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"The World is My Parish" — John

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

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Taming The 'Big Bad Wolf'

THE Japanese Peace Treaty Conference, at San Francisco has come and gone on schedule time. The fear and uneasiness caused by the decision of Russia to have a delegation in the conference seems to have been largely without foundation in fact.

We seemed to have over-estimated the Russian power to disrupt and delay plans for such meetings. While no one seemed to be able to predict just how the delegation from Russia would be able to cause so much trouble, yet most people were quite willing to attribute to the Russians some unexpected "superman" plan that would catch the rest of the nations by surprise. It developed that our high estimate of Russian strategy was badly over-done.

Most of the trouble Russia has caused in the councils of the nations was not caused by wise strategy or shrewd diplomacy. It has come through the extravagant use of the veto power, granted by the plan of the United Nations, when major decisions were about to go against Russia or the nations she has subjugated.

In the San Francisco meeting there was no power of veto and, as has often happened, free nations overwhelmingly out-voted Russia and her satellites. Furthermore there was nothing brilliant or startling about Russian strategy when this power to obstruct did not exist. She was simply out-voted where votes could be counted for what they were worth and there seemed to be nothing she could do about it.

Without question, this helplessness in the face of world opinion caused Russia to lose "face" as "The Big Bad Wolf." The rabid denunciation of the United States and the thinly veiled threats of war seemed to have lost their power over free nations and failed to break the unity of peace-loving nations that gave evidence of a willingness to stand up and be counted in the effort to block further Communist expansion.

Unless Russia now makes some desperate effort to regain the loss of prestige she suffered at San Francisco, the suspicion may grow that the "Iron Curtain" has been lowered to cover up a big bluff.

A Local Practice That Could Become World-Wide

Religious News Service report from Vienna states that "School children returning to their classes in Communist Czechoslovakia after the summer holidays were handed textbooks from which, according to Deputy Education Minister Anna Karlovskaja all 'obscurantism, superstition, lies and deceit' have been eliminated."

This is but a camouflaged manner of saying that all references to religion have been deleted from the text books in Czechoslovakia and supplanted by "the only living philosophy—Marx-Leninism."

Every day brings new evidences that the Christian church faces enemies by the millions that would destroy the last vestige of Christianity if it were within their power. The thing that is happening in Czechoslovakia is happening in some form in every country under communist domination. If communism follows its present plan, it will happen in any additional territory that comes under communist control. For the first time in the history of the Christian church Christianity faces multiplied millions of people who are positively, aggressively anti-Christian.

Message To The Churches From Ecumenical Methodist Conference

THE Ecumenical Methodist Conference, assembled in its Eighth Meeting at Oxford, England, sends cordial greetings to all the Methodists throughout the world. Our meeting at Oxford recalls the close association of John and Charles Wesley with its University and the Holy Club, and the debt which they owed to the academic life and its place in Christian history.

We met together to look with clear eyes and critical appraisal at the Methodism which we have inherited from our fathers, and its development through the years. We have considered the life of our Church in all its parts, as it exists today. We have sought to make plans for the Church that is to be, so that, under God's guidance, it may fulfill His purposes for it. We have therefore reminded ourselves in addresses and in discussion, of those teachings which were committed to us from the beginning—the sin of man and his need for salvation which he cannot of himself secure, the invitation to all, of every race and colour, to receive the free grace of God, and find salvation and peace in Christ; the assurance of this salvation given by the Holy Spirit; the following of the way through fellowship and prayer and worship to perfect love of God and man; and the necessity for proclaiming to all men the truth which is in Christ.

Meeting as we have done in days so tragic and critical, we have been moved by the Gospel in which we believe to relate it to the present conditions of man. At the root of all the world's disorders is sin, and apart from the salvation which is in Christ, there is no hope that these disorders will be cured. We have therefore sought to know God's will for man in all his relationships—in home, school, industry, society, national and international life. In particular, since in Christ all the barriers of race and color are broken down, we declare that racial discrimination of every kind must be resisted by the church because it is contrary to the mind of Christ.

In all our thought and discussion on these matters, we have rejoiced to recognize the fundamental unity of Methodism in ministry, membership and life.

We are convinced that the more this unity and understanding are acknowledged and developed, the more effective will be the contribution of our Church both to the universal Church and to the life of the world.

To this end certain practical decisions have been taken:

(a) A constitution has been set up which provides for the representation on the Ecumenical Council of every branch of Methodism in the world.

(b) To maintain the activities of the Council and to facilitate communications between its sections a permanent secretariat has been set up to have offices in the United States and Great Britain.

(c) The Council or Conference will

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Trying To Do Something About Drunken Driving

PRESS reports every day give urgent reasons for the attempts being made to do something about drunken driving. Experience has shown that a drunk man driving a car is a potential killer. His crime is a serious one. It is no accident if he kills some one; it is more of an accident if he is able to drive his car in crowded traffic without seriously injuring or killing some one.

Our laws make even a sober man subject to a heavy fine if he is discovered carrying concealed weapons. The penalty is increasingly heavy if he suddenly goes berserk on a crowded street and, with gun in hand, begins shooting right and left.

Without question, a drunken man driving a car is a greater menace to the public generally than a sober man carrying a concealed weapon. It is quite possible for him to prove even more dangerous than the "gun toter" on a shooting rampage and his threat of harm is to a larger number of people since he, in a car, covers a much wider area. A sober, law-abiding citizenship should be protected from such an unnecessary, sinister threat.

The Westchester Medical Society of New York is supporting a bill to make it mandatory for courts to accept the results of physical tests establishing intoxication of drivers as legal evidence in court and the penalty in such cases also mandatory. The medical society asserts "that the drunken driver, who kills with a car is just as guilty of murder as is the criminal who slays with a gun." We all know that drunkenness, for the gunman is no excuse in the sight of the law.

It is suggested by this society that the pedestrian involved in an accident should also be legally required to undergo alcoholic tests, thus placing the blame for accidents where it rightly belongs. Only recently the writer barely missed hitting a drunken man who suddenly fell off a sidewalk about two feet high and almost rolled under our car.

Just how many of the four hundred sixty-one traffic fatalities on the recent Labor Day week end were caused by liquor we do not know. Judging from statistics compiled at other times the percentage likely was high. "Let liquor alone and it will let you alone" does not apply to highway travel. Any number of sober, law-abiding homes have been wrecked and some totally destroyed because some drunken driver ran head-on into the family car.

Holidays Are Over

DESPITE all that can be done the summer heat and summer holidays hurt, more or less, practically all of our churches.

Everyone who is in a position to do so should have some time for relaxation at some time of the year. For this area the summer months seem to offer the best opportunities for time off for both lay workers and preachers.

Whatever the handicaps hot weather and vacation seasons produce we should now be back in full force in the program of the church with new zeal and energy.

At no time in our generation has there been a greater need for the church to carry forward a sincere, progressive, practical program of spiritual leadership. When a layman closes a conference such as has just been held in San Francisco with a Christian benediction, it is evidence of a general sense of need for spiritual guidance and companionship that is a challenge to the church to help meet that need.



Opening Of Ecumenical Conference

By EWING T. WAYLAND

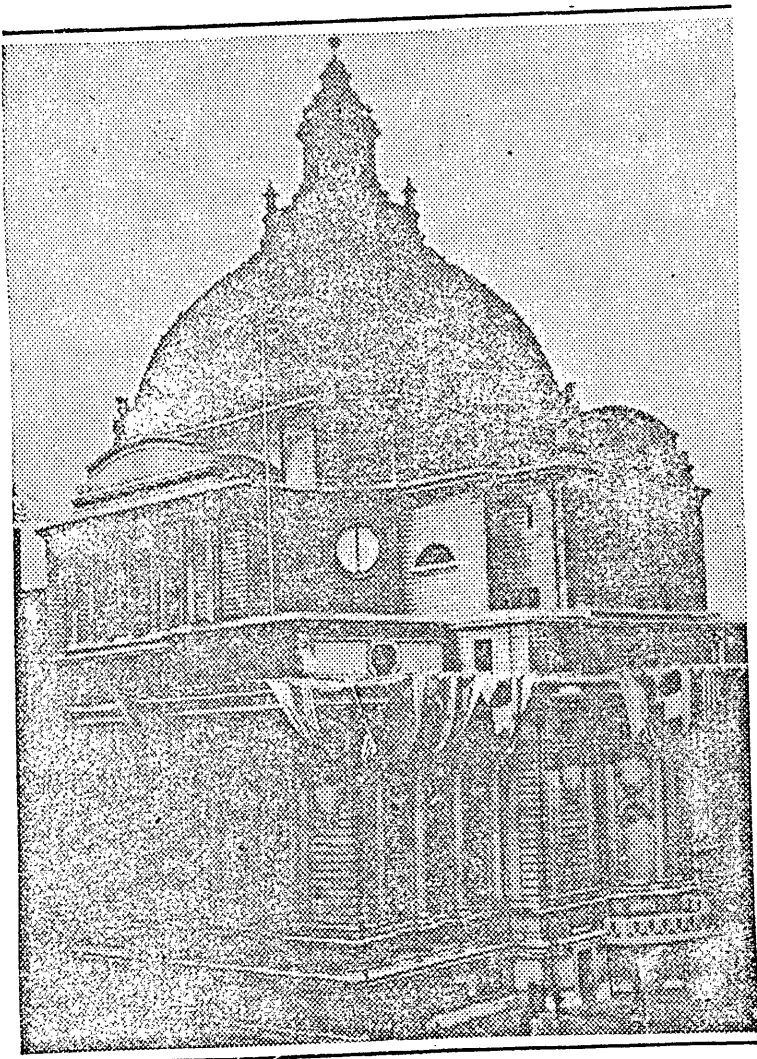


WITH the singing of Wesley hymns, the reading of the Third Chapter of Paul's Letter to the Romans, a portion of Luther's Preface to Romans and John Wesley's account of his Aldersgate Experience, the Ecumenical Methodist Conference began its 1951 session in Westminster Central Hall, London, England, Monday evening, August 27. The large hall was practically filled with delegates and visitors from all parts of the world to witness a practical demonstration of world-wide Methodism. One seemed to be immediately caught up with the spirit of ecumenity manifested as representatives of America, West Africa, Germany, India and South Africa gave accounts of the past and present Methodist activities in those sections. As Dr. H. Watkins Jones, President of The Methodist Church, Great Britain, Chairman for the opening session, pointed out, the meeting had added significance when we remember that, while many forces in today's world are trying to divide one group against another, Methodists throughout the world gather to give testimony to a way of life that promotes unity in fellowship.

The Conference reconvened in Oxford Tuesday evening for the formal service of welcome. Dr. Wilbert F. Howard, Chairman, Ecumenical Methodist Council, Great Britain, Chairman for the evening, presented in turn the following who voiced words of welcome to the delegates and visitors: Right Reverend Dr. D. D. L. Greer, Bishop of Manchester (Church of England); Rev. A. D. Marcus, Moderator, The Free Church Federal Council of Britain; Rev. J. Hamblen Parsons, Chairman, Oxford District. Bishop Ivan Lee Holt, President Ecumenical Methodist Council, U. S. A. spoke words of response to the gracious welcome which had been extended. Added dignity and importance was given to the occasions when the conference stood to hear a message from Mr. Anthony Eden, Britain's Secretary of State, conveying greetings from Britain's King and the Government. This evening's session was held in the Sheldonian Theatre, located on one of the College Campuses of the Oxford University, a hall capable of seating two thousand persons, and its capacity was taxed to the limit.

It is apparent from the very beginning that considerable planning and organization have gone into making possible the Conference, and the thoroughness of this planning is seen in the smooth operation of the smaller details always so important in a meeting of this magnitude. British Methodists have spared nothing in working out arrangements for the caring for the hundreds of delegates and visitors attending the Conference. It is necessary to know first hand under what circumstances and conditions these arrangements have been made to fully appreciate the extent of the sacrifice and hardships which is the portion of the entertaining British Methodists.

Wednesday's session began with an Act of Worship at which time our own Bishop Paul E. Martin delivered the meditation. Bishop Martin was at his best in urging the Conference and delegates to act without fear and with faith in ap-



LONDON—British Methodism's headquarters, Central Hall, Westminster, where a great mass meeting August 27 gave Londoners and visitors a preview of the Eighth Ecumenical Methodist Conference.

Further sessions are being held in Oxford, 50 miles from here, August 28 to September 7. These world conferences are held every four years.

This famous Methodist church, near Westminster Abbey, was used by the United Nations for its 1946 meeting.

proaching their tasks as a conference and as individuals. The morning's program was then given over to a series of addresses centering around the Methodist Traditions in the several parts of the world where Methodism is now aggressively moving forward. Dr. Harold Roberts, British Secretary of the Ecumenical Methodist Council, traced the history of British Methodism from Aldersgate through the rise of the different Methodist Branches, through the union of the three strongest of these branches in 1903 and 1932. Dr. Roberts suggested, for the future, that Methodism in the United Kingdom must re-examine its theology and doctrines in the light of changing times, organize a greater program of evangelism commensurate with the size and mission of the task, and study carefully the denomination's relationship with the other communions, working with them to enrich the traditions of all communions. Dr. Robert's remarks were heard with much appreciation and his ready wit kept the conference with him.

Bishop Arthur Moore, Chairman of the Council of Bishops, The Methodist Church, United States, spoke with understanding and thorough acquaintance of American Methodism. He characterized American Methodism as a spiritual movement which persisted in wise and winsome

evangelism; as one with a growing insistence of the world mission of the church; one with an unyielding conviction that learning and piety go together; one with a courageous assertion of Christian conscience and a triumphant and confident march forward in changing times. Bishop Moore is always a forceful dynamic speaker, and it was our feeling that he correctly interpreted to the Conference the genius of American Methodism.

Dr. C. Calvert Barber of Australia traced the beginning of Methodism in the land down under where for more than a century now Methodism has been at work, stating that the impact of the Methodist movement there has been strongly felt during Australia's history. There are now 6 annual conferences with 1200 ministers, 11,000 local preachers, and 200,000 members. Dr. Barber attributed much of the success of Methodism in Australia to the work of the local preachers who throughout Methodist History there have played a strong role. The pioneering Spirit of Methodism, its connectional system, its emphasis upon evangelism, the strong youth program and a strong missionary zeal have all figured prominently in Methodism's phenomenal growth in Australia.

Dr. Leslie A. Hewson, South Africa spokesman, told of the present conditions in South Africa, stating that

the immediate problem was a dominant white minority among a colored majority, with the controlling white minority promoting a system of complete segregation in all matters of society. Even so, Methodism is vigorously projecting a program of witnessing, evangelism administering the sacraments, circulating literature, emphasizing Education and stressing work among youth, all of which is calculated to strengthen the program of Methodism in a land which is seething with unrest, discontent and frustration.

Dr. S. G. Mendis, Ceylon, speaking as a representative of the younger churches, of Ecumenical Methodism, testified to the marvelous work being done in various areas of the world where Methodism has been at work only a comparatively short time. Speaking especially of those areas which have had the sponsorship of British Methodism he described how British Methodism had more or less reproduced itself in these areas, in forms of worship, emphasis on Lay Activities and lay preaching. He also described the missionary zeal of these younger churches which already are giving young people to the mission cause. He further emphasized for the future that there must be further cooperation with other denominations about them and continued support by the Mother Church in Britain.

Late Wednesday afternoon, Dr. Umphrey Lee, President, Southern Methodist University, Dallas, Texas, delivered a most interesting lecture to a large appreciative gathering on the subject "Methodism and the Catholic Tradition" setting forth the position that John Wesley by home training, early childhood impressions, his schooling, and outward circumstances of the times formed his concept of Methodist polity and doctrines and the Catholicity of the Church. He further showed that the religious experience is a rational experience with authority vested in the scriptures and early church fathers who were greatly assisted in their work by the Holy Spirit, that individual authority rests in the scriptures and in one's own personal experience, and finally that Wesley's supreme test of religion, personal and universal, was in its depth of love to God and man. Opportunity was given at the close for questions.

Wednesday evening was undoubtedly one of the high points of the Conference as a more than capacity crowd heard Dr. W. E. Sangster, London, and Dr. Ralph W. Sockman, New York, discuss the Methodist Message in the Modern World and Communicating the Message. Those planning the program chose wisely for no two men are more aptly fitted for these assignments than these two ministers. Dr. Sangster described the Methodist Message as holding that all men need to be saved, all men can be saved, all men can know they are saved, all men must witness to their faith, all men must press on toward perfection. Dr. Sockman described the uniqueness of preaching, saying that the message can be communicated in a number of ways, through drama, television, radio, press, but the greatest means is by preaching. Further, he emphasized that the preacher must live among

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THE DEVOTIONAL PAGE

REV. ROY I. BAGLEY, Editor

FROM THE BOOKSHELF

The Christian Gospel is Good News of God, not news of man, and it has for its first concern not what man must do but what God has done . . .

In Christ's words and deeds, in His Cross and Resurrection, there is disclosed the nature of God's character and rule, and so the secret of this mysterious universe . . .

A society cannot live forever by a faith it has abandoned. A time comes when the capital of the past is used up, and an abandoned Christian faith ceases to provide the impulse to Christian character . . .

So long as men and women believed themselves to be responsible beings, called to choose, and accountable to God for their choices, life might be tragic, but it was not trivial . . .

The Christian message has been so conformed to secular optimism that it seems irrelevant to an age which has experienced too much of the power of evil to believe that evil can be eliminated by a few gracious words . . .

Faith in a God of love survived, because God's love was not conceived as that of an indulgent father, careful only for his children's comfort, but as the God whose love and holiness and power were made manifest in Christ's Cross and Resurrection and in the presence of His Spirit in the Church.

There was a time when men rejected Christianity because they disbelieved in miracles or in the Divinity of Christ. In our age a commoner cause is this: what they understand by Christianity has been disproved by their experience of life.—From "The Christian Way" by Sidney Cave

CONDITIONS OF PRAYER—EFFORT

Read Romans 12:12.

You have to work at developing your prayer life just as you have to exert real effort in order to grow in any skill or knowledge. A man does not sit down and say, "I feel that I ought to be a great artist, so I'll paint a masterpiece now." Inspiration is largely perspiration. Hours of study and days of works are necessary to acquire the technique of painting.

Yet most of us seem to think that prayer is something to be taken up at any time especially when we get into serious trouble and that practice is not needed.

If a boy wanted to be a baseball star without practicing he would never make the team. A girl who has never learned to sew, does not expect to be able to make a dress the first day she takes home economics. Yet you probably know people who say they don't believe in prayer—they tried it once and it failed to work!

A great Christian said once, "The only way to pray is to pray, and the way to pray well is to pray much. The less I pray, the worse it goes." You will never learn how to pray unless you are willing to work at it with interest and persistence.—Pow-er

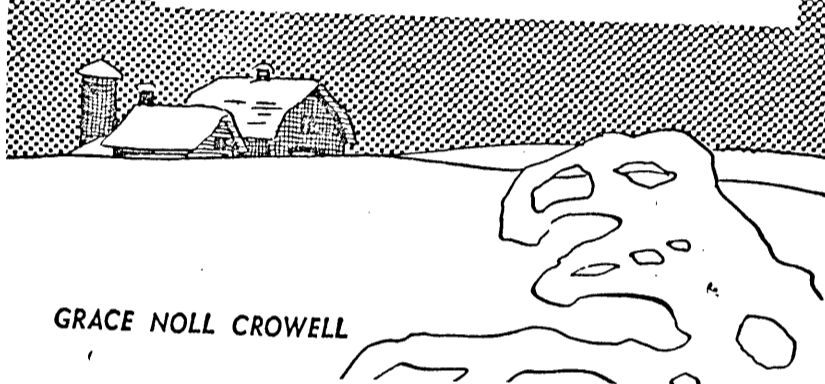
QUIET THINGS

THESE I have loved with passion, loved them long:

The house that stands when the building hammers cease,

After wild syncopation, a sane song,
A tree that straightens after the wind's release,
The cool green stillness of an April wood,
A silver pool unruffled by the breeze,
The clean expanse of a prairie's solitude,
And calm, unhurried hours—I love these.

I have been tangled in the nets too long;
I shall escape and find my way again
Back to the quiet place where I belong,
Far from the tinsel provinces of men.
These will be waiting after my release:
The sheltered ways, the quiet paths of peace.



GRACE NOLL CROWELL

THAT WE MAY SHARE THIS FELLOWSHIP

Scripture: "So that you may share our fellowship, for our fellowship is with the Father and with His Son Jesus Christ, and we write to you to make your happiness complete." (1 John: 1, 3, 4)

IT was not any easy matter for Saul of Tarsus to become a Christian. It meant that he would be ostracized from his family. He would turn his back upon the orthodoxy of his forefathers. Yet on the Damascus Road he yielded to the voice of Christ and made his commitment. He did not win the complete victory at that moment for he went away into Arabia and was there for "some time" and we may feel sure that he was struggling with himself. A few years later this same man declared, "I count everything trash in order to gain Jesus Christ."

You might think that such a victory as this for the infant church (or any church) would be newsworthy to be spread abroad and great rejoicing would result from it. The contrary is true, "Every door was closed to Paul, even the door to the service of the Christ who has laid his hands upon him. He had turned his back upon the orthodoxy of his fathers, and got the cold shoulder from the followers of Jesus," is Dr. Alvin Magary's summary of the general attitude toward Paul.

A weaker spirit than Paul might have thrown in the towel long before that time and cursed the whole affair as a sorry spectacle. After his conversion he almost sank into

oblivion. Barnabas saw him in Tarsus and brought him back to Antioch and started him on his trip that was to plant the banner of Jesus Christ in many new fields.

Let us consider the attitude of this infant church. Of course fear would be one argument for not receiving Paul with open arms. That might be acceptable for the early portion of his Christian experience but it hardly explains the attitude which remained with the leaders of the church. Before we are too harsh in our criticism of them let us look at our own church.

It is to be admitted that some people are "touchy" and are not willing to give the church an opportunity to help them even after they have joined. Let us not try to justify our neglect in this field, but rather see our Christian fellowship in the sacred light that we ought to see it and give ourselves devotedly to guarding it. The church is a vital living fellowship. Too many members have missed this vital relationship and consequently they get little joy out of their membership in the church. They belong, but they do not share the fellowship with the Father and His Son Jesus Christ and those who follow in His train.

Memberships are lost through carelessness and neglect. That it is possible to treat that which is so

sacred so lightly is one indication of our plight that needs to be remedied. It would be revealing if we could find out just how many people are not sure where their church membership really is. The inactive rolls of our churches have swelled beyond anything that we might consider as being a healthy situation. There are too many members of the church living in the same community where their membership is who do not darken the doors of the church. There may be some real causes or the causes for this inactivity may be imaginary. The important problem that is before us is to re-enlist the inactive membership of the churches in order that there may be a deeper and more inclusive Christian fellowship.

It is the responsibility of every member for the unity of fellowship in the church. We use the word "they" in a peculiar way. When something goes wrong in the church immediately you hear some say "they" ought to do something about it. It is always "they" who are responsible.

"They" must do something about it; but, that "they" happens to be you and me and every other member of the church. We must attack our problem of inactivity on an individual basis. Those who feel that they have received a cold shoulder need to realize that the church is greater than any one person or a small group of people. The proper feeling and sincere approach to the problem of our inactive members would more than double the Sunday school attendance in most of our churches. It would swell the number attending church services to a proportion beyond our imagination. But more than all of these it would build us all into a real Christian fellowship. This is scriptural for Paul says, "Brethren, if a man be overtaken in a fault, ye which are spiritual restoreth such a one in the spirit of meekness considering thyself lest thou also be tempted."

Then it is an individual matter for those who attend regularly that the spirit of Christian fellowship be built in the church. If we begin to get out of harmony, gradually the warm spirit of fellowship dies.

Barnabas believed in Paul from the beginning. He went to Tarsus and found Paul and brought him back to Antioch as a zealous witness for Jesus Christ. Faith in each other helps a lot in building a fellowship that is truly Christian. Loss of confidence in each other is a sure way to give a fatal blow to our fellowship.

This is a living fellowship! It has grown up through the ages. There is a greater sense of sharing in this fellowship than ever before. It is in God the Father and His Son Jesus Christ that we come to our truly deepest insight of what this life really is. In the Spirit of the Loving Christ arms of compassion are extended to all and none are turned away. To share this fellowship we too must seek and save the lost.—R.B.

Some people believe that success depends entirely on luck and pluck: luck in finding somebody to pluck.—Times of Brazil. (Sao Paulo)

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KEFAUVER COUNSELS COLLEGE FRESHMEN

Senator Estes Kefauver (D., Tenn.) has turned back the clock 31 years to his own student days to counsel college freshmen of 1951.

"If I were a freshman today I would place more emphasis on two fundamental goals of life: working for others and diversity of interests," he writes in the lead article of MOTIVE, a Christian student magazine published on a non-denominational basis by the Methodist Church's Board of Education.

In the magazine's current "orientation issue," the crusading Tennessean draws upon his Washington experience, and his recent nation-wide investigation of organized crime, to advise collegians that "accomplishments, not money, are the only sources of true happiness."

Senator Kefauver received his A. B. degree at the University of Tennessee in 1924, and a LL.B. at Yale University in 1927.

"In my 12 years in Washington, I have had many opportunities to observe the reactions of those whose accomplishments are only for themselves or for some narrow, selfish group," he writes.

Such men are not happy, Kefauver declares. "Their souls know no true or lasting peace regardless of the money they make, the contracts they land or the special interests bills they push through Congress."

He finds Washington's "few genuine idealists" a striking contrast. "Whether they work in behalf of world peace, better living standards for the poor, or some similar idealistic cause, they share in common a repose of spirit and a happiness of soul which those who struggle only for material ends can never attain."

Take it from Senator Kefauver, the Golden Rule is not 'old hat.' He recommends it as "an insurance policy for a truly satisfying life."

However, he fears that young people today, as in his own youth, type the Golden Rule "as a fine and noble ideal but as something which actually has little place in the modern world."

Such an attitude is wrong, he continues, "because the rules of life which have largely come to take its place bring only restlessness and unhappiness . . . out of which has come the moral breakdown characteristic of our times."

If he could recall his college years, the senator states that he would "soak up" the best books available on history, literature, the arts and the broad humanities.

"A well-read person is well-informed and a useful citizen . . . specialization has been carried too far in education, particularly in physical sciences. With everyone a specialist, or trying to become one, no one has time for civic improvements."

Consequently, he says, "we find ourselves suddenly confronted with the crime problem, with the problem of juvenile delinquency, and with similar problems, all of which stem from the same root cause—the lack of interest in civic affairs."

Other articles aimed at freshmen in the spe-

NEWS AND NOTES ABOUT FACTS AND FOLKS

FRANK JONES, ministerial student and senior in Hendrix College, has been named as assistant to Rev. Joel Cooper pastor of the First Methodist Church, Conway.

DR. W. E. BROWN, district superintendent of the Monticello District, preached at the Methodist Church of Strong on Sunday evening, August 19.

REV. RAY L. McLESTER, pastor at Dardanelle, is doing the preaching in the revival at the Naylor Methodist Church, Conway District. Rev. Thomas Nation is pastor. The meeting began on September 2.

THE sympathy of friends goes out to Mrs. Otto W. Teague, wife of Rev. Otto W. Teague, pastor of the Lakeside Methodist Church, Pine Bluff, in the death of her father, S. B. Young of El Paso, Texas, on August 31.

MISS DOROTHY BRIDENTHAL, daughter of Rev. Irl Bridenthal, pastor of Gardner Memorial Church, North Little Rock, and Mrs. Bridenthal, has been elected to the faculty of the schools in North Little Rock.

REV. BRADY COOK is doing the preaching and Miss Irene Cook is leading the singing in a series of services at Pea Ridge. Rev. George John Kleeb is pastor. The meeting which began on September 4 will run through September 14.

OAK FOREST METHODIST CHURCH, Little Rock, has the following pews for sale: 24 pews, 16 feet long; 8 pews, 8 feet long, all in excellent condition. Interested persons should write the church or the pastor, Rev. Mouzon Mann, 25th and South Tyler.

MISS JULIA VISSOTA, Crusade scholar from Brazil, will be honored on Saturday, September 15, from 10:00 to 11:30 a. m. at the home of Mrs. Ewing T. Wayland, 4400 I Street, Little Rock, with a coke party for all the young people of the Little Rock Sub-District M. Y. F.

CHAPLAIN ARCHIE N. BOYD is given recognition in the article VARIETY UNLIMITED by Dr. D. Stewart Patterson on page 9 of this issue. Dr. Patterson states that Chaplain Boyd reported 188 baptisms and 210 professions of faith in 1950 while he was stationed at Lackland Air Base, San Antonio, in 1950.

LARRY DALE HALBROOK, seven-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Opie Halbrook of Cleveland, Arkansas, was crushed to death instantly under the wheels of a truck on August 23. The child is survived by a large number of relatives, who have the sympathy of their many friends in the tragic accident.

REPORTS from the First Methodist Church in Fort Smith show that the average attendance in Sunday School for this Church School year through the second Sunday in September is 988. A special effort is being made in the remaining Sundays of September to bring the average attendance for the year to 1000.

MISS MILDRED SHRAUNER of Elkhart, Kansas, has assumed her duties as director of Youth Work in the First Methodist Church, Ft. Smith. Miss Shrauner took an active part in religious activities while attending Southwestern College in Winfield, Kansas. She taught in high school for three years, resigning to enter the field of religious education.

THE marriage of Miss Twyla Faye Summers and Delmas McClain Brown was solemnized on Sunday, August 26, in the Methodist Church in Des Arc, the pastor, Rev. Alva C. Rogers, officiating. The bride is the daughter of Mrs. Henrietta Summers and the bridegroom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Delmas J. Brown. After a wedding trip the couple will be at home in Memphis.

cial issue of MOTIVE include: "Let's Gripe About the Administration," by President John L. Knight of Baldwin-Wallace College, Berea, Ohio.

THE Wesley Foundation at Central Church, Fayetteville, has been notified that final papers have been drawn up for Gunther Gottschalk of Berlin, Germany, who will attend the University of Arkansas this year, supported by the Wesley Foundation. Gunther who is 22 years of age will be classified as a special student at the University where he will major in Psychology and will study in various fields of Philosophy.

NAMED on the Ecumenical Conference Oxford Memorial Committee at the Ecumenical Conference in Oxford, England, were Bishop Paul E. Martin and Dr. Aubrey G. Walton, pastor of the First Methodist Church, Little Rock. Rev. R. E. L. Bearden, pastor of Goddard Memorial Church, Ft. Smith was named on the Conference Youth Committee. Arkansas is honored in having three persons placed on Conference committee.

DR. IRA A. BRUMLEY, executive secretary of the North Arkansas Conference Board of Education, was the guest preacher at the Trinity Methodist Church, Cleethorpes, England, at the morning and evening worship services on Sunday, August 26. Rev. Frank Balar, secretary of the British Historical Society, is the pastor at Cleethorpes. Dr. Brumley, a delegate to the Methodist Ecumenical Methodist Conference, was also the featured speaker at a pre-conference rally at Grimbsy, Monday evening, August 27.

MESSAGE TO THE CHURCHES FROM EIGHTH ECUMENICAL METHODIST CONFERENCE

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meet at intervals of five years, the next meetings to be in 1956.

(d) Permanent committees in addition to the Executive Committee, to deal with such questions as Evangelism, Faith and Order, Women's Work, Education, the Exchange of Preachers, Youth, and Finance.

(e) A special committee has been appointed to further the project accepted by the Council of a memorial in Oxford to the Wesleys in the form of an ecumenical center.

(f) The name of the Council will henceforth be the World Methodist Council.

(g) It has been decided to hold an evangelistic mission simultaneously throughout the world in 1953, the year 1952 to be used as a year of intense spiritual preparation.

We wish to affirm explicitly that so far as being in rivalry with the World Council of Churches, or wishing to isolate ourselves from the movement towards the reunion of the churches, our purpose in promoting the closer unity of Methodism is that this may make a stronger contribution to the larger unity of Christ's Church throughout the world.

In full consciousness of the need of men, and the imperfection of our service, we feel urgently moved to recall all the members of our world family to our first works of Scriptural holiness, fellowship and evangelism, and to remind them of the insistent duties of applying the Gospel to all the conditions of human life. We say to every Methodist: "Let your walk and conversation be such as adorn the Gospel of Christ."

This is a matter which concerns every minister and member. We hope that it will be given prayerful consideration in every Church.

We are, on behalf of the Conference,
Wilbert F. Howard,
Ivan Lee Holt,
Presidents
Harold Roberts,
Oscar T. Olson,
Secretaries

NOTICE!

The Little Rock Conference Board of Missions and Church Extension will hold an executive committee meeting at First Methodist Church, Little Rock, 9:00 A. M., Thursday, September 27, to care for urgent requests for church extension aid.—Arthur Terry, Chairman

CURRENT NEWS IN THE RELIGIOUS WORLD

Selected from Religious News Service Releases

Korean Christian Youth Give Blood

Korean Christian youth organizations have formed a blood donors' association "for the fighting men of the United Nations." The association comprises members of the Presbyterian, Methodist and other Protestant churches. Its membership is reported to be increasing in the Pusan area "by hundreds every week."

Plan National Religious Liberty Week

Plans for a national Religious Liberty Week to be observed from October 28 through November 4 have been announced by Protestants and Other American United for Separation of Church and State. Theme of the week will be "Religious Liberty—Our Finest Heritage" according to the Rev. John C. Mayne, director of organization for POAU. Reformation Day, October 31, is expected to be the high point of the week-long observance.

Famed German Church Marks 700 Years

Seventy thousand persons, including prominent German and foreign churchmen and leaders of the Western Zone government, attended observances marking the 700th anniversary of St. Mary's Lutheran church at Luebeck, West Germany, regarded as one of the finest specimens of early Gothic in Germany. The two-day jubilee festival also marked the completion of reconstruction work on the church, which was heavily damaged by fire when incendiary bombs rained on Luebeck in 1942. Climax of the festival was a solemn service at which a rededication ceremony was conducted by Lutheran Bishop Johannes Pautke of Luebeck and a sermon was preached by Lutheran Bishop Hanns Lilje of Hannover, vice-president of the Council of the Evangelical Church in Germany.

Youth Delegates Concerned Over Church Divisions

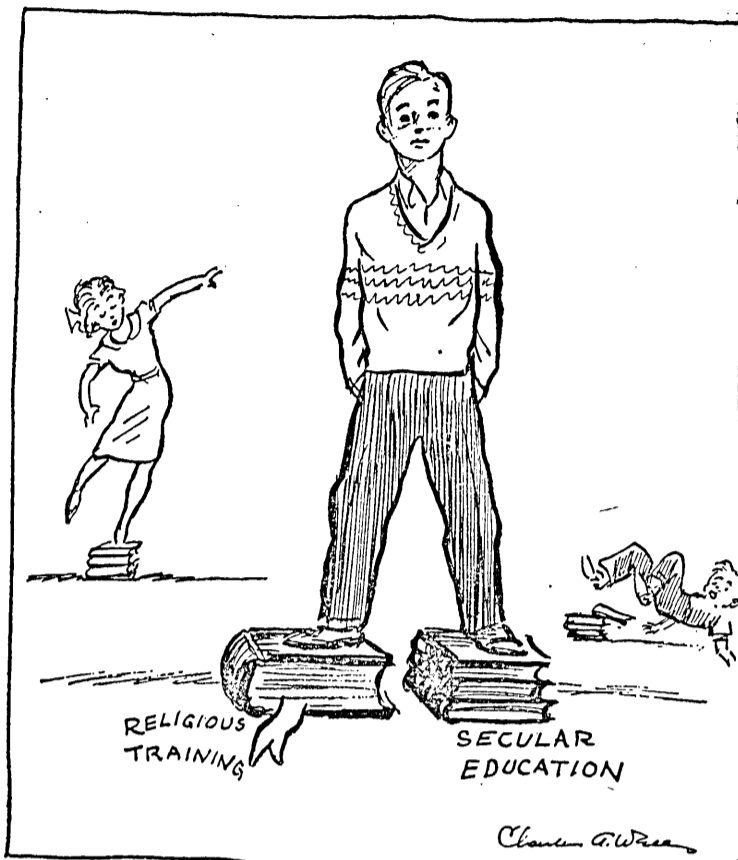
Delegates to an international Christian youth conference sponsored at Bangor, Wales, by the British Council of Churches expressed concern over the church divisions which kept them from having a united Communion service. "Early in the conference," an official press release said, "these young people were disturbed by the need to hold two separate Communion services. Most attended both services—the Anglican one and the Free Church one. But those not belonging to the Anglican communion were not invited to partake at the Anglican service and felt cut off." The release added that "the Anglican young people themselves were most deeply disturbed. Many discussion groups tried to understand more fully why the Churches of Britain were thus divided at a Communion service."

Queen Elizabeth Praises Influence Of Bible

Tribute to the influence of the Bible and Christian ideals on the life of the British nation was paid by Queen Elizabeth in a Festival of Britain message read in London. The Queen said she and King George VI "long to see the Bible

GETTING SOLID FOOTING

By Charles A. Wells



A secular education is not enough for a growing life to stand on. Loss of balance, instability and upsets are bound to come. A wavering of purpose and unsettled confidence can only be stabilized by a good footing in terms of truth and character. Millions of parents are turning their children over to the schools now as fall terms open, expecting over-burdened teachers to provide the child with all the requirements of life, disregarding the fact that character can only come out of the deeper, more permanent relationships in family life. Secular education cannot give all that is needed, and what it can give is lost if there is no spiritual footing for life. Are you providing your child with the balanced solid footing he will need, or are you neglecting those things that are absolutely essential for a wholesome happy life?

back where it ought to be as a guide and comfort in the homes and lives of our people. From our own experience," she said, "we know what the Bible can mean for the personal life." The message was read at a meeting in Methodist Central Hall, Westminster, to mark the opening of a month-long Festival exhibition and evangelistic campaign sponsored by the World's Evangelical Alliance.

Pastor And Newspaper Man Exchange Jobs

In a unique job exchange in Syracuse, N. Y., Dr. Calvin M. Thompson, Jr. wrote the leading editorial for the Syracuse Post-Standard, while Richard H. Amberg, general manager of the daily, occupied Dr. Thompson's pulpit at Delaware Street Baptist church. Mr. Amberg said in his "sermon" that newspapers and churches have a responsibility to lead this nation to physical and moral strength. Newspapers through their editorials, he said, can alert the public to its responsibilities, leading the community, state and nation to higher ground and taking the lead in bringing the nation to physical strength. "However," he warned, "physical strength without moral strength will be unavailing. We are on God's side and God's on our side. On the other side is a nation that repudiates His existence."

Plymouth Brethren Face Loss Of Jobs

Two veteran New York Central railroad employees faced loss of their jobs at Toledo, Ohio because they refuse on religious grounds to join the Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen and Engineers as required by a recent union shop agreement between the railroad and the union. The men, brothers with a combined total of 45 years' work for the railroad, are conscientious objectors to union affiliation as members of the Plymouth Brethren. One of the pair, Cornelius H. Delamotte, a hostler with 22 years of service, received notice that his employment will end on Sept. 8. A similar notice was expected to be sent to his brother, Charles, when he returned from vacation. Charles has a record of 23 years' work. J. H. Spooner, division superintendent of the New York Central System, said the company was reluctant to dismiss the men but was bound by its agreement with the union.

Methodists Open World Meeting In Oxford

Eight hundred delegates attended the opening of the Eighth Methodist Ecumenical Conference which met at Oxford, England to discuss problems affecting Methodist churches throughout the world. The

Conference agenda called for devoting the first part of the 10-day sessions to questions of internal concern, particularly those dealing with theological issues and matters of Church order. The second part of the meeting was scheduled to deal with the Methodist impact on social problems. The sessions here were preceded by a public demonstration at Westminster Central Hall, London, at which Dr. Howard Watkin-Jones, president of the British Methodist Conference, presided. Dr. Watkin-Jones spoke of the need for Methodists everywhere to consolidate their unity, but he said this should not be done "in any exclusive sense."

Prohibit Political Discussions In Church Buildings

A directive prohibiting the use of places of worship and other church buildings for lectures or discussions on political matters was issued at Stuttgart, Germany by the Council of the Evangelical Church in Wuerttemberg. The Council said that "since there are different views within Evangelical Christianity on certain political issues," it would be only fair to grant the floor during such lectures to those who disagree with the speaker's views. This, it pointed out, would mean turning places of worship into rostrums for political debates. Stressing that the ban applies regardless of the position a speaker might hold in the Evangelical Church, the Council said it had proved necessary because lectures on "political problems seen from the Christian point of view" have been given in several Wuerttemberg church buildings.

Amish Group Erects Own School

To keep their children out of public schools and away from a "worldly" environment, parents of the Old Amish faith have erected their own school building at Berne, Indiana. The Amish group objects especially to the movies used as part of the visual aid program in public schools. Hansel Foley of Berne, county superintendent of schools, said that if the state department of education approves the school, his office will not interfere in any way. It was pointed out that the teacher must be properly licensed to meet the same requirements of those in other schools.

Priest Finds Wrong Emphasis In Courtship

Physical appearance and good looks are playing too prominent a role in courtship and marriage, a Chicago Roman Catholic priest warned at the 21st Summer School of Catholic Action. The priest, the Rev. Godfrey Poage, lectured to 1,500 students from 18 states attending the six-day school designed to aid them in living and in helping others. He said that a recent survey made among Indianans showed they were most interested in the physical appearance in their prospective mates. They wanted them to be handsome or pretty. "What are you going to do in marriage—just look at one another?" Father Poage asked.



THE CHILDREN'S PAGE

ANNIE WINBURNE, Editor



IN STORYLAND

THE LITTLE INDIAN CANOE

By Florence Fairman Stookey

(Issued by the National Kindergarten Association)

"Oh, Uncle Henry," cried a small boy, "where did you get that little boat? Isn't it a fine one?"

"That came from up North, Donald," said Uncle Henry. "It's an Indian canoe, and I saw the Indian who made it."

"Oh, Uncle Henry, did you really?"

"Yes, indeed," replied his uncle, "and it took a great deal of skill to make it. Every Indian boy is ambitious to learn how to make a good canoe. How would you like to own this one, Donald?"

"Own it? I own that canoe?" gasped Donald, pleased and surprised at so generous offer.

"Certainly. That very canoe. Why not?"

"Oh, oh, Uncle—"

"If you will cut the grass in my yard and do it well, I'll pay you by giving you the canoe."

"Where's your lawn mower?" asked Donald eagerly. "I'll begin this minute."

"It's in the tool house," answered his uncle.

So Donald ran off to the tool house and soon returned with the lawn mower. For over an hour he pushed it up and down the yard; then he ran into the house and called, "Uncle Henry, please bring me the canoe. I'm all through."

"Oh, are you?" asked his uncle in great surprise. "There's a patch over there by the garden—and another by the kitchen walk that don't look as though they had been touched since last week. Of course if you'd rather not finish your job, I'll pay you fifteen cents for what you've done. But that little canoe—you see it's made of real birch and by a genuine Indian—and well made, too, sewed and bound firmly and neatly. It wouldn't be right for me to give you that unless you had done the whole job, Donald, and done it properly. I'm sorry, but I can't do it."

Back to the yard went Donald. "I'll try it again," he said.

For half an hour longer he cut and trimmed, till the lawn was as smooth as a green rug.

Then he brought Uncle Henry out to inspect the job. "All right, my boy," said Uncle Henry. "Here is your canoe."

PEGGY PIGEON AND CLEANER CROW

Stories of a pigeon with two wooden legs and a crow that insists on sweeping a housewife's chimney come to us in the news from Scotland.

The pigeon had both legs severed when it flew into overhead wires and fell outside the door of a Dundee joiner's workshop. The bird was well cared for and when its "stumps" were healed, a joiner fashioned a pair of lifelike legs and fitted them. After a while the pigeon learned



FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL

*Hasn't it been fine today
Seeing old friends?
We think of lots of pleasant things
As this day ends.*

*The new friends were a lot of fun,
We're glad they came.
We're trying to remember to
Call each one by name.*

*We've had a happy summer
But we're glad school days are here.
We'll work and play together
And learn a lot this year.*

—A.E.W.

THE BEST WAY

By Bobbie Cain

Jimmie Moore and Tommie Haynes were fussing about who's side was going to bat first. "Mine is," replied Jimmie.

Ronnie Dixon, a boy who got along with everyone, was umpire. "Boys, the only way to settle this is by agreeing, not fussing. Jimmie, you know what Miss James, our Sunday school teacher, said about agreeing. You should always let the one who chose first be the fielder. In that way both sides get to be first."

Jimmie and Tommy thought this over and agreed. "O. K., Tommie, your side can be first," said Jimmie.

The game was going fine when Joan, Betty, Mary, and Jane came over to watch the game. "Gee! I wish they would let us play with them," said Mary. "I can pitch a ball pretty good."

"I can hit one, fair," Jane said.

"Let's ask them to let us play," Betty requested. "Joan, you ask them can we play. You have a way with them and you don't get

mad easily."

Mary asked, "Well, what if they say no?"

Joan replied in a sweet way, "We won't mind because baseball is for boys mostly. I think we should stick to dolls and quiet things, not rough and noisy games."

Soon the girls were sitting on the grass watching the boys play. "Joan, we really wouldn't know what to do if it weren't for you," the girl said, smiling.

The game was soon over and the boys were all gaily talking. The score was 9 to 9 in favor of both teams. "Ronnie, if it weren't for you we would probably still be fussing," one of the boys said.

"I didn't do anything, but there's always a right way and a wrong way," Ronnie replied.

You see, you don't always have to fuss to get things your way. Think them over and see if they're worth the trouble of fussing.—Wesleyan Christian Advocate

JUST FOR FUN

In a summer camp near Toronto the boys turned up neatly scrubbed brushed and shining in their city clothes. The polish soon wore off in horseplay and games and before dinner the counselor reminded them of camp procedure and sent them to the washroom with the usual stern advice about washing hands and combing hair.

One small boy, among the last to return passed inspection on hands but his hair was in violent disarray and the counselor gently pointed out this omission.

"I'm sure I combed it," the boy insisted. Then pausing reflectively, he added: "But there were so many heads in the mirror maybe I combed the wrong one."—Laughter Times

IN THE WORLD OF BOYS AND GIRLS

NEW RELIGIOUS CHILDREN'S BOOKS

New York—Two books planned to increase children's understanding and appreciation of their religion were published August 15 by Abingdon-Cokesbury Press.

For very young children, JESUS, THE LITTLE NEW BABY is a simple and reverent telling of childhood's most cherished story. Mary Edna Lloyd, children's editor for the Methodist Board of Education, has used words familiar to the three-to-six year-old and short, rhythmical sentences to create a sense of joyous wonder at the Nativity. The small child sees the adoration of Gray Donkey, Brown Cow, and White Dove—and learns of the world's love for the Baby whose coming was heralded with light and song.

Grace Paull has illustrated the book with full color lithographs, which give the effect of soft crayon drawings, as well as black and white pictures. A former designer for Norcross greeting cards, Miss Paull has illustrated many children's books and has had lithographs purchased for famous collections including that of the Library of Congress.

A graduate of New Jersey State Teacher's College and Auburn School of Religious Education, Mary Edna Lloyd was a grade school teacher for eight years and then assistant editor of children's publications for the Methodist Church before becoming editor in 1943. She is the author of the series MY BOOK FOR FALL, MY BOOK FOR WINTER, MY BOOK FOR SPRING, and MY BOOK FOR SUMMER, and of numerous articles and stories for both religious and secular publications.

For children eight and older PERILOUS VOYAGE, by Elsie Ball, gives an exciting glimpse of life in New Testament days and of the early Christians. The story carries a boy named Rufus through betrayal by his tribe, capture by robbers, capture by Roman soldiers, and storms at sea. More powerful than any of these, however, is the dynamic personality of the Apostle Paul, whom Rufus meets while traveling to Rome as a slave of a Roman commander. All through the exciting times of intrigues, storms, shipwreck, and rescue the influence of Paul and the other Christians works upon Rufus. At last the Christian teachings change his life.

While these happenings are partly imagined, they are based on the New Testament and other authentic sources. Miss Ball has had experience as teacher, social worker, and pastor's assistant. She has written many children's stories with biblical settings and is the author of TEN DAYS TILL HARVEST, a book set in the time of the Prophet Micah.

Ralph Ray, illustrator of more than 15 books, has done the black and white pictures for PERILOUS VOYAGE.

Roundup On Methodist Youth Convocation

LAFAYETTE, IND.—“The final goal of the youth convocation is “Christian Living for Our Time,” that each person here will go home completely committed to Christ and His way of life,” 5,000 young Methodists were told at the concluding session August 31 of their four-day national meeting at Purdue University.

There was little doubt that the carefully planned program made a tremendous impact upon the high school and college students in attendance as delegates from either the Youth Fellowship or local churches or state chapters of the Methodist Student Movement.

The program avoided any show of mass emotion until the very last when delegates were invited, but not urged, to dedicate themselves to “penitence, faith and service if they would call themselves Christian.”

Without fanfare the young people rose as one and moved quietly onto the stage to kneel briefly at the foot of a lighted cross, surmounted by a crown of thorns.

That was all. The big gathering was over. The youngsters said farewell to new friends, piled into chartered buses and boarded trains to head north, south, east and west.

What in common did they take home with them?

The convocation had the usual characteristics of a youth gathering: genuine spiritual fervor, inter-racial fellowship (nearly 1,000 delegates registered a desire to room with a member of a different race), concern for missions, and dedication to Christian living in all aspects of life.

Speakers had been coached to provoke serious thinking and heated debate in the 200 discussion groups which followed each platform address.

“The church is a revolutionary, not a complementary organization . . . the world desperately needs to see a sample of what the Kingdom of God looks like, and only the church can provide that sample,” said the Rev. Donald O. Soper, colorful British Methodist pastor of the far-flung West London Mission.

“Jesus was not a social reformer,” declared Dr. W. Aiken Smart, Candler School of Theology, Emory University, Atlanta, Ga. “Jesus lived under a despotic totalitarianism and never attacked it . . . he never suggested the freeing of slaves, he never attacked drinking, nor gambling, nor spoke about international relations. He was a specialist in religion, not sociology, interested in man’s relation to God. But social change has flowed as a result from his great religious passion and will continue to flow, but it is a result and will cease if its source is cut off.”

Kirby Page, social evangelist and author of La Habra, Calif., challenged the youth to “Seek first the Kingdom of God, make possible the creative revolution of Jesus, tear down the barriers which separate race from race, class from class, and nation from nation.”

The platform coordinator, the Rev. H. D. Bollinger, secretary of the Methodist Board of Education’s department of college and university religious life, Nashville, Tenn., came closest to explaining the practical and personal mood that dominated the meeting.

“The most hopeful thing about today’s youth as represented here is

that they are desperately seeking answers not only to their personal problems in an era of confusion, but to the constant war threats, the insecurities and the uncertainties that mutually concern their generation. Each seems to ask ‘What can I do?’ All seem to want the church to be more vigorous in social action, and to become truly the communion of those who are bringing God’s Kingdom on earth.”

The youth registered a “vote of confidence” in the Bible. In signing

North America, a United Christian Youth Movement project which 2,000 are expected to attend at Purdue.

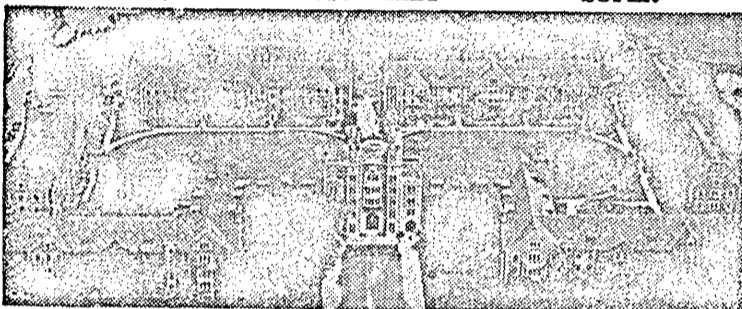
The conference body also re-elected its vice president, James Lawson, Negro youth who is serving a three-year term in federal prison for violation of the draft law. The group sent a letter to President Truman, protesting that the federal court had not given Lawson a fair trial. His case has been appealed by friends. Lawson chose not to register as a



JONES

MRS. TILLY

SOPER



Purdue University, site of national Methodist Youth Convocation, Aug. 27-31.



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up for afternoon interest groups, 944 enrolled for “Using the Bible,” 935 for “Religious Education,” the two most popular groups, as compared to 308 who chose “Sex Standards for Youth.”

The evening program concentrated on constructive entertainment (featuring motion pictures with religious and social themes, “Town Hall” forums, cuttings of Broadway hit plays that contained messages in harmony with the overall program, and a colorful missions display and folk festival to emphasize “One World.”

The youth took time for prayer. Churches near the Purdue campus were open for meditation. Delegates formed queues three blocks long to attend early morning Communion services.

The convocation is held every four years. It is sponsored by the National Conference of Methodist Youth in cooperation with other youth agencies of the church.

The youth conference—an elected legislative body of 170 members representing two and one-half million Methodist young people—held its annual meeting in conjunction with the convocation.

Jameson Jones, 22, Nashville, Tenn., was re-elected to a two-year term as conference president. He will enter Garrett Biblical Institute this fall to study for the ministry. He directed the convocation, and will do a similar job next year for the Christian Youth Conference of

conscientious objector, and refused to report for induction because of personal religious beliefs.

The conference, in a resolution on peace, went on record as opposing the installation of ROTC units at church colleges; pledged itself to work for “a stronger American policy in support of the independence and freedom of the peoples of Asia and all other lands from foreign domination;” and called for the admission of all nations to the United Nations “so that it may be truly universal.”

The elected body also adopted resolutions calling for special emphasis by the church in ministering to servicemen, and pledging Methodist youth action in fighting sex evils, gambling, narcotics and beverage alcohol.

“Their parents may not agree fully with many things their sons and daughters heard, said and did here in the name of Christianity, but I am sure they would agree with the end results,” one adult observer commented after the convocation adjourned.

The family which lives as a team and works as a team can take almost anything it is called upon to survive. It matters not where this family lives or on what. How it is united is the important factor. — Bernice Milburn Moore, “Families Can Take It!” Practical Home Economics, 6-51.

THE CALL OF CHRIST

Excerpts from address of Donald O. Soper, pastor of West London Mission, London, England, at National Conference of Methodist Youth at Purdue University, LaFayette, Ind.

There is only one door into the Christian experience — the door marked conversion. There are many routes that lead to that door. Service, Idealism, Penitence, Remorse, Frustration.

There are many intellectual approaches — the reasonableness of a Christian faith, the barrenness of substitutes for it. The sense of intellectual emptiness apart from it — but conversion still remains the indispensable doorway.

Christ calls us as we are. There is no need to wait until we are better. Christ calls us to a particular way of life. Generalized goodwill is not enough.

Christ calls us to his church. Christianity is a team game—you cannot play football on your own.

The call of Christ is never impossible to answer. He will accept all you have to offer NOW so that you may have more to offer later on.

The call is urgent. There is no time to lose. Atomic energy is here to stay. The relevant question is—are we?

The Kingdom of Heaven is at hand—it is our task to PUT IT IN HAND.

The Church For Our Time

The church has been criticized as an excellent institution for answering the questions nobody is asking.

The church of our time, as for any time, must follow in the steps of its Leader who began with people where they were and not where he would have liked them to be.

The claim of communism is that it prefers immediate answers to immediate needs. They are the wrong answers but can only be countered equally concise answers from the Christian standpoint.

Christianity was born in the open air—revived by John Wesley in the open air—and must be revived again in the open air.

The world desperately needs to see a sample of what the Kingdom of God looks like. Only the church can provide that sample.

The church is a revolutionary not a complementary organization.

A church that is the backer-up of other people’s good ideas has no justification in a world which needs a new way of life. The church must lead.

Christian peace making must be distinguished from all other kinds of peace making.

The church must give a sufficient reason for the increasing demand for welfare in the modern state.

The new political experiments in co-operative responsibility, particularly for the under-dog, need a higher standard of private morality if they are to produce a higher standard of public good.

Above all the Christian Church must be a channel of power; otherwise it will only be giving good advice, when what everybody needs is Good News.

We cannot help the history of the past, but we can shape the history of the future. — Pearl S. Buck, Christian Century.



Travelogues By Arkansas Pastors



Dr. Aubrey G. Walton, pastor of the First Methodist Church, Little Rock, and Rev. Cecil R. Culver, pastor of Winfield Church, Little Rock, who are attending the Eighth Ecumenical Methodist Conference in Oxford, England, have written the following letters to the members of their congregations for publication in their church bulletins. We feel this first-hand report of their enjoyable experiences will be of interest to the readers of The Arkansas Methodist.

LETTERS FROM DR. WALTON

On Board "Queen Mary"
Tuesday, August 7th

After a brief but most enjoyable visit in New York we sailed at noon last Saturday. Among the several pleasant surprises that came to us at sailing time was a visit from Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Rebsamen and Mrs. Rebsamen's mother, Mrs. Ellis. They were in New York and came down to see us off. How glad we were to see them!

We had lunch Friday with Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Harrington, former members of First Church, who are now living in New York. Really they live at Dobbs Ferry. In the afternoon Mrs. Harrington drove us over quite a bit of Westchester County. We enjoyed being with the Harringtons again.

The "Queen Mary" is quite a ship. She was launched on September 26, 1934. She made her maiden voyage from Southampton to New York, sailing on May 27th, 1936. Her overall tonnage is 81,273 tons gross. Her overall length is 1,020 feet. From keel to masthead her height is 234 feet. She operates four sets of engines. She is 118 feet broad. She is the second largest ocean liner in the world, and she is almost the final word in comfort. We are traveling cabin class but if we did not know it we would think it was first class.

We struck rough weather early Sunday morning and got into a real storm Sunday night. We really rolled from side to side. It was quite an experience. There were many who were seasick—but thanks to dramamine, with which we were supplied, we escaped being ill. By Monday morning the sea was much calmer and now we hardly know that we are on a ship. We are due to arrive at Cherbourg Tuesday morning around nine o'clock.

There are quite a few Methodists on board en route to the Oxford Conference. Among them are Bishop and Mrs. Gerald Kennedy; Dr. and Mrs. Kenneth Pope, of First Church, Houston; Dr. and Mrs. W. B. Selah, of Jackson, Mississippi; and many others whom we know. We had a joint Methodist service for all three classes of passengers Sunday morning, and Dr. John Branscomb, of Orlando, Florida, brought the message.

Needless to say that we are having a great time and enjoying every minute of it! We will write to you from Paris over the week-end. Our thoughts are with you and we are remembering all of you in prayer.

Sunday Afternoon, Aug. 12
In Paris

We are in Paris and enjoying every minute of our stay here. We arrived at Cherbourg Thursday

morning at eight o'clock (F. S. T.). We were several hours getting off the ship but left on the boat-train at about 11:30 a. m., arriving in Paris at 5 p. m. We are staying at the Hotel Ambassador which is located on Boulevard Haussman, just a few blocks from the opera.

Speaking of the Opera, we went Friday evening to hear "Lohengrin". It was magnificent! The building is beautiful beyond description.

We have made three tours of Paris—of Modern Paris, of Historic Paris and to Versailles. Those of you who have been here know the things that we have seen, among which are: the Madeline Church, Place de la Concorde, Avenue des Champs Elysees, Palace of the Invalides, Eiffel Tower, Arc de Triomphe, Sacred Heart and Old Montmartre, Tuilleries Gardens, Louvre Museum, Palais de Justice, Sainte Chapelle, Notre Dame Cathedral, Sarbonne, Bastille (where it stood), and the many things to see at Versailles. Of course the time has been too short to see much of any one place. One could spend months in the Louvre. We had less than an hour, but what an hour! There we saw Venus de Milo, The Winged Victory, and Mona Lisa!

This morning we worshipped at the American Church at 65 Quai d'Orsay. Dr. Paul Worley of Johnson City, Tennessee, was the guest preacher. This church was the first American church founded on foreign soil and is the oldest American institution in Europe. The congregation was first formed in 1814 and the first church built in 1857. The present building was dedicated in 1931. Dr. Clayton E. Williams is the minister. This is a Union Church. All the leading denominations contributed to its construction. It is a noteworthy example of the ecumenical spirit. The music in this church is very good. The American composer, Edmund J. Pendleton, is the organist and choirmaster.

After church we walked along the bank of the Seine and across one of the many bridges which span it to the Place de la Concorde. There we took a taxi to the hotel.

You can see that we are having a wonderful time. It was good to get the letters from home when we reached Paris. We leave for Rome tomorrow evening. Thinking of you.

In Venice
Sunday Evening, Aug. 19

This is our last night in Venice. We leave in the morning for Lucerne. We are looking forward to the daylight trip from the head of the Adriatic Sea to the mountains of Switzerland. We will go from Lucerne to Brussels, then to Amsterdam, and next Sunday night we cross the channel to England.

We left Paris last Monday evening and arrived in Rome about four-thirty Tuesday afternoon. We had a very pleasant surprise on that trip. We did not know that we would be able to see the Mediterranean Sea from our train. But about nine o'clock Tuesday morning we reached Genoa, and all the rest of the day until about twenty minutes from Rome we rode along the shore of the Mediterranean. It was a beautiful sight. The Mediterranean is the bluest water imaginable.

Tuesday and Wednesday were religious holidays. We did make an all-day excursion on Wednesday,

but our schedule was changed some and we did not see the Vatican until Thursday. Friday was a free day for us and we enjoyed a shopping tour and a good rest. Bishop and Mrs. Paul E. Martin, Bishop and Mrs. Charles S. Selecman, and Mr. and Mrs. Joe Perkins of Wichita Falls, Texas, arrived in Rome Thursday evening and we had a visit with them Friday morning. It was good to see them.

Seeing Rome was a great experience. It made history come alive! We spent an entire morning in the Vatican Museum seeing the collections of art, including the Sculpture Museum, the Picture and Tapestry Galleries, The Candlestick Gallery, the Sistine Chapel, and the Library. We visited many of the churches: The Church of St. Peter, the size and beauty of which almost takes your breath away; St. Paul's Outside the Walls; Santa Marie Maggiore; St. John in Lateran; and, of course, St. Peter in Chains, where we saw Michael Angelo's statue of Moses. We saw the Pantheon, the Roman Forum, the Coliseum, the Appian Way, the Catacombs, and many other remains of the old Roman and early Christian civilizations. We saw too much to tell you in one letter.

Rome is wonderful, but Venice is a dream city. Venice, "The Queen of the Adriatic" is one of the most famous and unusual cities of the world. Venice, as you know, is built on a hundred islets formed of millions of piles, partly of wood and partly of stone. The streets are canals over which have been built about four hundred bridges. The Grand Canal is the largest of the 150 waterways which intersect the city. It is nearly two miles long. About two hundred marble palaces were built along the Grand Canal by the wealthy citizens in the days when Venice was in her glory. There are hundreds of gondolas plying the waterways with numerous other boats. But here there are no horses, automobiles, or bicycles. By boat and on foot you can go anywhere in Venice.

Today we visited St. Mark's Church and the Palace of the Doges. We have seen the Lace Factory and the Glassworks. We have seen the Franciscan Church erected in the fourteenth century in which the altarpiece is Titian's masterwork, "The Assumption of the Virgin". Titian is buried in this Church. We are thinking of you often.

LETTERS FROM BROTHER CULVER

The Sea Is His Also

If one looks to the North or South, the East or West, one sees only water. With the exception of seeing two ships and a few floundering fish, outside of our ship, we have seen nothing but water for nearly four days. One cannot imagine how expansive the waters of the earth really are until he sails the ocean. And yet in the midst of it all one is made conscious that God made the sea and that is His also.

I have used as an illustration the story of Dr. Joseph Parker, but I never appreciated it as much as I do now. Dr. Parker was crossing the ocean and day after day he sat on deck gazing into the water. A young fellow without much depth

in his life watched Dr. Parker and one day said to him, "What do you see in the water?" Dr. Parker replied, "I see God." I, too, have seen God as I have looked into the waters about us.

Sometimes the sea is placid and calm. Sometimes the waves dash angrily to and fro. The panorama of color is beyond description. If the weather is cloudy, the water looks black, but if the sun shines, it has the deepest blue hue I ever saw. Always immediately back of the ship there is a heavy spray of water that has a beautiful light green color. In the setting of the sun (and seeing one sunset on the ocean is well worth one's trip), the water and the whole sky take on a golden tint that takes one's breath away.

The fool hath said in his heart, "There is no God." Surely he who uttered such a statement never had the joy and privilege of making a trip on the high seas. No other hand than the creative hand of the Eternal could ever have fashioned such a body of water as the Atlantic Ocean. The sea is His also.

In The Midst Of The Ravages Of War

We saw our first glimpse of the destructiveness of war in LeHarve, France, when we left our ship. The horribleness of war in all of its destructive force and power we have seen the past five or six days. In Salsburg and Vienna Austria, we saw numbers of buildings that had been damaged by bombs. The hotel in which we stayed in Vienna had been bombed but is now rebuilt. One had a sinking as he noticed pictures in the lobby and in the hallways showing how the bombs had wrecked the old hotel.

For two days we were in the Iron Curtain territory and I cannot deny that I was glad when for the last time a Russian soldier checked my passport. I took no pictures of the ravages of war behind the Iron Curtain for our guide had told us that if we were caught taking pictures of Russian soldiers or buildings that we might finish our tour two or three years from now. I preferred to follow the schedule originally outlined.

In Austria we saw the effects of war but not until we came to Germany did we see how war can destroy. In Nuremburg, where we were day before yesterday, 70% of the city was destroyed. Already 30% of the city had been rebuilt. Yesterday we traveled by motor coach from Nuremburg to Frankfurt. Almost every town and every city of any size had been wrecked by bombs. Beautiful cathedrals stand in ruins. Homes were piles of rubbish. Here in Frankfurt 95% of the city was destroyed. I could not help but say, "Oh, the terribleness of the destruction in war."

I had a sense of guilt in my heart. Surely we cannot free ourselves of any blame for war. I felt also that surely before nations again resort to such wholesale destruction they will realize that war only destroys, it never saves. In the midst of the ravages of war a spirit of hope filled my soul. Last night the sunset was beautiful. It could not have been more glorious. All of the Western horizon was ablaze with the

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Variety Unlimited

By D. STEWART PATTERSON

THE old nursery rhyme:

"Butcher, baker,
Candlestick maker"

has a modern version in the lives of the 521 Methodist Chaplains serving with the Army, Navy, Air Force, Veterans Hospitals, Federal and State institutions. They may well say:

"Missionary, Preacher,
Evangelist, Teacher"

In fact, they could add another line or two and include:

"Circuit Rider, Pastor,
Administrator, Counsellor"

Any of our Chaplains may be one or all of these, for the duties and situations they face are of endless variety.

For example, "Missionary": While not endeavoring in any way to replace the missionaries in the field, our Chaplains have been able to assist them, and in many cases, where missionaries have been evacuated from battle areas, have been able to conserve something of the missionary program, especially relief work. For example, in Korea Chaplain Howell G. Guin (Detroit Conference) on duty with the Fifth Air Force, writes the Methodist Commission on Chaplains:

"During the past month, approximately 5,000 pounds of clothing were distributed to the needy people of Korea through my office. The great needs and suffering of many thousands of homeless Korean old people and small children are almost unbelievable. I saw the results of the war in Europe for ten months during combat, but it was nil compared to the human suffering that as been inflicted upon the innocent victims here."

Chaplain Robert D. Coward (Wyoming Conference) writes:

"A Korean Protestant service has been established for the indigenous personnel working on this base. At one service I gave the message with an interpreter; the other speakers were Korean Protestants from a nearby Korean Methodist Church. The Korean Houseboy Chorus sang at our Quonset Chapel Dedication service; and rendered a group of their Korean songs one night at the outdoor theatre.

"Eighteen orphan boys found on the base have been taken to a nearby Korean orphanage, which we are assisting with occasional supplies."

From the isolated Azore Islands Chaplain Marion L. Nelson (North Texas Conference) reports that the American military personnel on the island were asked to make contributions to purchase shoes for orphaned Portuguese children. "Some \$550.00 was raised and shoes purchased in the United States for delivery abroad. Also an offering was taken in both Catholic and Protestant chapel services for the Home for the Aged. About \$120.00 was given for use in repairs to the Home."

Then "Preacher": Chaplain Merle N. Young (New Jersey Conference) now serving as Senior Chaplain at the United States Naval Academy, Annapolis, Maryland, preaches to approximately 1,500 midshipmen each Sunday. He says: "I preach a simple, warm-hearted Christian message to these young men, and I find they are very responsive. They want to know what is positive and good, and that is why they come to Chapel."

As a "preacher", and one who faces more high ranking officers than almost any other Chaplain in the Army, Chaplain Robert M. Homiston (Southern California-Arizona Conference) now on duty as Post Chaplain, Fort Myer, Virginia, just across the Potomac River from Washington says: "It takes a life time of hard preparation to produce good preaching. One must

never stop preparing. There was a time when we may have underestimated the value of preaching to men in the military, but not now. Preaching is one of the most important phases of a Chaplain's work. Sunday after Sunday our top Army leaders are here in Chapel. I feel a responsibility to shape the spiritual thinking of these men who later will shape the destiny of the world."

For all Methodist Chaplains on duty in 1950, the record was 17,922 preaching services, with a total attendance of 1,490,762.

"Evangelist": Outstanding is the record of Chaplain Archie N. Boyd (North Arkansas Conference) on duty with the Air Force. While at Lackland Air Force Base, Texas, in 1950, Chap-



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lain Boyd reported 188 baptisms and 210 professions of faith.

Rivaling this record was that of Chaplain Elmer P. Gibson (Delaware Conference) serving with the Army at Ft. Dix, New Jersey. For 1950, he reported 99 baptisms and 201 professions of faith.

Both of these men were at centers where they could and did reach large numbers of men. Without resort to pressure, or casual methods, their records tell of evangelistic endeavors which brought results.

From his experience in the Navy, Chaplain John E. Zoller (California-Nevada Conference) writes: "There is a definite place for evangelism among people in the service. Not a highly-charged emotional approach, but a sane, intelligent presentation of the challenge of the Christian life. The men, both enlisted and officers, respond."

Believing that re-dedication is important, and that conversion is still a valid and necessary Christian experience Chaplain John R. Esais (Baltimore Conference) now serving as Chaplain in the Veterans Hospital, Chamblee, Georgia, reported 357 "re-dedications and conversions" during 1950. To those who would be prone to question the depth of experience of patients in hospitals at time of crisis, Chaplain Esais is joined with the other hospital chaplains in replying: "Whether at the end of life, or at the beginning, a genuine Christian experience is not to be discounted. I have seen these men make their decisions and I know that their experiences were genuine."

"Teacher": In all branches of the military service, there is a definite, and recognized effort made to carry out, under the direction of the Chaplains, a well rounded program of religious education.

With few exceptions, there is on every Air Force Base at least one building set aside for this program. It is usually well-equipped and staffed with volunteer teachers and officers from among military personnel and dependents who are carrying out well-planned programs. Many local churches could look with envy on this project in religious education.

From the Army, Chaplain Wilber K. Anderson (North Carolina Conference) now serving as Post Chaplain, Fort Monroe, Virginia, writes of his program:

"The Sunday School has an average of 165-175, which represents at least 74% of the children living on the Post. We now have ten rooms, four pianos, 16 bulletin boards, 16 blackboards. We are now preparing for a Daily Vacation Church School."

In far contrast to this is an example of a Chaplain, who under the most adverse conditions and in combat, gave time to religious study and instruction among his men. Writing from Korea, Chaplain Thomas E. Adams, Jr., (Ohio Conference) on duty with the Air Force, says:

"I have developed a program of Bible study for Sunday evenings with discussion groups on other evenings of the week. This is a field operation in tents with mud, rain, sun, and steam. The men are very interested and responsive. The discussions are lively and interesting. These are seasoned and mature men and their interest is not so much in finding a faith as in enlarging one. Queries are direct and of immediate concern."

Here again a full story needs to be written concerning a very vital part of our Chaplains' work.

So goes the story of Methodist Chaplains, and through them the Church's ministry to youth and older men and women beyond the bounds of the local parish. These ministers of the Church need assistance in the work of the Chaplaincy. Our members and constituents have a rightful claim on the Church wherever they may be. And The Methodist Church has a responsibility for a proportionate share of the religious ministry which should be made available to all men and women in the Armed Services, Veterans Hospitals, and in Federal and State Institutions. Therefore the General Conference has established the Methodist Commission on Chaplains and placed upon it the responsibility of assisting and maintaining contacts with our Chaplains wherever they may be assigned. Moreover, the Commission assists them in their spiritual ministry by providing religious literature and supplies not furnished by the government; and in giving counsel and guidance to the Chaplains themselves.

The Commission on Chaplains is one of the three agencies receiving its support from the Fellowship of Suffering and Service. World Communion Sunday, October 7, this year, has been officially designated as a time when all Methodist churches are asked to take a special offering. It will be divided: one-fourth to the Commission on Chaplains; one-fourth to the Committee on Camp Activities; and one-half to the Committee on Overseas Relief.

All of these are causes which greatly need the generous support of all Methodists. The agencies are engaged in a fellowship of relieving suffering and of rendering urgently needed spiritual services.

JAPAN CHRISTIAN UNIVERSITY GETS BOOST

Japan Christian University Foundation announces that \$486,433 has been sent to Japan for the university scheduled to open near Tokyo next April. This is less than half the million dollars needed to assure the opening on schedule. Special of-

ferings during May in Christian churches across the U. S. provided \$100,000 of the above figure.

A faculty is being selected in Japan and in the United States. The Foundation, with headquarters in New York City, is raising a memorial fund for the university in the name of Dr. Ralph E. Diffendorfer, who was the Foundation's president

and executive director before his death last January. Churches of several denominations in Iowa are collecting funds for the erection of a chapel at the university. Until the last U. S. contribution arrived, Japanese Christians and non-Christians had surpassed Americans in the amount contributed to the J. I. C. U. fund.

A noted educator says: "I never write a letter of recommendation that is 100% favorable—no matter how great the person's general assets. The letter is more believable when it pictures a less than perfect human being."—Printer's Ink.

French is the official diplomatic language of the world.

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VACATION CHURCH SCHOOL

The Damascus Methodist Church held their Vacation Church School August 20-25 in connection with the revival conducted by Rev. Calvin Roetzel, the pastor.

Fifty-four pupils enrolled to study for the week, the theme, Jesus Our Model. Twenty-four of these pupils had perfect attendance at the end of the Church School.

The Kindergarten group was instructed by Mrs. Clarence Nicholson with Mary C. Brumley's Stories about Jesus used as the text. Mrs. Roy Lee taught the primary class from Amilda B. Keiser's Learning from Jesus. The Juniors were led by Mrs. Ollie Bishop from Ida B. Hubbard's Praise Ye the Lord. Mrs. Will Hall's discussion with the Intermediates was taken from Mary Jenness', We All Need Each Other.

Mrs. Paul Makabe was superintendent of the school, while Mrs. Bill Hartwicke acted as secretary. The women of the community served refreshments.—Reporter.

LANGUAGE LABORATORY

Atlanta, Ga.—Newest laboratory at Emory University is an affair of control panels, recording booths, and earphones that resembles an interpreter's booth at the United Nations headquarters.

It is the romance languages laboratory, set up under the direction of Dr. Bruce Gordon, department head, and ready for full use this fall. One of the best equipped in the South, the lab will make it possible for 30 students to be listening to any one of six languages at one time. Students will use language-teaching records, listen to foreign broadcasts, the "Voice of America," and will make progress recordings of their own voices.—Campus News.

FOLLOW-UP FOR NATIONAL CONFERENCE ON FAMILY LIFE

Nashville, Tenn.—Of interest to conference, district and local church Christian education workers are the plans for follow-up for the National Conference on Family Life to be held in Chicago on October 12-14.

The major follow-up is expected to take place through the regular ongoing program of the general boards of the church, according to Dr. Edward D. Staples, director of the Department of the Christian Family, General Board of Education. Therefore it is urged: (1) that in district and sub-district meetings of adults and young adults in October and November, delegates to the National Conference be used as resource people; (2) that a conference-wide study group to discuss what should be done to help family life be held in each annual conference; (3) that local churches plan for study groups during January on the National Conference themes.

More specific plans will be developed at the meeting of the sub-committee on follow-up of the National Conference, which meets on September 21.

Dr. Staples pointed out also that emphasis on the Christian family will be featured in the observance of Christian Education Week, September 30-October 7, in Methodist church schools.

LEADER OF SEMINARS

DR. W. NEILL HART, pastor of First Church, El Dorado, will be the leader in a series of district seminars on Home and Family Life. Dr. Hart is an authority in this field, having written a text-book, soon to be off the press, for use in the leadership training program.

These seminars are a part of the Advance for Christ emphasis for this fall, and are planned for local church leadership, including pastors and their wives, Church school officers and teachers, leaders of the W. S. C. S., and other interested workers, together with all parents who may wish to avail themselves of this important and helpful meeting.

The program will start at 9:30 with registration and display of materials. The opening devotional will be at 10 o'clock, on "Home-Centered Religion," led by the district superintendent. The schedule by districts is as follows:

Monticello, at Monticello, Friday, September 14
Little Rock, at Asbury, Monday, September 17
Pine Bluff, at First Church, Pine Bluff, Tuesday, September 18
Camden, at First Church, Camden, Thursday, September 20
Hope, at Nashville, Friday, September 21



DR. W. NEILL HART

Arkadelphia, at Arkadelphia, Monday, September 24.

Following a covered dish luncheon, there will be an afternoon program, closing at approximately 3:15 o'clock. For further information please write the Conference Office of the Board of Education.—Roy E. Fawcett.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION FOR SHIFTING POPULATIONS

Nashville, Tenn.—The Division of the Local Church of the General Board of Education is planning to produce the greatest possible aid in the way of Christian education for shifting populations during the present emergency—an emergency, the Division believes, that will probably continue for years.

For this purpose a committee from the Division staff has been set up that is already at work, according to Dr. John Q. Schisler, executive secretary. Members of the committee are: Walter Towner, chairman; Dr. Schisler, Howard E. Tower, M. Leo Rippey, Harold W. Ewing, Robert S. Clemmons, Joseph W. Bell and Luke G. Beauchamp.

Initial action of the group has been to state the needs of the local church in facing the emergency situation. In general, local churches need: (1) Information on policies, directives, and procedures of the United States relating to civilian and military mobilization; (2) help in conducting surveys on existing conditions; and (3) suggestions for local church action.

No new organization will be set up to fill these needs, it was said. A recent report of progress by the committee states: "As the church faces its responsibilities in this emergency, it is important that it utilize all ongoing programs, existing channels and agencies of the local church, annual conference, and general boards, rather than creating new organizations or channels for the carrying on of these responsibilities."

As the shortest way to make church people aware of the position of the church in this "scared, new world" the Division is developing a motion picture. The threefold purpose of the film will be to reveal the

threat of the emergency situation to the spiritual growth of man; to describe the enormity of the threat; and to challenge its implications of doom.

The picture will also underscore the fact that the church has the opportunity and the responsibility to provide for the spiritual needs of people during a period of confusion and disintegrating moral values that is possessed by no other organization.

In an attempt to show the accelerated decline of Christian standards of living that accompanies violent departures from progressive patterns and concepts of human relationships, the movie camera will be focused upon the abnormal environment of people living and working in defense areas.

The film will be only 20 minutes long so as to allow time after its use for discussion and follow-up.

Luke G. Beauchamp and Henry

Doody, photographer for the Local Church Division, will devote the major part of their time to this project.

It is hoped that the picture will be ready for showing at the Methodist Conference on Christian Education to be held at Grand Rapids, Michigan, November 7-12.

Dr. Schisler emphasized that the film in whatever situation it may be used can be effectively coupled with other related resources such as printed articles, posters, folders, lectures, filmstrips, etc., that suggest practical programs and ways in which churches can act to meet the problems arising from the national defense effort.

JONESBORO HAS LATE SUMMER VACATION SCHOOL

By Mrs. Ira A. Brumley

Mrs. H. C. Castleberry, Director of Children's Work in Jonesboro District, reports completion of their most successful Vacation School in Jonesboro First Church, both from a standpoint of attendance and in cooperation. Mothers offered to help, and at the end of the school, urged that it be carried on a while longer.

Hours were from four to six p. m., but the children were usually there by 3:30.

The Primaries constructed a miniature church large enough for them to get in and dressed the choir and minister. A Frigidaire crate formed the basis of the small church.

A layman, who knows all about the church, took them through the church building in groups of ten, explaining all parts of the building to them.

The Great Southern Coaches gave them a bus to make a tour of the churches in town. The children were surprised at the number of churches in Jonesboro.

Since this was such a successful (Continued on page 15)

ROUND-UP TIME

A big round-up party will be held at the First Methodist Church in Conway on September 14 at 8:00 p. m. It's for all Methodist students in both Hendrix College and Arkansas State Teachers College.

All students are invited. Make plans to come. — Shirley Freeman, Harrisburg.

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BATESVILLE DISTRICT SEMINAR

"The Church For You Doth Wait" was the theme of the Batesville District Seminar of the Woman's Society of Christian Service held at First Methodist Church, Batesville, on August 28. The churches of the district were well represented. Approximately 125 women registered for the seminar. Mrs. C. M. Lieb, District Secretary of Missionary Education and Service presided.

The opening devotional, based on the 13th chapter of First Corinthians, was given by Mrs. Edgar Morris, District Secretary of Spiritual Life Work.

An outline of the study program for the year 1951-52 was given by Mrs. W. Henry Goodloe, Conference Secretary of Missionary Education and Service.

The four approved studies for the year were presented by women who had attended schools of missions this summer. Some had attended both the Jurisdictional and Conference Schools.

Mrs. Mavis Settlemire, Conference Secretary of Supplies, presented the study, "Latin America." Mrs. Nels Barnett assisted in the presentation by telling the story, "Money Under His Pillow." "The Book of Acts" was presented by Mrs. Lieb; "Family Life—A Christian's Concern," by Mrs. A. Goodloe; and "Churches for Our Country's Needs" by Mrs. H. H. Fulbright, Conference Promotion Secretary.

Each woman attending the seminar brought a "school girl" lunch and at the noon hour all were invited to the dining room where iced tea and additional sandwiches were served by the hostess society. At this time, Mrs. M. L. Kaylor, District Promotion Secretary, spoke briefly on the progressive visitation plan for the local church.

Mrs. E. G. Kaetzell, Conference Vice President, spoke on program planning and presented the 1951-52 program material, "The Earth is the Lord's."

Miss Betty Letzig, deaconess for the Mountain Home Area, brought the group an interesting report on the National Methodist Town and Country Conference which she attended at Sioux City, Iowa.

The closing devotional was led by Mrs. E. G. Kaetzell assisted by Mrs. J. P. McNealy, Mrs. W. D. Murphy Jr., Mrs. B. B. Conine, Mrs. George Evans and Mrs. Hassell Marshall.—Reporter

FALL GUILD MEETING

"For You The Church Doth Wait" is the theme of the program planned by the Searcy district Wesleyan Service Guilds for the fall meeting to be held at Harrison, September 30.

A buffet luncheon will be served in the fellowship hall of the First Methodist Church, Harrison, preceding the meeting. Mrs. H. H. Fulbright, Searcy, Conference Promotion Secretary, will make the afternoon address and Miss Gertie Stiles, Fort Smith Conference Guild Secretary, will lead the dedication service.

Miss Helen Stephens, Clinton, district secretary, will preside at the business meeting. Members from

MY PRAYER

(Dedicated to all whose loved one is in the Armed Service)

By Elizabeth Davidson

O Star of Hope,
Shine constant, clear,
To guide my burdened heart;
To help me know
That God is near,
And never will His watch relax
For him I love.

O Star of Faith,
Be never dim,
And through long days and longer nights
Where fear and hatred breed,
Lead me to Him
Who courage stirs
In those who faint.

O Star of Love,
Let not the scar, seared deep
From mental pain
Of stinging anguish born,
Accusingly remain
To dull Love's radiance . . .
O LET MY SOUL FORGIVE!

CAMDEN DISTRICT EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

The Executive Committee of the Camden District Woman's Society of Christian Service met for business session and luncheon at Magnolia Inn, Magnolia, Ark., August 14. The meeting was called to order at ten o'clock by the president, Mrs. J. P. Carpenter of Stephens. There were sixteen members present.

Mrs. W. P. Reasons of El Dorado, District Secretary of Spiritual Life, gave the devotional using as her subject "The Lord's Presence" based on the scripture "Lo, I am with you always." She closed the devotion with prayer.

Mrs. J. P. Carpenter brought greetings to the board members and made introductions of the new officers and presided over the business.

The Executive Committee voted to meet once each quarter and be entertained by groups. We voted to send cards to board members in case of illness and in case of death a contribution of \$5.00 will be sent to the Student Loan Fund in memory of the deceased person.

Mrs. Carpenter read the Standing Committees for 1951-52 and then the standing rules for 1951-52 were read by the secretary and they were discussed in full and adopted as amended. A copy of these rules is to be mailed to the president of each society in the District.

The election of Mrs. W. P. Reasons of El Dorado as Spiritual Life Secretary and Mrs. Jesse McKinnon as C.S.R. and L.C.A. Executive Board. These officers had been filled by the Research Committee. Each officer made a brief report of their work.

The Executive Committee voted to sponsor sub-district meetings for Secretaries and workers with children and youth and to co-operate with Mrs. Beale and Mrs. Williamson to promote Missionary Education with children and youth. Plans were completed for the Educational Seminar to be held in Stephens Sept. 18. The meeting was closed with prayer by Mrs. M. E. Scott.

Recording Secretary,
Mrs. Jamie Talley

SILAM SPRINGS GUILD HONORS MEMBER

Thursday evening, August 16th, the members of the Wesleyan Service Guild honored Miss Mary Walker for her faithful and constructive service in the Methodist church, with a Life Membership in the Guild. A pin of recognition for her service was pinned on by Mrs. Henry Goss, Guild Coordinator.

In presenting the award, Miss Walker was commended for her help in the Guild, her service in the choir, with the youth of the church and district, as church secretary, and in serving dinners each month for the Men's Fellowship.

Miss Marianne Pyeatte, president,
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NOTICE TO STUDY LEADERS

For visual aid helps in the study of the book of Acts see the materials offered by Grimm-Williams, in Little Rock, on page 12 of this issue.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT—NORTH ARKANSAS CONFERENCE W. S. C. S., FIRST QUARTER, 1951-52

RECEIPTS:			
W. S. C. S.			
Pledge	\$ 8,697.07		
Missionary Projects	461.85		
Special Memberships	645.00		
"In Remembrance"	110.00		
World Federation	3.16		
Children	14.44		
Total on Appropriations	9,931.52		
Narcotic Education	46.66		
Membership Pins	7.75		
Cash Supplies	1,555.80		
Exchange	3.90		
	1,614.11		
Total W. S. C. S.	11,545.63		
W. S. G.			
Pledge	1,947.70		
Missionary Projects	27.00		
Special Memberships	235.00		
Total on Appropriations	2,209.70		
Narcotic Education	9.10		
Cash Supplies	94.50		
Supplementary Gift	5.00		
Membership Pins	2.25		
	110.85		
Total W. S. G.	2,320.55		
OTHERWISE			
M. Y. F.	314.74		
"In Remembrance"	10.00		
Car Fund	85.25		
Cash Supplies	500.00		
School of Missions	76.28		
	986.27		
TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$14,852.45		
DISBURSEMENTS:			
To Division—			
W. S. C. S.			
Pledge	\$ 8,324.00		
Missionary Projects	461.85		
Special Memberships	660.00		
"In Remembrance"	15.00		
World Federation	13.16		
	9,474.01		
W. S. G.			
Pledge	1,750.00		
Missionary Projects	27.00		
Special Memberships	260.00		
	2,037.00		
Youth	314.74		
Children	14.44		
	329.18		
Total on Appropriations	11,840.19		
Cash Supplies	2,046.00		
Supplementary Gift	5.00		
Membership Pins	4.50		
	2,055.50		
Total Sent Division	13,895.69		
Narcotic Education	250.00		
Conference Cultivation	661.88		
District Cultivation	572.10		
Honorarium	25.00		

each of the eleven Guilds in Searcy District are expected to attend.

Paid for half interest in car	675.00
Rural Workers Car Expense	210.00
Audit	25.00
Printing	22.19
Treasurer's Stipend	25.00
	2,466.17
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	\$16,361.86

BANK STATEMENT	
Balance June 1st, 1951	\$12,849.21
Total Receipts June, July, Aug., 1951	14,852.45
Total to be accounted for	27,701.66
Total disbursements June, July, Aug., 1951	16,361.86
Balance September 1st, 1951	\$11,359.80
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CURRENT NEWS IN ARKANSAS METHODISM

SALEM CAMP MEETING NOW HISTORY

The 1951 encampment of the Salem camp meeting held in the tabernacle at Salem Church has now passed into history, but never in the some 88 years has there been a more hearty response to the simple but fervently declared gospel. Rev. John Shuler of Dallas, Texas, preached with the fervor of the Apostle Paul. As a result some twenty-five presented themselves as sinners, seeking a pardoning Saviour, or for re-dedication, one or two of this number for full-time service.

The Annual Encampment was originally sponsored by the local church, but has grown to such proportions as to require a larger leadership. It is now sponsored by the Little Rock District, the district superintendent in charge. Dr. Francis Buddin and his committee are to be thanked for the huge success of this meeting. Never has such an enlarged financial program been proposed and carried out.

The shouts of praise may have ceased from under the tabernacle, but not from the hearts of those whose lives were enriched by reason of this meeting, some with a new found Christ reigning in their hearts.—Kenneth M. Goode, Pastor-Host.

OPEN HOUSE AT BATESVILLE

Rev. E. G. Kaetzell, pastor of the First Methodist Church, Batesville, and Mrs. Kaetzell, held open house on Sunday afternoon, August 19, from 2:00 to 5:00. The parsonage which has recently been redecorated throughout, was lovely with arrangements of summer flowers, the color scheme of pink and white predominating.

Brother and Mrs. Kaetzell, who received at the door, were assisted by Mrs. B. B. Bonine, Jr., Mrs. Paul McNelly, Mrs. M. S. Craig, Mrs. W. D. Murphy, Jr., and Mrs. Florence Jelks. Assisting at the serving table were Mrs. S. B. Wilford, Mrs. Nels Barnett and Mrs. Bernice Huddleston. Others assisting were Mrs. John Polk, Mrs. W. S. Stokes, Mrs. Hasell Marshall and Miss Ann Wilford, Miss Billy Ruth Stokes, Miss Leah Stokes. Mrs. Johnnie Craig and Miss Mary Rutherford were in charge of the guest book.—Reporter.

REVIVAL AT OLD PINE GROVE CHURCH

We have closed one of the best old-time revivals ever held at Old Pine Grove Church, nine miles east of Guion where we started our ministry thirty years ago. The people say the largest crowds attended that they had ever seen in that church. There were between five and six hundred people in the night services.

We had old-time singing, old-time praying and shouting with sinners falling in the altar, finding their way to God. It was a great blessing to the writer to preach to them as he has been out of the field on account of poor health. We have been praying that God would give us health so that we could again preach for him.

We ask all of our friends to pray for us.—Luther Love.

United Evangelistic Mission Director Sets Up Office

THE REV. LEROY H. WALKER of the Methodist General Board of Evangelism has arrived in Little Rock to direct the United Evangelistic Mission in the Arkansas-Louisiana Area. He



REV. LEROY H. WALKER

has set up an office at the First Methodist Church, 723 Center, Little Rock.

Mr. Walker joined the staff of the General Board of Evangelism in June. He was pastor of the Tibbetts Methodist Church in Seattle, Washington. Previous to that pastorate he had served in the Idaho Conference for sixteen years.

He feels that God has raised up the Methodist Church, with its genius for organization and group action, for such a time as this. The United Evangelistic Mission offers an opportunity for that unitedness to be directed toward the salvation of America.

Last week Mr. Walker attended the Pastors' School at Centenary College in Shreveport, La. He also was in attendance at the school at Hendrix College at Conway. He said, "I have fallen in love with the men of this Area and consider it the highest privilege to work with these ministers in a great movement."

The "A" Mission will be held November 30 to December 9, and the "B" Mission, January 18 to January 25, 1952.

FAYETTEVILLE DISTRICT MINISTERS' MEETING

The ministers of the Fayetteville District met at Central Church, Rogers, on September 3, with Rev. W. F. Cooley, district superintendent, in charge. Rev. James Burris led in prayer.

The following items of business constituted the procedure of the group: Brother Cooley appointed Rev. Allen D. Stewart, Rev. Arnold Simpson, Rev. Hubert E. Pearce and Rev. Vernon E. Chalfant as a committee to assist unordained ministers in securing an ordained minister to administer the communion on World-wide Communion Sunday, October 7.

Rev. Arnold Simpson reported that the Intermediate-Senior Camp was a success. Seventy-six young people and staff members were in attendance.

Rev. William Stewart, director of the Seniors at the camp, stated that the Senior groups wanted to meet next year with the Seniors of the Ft. Smith District. The matter was taken under advisement. A committee will contact those in charge of the Ft. Smith District Seniors and make recommendations. Upon motion of Rev. D. L. Dykes, Jr., it was voted unanimously to take the camp to Mt. Sequoyah next year if suitable arrangements can be made.

A high point in the meeting was an address by District Lay leader Tex Waggoner on the work of the laymen.

The United Evangelistic Mission in the Arkansas-Louisiana Area, headed by Bishop Paul E. Martin, was discussed. Brother Cooley urged that every pastor begin cultivating his church and that every church in the district be supplied with the Visitation Evangelism packet and the turn-over chart.—H. W. Jinske.

Just think how happy you'd be if you lost everything you have right now—and then got it back again.—Jnl. of Living.

BENTON COUNTY YOUNG ADULT FELLOWSHIP

The Benton County Young Adult Fellowship met September 6 in the Gravette Methodist Church. Rev. Hubert Pearce led in singing with Mrs. Clarence Teeter at the organ. David Boyle played a clarinet solo, accompanied by Mrs. Teeter.

The principal speaker of the evening was Rev. H. M. Lewis, pastor of the First Methodist Church, Springdale. He spoke on "The Etiquette of God." The address was very impressive and uplifting.

The following officers were re-elected for 1951-52: Vaughn Pickard, president; Dwight Bickford, vice-president; Mrs. Eve Horn, secretary-treasurer; H. W. Jinske, reporter.

Refreshments were served on the church lawn.—H. W. Jinske, Reporter

"CHURCH-GOING FAMILIES ARE HAPPY FAMILIES"

In keeping with the Advance emphasis on The Home and Family, Pulaski Heights Methodist Church, Little Rock, is using as the theme for the fall program "Church-Going Families Are Happy Families". Plans were made for Parent-Teacher meetings on Sunday evenings beginning with the parents and teachers of Nursery children on September 16. The minister, the Rev. J. Kenneth Shamblin, and the Director of Christian Education, Mrs. V. B. Story, will meet with each group and discuss with them the basic principles of Christian education and how they can be applied in the home—a sharing of responsibility. Following the Nursery group will be the Kindergarten parents and teachers on September 23, and so on through all departments of the Children and Youth Divisions. The Mothers Roundtable has also planned their year's program giving emphasis to the Home and Family.

The fall series was opened Sunday with a family picnic at Ferncliff. The afternoon was spent in recreation for the family and following a picnic supper a Galilean vesper service was held. V. Earle Copes, director of music, directed the choirs from boats on the lake and the minister used as his sermon topic "On Being Alive To Beauty."—Reporter.

Mrs. Anne Royall was the first woman to own and edit a newspaper.



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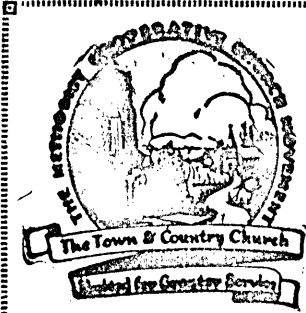
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WAYLAND SPRINGS CAMP MEETING- RURAL LIFE CONFERENCE

All of the pioneers are not dead and neither is pioneering out of date in Methodism. Last week it was my privilege to assist the pioneering brethren of the Paragould District in launching their first camp meeting at Wayland Springs. Just a word about the camp site. Some five or six years ago R. S. Rainwater offered the site to Rev. R. E. Connell for a district camp. Brother Connell took the matter up with leaders over his district which met a splendid response. Thinking of extending the project to other areas the matter was discussed with leaders in Jonesboro and Batesville Districts. In a few months the project took form. It was slow but steady going. At the present time there are ample cabins to house around a hundred people. There is a splendid rock dining hall and kitchen. There is a tabernacle made from the material of the old Hopewell church that had long been abandoned. There are infinite possibilities in this great project.

The camp meeting was attended by pastors and people from many churches over the Paragould District. Some few stayed in the camp part of the time. Services were conducted twice daily. Brother True Watson, pastor of Imboden, led the song service. Dobbs Franks played the piano. Miss Lola Featherston directed youth work. The writer had the high privilege of preaching to a fine people during the week. One day was given to a Rural Life Conference. One day was given to a discussion of the general condition of the churches with suggestions as to how they might be improved and better served.

One of the approaches to doing a better job is that of the enlarged Parish. One pastor now serves what at one time constituted two charges. With the aid of sustentation money which is less than both charges formerly received and with the support of the charges being served the pastor is given considerably more money with which to operate. Though he has to preach three and four times on Sunday he is above starvation level in the matter of living. As the program develops and

more strength is gained by the churches it stands to reason that one day the number of churches on the charge may be reduced in number. This type program calls for cooperation by pastor and people and calls for sacrifice and hard work on the part of the pastor. It is one way, however, of holding the line in the small open country churches with perhaps a ray of hope for advancement in other needy fields.

On the last night of the series of services in the camp meeting the congregation voted to make this an annual affair. The idea having been the brain-child of the district superintendent, Rev. A. N. Storey, had now become the child of the district with special care being assigned to the Imboden and surrounding churches. This can become one of the great gathering places for Arkansas Methodists and can be one of the greatest influences in the life of the people of Northeast Arkansas.

While in this area we visited some of the other churches. There is an indication of an upward swing in this section. It was a great experience to visit the spot where Rev. Eli Lindsey, a local preacher, held services one hundred thirty years ago. In this section is the birth place of Arkansas Methodism. Brother Storey has plans in the making for the proper marking of these spots and also the matter of in a more careful manner the preserving of the rich heritage involved. It was truly good to be in the Wayland Springs Camp Meeting for its initial services. This efforts on the part of the fine people of the Paragould District will be watched with great interest by many people in many places.

After having given splendid service to the Town and Country Commission as youth worker during the summer, Miss Lola Featherston left for her home in Cherryville, Kansas, the past week. She endeared young and old to her as she lived among them and worked with them in the several communities. We bespeak for her great success and joy as she shall continue her studies at Emory University.—J. Albert Gatlin.

OPENING OF ECUMENICAL CONFERENCE

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his people incarnating the message he preaches, and at the same time picturing his message to his people in terms which they can readily understand. Dr. Sockman perhaps made his greatest emphasis when he stressed a greater use of lay witnessing as a means of communicating the message. This, he said, was the Apostles' secret of success. This also was the means John Wesley employed. Dr. Sangster and Dr. Sockman were gladly heard, for their messages. However, the great crowd appreciated not only the messages which they brought, but the fruitful

SILAM SPRINGS GUILD HONORS MEMBERS

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and Mrs. Mary Ann Wallin were welcomed back after several months, because they were out of town. Mrs. Hartrout gave the opening devotional and Mrs. Goss led in prayer. Miss Mary Walker was leader of a program on "Pearl of the Orient Seas." This was followed by the hostesses, Mrs. Bert Pyatte and Miss Bess Pyatte serving refreshing iced fruit punch, cheese canapes, cookies and mints to 23 present.

pastorates which they have had and are having in their present appointments.

TRAVELOGUES BY ARKANSAS PASTORS

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glory and beauty of God's handiwork. A hush fell over our group in the midst of the beauty in which we reveled. Someone started that grand old hymn—"Day is dying in the west; Heaven is touching earth with rest: Wait and worship while the night sets her evening lamps alight Thro' all the sky. Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of Hosts! Heav'n and earth are full of Thee! Heav'n and earth are praising Thee, O Lord Most High!"

God was near and in the midst of the ravages of war hope filled my soul. Beauty is stronger than ugliness; love is more powerful than hate; the will to create is stronger than the desire to destroy. Someday peace will come and men will live as sons of God should live.

Visiting A Displaced Persons' Home

Last Friday in Frankfurt, Germany, it was our privilege to visit an old bomb-raid shelter made by Hitler. This shelter has been used for various purposes. At one time it was used to house the Jews who were persecuted by the German government. Our guide told us that no doubt many hundreds of Jews were mercilessly murdered in this building. During the war the basement of the building was used as a bomb shelter and hundreds of people stretched out on the concrete floor and slept as best they could. The building is now used to house displaced persons.

The building is made entirely of concrete and is four stories high. I do not recall how many rooms are in the building but fifty-three families comprising more than 200 persons live in the shelter. We stopped in one room in which six people lived. In the room were two double-decked beds and one small table. Imagine six people sleeping on four single beds. All cooking is done in a common kitchen between 8 and 12 o'clock in the morning. The government operates the building and the

displaced persons seek refuge here because rent is cheap. Rent is 4 marks per person per week. (A German mark is worth approximately 25 cents in American money.) But no family, regardless of size, pays more than seven marks per week.

The whole set-up was most depressing. Dozens of children were all about us. They were dirty and undernourished. We gave them money until our money ran out and when we left, they ran for blocks following our bus.

We learned that no moral, religious or educational training is given these children. What can be expected of such a group except that they fall prey to any panacea that is offered them? It is in such situations that Communism strikes hardest.

It seems to me that we have a great responsibility in Europe. In the American zone conditions are much better than in the French, British and German zones. We need to go with our ideals and material resources into all Europe and implant in the lives of the Europeans the spirit of initiative, of service and of love. Displaced persons must be placed in better centers and opportunities must be given them. I believe that Europe can be won for Christ and His Cause, but it is five minutes until twelve and we cannot wait past the midnight hour. Com-

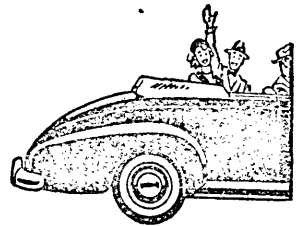
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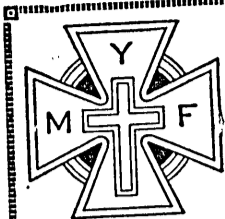


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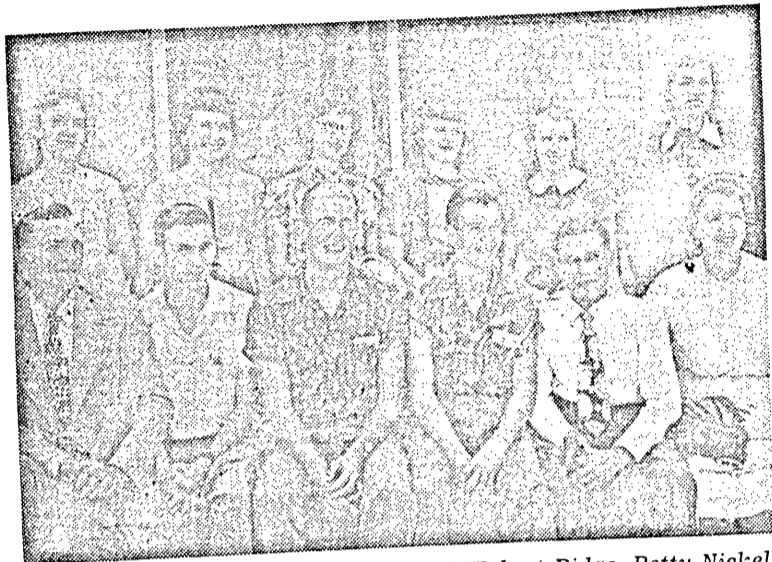
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GROUP FROM PARAGOULD DISTRICT AT CONVOCATION



Top Row, L to R: Sue Pickens of Walnut Ridge, Betty Nickels of Pocahontas, Velda Swindle of Rector, Carolyn Sue Glover of Hoxie, Ruth McCluney of Rector, Margaret McFall of Pocahontas. Front Row, L to R: Elbert Callahan, layman of Black Rock, Billy Mac Cooper of Hoxie, Billy Wells of Pocahontas, Tommy Green of Hoxie, Lloyd Pope of Clover Bend, Miss Viola Callahan of Hoxie, Youth Director of Paragould District.

The above delegates and adult counselors of Paragould District were among the 5,000 delegates attending at the fifth quadrennial National Convocation of Methodist Youth held at Purdue University, LaFayette, Indiana, August 27-31.

High school and college students come from 48 states, Alaska, Hawaii, Puerto Rico and Cuba, representing their local church youth fellowships or state and regional chapters of the Methodist Student Movement.

The convocation theme, "Christian Living in Our Time," was carried out through morning platform talks plus 24 afternoon workshops on church fellowship, Christian voca-

tions, youth problems, social action, and national and world affairs. Jameson Jones, 22-year-old president of Methodist youth, was director of the convocation.

Keynote speakers included the Rev. Donald O. Soper, colorful clergyman of London, England; Kirby Page, author and social evangelist, of LaHabra, Calif.; Dr. W. Aiken Smart, associate dean of Candler School of Theology, Emory University, Atlanta, Ga.; and Mrs. M. E. Tilly of the Southern Regional Council, Atlanta. Dr. Hiel D. Bollinger, head of the Methodist student department of the Board of Education, will be platform coordinator.

M. Y. F. PRESENTS BIBLE TO CHURCH

The Methodist Youth Fellowship of Strong has presented a pulpit Bible to the church. It was given as a small expression of appreciation for what the church has done for its M. Y. F. members.

President Linda Nunnally presented the Bible to Rev. Joe Robinson, who accepted it on behalf of the church.—Reporter.

RUSSELLVILLE SUB- DISTRICT

The Russellville Sub-District meeting was held at Mt. Sequoyah Methodist Church on September 4.

Reports were given on the National Youth Convocation by George Malone, Anne Reasoner and Vivian Hilliard.

The worship service was held in church yard around a bonfire. There were 80 present.—Reporter

YOUTH ACTIVITIES WEEK AT NEWPORT

The Seniors, Intermediates and Adult Workers with youth of the Tuckerman, Swifton and Newport Methodist churches held a very successful Youth Activities Week, August 19-22.

About 55 young people and their adult workers met at the church each evening for a fellowship supper, followed by group singing, discussion groups, special features, recreation and worship.

The theme of the week was "Jesus Way — Our Vocation". Discussion group under the theme "Being a Christian Makes a Difference" were led each night by laymen of Newport First Church.

Special features included: Monday night, film, "Shy Guy"; Tuesday night, play, "The Most Precious Words in the World"; Wednesday night, Round-the-World night with a folk game festival.

Recreation was led by Miss Freda Wilson of Greenbrier, Summer Youth Worker for the Batesville District.

Rev. Joel Cooper, pastor of First Church, Conway, was Inspirational Speaker. Presiding at the inspirational hour were: Sunday, Marianne Penix; Monday, Jimmy Cole; Tuesday, Nancy McDonald and Wednesday, Bobby Watson. Miss Regenia Watson, Youth Director of Newport First Church, was the director of the week's activities.—Reporter.

M. Y. F. MEETINGS AT MORNING STAR AND GARDNER

During July the M. Y. F.'s of the Morning Star and Gardner Memorial churches, Hot Springs, exchanged meetings at each church. Since Gardner Memorial is relatively new the Morning Star M. Y. F. presented its program first and Gardner served refreshments after the program. Gardner presented its program later at Morning Star with a program on Church Co-operation in the community, and Morning Star served refreshments. Both programs were well presented and enjoyed by all in attendance.

Under the leadership and guidance of our pastor, Rev. C. H. Gilliam, the two churches hope to make church co-operation in the community a great success. — Mrs. Floyd Carter.

SUB-DISTRICT OF POINSETT COUNTY

The M. Y. F. Sub-District of Poinsett County met at Tyronza on

MEETING OF TANACO CLUB

The Tanaco Club of the Marysville Parish met with Mr. and Mrs. Maxey Hughes on Tuesday, September 4. Games and singing led by Mrs. K. K. Carithers and Jack Edwards were enjoyed. A committee of Miss Melba Roberson, Miss Ann Williams, and Wayne Edwards was appointed by the pastor, Rev. K. K. Carithers, to select the place for the next meeting and to bring in a list of officers for the club.

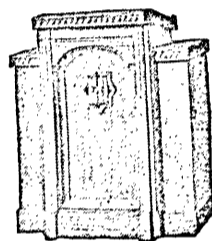
The purpose of the club is to create interest in our conference camp and to raise funds for this camp. Most of the young people present were those who attended the Rural Youth Camp held at Tanaco on August 20-24.

Mr. and Mrs. Hughes served delicious watermelon to the group.

Present were Mr. and Mrs. Herman Ballard, Mr. and Mrs. Hughes, Rev. and Mrs. Carithers, Misses Melba Roberson, Ketheleen Broswell, Carolyn Broswell, Ann Williams, Bettye Fay Tompkins, Doris Bland, Hilda Fay Bland, Judy Sessoms, Barbara Edwards, and Linda; Jack Edwards, Wayne Edwards, Jerald Kinnard and Ronnie Ballard.—Reporter.

August 9. A movie on the Youth Fund was shown.

There were 73 present. The next meeting will be held at Turrell-Gilmore on September 13.—Reporter.



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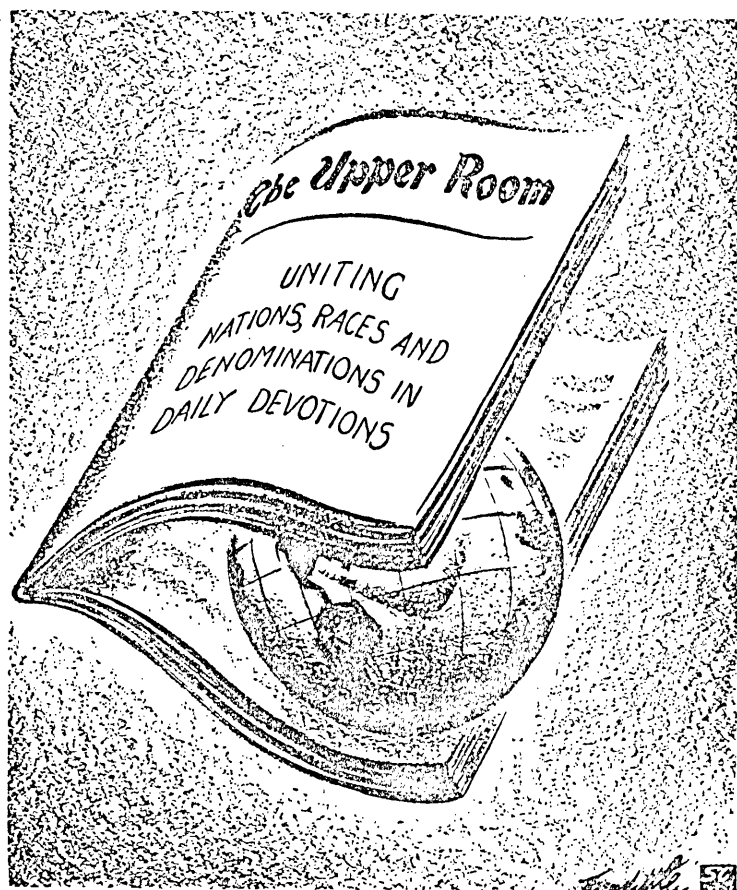
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votional guide, individuals and families share the same Bible reading, prayers, and meditations each day, not only in America, but around the world. The circulation of the English edition alone is believed to be the largest ever achieved by a religious periodical.

The new September-October issue carries meditations written by residents of 31 countries including Princess Wilhelmina, former queen of the Netherlands, and one Chinese who, since he wrote his meditation, has been liquidated by the Communists.

TRAVELOGUES BY ARKANSAS PASTORS

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munism is working; Christianity must work, too.

In The Scandinavian Countries

For several days now we have been in Denmark, Sweden and Norway. I have been delighted with these three countries.

The people are friendly. One has the feeling that he is welcome among the Scandinavians. The people are hopeful. Much of the pessimism and fatalism that one finds in such countries as France, Germany and Austria are not found here. The people are interested in their brothers. One glories in the deep interest revealed in children and old people. Homes are provided for the orphans and for the aged. People possess a sense of security that one doesn't see in many countries. The Scandinavians are lovers of art. Yesterday, while sightseeing in Oslo, we visited Viegeland Park. The park was planned by Mr. Viegeland the great sculptor, who has been considered in the class with Michaelangelo. Norway suffered because of the war. Many things are still needed but art must not be neglected. The Norwegians continue their work in finishing Viegeland Park. I glory in their love and appreciation for art. I wish you could see the Monolith. It is made of one stone and one hundred thirty-two figures are carved in this

one piece of marble. It represents man's struggle for enlightenment and you feel the struggle going on in the lives of the young and old presented in this unusual work of the great artist. I left the park feeling I had been studying philosophy of life in a way that I had never been privileged to study before.

We saw the world's most famous ski jump yesterday. It was a most interesting place. Open-air seats are provided for spectators. Little houses have been built for the royalty. More than 100,000 people visit the ski jump each season. One thing I liked was the little church on top of the hill. The guide said, "The church is for the ski jumpers." I appreciated that close relationship of the sportsmen with the church.

We saw the Viking ships, too. Three of them have been discovered and taken from their graves of blue clay. It seems that the blue clay of Norway has a preservative power. People were buried in wooden huts that were sunk deep in the blue clay. We saw one such elaborate hut in which a king had been buried. It was well preserved to be over 1,000 years old. The Viking ships also date back to the ninth and tenth centuries. Lief Erickson you recall used a Viking ship to find America in the latter part of the eleventh century. As I saw those ships and realized what man had done with them, I realized that in the souls of men there lurked a spirit of adventure that had to express itself.

OBITUARIES

PINKERTON—Dr. Albert Richard Pinkerton, age 76, who was born in Howard County, Arkansas, died at the home of his son, Dr. Raymond E. Pinkerton, on August 18, at Gurdon. He was graduated from Medical School in 1903 and was married the same year to Miss Lenora Stroepe who survives him. He is also survived by two other sons, A. R. Pinkerton, Sanford, Florida, and Roerick H. E. Pinkerton, Forest Hill, Long Island, New York; two daughters, Mrs. Guy Harrington, Little Rock; Mrs. Wynne Cowan, Nashville, Tennessee; one sister, Miss Etta Pinkerton, Athens, Arkansas; seven grandchildren and one great grandchild.

Dr. Pinkerton practiced medicine for forty-seven years, more than forty years of which was at Amity. He was deeply converted in manhood and was a member of the Amity Methodist Church nearly all of his Christian life. He taught the Men's Bible Class in his church for more than thirty years, was a

steward and trustee, serving as chairman many years.

As long as his health would permit he attended all church services, stewards' meetings and prayer meetings. He was very consistent in his family prayers.

Funeral services were held in the Amity Methodist Church by his pastor, Rev. Forney Harvey, and the writer, his former pastor. His body was laid to rest in the Amity cemetery by the side of his firstborn, a son who preceded him in death about forty years.

Dr. Pinkerton's spirit has gone on to glory, and the Amity Methodist Church, he worked so hard to build, continues to point others to the "Lamb of God that taketh away the sins of the world."—C. V. Mashburn.

McGEE—Funeral services for Mrs. Blanton Martin McGee, age 70, who died at 7:10 a. m., September 3rd, at the home of her son, were held at the First Methodist Church at 10 a. m., Tuesday, September 4th, with the pastor, Rev. O. W. Hoover, officiating.

Mrs. McGee was a native of Aurors, Indian Territory, the daughter of Jacob Frank and Mary Josephine Martin, but had lived in this community since early youth. October 15th, 1902, she was married to William Alfred McGee, a prominent planter of this community. He passed away in 1946.

Mrs. McGee was a faithful member of the Methodist Church and taught a Sunday School class as long as her health permitted. Many lives have been enriched by this faithful follower of Christ and her good work will live on in the hearts and lives of her dear ones and many friends, who lovingly called her "Miss Blanton". She was also a member of the Eastern Star.

Mrs. McGee was laid to rest in the Walnut Hill cemetery.

She is survived by one son, Harold C. McGee; two grandchildren, Bill and Nancy McGee of Bradley; one sister, Mrs. Judson Harris of Siloam Springs, Ark.; and a number of nieces and nephews. — Althea A. Hamiter.

Along with this spirit of adventure men developed skills that made glorious achievements possible. Don't we need such a spirit today?

I am enjoying your letters. I wish I could write each one of you. I can't do that but I can carry you in my heart and my prayers are for you.

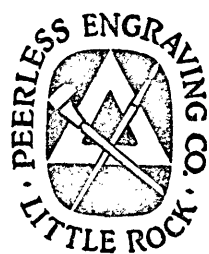
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WHAT IS IT TO BE A WORLD CITIZEN?

LESSON FOR SEPTEMBER 23, 1951

READ THE ENTIRE LESSON FROM YOUR BIBLE:
Isaiah 65:17-25; Acts 17:24-28; Romans 10:12.

GOLDEN TEXT: "Have we not all one father? hath not one God created us?" (Malachi 2:10)

A Look At The Scriptures

This is a very important lesson. Made so by the present conditions of the world. Some of the greatest thinkers of this generation are constantly saying that we will have one world or no world at all. To have one world all must be world citizens. This takes us directly to the theme of the lesson: "WHAT IS IT TO BE A WORLD CITIZEN?" A careful study of the Scripture assigned for this lesson will help to answer this question.

A Glorious Future

Man has always dreamed of a glorious future. A desire for such a future and a faith that it will finally come to pass are so universal that one cannot help but conclude that they were placed in the heart of mankind by his Creator.

All the great prophets of the Old Testament were realists as well as idealists. They spoke very frankly and harshly of the evils that prevailed during the various times in which they lived. They accused the people in general of being in open rebellion against God and insisted that it was their sins that brought suffering upon them. None of these prophets, however, ever ended his message on a short note. They warned that because of the people's sins both Israel and Judah would fall, but they always spoke of a remnant which would experience a glorious future.

We find this idea of a glorious future not in the Bible alone but also in other literature. It is noted in Sir Thomas Moore's "Utopia". This was an imaginary island which had a perfect political and social system. It is also seen in the Philosopher Plato's "Great Republic". It is seen in its greatest form in "The Kingdom of God" as taught by Christ himself.

The first passage of our lesson (Isaiah 65:17-25) looks forward to such a glorious condition. God speaking through the prophet goes on to say, "For, behold, I create new heavens and a new earth." This does not mean that God will create a new planet. The improved conditions upon this earth are to be so great that nothing less than the term "new" is adequate to describe them. It will be this present earth purged of most of its evils. Jerusalem itself is to be the very personification of joy. History shows that no place of like size on earth has suffered so much as has Jerusalem. But that is all to be changed. Weeping is to cease in the Holy City and its sorrow is to be turned into joy unspeakable and full of glory.

Among the many other blessings extended will be that of the lengthening of life. No longer will children die in their infancy, and the death of a sinner at the age of a hundred will be looked upon as a curse. The

idea is that even though the sinner has lived to be a hundred he has shortened his life by his sins as is very often the case today.

Today, people build houses and others live in them. They plant orchards and others eat the fruit. It will not be so during the time of which Isaiah speaks. People will live long lives and will fully enjoy the fruits of their labor. Their lives shall be as the life of a tree. Trees are the oldest living things on earth. It is said that some of the giant redwood trees which still live and flourish on the shores of this continent were great trees when Columbus discovered this land. They are the oldest living things in the world today.

Another great blessing is that of answered prayer. The Lord is to be so prompt in answering prayer that even before people call on him he will answer. He will anticipate their needs and their desires even before they are put into words. He will answer their prayers while they are yet speaking. What a great blessing is answered prayer! All of us look back with joy upon those times when we have been able to get through to the throne of grace and in answer to our prayers God has poured out his blessings upon us. The only way God can answer the petition "Give us this day our daily bread" without performing a miracle is to look ahead in providing a bountiful harvest even before the prayer is offered.

Still another blessing of this wonderful period is the eliminating of disharmony in nature. We are told that flesh-eating animals will choose another type of food. "The wolf and the lamb shall feed together, and the lion shall eat straw like the ox; and dust shall be the serpent's food. They shall not hurt nor destroy in all my holy mountain, saith the Lord."

The greatest blessing of all will be the coming of universal peace. In Isaiah 2:4 we read, "And he shall judge among the nations, and shall rebuke many people: and they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruninghooks: and they shall not lift up swords against nation, neither shall they learn war anymore."

"It will be noted that this is all to take place in the future. We do not have harmony in nature today, neither do we have peace and goodwill among men. We trust that we are moving in this direction. Many are praying that the United Nations organization may finally bring about universal peace. Some feel that this condition will be reached by the process of slow development and growth. Some feel that human beings filled by the power of God and led by his Spirit will finally bring these conditions about. They contend that in spite of occasional

moral slumps, like the one we are in today, the general trend of the world is toward the good. They admit that there is everything but universal peace in the world today, but they point to the fact that there is a greater feeling against war and the things that cause war now than ever before. They argue that this force will finally assert itself to the betterment of the world.

Another group feels that the world is going from bad to worse. They feel that Spirit-filled humanity will never be able to turn the tide. They pin their hope on the visible return of the Lord at which time he will set in judgement on the world. They tell us that the evil will be destroyed, the righteous will reign with Christ and universal peace will come to the world. Christ felt that Spirit-filled humanity was going to be a great force for righteousness. Just a while before his departure he said to his disciples, "The works that I do shall ye do also and greater works than these shall ye do because I go unto my Father." It will be remembered that when he went to the Father the Holy Spirit was poured out on the disciples. We might make a terrible mistake in waiting for the Lord to return in visible form to do a work that he intends for us to do, as we are filled with the Spirit. To say the least, all expect this glorious future. The argument is over the method by which it is to come about and not over the fact of its coming. Without doubt, the committee that selected the Scriptures for our lesson, feels that universal peace can be brought about through world citizenship. At least the terrible sin of narrow nationalism is our greatest deterrent to peace just now.

Fatherhood Of God And Brotherhood Of Man

The next passage (Acts 17:24-28) makes quite an addition to the idea of world citizenship. The first part of the passage calls attention to the fact that God is the Creator of all things. He is Lord of both heaven and earth. As such, he is a Spiritual Being and dwells not in temples made with hands. The next statement in the passage: "Neither is he worshipped with men's hands" refers to the making of idols and setting them up as objects of worship. It is a mistake for men to worship objects of their own creation. Paul then insisted that God is the giver of life. Through invention and discovery men have learned to do many things. We hear a great deal said of modern miracles which are wrought by the hands of men, but there is one thing that men have never been able to do and that is to give life. God alone is the life-giver and the source of all life.

The next verse of the passage, is the one that caused it to be selected as a background for our theme: "He made from one every nation of men to live on the face of the earth." The Authorized Version has it "one blood". Either translation shows that Paul is referring to the unity of the human race. We speak of many races of men but in the true sense there is but one race. There are various branches of the human race—white, black, brown, red, and yellow—but all came originally from the same source. The Apostle speaks of "the bounds of their habitation". Where people have lived, the climatic conditions, the efforts they have put forth to earn a livelihood, and the various foods they have consumed have largely determined their complexion as well as other differences which

appear between the branches of the human race. This idea is in keeping with modern science. It is also in keeping with the Bible, for the Bible gives the account of the creation of one man and one woman—Adam and Eve—from whom all people on the earth came. Eddy Guest was right when he said, "Under the skin we are brothers all." A recognition of this fact and a faithful practice of what it implies will go a long way toward the establishment of world citizenship, which is absolutely necessary to the building of a peaceful world.

Paul then proceeds to give a direct quotation: "For we are also his offspring." He reminds his hearers that he is quoting from one of their own poets. The name of this poet was Artus. He was a native of Tarsus and was born in 270 B. C. It will be remembered that Paul also was a native of Tarsus. This quotation carries us back to the fact that all people came from God. All are his offspring. All are his children by creation. Since man belongs to a fallen race it is necessary to be his children also by redemption. Many have not attained to this status. Many prefer to call unredeemed people mere creatures of God, but such cannot be the case. That is the status of the lower animals. Surely even an unredeemed human does not belong in that class. All human beings both saved and unsaved have a spark of the Divine within them. It is true that Christ spoke of the unredeemed as children of the devil, but he also called them prodigal sons of God. To say the least, all are children of God by creation and that makes all men everywhere brothers. If this fact be true, world citizenship and world peace should not be impossibilities.

Need of World Citizenship

The number one need of our day is world citizenship. Improved means of transportation and communication have transformed the world into one great neighborhood. Some years ago a man was making a flight in an airplane. He passed quickly over thousands of miles of territory. He thought of the different types of people beneath him as he passed from country to country. He felt as never before that somehow these people had to be brought together on a basis of common sympathy and understanding, since one could so rapidly travel across the entire world.

Not only has the world made progress in modes of transportation and communication, but also in means of destruction. We have reached a point when war would be almost racial suicide. The best thinkers of the world are now feeling that international peace and goodwill must soon cover the earth, or soon the destruction of the human race will take place. Men everywhere have their choice: there must be one world or no world.

In addition to these other matters we must spread the American-Know-How to the ends of the earth. We can not keep our own high standard of living without helping to lift the standard of the world. The Spirit of the living Christ is leading us in this direction.

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