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and Methodists in Arkansas

"The World is My Parish" — Jo

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

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We Are Still In The Dark

THE Bible speaks of "seeing through a glass darkly." We have not as yet arrived at the stage where we can really see at all in our attempts to reach a cease-fire agreement with the communists in Korea.

As we write, negotiations which had been broken off because of the presence of red soldiers at the seat of the conference are being resumed. Just what such conduct on the part of the communists means we are unable even to guess with any degree of satisfaction. The next move is up to the communists if negotiations are to be meaningful.

One thing the reds will eventually discover is that they can no more "bully" their way into a cease-fire agreement than they could shoot their way into the United Nations.

Reaping What We Sow

THERE have been so many shady transactions recently by government officials and influential "camp followers," acting within the law, that Senator Fulbright of Arkansas and others feel that we need a new code of ethics or morals especially for government officials. In addition to those guilty of conduct morally wrong but legally permissible, we have had exposed recently a number of responsible leaders guilty of conduct both morally and legally wrong.

We have had also, a few weeks ago, the sickening, sordid revelation of national gambling syndicates that operate either by corrupting public officials or by defying the law while practically robbing the public of multiplied millions of dollars annually. Their activities have extended into legitimate sports and by offering "easy money" for fixed games, have made criminals of some nationally-known athletes who otherwise would have been honored citizens.

In all of these activities, political, criminal and otherwise, people are following the dangerous illusion that it is possible to get something for nothing. The give-away craze on radio and in other fields is of the same pattern. People by the thousands dream of receiving anything from a baby grand piano to a carload of expensive merchandise plus cash and bonds for answering some simple, trifling, unimportant question. All of these activities tend to impress people, especially our young people, with the idea that dishonesty, integrity and frugal industry are outmoded and practiced only by the dumb plodder who is not "smart" enough to get by the easy way.

With such a background America should not be too much surprised that West Point is being rocked by the most disgraceful scandal in its history of a century and a half. Ninety cadets have been expelled for cheating on examination. Senator Byrd of Virginia says it "Indicates that the moral fiber of the country is deteriorating."

The fact is, these young men, and many others that may be involved before the investigation is over, are the victims of a spirit of moral degeneracy too prevalent in places high and low in our national life. It is a situation that will utterly destroy America from within unless we are able to regain something of our moral and spiritual balance.

It is not "smart" to cheat whatever form that cheating may take. The rude awakening we are having, because of the exposure of so many of our promising young men who have been deceived into thinking so, should lead us to see the imperative necessity for a revolutionary reform by their elders. In the misconduct of our young people, we are but reaping what we sow.

The Christian Home In A Changing World

IN this column last week we discussed briefly the fact that revolutionary changes have come into the world's life thick and fast during the last fifty years. Every major interest and institution of human life have felt the effects of these changes. During such a period we are not surprised that numerous, far-reaching, wide-spread changes have come to the home.

One significant change in the home of today as compared to former days is the fact that **THE HOME IS NOT THE CENTER OF FAMILY LIFE** now as in earlier days. For many reasons the home in former days was much more the center of



family life than is possible today. The distances that often separated homes; the lack of the sense of security which made members of the family feel an interdependence on each other and the struggle to survive economically gave members of the family common interests that made for family unity. Within the better homes of that day there were also social, cultural, educational and spiritual values that were not so accessible outside the home as they are today. It is true, also, that the world about the earlier home lacked the numerous attractions and distractions so prevalent in our day.

The Christian home now finds that the numerous activities of the members of the family are largely found outside the home. The automobile has so changed family habits that practically every phase of home life has been affected by the new activities now made possible by quick transportation.

There are two facts that the Christian home should keep in mind today. First, there are more destructive agencies outside the home now than at any time in world history. We should guard against them. Second, there are more helpful, constructive agencies outside the home, in our world, than ever before. These can more than offset any disadvantages that changes may have brought to home life, and in most instances can do better for ourselves and our children many of the things the home formerly tried to do.

Good Reports From The Pastor's School

THE Pastor's School at Conway last week was an excellent school in many ways according to expressions of those in attendance. Some felt that the change of date for the school was reflected in a smaller attendance than in recent years. A resolution passed almost unanimously recommending that the time for the school next year be set for opening July 7th.

Class work under an excellent corps of teachers was of the highest order. The instructors gave interesting interpretations of the courses offered and the class discussions were a valuable feature of the class sessions.

In the platform hour, twice daily from Tuesday morning through Friday morning, Dr. Smoot, pastor of the Metropolitan Methodist Church in Detroit, delivered helpful, practical, inspirational addresses that held the attention of the group in a remarkable way. He is being invited back next year as one of the instructors.

Intoxicating Liquor In The Armed Service

IN all of our fuss and furor about recruiting men for our armed services we should not forget that the men who make up these armed forces are individual sons of our American homes. Many of them come from the best moral and religious homes of the land. If the military emergencies of the day make it necessary to enlist them for service, our national government is under a moral obligation to see that they are not "thrown to the wolves" while in the service.

The Cole amendment, attached to the Universal Military Training and Service Bill, gives the Secretary of Defense, General Marshall, the power "to make such regulations as he may deem to be appropriate governing the sale, consumption, possession of or traffic in beer, wine, or any other intoxication liquors to or by members of the Armed Forces or the National Security Training Corps at or near any camp, station, post or other intoxicating liquors to or by members of the Armed Forces or the National Security Training Corps."

This amendment places a great responsibility on General Marshall. It will require courage for him to do what should be done with reference to the sale of intoxicating liquors to Armed Forces. THE UNION SIGNAL recommends that all who are interested in sober Armed Forces "Write General George C. Marshall, Secretary of Defense, The Pentagon, Washington, D. C. asking him to make regulations taking all alcoholic beverages out of the camps, and taverns out of the neighborhood of the camps." Under the Cole amendment General Marshall has the power and the opportunity to render American manhood in the armed forces a great service. He can prevent the exploiting of these young men by the liquor forces.

Plenty of pressure will be put on General Marshall by the liquor forces to lead him to make regulations as liberal as possible regarding the sale of liquor in and around our camps. Unless the soberminded citizenship of America makes itself heard through letters to the General, he may "deem to be appropriate" some regulations regarding the sale of liquor to Armed Forces that will make service in the Armed Forces more dangerous to character than it is to physical life.

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HARPER ON CBS "CHURCH OF AIR"

The Rev. George Harper, administrative secretary of the National Conference of Methodist Youth, Nashville, Tenn. will be the guest speaker Sunday, August 26, on the Columbia Broadcasting System's "Church of the Air."

The network program, carried by 300 stations, will originate in the studios of WBBM, Chicago, at 8 a. m., CST. Many CBS stations broadcast the program at a later hour. The youth choir of the Chicago Methodist Temple also will be featured.

The nation-wide broadcast will be a preliminary feature of the National Convocation of Methodist Youth, August 27-31, at Purdue University, LaFayette, Indiana. Five thousand high school and college-age delegates of the Methodist Youth Fellowship and Student Movement in 48 states will be in attendance.

"Let's Pretend" will be the sermon subject of the Rev. Mr. Harper. He has held the youth conference post since 1946. Previously, he served pastorates in Birmingham, Ala., Durham, N. C., and Stockland, Ill. Copies of his sermon may be obtained by writing the nearest CBS station.

The Ben Few Camp on the Princeton Circuit will hold its 52nd annual encampment this year beginning August 24th, running through the first Sunday in September. Rev. H. R. Holland, pastor of Pullman Heights Church, Hot Springs, will be the evangelist, preaching at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Visiting ministers will speak at 3 o'clock in the afternoons.

Rev. J. C. Van Horn, pastor of Parkdale Methodist Church, will have charge of the song service, with Miss Virginia Barner of Princeton as pianist.

We ask you to join in prayer with us that this may be the most soul-stirring camp meeting that this camp has ever known. Let us remember that God is still on His throne. We invite you to come and help us make this meeting a success.—Bruce H. Bean, P. C.

SOME "Christian insights" that should help the individual to chart his personal life "in the confusion of the present world crises" have been listed by the National Council of Churches of Christ: "History is purposeful and orderly because the world is in the hands of God who made it . . . Man, being a creature of God, has a destiny above and beyond this world; hence his essential security and freedom are not derived from this world; but they are ends which this world should serve . . . Man can know the will of God as it has been revealed, and can also enter into communion with him; prayer is powerfully relevant to human affairs . . . In Jesus Christ, the God of history and our Creator has revealed himself and his purpose for us; through Jesus' death we may be victorious over our sinful nature . . . Christians have a strategy for overcoming evil which makes them instruments of the power of God, who rules in history."

NEWS AND NOTES ABOUT FACTS AND FOLKS

A report from First Methodist Church, Ft. Smith, shows that 943 were present at Sunday School on July 29. There was also a large congregation for church services.

SAM MORRIS, of Texas, has recently been elected executive director of The National Temperance League, Inc., headquarters at 131 Independence Ave., S. E., Washington 3, D. C.

REV. CLYDE E. CROZIER, pastor of Nettleton-Bay Charge, will assist Rev. Frank Stage in a series of services at Promised Land Church, beginning on August 20.

MISS MARY WARD, secretary to Bishop Paul E. Martin, is spending her vacation in Pensacola, Florida. She was accompanied by Miss Velma Tutt, Miss Marlaine Ward and Miss Doris Nell Julian, all of Little Rock.

REV. THOMAS R. WHIDDON, pastor at Lincoln, writes: "The work is moving along very well here. The people have been most gracious. They gave us a reception and an old-fashioned pounding on July 13."

IT has just been learned that Rev. Fred G. Roebuck, pastor of the First Methodist Church, Ft. Smith, and Mrs. Roebuck, will attend the Ecumenical Conference in Oxford, England. Their names are thus added to the list of people who will represent Arkansas at the Conference which meets on August 28-September 7th.

MISS VIRGINIA JOHNSON, past president of the Goddard Memorial Church Ft. Smith, Methodist Youth Fellowship, is serving on a Caravan Team this summer, taking her training at Lake Junaluska and serving in Mississippi. Joe Lynch, present president of the M. Y. F. at Goddard Memorial was sent to Boys State last month, sponsored by the M. Y. F. He was one of the two Arkansas boys selected to go to Boys Nation in Washington.

MISS PEARLE MCCAIN leaves Little Rock today for San Francisco where she will sail on September 8 on the S. S. President Jefferson of the American President Lines for her work in Japan at the Seiway College for Christian Workers. Miss McCain's address in San Francisco will be in care of Miss Marjorie Merrill, Methodist Office, 83 McAllister St., San Francisco 2, California. Her address in Japan will be Seiwa College for Christian Workers, Okadayama, Nishinomiya Shi, Hyogo Prefecture, Japan.

THE WESLEYAN SERVICE GUILD of Lincoln sent a \$12.00 package of dehydrated soup mixture to Chaplain Ray D. Seals of Korea. Chaplain Seals writes them that the gift was given to a group of children whose father is in the army and whose mother was killed by an exploding land mine. Chaplain Seals writes: "The suffering here is pathetic but I am glad to be here to help a few through the kind assistance of people like you."

THE following delegates from the Little Rock Conference attended the National Methodist Town and Country Conference at Sioux City, Iowa, July 21-24: Rev. J. E. Dunlap, Dr. Francis A. Buddin, Rev. Curtis Williams, John DePriest, Rev. Mark F. Vaught, Rev. Mouzon Mann, Rev. Osborne White, Ben Gantz, E. D. Trice, Rev. Howard Williams, Rev. Robert Core, Rev. Harold Scott, O. C. Landers, Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Prewitt, Rev. C. R. Andrews and Rev. and Mrs. K. K. Carithers.

DR. AND MRS. J. C. RAGON of Ft. Smith will attend the Ecumenical Conference in Oxford, England and will accompany Rev. R. E. L. Bearden, pastor of Goddard Memorial Church, Ft. Smith, and Mrs. Bearden on the trip. Brother Bearden has been invited to preach at St. Paul's Methodist Church, Gillingham, Kent, on August 26 and he will speak informally at a tea which has been arranged for them on "Church Life in America." Mr. Ragon is teacher of the Men's Bible Class at Goddard Memorial Church, is a member of the Board of Stewards and the Board of Trustees.

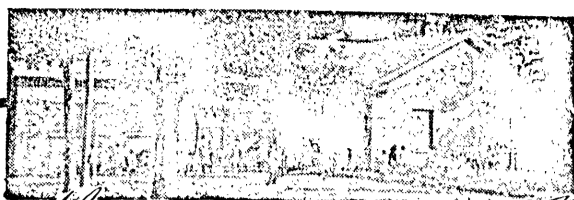
MISS SARAH CHAKKO, principal of Isabella Thoburn College (Methodist) in Lucknow, India, on leave of absence to chair the World Council of Churches' "Commission on Life and Work of Women in the Church," has recently been in Ethiopia and other African countries en route to her native India. In Ethiopia Miss Chakko met with church leaders and heads of women's organizations to discuss ways and means of improving the training and service of women in Christian church life.

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 received and shipped. In accepting the first gifts, Madame Vijaya Lakshmi Pandit, Indian Ambassador to the U. S. A., stressed that "this grain is going to India as something that will bind the people of India to the people of America as no treaty can."

REPRESENTATIVES of twenty-seven of Japan's leading women's organizations have presented to John Foster Dulles and other diplomats a petition urging an early peace treaty with Japan's former enemies. Especially are the women opposed to militarism military bases, and rearmament. "We hope that Japan may find guarantees of security in the efforts for peace by the U. N. rather than in her military power," they say. "We express our belief that our offerings of military bases to any power (or even to the U. N.) will in no way contribute to the furtherance of world peace, but will rather intensify the conflict that exists . . . May we point out the following obvious reasons for opposing rearmament: Rearmament will revive totalitarianism and militarism in Japan, and democracy which has just taken root in Japanese soil will be uprooted. Economically speaking, it will be an unbearable burden on the people to rearm the country. The country's economic life may come to a serious crisis, which may lead Japan again to pursue an exploitation policy such as she adopted in the past towards the other Asiatic countries, reviving fear and suspicion on the part of many countries of the world."

DR. GEORGE PAIK, Korea's minister of education and long-time principal of Chosen Christian College in Seoul, is now in the United States conferring with American and United Nations officials concerning books, printing presses, and other equipment to reestablish the educational system of his war-torn land. For more than a quarter of a century, Dr. Paik has been head of Chosen Christian College which has been operated by the missionary boards of the Methodist Church, the Presbyterian Church in the U. S. A., and the United Church of Canada. "While our attention has been chiefly taken up by the war, we cannot stop the children from growing," said Dr. Paik on arrival in the United States. "So we have been carrying on schools all over southern Korea—in parks, in public squares, in many outdoor places. Some communities are now putting up tents and temporary shelters for classes. It is estimated that from 70% to 80% of children of school age are now enrolled in classes. We are even carrying on a cooperative university—of which Chosen Christian College is a part—with all colleges, and students, and teachers pooling their resources. We have established four centers of this university."

The interesting and inspiring thing about America is that she asks nothing for herself except what she has a right to ask for humanity itself.—Woodrow Wilson



Methodist CHILDREN'S Home

Our children have had a busy and happy summer. Many of them have had an opportunity to go out for a short visit, while others have attended camps. Some of the boys went to the Y.M.C.A. camp and others went to the Kiwanis camp. Three of our children went to Aldersgate and eight others went to Camp Keener as guests of the Monticello and Camden Districts. We want to thank Dr. William E. Brown and Dr. Connor Morehead and their Districts for providing this fine experience for our children at Camp Keener.

We are listing below the contributions and gifts that have been received during the month of July. We especially appreciate the large number of memorial gifts. More and more, the Methodists of the state are adopting the custom of sending a gift to the Methodist Home instead of sending flowers in honor of friends or loved ones who have passed away. A gift invested in the life of a little child becomes a living memorial.

MEMORIALS

IN MEMORY OF:

Mr. T. J. W. Devlin, given by Mr. and Mrs. Smith A. Johnson, Marion.
Mrs. Mary L. Roney, given by Mr. B. C. Bowles, Mrs. L. C. Moore, and Bessie Duncan, Dumas; Mr. and Mrs. W. I. Fish, Dumas.
Mrs. E. P. Roney, given by Mr. and Mrs. Earl Haller, Dumas; Mr. and Mrs. B. J. Tanenbaum, Dumas.
Mrs. O. M. Robbins, given by Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Farr, Earle; Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Lalman, West Memphis; Mr. and Mrs. M. B. Currie, Sr., West Memphis.
Mrs. Walter Sweet, given by Mrs. Oscie Walker, Round Pond.
Mrs. Zula McAfee, given by Mrs. Oscie Walker, Round Pond.
Mrs. Dovie Sifford, given by Mr. A. B. Cochrell, Vanndale.
Mr. J. R. Cox, given by West Memphis W. S. C. S.
Mr. Sam Abernathy, given by Mrs. S. B. Lide, Camden.
Mr. Gilbert Shaffer, given by Mr. and

Mrs. C. N. Spicer, Stuttgart; Mr. and Mrs. Troy Trice, Stuttgart.
Mr. Fred LeBrocq, given by Mr. and Mrs. Troy Trice, Stuttgart.
Mr. Charles McDougal, given by Mr. and Mrs. C. N. Spicer, Stuttgart.
Kay Davis, given by Mr. and Mrs. C. N. Spicer, Stuttgart.
Miss Elizabeth Anne Sifford, given by Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Gatling, Camden.
Mrs. Anna Sammons Rogers, given by Blackwell Vanguard Class, First Church, Jonesboro.
Mrs. T. H. Jordan, given by A Friend, Harrison.
Mrs. Lizzie Beasley, given by Foreman W. S. C. S.
Mr. A. L. Crittenden, Sr., given by Bank of Wilson; Mr. and Mrs. Benton Garrett and Jimmy, Wilson.
Mrs. Will Harris, given by Mr. and Mrs. Webb Sweet, Forrest City.
Mr. J. W. Wimberly, given by Mr. and Mrs. R. T. White, Hope.
Mrs. Bessie Puddephatt, given by Watson W. S. C. S.; Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Stroud and Emma, Watson.
Mr. John Archer, given by Mr. and Mrs. Fred Rhodes, Earle.
Miss Whitt Liddell, given by Marianna W. S. C. S.
Mrs. Clara Black, given by Pulaski Heights Adult Home Department, Little Rock.
Mrs. E. D. Irvine, given by Miss Minnie Euzbee, Little Rock.
Mary Theresa Atchley, given by Mr. and Mrs. Horace Illing and Mrs. Ed Dixon, Sweet Home; Mr. Lee Collard, Jr., Dermott; Primary Department, Dermott.
Mr. A. S. Cockerham, Sr., given by West Memphis W. S. C. S.
Richard Doane Woosley, given by Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Rice, England.

TOTAL Memorial Gifts, \$171.50.

MISCELLANEOUS GIFTS

Mr. and Mrs. O. G. Robinson, Des Arc \$ 1.00
Martindale Sunday School 6.81
Mrs. R. S. Steel, Washington, D. C. 10.00
Keo Vacation Bible School 4.70
Susanna Wesley Class, First Church, Texarkana 5.00
Rev. David Crouch, Plainview 10.00
Mr. Dessie Butts, Landis, N. C. 5.00
Miscellaneous 80.93
TOTAL \$294.94

OTHER GIFTS

Circle 9, Winfield Church, juice glasses
Mr. Steel Kennedy, Little Rock, 46 quarts canned fruit
Mr. Charles Baber, North Little Rock, 4 boxes Life Savers and box of gum
Mr. and Mrs. Alvis Fuller, magazine subscriptions

The Town And Country Commission Does It Again

IN July of last year the U-SHARE-IT CHURCH, sponsored by the Town and Country Commission under the leadership of the Rev. J. E. Dunlap, held its first meeting at Aldersgate. Although it was only in session for one week its impact has been felt all over the Little Rock Conference as reported by Miss Emogene Dunlap, conference director of youth work.

The second session of the U-Share-It Church has just been held. Those who had been in attendance at the first session felt that its spirit could not be duplicated. But in spite of their fears, the second session, building on the experience of the past year and the deep resources of youth, ended with a glorious AMEN.

The training plan for the Fellowship Team Lab is that each district in the Conference send from five to seven youth and one or two adults to camp for a week, beginning on Monday and closing on Saturday. For the first two and a half days intensive training on how to promote the work of the M. Y. F. in the local church is studied by the group.

On Tuesday, Dr. Francis A. Bud-din, district superintendent and president of the Little Rock Meth-

odist Council, welcomed the members and gave them his blessing.

By mid-morning Wednesday the members were ready to be called together to hear the call to definite service. Listening to the words of Brother Mouzon Mann, there was brought to each youth and adult a sense of his importance and God's dependence on every individual Christian. Then there was need for a time apart where each one in his special spot could fully submit himself to the plan for the rest of the week. After this period of preparation the members assembled to receive their appointments. Eight churches of the district had asked for a team. The teams were to be composed of three or four youth and one adult. Every camper accepted his assignment without question.

A period of rest was essential but apart from that the entire church membership worked, in spite of the heat, because they had a job that MUST be done and to which they alone were committed. At thirty-three one team appeared in front of the Assembly and what a change had taken place. Gone was the camp attire and instead fresh, vivacious youth dressed to go forth with a message and a plan. They

CHAPLAIN SEALS DISTRIBUTES PACKAGES FROM ARKANSAS

Huochon, Korea
17 July 1951

Dear Brother Wayland,

The enclosed letter (see letter below) from Chaplain Shaw of 8th Army Headquarters shows disposition of clothing sent to me in care of 8th Army Headquarters. I wish I could thank the senders personally, but the packages had been delivered before I got names off them.

I have thanked everyone individually in most cases though, and want to assure all donors we are getting the parcels in good condition.

All food parcels are being distributed to women and children at 24 Division Collecting point. This is the first place refugees come to behind the front lines. Here we give them what food we can, dust them with lice powder and give the shots for typhus fever, cholera and smallpox.

When they leave here for larger centers they will get some help from CROP, UNCACK and Church World Service agencies. However, they are as hungry and dirty when we get them as can be, so our first line aid is a great blessing.

Last week I received three money orders for \$11.60, \$17.00 and \$10.00 from children's classes. We bought sardines by the case, crackers and

cheese for distribution at once. These children not only helped the Koreans but they did something to me.

I shall probably be here until about Christmas of this year. Can therefore receive any packages mailed by October 15.

My sincere thanks to you for your kind publishing of my letters, and to the wonderful people of Arkansas for their generous assistance.—Ray D. Seals, Chaplain Capt., Hqrs. 7th Inf. Div. Arty, APO-7, San Francisco, Cal.

13 July 1951

Dear Chaplain Seals:

I want to thank you for the many packages of relief goods you have sent to me for distribution. All have been carefully disposed of to both Presbyterian and Methodist Churches here in Taegu as well as to four local orphanages. Please express to the donors my gratitude on behalf of the many people who have received this aid. It has been a literal godsend to the Korean people. Any time you have things for distribution, I shall be happy to take care of them for you while I am in Taegu.

With sincere regards, I am

Cordially yours,

William E. Shaw

Chaplain (DAC) USA

ROKA Liaison Chaplain

first went to Dedication Oak, then to their church. They laughed and joked as they rode along together. Suddenly they realized that they were nearly to their destination and one youth said, "I have a peculiar feeling." Then another said, "I think we six can do it." The answer came back, "But we are only five." Again, the youth said, "I think we SIX can do it." Suddenly, there was stillness and quiet with the accompanying realization that it would be done, "not by might, nor by power, but by My Spirit." And so the teams went forth on that first Wednesday until by five thirty only their echoes could be heard at Aldersgate.

Then from ten to eleven the teams began to roll in again. Each team had experiences to share as to the graciousness of their hosts, the needs they had discovered, the success or failure of the methods they had used. Invariably the games and songs taught by Emogene had been a way of establishing themselves. These were shared around the kitchen table as the icebox gave forth quarts of ice cold milk and fruit juices and the pantry gave forth sandwiches and cookies through the graciousness of Mrs. Willis. As each team came in a welcome was given and the exchange of experiences started over again. But on that first night there was one feeling that pervaded the entire group. They must learn more themselves if they were going to be able to give as they should.

So Thursday was a period of "digging in" and "under." They had discovered the needs, now to help the local church to adapt the PLAN to meet the needs.

On Friday night as each team returned, there were stars in the eyes of each youth. They had followed through on their commission and the reward was satisfying. Little stories with great meanings came from the lips of individuals. "One girl asked me to say a prayer, especially for her. So she stood by me

until we told everyone else goodbye. Then together we went to the altar and prayed. I never had anyone to ask me to pray for them before." . . . "Our group had never given to the M.Y. Fund but we told them all about it and they are going to pledge immediately" . . . "The adults in our church, which is far from other churches, said that we gave them the feeling that not only did the rest of the church care, but that they, too, were a part of the total church fellowship of Christian believers." . . . And over and over we heard that the closing commitment service had hit home . . . But here and there the eyes of youth were misted. One said, "I go home tomorrow. I have not been the leader I should have been in my local church. This has given me what I need to go back and begin again." And another, "Now how are we going to get together in our districts to carry on there?"

So on Saturday morning the Church prepared to send out its members as "Missionaries" to the churches and districts from which they had come. First, the representatives from each district met together to begin a plan of action. Then they gathered under the trees to receive their final commission from Brother Ralph Sewell and to go to the communion table by districts to receive their directives, there to tarry until all six districts formed a circle bound together through a united mission and the unceasing effort of their conference director. As each member left he went with a feeling that indeed "The Lord Hath Laid His Hands On Me."

—Margaret Marshall





"Along A Country Road" The Town and Country Commission

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Hendrix Station, Conway, Arkansas

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SUNDAY ON THE PLEASANT PLAINS CHARGE

Last Sunday, July 9, it was my privilege to travel the Pleasant Plains Charge in company with Rev. Ray Burrow, who has just entered the ministry and who is pastor in charge of four splendid churches. Brother Burrow was ready and waiting as the writer pulled up before the parsonage. In a few minutes we drove into the church yard of one of the most attractive and beautiful chapels imaginable. The fine people at Cornerstone had just completed putting sandstone rock around the building which now makes it a very beautiful place of worship. One is amazed at the wonderful improvements a little love and hard work can do for a church building.

A few months ago the Cornerstone Church was not too inviting to the eye. It certainly did not reflect the character of the people in the community as of the present for homes have been beautified and prosperity is in evidence. Now they have made up the difference in the church building on the exterior and will soon do the inside in just the same fine manner.

A most splendid response was given by the congregation at the 10 o'clock preaching service. At 11 o'clock we were greeted by a fine congregation at Pleasant Plains. It was good to find that the parsonage had had some improvements made on it but will have more attention given to it. There will soon be a building program going at Pleasant Plains as to the church building. A small frame structure will be remodeled and stone veneered in the next few months if the spirit of the people continues as at present.

At 2:30 p. m. we made it to the next appointment at Oak Grove some twenty miles away. A splendid congregation of people had assembled. A fine spirit prevailed. A good service was enjoyed. There are great possibilities here at the other points on the charge. The building

is in good repair and has been made attractive on the inside. A hopeful outlook is prevalent among the people.

Our final service was held at Cedar Grove at the evening hour. Again we were greeted by a fine congregation. This church has been built along modern lines and affords some Church School advantages not possessed by many small churches. The building is in good condition. The people are proud of it and enjoy the fellowship one with the other as they worship and study together. The salary of the charge was increased considerably over that of the past year. This is to the credit of the people and the district superintendent, Rev. S. B. Wilford. It is indeed a high privilege to be assigned to work another year among these fine people. It is our hope that this charge will move along in the upward way as it is now going until it shall be a good pattern for other rural charges to follow. That is the confidence that we have.

With many more fine young men answering the call to the ministry, it becomes obligatory on the part of our people to rally to the challenge of the hour and open up doors of real opportunity to them. Ray Burrow in leaving the field of education to answer to the ministry, has yielded himself to a great and mighty movement. His fine companion will stand by his side as do all good minister's wives and will prove invaluable help to him. His four small and beautiful daughters will keep the parsonage home alive and interesting. They have all been wonderfully received by the people of the charge and will go forward to greater things together.

The world is filled with challenging and critical needs. Our God is able to meet them with the help of His people. The North Arkansas Conference is one of his fields. It is good to be working with him in so great a vineyard.—J. Albert Gatlin.

FARMINGTON-WEDDINGTON

Having closed two very successful years at Plainview, we were ap-ton Charge. We give Farmington pointed to the Farmington-Wedding-three-fourth time and Weddington one-fourth time. We arrived in Farmington June 21st. On Thursday evening the good people gave us a royal reception. They had arranged a program in which every one participated. After the program refreshments were served, then our dining table was piled high with lots of good things to eat.

The fourth Sunday being the time for our full day at Weddington, they had planned for dinner on the ground, and we had planned for organizing the officials. After the services in the morning, we gathered on one of the neighbor's lawn and spread our lunch. We decided to hold our business session and have our evening service in the afternoon. When we adjourned,

again foods of all kind began to be loaded in our car. The people at both places have received us royally. We are looking forward to a great year and are happy in our new location.

Mrs. John Morris, who is a trained nurse, has been nursing during the Leadership School on Mt. Sequoyah.—A. L. Riggs.

A little girl was to undergo an operation. The physician said, as he was about to place her on the operating table: "Before we can make you well we must put you to sleep."

The little girl smiled and said, "Oh, if you are going to put me to sleep I must say my prayers first." She knelt beside the table and prayed, "Now I lay me down to sleep..."

The surgeon said later that he prayed that night for the first time in 30 years.—World Call

Christian Education:

NORTH ARKANSAS CONFERENCE NOTES

By Ira A. Brumley

North Arkansas In Leadership School

The total attendance at Mt. Sequoyah for the Leadership School this year was 362. Seventy-two of this number were from the North Arkansas Conference. Forty-one persons from the North Arkansas Conference registered for courses in the Leadership School. Four members of the Leadership Group were from the North Arkansas Conference. There were also 22 children and youth of the North Arkansas Conference who took part in the Laboratory School. Five other persons had some part in the program.

The following were leaders: H. O. Eggensperger of Russellville; Miss Lula Doyle Baird of Morrilton; V. Earle Copes of Conway; and D. L. Dykes of Fayetteville.

The following persons registered for courses in the Leadership School: Mr. and Mrs. Nels Barnett, Mrs. I. N. Barnett, Mr. and Mrs. Charles E. Mabry, Mrs. A. A. Dowdy, Mrs. W. D. Murphy, Jr., Batesville; Rev. and Mrs. John Bayliss, Pocahontas; Calvin Bruce of Black Rock; Rev. and Mrs. Vernon Chalfant, Mrs. Maurice Rickard, Mrs. Paul Smith, Rogers; Rev. and Mrs. I. L. Claud, North Little Rock; Edwin B. Dodson, Berryville; Rev. and Mrs. E. J. Hollifield, Helena; Rev. and Mrs. S. O. Patty, Prairie Grove, Hubert Pearce, Bentonville; Robert Paul Sessions, Van Buren; H. M. Lewis, Rev. and Mrs. James W. Workman, Springdale; Miss Elizabeth Workman of Conway; Rev. and Mrs. Thomas R. Whiddon, Lincoln; Jim Wiseman of Searcy; Mrs. Joe Crumper, Mrs. Paul Guisinger, Miss Mary Ellen Hill, Mrs. E. H. Hook, Mrs. Ruby Hudson, Mrs. Heydon Lewis, Mrs. E. R. McCormack, Mrs. Rebecca Poole, Mrs. W. L. Stonecipher, Arnold Simpson, of Fayetteville; Ira A. Brumley, Conway.

This was considered by many as the best Leadership School held at Mt. Sequoyah for a number of years.

The attendance from other Conferences ranged from 30 adults and 21 children from the North Texas Conference and 26 adults and 18 children from the Northwest Texas Conference down to an attendance of one person from one of the Conferences of the Jurisdiction.

Vacation Church School Reports

The following Vacation Church Schools in the North Arkansas Conference have been reported to our office:

Batesville District: Mountain View; Calico Rock; Umsted Memorial; Cotter; Arkana; Batesville, First Church; Wesley Chapel; Wideman; Viola.

Conway District: Atkins; Greenbrier; Wesley Memorial; Morrilton; North Little Rock, First Church; Gardner Memorial; Levy; Washington Avenue; Salem.

Fayetteville District: Alpena; Berryville; Fayetteville, Central; Wiggins Memorial; Siloam Springs; Sulphur Springs.

Forrest City District: Elaine; Forrest City; Helena; Marianna; Marion; Wheatley; Round Pond; Widener.

Fort Smith District: Bonanza; Cecil; Clarksville; Midland Heights; Fort Smith, First Church; Hartman; Ozark; Paris.

Jonesboro District: Caraway (two schools); Huntington Avenue; Osceola (Continued on page 7)

LITTLE ROCK CONFERENCE YOUNG ADULTS



MISS CHARLOTTE JAYNES

Miss Charlotte Jaynes, Little Rock, is conference president of Young Adults, and will be one of the leaders of the Conference at Camp Tanako, August 17-19. Rev. Glendell A. Jones, Director of Adult Work of the North Texas Conference, will serve as discussion leader and resource person. Rev. and Mrs. Rufus Sorrells will be the leaders of recreation and worship, respectively.

COTTON PLANT MAKES EXTENSIVE IMPROVEMENTS ON CHURCH

Under the able leadership of Rev. James L. Chandler, the Methodist Church at Cotton Plant has undergone extensive repairs and has been redecorated. Impressive rededication ceremonies were held at the 11 o'clock hour on Sunday, July 8. George Powell, chairman of the building committee, presented the work that had been completed to the church. Brother Chandler explained that the church had already been dedicated, but led the congregation in the act of re-dedication.

The ceiling in the sanctuary is of ivory tile board. The walls are finished in peach blossom with mahogany stained veneer paneling around the walls of the sanctuary, pulpit and choir. The floor is finished in natural varnish. The carpet is of rose tone. A new arch was placed over the choir. The hanging lamps add much to the beauty of the church. The whole building was completely re-wired and the brick work outside was painted. A washed-air cooling system was installed which adds much to the comfort of the sanctuary.

Others serving with Mr. Powell on the building committee were Taz Trice, Gilbert Gingerich and Mrs. C. M. McGowen. The members of the W. S. C. S. and Wesleyan Guild bought the carpeting. The total cost amounted to around \$7000.00.

In addition to the above, Maas cathedral chimes have been installed, a gift to the church by Mr. and Mrs. C. T. Doss of Cotton Plant. The chimes are located in the sanctuary and are played from the console of the organ and are amplified from the system on top of the church. Recordings of chime music can also be played through the system. The chimes are played every afternoon at 5 o'clock and on Sunday mornings at 9 o'clock.

Brother and Mrs. Chandler are doing a wonderful work here, not only in the church but in all civic activities.—Mrs. J. F. Angelo, Reporter.

Methodists Look At America's Towns and Farms

By WILLIAM WATKINS REID

WITH newspapers across the nation dramatically emphasizing that all is not well with American soil and water conservation—as witness the rampaging floods of mid-July in the mid-west—the National Methodist Town and Country Conference met in Sioux City, Iowa, from July 21 to 24. Floods centering in Missouri and Kansas and threatening areas further south cut the attendance of pastors and laymen from these great agricultural states; nevertheless the registration at the Conference was about 1,500 delegates, and attendance at public meetings was from 3,000 to 5,000.

The Conference, called "to make more effective the program of the Methodist Church in town and country," and emphasizing the interdependence of better life for men in the small communities and of better social, industrial, economic, and religious conditions in those same towns and villages, was jointly sponsored by the Council of Bishops and by the Board of Missions and Church Extension's Department of Rural Work. It was a follow-up of a similar Conference held four years ago. Bishop Charles W. Brashares, of Des Moines, was general chairman, host, presiding officer, and keynote speaker. Rev. Glenn F. Sanford was secretary.

A host of other church and rural leaders assisted in the program and planning. Among them were: Bishop W. C. Martin, Prof. John Baxter Howes, Dr. Harley W. Farnham, Bishop J. W. E. Bowen, Bishop W. E. Ledden, Bishop Paul E. Martin, Bishop G. R. Phillips, Bishop Donald H. Tippet, Bishop H. G. Werner, Dr. Eugene Carter, Dean Earl E. Harper, Rev. Ralph Kofoed, the Rev. Marvin T. Judy, Mrs. A. R. Henry, Miss Marjorie Minkler, Mrs. Frank G. Brooks, Dr. Frank W. Peck, Prof. Rockwell C. Smith, and Dr. Elliott L. Fisher.

Others who contributed by platform addresses were: Dr. Arthur F. Raper, U. S. Department of Agriculture; President Murray D. Lincoln of CARE; Dr. Howard W. Tower, Board of Education; Prof. Charles M. McConnell of Boston University; the Rev. Dutton S. Peterson of Odesa, N. Y.; Dr. Carl C. Taylor, U. S. Department of Agriculture; Bishop Gerald H. Kennedy; Miss Katherine F. Lenroot, U. S. Children's Bureau.

200 Churches Visited

A unique and spectacular feature of the Conference took place on Sunday when "waves" of delegates "deployed" to some 200 churches in four states and 39 counties within an area of an eighty-mile radius from Sioux City. The 1,200 or more people who made the "flying battalions" went in groups: some preached the morning sermon; some conducted services in churches long unopened; many taught church school classes; and in most of the churches there were picnic lunches and afternoon conferences with church officials, school teachers, laymen, or W. S. C. S. groups.

It is estimated that the cars carrying teams out from Sioux City traveled about 30,000 miles—or more than the distance around the world; that about 26,000 persons were reached in the morning worship services, and about 20,000 at the

church schools.

This out-of-town visitation was planned by Prof. Rockwell C. Smith, of Garrett Biblical Institute, and by District Superintendent Farnham of Sioux City. Many delegates came back to say that their service to some unknown and isolated village church gave the visitors a new sense of consecration and blessing; all considered it the "high spot" of the Conference days.

During the Conference, Miss Marjorie Minkler, of New York, executive of the Bureau of Town and Country Work, Woman's Division of Christian Service, led some twenty persons in conducting three round-table discussions on very practical problems: "The Rural Church in

with revolution today because they have not helped the land to meet the needs of the people," Bishop Brashares said in his keynote address. "Russia's program of land reform may not be to our liking but the Christian church can scarcely win to Christianity one billion country people, if the church has no program of land reform at all. We do talk about the advantages of the family-sized farm and we point with pride to five million American farms in 1935. We know how well a family can take care of a little piece of ground. But statistics show us that family farms in America are giving way before vast concentrations of land, with tenant farmers and migrant workers. The farmer

in rural life."

"Every year since 1930," Dr. Raper pointed out, "fewer people have been working on the farms, but these fewer people—because of machinery—have been growing more material. We have almost doubled the quantity of corn, of cotton, of potatoes, of tobacco, and of some other produce raised per acre today as contrasted with 20 years ago. And the whole trend is to raise more produce, with less manpower hour and less land year by year." He added that only about one-thirtieth of the work on farms is being done by migrant labor, despite the social problems that that type of labor entails; and that fewer man hours are spent in the fields today than at any time in this century.

Dr. Raper said that in recent years American farms are becoming fewer in number, but on the average larger in size than a few decades ago. Today farms average nearly 200 acres per family. He compared this with two and a half acres per family in Japan, and suggested that something between these two extremes might gradually become the recognized size of a "family farm." With the proper use of machinery, of fertilizer, and of modern techniques, Dr. Raper said, the large farms will be unnecessary, and men will talk not of "acreage owned" but of "bushels harvested." The modern young farmer in America, he suggested, is not now investing his capital in acreage, but in good stock, equipment, and machinery.

Another change in the picture of rural America, Dr. Raper said, is that while the active rural farming population is decreasing, the non-farming population in the towns and villages is increasing. "A major portion of the families now living in rural areas do not make their living out of farming; they work in nearby industries, or commute to businesses in the cities," he said.

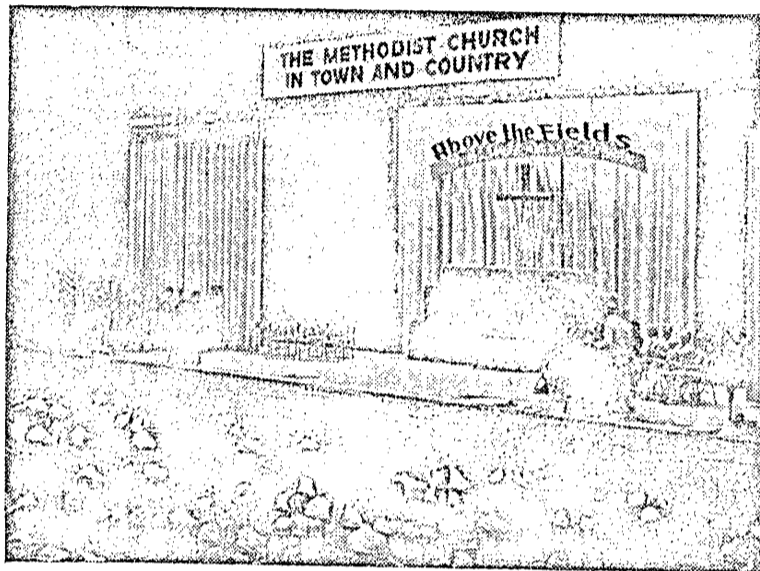
"Serve All the Community's Life"

Professor McConnell made a plea that rural people place the church and its ministry on a higher plane than "service to factions;" that it serve ALL the needs of ALL the people within its geographic area—its community.

The head of medical service in a great university hospital once said, "One should send for his minister (or priest or rabbi) as he sends for his doctor when he becomes ill." That is to say, God helps the sick in two ways, through the science of medicine and surgery and through the science of faith and prayer.—Dr. Norman Vincent Peale, "There Is Healing Power in Faith," Today, 7-1-'51.

When the American people voted for repeal in '33 in response to the persuasive liquor propaganda, they never dreamed that in 18 years there would be twice as many saloons as churches in the U. S. and 2½ times as many bars as schools.—Missions

Have you ever thought what a world we could make if we put into peace endeavors the energy, self-sacrifice, and co-operation we use in the wastefulness of war?—Gen. Archibald P. Wavell, British military leader



Auditorium at Seat of Conference

Community Development," with participants who had made notable successes in this field; "Cooperative Plans for the Rural Church;" "The Church's Responsibility for ALL People."

During several sessions, the Conference divided into seven study groups the results of which were presented to the closing session, and which will be incorporated into a one-volume report (to be edited by Prof. Miron Morrill of Cornell College) to be issued in the fall as the story of the gathering and its deliberations. The study groups considered "Christian advance" in the local church, in the family, in leadership, in the community, in stewardship, in cultural arts, and in today's world.

Mississippi Flood Resolution

Bearing in mind the loss and suffering to peoples and communities by the recent floods in the Mississippi Valley, the Conference voted: "that we express our deep sympathy for all those who are suffering in the present catastrophe, and pray God's blessing upon them; and that this National Methodist Conference, through its chairman and secretary, call the attention of the Methodist Church at large and of the proper federal government agencies to our deep concern for the rapid and earliest possible completion of all possible plans and construction which will look toward adequate soil conservation and flood control in this great area."

The Keynote Address

"Whole nations are threatened

who does not own the land is not apt to feel a sense of stewardship for it. Today, when other countries (as Japan and Korea) are practicing land reform, our government is giving them encouragement. In America where fifty per cent of the farmlands are now operated by tenants, we must encourage the family ownership of small farms. Subsistence homestead legislation may help the situation . . .

"There is a danger in America that farming may become simply a business of raising crops instead of primarily a way of life for people. The most important crop we raise on the farm is children. Farming should produce healthy, God-fearing, happy people. Where can you find more security from financial depression than in the community where each family owns its farm? Where can democracy better put down its roots and grow than in the small town or countryside? While we are so busy defending the American way of life, let us remember to develop the countryside where most young Americans are being born and reared."

Rural Life Trends

Something of the rapid change in rural and town life in all sections of the United States, caused largely by the introduction of electricity, farm machinery, good roads, and transportation, was outlined by Dr. Arthur F. Raper social scientist of the U. S. Department of Agriculture. By charts and graphs, he pictured "Where We Are in Rural America" and gave some indication of "trends

WOMAN'S SOCIETY OF CHRISTIAN SERVICE

MRS. SUE M. WAYLAND, Editor

MARY McSWAIN PAYS TRIBUTE TO MISSIONARY

May, 1951

Dear friends:

"To speak of the People's Central Institute is to bring to one's memory the name of Mrs. Buyers," so a young Brazilian journalist wrote for Rio's leading newspaper. Since word came of Mrs. Allie Cobb Buyers' death on April 26th, this is one of the many expressions of the way her life and spirit has permeated this institution.

For over twenty years, Mrs. Buyers worked and dreamed and planned for the Institute to be a true neighbor to the PEOPLE of Rio de Janeiro. As superintendent, she cultivated this spirit of service among her co-workers. She enjoyed having personal contacts and friends. She knew the children, young people and adults—a thousand daily—who sought the Institute from early morning to late at night. There was the old gentleman who confided in her that he liked to come early for the milk which the clinic furnished his great-grandson, "because this is a happy place." There was the child who asked, "Why did my brother's class move and mine didn't? It leaks in mine too." There was the night school professor who always returned his unopened pay envelop, writing on it "For Mrs. Buyers to use for the Institute."

"A vision of need is a call to service" was at the center of her program for the Institute. She found joy in telling how Dr. and Mrs. H. C. Tucker had started it, in 1936, on faith and prayer, to touch the lives of Rio's forgotten people of the "favelas." She liked to live at the People's Central Institute, and feel the pulse of the city from this location. It is a few blocks from Rio's busiest railroad station. It nestles at the foot of "Thieves' Hill," with its silhouette of shacks against the sky, beautiful to her on sunny days and moonlit nights. It faces the bay, with docks, cranes and warehouses in plain sight. It is a five minute's walk from the English Mill, with 5,000 employees. Cooking classes, ceramics, mothers' clubs, a night school expanding into high school work: all these and more were woven into a plan for meeting the hunger for nobler and fuller lives.

After months of tireless campaigning, planning and construction, the Tucker Building was dedicated in November 1949, with the presence of Dr. Tucker to complete her happiness on the day. There was another dream for the Institute in her thoughts now—blueprints were already in hand for a greatly needed educational building. It seemed just right when Dr. Tucker suggested it be named the Allie Cobb Buyers Building. Although she requested no such mention be made, the idea grew and was accepted by the Board of Trustees as the spontaneous desire of all.

Another financial campaign was held in May 1950, with the goal of \$50,000.00 for Rio almost raised in a few weeks. To make possible the three story educational structure, the Advance giving of churches in the United States has had a goal

O BROTHER MAN!

By John Greenleaf Whittier

O brother man! fold to thy heart thy brother;
Where pity dwells, the peace of God is there;
To worship rightly is to love each other,
Each smile a hymn, each kindly deed a prayer.
Follow with reverent steps the great example
Of him whose holy work was "doing good,"
So shall the wide earth seem our Father's temple,
Each loving life a psalm of gratitude.
Then shall all shackles fall; the stormy clangor;
Of wild war's music o'er the earth shall cease;
Love shall tread out the baleful fire of anger,
And in its ashes plant the tree of peace.

SCHOOL OF MISSION IN LITTLE ROCK CONFERENCE

One hundred thirty-seven members of the Little Rock Conference Woman's Society of Christian Service participated in the Institute of Missions at Aldersgate Camp, near Little Rock, July 24-26. The theme of the school was "The Church For You Doth Wait." Mrs. Erik F. Jensen, of Stuttgart, was dean of the school.

Outstanding features of the week included the platform hour on Wednesday evening, when Dr. James W. Workman addressed the group; the morning devotions given by Mrs. Faye Nunnally; the vesper service on Tuesday conducted by Mrs. A. J. Christie; and an account of the beginning and the progress of Aldersgate presented by the Reverend Milam Willis, Director of the camp. A film, "The Family, An Approach to Peace," was shown one evening.

Courses taught and their teachers were: Churches for our Country's Needs, Mrs. Joe T. Rogers, of Wichita, Kansas, Jurisdictional Chairman

of a similar amount. When the first site chosen was not acceptable for granting the building permit, she and Mr. Buyers set about making new blueprints and plans which were approved. Illness caused her to return to the United States in November, 1950, but as long as her strength allowed she continued to raise funds.

A high school student spoke for many others when he said, "Mrs. Buyers had plans for us and believed in us. Now that she has gone, we must carry on. Even though we may not graduate from the new building, we want to pass on to others something of what her life meant to us."

"I'd like to leave behind me when I go

A little field of dreams to grow, and grow;
Just lovely dreams I've gathered here and there,
And then sent out on shining wings of prayer
That somehow God, and I, and you who caught
The fragile dreams, and cherished what they taught
Might nurture them with so much love and grace
They'd help to make our world a better place."

—Frances M. Morton
Sincerely,
Mary McSwain

NORTH ARKANSAS CONFERENCE SCHOOL OF MISSIONS

The sixth annual School of Missions and Christian Service of the North Arkansas Conference Woman's Society of Christian Service and Wesleyan Service Guild was held at Hendrix College, Conway, July 24-27. Eighty women attended and participated in the classes, Workshop and clinics.

A highlight of the School was the Noon-day messages by Dr. Pearle McCain, using for her topics the theme of the School, "The Church For You Doth Wait." This was Dr. McCain's last appearance; she will be sailing from San Francisco for Japan, September 8, to begin work in Siewea College for Christian Workers.

Miss Elizabeth Stinson, Woman's Division Secretary of Missionary Education and Service taught the Bible Study, "The Book of Acts" and led the Workshop on Christian Dynamics (based on the Study of the Book of Acts).

The home mission course "Churches For Our Country's Needs" was taught by Miss Mildred Osment, and the Christian Social Relations Study, "The Family, A Christian's Concern" was taught by Mrs. W. Henry Goodloe, Conference Secretary of Missionary Education and Chairman of the School of Missions.

The morning devotional leaders were Mrs. Monroe Scott, Conference Secretary of Spiritual Life; Mrs. W. Jimerson, Conference Secretary Christian Social Relations; and Mrs. Mavis Settlemire, Conference Secretary of Supplies. Their themes were "Prayer," "Service," and "Faith."

A meeting of the Summer School Committee was held. Mrs. James S. Upton was elected dean and Mrs. W. Henry Goodloe Chairman of next year's School.

It was indeed a time of inspiration and fellowship together, as well as helpful to all who attended. Miss Stinson will long be remembered for her leadership and splendid messages in the Workshop and Study. A spirit of cooperation prevailed throughout, and an even better and larger School is anticipated for next year.

The School wishes to express a sincere appreciation to Hendrix College for the privilege of meeting on the campus, and for the kindness and consideration shown in arranging for the comfort of each one present.—Reporter

of Home Work; Latin America, Mrs. J. F. Hall, of Grady; The Book of Acts, the Reverend George Meyer; The Family—a Christian's Concern, Mrs. Earl D. Cotton. A total of 84 credits were earned in these courses.

There were departmental clinics conducted on: Missionary Education, by Mrs. M. E. Scott; Spiritual Life, by Mrs. Frank Wittenauer; Christian Social Relations, by Mrs. J. Russell Henderson; Treasurers and Supply work, Mrs. C. I. Parsons and Mrs. Leo Wylie; Promotion by Mrs. O. E. Holmes. The two workshops were: The Work of the W. S. C. S. by Mrs. T. S. Lovett, and Teaching Study Courses, by Mrs. Henderson.

The hospitality of Mr. and Mrs. Willis, the helpful assistance of Fred Arnold, along with the delightful meals, went far toward the enjoyment of this large group. Despite the newness of camp life, the violent thunderstorms, and the extremely hot weather, the women felt a renewal of their spiritual life in the moments of worship they shared together; a quickening of the mind and heart in the discussion periods, which gave each a challenge; a bond of love and affection in the fellowship of sharing. An evaluation of the school by those attending and by the teachers left a feeling of satisfaction.

Following the closing luncheon on Thursday, Mrs. Lovett, our president, led in a period of worship and rededication.

At a meeting of the Summer School Committee, Mrs. M. E. Scott was elected chairman of the committee, and Mrs. Ewing T. Wayland named dean of the school for next year.—Reporter

WEST MEMPHIS WESLEYAN GUILD ENTERTAINS

An Al Fresco dinner was given Tuesday evening by members of the Wesleyan Service Guild of First Methodist Church at West Memphis. The members of the Marion Guild, Marion, Arkansas, and Junior Guild members, West Memphis, were honor guests.

The dinner was given at the home

of Mrs. James Bledsoe. Mrs. Julian Vogel, President, greeted the guests. Mrs. Russell Pryor had charge of the worship program "The Message of a Tree." There were 65 members and guests present.

PIPE ORGANS

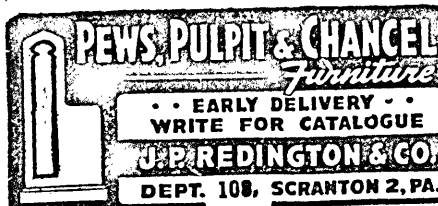
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Methodist Youth**Fellowship News:****INTERMEDIATE M. Y. F. OF HARRISON**

The Intermediate M. Y. F. of the Harrison Methodist Church had a circus in the recreation hall of the church Tuesday night, July 24th. A number of features usually found at circuses were in evidence. The special attraction of the evening was the "Big Top Performance."

All advertising, decorating and actual performance of the circus were done by the Intermediates.—Nancy Sanders, Youth Director

JUNIOR M. Y. F. SPONSORS PICNIC

Saturday night, July 28, was a time of fun and frolic for the people of the Massard community in Fort Smith. The Junior M. Y. F. of the Massard Methodist Church sponsored an old-fashioned picnic in the church yard. They had set up all the makings for a wonderful time for everyone with ice cream, cake, lemonade, and soda pop. Music was provided by Eddie Ruth and his Magnolia Playboys. The band played both popular and sacred numbers.

The Juniors also had prepared stunts, games and contests in which the audience took part.

The proceeds from the picnic will be used by the Juniors to purchase an American and a Christian flag for the church. Miss Hettie Burnett and Mrs. Vann Hooker are the counsellors for this group.—Reporter

GRACE CURTIS SUB-DISTRICT

The Grace Curtis Sub-District met at Wright's Chapel. Mr. Charles Smart, layman of the Piggott Church, spoke on "How the M. Y. F. Helps our Local Church."

Ruthie McCluney, president, was in charge of the meeting. She was elected a delegate to Mt. Sequoyah.

Recreation was led by Donna McCluney.

The next meeting will be with the Eloise Butler Sub-District at Wayland Spring.—Roma Blake, Reporter

SPEAKER TELLS OF TRIP TO WASHINGTON

Jim Arnold, one of Arkansas's representative to 1951 Boys' Nation, spoke on his experiences while at the national capital at a meeting of Columbia County Methodist Youth Monday night at 7:30 at the First Methodist Church of Magnolia.

Mrs. W. A. G. Woodward gave an inspiring talk on recreation for youth telling how properly directed play affects the development of

youth into adults.

After the business meeting which was presided over by President Sue Wicker, a box supper was held in the courtyard of the church. A total of 28 boxes were auctioned off by Ed Williamson. The money cleared will be applied on a cabin at the Camp Tanako, the Methodist Youth Camp on Lake Catherine near Hot Springs.—Reporter

NORTH ARKANSAS CONFERENCE NOTES

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Paragould District: Corning; Hardy; Hoxie, Marmaduke; Piggott; Pocahontas; Rector, First Church; Walnut Ridge.

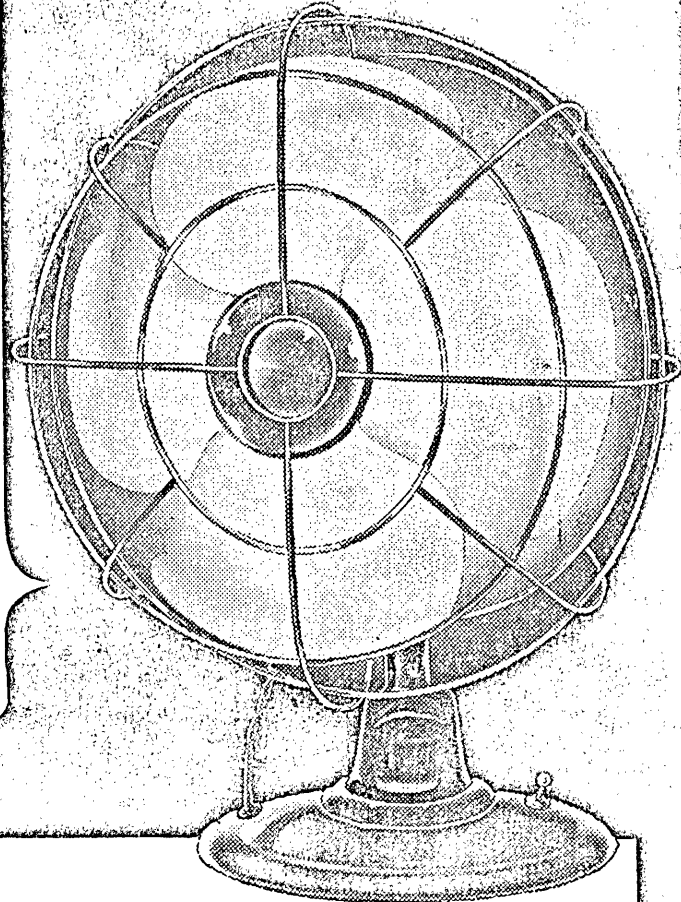
Searcy District: Augusta; Cabot; Heber Springs; Jacksonville; Kensett; McCrory; Morganton; Ward.

Other schools have been held in our Conference, but we have not yet received the reports from them.

If you should need Vacation Church School Report Blanks, please write Board of Education, Hendrix Station, Conway, Arkansas.

Prejudice cannot see the things that are because it is always looking for things that aren't.—Biblical Recorder

*I'm a
good
room mate
on an
AUGUST
NIGHT!*



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WHAT DO I OWE TO THE STATE?

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READ THE ENTIRE LESSON FROM YOUR BIBLE:
Luke 20:19-26; Romans 13:1-7; I Peter 2:13-16.

GOLDEN TEXT: "Render to Caesar the things that are Caesar's, and to God the things that are God's." (Luke 20:25)

A Look At The Scriptures

Unit III has five lessons all of which deal with loyalties. In the first three of these lessons we have already dealt with three of these loyalties—loyalty to the home, to the community, and to business. The lessons of today and next Sunday have to do with loyalty to the state. This is a very important subject. More is being said upon this subject just now than any other we face. For many years the state has been brought to the forefront. Some years ago the Fascists came into being in Italy, under the leadership of Mussolini. This group greatly elevated the place of the state and made the individual more or less a cog in the wheel. They reversed the order of Democracy. To the Fascists, the government did not exist for the people but the people existed for the government. Most of the people's freedoms were taken away and they were placed under the rule of a totalitarian dictatorship. Hitler of Germany came a little later with his Nazi movement. It was also a totalitarian dictatorship. Even before the time of these movements, Communism under the leadership of Stalin, had already been established in Russia. All of these forms of government are anti-Christian. They insist on putting the state ahead of God, and Christianity demands that God come first.

God and The State

This brings us to the first passage of our lesson. The passage begins with the idea of the scribes and chief priests attempting to arrest Jesus. There was not much harmony between these two groups. The scribes were the teachers of the Pharisees sect while the chief priests belong to the Sadducean party. There was continued squabbling between these parties but they got together in their enmity against Jesus. Both groups were determined to destroy the Lord.

Just prior to this event Christ had greatly angered these people. He had spoken the parable of the vineyard, and they knew he was referring to them. They would have arrested Christ immediately had it not been for their fear of the people.

They sent spies to follow him and to trap him in his teachings. These spies simulated great respects for the Lord but he saw through their hypocrisy. They asked Jesus a question concerning the paying of tribute to Caesar. They so formed this question that they thought they would catch the Lord regardless of the answer he gave. They knew that if he said it was right to pay tribute, or tax, to Caesar the people would turn against him as a traitor to their nation. In this case they would be able to arrest him, for no longer would the people defend him. On the other hand if he should say it

was not right to pay tax to Caesar, then the Roman authorities would arrest him and try him as a traitor. These people felt that they had Christ between the horns of a dilemma. They were much surprised at the answer he made when he saw the image of Caesar on the coin—"Render to Caesar the things that are Caesar's and to God the things that are God's."

Dual Loyalties

Christ set forth the dual loyalties of man in the answer he gave to these spies. Man owes obligations both to God and to the state. To be sure, man's obligations to God covers all of life; his citizenship as well as his religion, but so long as there was no conflict between the requirements of the state and God loyalty to both should be fully met. It will be remembered that Christ always put God and righteousness first in life. The trouble with totalitarianism in all of its forms is the fact that it attempts to put the state first. Where this is done to the point that Christian convictions are involved then the state must be resisted. The state must not be permitted to take the place of God in the life of the individual or group. As a matter of fact, the Roman Government later came to do that very thing. It even went to the extent that it required that Caesar be worshiped. The image of the ruling Caesar at the particular time was set up in various places of public worship about the Empire and people were required by law to worship this image. Christians refused to do this and were killed by the thousands for their refusal. They were willing to render to Caesar the things that were Caesar's, but were not willing to have him take the place of God in their lives.

Paul's Idea of Government

The next passage (Romans 13:1-7) gives Paul's idea of the place of government in the lives of Christians. He insisted that all citizens be subject to the governing authorities. He felt that God is the source of all authority and that whatever authority existed in the state came from God. He felt so strongly about this matter that he had this to say: "Those who resist the authorities resist what God has appointed, and those who resist will incur judgment. For rulers are not a terror to good conduct, but to bad . . . They are the servants of God to execute his wrath on the wrong-doer. Therefore one must be subject, not only to avoid God's wrath but also for the sake of conscience . . . Pay all of them their dues, taxes to whom taxes are due, revenue to whom revenue is due, respect to whom respect is due, honor to whom honor is due."

These are very strong words indeed. Paul had a high conception of

government. It will be remembered that the Roman Government on more than one occasion saved Paul's life. It protected him from mob violence of his own countrymen. In fact, during the early years of Paul's ministry this Government showed him more consideration than did the Church of the Old Testament. It will be noted, however, that this same Government later condemned the Apostle and put him to death. He wrote these words of commendation of the Government before it began its period of persecution against the Christian movement. Had he lived to have written after the persecution his advice might have been a bit different.

What Peter Had To Say On The Subject

Peter's advice along this line is found in I Peter 2:13-17. He and Paul had about the same conception of government. He also insisted that people be obedient to the authorities whether it be the Emperor as supreme or governors sent out by him. He insisted that the purpose of these rulers was to punish wrong-doers and to praise those who lived righteously.

Thus we have statements from three of the greatest men of all time concerning the matter of government—Christ (the God-Man), the Apostles Paul and Peter. All insisted on obedience to constituted authorities. They took cognizance of the fact that man owes obligations both to the Church and to the State.

The Extent of Obedience

Christians owe unlimited obedience to the government so long as its demands are righteous, but when the requirements of the state violate a Christian's conscience and his conception of duty to God he must stick with the higher loyalty. He must realize that God and his righteousness always come first.

When Jesus, Paul, and Peter insisted on allegiance to the Roman State that government had not begun its persecution against the Christians. That period came later. The time came when Christians had to stick with their profession rather than obey the state. A law was passed instituting Emperor worship and the Christians resisted it even to the point of death. Caesar was not content in having that which was his just dues as a ruler but he insisted upon that which belongs only to God.

The Problem of War

War is the number one problem of our age. The state has the authority to declare war and draft its citizens to fight in it. Civilization is far behind in the matter of settling international disputes. War is the most cruel, most wasteful, and most outmoded method imaginable for the settlement of international difficulties. In fact nothing has ever been permanently settled by war. This generation has gone through two world wars but they have really settled nothing. In fact they have created far more problems than the ones they were supposed to settle. No nation really wins in a war. Nations lose their citizens and their treasure in war. They also lose their moral standards. This puts a terrible strain on civilization.

What Shall We Do About This Problem?

Various answers have been given to this question. Some would answer it by refusing to fight. What would happen if a whole nation should assume that attitude? Would that not be an invitation to the communistic, materialistic, godless forces of the world to take things over? Many

feel that such would be the outcome of such procedure. They contend that such activity would show a spirit of ingratitude to many generations that have gone before us. They have sacrificed until it hurt to purchase for themselves and us all that is good in our way of life.

Another point on this side of the question is the fact that those who refuse to fight—the "Conscientious Objectors"—add an additional burden to their neighbors who are willing either to kill or die to preserve our way of life. This refusal to fight could come, not from religious scruples, but from sheer cowardice and that is not a laudible virtue in any life.

So much for this side of the question. There are some things, however, that can be said on the other side.

Christ himself taught the non-resistance of evil. It was he who said "If they slap you on one cheek, turn the other." He practiced this very thing himself. He was slapped and spit upon, crowned with thorns and nailed to a cross, but his only comment was "Father, forgive them; for they know not what they do." He refused to permit his disciples to protect him. He warned Peter when he cut off the ear of the servant of the high priest in trying to protect him that "They who take the sword will perish with the sword." The writer has always felt that this means the sword of aggression. At least, history shows that all nations that have taken the sword of aggression have perished.

The human race has learned by bitter experience that evil cannot be conquered with evil. Paul spoke a great truth when he said, "Be not overcome with evil but overcome evil with good." War is the chief evil of this generation. As such, it cannot be overcome with war. That method of building a peaceful world has been tried over and over again and has failed. Peace that is built on fear—that is armed peace—will never succeed. To succeed, peace must be built on love and mutual goodwill.

The Price of Peace

War is the most wasteful and expensive thing on earth. When a nation gets into war it will sacrifice almost to the point of bankruptcy to win. If peace-loving nations would sacrifice as much to win peace as they do to win war, peace would surely come. The world must learn that peace is not merely the absence of war. It is a positive thing. As such, the winning of it requires effort and sacrifice just as the winning of war does.

It is said that three-fourths of the people of the world do not have the necessities of life. Millions of them go to bed hungry every night. So long as this condition exists there is bound to be wars. This condition is a hotbed for the spread of Communism. In working for peace we must strive to better the condition of these underprivileged people. The Marshall Plan is looking in that direction. The effort to help the backward nations is also a good cause. Until these forces better the condition of these people, peace will have to be enforced by armed might.

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