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"The World is My Parish" — John Wesley

all the world — Mark 16:15

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Better Be Talking Than Shooting

THE communists have responded favorably to General Ridgeway's suggestion that they select a neutral place for the resuming of cease fire talks. They have suggested that the negotiations be resumed at Panmunjon, six miles east of Kaesong. General Ridgeway has accepted the proposal and it is expected that negotiations will be resumed soon.

This prospective resumption of negotiations does not necessarily mean that the Reds are ready to come to definite agreements soon. We have learned long ago that we cannot anticipate their ultimate objectives. With this, however, we would all agree—it is better to be talking than shooting. While negotiations were in progress before, fighting almost came to a standstill. Let us hope it will happen again. We should not forget every hill in Korea, where there has been fighting, is a Heart-break Ridge for those engaged in battle and for their loved ones at home. So long as the Reds are willing to substitute words for war we are for it.

Reactivating The Inactive

THE Arkansas-Louisiana Area in its United Evangelistic Mission program of this conference year is now giving attention during these final weeks of the Period of Preparation to reactivating the inactive members of the membership rolls of the local churches in this Area. If there is doubt in anyone's mind as to the need for this emphasis, a study of the 1951 Annual Conference Journals of the Area's three Conferences will show as far as numbers are concerned there are plenty of prospects. The following table may help to impress upon the reader's mind the magnitude of the problem:

	Active Members	Inactive Members	Total
Little Rock Conf.	67,610	23,618	91,228
Louisiana Conf.	85,904	22,366	108,270
North Ark. Conf.	71,195	27,005	98,200
Area Total	224,709	72,989	297,698

A further study of the Conference Journals reveals that while there is some comparative relation among the Conferences as to the relative percentage of active members and inactive members to the total membership of the conferences and Area, the same proportions do not run true in comparing one pastoral charge with another. Some charges report a large percentage of inactive members while others report comparatively few, but scarcely a charge reports no inactive members. All of which is to say the records show that there are many inactive members of The Methodist Church in the Arkansas-Louisiana Area, a great many more than many of us would like to admit.

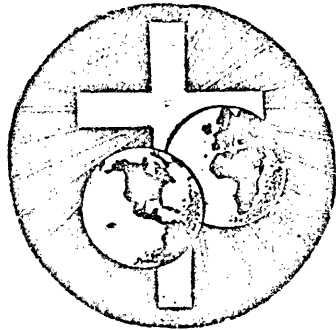
But to go a step further, the records in the Conference Journals do not tell the whole story. There are members in every pastoral charge who are reported as active members who for many practical purposes such as attendance, participation in the program of the church, financial support, etc., are really among the inactives. Many of the inactive members reported in the Conference Journals actually reside in other communities, but there are so-called active members who may live within the very shadow of the church where their membership is recorded and still be inactive as far as any real relation to the life of the church is concerned. The calloused indifference of these inactive "active" members is oftentimes enough to drive

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"Our Mission"

IT is quite logical and proper that the study of Our Mission comes as a climax in *The Preaching and Teaching Endeavor in The Advance for Christ program*. The three matters we have studied, *Our Faith, Our Church, and Our Ministry* are but a background and preparation to enable us, as Methodists, to fulfill Our Mission.

Of this we may be sure, Methodism has a mission. It is that fact which gives value, meaning and urgency to all else we do. In any study of Our Faith we are made to realize that faith in the great verities and realities of our religion is not an end in itself. We cannot think of vital faith apart from what such a faith would have us do in the Master's service. We cannot possess a great faith without, at the same time, being possessed by a sense of mission as a result of that faith. Any



study of Our Faith makes us more conscious of Our Mission.

We spent four months in the study of *Our Church*. Any informed Christian knows that Our Church does not exist simply for the benefit of its members. The Church is not an Ark into which we may retreat for safety in the world's storms. Rather it is a lifeboat which puts out in the face of the storm, well-manned by capable, consecrated workers, in an endeavor to save people who are in danger on life's sea. The Church is an organized effort to do good. It is a well-fortified base of operation from which the armies of the Lord move out to conquer the world "For Christ and His Church." A Church that is not possessed with the consciousness of a mission has, in the real sense of the word, ceased to be a church.

In June of this year we completed a five-months' study of *Our Ministry*. Every truly, called-of-God minister knows that, in the beginning of his ministry, one feeling that possessed him with a consuming zeal was the thought he was being sent on a life-long mission for the Master. So long as he is able to serve, the urgency of that call should be kept fresh in his mind and the importance of his mission be more real with each passing day. Any minister who has lost his sense of mission, if he continues his work at all, must go on as a frustrated, disillusioned time-server.

All of this is to say that, in the study of *Our Mission*, we face the ultimate objective of all else Methodism does. If we keep *Our Mission* in mind, we will better understand the importance of the various activities of our Church.

Expanding Idea Of Evangelism

ONE of the marvelous results of the Area United Evangelistic Mission is the expanding idea of Evangelism in the minds of many of the pastors and, especially, laymen. There was a time, within the memories of most of us, when Evangelism was a matter which was dealt with in a special period of emphasis during the Church year, usually a couple of weeks during the summer time and perhaps a few days during the Easter season. Evangelistic services were held at these special seasons, members were received, and in many instances it was business as usual when the season was past—that is until the next period of evangelistic emphasis was at hand.

Evangelism, like the term Christian Education, is coming to mean much more than a period of a particular kind of special emphasis. Evangelism represents that special concern that an individual soul be brought into a right and continuous relation with God through Christ. Evangelism in action has come to mean a number of techniques, each representing a means whereby a person or persons under the direction of the Holy Spirit seeks to lead other persons to an acceptance of Christ and a declaration of an intent to live a Christlike life. This concern and these techniques are becoming a continuous on-going process in many of our Churches as the newer idea of Evangelism expands in our minds. This may mark the beginning of a new day of vigorous activity on the local church level that will spell the difference between success and failure in the advance of the Kingdom in many areas.

Certainly in the Area United Evangelistic Mission there is found a striking example of the expanding idea of evangelism. It attempts a campaign of evangelism on an expanding scale without precedent in this area, using the newer, effective methods. Methodism believes in an expanding horizon of evangelism and seeks ever a better way.

World Order Day

ON page two of this issue of our paper is found the annual World Order Day message of The National Council of Churches of Christ in the United States. All of our people should read this message carefully.

World Order Day, as planned by The National Council will be observed this year on Sunday, October 21, the opening day of United Nations Week, and three days before United Nations Day, October 24. United Nations Day is observed on a world-wide basis since by that date, in 1946, enough nations had ratified the UN charter to bring it into effect.

The Federal Council of Churches, which is now one of the twenty-nine major organizations which make up The National Council of Churches, originated the observance of World Order Day in 1944. Since 1945 it has been observed on or near the anniversary of the establishment of the United Nations.

Our prayers and our sincere cooperation should help to make World Order Day meaningful. Today, as the world sits on the rumbling, smouldering volcano of war there is a real danger that the volcano may erupt and engulf the world in suicidal war. We face the alternative of world order or world chaos. We cannot continue indefinitely to walk a tight-rope between war and peace. Unless the present world tension is eased there is a possibility and even a prob-

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WORLD ORDER DAY MESSAGE

October 21, 1951

The National Council of The Churches of Christ In The U. S. A.

The National Council of the Churches of Christ in the U. S. A. calls upon the people of its member communions to observe Sunday, October 21, 1951, as World Order Day. On this day let prayer be offered that under the guidance of the Holy Spirit the conditions of a just peace may soon be established. Let Christians purpose in their hearts to labor for the eventual creation of a world community under law.

We recognize the continuing grave crisis by which the nations are beset. Yet we who acknowledge the governance of God in the affairs of men are not in despair. Man is not doomed to destruction unless by his own misconduct he destroys himself. The hour is late, but not too late for him to mend his ways, and to do those things which will resolve the tensions by which the peace is imperilled. It is yet possible to achieve an international order in which justice and the reign of law shall prevail.

The churches observe World Order Sunday during the period when, in our own and other lands, there is celebrated the sixth anniversary of the establishment of the United Nations. It is our earnest hope that the people of our churches will support the United Nations with their prayers and their allegiance. The United Nations has only begun to achieve the ends envisaged in its Charter. It has been unable thus far to reach an agreement on the international control of atomic energy, and on the regulation and reduction of armaments. The inability of the United Nations thus far to bridge the chasm between Russia and the West has engendered in many minds a mood of frustration.

However, when viewed in the perspective of our times, the United Nations has not failed. Against great odds, and unforeseeable difficulties, the United Nations adheres steadfastly to its purpose "to save succeeding generations from the scourge of war." The United Nations helped still the guns of conflict in Palestine, Kashmir, and Indonesia. Its pressure has been felt in many other areas of political disorder where, but for the processes of conciliation, large-scale hostilities might have broken out. It has sought to restrain aggression in and against Korea. It has launched a program of technical assistance to underdeveloped areas. It has provided succor and protection for refugees and displaced persons. It has fed millions of hungry children. It has exercised supervision over the eleven territories which have been placed under the Trusteeship System. It has assisted subject peoples in their quest for self-government. It has approved a Universal Declaration of Human Rights and is now negotiating a Covenant on Human Rights. It has submitted to member states a Convention on Genocide. It has exercised its influence in support of religious freedom. Through its Specialized Agencies, the United Nations has worked for the improvement of social and economic conditions throughout the world.

In this hour of peril the Churches
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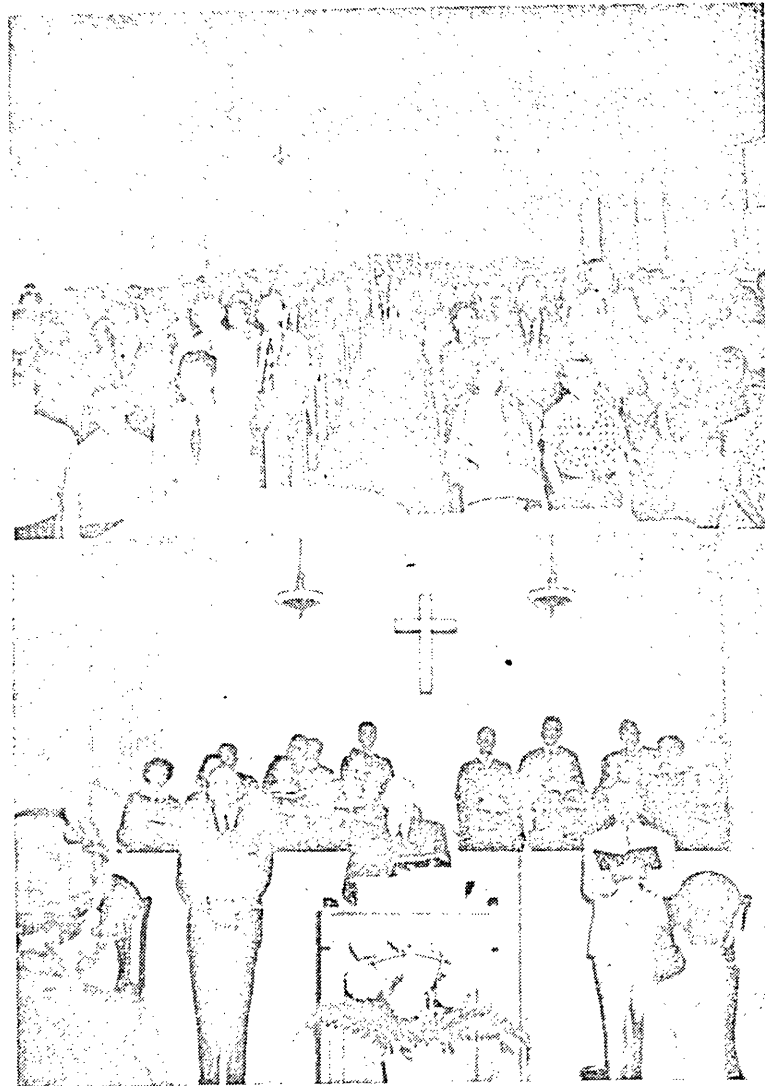
DeQUEEN OPENS NEW SANCTUARY

ON Sunday, September 16th, the lovely new sanctuary of the new First Methodist at DeQueen was officially opened for all regular worship services. Valued at \$200,000 it is one of the most beautiful churches in the entire Little Rock Conference. Worship services had been conducted in the large fellowship hall in the educational plant during the past six months, while the new sanctuary was being completed.

All former pastors, district superintendents and members, now living elsewhere, were given special invitations to attend the special opening services. They came from Dallas and other points in Texas; from Texarkana, Little Rock, Hot Springs, Hope, Malvern, El Dorado, Stuttgart, Mena, and from other nearby communities. At 9:30 in the morning Judge Percy Steel, of Texarkana, delivered the address to the entire adult division of the church school in fellowship hall. At 10:30 Mrs. Fay Park gave an organ recital. At 10:45 the worship service in charge of the pastor was started, when Rev. A. J. Christie, former superintendent of the Texarkana District, and now pastor of the Grand Avenue church in Stuttgart, delivered a timely message on: "The Glory and Mission of the Church." At 12:30 a basket dinner was served by the women of the church to more than three hundred and fifty people. Then at six in the evening more than one hundred and fifty people again returned for the fellowship and food. At that evening worship service the pastor conducted a beautiful candle-light communion service. The First Baptist Church at DeQueen dismissed their eleven o'clock service to worship with us. People from other churches also came. Lovely flowers were sent to our services by other churches and many individuals. It was a day never to be forgotten in the history of this great church.

Special useful and valuable gifts for the advancement of our church program have been made as follows:

- A chancel rail, by Mrs. W. T. Lyon, in memory of Mr. Lyon.
- A large refrigerator, by Mrs. W. T. Lamb and son, Paul.
- An electric range, Mr and Mrs. O. B. Pullen.
- An electric cross, by Mrs. Roy Williamson and family.




TOP: View of congregation and New Sanctuary of the First Methodist Church, DeQueen, at opening service of worship, September 16.

BOTTOM: Rev. A. J. Christie, pastor of the Grand Avenue Methodist Church and former District Superintendent, Texarkana District, was the guest preacher at the opening service of worship. Brother Christie is shown on the left. The pastor, Rev. John L. Tucker, is at the pulpit, and a lay official of the church is shown on the right.

- A large desk for pastor's study, by Mrs. C. E. Kitchens.
- Cornerstone, by Wilkerson's Monument Company.
- Metal box, for Cornerstone, by Floyd Gardner.
- A Piano, for Youth Department, by Mrs. Bettie Latimer.
- Built-in-cabinet and mirror, by Hayes Hardware.
- A pew, by A. O. Williams, Jr., for his parents.
- A pew, by A. J. Rogers family,

- for Mr. and Mrs. I. P. Rogers.
- A pew, by Evan Moon, in memory of his father, Mr. D. E. Moon.
- On Wednesday, September 19th, some two hundred youth, their pastors and counselors, from over the Hope District, were entertained in this church. The Hope District Conference is to be held here on December 13th. We invite all former pastors and members to come and be with us. — John L. Tucker, Pastor.



From The Gujarat Annual Conference
Arkansas Methodism's Advance Responsibility
In India

By Rev. Lester Finley
Field Correspondent

Kathlal Centre

After some months of less activity than we have wanted, life at the centre is taking a new spirit. Children who have been absent doing field work, harvesting peanuts, weeding, etc., are coming back to school.

On February 15, the centre is having a Play Day to which the third and fourth standard children from five of our village schools nearby are to be invited. There will be games, contests, competition among the girls in dancing garbas

(folk dances). In the afternoon there will be a sale of handmade clothing, bags, toys and pictures which will interest any parents who may come with the children and the local village people. The proceeds will go toward some major item the people desire to have in the centre.

Starting this week, we are trying to keep one evening weekly for showing filmstrips and slides. Some on farming, poultry raising, general information and closing with something from the Life of Christ.

We pray that Christian influence from this centre may extend

through the surrounding neighborhood, and that the local people may grow in responsiveness.—E. Fairbanks, Village Education Service.

Kapadanj-Village Education Service

During the annual village school examinations this year, the following question was asked the fourth standard children: "Where do people gather for worship?" One bright boy answered, "A good verandah." That was a true answer.

A good verandah is the only church and the only school that many children ever know. The cowdung floor is swept clean and pictures and charts are hung on the walls. On special occasions strings of colored tissue paper designs are strung across the verandah to lend an air of festivity.

If the village is so fortunate as to have a church, then it is also used for the school during the week. In four villages out of fourteen
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THE DEVOTIONAL PAGE

REV. ROY I. BAGLEY, Editor

FROM THE BOOKSHELF

The great outward crisis of this (Martin Luther's) life which bedazzled the eyes of the dramatic biographers were to Luther himself trivial in comparison with the inner upheavals of his questing for God . . .

Luther himself repeatedly averred that he believed himself to have been summoned by a call from heaven to which he could not be disobedient . . .

The contemplation of the cross had convinced Luther that God is neither malicious nor capricious . . .

Faith is not an achievement. It is a gift . . .

To assert that the pope can deliver souls from purgatory is audacious . . .

The saints have no extra credits. Every saint is bound to love God to the utmost . . .

The repudiation of ordination as a sacrament demolished the caste system of clericalism and provided a sound basis for the priesthood of all believers, since according to Luther ordination is simply a rite of the church by which a minister is installed to discharge a particular office . . .

Luther was not concerned to philosophize about the structure of Church and State; his insistence was simply that every man must answer for himself to God . . .

from *HERE I STAND* by Roland H. Bainton

BUY WHAT YOU WANT

Scripture: Proverbs 23:17-26

Verse for today: *Buy the truth, and sell it not; also wisdom, and instruction, and understanding.* Prov. 23:23

I knew a little boy who had fifty cents. He thought he knew what he wanted. He wanted a change purse. He bought one for twenty-five cents. Then he saw an advertisement of a pocketknife, and decided he must have one. So with his remaining twenty-five cents he bought a pocketknife. And then, to his dismay, he found he had no use for his purse, for he had spent all his change. In an effort to put this right, he tried to sell his knife, but all he could get for it was ten cents. He lost in the transaction; he had not carefully considered his purchases before he made them.

Magazines, newspapers, and the radio are very persuasive in their suggestion that the products they advertise will supply everything you want. To the young person who desires poise, good fellowship, and happiness, they say, "This product will give you just what you need—you can buy what you want." And often it requires training and strength of character to resist these appeals.

We recall the wisdom in the words of Paul, written to the Christians of the early church, "Prove all things; hold fast that which is good." Then let us so instruct our children and young people.

Prayer: Our Father, we thank

A Song for Comfort

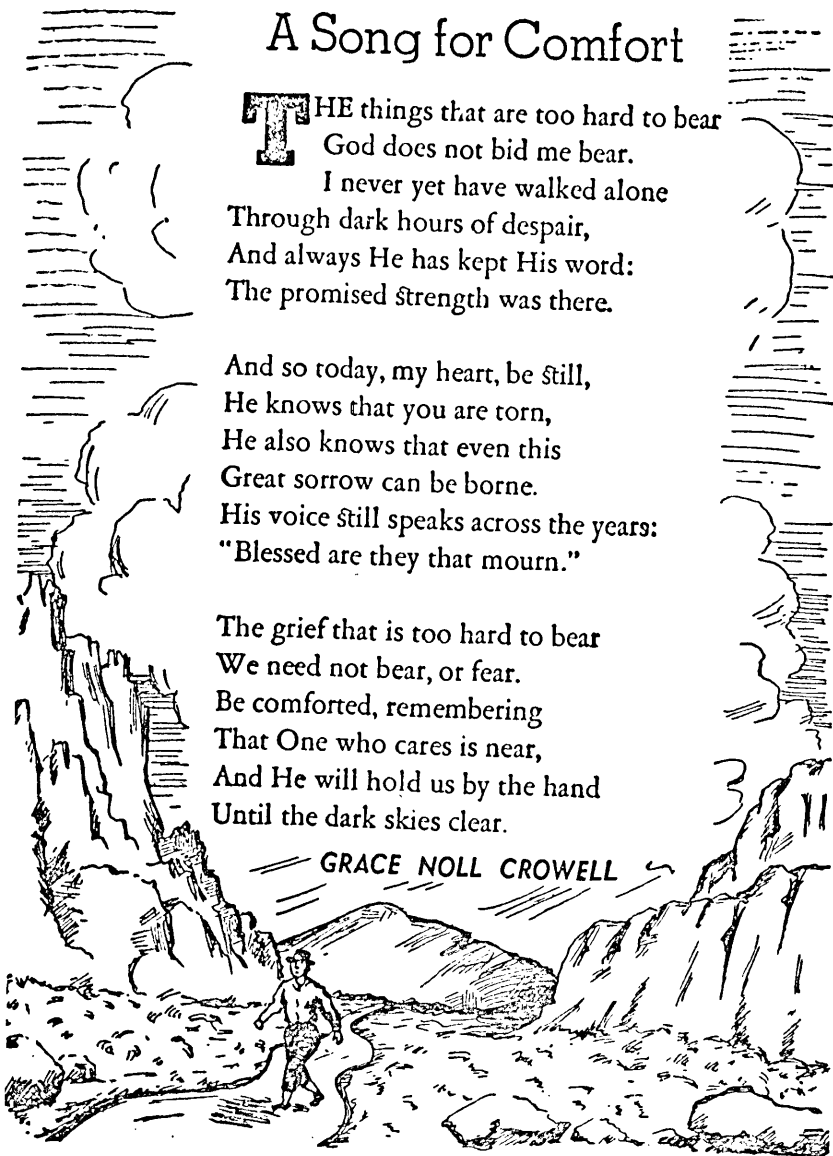
THE things that are too hard to bear
God does not bid me bear.

I never yet have walked alone
Through dark hours of despair,
And always He has kept His word:
The promised strength was there.

And so today, my heart, be still,
He knows that you are torn,
He also knows that even this
Great sorrow can be borne.
His voice still speaks across the years:
"Blessed are they that mourn."

The grief that is too hard to bear
We need not bear, or fear.
Be comforted, remembering
That One who cares is near,
And He will hold us by the hand
Until the dark skies clear.

GRACE NOLL CROWELL



IT DOES MAKE A DIFFERENCE

TEXT: "Beloved, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits to see whether they are of God; for many false prophets have gone out into the world." (I John 4:1)

YOU have heard it said, "It doesn't make any difference what you believe so long as you are sincere". Now sincerity of spirit is to be praised, but must never become the only mark of a devoted Christian. Apply this principle in the field of medicine and you will see how foolish it really is. If you need a doctor you not only want one who is sincere of purpose but you want him to be as well informed as possible. If he isn't then you immediately begin to look for another doctor. Why then, in our religious life do we feel secure in trying to apply a principle that will not work in any other field of activity?

One of the reasons for following this principle is that the result of our foolishness is not too immediate. In our physical life the results are sometimes sudden and tragic. Because the results of our belief are delayed sometimes we become

thee for the whole truth revealed in our Bible, and taught in our homes and churches. Help us to cherish it and apply our hearts to thy wisdom, according to the teaching of Jesus. In his name. Amen.—Marion O. Wheaton — *The Secret Place.*

presumptuous on God's mercy and our progress in Christian growth is halted. There is no refuge in ignorance.

We are not called to be great theologians nor philosophers, but, we are called to live according to the best we know and to strive to become better informed each day. Every Christian has this privilege extended to him for Jesus has promised, "Anyone who resolves to do His will will know whether my teaching comes from God or originates with me." When the early Christians were disturbed by conflicting doctrines John encourages them to dig deeper into their beliefs. Put your belief to the test, it will stand it, was his challenge to them. In mortal conflict the purity of Christian belief shines brightest. Is not this a sign for Christians to follow today as we come to grips with anti-Christian forces? The struggle today is in the ideas which control the lives of men. A lackadaisical attitude will not withstand the onslaught of rabid materialism and atheistic communism.

John insists that Christians must believe in Jesus Christ, "You can tell the Spirit of God in this way: All inspiration that acknowledges that Jesus Christ has come in hu-

PRAYER FOR THE WEEK

O God our Father, thou hast promised to hear thy children when they pray to thee. Help us now to pray; teach us what to ask for; help us to mean what we say, to love thee more, and to love the people from whom we pray; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

—The Book of Worship

man form comes from God, and any inspired utterance that does not acknowledge Jesus does not come from God; it is the inspiration of the Anti-Christ". (I John 4:2)

Jesus lived at a definite time in history. He overcame sin, death, and the grave and lives victoriously forever, is the declaration of our faith. Our faith must be founded upon a definite belief not only in, but also about Jesus Christ for us to be Christian. Our faith cannot be founded upon an illusion or a mythical figure, but upon a historical character who revealed God the Father unto us in a more complete way than the world has ever known.

Moreover, Christians believe there is a way to discover what is right and wrong. The standard of judgment will not be mere social sanction for this could result in just a status quo. Christians in the light of the life and counsel of Jesus Christ discover truth. Too often the standard of our society has been the determining factor in our conduct. Society has been wrong many times and truth has had to struggle upward through the crust of ignorance, prejudice, and indifference.

The judgment on every action may not be found in the printed pages of the Bible. But the Spirit and principle will be found there which will be "a lamp to our feet and a light on our path."

Most of our trouble is not in our "not knowing" what is right or wrong, but a question of "not doing" what we already know is right. A firm conviction that there is a "Word of God" to guide us in our quest for right is basic for our Christian lives.

Then Christians must believe in the invincible power of love. John in this First Epistle, gives a clear statement concerning Christian love — "love attains perfection in us—there is no fear in love, but perfect love drives out fear."

Christian love is not a weak sentimental emotion, but a transforming power that supplants evil with good and builds Christ-like character. It is not a love that condones evil but demands inward purity.

Christian love is victorious in the individual's life. If you don't believe it, start now seeking love as an attitude of mind instead of hate and suspicion; you will be surprised. This experiment will convince the most skeptical of the power of love. Immoral and profane thoughts have a terrible time trying to gain a foothold on the mind that is set on refining love.

Further, a firm conviction in the invincibility of love purifies our human relationship. Accept love as the principle that will control our attitude toward others and suspicion, gossip, and ill-will will die

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A WEEKLY MESSAGE

By FORNEY HUTCHINSON

A MISTAKEN CONCEPTION

During my stay in Little Rock as pastor of the First Methodist Church one of my devoted friends and loyal members was Mrs. Frank Tillar. She was connected with a wealthy Arkansas family. Near Pine Bluff there is a prosperous town by the name of Tillar, named for this family. After coming to Little Rock they were loyal members and strong supporters of the First Methodist Church. Mrs. Tillar lived in the home of one of her daughters, and for one of her age was active in the work of the Master. She gave me a warm welcome and I found in her a devoted friend. Everybody loved Mrs. Tillar and believed in her religion.

Ordinarily, she was in her place at the church, but one Sunday morning I missed her. The next day I called to see her and to inquire the cause of her absence. I found her upstairs in her room. After a few introductory remarks, I said, "Sister Tillar, I missed you at church yesterday and was afraid that you were ill." She seemed a little confused at first and said, "Yes, I missed church yesterday. I thought I was sick and wasn't able to go. I was sitting here at church time, watching a downpour of rain. All of a sudden the lightning flashed and struck that tree just outside of my window. The bark and leaves flew against the house and created quite a little disturbance. I said, 'That's all right, Lord. You don't have to strike me with lightning to get me to see the point.'" She said, "I'll be there next Sunday and hereafter you can depend on me, Brother Hutchinson. I think I got my lesson and will certainly take the hint." From then on, until I left First Church, she was regularly in her place. She was mistaken in her theology, but correct in her intentions.

Her experience taught me a lesson, also. If we are faithful to the Lord, He will take care of us. If we neglect our duty on slight provocation, we cannot depend on His help in time of need. May God bless Mother Tillar's descendants and friends, and may they be faithful to Him even when the clouds arise and the rain pours! I thank God for her memory.

BISHOP PAUL E. MARTIN will dedicate the educational building at the First Methodist Church, Monroe, Louisiana, on Sunday morning, October 28, and the youth building of the First Methodist Church, West Monroe, that evening. He will dedicate the student building of The Wesley Foundation, Northeast College, in the afternoon at 4:00 p. m.

NEWS AND NOTES ABOUT FACTS AND FOLKS

MRS. JOHN L. WILLIAMS of Bunkie, Louisiana, a long-time member of the First Methodist Church, passed away on October 5.

LAY SPEAKERS at the Union Grove Church near Jonesboro, on Sunday, October 7, were Judge Foster Clarke and John Slaughter.

REV. T. T. McNEAL, director of the Arkansas Methodist Children's Home, Little Rock, was guest preacher at the First Methodist Church, West Memphis, at 7:30 p. m., Sunday, October 4.

DR. H. L. JOHNS, District Superintendent, New Orleans District, announces that on September 30 a new Methodist Church was organized in St. Bernard Parish with twenty-three charter members.

MISS LOLA FEATHERSTON, Hendrix College graduate who worked with the North Arkansas Conference Town and Country Commission this summer, is doing graduate work at Emory University.

A gift of a "Talk-A-Phone" has been given to the church at Atkins by Paul Hurst to be used between the parsonage and the church study.

REV. W. C. LEWIS, pastor of the Mena Circuit, writes: "An impressive service was held when the ground was broken at 9:00 a. m., Friday, October 5, for the erection of a new parsonage on the Mena Circuit."

THE BOARD OF EDUCATION of the Huntington Avenue Methodist Church, Jonesboro, has elected the following officers for the year: Chairman, I. L. Horton; Vice-chairman, Rodney Thrasher; Secretary, Walter Lindley.

THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE of the Little Rock District Wesleyan Service Guilds will meet at the home of the district secretary, Mrs. E. W. Masters, 1404 Welch Street, Little Rock, on Sunday, October 14, at 3:00 p. m.

REV. V. EARL COPEL, faculty member at Hendrix College and minister of music at Pulaski Heights Methodist Church, Little Rock, conducted a two-day choir clinic, beginning on October 8 at the Methodist Church in Berryville.

A sign has been erected on the highway at Nettleton, directing the people to the Methodist Church. Mr. and Mrs. Jewell Robbs paid for the cost of having the sign made. Tom Pardew furnished the pipe for the post, and Walter Wood and John Moore erected the sign. Rev. Clyde E. Crozier is pastor.

THE sympathy of friends goes out to Rev. George W. Warren, pastor of the Hampton Methodist Church in the death of his father in D'Lo, Mississippi, at the age of 83 years. Mr. Warren was a life-long member of the Methodist Church and was a long-time member of the Official Board.

MISS ELIZABETH THOMPSON of Houma, Louisiana, Rural Worker for the Board of Education and the Woman's Society of Christian Service, spoke to the Workers' Conference on Wednesday evening during Christian Education Week at the First Methodist Church, Bunkie, Louisiana.

ALTAIR PIECES, used for the first time on Sunday, October 7, at the First Methodist Church, Alexandria, Louisiana, were given in memory of Captain James N. Ferguson by Mrs. J. N. Ferguson and sons, Harry and James Ferguson. Rev. Virgil D. Morris is pastor of First Church.

DR. A. W. MARTIN, member of the North Arkansas Conference and Professor of Church Administration, Perkins School of Theology, Southern Methodist University, will be one of the instructors at the Mississippi Conference Pastors' School, Seashore Assembly, Biloxi, Mississippi, October 15-19. Dr. Martin will teach the course "The Church and Rural Welfare".

ON Sunday, September 30, Rev. W. W. Allbright of Moorefield, baptized his great-granddaughter, Karen Kylene Allbright, in the Marked Tree Methodist Church. Brother Allbright preached at the 11:00 o'clock hour for the pastor, Rev. Paul Bumpers. He was pastor of the Marked Tree Church for four years, 1923-1927.

AWARDS for perfect attendance in the Church School at The Methodist Church, Bunkie, Louisiana, have been given to John Pierce for a perfect attendance record over a period of three years; to Mrs. Robert Harper, Mrs. C. C. Presser and Donna Tebow for a perfect attendance record over a period of two years and to Mrs. J. O. LaPrairie and Frances Cochran for a period of one year. Rev. W. L. Doss, Jr., is pastor.

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BISHOP DAWSON SUFFERS HEART ATTACK

Bishop Dana Dawson, Kansas-Nebraska Area, was stricken with a heart attack Friday, September 28, at Salina, Kansas, where he was attending pre-conference meetings prior to the meeting of the Kansas Annual Conference. Bishop Dawson was removed to a Salina Hospital where he will remain for several days, after which he will be returned to his home in Topeka, Kansas, for rest and recovery. Latest reports indicate that his condition is somewhat improved and it is felt that he will make a complete recovery. Bishop W. C. Martin, Dallas-Fort Worth Area, held the Kansas Conference October 2-6, in Bishop Dawson's absence. Bishop Martin was formerly the presiding Bishop of the Kansas-Nebraska Area.

Bishop Dawson was elected and consecrated a Bishop in 1948 at the quadrennial meeting of the South Central Jurisdiction at El Paso and has been serving the Kansas-Nebraska Area since that time. He and Mrs. Dawson recently returned from a tour of Africa representing the Council of Bishops in reviewing Methodist missionary work there.

WORLD ORDER DAY

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ability that someone will grow weary or careless and do something that will light the fires of a war too terrible to imagine.

This threat adds to the vital importance of World Order Day and should give momentum to an earnest search for a way to world peace and world order. Despite the evidence of its points of weakness, the United Nations holds in its powers the most promising hope for world peace. But for the United Nations, as a forum in which the conflicting minds of the world could have their say, it is almost certain that war would now be a reality instead of a threat. It is the world's balance wheel and needs and deserves the unqualified support of all peace loving people. This appeal from The National Council of Churches should find a ready response from all America.

REACTIVATING THE INACTIVE

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the pastor to distraction. They have tasted of the bread of heaven, enjoyed it for a season, and then seem content to commit spiritual suicide by simply being inactive.

Yet, the Church can and must reactivate them. They must be brought back, loved back, invited back, worked back, encouraged back. They must be dealt with individually, their particular need discovered and ministered to. For the sake of everyone concerned the inactive members should be led to the place where once again they know the joys of salvation. The starting place of a real live program of evangelism in each local Church could well be a wholesale reclamation of the inactives. And this is not the job alone of pastor or the Membership or Evangelism Committee. Every active member has a stake in this task.

CURRENT NEWS IN THE RELIGIOUS WORLD

Selected from Religious News Service Releases

Methodists Get Plea On Clergy Shortage

A plea that Methodists take steps to head off a critical shortage of qualified ministers was sounded by district superintendents at the 115th annual session of the New Jersey Methodist Conference at Ocean City, N. J. The superintendents' composite report, presented by the Rev. Herbert J. Smith, of the New Brunswick district, offered a three-point program. They recommended further increases in salaries paid the clergy to keep pace with rising living costs; stronger efforts by church people to influence young men to enter the ministry; and more generous financial support of church-related schools and seminaries. "Methodism needs 1,200 new pastors each year if our 42,000 churches are to receive the leadership they demand," the superintendents said. "Many are lost each year by death, withdrawal and retirement. The average number of men annually received on trial for recent years is 500. This means an approximate shortage of 700 men a year."

Methodists Give 16 Millions

American Methodists gave \$16,138,245 in the last fiscal year for the denomination's program of general benevolences, foreign and home missions and evangelism, it was reported in Chicago at the annual meeting of the Methodist World Service and Finance Commission. Bishop Clare Purcell, of Birmingham, Ala., commission chairman, presided at the meeting, which was attended by top executives of the church.

Musical Evangelist To Make Films

Homer Rodeheaver, 71-year-old musical evangelist, arrived in Hollywood from his home at Winona Lake, Ind., to appear in a series of "song leader" sound films that will be made with a background choir. They will be shown in small communities that lack trained religious singers. For these films, Mr. Rodeheaver will draw from a stockpile of 15,000 gospel songs.

Principal Rescinds Order On Lord's Prayer

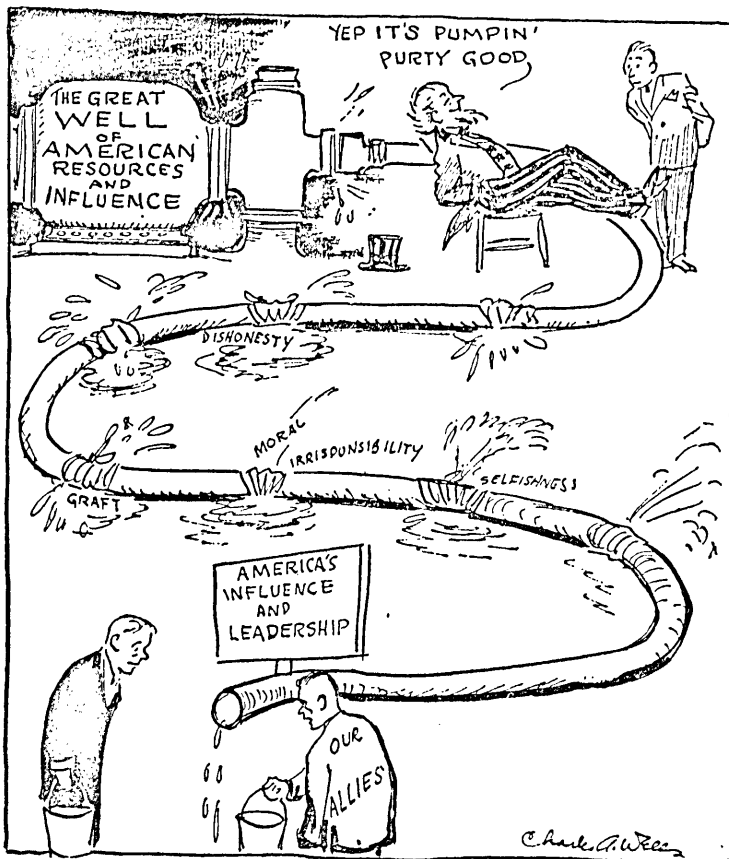
After meeting with local Protestant and Roman Catholic leaders, Joseph Guerrier, supervising principal of Harrison Township schools, in Pennsylvania, revoked an order he had issued prohibiting children from reciting the Lord's Prayer in classrooms. The order had provided that silent prayer be substituted for the oral recitation, following the reading of the Bible. An immediate protest was voiced by patrons of the schools and was followed by conferences between Protestant and Catholic clergymen and laymen. The children recite the prayer in the form prescribed by their own faiths.

Priest Fined For Interfering With Baptist's Mail

Father J. Alfred Roy, parish priest of Ste. Germaine Boule, Que., was fined \$100 on a charge of interfering with mail addressed to Baptists over a five-month period. In addition, Gervaise Begin, 16, who worked part-time in the post office

TOO MANY LEAKS

By Charles A. Wells



In the calculations of our physical resources we usually leave out one of the major elements that determines strength or weakness, for the quantity of strength is divisible by the quality of spirit. No matter how big and powerful a man may be physically, he is no stronger than his heart. A well of life-giving water may gush from the ground but if the conduits which carry it to human need are faulty, all its abundance is in vain. Today America's great strength is being severely curtailed by moral instability and spiritual indifference in both low and high places. Selfishness and irresponsibility are draining away an alarming portion of our strength and resources. And much of our losses are irreplaceable. Even repentance cannot restore the wasted years of youth. A spiritual awakening would do more for our national security and well being than many new mills and factories, mines and oil fields.

where the mail was stopped, was given a suspended sentence for permitting another person to keep, relay and detain postal circulars. In passing sentences, Magistrate Felix Allard said the charge is a technical one since the mail detained consisted of circulars in non-sealed envelopes. There was no criminal intent, he added.

Religious Journals Urged To Mold Church Thought

Religious publications in Philadelphia were urged by a theologian to "mold" the trends of thought within the church rather than to "reflect" them. The advice was given by Dr. Theodore G. Tappert, professor of church history, at the Lutheran Theological Seminary in Philadelphia, to the annual meeting of the National Lutheran Editors' and Publishing House Managers' Association. Church papers, he said, have enlisted contributors for various causes promoted by the Church, "but in fields of social action they have not been leaders."

Laubach Bids U. S. Win Loyalty Of Asia Masses

Dr. Frank Laubach, pioneer literacy expert, told a dinner meeting of nearly 200 church and business leaders in New York that there will be "a dozen more Koreas" all over

Asia unless the United States can win the loyalty of the masses of Asian people. The dinner, given in Dr. Laubach's honor, was sponsored by the Committee on World Literacy and Christian Literature of the National Council of Churches. Dr. Laubach, who recently returned from a seven-months' working tour of Asia, warned that "our everlasting advertisement of our terrible weapons is losing the cold war. We are losing the masses of Asia and Africa," he said, "because they read and hear only how we are using our money to make hydrogen bombs and jet fighters. This will not awe them into submission. It makes them hate us. It drives them toward the Communists."

Last Japan Protestant Scholarship Student Leaves

The last of a group of sixteen Japanese Protestant graduate students awarded scholarships in North American colleges sailed from Yokohama. The scholarships were provided by American and Canadian church groups through the Inter-board Committee for Christian Work in Japan. Last student to leave was Akira Hosokawa, of Sapporo, in the northernmost island of Hokkaido, formerly a teacher at a Christian dairy college, who will study at Cornell University, Ithaca

N. Y. He belongs to the United Church of Christ in Japan (Kyodan). Preceding Mr. Hosokawa in the spring and summer months of this year were fifteen other members of Kyodan who are now enrolled at various colleges in the United States and Canada. All had worked in Christian enterprises either as pastors, teachers or social workers.

More Religious Groups Back Indicted Newspapermen

A social action organization with membership from Louisiana's major religious groups has blasted the indictment of five Lake Charles, La., newspapermen as "an attempt to throttle the free press." The Louisiana Legislative Council, at a meeting in Baton Rouge, commended the five newspapermen and three others indicted on charges of defaming three gamblers and 16 public officials. It praised the journalists "for their sincere attempt to rid their community of an acknowledged evil." The newspapermen and three members of a citizens committee who had been conducting a crusade against gambling were charged by a grand jury with defaming the members of the parish police jury (county commissioners), the sheriff, district attorney and assistant district attorney.

Offer Prayers For Success Of Korea Peace Talks

Prayers were offered in Protestant churches in Detroit for the success of the truce talks in Korea. In a joint statement issued prior to the prayers of peace, Dr. Chester A. McPheeters, president, and Dr. G. Merrill Lenox, executive secretary of the Detroit Council of Churches, said: "Our military leaders themselves have warned us of the indescribable horrors of an atomic or hydrogen bomb war. Conditions following such a catastrophe would be worse for all nations than the worst conditions which exist today."

President Deplores Lack Of Religious Unity

President Truman, in a ringing appeal for religious unity in a time of crisis, criticized church leaders for being unable to agree upon a simple statement of basic affirmation which could be used in the ideological battle against communism. For some time, Mr. Truman revealed, he has been trying to get religious leaders of the world to agree to a statement based on Exodus 20 and the fifth, sixth, and seventh chapters of Matthew. "They haven't been able to agree on even so simple a statement as that," he declared sharply in a comment interpolated in the prepared text of his address to the Washington Pilgrimage of Churchmen. The President spoke from the pulpit of National City Christian church as he delivered his challenge to churchmen to come together "in a common act which will affirm those religious and moral principles on which all agree." Mr. Truman said that those principles are found in the ethical teachings of the Ten Commandments and the Sermon on the Mount.



THE CHILDREN'S PAGE

ANNIE WINBURNE, Editor



IN STORYLAND

THE MOST WONDERFUL PLANT

By Jane V. Roach

Leslie and Alice were talking about plants. Leslie insisted one plant was the most wonderful and Alice argued for her favorite.

"I'll tell you how to settle this discussion," interrupted Uncle David, who was trying to read. "Tomorrow both of you go out to the woods and bring home what you consider the most wonderful plant. And to make it more interesting, here is a dollar for the one who wins."

Little Bobbie sleepily listened to the discussion, and murmured, "Wonderful plant," as he was being carried off to bed.

Bright and early the next morning, Alice and Leslie went in search of wonderful plants. Alice picked over so many wild flowers, and then threw them away. Each plant she examined was more wonderful than the other. She thought the bluebell the most wonderful; then the tiger lily attracted her. Finally she found a pink lady's slipper. She had never seen one of any other color but yellow, so she was sure that this must be a wonderful plant. She was far from home, and was very tired when she returned with her plant.

"I have been home ever and ever so long. I knew just where to find the most wonderful plant, and went right after it," boasted Leslie.

"I should say that a gorgeous pink lady's slipper, such as this, is more rare than wonderful," said Uncle David, when Alice presented her plant. "It is no more odd in shape than the most common yellow ones. There are several different kinds of lady's slippers, and they all belong to the Orchid family, just as you and Leslie and Bobbie all belong to the Brandt family. The Indians used to call them Moccasin flowers."

"Here is a member of the Arum family," said Uncle David when Leslie presented his wonderful plant. "We call it Jack-in-the-pulpit, and it is not at all rare, for in most moist woods you will find Jack looking at you from his green pulpit. In the fall when the leaves and pulpit wither away, Jack is covered with red berries. The root of the plant is very sharp, but the Indians enjoyed it as a relish the same as we do horse radish. It was known by the name of Indian turnip."

Before Uncle David could say more, Bobbie held up his hand: "I have a wonderful plant, too."

"Bobbie has you both beaten," laughed Uncle David. "He has the most wonderful plant in the world."

"Why, that's only common grass!" objected Leslie.

"It's being common is just the reason we overlook how wonderful it is. Grass makes the world beautiful, and it holds it together, too. If it were not for the matted roots of grass much of the soil would wash away into the rivers and seas. Grass is not afraid of work; it climbs mountainsides and reaches out into lonely deserts. It is kind and patient.

You can romp and play on it and it never minds at all. It has courage, too. It may become all brown with thirst, but as soon as a refreshing rain falls it comes up again, green and smiling. Grass is useful: large pastures of it feed the cows who furnish you with milk and butter. And some of it goes into the making of your clothes, for it feeds the sheep whose wool overcoats are taken off their backs to make into overcoats to keep little boys warm. Grass is a good fighter, too, and has many a battle with dandelions and other weeds that try to choke it out in the lawns and meadows."

"Does Bobbie win?" Uncle David held up a bright silver dollar.

"The most wonderful plant grew right under my feet, and I didn't know it," sighed Leslie.

"Anyway, I'm glad I hunted for a wonderful plant, because I saw so many lovely things in the woods," said Alice. "Besides I have learned so much about plants."—The Sentinel

DO YOUR BEST

Never say "I can't,"
Little maid or man.
You know that nine times out of ten
You'll find you really can.
Always say "I'll try."
Work with might and main.
And if you're beaten just at first,
Well, try and try again.
—In Exchange

"The new baby has its father's nose and its mother's eyes."

"Yes, and if grandpop doesn't stop leaning over the crib, its going to have his teeth."



WHEN DADDY COMES HOME

When Daddy comes home in the evening
And he's been away all day,
We are all so happy to see him,
And though we are busy at play

We run down the walk to meet him
While Mother waits in the door,
We're hungry as bears and we hurry in
To a table spread for four.

We gather 'round the table
And pause a moment there
To thank our Heavenly Father
For all His loving care.

We like this time in the evening
When Mother waits in the door,
And Daddy comes home to the family
And a table spread for four.—A. E. W.

IN THE WORLD OF BOYS AND GIRLS

THE PEOPLE ON THE NEXT STREET

Sometimes we have such happy experiences with the members of our own families and with our own friends that we forget about the people who live on the next street or around the corner or across the tracks. So why not play a game some day when it is too stormy to go outdoors, or some evening when the whole family is in the living-room together. Everybody in the family can play it, from Grandpa to four-year-old Teddy. One of the older members of the family will need paper and pencil, to write down what everybody in your house does, if they go to work. Underneath write down the different kinds of work your friends do. Then think about the work people who live in the country do, as well as those who live in the city.

After you have completed this list as far as you are able, you will find you have a long, long list. Then go over them and cross out the ones you think you don't need. You will be surprised to find out how few will be crossed out, because we surely need miners, lumbermen, cattlemen, storekeepers, teachers, firemen, doctors, airplane pilots, ministers, and those who stay at home to sew, cook, wash, clean, and generally take care of our daily needs.

We really can't live alone, can we? We need each other in our own homes, our communities, our cities, small and large, and we really do need the help of everybody everywhere. Some of us haven't learned yet that we need the help of the Greeks, the Turks, the Negroes, the Chinese and the Indians, but it is only when we do learn it that we can live together in peace and happiness.—The United Church Observer

A PRAYER

Thou hast given so much to me,
give one thing more—a grateful heart.—George Herbert, in *The Children's Newspaper*

again, he left his scalpels in them.
Friend: Why should that worry you?

Patient: The same doctor operated on me yesterday and now he can't find his hat!

Sergeant: "Why didn't you obey orders when I said, 'Company halt?'"
Rookie: "Well, I've been here for two weeks now and don't feel like company any more."

Teacher: "Josephine, name three collective nouns."
Josey: "Fly paper, garbage can, and waste basket."

Wife: Mr. Meek has been married for 25 years and spends every evening at home. That's what I call real love!

Hubby: The doctor calls it paralysis.

JUST FOR FUN

"Really, Helen," he said when he saw her for the first time in five years, "you've changed so I would hardly have known you."

"That's a little ambiguous," she answered archly. "For better or worse?"

"Why," he said enthusiastically, "you could change only for the better, of course!"

"Radio is a wonderful invention."

"It is, indeed," answered Mr. Meekton. "I can't get over being surprised at the way Henrietta will sit quietly and let it monopolize the conversation."

Wife—"Tell me, doctor, what is my husband's trouble?"
Doctor—"He has a severe case of voluntary inertia."

Wife—"My goodness. And I have been thinking he was just plain lazy."—Vancouver Province

Junior was one of those little terrors, and Papa was surprised when Mama suggested they buy him a bicycle. "Do you think it will improve his behavior?" Papa asked. "No," replied Mama grimly, "but it will spread his meanness over a wider area."—San Francisco Progress

Patient to Friend: I'm worried, the doctor operated on two patients last week and had to operate on them

We Look At Europe In 1951

By KARL K. QUIMBY

Editors' Note: This summer Dr. Quimby led a party of Methodist ministers on a 7-weeks' tour of nine European countries, interviewing people of all classes. Herewith are some of the impressions made upon the party by what they say and heard.

What was your impression of Europe Today?

THE most important impression is the remarkable recovery which is apparent on hand. The people are better dressed, there is much more food, rationing has almost disappeared, and there is far less unemployment. The rebuilding which has been completed or is now in process is evidence of the vitality of the peoples of Europe. Everywhere buildings were under repair, or new construction was going on, particularly in Germany. Most of the rubble has been removed and the scars of war have pretty well disappeared save in the central places where the original devastation was almost complete.

This does not mean that all is well, or that there are no problems. I think we were more conscious of the baffling problems of reconstruction this trip than at any time previous. This is because the people are coming to closer grips with reality and the problems stand out more sharply than before. For instance, there seems to be ample food and even reserves, but the economy is so out of balance that while the shops are full of food, people cannot buy. Hence amid a degree of plenty you have a degree of poverty which cannot be relieved by a specific relief measure or a food package. Recovery must come out of the fundamental rebuilding of a sound economy and social order across Europe. Peace must precede plenty.

What about General Eisenhower and the rearmament program?

It is hard for us in America to realize the immense prestige and influence of General Eisenhower in Europe. To them he is the most outstanding figure in all history. His name stands for fair-dealing, for courageous and careful planning, for unflinching determination, for ultimate victory. His name is magic. He has accomplished wonders since he landed in Paris last January. He has changed the outlook of all Europe from that of fear, hopelessness, uncertainty and complete planlessness, to a positive attitude of quiet confidence, a strategic and comprehensive plan, and a new degree of cooperation which a few months ago no one thought possible. He has inspired the people, giving them a sense of confidence and a sense of urgency which they did not have before. As a true leader, he is aware of the danger of awakening a sense of urgency without imparting to them a sense of renewed confidence. General Eisenhower has kept these two factors together.

General Eisenhower spoke to us on the spiritual meaning of this rearmament program—how important it was for the free peoples everywhere. We came away feeling that he was the right man in the right place, that he was the one and perhaps only man in the whole world who could do this job. We all hope he will be permitted to carry out his important assignment without interruption. He feels, and all our party agreed, that some form of a United States of Western Europe offered the only solution to the present divided state of Europe and of the world.

What about rearmament? Will it succeed?

Will it upset the present economy?

It was our feeling that the rearmament program needs to be understood not as a general rearmament movement which would lead straight into a new phase of worldwide militarism, but rather this is a purely defense measure, with each of the twelve NATO nations making such contributions as they can in terms of leadership, and of limited military forces. At no time is full-scale rearmament contemplated. This point needs to be made very clear. There is no thought on the part of anyone to have Germany rearm with a general staff, etc. The thought is

merely to have a strong, unified, military force in Western Europe composed of contingents from the several NATO nations. In this form, it means a small military program for each nation, and ought not, with careful planning, interfere with the ongoing economic recovery. What is contemplated is an effective international police force. The rearmament program might be better understood if it were so labeled.

What about the Marshall Plan?

We saw the answer on every hand. We felt this to be the most singular and salutary program that has ever come to war-torn Europe. Following World War I there was the Dawes Plan—good in itself but wholly inadequate, as events soon proved. This Marshall plan is far superior. We often fail to grasp its first basic principle—that it is not a "give-away" program



DR. KARL K. QUIMBY

at all, but rather a plan for self-help. It has cost the American people about five billions a year, with a decreasing amount expended each year. But that expenditure has enabled Europe to increase production by approximately 30 billion dollars a year. With ECA aid, Western Europe has accomplished more in the past four years than it accomplished in seven years after World War I. This means more jobs for more people; it means having materials and tools available to meet modern demands; it means more productivity of foods and materials; and it means better living for the peoples of the Marshall Plan countries. It means more jobs and better living for Americans too—a fact clearly understood by the American Federation of Labor and the CIO. Contrary to much public opinion, 75 percent of the burden has been borne, as it properly should be, by the European taxpayer and worker. ECA has made it possible for governments and peoples to have the machinery, the tools, and the materials necessary for reconstruction. To ride over Europe and see the increase in the number of tractors which has supplanted hand labor in the fields is to see at first hand the practical effects of Marshall Plan aid.

The genius of the Marshall Plan lies at three points. First no one gets anything for nothing. No one is pauperized. Every man pays a proper proportion of the total cost. Second, through the use of "Counterpart Funds" every dollar of American money going to any country is matched by that country putting up a like amount of its own currency to be administered as a part of the total ECA program. Thirdly, the "technical assistance" which the ECA has made possible to the various countries of Europe. It is perhaps the most elaborate and effective attempt of self-help ever undertaken in history.

In results, it is safe to say it has already prevented the westward sweep of Russian Communism. It has braced the total economy of Western Europe. It has provided a new confidence on the part of the people generally. It

as already expedited recovery so that more food is being produced and employment is more regular and at a higher wage. The over-all European production by 1950 had increased 20 percent above prewar levels. Hence there is a widespread feeling that Europe has at last found the pattern for a speedy and sound recovery. If her economy is not disturbed for a few years, European life will soon be back to normal, and many of us feel even above normal. The Marshall Plan may yet prove to be the greatest strategy in modern history.

What about the Methodist churches and other religious forces?

In a few places Christianity is weak, as in France; and Methodism is on the decline, as in Sweden. The gains in Belgium and Switzerland are small, if any. However, in Germany, Methodism is far more vigorous than it ever was before. It shows a growth of 27% in membership since 1945. Here Methodism shows that it has a social conscience too. Perhaps not so clear in its sense of responsibility for political life, but the number of hospitals, social centers, homes for orphans, and for the aged make a formidable record of social ministry that you will find it hard to surpass anywhere in the world. For sheer consecration to the task, the presence of some 2,000 deaconesses in Germany and Switzerland constitutes one of the finest witnesses to pure Christian service I have ever seen. In Belgium the Methodist Church has been recognized by the state and now has the status of a free church. This affords it a new opportunity. Encouraging results can be expected in the near future. In Norway there is a rising spirit of devotion and a degree of evangelism zeal inspiring to behold.

In England, the corner has been turned and instead of a continuing decline in membership, the numbers are beginning to increase, the church schools are well attended, and the spiritual outlook is brighter than at any time since the war. The church attendance of the free churches is encouraging. I preached to a thousand people on a Sunday morning and had 900 in the second or evening service.

How summarize the "gains" we found in the churches?

In the church you find the greatest hope and optimism. Go along the streets and the people you meet are busy, sad, in a hurry. It is easy to see they are burdened, unhappy. But go to a church group and here you find people happy, able to sing lustily, many smiles, and at times hearty laughter. Evidently their faith and the fellowship is providing them with the reinforcement they need.

In the church you find a fellowship that has remained unbroken in spite of the horrors of war. We were welcomed by Methodist congregations in every country. We brought them greetings from many groups in America. These were always appreciated. The groups sent back similar greetings. In one instance the company rose in a body and recited in unison a thanks for America's help, gifts, prayers and food parcels. We, who had done so little, found the experience very touching.

The church holds the promise for the future. In divided and fear-oppressed Europe, the church is providing an understanding, furnishing channels for wide fellowship across national and denominational lines, and fostering a sense of world brotherhood. Now we know that no one nation can create this sense of world fellowship alone. It may yet prove to be one of the most important contributions which the Christian church can make.

We all come home with a conviction that there must be a larger expression of the Christian faith and life in the experience of the world today. The present amount of religious thinking, of Christian conviction and power, is inadequate in the present world. The forces of evil are by no means defeated. They are alive and vigorous. Complacent churches and indifferent Christians will be little more than reeds in a storm.



Methodist CHILDREN'S Home

REPORT FOR SEPTEMBER, 1951

We want to express our sincere thanks to the groups and participants listed below who have rendered a service or presented gifts to the Home during the month of September, 1951:

- Mrs. Amy Radford, Hot Springs, Arkansas, Crossword puzzles
- Susannah Wesley Circle, Hot Springs, Cook-ies
- Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Henderson, Dardanelle, Clothing
- Mildred's Bakery, Little Rock, Sweet rolls
- Scimitar Shrine Temple, Little Rock, Circus tickets
- Mrs. Parker, Little Rock, Football tickets
- Mrs. Robert J. Isaacson, Electric irons
- Gloria Jean Harper, Crayolas, comic books.

MEMORIALS

IN MEMORY OF:

- Miss Lily Richmond by Mrs. R. S. Hughey
- Mr. James Bradshaw Fraser by Dr. and Mrs. C. C. Roberts
- Mrs. Rowan Prewitt by Reverend and Mrs. T. T. McNeal
- Mrs. T. M. Burge by Mrs. Nancy Pugh Newsome

- Mrs. Rowan Prewitt by Mrs. Nancy Pugh Newsome
- Mrs. Rowan Prewitt by Mrs. L. C. Moore, Mr. B. C. Bowles and Bessie Duncan
- Mrs. Annie E. Brillhard by Miss Glenore Walker
- Mr. J. C. Dille by The Carl Trices and The Glenn Robnests
- Linda Lu Lichty by Mrs. H. G. Hamilton
- Mrs. James Case by Susanna Wesley Bible Class
- Mrs. Fred Hohenschultz by Miss Margaret Haley
- Mrs. M. T. Burge by Junior Dept. of Lakeside Methodist Church
- Mrs. Mae Barron Pearson by Mrs. C. B. Walker

TOTAL from Memorials \$63.50

OTHER GIFTS

- Martindale Sunday School \$ 2.21
- Mr. O. G. Robinson 1.00
- Atkins Methodist Church 25.17
- Little Rock Conference 108.50
- First Methodist Church, Newport 10.00
- Clarendon Vacation Church School 13.50
- Susanna Wesley Bible Class 5.00
- Rondo Church Vacation Bible Class 13.00
- Mae Jenkins Class, Winfield Church 25.00
- Mr. and Mrs. Harry Smith 50.00
- Shiloh Bible Class 3.19

NEWS FROM INDIA

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where we have schools, this is true. We hope for separate school rooms some day.—E. Fairbanks.

The Methodist Hospital, Nadiad

Miss Hannah Gallagher is a friendly industrious person who is in charge of the training of laboratory technicians at Nadiad. The best proofs of her ability are the students who study in the school and who are representative of different sections of India and different branches of the Christian church. I'd like to give you just a glimpse into her laboratory where some of these young people are busily engaged in doing examinations in order to assist the doctors in their diagnosis of disease.

As one student looks up from the microscope and calls "Sister" Miss Gallagher leaves another student who is weighing on the analytical balance to check a blood count or urine or feces slide. And on the other side of the room another student is doing another test and calls "Sister"

Wesley Berean, D.D. Class.....	11.64
Miscellaneous	110.54
	\$378.75
GRAND TOTAL	\$442.25

T. T. McNEAL, Director

before she has had had ample opportunity to help the other two. But all of this is possible only after hours of patient teaching in the classroom. When the five or six students from various mission hospitals arrive at the beginning of their eleven month course they scarcely know the meaning of the word "laboratory". And the first week every class and demonstration only confuses them but amazingly fast the clouds roll from the students' faces and they are able to do practically every test that a doctor may require.

One of the chief hindrances in the training of such young people is lack of equipment. Miss Gallagher often says that though five keep me busy I would be more than happy to train two or three more students because the need for them is so great but there aren't enough microscopes to go around. Another need is for a small autoclave for sterilization purposes. Space has been a problem too but that is soon to be remedied when another room is added to the laboratory.

This work reaches far into young lives. It isn't only technical training they receive—it is preparation for the leading of useful Christian lives. Please remember this work in prayer.—Marceline Smith.

NEWS AND NOTES ABOUT FACTS AND FOLKS

(Continued from page 4)

REV. RALPH RUHLEN, recently appointed to the department of religion and philosophy, Hendrix College, and who will assume his duties there at the beginning of the second semester, was a recent visitor on the Hendrix campus in Conway. Mr. Ruhlen is serving at the present as pastor of two churches in and near Powhattan, Kansas. Rev. and Mrs. Ruhlen have three children.

OF the 500 Protestant churches destroyed in Japan during World War II, 170 have been reconstructed and 22 are scheduled for completion soon. North American churches have given over \$800,000 for the project. New or repaired churches include 20 quonset huts, 18 pre-fabricated houses, and 132 buildings of domestic materials. Forty-five of these are in Tokyo, 20 in Kobe, and 18 in Osaka.

THE NEW HENDRIX COLLEGE CHAPEL will be used for the first time Sunday, October 28, at 4:30 p. m., when an organ vesper service will be held, college authorities have announced. Construction was begun in September 1950 for the chapel-auditorium. Plans call for the formal opening of the Chapel-Auditorium during the annual homecoming observance, November 17. Bishop Martin will be the special speaker.

DR. GEORGE C. BAKER, Chaplain, Southern Methodist University, is the preacher for a special preaching mission at the Trinity Methodist Church Ruston, this week continuing through Friday night. Dr. Baker is speaking twice daily, at 10:00 a. m. and at 7:30 p. m. Rev. Otis Spinks, pastor of the Nolley Memorial Methodist Church, Jena, will have charge of the musical portion of the preaching mission. Rev. H. R. Branton is the Trinity pastor.

THE CRITTENDEN MEMORIAL HOSPITAL, a new Methodist Affiliate Hospital at West Memphis was dedicated Sunday, October 7th. Senator J. W. Fulbright was the principal speaker. According to an Associated Press report in the *Arkansas Gazette*, in view of the fact that the facilities of the hospital are available equally to both white and Negro citizens, Senator Fulbright said it is a "concrete example of racial tolerance for all the nation to see. This is the answer of the South to the misguided policies of the reformers in the North."

BISHOP HAZEN G. WERNER, resident bishop of the Ohio Area of the Methodist Church and chairman of the National Methodist Conference on Family Life currently being held in Chicago, will speak on "The American Family

and Survival," calling for a restoration of family solidarity in this county on CBS Radio, 9:00-9:30 a. m. CTS, on Sunday, October 14. Music for the program will be sung by the 40-voice Chancel Choir of the First Methodist Church of Evanston, Ill., led by Dr. John Knem Christensen.

A WESLEY FOUNDATION was organized at Arkansas A. and M. College, Monticello, on Wednesday evening, October 3, with the following personnel in charge: President, Rev. James Constable, Roe; Vice-president, Miss Mary Ann Moffett, Brinkley; Secretary and Treasurer, Wendell Roth, Stuttgart; Faculty sponsor, J. E. Griner, Dean of Men, A. and M. College; Pastor and director, Rev. Roland E. Darrow. Mrs. Edward McLean is Conference director of student work. The Wesley Foundation meets on the second and fourth Wednesdays of each month.

OKLAHOMA METHODISM is engaged in a State-wide Evangelistic Advance which will culminate in three weeks of visitation and preaching, March 1952. By request of the Conference, Bishop W. Angie Smith is directing the Mission, assisted by an Executive Committee, of which Dr. Leland Clegg is the chairman. A goal of 10,000 new members has been set for the period. Dr. Clegg was formerly a member of the Little Rock Conference and is now district superintendent of the Oklahoma City District. He will be the speaker for the Evangelism Rally in Hope District, Sunday, October 14.

JUDGE ROBERT J. O'NEAL, Shreveport Methodist layman, was named recently to the Methodist General Board of Pensions to succeed Cledece T. Jones, formerly of Batesville, who now resides in Hattiesburg, Miss. Judge O'Neal served on the General Conference Committee on Conference Claimants and is now serving as the treasurer of the Louisiana Conference Board of Conference Claimants. Mr. Jones had served since 1948 on the General Board of Pensions and resigned when he moved from the South Central Jurisdiction to the Southeastern Jurisdiction of The Methodist Church.

DR. FRANCIS A. BUDDIN, Little Rock District Superintendent, Dr. W. E. Brown, Monticello District Superintendent, and Dr. Aubrey G. Walton, First Methodist Church, Little Rock, are among ministers from this Area who are assisting in the United Evangelistic Mission this week in Texas Conferences. Dr. Buddin is doing the preaching at the Marvin Memorial Methodist Church, Tyler; Dr. Brown is directing the School of Evangelism in the Beaumont District and the First Methodist Church, Beaumont; Dr. Walton is to be the guest preacher at the Lampasas District Mass Meeting on Sunday afternoon.

A new building for the Nursing School at the Methodist Hospital in Nadiad, India, is now in course of erection from funds which have been furnished by Methodist churches in the United States through its "Week of Dedication" offering. From this same fund the new surgical block of the Hospital has been erected and equipped. The total Methodist investment is upward of \$75,000 from this special offering. When this School and Home for nurses is ready for cornerstone laying that ceremony will be performed by Princess Amrit Kaur, the health minister of the Government of India. The Princess is a Christian member of a family that two generations ago gave up claim to the throne of a native state in order to embrace Christianity.

DILLARD CHOIR ON TELEVISION

The choir of Dillard University, New Orleans, will be heard on the Vanity Fair television show with Dorothy Doan over CBS, Monday, October 15, from 1:45 to 2:30 p. m., CST.

Supported by the Methodist, Congregational and Christian churches, Dillard is one of the nation's important institutions of higher education for Negroes. Dr. Albert W. Dent, the president, will be interviewed on the program.

The choir will also be heard Tuesday, October 16, on the Morning Chapel program with Helen Kenyon at 9:45 a. m., CST, over Station WABD, Channel 5, New York's station of the Du Mont television network.

The present concert tour includes dates in Georgia, the Carolinas, District of Columbia, and Virginia. Following appearances in New York and New Jersey, the choir will sing in New England states.

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

The General Conference Committee on Hotel Reservations is now prepared to receive reservations from delegates and unofficial visitors. The committee requests that applicants do not write directly to any hotel but clear with the committee.

Reservations will only be accepted on filling the official blanks provided for the purpose. Regardless of all previous letters that delegates may have sent, the blanks must be filled. After sending the blanks, the hotel will send its official acceptance.

Application blanks will be sent to all official delegates and not alternates. Unofficial visitors may secure the blanks by applying to the General Conference Hotel Reservations Committee, 83 McAllister St., San Francisco 2, California.

MRS. KRIS JENSEN RETURNS TO U. S. A.

One of the few American women who have been permitted to return to Korea since June, 1950, is Mrs. Maud Keister Jensen, missionary of the Methodist Church whose husband was captured by the North Korean invaders. She is now on a furlough in the United States.

Just one year after she had left for Japan in the hold of a fertilizer ship, Mrs. Jensen completed a month's tour of the war-torn area from Pusan to Seoul, talking with chaplains, United Nations officials, military personnel, and Korean refugees.

Although she had the luxury of an airliner at her disposal this June, Mrs. Jensen says it was harder to leave than the first time. She has had no word of her husband Kris, since his capture at Kaesong soon after the invasion began.

Mrs. Jensen also visited Cheju, the refugee island south of Korea where thousands of people are living in makeshift arrangements. Many orphanages are merely tents, and food is a problem. Some 300 ministers are working among the refugees there.

"South Koreans are not complaining about the destruction of their country, because they are willing to make any sacrifice for freedom," Mrs. Jensen says. "Nearly every family has lost at least one member."

Mrs. Jensen continues: "The Christian church is flourishing beyond anything I have seen in my twenty-five years in Korea. Korean Christians do not wander around and wonder what to do. They organize into community groups wherever possible and hold sunrise prayer services daily. A minister or an adult organizes a school on a hillside with nothing but pupils. You'd be surprised to know how much they learn without textbooks."

War widows have organized sewing classes to remake clothing and bedding for refugees.

Relief food and clothing have saved the lives of many Koreans, Mrs. Jensen says, warning against sending goods to missionaries with APO addresses because it is a violation of military regulations. She urges participation in relief programs of Church World Service, the Methodist Committee for Overseas Relief, ARK (American Relief for Korea), and the United Nations.

Mrs. Jensen says the soldiers from the north all seem to be suffering from malnutrition. She visited POW camps and hospitals and reports that they are getting good treatment by the U. N. forces.

Mrs. Jensen found her Seoul residence still standing and only slightly damaged in comparison with other buildings in the area. Everything in the house had been looted, except a door-type coat hanger and two cleansing tissues which held it in place. She picked a bullet out of the living room wall. Outside, she found her daughter's calling card. Lilies and bleeding hearts were blooming in the yard.

"Imagine Fifth Avenue with no traffic, no people, no business, and you'll get an idea of what Seoul is like now," she says. "The complete deadness is horrifying, not one person and not one sound. We were soon whispering to avoid making noise."

Mrs. Jensen was impressed with the cleanness of the streets of Seoul. "The Koreans had cleaned all the debris off the streets last fall, and

LEADERS OF ARKANSAS-LOUISIANA UNITED EVANGELISTIC MISSION



Several of the leaders of the Arkansas-Louisiana United Evangelistic Mission are pictured above at the Louisiana state-wide training meeting of pastors and laymen, September 28, at Alexandria. A similar meeting was held at the Winfield Methodist Church, Little Rock, on September 27 for Arkansas pastors and laymen. Looking over the Area-wide plans with Bishop Martin are (1 to r) Dr. H. L. Johns, New Orleans, Co-Chairman, Unit A; Dr. Eugene B. Golay, General Board of Evangelism staff member who has assisted in setting up Mission; Rev. Cecil R. Culver, Little Rock, Executive Chairman of the Arkansas-Louisiana U. E. M.; Rev. Leroy Walker, General Board of Evangelism staff member and Director of the Arkansas-Louisiana U. E. M.; Rev. E. D. Galloway, Hope, Co-Chairman of Unit A. Rev. Roy I. Bagley, Blytheville, and Rev. Arthur Terry, Little Rock, are Co-Chairmen of Unit B.

BRITISH MINISTER ON METHODIST HOUR

SERMONS by British Methodist ministers and music from a boy's choir of Wesley's Chapel, London, will feature two special Methodist Hour radio programs on the Protestant Hour network for Sunday mornings October 14th, and October 21st.

The first of these programs will present a sermon by Dr. Donald A. Soper, minister of Kingsway Central Hall, London, England. Dr. Soper is known in England for his outdoor speeches on religion in Tower Hill. The hymns for this program are from a British music Festival, and the anthem is by the boy's choir of Wesley's Chapel, London.

On October 21st, the special British Methodist Hour program will present Bishop Arthur J. Moore, who will give a short condensation of his address before the Ecumenical Conference at Oxford, and Bishop Ivan Lee Holt will give the official message to the church as adopted by the Ecumenical Conference. Bishop Moore is President of the Council of Bishops and Bishop Holt is president of the World Methodist

you could see neat piles of bricks alongside the streets," she adds.

Mrs. Jensen took her graduate work in the field of theology at Drew University during the World War II period, and has been engaged in office and administrative work in Korea since going to the mission field twenty-five years ago. The Jensens were stationed in Seoul when the war began, at which time Mrs. Jensen was evacuated with other American women to Japan shortly after her husband's capture in Kaesong soon after the invasion began.

The Jensen's son and daughter had returned to America a year before the Korean war started. Clair Lee Jensen is a graduate assistant in sociology at Duke University. Phillip is a junior at Allegheny College, Meadville, Pennsylvania.

Council. In addition on this program there will be heard a sermon by Dr. Leslie F. Church, Connexional Book Editor of British Methodism, and an anthem by the Boy's Choir of Wesley's Chapel.

These programs were transcribed in London by the British Broadcasting Corporation and Recorded Sound, Ltd., under the direction of Dr. Ralph Stoodly, director of Methodist Information and were made available to the church by Methodist Information in co-operation with the Joint Radio Committee of The Methodist Church.

These programs may be heard over the 150 Protestant Hour network which carries the regular Methodist Hour sermons and programs of the other denominations co-operating in the work of the Protestant Radio Conference.

HENDRIX COLLEGE NEWS

Red Letter Day Scheduled November 17

The formal opening of Hendrix's new Chapel and Auditorium buildings will be featured at the college's annual Homecoming Celebration November 17, President Matt L. Ellis announced today.

Completion of the two buildings is expected safely in advance of the Homecoming date, President Ellis said. The gothic-styled buildings, which are served by a common foyer, are being constructed at a cost of approximately \$375,000. Construction was begun last fall.

Invitations to the formal opening are being sent to alumni and other college friends, including Hendrix trustees, presidents of all Arkansas colleges, parents of all Hendrix students, and more than 500 Methodist ministers. A half million dollars of the funds for the buildings came from a financial campaign waged for the college several years ago by Arkansas Methodists.

Speaker at the formal opening exercises will be Bishop Paul E.

Martin of Little Rock, presiding officer of the Arkansas-Louisiana Area of the church. The program will begin at 11 o'clock.

The Homecoming football game will be played at 2:30 in the afternoon between the Hendrix Warriors and Millsaps College of Jackson, Miss. A Homecoming Queen will be selected soon by members of the football team. Presiding over alumni for the day will be R. T. Steel, Conway automobile dealer, who is 1951 alumni president.

Student-Faculty Interests Polled

Hendrix students' extra-curricular interests run the gamut nowadays from music through chess to fishing, if you can believe a poll conducted recently at the college.

The entire student body was asked to indicate their first choices in a list of about 20 interests. Listening to recorded music topped all fields in the number of votes received. Fishing ran a close second.

Other areas getting large votes included showing old movies, hiking, and photography. Five students were brave enough to say they wanted to join a chess-playing group. Only two wanted wild flowers and only one preferred gardening.

The object of the poll was to stimulate student-faculty contacts on an informal level outside the classroom by forming common-interest groups. The groups, now being organized, are the brainchild of the student-faculty committee, formed last year and headed by Dr. Richard E. Yates of the faculty.

Another of the committee's projects, which has already begun operations, is a series of weekly student-faculty get-togethers. Each week during the year several of the faculty members will meet informally with students selected by formula, so that by the end of the year, each faculty member and each student will have had the opportunity to participate in one of the affairs.

Help in financing the program of furthering student-faculty relations has come to the college from the Edward W. Hazen Foundation of New Haven, Conn. A grant from the foundation's Committee on Student Counselling, which Hendrix will match, amounts to \$200, the Foundation's maximum grant-in-aid, making a total of \$400 available for student-faculty activities throughout the year.

Publication Staffs Chosen

Editors of the two student publications at Hendrix have completed selection of their staffs for the coming year.

Co-editors for the Troubadour, the college yearbook, are Betty Harton of Conway and Bob Mount of Little Rock, who have chosen Joe Carnes of Bentonville as assistant
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NORTH ARKANSAS CONFERENCE NOTES

By Ira A. Brumley

Marked Tree Training School

The Marked Tree Training School with, three units offered, was held October 1-3, with the following courses being offered:

Friendship and Marriage, Rev. Thurston Masters

Making Homes Christian, Rev. E. B. Williams

The Books of Acts, Ira A. Brumley.

The following churches participated in the school: Marked Tree, Harrisburg, Weona, Trumann, Lepanto, Tyronza.

There was a total enrollment of 122 with a number of other persons being in for at least one session in the school, with approximately 150 people touched by the school. The total number of credits was almost the 100 mark.

The splendid preparation made by the local churches for this training enterprise and the splendid leadership given by the pastors of the Area and the cooperation of the District Superintendent of the District made this school such a successful school.

Marked Tree Church School Workers' Dinner

The workers of the Marked Tree Church School were provided with a dinner at 6 p. m. on October 3. This dinner was held in appreciation of past service rendered and as an introduction to the work of the new church school year.

It was the privilege of the Executive Secretary to attend this dinner and speak briefly with reference to our Church School Materials.

Under the leadership of the pastor, Rev. Paul Bumpers, and the church school superintendent, Mr. Early Calvert, the Marked Tree Church School is making splendid progress.

Jonesboro Training School

A four-unit training school is to be held at Huntington Avenue Methodist Church, Jonesboro, for the Jonesboro Area, October 14-18, with the following courses being offered:

Church and Home Working Together for Children, Mrs. Elmus C. Brown, Jonesboro.

Teaching Youth, Miss Willie Frances Coleman, Tupelo, Mississippi.

Preparing for Marriage, Rev. Lee Cate, Manila.

The Acts of the Apostles, Ira A. Brumley.

Rev. E. B. Williams, District Superintendent, will be Dean of the school.

The school will open at 2:30 p. m., Sunday afternoon, October 14, and will close on Thursday night.

Fort Smith Area Training School

A four-unit training school is to be held at First Methodist Church, Fort Smith, for the Fort Smith Area, October 21-25, with the following courses being offered:

Christian Evangelism, Rev. O. D. Peters, Charleston

Ways of Teaching, Rev. Robert Bearden, Jr., Fort Smith.

Preparing for Marriage, Rev. Robert Paul Sessions, Van Buren

The Acts of the Apostles, Dr.

MARKED TREE TRAINING SCHOOL

A three-unit training school was held in Marked Tree October 1-3. Seven churches shared in the project in which 90 credits were awarded. Enrollment for the school totaled 150.

The following three courses were offered: Rev. E. B. Williams instructed the course on Making Homes Christian; Rev. Thurston Masters directed the course for young people entitled Friendship and Marriage, and Dr. Ira A. Brumley taught the course, The Book of Acts.

Churches sharing in the school were Weona, Centerview, Lepanto, Harrisburg, Tyronza, Trumann, and Marked Tree. The enrollment and credits earned indicated the extreme success of the school.—Reporter.

Meredith Eller, Fayette, Missouri.

Dr. W. Henry Goodloe, District Superintendent, will be dean of the school.

The school will open at 2:30 p. m., Sunday afternoon, October 21, and will close on Thursday night.

The churches of the North Little Rock Area will participate in the Little Rock Training School, October 21-25.

Searcy Area Training School

A four-unit training school is to be held at First Methodist Church, Searcy, for the Searcy Area, October 21-25, with the following courses being offered:

Christian Home - Making, Mrs. James W. Workman, Sr., North Little Rock

Preparing for Marriage, Rev. Floyd Villines, Beebe

Helping Adults Learn, Dr. Walton S. Cole, Lee's Summit, Missouri

The Acts of the Apostles, Ira A. Brumley.

Rev. J. Ralph Hillis, pastor of First Methodist Church, Searcy, will be dean of the school.

The school will open at 2:30 p. m., Sunday afternoon, October 21, and will close on Thursday night.

Berryville Training School

A three-unit training school is being planned for the churches of the Eastern section of the Fayetteville District, to be held in Berryville, October 29-31.

Mrs. E. H. Hook will offer the course on How to Teach in the Church School, and Rev. William F. Cooley will offer the course on Friendship and Marriage. A general unit will be offered by the Executive Secretary.

Rev. William A. Stewart of Eureka Springs is to be dean of the school.

The month of October is to be an outstanding month for training work in the North Arkansas Conference.

Reports of two training schools on Youth Work held in the Paragould District have recently come to our office. These schools were held at Middlebrook with 22 enrolled and 10 credits; and at Corning with 23 enrolled and 11 credits. The schools were taught by Miss Viola Callahan, Director of Youth Work for the Paragould District.

LITTLE ROCK DISTRICT CONFERENCE CALENDAR

OCTOBER

- 6 Youth Fellowship Council Meeting
- 8 Woman's Society Conference-wide Visitation Day
- 10 Austin sub-district Youth Fellowship Executive Committee - Little Rock Methodist Council
- 12-14 National Conference on Family Life - Chicago
- 13 Youth Fellowship Conference Rally - Winfield, Little Rock
- 15 Little Rock Sub-district Youth Fellowship
- 17 Maumelle Sub-district Youth Fellowship
- 21-25 Little Rock Training School
- 22 Grand Prairie Sub-district Youth Fellowship
- 24 United Nations Day
- 25-31 Week of Prayer and Self-denial

NOVEMBER

- 2 World Community Day
- 3 Council Meeting Youth Fellowship
- 5 Southwest Sub-district Youth Fellowship
- 14 Austin Sub-district Youth Fellowship Executive Committee - Little Rock Methodist Council
- 14 Maumelle Sub-district, Woman's Society
- 19 Little Rock Sub-district Youth Fellowship
- 20 Little Rock District Conference - Highland Church, Little Rock
- 20 Three Circuits Sub-district, Woman's Society
- 21 Maumelle Sub-district Youth Fellowship
- 25 Grand Prairie Sub-district Youth Fellowship
- 30-Dec. 7 Evangelism Campaign - Unit A

DECEMBER

- 1 Youth Fellowship Council Meeting
- 3 Southwest Sub-district Youth Fellowship
- 10 Human Rights Day
- 12 Little Rock Methodist Council
- 12 Austin Sub-district Youth Fellowship
- 17 Little Rock Sub-district Youth Fellowship
- 24 Grand Prairie Sub-district Youth Fellowship
- 27 Little Rock District Evangelism Retreat Student Recognition Day

JANUARY 1952

- 5 Youth Fellowship Council Meeting
- 7 Southwest Sub-district Youth Fellowship
- 9 Austin Sub-district Youth Fellowship Executive Committee, Little Rock Methodist Council
- 16 Maumelle Sub-district, Woman's Society
- 19 Maumelle Sub-district Youth Fellowship
- 19 Evangelism Youth Rally
- 18-26 Evangelism Campaign - Unit B
- 21 Little Rock Sub-district Youth Fellowship
- 26 Little Rock Sub-district Youth Rally - Missions
- 28 Grand Prairie Sub-district Youth Fellowship
- 27-Feb. 3 United Christian Youth Movement - Youth Week

FEBRUARY

- 2 Council Meeting Youth Fellowship
- 3 Nation-wide UCYM Youth Rallies
- 4 Southwest Sub-district Youth Fellowship
- 13 Austin Sub-district Youth Fellowship
- 13 Little Rock Methodist Council, Executive Committee
- 18 Little Rock Sub-district Youth Fellowship
- 19 Three Circuits Sub-district, Woman's Society
- 12-13 Vacation School Coaching Conference
- 20 Maumelle Sub-district Youth Fellowship
- 25 Grand Prairie Sub-district Youth Fellowship
- 29 World Day of Prayer

MARCH

- 1 Council Meeting Youth Fellowship
- 3 Southwest Sub-district Youth Fellowship
- 12 Austin Sub-district Youth Fellowship
- 12 Little Rock Methodist Council
- 17 Little Rock Sub-district Youth Fellowship
- 19 Maumelle Sub-district Youth Fellowship
- 19 Maumelle Sub-district, Woman's Society
- 24 Grand Prairie Sub-district Youth Fellowship
- 29-30 Wesleyan Service Guild Annual Week-end meeting

APRIL

- 1-3 Little Rock Conference Annual Meeting Woman's Society
- 5 Council Meeting, Youth Fellowship
- 7 Southwest Sub-district Youth Fellowship
- 9 Austin Sub-district Youth Fellowship Executive Committee, Little Rock Methodist Council
- 15 Three Circuits Sub-district, Woman's Society
- 16 Maumelle Sub-district Youth Fellowship
- 21 Little Rock Sub-district Youth Fellowship
- 26 Annual Business meeting, Youth Fellowship - Salem
- 28 Grand Prairie Sub-district Youth Fellowship

OBSERVATION SCHOOL AT FIRST CHURCH ALEXANDRIA

Sixty-eight adult workers with children of the area around Alexandria were enrolled in an Observation School at the First Methodist Church, Alexandria, September 24-28. Approximately seventy children were in the observation classes which were taught by Mrs. Herbert Rohloff, Houston, Texas, Nursery Department; Mrs. W. F. Bates, Little Rock, Kindergarten Department; Mrs. Fred Deschner, Shreveport, Primary Department; and Miss Elizabeth Workman, Conway, Junior Department. This was the first such school held in the Louisiana Conference. Rev. Virgil D. Morris is the Alexandria pastor.

HENDERSON'S CHURCH SCHOOL STAFF

Henderson Methodist Church, Little Rock, Rev. Kirvin A. Hale, pastor, has elected the following staff for the Church School year:

General superintendent, J. H. Martin; Mrs. D. E. Wilson, superintendent of the Children's Department; E. F. Price, superintendent of Youth Department; B. V. Rogers, superintendent of Adult Department.

The following are teachers and officers in the departments indicated:

Nursery: Mrs. Marvin Kueker, Mrs. W. E. Butler and Mrs. Bernard Creech.

Kindergarten: Mrs. J. H. Martin, Mrs. C. R. Jenkins, Mrs. Olen Agee, Mrs. P. F. Davis and Miss Barbara Agee.

Primary: Mrs. Walter Sterheim, Mrs. J. E. Murphy, Miss Carolyn Lancaster, Mrs. Tressie Gillam, Mrs. Elmer Lantz, Mrs. L. W. Heitman, Mrs. Paul Davis, and Mrs. Jack Spencer.

Junior: Mrs. Roy Bale, Mrs. Henry Baldwin, Mrs. B. V. Rogers, Z. T. Russom, Mrs. Abbie Holloway, Mrs. Zorine McElroy.

Intermediates: Mrs. N. E. Strohsahl, Mrs. S. G. Beavers, Mrs. Vira Smith, Mrs. W. T. Butler, Clarence Crist, Lawrence Hubble and Reo Hossman.

Senior Youth: Marvin Keuker and Mrs. J. R. Claunch.

Adult: Charles R. Hudson, Roy Beard, W. A. McAllester, E. C. Butler, D. E. Wilson, Jr., Miss Faye Rollins, Mrs. J. W. Tate, Mrs. E. C. Reid, Mrs. L. A. Hardin, Mrs. J. W. Peel, Haynes Richardson, Homer Sarrett.

Total enrollment for Church School including week-day services is 484 and active enrollment 485.

MAY

- 2 World Fellowship Luncheon
- 3 Council Meeting, Youth Fellowship
- 5 Southwest Sub-district Youth Fellowship
- 14 Austin Sub-district Youth Fellowship
- 14 Executive Committee, Little Rock Methodist Council
- 14 Maumelle Sub-district, Woman's Society
- 19 Little Rock Sub-district Youth Fellowship
- 21 Maumelle Sub-district Youth Fellowship
- 26 Grand Prairie Sub-district Youth Fellowship

JUNE

Little Rock Annual Conference.

WOMAN'S SOCIETY OF CHRISTIAN SERVICE

MRS. SUE M. WAYLAND, EDITOR

CONFERENCE BOARD TO MEET

Mrs. T. S. Lovett, President of the Little Rock Conference, Woman's Society of Christian Service, has called the Executive Board for its Annual Fall Meeting on October 18, 19, at the First Methodist Church, Little Rock, Arkansas. The meeting will open at 7:30 p. m. on Thursday evening, and will be concluded Friday.

The Board will hear reports from



MRS. T. S. LOVETT

the officers and secretaries of the different lines of work. Since the Annual meeting, three new workers have come to the Conference, and one has been reassigned, and one has left. Miss Grace Thatcher has assumed her duties as director of the Little Rock Methodist Council; Miss Rebecca Bush has taken up her work with the South West Conference; Mrs. Ed McLean has started her work as part time Student Worker in the colleges, and Miss Margaret Marshall has moved to the Arkadelphia District to work there. Miss Sunny Mann left her work in the Camden District in September to marry Rev. Dan Bynum of Texas.

Mrs. Leslie Jeffress, Monticello District President, will report on her stay at Scarritt where she attended the National Seminar on "Christian Foundations for World Order."

ARKANSAS DISTRICTS REPORT SEMINARS

The Districts of the Arkansas Conferences are reporting splendid success in their Fall Educational Seminars. The *Arkansas Methodist* has received news that the Fort Smith District under the direction of Mrs. Alfred McElroy, conducted two seminars for the second year. One seminar was held at Waldron and the other at Ozark. Mrs. T. C. Chambliss gave the opening Devotional, Mrs. W. Henry Goodloe the Study Plans, and the following gave the studies: Mrs. O. W. Rollwage, "Latin America"; Mrs. Monroe Scott, "The Book of Acts"; Mrs. W. Henry Goodloe, "The Family"; and Mrs. Earl Baker, "Churches for our Country's Needs." Mrs. E. A. Hais-ten stressed the use of the program material in the local society.

The Little Rock District had Sem-

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PROGRAM

TUESDAY MORNING, OCTOBER 23

- 9:30 a. m. Registration
- 11:00 a. m. Convening of Eleventh Annual Meeting..... Mrs. Glenn E. Laskey, Presiding
- Order of Business
- 12:00 noon Quiet Time..... Miss Margaret Billingsley
- 12:30 p. m. Sacrificial Meal

TUESDAY AFTERNOON

- 1:30 p. m. Corporate Worship..... Miss Margaret Billingsley
- President's Message..... Mrs. Glenn E. Laskey
- 3:00 p. m. Departmental Clinics
- 6:00 p. m. Dinner with the Districts, "Building the King's Highway"..... Mrs. D. M. Campbell, Presiding

EVENING SESSION

- 8:00 p. m. Special Music..... First Methodist Church Choir
- Address: "Vision For Tomorrow"..... Mrs. C. A. Barr

WEDNESDAY MORNING

- 8:30 a. m. Organ Meditation
- 9:00 a. m. Music and Worship
- 9:15 a. m. "The World's Children—Our Concern"..... Mrs. J. C. Whitaker
- "Our Responsibility in a Changing World"..... Miss Dorothy Weber
- Reports..... St. Mark's and Peoples Community Center
- Quiet Time..... Miss Margaret Billingsley
- 12:30 p. m. Missionary Education Luncheon Mrs. Sam B. Dunbar, Presiding

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON

- 2:00 p. m. Our Work in Rural Louisiana..... Miss Elizabeth Thompson
- Reports from Town and Country, Sioux City..... Mrs. H. H. Mahaffey
- Reports from Dulac, Sager Brown, and McDonnell Methodist Center

- 3:00 p. m. Order of Business
- Adjournment

- 4:00 p. m. Tea
- 6:00 p. m. United Nations Dinner..... Mrs. C. F. Goldthwait, Presiding

EVENING SESSION

- 8:30 p. m. Special Music
- Address: "Ecumenical Methodism"..... Dr. Joe J. Mickle
- Communion

THURSDAY MORNING

- 8:30 a. m. Music
- 9:00 a. m. Order of Business
- "Our Youth Going His Way"..... Mrs. G. R. Weaver
- Reports Business Girls Inn, La. Tech Student Center
- Crusade Scholar..... Miss Julia Vissotto
- Progress Report of Finances and Supplies..... Mrs. Kennon, Mrs. Tidwell
- Closing Worship..... Miss Margaret Billingsley
- 12:30 p. m. Buffet Luncheon

inars in three of its sub-districts, thus reaching over two hundred women. Under the direction of Mrs. Corbin Dallas, they also led in a Seminar for the District Wesleyan Service Guild one evening. Asbury Church in Little Rock entertained the Little Rock Sub-District, where Mrs. E. C. Farabee, Mrs. Earl D. Cotton, Mrs. J. H. Tole and Mrs. Ewing Wayland had the studies; Miss Grace Thatcher opened the meeting with an appropriate devotional on "The Church For You Doth Wait." These women also presented the studies at the Grand Prairie and Three Circuits meeting at Carlisle. Mrs. H. K. Gingles assisted in the presentation at the Douglassville sub-district.

The Camden District met at Stephens with 165 women representing twenty-five churches present. Rev. Alfred Doss brought a brief service of adoration and Thanksgiving. Mrs. J. G. Brown, assisted by Mrs. M. E. Scott, presented a skit "The Planning Committee" showing how our four studies should be planned. The studies were presented by: Mrs. W. C. Farley, Mrs.

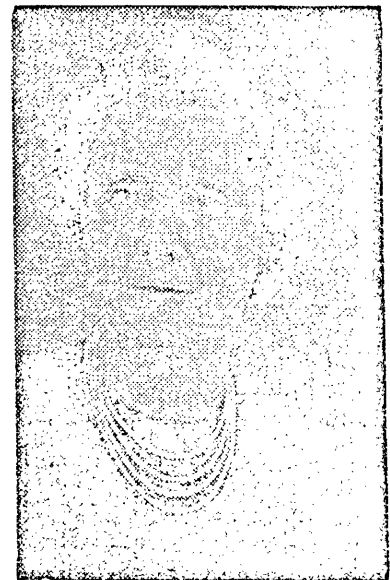
Joe Sanders, and Mrs. Alfred Doss, "Latin America"; Mrs. J. G. Brown, "The Book of Acts"; with a play, "Antioch Scene", given by Mrs. R. H. Cole and Mrs. Doyle Wilson. Mrs. J. F. McKinnon gave the "Family Life", and Mrs. T. L. Griffin presented "Churches for our Country's Needs." Mrs. Harry Wadsworth presented the Program and Worship Books for the year.

England was hostess to the Pine Bluff District, and there were twenty societies represented with one hundred and forty-eight in attendance. Mrs. Lipscomb, the local president, gave the welcome. Mrs. O. E. Holmes conducted a short business session, at which time the resignation of Mrs. McNutt as President was accepted, with regret, and Mrs. O. C. Landers, Altheimer, was elected president. Other new District officers elected were Mrs. Pete Bailey, Secretary of Christian Social Relations and Church Aptivities, Mrs. Kenneth Spore, Missionary Personnel, and Mrs. W. C. Shepherd, Children's Work. Mrs. Victor Husel-ton gave the preview of the studies,

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GUEST SPEAKER IN LOUISIANA

Mrs. C. A. Barr of Austin, Texas, will be the guest speaker at the Annual Meeting of the Louisiana Conference Woman's Society of Christian Service on Tuesday evening at Monroe. Mrs. Barr has been President of the South Central Jurisdiction since 1948. Prior to her election, she had served as President of the South West Texas Conference, also as President of the



MRS. C. A. BARR

State Council of Methodist Women. She was chairman of the Board of Managers of the Woman's Building at Mt. Sequoyah until her election as president of the Jurisdiction.

Mrs. Barr presided at the Jurisdictional meeting of the society in April at Little Rock, and those who attended will remember her graciousness in presiding, and her splendid message that was given that day. The Louisiana women are fortunate indeed to have her as their speaker.

MISS MARGARET SPENCER HONORED

The Bentonville Wesleyan Service Guild at its regular meeting in the Educational Building of the church, September 13th, honored Miss Margaret Spencer for services in the guild, the church and the district, with a Life Membership in the Guild. The presentation was made by Mrs. Bessie Andrew, District Promotional Secretary of the W. S. C. S.

The meeting was presided over by Mrs. Jarrell Smith, President. Mrs. Frankie Hamilton led the program on "The Earth is the Lord's." The Worship Center of interest consisted of tall white candles on either side of a golden cornucopia with fruits spilling out, back of an open Bible. Mrs. Jessie Gilstrap sang a solo. Others taking part on the program were Mrs. Norma Maxwell, Mrs. Fred Douglas and Miss Margaret Spencer.

Plans were made for participation on the program of the District Guild meeting which is to be held in Fayetteville, October 28th. The little chairs bought by the guild for the Primary Department were displayed. Plans were made for the pro-

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CURRENT NEWS IN ARKANSAS METHODISM

Along A Country Road

MEETING OF TOWN AND COUNTRY COMMISSION

In order to have a better understanding of our Conference Program among Town and Country Churches the following program was enjoyed by the Commission, October 9-10. It is hoped that there may come a greater appreciation of our challenging tasks before us in our Conference.

PROGRAM

Second Floor, Library, Hendrix College, October 9-10, 1951
Rev. Floyd G. Villines, Presiding

Tuesday Afternoon

Devotional Rev. C. M. Reves
Purpose of Meeting Secretary Town and Country Commission
Reflection from the National Methodist Town and Country Conference —
Rev. Floyd G. Villines, Mr. Charles Stuck, Mrs. H. H. Fulbright
A Glimpse of the Rural Church Program in England — Dr. Ira A. Brumley
The Field of Service of the North Arkansas Conference, Report on Survey,
General Discussion Directed by Executive Secretary of the
Town and Country Commission
Adjournment

Evening Program

Hulen Hall Dining Room

Fellowship Dinner Town and Country Commission and Hendrix
Pre-theolog Fellowship
Singspiration Dobbs Franks, Director
What Ministerial Students May Mean to Hendrix College—Dr. Matt L. Ellis
What Hendrix College May Mean to Ministerial Students—
Rev. James Beal
Ministerial Students and the Local Churches Rev. Joel Cooper
The Ministerial Student and His Pastoral Charge Rev. E. B. Williams
Hendrix Fellowship Teams Serving Rural Churches — Rev. James S. Upton
Inspirational Address Bishop Paul E. Martin

Wednesday

Devotional Rev. W. F. Cooley
The Town and Country Church Program in the North Arkansas Confer-
ence Executive Secretary
Resource Persons: Bishop Paul E. Martin and Cabinet
Martin A. Bierbaum, Conference Missionary Secretary,
Mrs. Johnny McClure, President Conference W. S. C. S.,
Mrs. H. H. Fulbright, Conference Promotion Secretary,
Miss Betty Letzig, Miss Mary Chaffin, Deaconesses
Dr. Ira A. Brumley, Executive Secretary of the Board of Christian
Education,
Dr. Matt L. Ellis, President of Conference Board of Lay Activities,
Mr. Charles Stuck, Lay Leader, Jonesboro District,
Judge John G. Moore, Associate Lay Leader, Conway District
12:00 P. M. Lunch
1:15 P. M. The Road Ahead in our Conference
Recommendations; Resolutions
Adjournment

Gravelly Circuit — Sunday, September 30

In order to give due emphasis to the Church School Program the churches on the Gravelly Charge came together at Bluffton Sunday morning, September 30, for a cooperative effort. A splendid program was given by representatives of each church. Following this phase of the morning's activities the writer was privileged to administer the sacraments of the Lord's Supper. The hour was of moving inspiration. A delightful fellowship was enjoyed at the noon hour.

Paul Dean Davis is serving his second year on this charge. He is in high favor with his people.—J. Albert Gatlin.

WORLD SERVICE RECEIPTS

Areas And Conferences	Paid Last Fiscal Year—June 1, 1950 to August 31, 1951	Paid This Fiscal Year—June 1, 1951 to August 31, 1951	Annual Apportionments for Quadrennium—1948-52
ARKANSAS-LOUISIANA AREA	\$ 48,481.85	\$ 30,231.43	\$ 162,182.00
Little Rock	22,100.43	7,545.49	56,221.00
Louisiana	19,659.30	15,309.21	51,800.00
North Arkansas	6,722.12	7,376.73	54,161.00
SOUTH CENTRAL JURISDICTION	127,871.39	151,714.83	917,345.00
WHOLE CHURCH	970,248.04	873,288.72	7,902,379.00

ADVANCE SPECIAL FUND AND WEEK OF DEDICATION OFFERING THROUGH AUGUST 31, 1951

Areas & Conferences	Advance Specials From June 1948 to date	1949 and 1950 Week of Dedication	1951 Week of Dedication	Conference Totals
ARK.-LA. AREA	\$ 364,246.74	\$ 52,929.24	\$ 34,552.08	\$ 451,728.06
Little Rock	104,472.20	14,178.42	11,951.09	130,601.71
Louisiana	142,621.62	23,735.70	14,538.94	180,896.26
North Arkansas	117,152.92	15,015.12	8,052.05	140,230.09
So. Central Jurisdiction	2,179,902.16	374,379.08	207,678.97	2,761,960.21
WHOLE CHURCH	9,395,535.62	1,634,590.73	862,526.86	12,092,653.21

GENERAL COMMISSION ON WORLD SERVICE AND FINANCE

Thomas B. Lugg, Treasurer
740 Rush Street, Chicago 11

LITTLE ROCK CONFERENCE CALENDAR 1951-52

Adopted By Interboard Council,
L. R. Conference

OCTOBER

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

NOVEMBER

- W. S. C. S. Executive Board meeting in Little Rock
- 13 Monticello District Evangelism Retreat
- 14 Camden District Evangelism Retreat
- 15 Hope District Evangelism Retreat
- 18-24 Hendrix College—Ministerial Education Special
- 30-Dec. 9 Area "A" Evangelism Mission (Hope, Camden, Monticello Districts, and the Louisiana Conference.)

DECEMBER

- 16-23 Methodist Children's Home Week
- 27 Little Rock District Evangelism Retreat
- 28 Pine Bluff District Evangelism Retreat
- 30 Arkadelphia District Evangelism Retreat
- 30 Student Recognition Day
- 30-Jan. 6 Arkansas Methodist Circulation Campaign
- 31 Watchnight Services

JANUARY, 1952

- 18-27 Area "B" Evangelism Mission (Little Rock, Arkadelphia, Pine Bluff Districts, and the North Arkansas Conference.)

CENTENNIAL HAS NIGHT VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

It seems that every year during the summer months the women of our church are so busy with their canning and with the men at work, we can't find a suitable time for Bible School. The children were so interested we felt that we had to have one. So when the Board of Christian Education met the first of August we voted to try a night school. On August 27 we started our school at 7:00 o'clock. We were more than pleased with the results. We found that the men and women were both free to work at this hour. The weather was cooler and the children felt better.

At 7:00 o'clock each evening we all met in the auditorium for the flag pledges, a prayer and devotional service given a story form on the flannel board. Rev. and Mrs. Carl Prentice gave these on Monday and Tuesday night and Mrs. C. L. Kidwell gave them the other nights.

On Friday night closing exercises were held.

The teachers for the school were: Director, Mrs. C. L. Kidwell; Music, Mrs. Millie Mooty; Piano, Mrs. J. J. Cottrell; Intermediates, O. A. Haire; Juniors, Mrs. O. C. Stiles and Mrs. E. E. Hayes; Primary, Mrs. R. L. Stanley and Mrs. J. C. Vines; Beginners, Mrs. O. A. Haire and Mrs. Wesley Goley; Nursery, Mrs. T. W. Ward; Girls' Handiwork, Mrs. Ruth Rice and Mrs. F. B. Kelly, Sr.; Boys' Handiwork, Wesley Goley; Games Mrs. Ross Tolbert and Mrs. E. Vines.

We had 55 to register with an average attendance of 50. Forty-five had perfect attendance.

On Friday night Mr. C. L. Kidwell treated each child with a popsicle. Next year we plan on a longer school.

Rev. Ernest E. Hayes is our pastor.—Mrs. O. C. Stiles, Secretary of Church

RALLY DAY AT TIGERT MEMORIAL, HOT SPRINGS

Church School Rally Day was observed Sunday morning, September 30th, on schedule of the Conference calendar. While the attendance goal for Rally Day was set at 101, the report of attendance in the Sunday School classes was 125. The average attendance reported last year was 77. The superintendent, Earl Smith, aspires to advance the attendance average this Conference year to one hundred.

Such a congregation assembled for the Rally Day Program at the 11:00 o'clock hour, there was standing room only. An attractive worship center, the pulpit Bible, facing the congregation from a small table in the center of the rostrum, with floral decorations banking each side of the chancel, the painting, "The Christ On The Mount", in the background over and above the altar, the open Bible and the choir, created atmosphere of awe and reverence for the service.

A young people's choir of fifteen voices, directed by J. B. Freese, the church pianist, read the litany, offered the choral responses and sang a lovely anthem. Twenty-seven children were presented promotion certificates as they were advanced from one class to another. Weldon Adcock, a former superintendent, gave the Layman's address. The closing remarks and the benediction were offered by a former pastor of Tigert, Rev. C. H. Gilliam.

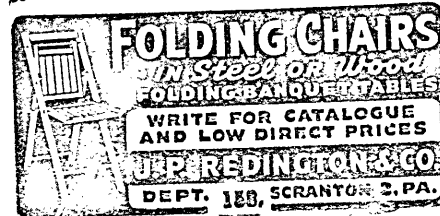
The pastor, Rev. Robert S. Beasley, was guest preacher at Mt. Ida for the fifth Sunday morning service. The Tigert Church has been in a building program for the past four years, and the end is not yet. The educational plant has been erected by C. H. Harlin, the contractor who built the Fountain Lake Church. At present, worship services are conducted in the Fellowship Hall. Other than the Assembly Room, there are six class rooms, a nursery, rest rooms and a kitchen, equipped with automatic hot water heater and other facilities to serve social gatherings and banquet occasions. The first payment and interest due on the building debt, amounting to more than a thousand dollars, has been remitted during this calendar year.—Reporter.

HOSTS TO CHURCH DINNER

Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Bryant, Clarksville, were hosts Tuesday evening, September 25 to a dinner held in the dining room of the Methodist Church at 7 p. m. for the Worker's Council of the church. The What-So-Ever Class served the dinner.

Following the dinner a regular business meeting was conducted by Joe Curtis, superintendent of the Church School. Thirty-six were present.

This is an annual custom of Mr. and Mrs. Bryant.



New Unique Christian University For Japan

Plans for the opening of the International Christian University greatly accelerated because of the signing of the Japanese Peace Treaty.

GREAT progress is being made, both here in America and in Japan, on the building of the new International Christian University which will be located just outside Tokyo. Sufficient financial support has now been secured to enable the school to open in April 1952.

The signing of the Japanese peace treaty has stimulated activity. Being a Christian university different from anything which Japan has seen, it will major in training youth in the ways of freedom, democracy, and fundamental human rights.

Buildings Already Completed

Plans now call for the opening of the university with a program of research, field service and language study. Regular classes will be admitted in April 1953. The main classroom and administration building, University Hall, is just about completed, and six faculty residences will be finished by late fall. University Hall alone is valued at a million and a quarter dollars. Faculty members are being recruited by Dr. Maurice T. Troyer, Vice President of curriculum.

The general financial campaign will continue under the chairmanship of the Honorable Joseph C. Grew, with General Douglas MacArthur as honorary chairman. Dr. Kenneth Scott Latourette of Yale University, and head of the American Baptist Convention, is president of the Foundation which has as its objective the raising of sufficient funds to erect and maintain the university. Dr. Stanley I. Stuber is its executive secretary.

Dr. Stuber, who attended the Japanese peace conference at San Francisco at the invitation of the State Department, maintains that nothing will help the Japanese people more to live up to the terms of the new treaty than the influence radiating from the International Christian University. "This new and unique institution will be a demonstration center for the products of liberty, racial equality, and Christian democracy," Dr. Stuber declared.

National Council of Churches Support

The importance of the new university is pointed up by a resolution adopted in the fall of 1951 by the General Board of the National Council of the Churches of Christ in the U. S. A. The resolution is as follows:

Voted

1. To take note of the fact that with the signing of the Japan Treaty this month the Japan International Christian University project assumes still greater international significance. The critical situation in Asia as a whole must not be forgotten in this connection. The successful launching of this unique international Christian University project holds promise of effective, constructive and very wide Christian influence in East Asia. It must not fail. Failure would mean a great blow to the Protestant movement in Japan.

2. To take note that the University is about to be launched. Its plans call for the enrollment of graduate students and the beginning of instruction in April 1952.

The present is, therefore, a most strategic juncture, calling for additional American support, and encouragement.

3. To take note of the fact that the American Foundation for the JICU is making a new approach to denominations in the United States rather than heretofore to communities and regions.

4. To go on record to the effect that the JICU project must not fail; and, therefore, to join with the Division of Foreign Missions in urging its member boards to give immediate and substantial support to this project as a major priority.

More Help Needed

While it is possible to open the university in April 1952, this does not mean that the financial goals have been fully achieved. Much will have to be accomplished in the next few years. Even with substantial help from denominational mission boards, additional funds will be needed to complete the building program and to maintain an adequate faculty. Therefore special projects have been developed, ranging from \$50.00 to \$450,000, which councils of churches, local churches and individuals may sponsor. Information concerning these may be secured from the Japan International Christian University Foundation, 44 East 23rd St., New York 10, N. Y.

A dream is now taking shape. Plans are now being converted into actual buildings upon a beautiful campus. The teaching program is now in the hands of outstanding faculty members. Everything will be ready by April 1952, for an exciting experiment in research, field service, and language study. ICU is no longer something to talk about. It is a reality which needs the moral and financial support of every earnest Christian of these cooperating denominations:

American Baptist Convention, The Church of the Brethren, Congregational Christian Churches, Disciples of Christ, Evangelical and Reformed Church, The Evangelical United Brethren Church, The Methodist Church, National Baptist Convention, Inc., Presbyterian Church in the U. S. A., Protestant Episcopal Church, Reformed Church in America, Religious Society of Friends, The United Church of Canada.

Japan, now that the peace treaty has been signed, needs more than ever the kind of a demonstration in true democracy which ICU can provide. Christians will therefore rejoice that it is now becoming a reality, and will keep on praying and supporting it for years to come. Many will feel that through the International Christian University of Japan they can make their best contribution toward a just and durable peace.

IMMORTALITY

"Dad, said a teen-ager, "I don't understand this immortality business. When a person is buried, that's the end of it, isn't it?"

That night the father brought home a bag of flower bulbs. "I want you to plant these," he told his son. "As you plant, ask yourself: 'Do I understand this flower business? Does the idea of a lily growing from this thing make sense? When I bury this bulb in the dirt, that will be the end of it . . .'" Or will it?—Margaret Blair Johnston, Pageant

WHAT WOULD PAUL SAY?

By R. H. CANNON, Pine Bluff

IN the second chapter of the letter of Paul to Galatians we have an interesting account of a "Bishop's Conference", we probably would call it today, in which Paul, James, Cephas, and John were outstanding leaders. Luke's account of the same Conference is found in the fifteenth chapter of Acts. The occasion was to try to find a solution of a problem that had come to a head first in Syrian Antioch. Paul and Barnabas had just returned from their first missionary journey. When they arrived (at Antioch), we are told "they gathered the church together and declared all that God had done with them, and how he had opened a door of faith to the Gentiles." (Acts 14:27).

"But some men came from Judea and were teaching the brethren, 'Unless you be circumcised according to the custom of Moses, you cannot be saved.'" (Acts 15:1). Paul calls these men "false brethren secretly brought in, who slipped in to spy out our freedom which we have in Christ Jesus, that they might bring us into bondage—to them we did not yield submission even for a moment, that the truth of the gospel might be preserved for you." (Gal. 2:4-5.) But we are just a little ahead of the story. Since the church at Antioch could not settle the matter, it was decided to refer it to the apostles and elders at Jerusalem. Thus began the practice of holding Conferences, this being the first General Conference of which we have any record, in so far as the knowledge of the writer goes.

On their way to Jerusalem, the company headed by Paul and Barnabas traveled through Phoenicia and Samaria, "reporting the conversion of the Gentiles, and they gave great joy to all the brethren" (Acts 15:3). But where were those believers of the Pharisees who had raised the disturbance at Antioch, and on whose account, as it seems, this conference had been called? No doubt they were too holy to travel by land through this Gentile territory, so had taken ship and would probably land at Joppa. Had they gone along in Paul's company, it is difficult to understand how they could have kept silent when there was such rejoicing along the way because God had opened a door of faith to the Gentiles. They certainly could not have shared in the joy.

At length they reached Jerusalem, but before the conference is assembled, Paul attends a cabinet meeting, presided over by Bishop James, at which Peter and John were also present. At this meeting Paul explained the gospel as he had preached it among the Gentiles. He doubtless knew something of the unreliability of Peter in reference to the matter that occasioned the calling of the conference; he trusted the reasonableness of James, and the open-mindedness of John; but he thought it best to inform them beforehand what he and Barnabas had preached, and the results that had attended their ministry. These leaders were convinced, and gave to Paul and Barnabas the right hand of fellowship, "that we should go to the Gentiles and they to the circumcised" (Gal. 2:9).

Conference being opened, Paul first declared before the assembly what he and Barnabas had preached, and what God had wrought

through them. Paul had brought along with him to the conference a young man, a Greek, Titus by name, as "exhibit A" of the work he and Barnabas had done. When Paul had finished his presentation, then rose up the brethren of the Pharisees with their minority report, protesting that, while the preaching and labors of Paul and Barnabas was good as far as it went, it did not go far enough. They had left out the really essential thing. They said, "It is necessary to circumcise them, and to charge them to keep the law of Moses." And the inference is that these Judaizers tried to compel Paul to have Titus circumcised before he could be rightfully considered a member of the church (Gal. 2:3), but Paul declares that he refused to submit to this for a moment. The minority report was lost. The results of the conference were that, in this, the first great conflict within the ranks of the Christian Church, freedom of conscience won out; faith in Christ alone was declared to be sufficient (for Gentiles); the working of God's Spirit upon the hearts of believers was to be given priority over any and all outward rites and ceremonies, however revered and sacrosanct they might be.

Just as outward ordinances were not to be allowed to stand in the way of saving faith and membership in the church, so, we may well believe, Paul would have opposed with equal zeal and warmth the imposition of any outward ritualism or requirement that would, even potentially, have thwarted Titus, say, from yielding himself to the call of God to the ministry of his gospel.

The doctrine of a divine call to the ministry has been one of the cardinal doctrines of Methodism from the first. No one conversant with Methodism's teaching and practice doubts it. How anomalous a thing it is, then, that a common matter of personal habit, and one that not even the General Conference has dared to say is, in itself, sinful, should be lifted up and made the substance of a requirement that potentially, and may be sometimes actually, nullifies the doctrine of the divine call, and this, as it seems to the writer, in plain violation of the First Restrictive Rule and the Fifth Article of Religion—both parts of the Constitution of Methodism. I refer, of course, to the tobacco rule in our Discipline. For ministers, and those who would become ministers in The Methodist Church, it is equivalent in our day to the contention which those Judaizers in Paul's day made when they said, "Except they be circumcised, they cannot be saved." One wonders what Paul would say.

There is no teaching like a good man's life.—Atlas News, Atlas Finance Co.

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NEWS

Winfield M. Y. F. To Be Hosts To Conference Youth

THE Winfield Methodist Youth Fellowship will be the official hosts for the Conference-wide rally of the Little Rock Conference M. Y. F. on Saturday, October 13. The time of the meeting has been designated as 7:00 to 9:15 p. m.

Following a period of fellowship singing, both the old and new youth councils will be introduced to the group, and the new officers will be officially installed in office.

The highlight of the evening will be the worship service at which time Bishop Paul E. Martin will be the inspirational speaker and the Philander Smith College Choir under the direction of Mr. Stanley Tate, organist and choirmaster, will furnish the music.

Approximately 1000 youth and their adult workers are expected to be on hand for this meeting. Howard Childs, retiring president of the Little Rock Conference Methodist Youth Fellowship, will be in charge of the worship service.—Emogene Dunlap



SAMUEL "BUZZY" TEAGUE,
Incoming President, Little Rock
Conference M. Y. F.

JUNIOR RICE BELT SUB-DISTRICT

An impressive dedication service highlighted the Junior Rice Belt Sub-District Methodist Youth Fellowship meeting held at the First Methodist Church in DeWitt Tuesday evening, September 25. Mrs. Erna Johnson was in charge of the dedication service.

Dixie Hillman, vice-president, presided over the business meeting.

Larry Barnes, DeWitt, was in charge of the worship service with Mary Ann Inman and Frances La Pine taking part on the program. Patsy Boyd, Mary Jean Mills, Norma Epperson and Mary Lou Um presented a pantomime with Mrs. Erna Johnson at the piano.

Rev. O. E. Holmes gave an inspirational talk on the importance of attending M. Y. F. each Sunday night.

Churches represented were DeWitt, Humphrey, Lodges Corner, First Methodist Stuttgart and Grand Avenue Stuttgart.

A recreational hour was held. Grand Avenue Church will be host to the Sub-District in October.—Georgene Sorrells, Reporter

TRAINING SCHOOL AT REYNO

A training school for the Biggers and Reyno Methodist Youth Fellowship was held at Reyno, September 15-16-17 by Miss Viola Callahan.

The Eloise Butler Sub-District met Monday evening September 17 at Reyno Methodist Church. There were 104 present with Reyno having the largest number present. A very inspiring program was presented by Miss Callahan, Sue Pickens, Betty Nichols, Margaret McFall, Caroline Glover, Gene Arnold and Billy McCooper.—Publicity Chairman

M. Y. F. HAS WEINER ROAST

The M. Y. F. of the Marysville Methodist Church met at the church for a weiner roast on Wednesday, September 26. Games under the direction of Mrs. Carithers were enjoyed throughout the evening. The committee in charge was composed of Miss Bettye Fay Tompkins, Miss Carolyn Braswell, Gerald Kinard, and Joe Perritt.

Others attending were Misses Ann Williams, Kathleen Braswell, Shirley Tompkins, Jeanette Wolfe, and Isaiah Perritt, Harold Braswell, I. N. Braswell, Maurice Vinson, J. W. Futrell, Mr. and Mrs. Darce Bishop, and Rev. and Mrs. K. K. Carithers.—Reporter

RUSSELLVILLE M. Y. F.

The Russellville M. Y. F. Sub-District meeting was held at London on October 1 with 118 present.

The November meeting will be held at Atkins.—Jean Callan, Reporter

SUB-DISTRICT OF POINSETT COUNTY

The M. Y. F. Sub-District of Poinsett County met at Terrell on Thursday, September 13.

The program, by Terrell, was two demonstrations—one, an M. Y. F. meeting that was not planned, and the other, a program that was well-planned. They then presented a play on the five talents.

The M. Y. F. Fund was discussed and it was voted to help the other Sub-Districts of the Jonesboro District pay for a cabin to be built at the Methodist Camp at Wayland Springs near Imboden.

A recreation period was held in the school gymnasium.

The next meeting will be on October 11 at the Harrisburg Methodist Church.—Reporter

BUFFALO ISLAND M. Y. F.

The Buffalo Island M. Y. F. met Monday, September 17, at Lake View with fifty-five members present. The Delfore Church received the banner for having the largest number of points.

Hugh Welch of Caraway, vice-president, was elected president to take the place of Wanda Louise Skidmore of Black Oak, resigned. Judy Hargrave of Black was elected vice-president.

Hugh Welch told of his trip to Lafayette, Indiana, to the National Youth Convocation.

A social hour was held. The next meeting will be on October 15.—Reporter

LOUISIANA NORTHEAST M. Y. F. SUB-DISTRICT

The Northeast M. Y. F. Sub-district meeting will be held at Oak Grove, October 14th, Sunday afternoon 2:30 o'clock. Rev. Howard Hudson, Pioneer, La., is the counselor.

ARKANSAS DISTRICTS REPORT SEMINARS

(Continued from page 11) and introduced the following with the studies: Mrs. Ewing Wayland, "Latin America"; Mrs. L. T. Cannon, "The Book of Acts"; Mrs. O. E. Holmes, "The Family"; and Mrs. T. S. Lovett, "Churches for our Country's Needs." Mrs. Frank Whittenauer, assisted by Mrs. Spore, Mrs. Elms, Mrs. Clark and Mrs. Townsend, gave the closing devotion, lighting four candles for the four studies, making "The Light of Knowledge."

Guest speaker for all of the Little Rock Conference Seminars, except the Hope District, was Miss Julia Vissotto, from Brazil. Julia traveled over fourteen hundred miles in that week, spoke not only to the seminars, but to youth groups, church services, prayer meetings, and even coke parties. Her dear, sweet nature won not only for herself, but for her country as well, an affection that will make the study of "Latin America" alive. We are grateful to the Division for asking her to remain in our country these months after her graduation. In Stuttgart she met another young Brazilian girl, Mrs. York, and it made that day all the happier for every one concerned. The two girls sang "What a Friend We Have in Jesus" in Portuguese, at the Pine Bluff Seminar, and it gave to each one present a new sense of the fellowship of Christians.

IT DOES MAKE A DIFFERENCE

(Continued from page 3) for lack of nourishment These are kept alive in the human heart only as they are fed. Love cuts off the supply for their sustenance and they die. Love is invincible and Christians must have a deep conviction about it.

It does make a difference what we believe. It makes a difference in each individual's heart and in society as a whole. Corrects belief is a test that John recommends when hostile forces are met. We have seen the wreckage of a period when men have tried to say, "It makes no difference what you believe so long as you are sincere." Life must be rebuilt upon God's truth. Our search for Truth will be successful when we seek with our whole being.—R. I. B.

YOUNG VETERAN TO STUDY FOR MINISTRY

A young, partly-blinded veteran of Korea, who knew ever since childhood that he wanted to be a minister, this month took the first steps toward his goal, thanks to a recent law extending vocational training to the many veterans disabled after the outbreak of the Korean conflict.

He is Bill Edd Welch, who has just entered Hendrix College in Conway, Arkansas, under the Vocational Rehabilitation Act. One of the nation's first half-dozen Korean veterans to train under the Act, Welch intends to study for the Methodist ministry.

Welch was a junior in a Nay'or, Missouri, high school in 1949, when he decided to quit his studies and join the Army. While in uniform he received his diploma after taking his final year, by mail, with the U. S. Armed Forces Institute.

The young GI was assigned to the Far East in July, 1950, only a month after hostilities had started in Korea. Serving as a combat infantryman in Korea, he was injured in battle three times in two months. It was the third injury that caused his permanent disability—loss of sight in his left eye.

On September 13, a hand grenade fragment injured his cheek and deafened him temporarily. A week later, he was released from the hospital and went right back into combat. That same day the concussion from a mortar shell explosion knocked him off a cliff. Shoulder and back injuries kept him in his hospital bed until late October.

Back in the front lines, he stayed in combat for a full month before his luck ran out. On November 28, a machine gun bullet hit his face. His left eye was gone.

The Army returned him to the United States, where he was hospitalized, and he was discharged from service early this year. As soon as he left service, he applied at the Veterans Administration for vocational training under Public Law 894, a law that extended to Korean veterans the same type of training that's available to the older World War II fellow-veterans.

Before entering training, Welch went through advisement and guidance at the VA, so that the agency could determine what type of training he'd be best suited for. The young veteran offered no problem. For many years he had his heart set on becoming a minister, and here was his chance. VA approved of his choice of an objective, and this month at Hendrix College he started on his way.

VA explained the eligibility requirements that must be met in order for Korean veterans, like Welch, to take vocational training at Government expense.

The veteran must have been disabled on or after June 27, 1950—date of the outbreak of hostilities in Korea. The service-connected disability must be compensable, and must have occurred in combat or under extrahazardous conditions outside of combat.

Also, VA said, the veteran must be in need of vocational training to overcome the handicap of his disability.—Veteran's Administration

One of the illusions of life is not in being limited to one talent, but in the failure to use the one talent.—Edgar W. Work, Christian Herald

WORLD ORDER DAY MESSAGE

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of Christ in America should lift their voices in support of the one international organization without which the whole world might even now be engulfed by war. It would be a calamity if the thinking Christian people of our country were to despair of the United Nations, or cast doubts upon its potentiality as an agency for the promotion of international peace and security.

Christians, however, cannot be content with supporting political and economic measures in their search for a warless world. Our secular society can be fully healed of its diseases only by the ministrations of Him who is the Great Physician. The time is here when Christians must proclaim His Gospel of reconciliation with a zeal like unto that manifested by the early disciples. The materialistic thrust of secularism must be met by the missionary thrust of Christendom. Let Christian youth in unprecedented numbers be recruited for this purpose. Let our churches be dedicated anew to the task of carrying His name to our own and other nations. Let steps be taken to devise a new and bolder strategy of missionary endeavor. Where doors are closed, let the impact of the Christian community be felt until these doors are opened again. Where doors remain open, let us enter through them to raise altars to the glory of God.

Let us heed the admonition of the Apostle Paul in his letter to the Ephesians. Let us, in this hour of crisis, stand. Let us stand having our loins girt with truth and having on the breastplate of righteousness; and our feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace. Above all, let us take the shield of faith wherewith we shall be able to

MISS MARGARET SPENCER HONORED

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gressive visitation program. There were 17 members and two guests present.

Hostesses for the social hour which followed were Mrs. Art Purma and Miss Marie Jackson.—Mrs. Bessie Andrew

HENDRIX COLLEGE NEWS

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editor. Business manager for the annual is Richard Moose of Heber Springs. Heading the departments of the staff are Barbara Noble, Little Rock, copy editor; Ann Brown,

quench all the fiery darts of the wicked. And let us take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.

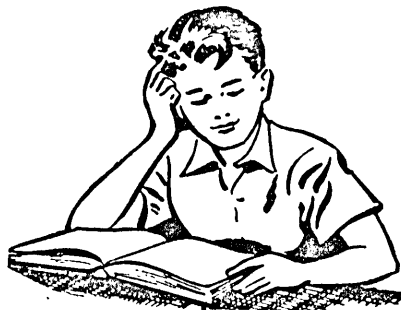
Bastrop, La., production; Jackie Ballew, Conway, art editor; Anne Abel, Dallas, Tex., organizations; and John Hays and William Wilson, both of Little Rock, photographers.

Mary Moore and Jo Fleming, both of Conway, are co-editors of the campus weekly newspaper, the Profile. Business manager is Bobby Lee of Center Point. Helping edit the publication are Carolyn Colvert of DeWitt and Guy Shannon of Carlisle, news editors, Martin Rex of

Fort Smith, art editor, and Shirley McElroy of Ozark, society editor. The sports department is headed by Clint Burleson of Gurdon and Bo Brewer of Pine Bluff.

Featured in the paper are the writings of the Profile's six columnists, Dick Ezell of Pine Bluff, Beth Henderson of Imboden, Nita Lane of Conway, Barbara Noble of Little Rock, Jim Thwing of Conway and Frank Warden of North Little Rock. —Guy Shannon

WHEN LIGHTING FADES



SO DO GRADES!

The time of year when daylight begins to fade is also the time when school work starts . . . and youngsters need perfect lighting more than ever. It is fortunate that the remedy is so easy and inexpensive . . . with the right size bulbs, the correct study lamps.

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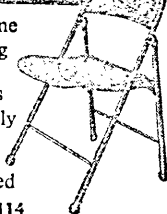
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ARE WE MEASURING UP?

LESSON FOR OCTOBER 21, 1951

READ THE ENTIRE LESSON FROM YOUR BIBLE:
Genesis 47:1-7, 50:18-24.

GOLDEN TEXT: "We know in everything God works for good with those who love him, who are called according to his purpose." (Romans 8:28)

A Look At The Scriptures

In the account of Joseph we have one of the most beautiful stories in the Bible. The Bible deals faithfully with its characters. It never tries to cover up their faults. We recall how far short Jacob, the father of Joseph, fell in the matter of religion and morals. But Joseph is pictured as an almost perfect character. Since the Bible is so frank in revealing faults, we know that what it says of him is true. His only revealed fault was the fact that at the beginning he was a bit egotistical. His attitude along this line was largely responsible for the treatment he received at the hands of his jealous brothers. Then, too, the fact that Jacob was partial to Joseph added to the jealousy of the other sons.

Joseph Sold As A Slave

We recall how Joseph was sent by Jacob to visit his brothers in distant parts and how they at first plotted to kill him but later decided to sell him as a slave to a group of Ishmaelites. We are told that Reuben, the oldest of all the brothers, was absent when this took place. It was he who suggested that Joseph be put in the pit but he did so, not with the idea of starving him to death as the others thought but he meant later to slip him from the pit and return him safely to his father. Reuben deserves much credit for this. According to the custom the oldest son should have received special considerations from the father. It was very plain that Joseph had displaced Reuben in this matter. He, therefore, above all the brothers should have been most jealous, yet he sought to save Joseph and get him back to their father.

Potiphar's Slave

On arriving in Egypt in the Ishmaelites' sold Joseph to one of Pharaoh's officers—Potiphar. Potiphar soon discovered Joseph was industrious and intelligent. He made him overseer of all his holdings. We recall how Joseph was tempted by Potiphar's wife. In spite of this temptation he stood true. He felt that he could not thus wrong his master who had trusted him. Then, too, he realized that it would be a great sin against God.

We recall how Joseph was lied on by his master's wife and as a result was thrust into prison. He interpreted the dreams of the chief butler and baker who were also in prison. As Joseph had predicted in the interpretation of the dreams the chief baker was hanged and the butler restored to his former position. He promised to remember Joseph for this favor, but for two full years failed to remember his promise. Then Pharaoh had a dream. None of his wise men could

interpret it. The butler told Pharaoh of Joseph. Joseph was brought from prison, interpreted the dream and as a result was made second ruler of the country. This is one of the greatest success stories in all literature. Think of it—from slave in prison to the second highest position in the world of that day.

Joseph Made Known To His Brothers

We recall how a great drouth which caused a famine in most of the world of that day came, and how Joseph's brothers came down to Egypt to purchase some of the grain that he in his wisdom had stored during the seven years of plenty. Joseph later made himself known to his brothers, but he did so only after he had led them step by step to repent of the evil they had done in selling him as a slave.

Israel Moves To Egypt

Joseph was 17 years old when he was sold into Egypt. He spent 13 years in Potiphar's house and in prison. He was 30 years old when he became the ruler of Egypt.

After making himself known to his brothers Joseph instructed them to bring his father and all the relatives to Egypt. He settled them in the land of Goshen which was the most fertile section of Egypt. The Israelites remained in Egypt for a period of 400 years.

We often wonder why Joseph and his people were so well treated in Egypt. There are some two or three reasons for this: first and foremost, God was in it all and was working out his plans for his people. Egypt was the most highly civilized nation of the world at that time. The sojourn of the Israelites there was of much benefit to them. Then, too, at the time Joseph was sold into Egypt the Hyksos were the rulers of the land. There were two dynasties of these people consisting of 11 kings. These are known in history as the Shepherd Kings. They came from a line of Semitic conquerors from Asia and were closely related to the Jews. So long as these people were in power the Jews were highly favored. They were conquered and deprived of their power by the 18th dynasty of Egypt at which time the persecution of the Jews began, which later led to their complete enslavement.

Death and Burial of Jacob

Jacob was 147 years old when he died. He fled from the face of his brother Esau; went to Haran where he spent 20 years; married and most of his children were born there. He later returned to Caanan and spent 33 years. The last 17 years of his life were spent in Egypt. He was buried in Caanan in the Cave of Machpelah. It will be remembered that Abraham and Isaac were also buried here.

Joseph Assures His Brother Of Forgiveness

The brothers of Joseph had greatly wronged him. They did not see how he could ever forgive them. They felt that he was only waiting for Jacob to die and then he would get revenge on them. At the death of Jacob they came and fell on their faces before Joseph to beg his forgiveness and plead for mercy. Joseph assured them that he would in no way retaliate. Not only did he freely forgive them but he promised that he would nurture both them and their families. It is said that the attitude of Joseph at this point approaches the Christian standard.

Joseph went on to inform his penitent brothers that he knew they meant evil toward him in selling him into slavery, but God had made their evil intention work out to the good of all concerned. This idea expresses the same thought as that expressed in our Golden Text: "We know that in everything God works for good with those who love him, who are called according to his purpose." It will be noted that this passage is taken from the New Testament—Romans 8:28. There is no better proof of the truth of Romans 8:28 than the experiences in the life of Joseph.

Joseph Measured Up

Our theme is in the form of a question: "Are We Measuring Up?" The Scriptures explained above shows how one of old, by the help of God, measured up to the highest standards and that in the face of many adverse circumstances. Joseph was the most faultless character of the Old Testament period. More space is given to the account of his life than to any other in that period. Abraham, Moses, and David were all greater men than Joseph but he outstripped all of them in the matter of faultlessness. Christ alone outstripped him in this field. For thousands of years the simple story of Joseph's life has proven a great inspiration to both young and old.

Joseph measured up in the face of his father's disposition to spoil him. Many youth are ruined at this very point. But in the midst of the attention of his over-indulgent father he remained true to God.

Joseph measured up in spite of the hatred and jealousy of his brothers. It is pretty hard to be severely hated by any one, but when this hatred comes from one's own close relatives it is a great burden indeed. Think of his brothers hating him so badly that they wanted to kill him, and would have done so had it not been for Reuben. He heard them plot his death and make plans to dip his coat-of-many-colors in the blood of an animal so the father would think some wild beast had killed and devoured him. This hatred finally led to their selling him as a slave. In a way this was worse than death; it was a living death. A person of less strength of character and faith in God would certainly have given up under these circumstances.

Joseph remained true under the galling bondage of slavery and also under the temptation of his master's wife. Think of a 17 year old boy standing firm under such circumstances.

Joseph measured up while in prison. He had not been there long before he interpreted the dreams of the chief butler and the chief baker, but the butler forgot his promise to speak a good word for Joseph to Pharaoh for two full years. Remember also that prisons

then were far worse than they are now. It is bad enough to be in prison and deprived of your liberty when you are guilty but it is much worse when you are innocent. One thus treated is in great danger of becoming embittered for life.

The Joseph measured up when prosperity came. Some one has said that "All power is corrupting, and absolute power is absolutely corrupting." But this did not prove true in the case of Joseph. Not only did Joseph become the ruler of the greatest nation of that day, but as such he had considerable means. His prosperity, however, did not turn his head. In Ecclesiastes 7:2 we read, "It is better to go to the house of mourning, than to the house of feasting." The writer there is saying that it is harder to live right in the midst of prosperity than in the midst of adversity. All of us know that there is truth in that statement. But Joseph measured up and remained true under all circumstances.

What About Us?

It is well enough to note that back yonder thousands of years ago there was a man who measured up, but what about us? Are we measuring up in our day? We have our temptations. The world is in the midst of a moral slump. This always happens after wars, and the bigger the war the bigger the slump. Not many years ago we came out of World War II. This would naturally lead to a moral slump, but to make bad matters worse, we had not gotten out of the slump caused by World War I before the other was on us. We are, therefore, receiving a double dose of immorality. Little wonder there is so much corruption in politics in these days. Above all times we need statesmen in office and not tin-horn politicians. This nation is skating on thin ice today. Cold chills run up and down the backbone of this nation when we learn that there are many men in high places who attempt to attend to the affairs of this country over cocktail glasses and when under the influence of intoxicating liquor. We cannot help but believe that God is looking to this nation to point the way out of the ever increasing darkness of this modern world. It is enough to make the angels weep when we note the peddling of influence by cheap politicians in high places. We need men today who will measure up; who will stand firm under all circumstances as Joseph did.

The sad part of the matter is we are not only failing politically, but we are failing to a certain extent in every other realm of life. Clean athletics is one of the finest things of all, but note the corruption that has crept in here. Many players are being bought and games fixed even before the contest is on. We need more people in athletics who will measure up; who will not sell out for a mess of pottage.

The same is true in the church. We need more people who will stand four-square for the right. Our greatest need is not more members, but better members. As church school classes all should go out to bring others under the influence of the Christian way of life.

Dr. L. P. Jacks tells of an agnostic who sent for another agnostic to console him on his death bed. "Stick to it, Tom," said the consoler. "Yes," gasped Tom, "but there's nothing to stick to!"—Pulpit Digest