-Union Larger Parish program and is thoroughly familiar with the problems of the little white church.

Dr. Kirkpatrick is a graduate of Asbury College, Emory and Drexel Universities, did a year's graduate work at Oxford University in England and was a chaplain in the U. S. Navy aboard a laboratory ship at the time of Bikini atom bomb test.

Dr. Kirkpatrick's radio sermon, with the music by the Methodist Hour Choir, may be heard over radio stations KRGH, Fayetteville; KW-



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NEWS FROM THE FIELD
By J. ALBERT GATLIN

Miss Featherston With The
Commission For The Summer

The Town and Country Commission is indeed fortunate to have Miss Lola Featherston assisting in the youth program for the summer. She was a member of the recent graduating class of Hendrix College. Having served as secretary of the North Arkansas Conference Methodist Youth Fellowship also as president of the group one year and having been active in campus and local church life Miss Featherston has splendid equipment for her tasks. She has a genuine experience of faith in Christ which makes for a great influence in the lives of the youth wherever she works.

After working with the commission during the summer she will enter Emory University to continue her studies looking toward a Master's degree in Religious Education. Then she will give great leadership in the field of Christian Education in some local church that may be fortunate enough to secure her services.

A Week With The Intermediates
At Shore's Lake Camp

One of the high points of life for the writer is that time spent with our youth. The first week in July was such an experience when the writer lived at Shores Lake Camp with the Sebasco Intermediate group along with the pastors and youth leaders of that area. The joy and gladness of his week will linger on through the months ahead. Too much cannot be said in favor of the small camps and assemblies. The church has made and still is making great progress in providing the spiritual uplift that prevails in a church camp for youth. Every district in the conference has such a program going. Nearly all of the districts have their own camp site and facilities. As this program grows, more and more of our youth will be reached for greater Christian living and many will catch a vision of full



MISS LOLA FEATHERSTON

time service in his and the Master's Kingdom.

Sunday, July 1, At Fourche Valley

Sunday, July 1, was a day of enriching experience with the people in Fourche Valley.

The services at Bluffton in the morning and Briggsville in the evening were well attended. During this week a great charge-wide revival is being held at Briggsville with the Rev. W. O. Scroggin, Jr., assisting the pastor, Rev. Paul Dean Davis. A fine spirit prevails in the churches on this charge.

Sunday, July 8, On The
Branch Charge

On Sunday, July 8, the writer was privileged to assist the Rev. and Mrs. Fred Thompson in services at Lowe's Creek and at Cecil. It was a fine experience. Lowe's Creek is talking great things for their church in the matter of redecoration. Also the matter of modernizing the parsonage is being considered by the fine people on this charge.

Only 7 of these boys said their girl friends had ever discouraged them from becoming ministers. In fact they said they had encouraged them.

The kind of religion that makes a man look sick can't be expected to cure the world.—Ex.

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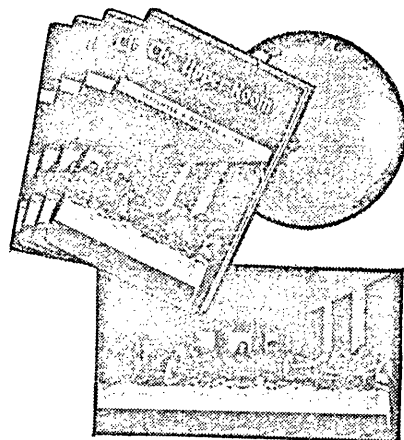
DR. E. LAMONT GEISSINGER

THE 12th annual session of the General Board of Lay Activities of The Methodist Church, held in Chicago July 11-13, was marked by the resignation of the executive secretary, the naming of eight new members of the board, and the consideration of several memorials to the General Conference relative to laymen's work.

The board accepted the resignation of Chilton G. Bennett, who had served as executive secretary for the past three years, and named Dr. E. Lamont Geissinger, associate secretary of the staff, as acting executive secretary until Mr. Bennett's successor is named. The resignation was effective immediately.

A newly-appointed civilian defense director of a state adjoining New York was asked what measures were contemplated for helping Greater New York in case of an emergency. He shrugged. "Well, after all," he said, "don't you think we have to consider New York expendable?"—Michael Amrine, "Get Ready!" Argosy

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Of The Rural Church

DR. RALPH A. FELTON

Of Drew Theological Seminary

Says---

Mothers influence their sons to enter the ministry much more than fathers do. Outside of a boy's pastor, his mother is first in turning him toward full-time Christian work. One pastor out of five was led into the ministry by his mother.

These facts came from a study of 1978 ministerial students made by the Rural Department, Drew Seminary, Madison, New Jersey, (entitled "New Ministers," which is distributed for 15 cents.)

It was interesting to find that 422 of these students said that no one had ever told them that the Church was badly in need of more ministers.



ARKANSAS

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NEWS

SPREAD THE NEWS

"**B**UT he went out and began to talk about it, and to spread the news, that Jesus could no longer openly enter a town, but was out in the country; and people came to him." Mark 2:45 (Revised Standard version).

Certainly one of the most fruitful means of bringing people to Jesus is by spreading the news. We youth who live in this day have many excellent means of spreading our news. **Concern**, our national newspaper, which is published every two weeks, is constantly asking for news which many be helpful to youth over the nation. Our own **Arkansas Methodist** gives us this page on which to air our views. The local church bulletin and daily paper at home are always anxious for reports of our activities. And don't forget how effective those preview notices are for drawing a crowd and keeping folks informed ahead of time.

Now for a few words about that all important "copy", the write-up that you turn in to the publication of your choice. If possible type your copy with double spacing. Start the first page about 1-3 of its length down from the top. In the first paragraph tell who, what, when, where, why, how, and let the trimmings follow in logical order. Number all pages after the first, and don't write on the back. At the end of the article write the number —30—, which means the end. Use a dictionary if you are not sure. If you send a picture, make it a glossy print. Send your publicity troubles to me and I



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SEBA-SCOTT SUB-DISTRICT
INTERMEDIATE CAMP

Seba-Scott Intermediate camp was held at the district camp, Shore's Lake, July 2-6. Each pastor was present from the churches of our Sub-District. Rev. J. Albert Gatlin, executive secretary of the Town and Country Commission, was the inspirational speaker, speaking at the morning worship hour each day at 11:00 a. m. His messages were inspirational and challenging on these themes: "What Are You Worth?" "Life Must Have A Center", "You Belong to the Church—the Church Belongs to You", "The Plus Life."

Others assisting were Rev. Elmo Thomason, camp manager; Rev. Jeff Clark, dean of men; Mrs. D. M. Hart, dean of women; Mrs. Young, nurse; and Mrs. Alice Masteri, cook. Teachers were Rev. R. M. Holland, Rev. James Meadows, Rev. J. W. Sandage. Directors of interest groups and leaders of recreation were: Music, Mrs. Earle Overton and Miss Jo Anna Edington; Drama and Art, Mrs. Elmo Thomason, Miss Frances Poe, Miss Findley Hunt; Recreational hour, Rev. Aaron Barling.

Counselors were the ministers of the district and their wives. Our camp director, Rev. M. L. Edington, stated that this was the first camp in which all pastors were present and taking part in the program.

The days spent in camp were rich and meaningful for all. Brother Edington led the morning watch and

Brother Clark was in charge of the evening vespers.

We had good times playing games, swimming and working together. The cooperation of everyone was rewarded by saying that this was the best camp we have ever had.

We add a word of gratitude to our district superintendent, Dr. W. Henry Goodloe, for his keen interest in our camp site and his continual labor to make certain that not only does our camp continue to be a good one, but does everything toward making it a better one.

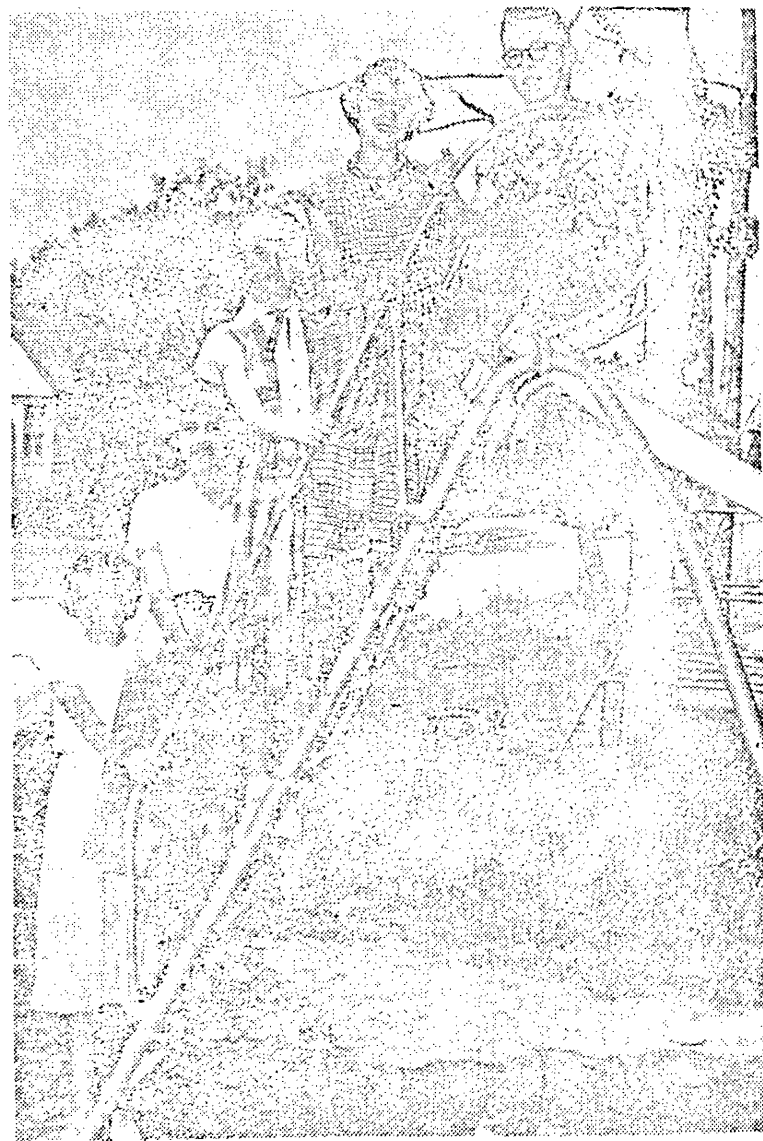
Brother Gatlin suggested that the campers gave a small offering to the Korean Fund which is to be sent to Chaplain Ray Seals in Korea to be used by him in ministering to the people's need there. Our camp began this fund with an offering of \$15.00. We trust that each camp to follow will continue in this sharing with the children of Korea. Through this missionary offering we are sure that the experiences of our camp will live in our hearts and bless children of another land. — Aaron Barling, Reporter.

CARAWAY M. Y. F.

The Caraway M. Y. F. meets each Sunday afternoon at 5:30 for a thirty-minute recreation period with refreshments before our regular meeting at 6:00.

A party is held each month. In June the group went on a hay-ride eight miles out where a weiner

Officers Of Intermediate Youth Fellowship



The Intermediate Methodist Youth Fellowship of Pulaski Heights Methodist Church of which Rev. J. Kenneth Shamblin is pastor, has begun this conference year with a new staff. The newly elected officers are Lana Douthit, President; Pat

Lewis, Vice-President; Clara Dean Sroddard, Secretary - Treasurer; Janice Goodman, Program Chairman; Jan Mix, Assistant Program Chairman; Sam Farris, Recreation Chairman; Frank Dodson, Worship Chairman.

GALLOWAY-TOLLESON
SUB-DISTRICT

Miss Hazel Newsome was installed as president of the Galloway-Tolleson Sub-District at the meeting held in Holly Grove July 8, with ninety members present. Members from Brinkley, Clarendon, Holly Grove, Cotton Plant, Wheatley and Hunter were present.

Other officers installed were: vice-president, Carlett Nash, Wheatley; secretary, Barbara McMillion, Cotton Plant; treasurer, Barbara Parchman, Brinkley; commission chairmen, Robert Gibbs, Brinkley; Billy Frank Powell, Cotton Plant; and Norma Jean Stegall, Hunter; adult counsellor, Rev. Jesse L. Johnson of Brinkley.

During the business session the Methodist Camp for Intermediates to be held in Wayland Spring was announced. Barbara Parchman was introduced to the group as the delegate from the Galloway-Tolleson Sub-District to the National Convention at Purdue University in LaFayette, Indiana, August 27-31.

The group adjourned to the fellowship hall for recreation.

roast was enjoyed.

Our president, Hugh Welch, will attend the National Convocation at Purdue University at Lafayette, Indiana.—Preston Hoag, Reporter.

INSTALLATION OF
OFFICERS AT
WEONA

The installation service of the Weona Methodist Youth Fellowship was held Sunday evening, July 8, following the evening service. It was a candlelight service, conducted by pastor, Rev. Bill Odom.

The following officers were installed: President, Virginia James; Vice-President, Virginia McMullin; Secretary, Anna Sue Cooper; Treasurer, Patsy Foshee; Reporter, Pauline Hillis. Chairman of Commissions are: Worship and Evangelism, Jane Parks, Adult adviser, Mrs. Pauline Bartholomew; Recreation, Bettye Hatley, Adult adviser, Mrs. Gerald Foshee; Community Service, Isaac McMullin, Adult adviser, Bill Odom; World Friendship, Betty Jean Carson, Mrs. G. F. McMullin, Adult adviser.—Reporter.

SEBASCOTT SUB-DISTRICT

The Sebascott Sub-District met Thursday, July 12 at Waldron with 44 present. The Waldron M. Y. F. was in charge of the program. President Joe Bill Roberts of Hartford, presided over the meeting. Waldron, having 15 present, won the banner.

The group decided to meet at Greenwood for next month's meeting after which we went to the basement for recreation and refreshments.—Ben Simpson, Secretary and Reporter.

**A TRIBUTE TO
W. C. STINNETT**

Almost two years ago, W. C. Stinnett of Chidester, was killed in an automobile accident on the outskirts of Hope. On Sunday, July 1, 1951, Dr. Connor Morehead, district superintendent of the Camden District, spoke words of appreciation of him in our church in Chidester, after which he and Rev. Rayford Diffie dedicated a lovely communion table, given to the church by Mrs. Stinnett in memory of her husband. The table was presented by W. G. Rushing who had known him for many years and who was closely associated with him in a business way.

Brother Stinnett's death occurred during the pastorate of Rev. Joe H. Robinson, who conducted his funeral service in our Methodist Church in Chidester.

In the home-going of Brother Stinnett the community sustained a great loss. He was a keen business man, being cashier of the Bank of Chidester and associated with other businesses in Chidester. He was a public spirited citizen being actively associated with civic undertakings calculated to better the moral, spiritual, and public welfare of the community.

He bore the marks of a Christian. Our pastor in Chidester always knew that W. C. Stinnett was his friend. He was deeply interested in his church and was loyal and faithful to it. He taught a class of young people in the church school for many years, being its teacher when he went to his eternal home.

The church altar was decorated with two baskets of gladioli given by his old Sunday School Class for the service Sunday, July 1, 1951.

Brother Stinnett was faithful in Sunday School and church attendance and was always seeking ways to build up his church.

It can be truthfully said of him that he demonstrated "in quietness and confidence shall be your strength." He was a quiet, confident man who thought noble thoughts and performed deeds accordingly. He gave liberally of his earthly goods in support of the church of our Lord. He was a Methodist but a world Christian, believing that there were sheep of our Lord's in other churches.

We can say of him that he was a faithful husband, a servant of God, a bulwark of strength for righteousness in his community, a true friend, a well wisher of his fellowmen, and deeply loved. We miss him but we hope to meet him in the "Land that is Fairer than Day" for we believe that he has "entered through the

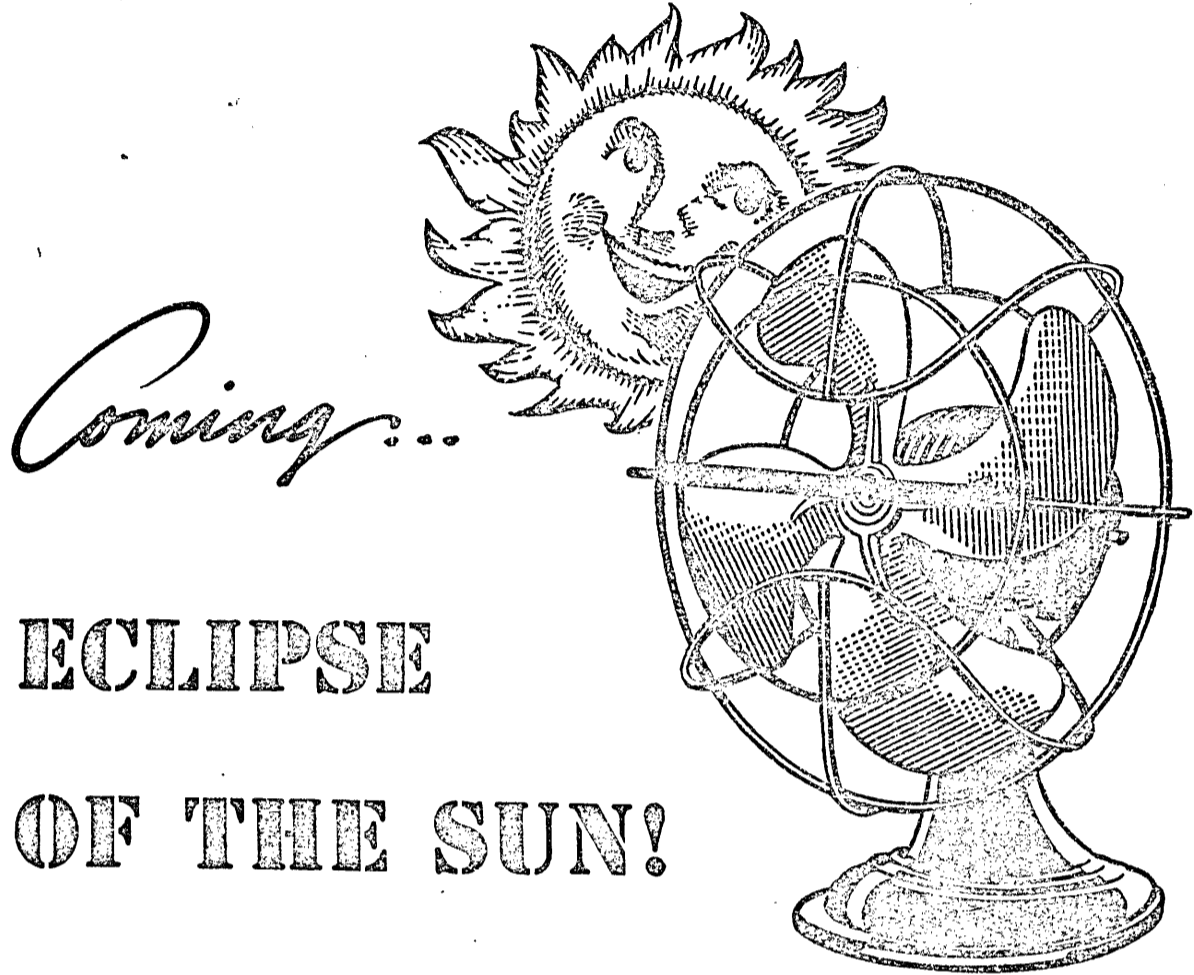
gates into the city," one that "hath foundations whose builder and maker is God."—J. A. Newell, a former pastor

"METHODIST MEN"

A report on the organizing and chartering of groups of "Methodist

Men" in our local churches is graphically given in the Fourth Sunday World Service leaflet to be issued for circulation in our churches during the month of August. An interesting chart is included showing the total number of Methodist Men's clubs by jurisdiction from the year 1942 to date. Some conferences have exceeded their goal consider-

ably. One, with a goal of 29 has 53 clubs. Another, where the goal was 31 has organized 50 clubs so far. Despite this progress, it is stated, many of our churches still need and should organize a Methodist Men club. Pastors secure these leaflets for their members through the Service Department of our Methodist Church.



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CHRISTIAN PRINCIPLES IN EARNING A LIVING

LESSON FOR AUGUST 5, 1951

READ THE ENTIRE LESSON FROM YOUR BIBLE: Scriptures listed in order of "Daily Bible Readings" July 30 through August 5: II Thessalonians 3:7-12; Luke 18:18-30; Proverbs 22:22-29; I Thessalonians 4:9-12; Luke 12:13-34; Matthew 6:19-21; II Corinthians 9:6-15.

GOLDEN TEXT: "Take heed and beware of all covetousness; for a man's life does not consist in the abundance of his possessions." (Luke 12:15)

We are beginning a new series of studies today. There are five of these lessons which are built around the general theme, "Christian Teaching on Human Relations". The chief thought is that of Christian citizenship. The first two of these lessons are in the field of economics and have to do with duties and responsibilities in that field.

All will agree that the theme of human relations is a very important subject. If we wish to fully understand it, it is necessary to make a close study of all assigned Scriptures. The writer will first briefly note the Scriptures which are not printed in our Sunday school quarterlies. Then he will more fully deal with the material that is printed there.

In Love With Wealth

In Luke 18:18-30 we have the account of the rich young ruler. This was an outstanding young man. In spite of the fact that he was young he was already a ruler. This means that he either belonged to the Sanhedrin or was ruler of some synagogue. In his anxiety this young man came running to Christ. We are also told that he knelt before him. He raised one of the biggest questions of life — how to have eternal life. Christ mentioned some half dozen of the commandments. This model young man had kept all that Christ mentioned from his childhood.

There was but one trouble with this young ruler, he was in love with his stuff. He was a materialist. Christ saw immediately what his trouble was, and commanded him to do a thing that he could never do until he put God and the needs of others ahead of his possessions. The Lord told him to sell all he had and give the proceeds to the poor and come and follow him. The young man went away sorrowfully for he was very wealthy and he loved his wealth more than he loved God.

It will be noted that Christ never asked any other person to make as great sacrifice in giving up all material possessions as he did this young man. Zacchaeus gave only half of his possessions yet salvation came to him. There were probably two reasons why Christ made such a demand on the young ruler: First, he was so much in love with his stuff that he could not keep any of it without letting it come between him and God; and second, Christ was calling this young man to be one of his fulltime followers, and as such he would have no need for these possessions. No doubt, had he obeyed Christ he would have become one of the greatest of the early disciples. We might now have a book in the Bible written by this man.

The activity of this young man has been called the "Great Refusal". It led Christ to make a strong statement to the effect that it was impossible for those who trust in their riches to enter the Kingdom. It is not the wealth itself but the love of it that is the root of all kinds of evil.

The Sin of Covetousness

The next passage in the "Daily Readings" (Proverbs 22:20-29) tells of the sin of covetousness. The wise writer of this passage goes on to warn against cheating the poor: "Rob not the poor, because he is poor: neither oppress the afflicted in the gate: For the Lord will plead their cause, and spoil the soul of those that spoiled them." All need to be careful about the sin of covetousness. We are all more or less selfish and we are covetous just to the extent that we are selfish.

The Motive of Relationships

The next passage (I Thes. 4:9-12) makes love the supreme motive back of all successful relationships. Paul goes on to remind these Thessalonians that God himself had taught them to love one another. He insisted that this love increase more and more. He admonished them to attend to their own business and, as far as possible, let the affairs of others alone. He advised them to work with their own hands and thus make an honest living for themselves that they might not be dependent upon others. He insisted that in so doing they would set a good example to those who were outside the Christian fold. Love is to be the chief force on which all human relationships are based.

Worry Is Forbidden

In Luke 12:22-34, we have Christ forbidding anxiety. The cure for worry is strong faith in God. The ravens neither sow nor reap and yet God takes care of them. The lilies toil not neither do they spin and yet Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of them. No one by taking anxious thought can add one inch to his height, so, why worry about things to eat and wear? The Lord knows we need these things. If we will put him and his cause first, these things will be added. There is a place in life for things, but they must not have the first place. That belongs to God. Christ would have us go quietly about our work, motivated by love for God and all mankind, and when this is done, we can leave the results with God. This is the chief Christian principle in earning a living. When this is done, one not only makes a living he makes a life as well.

Banking In Heaven

The next passage (Matt. 6:19-21)

has to do with treasure and where to put it. Far too many people do all of their banking on earth. Necessity forces all to deal with the material things of life, but Christ would have us not make a treasure of them. Our problem is how to use the world without loving it. "If any man loves the world, the love of God is not in him."

This heavenly banking is simply the matter of building Christian character. Christ said, "The kingdom of heaven is inside of you." We are laying up treasure in heaven when we build in ourselves and others honesty, truthfulness, kindness, faith in God and mankind, and loving service to all.

The Grace of Liberality

The last passage in the "Daily Readings" (II Cor. 9:6-15) speaks of the matter of giving. The world lauds the "go-getters." God praises the "go-givers". In this world where all—if possible—should earn a living while at the same time make a life, the matter of liberality is important. We are told that the love of God cannot dwell in the heart of a person who sees another in need and refuses to help him. Liberality is the expression not only of love to mankind but of confidence in the liberality of God. God is exceedingly liberal with men, even to the extent of giving his only begotten Son. This passage closes with the statement: "Thanks be unto God for his unspeakable gift." Christianity is based on sacrifice and service motivated by love. We really keep only that which we give to others. A woman who spent much time and effort in growing flowers was asked the question, "Which of your flowers keep the best?" She replied, "Those which I give away."

A Family Dispute

We now come to the printed portion of our lesson. In Luke 12:13-21 we have the account of a man coming to Jesus to settle a family dispute over the division of inherited property. This was nothing out of the ordinary. In Palestine people were constantly going to their rabbis for help in settling such problems as this. The custom, at the time of Jesus, was for sons in the family to inherit equal amounts while daughters inherited only half as much as sons. The property was usually not in the form of money, and the arguments were over the value of different pieces of property which each in turn was to inherit. It will be noted that Jesus would have nothing to do with this quarrel. They had law courts where such matters could be settled. The thing that impressed Jesus was the fact that this dissatisfied son had permitted his love for material things to disrupt the harmony of family life. It was a clear case of putting material things ahead of the spiritual values of life. The Lord saw that this son, in his desire for a greater share of the family inheritance, was in danger of losing his soul. This led Jesus to give a parable which warns against covetousness.

There are a few things we need to note in this parable. The chief point, of course, is the fact that one is foolish who spends all of his time, energy, and means in making provision only for the physical and material side of life while the spiritual side which includes eternity is completely neglected.

It will be noted that Christ had no prejudice toward people merely because they were rich. He did not feel that wealth made one man a devil while poverty made another a

saint. Christ did not teach that it is a sin to be rich. He did teach, however, that it is dangerous to be rich. The Lord did not call this farmer wicked. He said the man was foolish; foolish because he thought more of gold than he did of God; foolish because he thought more of cash than he did of character; foolish because he thought his soul could feed on stuff and be satisfied; foolish because he lived for time and wholly forgot eternity; foolish because he thought he could be happy and selfish at the same time, that he could enjoy his luxuries while others starved for the bare necessities of life; foolish because he was rich in the things of this world while poor toward God. He felt he had built a wall of security around himself. He did not realize that no wall had ever been built that would shut death out. He had sold out. He had given his soul for the world, and left his possessions all behind while he went up before God empty handed. He was not wicked. He made his money honestly. He was simply foolish in his failure to put God and his righteousness above the material things of life. Millions of others are following in his wake. They are not bad people; not selling out for the flagrant sins of life. They simply haven't learned that the worst is not the greatest enemy of the best; it is rather the second best.

Following A Good Example

In the last passage of the printed text (II Thes. 3:7-10) Paul speaks of himself as an example. In I Thessalonians (as dwelt in the Daily Bible Readings above) Paul admonished the people to work. In this second letter he used himself as an example along this line. He felt that he had a right to request their material support while he was busy looking after their spiritual welfare, but he had refrained from doing so in order that he might be an example to them in the matter of work. He toiled night and day that he might earn his own keep and not be chargeable to them.

Many people joined this church and then ceased to labor. They attempted to live off of the charity of other members. Paul condemned this practice very harshly. He insisted that those who refused to work should not be allowed to eat.

One of the reasons why these people had ceased to labor was the fact that they were looking for the speedy return of the Lord. They were not alone in this expectation, for this belief was held by all the early Christians. The fourth chapter of Acts tells how these early disciples were in the habit of disposing of all their possessions and putting the proceeds in a common treasury from which all lived. They felt the sum total of these possessions would meet their material needs until the Lord returned, and then other provisions would be made. Paul knew that idleness is a great curse and insisted that all be busy.

Life is a foreign language; all men mispronounce it.—Christopher Morley, *Thunder on the Left*. (Lippincott)

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