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Prefers Life Imprisonment To Dangers Of Drunkenness

A few days ago, in Mississippi a very strange request was made of the Governor by a former life-terminer who was out of prison on an indefinite suspension of sentence. In a personal interview with Governor Fielding L. Wright, Governor of Mississippi, the parolee requested that the suspension of sentence be revoked and that he be returned to prison for the remainder of his life. The request was granted.

Samuel Walker had been convicted of murder in 1933 and sentenced to life imprisonment. He was a model prisoner and, as a reward for good conduct in prison, was granted an indefinite suspension of sentence in 1941.

Outside of prison Mr. Walker became addicted to the liquor habit. He had little control of himself while drunk and was fearful that he might commit some awful crime while under the influence of liquor. This means that a man who is a model prisoner in a state institution, where liquor is not available, becomes so dangerous out of prison, where liquor is available, that he himself prefers life imprisonment to the hurt liquor has already done him and the fear of the greater harm it might cause him to do to himself or others.

Hence a man, who might have become a model citizen out of prison but for liquor, returns to prison for life on his own request that he may be free from the dangers of drink. The final cost of drunkenness must be terrible if one would ask to be locked in a state prison for life in order to be free from the hurt it threatens. This is but one of the unlimited number of tragedies of shattered lives, broken hearts and wrecked homes caused by those who make liquor available.

Home Hospital Program Advances

METHODISTS throughout the Arkansas-Louisiana Episcopal Area can take justifiable pride in the development of the Methodist Home Hospital in New Orleans. Louisiana Methodists can be excused for their pride on the basis of their support and ownership with the Mississippi Annual Conferences of the institution. Arkansas Methodists can look with a sense of pride at the institution because Methodism has been largely responsible for making possible what the institution is today. Indeed, Methodism everywhere can be justly proud of this institution which in a very peculiar sense brings the charity of the Christian message to persons in a dark hour of their lives.

The Home Hospital serves a four-fold purpose; it is a Maternity and Pediatric Hospital for unmarried mothers and their babies; maternity home for unmarried mothers; a child-caring institution; and a child placing agency. Since 1918 Methodism has had the institution in its care and during this period of time has rendered a ministry that has been the means of redemption to many girls.

Last week on October 16 the first unit in the present building program was formally opened and dedicated, the first of two units to replace old frame buildings which save for the grace of the authorities would have been condemned long ago. Those who know the whole story of the launching and completing of this first unit also know that such an accomplishment was not without much sacrifice and hard work. Particularly

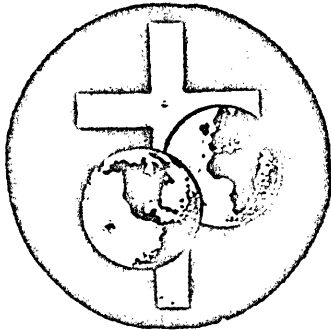
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Methodism's Mission In Experimental Religion

AS stated in this column last week, one of the major contributions Methodism has made to the church general, in its denominational divisions, is the spirit and attitude of liberalism.

It is our feeling, also, that the major contribution Methodism has made to the matter of personal religion is in the emphasis it has placed on the privilege and necessity of experimental religion, called in old Methodist terms "heartfelt religion."

In the days of the Wesleys, as in the Jewish Church in the days of Jesus, religion consisted largely of giving intellectual assent to a traditional faith and an outward approval to a code of morals and religious practices. The inner con-



sciousness of the presence of God in human life as a guide and inner motivating power in human conduct had little place in the thinking or experience of the church people of that day.

While the idea of the "warm heart" the Witness of the Spirit or "heartfelt religion" did not originate with the Wesleys, God did use them and their fellow workers to give an emphasis to this truth it had not had for the centuries. God also used the Methodist movement to give to the world a living example of the reality and value of experimental religion. As a result of the strong emphasis Methodism has given to this re-discovered truth, there are a number of churches now that have for years been teaching the possibility and the reality of "heartfelt religion."

This doctrine of the Witness of the Spirit, as proclaimed by the Wesleys and their followers, is in no sense limited to the experience of conversion. It, of course, includes conversion but it includes also a consciousness of the continuing presence of the Spirit of God in the Christian's life, not only as a witness, but as an inspiration and guide.

Such a conception of religion changes it from an attitude to an experience; faith gives way to reality and belief is transformed into an inner assurance and certainty. Christianity again became a singing religion where songs express an inner consciousness of fellowship with the Divine.

If Methodism, by its teachings or by example in Christian living, has helped spread the conception of experimental religion, we should be happy in that knowledge.

Antidote For World's Ills

WE were attracted a few days ago to an AP article by Hal Boyle under the caption "Love Tunnel is Atomic Shelter." The writer was telling how the "tunnel of love" in a certain amusement park is now called "the atom bomb shelter", the name of the tunnel being renamed to appeal more to the frame of reference of the mind of young people today. However, we found our own thinking reverting back to the caption of the article, and how so much of the very destiny of the world is literally wrapped up in those five words: "love tunnel is atomic shelter."

Regardless of what military victories may be won; regardless of what nation is the mightiest of them all; regardless of who may be the strongest economically; regardless of what political ideology may seem to prevail; regardless of how much one group of people may help another group or groups; regardless of what agreements or treaties there may be in existence; if first of all there is not love, there is little hope that any of the foregoing will be a sufficient shelter from the destruction of atomic warfare. The great hope of the world today is the message of love and redemption of the Christian gospel and the great task of the Christian Church is to proclaim the message that love is the antidote for the world's ills.

Backdoor Appointment Of Ambassador To Vatican

ONE of the most surprising of the many surprising things President Truman has done came last Saturday with the sudden announcement that Gen. Mark Clark has been appointed "Ambassador extraordinary and plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the STATE of Vatican City."

This action of the President was not only surprising to Protestantism in America, it was also quite unexpected. It was unexpected because, as a result of strong protests by practically every major Protestant church in America, the President had given his personal word that even the President's personal representative to the Vatican would be discontinued as soon as conditions would permit. As distasteful as an unofficial President's personal representative to the Vatican has been to Protestants in America, the unprecedented appointment of an official Ambassador to the STATE of Vatican City is an unwarranted, unnecessary offense to Protestant opinions and desires that will be deeply resented and actively resisted.

The promotion of world peace and the resisting of the spread of communism are given as the reason for the appointment. Unless the President is slipping badly in his powers to judge public reaction to such a move, he is not naive enough to expect the Protestants of America to believe that the real reason for the appointment has been stated. The timing of the appointment and the methods used smack of national "power politics" too much to fool many people. Whatever effect this action may have on peace abroad, it has projected a fight within our nation that could prove disastrous to national unity in this time of world crisis.

It is perfectly proper for Catholics in America to pledge their first allegiance to the Pope of Rome as their spiritual father and leader, if their religious faith prompts them to do so, and the Vatican is only the headquarters of a Christian church. If, however, the Vatican is a STATE in a foreign country and the Pope is the dictatorial ruler of that state, it is quite another thing for

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That They Might Have Life

New Orleans Home Hospital Dedicated October 16

By Ewing T. Wayland

"THAT They Might Have Life" is the challenging watchword of a Methodist institution in New Orleans which on Tuesday, October 16, took a long step toward completing a building program that will place it foremost among the Methodist institutions that serve those in need. The Methodist Home Hospital formally opened and had dedicated on that date the first unit in a two-phase building enterprise designed to replace several ancient two-story frame buildings where the Home Hospital has been in operation for more than a half century.

Owned and operated by the Louisiana, Mississippi, and North Mississippi Annual Conferences of The Methodist Church, the Home Hospital is really doing the work of four institutions: Maternity and Pediatric Hospital for unmarried mothers and their babies; Maternity Home for unmarried mothers; Child-Caring Institution; and Child-Placing Agency. For many years the work just mentioned has been done in buildings which in no sense measured up to the challenge of the service rendered. At the same time there was a vision in the minds of those charged with the affairs of the Home Hospital that someday a building commensurate with the opportunity would be erected, and funds to make a reality of this dream were slowly being collected.

Because of the very nature of the work which was being done in the Home Hospital there were those who doubted the wisdom of the Church undertaking to invest heavily in this field of service, but still undaunted the leadership of the Home Hospital pressed its case. More than a year ago now, ground was finally broken for the first unit of the new building. More than \$100,000 was needed to complete the first unit free of debt, since some \$140,000 was already in hand when construction was begun. The conferences concerned began in earnest the task of securing the needed funds and at the time of the formal opening, October 16, more than enough funds were on hand to pay the full contract price and provide many of the furnishings needed for the Home Hospital.

Dr. Karl P. Meister, Executive Secretary of the Board of Hospitals and Homes of The Methodist Church, in delivering the principal Dedicatory Address at the Dedication Service, said that this Home Hospital has the finest building and facilities of any similar institution in his knowledge, and when the second unit is completed will undoubtedly be the most adequate Home Hospital of its kind anywhere.

The new unit, located on Washington Street near Annunciation, New Orleans, is of brick, concrete and tile construction, two story, and is being equipped with modern, efficient furnishings and equipment. The first floor of the new unit includes the reception room, superintendent's office, supervisor's office, social worker's office, placement and playroom space, newborn nursery and clinic, an advance nursery and clinic rooms, nurses' dressing room, laboratory, diet kitchen, isolation ward for adults, doctors' office, externes' office, isolation and suspect nurseries, nurses' station, sick ward, O. B. ward, labor room, delivery and treatment rooms with connecting scrub room and sterilizing room. On the second floor of the new unit are 10 rooms, each having space for two patients; a recreation room which will serve also as a temporary chapel; a staff kitchen; quarters for the resident nurse; and a sun deck which is above the east wing of the new unit.

The cost of the new unit, including the new furnishings and equipment, is approximately \$285,000. Although there is yet some finishing touches to be made before the building is actually accepted by the institution's board, there are ample funds on hand to pay the final costs. The building was actually formally opened and dedicated before its construction is finally completed. Roy Johns, Monroe, La., is the Architect, and R. P. Farnsworth Co., Inc., is the General Contractor.

The Board of Trustees of the Home Hospital



Upper left: Bishop Marvin Franklin, Jackson Area; Dr. Karl P. Meister, General Board of Hospital and Homes; Dr. H. L. Johns, Home Board Chairman; Rev. Spencer L. Stockwell, Home Superintendent; Bishop Martin, Arkansas-Louisiana Area, inspecting lighting arrangement in one of two delivery rooms in Home Hospital

Upper right: Rev. Spencer L. Stockwell, Home Superintendent, presenting members of the Home staff. Center left: Dr. Karl Meister, Executive Secretary of the Board of Hospitals and Homes, Chicago, delivered the principal dedicatory address.

Center right: View of the first completed unit of the Home Hospital. Lower left: Representative of the Construction Firm receives check representing final payment for construction. Board Treasurer, Ben S. Giles, right, has just presented the check. Roy Johns, Architect, is partially hidden by Contractor's arm. R. P. Farnsworth Company was the construction firm.

Lower right: Interior view of one of the 10 rooms on second floor for patients.

met on the opening day at 11:00 a. m. and after an inspection of the building, had lunch in the Home's dining room, still housed in one of the older remaining buildings. Significant action taken by the Board included the decision to demolish the building at the corner of Washington and Annunciation Streets; decision to refurnish and redecorate the kitchen and dining room in the remaining older building; reaffirmed previous plans to continue with the building program and progress to plans for building second unit; voted to apply for needed priorities for materials for second unit; voted to apply for membership in the American Hospital Association. The Board also heard statements from the Hospital's Superintendent, Rev. Spencer L. Stockwell, the Hospital's Treasurer, Ben S. Giles, and the Hospital's architect, Roy L. Johns. Other officers of the Board included Bishop Paul E. Martin and Bishop Marvin A. Franklin, Dr. H. L.

Johns, Chairman, and Rev. Dana Dawson, Jr., Secretary.

Dr. Johns had general charge of the formal opening and dedicatory services with Bishops Martin and Franklin leading in the actual service of dedication of the new unit and a pulpit bible, the latter the gift of the Wesleyan Service Guild of the Rayne Memorial Methodist Church, New Orleans, in memory of Minerva Mounger. Others having a part in the service included Rev. L. D. Haughton, Brookhaven, Mississippi, who read the Scripture Lesson; Rev. N. H. Melbert, New Orleans pastor, who offered the prayer; Rev. Mr. Stockwell, Hospital Superintendent who presented hospital staff and guests; Dr. Meister, Board of Hospitals and Homes, who delivered the principal address; Mrs. Gloria Mittelstaedt, who sang a solo; and representatives of the Contracting Firm and the Architect who with Mr. Giles,

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THE DEVOTIONAL PAGE

REV. ROY I. BAGLEY, Editor

FROM THE BOOKSHELF

Protestantism also represents a genuine revival of the life and gospel of the apostles, and even a continuation of certain major streams of religious life of the Latin middle ages . . .

Modern Romanism and modern Protestantism alike are partly revolutionary and partly traditional and neither can be fully understood without relating it to the other . . .

The most familiar theme of critics of Protestantism is its divisiveness.

For the great majority of Protestants the denominational structure is only an administrative differentiation within a common faith . . .

Protestant unity can never consist in uniformity . . .

James and John were rebuked for asking for some of the prerogatives later claimed by the bishops of Rome . . .

The gospel was preached in symbol before it was written in Scripture and before any church organization was established. The church was first of all a "communion of saints", a participation of each and of all in the life of God's reign . . .

Every creative awakening of Christian life has passed after about two generations into a period of lowered inspiration, of organization and codification . . .

Evangelicals and Orthodox Catholics can carry on a discussion. There is no discussion with Rome, only submission or rejection . . .

—From "Primer For Protestants", by James Hastings Nichols

LIVING EXPENDABLY

Verse for today: *I will very gladly spend and be spent for you.* (2 Cor. 12:15)

Scripture: Philippians 2:1-13.

Like a candle which consumes itself to give light to the people around about, Paul set before the Corinthians the principle of service as essential to the Christian life.

A vital concern for the spiritual welfare of others is one of the distinguishing marks of Christianity. The non-Christian world more often seeks to be served than to serve. Christianity, however, seeks to serve, to help, to lift. It counts opportunities to serve as privileges, not burdensome duties. Jesus made service a measure of character when he said, "He that is greatest among you shall be your servant."

Christian service is the road over which a redeemed world will travel. Before we can hope for a Christian world, a whole-souled devotion to Christ must be displayed on the part of the church, and this requires that it first be established in the individual lives of the followers of Christ.

Christian service is the Christian's arm reaching out in love. The outreach of the arm reveals the character of the heart and can prove the superiority of Christ's way. Christians must be Christ's strong, but loving, arms for the reaching of

TO A CONVALESCENT

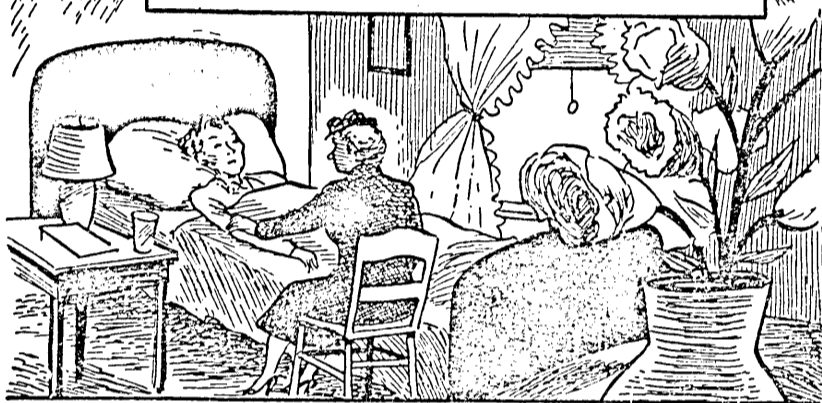
I AM praying for you, friend, while you are waiting

The long hour through for strength to come again.

God grant you patience that you may wait bravely;
God grant you courage for these days, and when
The healing comes, as come it will, I pray,
Health may be yours for many a useful day.

In the meantime, rest, and know the everlasting
Arms are close about you, that they will
Sustain you, and a gentle voice commands you
"Know that I am God, be still, be still."
And heeding him, his healing touch will mend
Your weary heart and mind. God bless you,
friend.

—GRACE NOLL CROWELL



The Victory That Overcomes The World

TEXT: *For whatever is born of God overcomes the world: and this is the victory that overcomes the world, our faith.* (1 John 5:4)

THE spirit that we find in the First Epistle of John is like a beautiful sunrise. It is a note of confidence in victory that breathes new life into our jaded souls. It is like the fresh breeze of the dawn that refreshes us after a long hot night. Though it is dealing with particular problems, at a particular time in history, it speaks a message for any day.

We have noted that the First Epistle of John was written at a time when heretical teaching was threatening the early church. One teaching that John vigorously opposes concerns Jesus Christ. This doctrine disassociated the earthly Jesus from the risen Christ. John has no patience with this position and declares that the gift of God is in His Son and His Son came in the flesh. To deny this is the very spirit of anti-christ.

Another stumbling block was the

the world in such a day as this.

PRAYER: Our Heavenly Father, we thank thee for Christ, who came to serve mankind. Teach us the blessedness of service, and show us how to give ourselves more completely to thy purpose in our daily lives. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

—Harry B. Hembree, in
The Secret Place

doctrine of the perfectionist. Those who followed this teaching were sure that they were beyond evil; therefore, they had no need to concern themselves any longer with sin. The material was no responsibility of theirs. Ordinary men, that is those who did not hold to their position, were below them, even as lower animals. These perfectionists felt no responsibility to love or to fellowship with those who did not see eye to eye with them. There is no stronger denunciation in this little tract than when John meets this position.

John does not waste time in trying to trace the origin of evil. He sees it before him and challenges it at every point. Evil is destructive and Christians can offer no ground of compromise. It cannot be condoned; it must be triumphed over.

Now here is where this letter sparkles like a beautiful jewel. The war against evil can be won, "This is the victory that overcomes the world, our faith." There is not the slightest doubt that the Christian's victory is a present triumph. It is now, that a Christian will overcome the world. He will not overcome it by being removed from it, but be victorious even while living in it. Salvation is a present experience. In the confession of our sins we find God merciful to forgive us and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Man's faith and God's grace join hands and a soul is led from darkness into light.

The salvation of a soul is not dependent upon keeping laws or a set of rules. There are commandments of God but it is man's confidence in the faithfulness of God that makes him able to keep those commands. "You are of God and have overcome them; for he who is in you is greater than he who is in the world."

Salvation is not a bargaining matter—it is self-surrender so that the "He who is greater" may dwell in our hearts. We shrink from the practice of the "sale of indulgences" that stirred the spirit of revolt in the heart of Martin Luther against the Roman Catholic Church. But every day you can hear someone say "I don't do this, or this, or this." Suppose they abstain from everything that is wrong, what then. There is the positive side to living—especially Christian living—that must be considered. There is not only the "thou shalt nots," but there are the imperatives which compel us to recognize that we have a task to perform. When we leave the good undone we must repent. We open the door of our hearts and Jesus Christ comes in and then we have the Master of evil.

Charles Wesley expresses it in a great old hymn of the church:

*"Depth of mercy! can there be
Mercy still reserved for me?
Can my God His wrath forbear—
Me, the chief of sinners, spare?"*

*There for me the Saviour stands,
Holding forth His wounded hands;
God is love! I know, I feel,*

Jesus weeps and loves me still. Christians are to "know" God. This is not a hearsay knowledge but an actual living fellowship. We are "introduced" in our self-surrender, but our knowledge grows because our fellowship becomes deeper as we practice His living presence through prayer, fellowship of service, and personal sacrifice.

There is assurance that a Christian triumphs over the world, but, there must be constant vigilance in our security. This does not mean that God is whimsical. It is because we let the things of the world crowd in and forget the eternal. Our love must be constant in the deeds that we do and in the reality of this living fellowship.

*"My soul, be on thy guard;
Ten thousand foes arise;
The hosts of sin are pressing hard
To draw thee from the skies."*

*O watch, and fight, and pray;
The battle ne'er give o'er;
Renew it boldly every day,
And help divine implore."*

Our vigilance will be richly repaid because Divine Love will be becoming perfect in our lives. "His spirit bears witness with our spirit that we are the children of God" and we enter into the eternal inheritance which the Father has prepared. John's message blazes its way up through the centuries to speak to us in an age that is confused and troubled saying, "This is the victory, our faith."—R.I.B.

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North Arkansas Conference

November 26, Fayetteville District, Fayetteville
November 26, Conway District, No. Little Rock
November 27, Batesville District, Cave City
November 27, Searcy District, Beebe
November 28, Paragould District, Rector
December 11, Forrest City District, Helena
December 12, Ft. Smith District, Clarksville
December 13, Jonesboro District, Tyronza

Little Rock Conference

November 20, Little Rock District, Highland
Church, Little Rock
November 27, Pine Bluff District, Altheimer
December 12, Arkadelphia, Arkadelphia First
Church
December 10, Monticello District, Warren
December 13, Hope District, De Queen

Louisiana Conference

October 29, Monroe District, Grayson
October 29, Ruston District, Ruston
October 30, Alexandria District, Winnfield
October 31, New Orleans District, First Church,
New Orleans
October 31, Baton Rouge District, Baton Rouge
November 1, Lake Charles District, Sulphur
November 1, Shreveport District, Shreveport

MONTICELLO DISTRICT ADDED TO "B" MISSION

When the Executive Committee of the Arkansas-Louisiana United Evangelistic Mission had compiled the list of churches enlisted for the Mission and the number of guest pastors available in the two Missions, it became evident that the "A" Mission would be short of personnel.

Dr. William E. Brown, district superintendent of the Monticello District, was altogether agreeable to the proposal that his District be placed in the "B" Mission. Thus, by adding his District to the "B" Mission, all of his pastors will be available for service in the "A" Mission and the men who had been assigned to his District will also be available for assignments to other Districts in Louisiana.

LITTLE ROCK TRAINING SCHOOL

The first session of the Little Rock Training School was held on Sunday afternoon, October 21, at 2:30 at Winfield Church, with an attendance of over 600. The following courses are being offered: Guiding Nursery Children in Christian Growth, Mrs. W. F. Bates; Guiding Kindergarten Children in Christian Growth, Mrs. Maudine Hutton; Guiding Primary Children in Christian Growth, Mrs. W. A. Wooten; Guiding Junior Children in Christian Growth, Miss Elizabeth Workman; Interpreting the Bible to Youth (For Adult Leaders), Rev. James Upton; Youth and Worship (For Young People), Miss Emogene Dunlap; Music in Christian Education, Rev. V. Earle Copes; The Church and Its Work (For Laymen), Dr. James Workman; Church School Administration, Dr. C. A. Choate.

Classes are being held each evening at 7:15.

NEWS AND NOTES ABOUT FACTS AND FOLKS

REV. J. E. COOPER, pastor of the First Methodist Church, Warren, has been elected president of the Warren Ministerial Alliance.

REV. J. M. HAMILTON, district superintendent of the Arkadelphia District, was the speaker at the Family Night service at the First Methodist Church, Malvern, on Wednesday, October 17.

FIRST CHURCH, MALVERN, was represented at the Youth Rally at Winfield Church, Little Rock, by a group of twenty-eight, including the pastor and his wife, Rev. and Mrs. Van W. Harrell and Youth Counselor, Mrs. Joe Harbruck.

REV. GEORGE E. STEWART, pastor at Atkins, is assisting Rev. Kermit Van Zant in a meeting at Presley's Chapel Methodist Church, Huntsville.

DR. MATT ELLIS, president of Hendrix College, Conway, was a guest teacher in the Oklahoma City District Training School at Oklahoma City last week.

A daughter, Carol Esther, was born to Rev. and Mrs. Lester Finley on September 8. Brother and Mrs. Finley are representatives of the First Methodist Church, Jonesboro, in India.

REV. ROBERT H. JAMIESON, pastor of the Harahan Methodist Church, New Orleans, is doing the preaching in revival services in Texarkana, Texas.

THE GIBSON BIBLE CLASS of the First Methodist Church, Russellville, has as a project this year the clothing of one of the children at the Methodist Children's Home in Little Rock.

REV. RUFUS S. SORRELLS, pastor of Scott Street Church, Little Rock, demonstrated recreation equipment in a Recreation Training School in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, last week.

REV. VIRGIL D. MORRIS, pastor of the First Methodist Church, Alexandria, was the speaker at the Wednesday, October 17, meeting of the Alexandria Lions Club. He told of his recent trip to Europe.

MRS. PAUL E. MARTIN, wife of Bishop Martin, has returned from Abilene, Texas, where she was called on account of the illness of her nephew, Albert Fryar, who is suffering with polio. He continues critically ill.

REV. CECIL R. CULVER, pastor of Winfield Church, Little Rock, spoke to the Hendrix Christian Association on present-day Europe and the Ecumenical Conference at Oxford, England, which he attended this summer.

THE FIRST METHODIST CHURCH of Winn Parish had the highest mark in years in Sunday School attendance on Rally Day on September 30 when 204 attended classes. D. A. Forrest is Sunday School superintendent.

THE JEANERETTE METHODIST CHURCH will be completely renovated according to action taken at a meeting of the church trustees on Tuesday, October 9. The cost was estimated at \$12,000. Rev. A. Mitchell Martin is pastor.

THE following Board of Stewards has been elected by the Hughes Methodist Church: W. D. Lunsford, chairman; W. M. Stoddard, vice-chairman; Mrs. J. E. Cooper, secretary and J. E. Allen, treasurer. Rev. H. D. Womack is pastor.

REV. W. B. HOLMAN, pastor of the Beacon Methodist Church, North Little Rock, will do the preaching in the first series of revival services to be held in the Beacon Church. The meeting will begin on Sunday, October 28.

REV. R. H. STAPLES, pastor of the First Methodist Church, West Monroe, has been elected vice-president and Rev. Tillman Brown, pastor of Brownville Methodist Church, has been elected secretary-treasurer of the Ouachita Parish Ministerial Association.

OCTOBER was designated as Charter Membership Month for the new Methodist Church at Minden. All persons becoming members during the month have signed the church register

as charter members. Rev. Harvey G. Williamson is pastor.

BISHOP PAUL E. MARTIN announces the following transfers: Rev. Robert M. Walker from Maplewood to Shepherd Drive in the Texas Conference; Rev. Louis Hunter from Vidor, Texas, in the Texas Conference to Maplewood, Lake Charles District.

DR. FRANK C. LAUBACH, author of "Prayer, The World's Mightiest Force" and of the famous Literacy Charts by which the unlearned of many lands are learning to read, gave a lecture at Lafayette on Monday, October 22, and will speak at Baton Rouge on October 25.

DR. IRA A. BRUMLEY, executive secretary of the Board of Education of the North Arkansas Conference, spoke on "Methodism in England" on Sunday morning, October 21, at the Methodist Church in Atkins. Dr. Brumley attended the Ecumenical Conference in Oxford, England.

TWO services will be held at the First Methodist Church, Little Rock, on Sunday, October 28, when the newly decorated sanctuary will be used for the first time. The first service will be at 8:00 a. m. and the second at 10:45 a. m. Open House in the new educational building will be held a few weeks later.

FRIENDS throughout the state will be glad to know that Rev. Kenneth L. Spore, pastor of the First Methodist Church, Pine Bluff, is rapidly recovering from a slight heart attack of two weeks ago. Brother Spore will be out of the pulpit for probably another six weeks, but his complete recovery seems certain.

REV. ALFRED DOSS, pastor of our church at Stephens, was the guest preacher at the evening service at the First Methodist Church, El Dorado, on Sunday evening, October 14. Brother Doss represents the Camden District on the Conference Board of Evangelism. Dr. Neill Hart is pastor at El Dorado.

JOHN BLUNDELL of the Arkansas Resources and Development Commission spoke to the Methodist Men of the First Methodist Church, North Little Rock, at their meeting on October 24. Mr. Blundell talked on the tourist industry in Arkansas and showed the film "Adventure in Arkansas."

DR. JOE J. MICKLE, president of Centenary College, Shreveport, addressed the members of the Shreveport Chapter of the Foreign Policy Association at its recent meeting on his trip to Europe which included attendance at the Eighth Ecumenical Methodist Conference held at Oxford, England.

THE WESLEY FOUNDATION gave a welcome party to all Methodist students attending college in New Orleans at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Treen on Sunday afternoon, October 14. An opening meeting will be held on Thursday evening, October 25, at 5:00 o'clock in the auditorium of the Nemcomb Art School on the Newcomb Campus.

MISS LORENE EVERETT of Little Rock and William Dewey Derrick of Jacksonville were married on September 21 at the Reynolds Memorial Baptist Church in Little Rock. Mrs. Derrick is secretary to Rev. Roy E. Fawcett, executive secretary, Board of Education, Little Rock Conference, and to Dr. F. A. Buddin, district superintendent, Little Rock District.

DR. WILLIAM E. TRICE was the guest speaker at the kick-off banquet on Tuesday evening for the building campaign of the Henning Memorial Methodist church to raise \$125,000 for the erection of a new church sanctuary, parsonage and remodeling of the present building into an educational building. The banquet was held in the Sulphur high school cafeteria.

A sermon, The Book to Live By, by Dr. Aubrey G. Walton, pastor of the First Methodist

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"GIVE GOD A CHANCE"

Chicago—"Give God a Chance" will be the slogan of a national church attendance campaign sponsored by the Methodist Church's General Board of Evangelism.

The drive will start in January with laymen of Methodism's 40,000 churches asked to spark the campaign in their home communities, it was announced here by Bishop Ralph S. Cushman of St. Paul, Minn., president of the board, following an executive committee meeting.

The principal goals will be promotion of "weekly worship in church and daily Bible reading at home," Bishop Cushman said.

The board will select a prominent layman to act as campaign chairman. Other eminent laymen, including representatives of several denominations, will be invited to serve on a general steering committee.

The Rev. Joseph E. Edge and the Rev. George H. Jones, staff members of the board's national headquarters at Nashville, Tenn., were named co-directors of the campaign.

If a person, acting from motives of conscience, is to be punished as severely or more severely than the criminal who . . . acts from purely selfish and unprincipled motives, there is something desperately wrong.—Christian Advocate.

Ideas bring in nothing unless carried out.—B. C. Forbes, publisher, Forbes

HEADQUARTERS FOR BOARD OF EVANGELISM

Above is pictured the new \$850,000 national headquarters building for The Methodist Church's General Board of Evangelism in Nashville, Tenn., now under construction at 1908 Grand Avenue. The two-story

structure, totaling 58,500 square feet of floor space, features Georgian colonial architecture. The central wing will comprise devotional library and a chapel, seating 200 persons.

It is located across the street from the new headquarters building, now under construction, of the church's General Board of Education.

BACKDOOR APPOINTMENT OF AMBASSADOR TO VATICAN

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the great body of Catholics in America, as American citizens, to pledge their first allegiance to the ruler of a foreign state.

Protestants, in America, will resent this "calculated risk" the President has taken in disregarding their petitions in this matter. Catholics in American should be embarrassed at this recognition of the Pope as a political ruler instead of rejoicing over the appointment.

This subtle move by the President, made too late for Congress to consider at the present session, makes possible a "Backdoor Appointment of an Ambassador to the Vatican" until Congress meets again in January. The fight this action will provoke in Congress, when it reassembles, will not serve, for good, the fight against communism or the cause of peace either at home or abroad. Let us hope and pray that the President will not insist on going through with this unnatural appointment.

HOME HOSPITAL PROGRAM ADVANCES

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significant has been the leadership of the Board of Trustees, including Dr. H. L. Johns, New Orleans, Board chairman; Ben S. Giles, New Orleans laymen, board treasurer; a former Home Hospital superintendent, Rev. James Ailor; the architect, Roy Johns; and the present superintendent, Rev. Spencer L. Stockwell. Many others, of course, have made outstanding contributions in leadership and money to make possible the completion of this modern unit free of debt.

Of even more consequence, however, is the decision of the Board of Trustees to proceed with plans for the completing of the building program with the construction of the second unit as soon as funds and materials permit. Methodists of Louisiana will continue to respond to the challenge of this opportunity in order that adequate and modern facilities will be provided to carry out the program of the institution.

We challenge any Methodist anywhere to visit the Methodist Home Hospital in New Orleans and talk with its staff about the work being done there and not come away with the deep conviction that Christ's work is being done there in a very real way.

NEWS AND NOTES ABOUT FACTS AND FOLKS

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Church, Little Rock, has been chosen by the General Board of Evangelism of The Methodist Church for use as a tract for the month of November. The Tract-of-the-Month Club publishes a tract each month by one of the leading ministers of The Methodist Church. This tract may be obtained from TIDINGS, 1908 Grand Avenue, Nashville 4, Tennessee, for \$2.00 per 100.

BISHOP FREDERICK D. LEETE, retired bishop of the Methodist Church, is publishing his autobiography under the title, "Adventures of a Traveling Preacher." The book will be issued on a pre-subscription basis and will not be available in book stores. The cost will depend on the number of subscriptions. Information concerning cost, date of publication, etc., may be obtained by writing Bishop Frederick D. Leete, Randolph Hotel, St. Petersburg, Fla., or I. Z. Morrison, Agent, Box 3655, St. Petersburg, Fla.

REV. MARVIN T. JUDY, known to many Methodist leaders in Arkansas and Louisiana for his leadership in rural church work in Missouri and the South Central Jurisdiction, has been added to the staff of the Des Moines Area Commission on Christian Education where he will serve as Director of Adult Education and counselor to town and country churches. Brother Judy had served as Chairman of Town and Country Commission of the South Central Jurisdiction.

BISHOP ARTHUR J. MOORE, president of the Council of Bishops of The Methodist Church, and two Atlanta Methodist pastors, were listed among the fifty-seven outstanding "thought leaders" of that city. The citation, made by the Oil Industry Information Committee of the American Petroleum Institute, defined the persons they singled out as "men or woman, who, by their oral or written thoughts and civic activities, inspire others to think and act for the good of all."

WHEN Harold D. Watson was a pupil in the primary department of the old Janes Methodist Church, in Brooklyn, N. Y., in the

year 1879, his father took his hand in the annual Sunday school parade of Brooklyn churches—a time-honored institution in the "city of churches." When the 1951 parade was held this summer, Harold D. Watson was there—and it was his 73rd time in the parade, never having missed one in that period. He hopes to march in his 74th and 75th parades. Through all these years, Mr. Watson has been an active leader in Brooklyn Methodism, long in the Janes Church and now with his grandchildren in the St. Mark's Church. He is a prominent lawyer in his home borough, and this year retired as president of the Brooklyn and Long Island Church Society of the Methodist Church, a home missionary agency that has helped in the erection and maintenance of Methodist churches on Long Island since 1878.

THAT THEY MIGHT HAVE LIFE

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Board Treasurer and Dr. Johns, Board Chairman, participated in the payment of the final check and act of presentation of the building for dedication. Several hundred people crowded in front of the new unit's entrance on Washington Street for the service Tuesday afternoon. Following the service guests and friends inspected the building under the guidance of the hospital staff.

According to the Home Hospital Superintendent, Rev. Mr. Stockwell, funds were not available for the following equipment which is needed badly at this time as the new unit is being opened: air conditioning equipment; public address system; tile flooring for the Sun Deck; resuscitating equipment for the delivery room; and still other medical equipment, details of which the Superintendent will be glad to furnish any interested person.

Other than Mr. Stockwell, other full time staff members include Mrs. Martha C. Tomlin, Social Work Supervisor; Miss Margaret L. Johnson, Child Placement Worker; Mrs. W. A. Dodd, Counselor with Patients; Miss Virginia Biggers, Administrative Secretary; Miss Sara A. Terry, Social Work Secretary; Carrol Landrum, Externe; John Jackson, Externe; Mrs. Elva E. Howe, Registered Nurse; Mrs. Ida Anthony, Nurse; and Miss Elizabeth Lang, Nurse. A new housemother will be named shortly. Dr. E. H. Countiss heads the staff of eighteen doctors who compose the medical staff of the institution.



THE CHILDREN'S PAGE

ANNIE WINBURNE, Editor



IN STORYLAND

THE TALKING SCARECROW

The old Scarecrow's sides were shaking with laughter as he pushed his old straw hat on the back of his head. He said to the old black crow that was sitting on the limb of a tree nearby.

"Brer Crow, I'm jest a-laughing causin I fooled Farmer Miggins so bad this year."

"How's dat, Brer Scarecrow?" asked the old black crow as he turned his head from side to side and flapping his wings up and down, took his exercise.

The old Scarecrow raised one arm to his face to wipe the laughing tears away, then said slowly, "Well, you see Farmer Miggins put me out here in dis here patch and dressed me all up in raggedy clothes, so when de wind would blow I'd flap around and scare anything dat might come around dis way to get a little something to eat. But it didn't work out so very well."

The old black crow stood first on one foot then the other listening, he flapped his wings up and down again, then he gave a yelping, Caw-caw which meant "tell me more about it, Brer Scarecrow."

The old Scarecrow began to laugh again. Stamping one foot then the other on the ground to keep from getting so stiff from standing so long in one place, he began again.

"You see, Brer Crow, it wuz like dis. I wuz feeling mighty low and down-hearted last spring when Farmer Miggins put me up in dis patch. I thought sho I would be alone and no one would come near me to talk with me. But I wuz mighty wrong for all de birds, de rabbits, and all de other little creatures knew I had a good heart and dat I loved dem all, even tho' I wuz ugly and raggedy."

"Did anyone come around, Brer Scarecrow?" asked the old crow with curiosity. "Sho dey did, Brer Crow," replied the Scarecrow with dignity. "In de Spring Mr. and Mrs. Robin came to see me and fer days dey were trying to find a place for a nest for dey wanted to raise a nice little family. So one day I opened de pocket wide to de old blue coat I wuz wearing and I told Mrs. Robin I would be so happy to have her raise her babies in there. She thanked me and soon they had built de nicest nest in my pocket and she laid four tiny eggs in it."

The old crow scratched his head with his big foot and thought for a long time about the Robin family. Then he leaned over to the Scarecrow and said, "Brer Scarecrow, do you mean to tell me dat Mr. Miggins came in dat patch ever so often and did not find dem birds?"

"Yes, dat's right, Brer Crow, fer dem Robins are mighty smart and dey knowed when to keep de mouth shut," replied the Scarecrow.

The old crow looked down on the ground wishing he had such a nice place to live near a corn patch. Then he raised his head and said, "Tell me more 'bout de friends you helped, Brer Scarecrow."

"Well, in my other coat pocket, a brown thrush raised a family of



HALLOWEEN TIME

The pumpkin with its funny grin
Is lighted on the floor.
It is the time of Halloween
With lots of fun in store.

Most girls and boys have party plans,
For days they've looked ahead,
But since it is my bedtime,
I just think I'll go to bed.—A.E.W.

three beautiful little baby girls. In that bunch of blackberry bushes over there, a rabbit raised two little boys and I watched after dem every day. Sometimes dey would run out in de lettuce garden, but when I raised my arm up high dey would hop fer dey knew Mr. Miggins was a-coming."

The old black crow shook his head and said, "Now I guess dat wus all you could do to help dem out, wasn't it?"

"No, not quite," replied the Scarecrow. "I raised my foot up on bad rainy days and I let de Crickets come in and dey built dem a home there and raised quite a family. I do love to hear dem little critters sing."

The old crow seemed to be getting restless and he stretched his wings and said, "Well, I know dat wus all you could do fer you ain't got no place else to hide eggs."

"Shu," said the Scarecrow indignantly. "Dat's all you know about it. Why, an old grey owl sat right on top of my hat and scratched so hard she scratched the top of de

crown out and one day two little ole owls was wiggling around right on de top of my head."

"I don't think I'd like dat," said the crow mad-like.

"It wuz all right, Brer Crow," said the old Scarecrow sadly. "You see summer soon passed and winter came. The children all grew up and left me, but I'm as happy as I can be. Even tho' tattered and torn, I shared what I had with others."—Wesleyan Christian Advocate

JUST FOR FUN

"Now," said the saleslady in the hat shop, "Here's a number that will never go out of style. It will just look ridiculous year after year."

The long-winded lecturer had been holding forth for over an hour, except for brief pauses from time to time to gulp a hasty drink of water. Finally, during one such pause, an old farmer in the audience

IN THE WORLD OF BOYS AND GIRLS

THE MAPLE TREE'S VISITOR

"Whew-whew-whew," whistled the wind.

"Winter is coming," sighed the birch. "We will be so lonesome. The birds have all flown away."

"The flowers have all gone, too," sighed the elm, "and now our leaves are going. Soon we shall be all alone."

"My acorns have all fallen," moaned the oak tree. "No birds, no flowers. How lonesome we shall be."

"Never mind," said the maple, cheerily, "I think we shall have some visitors. Even if the robins and the bluebirds have gone, we will have someone, I am sure. And if we have no leaves we shall have icicles shining in the sun."

Just then a little squirrel ran up the trunk of the maple tree.

"Please may I have my home in this nice deep hole?" he asked.

"Certainly," answered the maple; "stay all winter if you wish."

So the squirrel ran up and down the trunk of the tree dropping in the nuts he found on the ground until at last he had his winter's supply. Then he curled himself up comfortably in the warmest corner.

"I told you we would have company," said the maple. "Now I shall have someone to talk to all winter."

All through the winter the maple tree watched over the little squirrel and rattled her branches, which was her way of talking to him.

"You see," she said to the other trees, "what one expects to have comes to pass. Next year if you expect company to spend the winter, I am sure someone will come."—Exchange

leaned toward his neighbor and announced in a loud whisper: "First time I ever saw a windmill run by water."

During the last day of the Christmas rush in a large department store, a frenzied woman clerk, overwhelmed by pushing women shoppers, was making out what she hoped would be the last sales check of the day. As the customer gave her name and address, the clerk pushing her hair up from her damp forehead, remarked, "It's a madhouse, isn't it?"

"No," the customer replied angrily. "It's a private home!"

The personnel manager was interviewing a man for a job. "How long did you work in the other place?"

"Sixty-five years."

"Sixty-five years?" exclaimed the manager; "how old are you?"

"I'm forty."

"Tell me, how could you work sixty-five years when you are only forty years old?"

"Overtime."—Continental Counsellor

CURRENT NEWS IN THE RELIGIOUS WORLD

Selected from Religious News Service Releases

Methodist Group Asks Declaration On Inter-Marriage

Inclusion of a declaration stressing the "seriousness of Protestant-Roman Catholic alliances in marriages" in the discipline of The Methodist Church was urged at Chattanooga, Tenn., by the Holston Methodist Conference. Some 500 churches in east Tennessee, south-west Virginia and northern Georgia comprise the Holston Conference. The recommendation, made in a memorial to the denomination's General Conference, said that such a declaration could be used by pastors in advising young people contemplating mixed marriages. "Many Methodists are facing decisions for marriage with Roman Catholic partners," the memorial stated, adding that "the Roman Catholic Church makes unreasonable demands on the Protestant party to such contracts with consequences hurtful to Protestant freedom in the home."

Mormons Break Ground For Largest Temple

Officials of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints headed by President David O. McKay broke ground in Los Angeles for the denomination's long projected Los Angeles Temple. The multi-million dollar structure will be the first Mormon Temple in California and the largest in the nation—larger than the famed Salt Lake City one. The church owns a 775-foot frontage on rambling Santa Monica Boulevard.

Methodist Board Honors Senior Employees

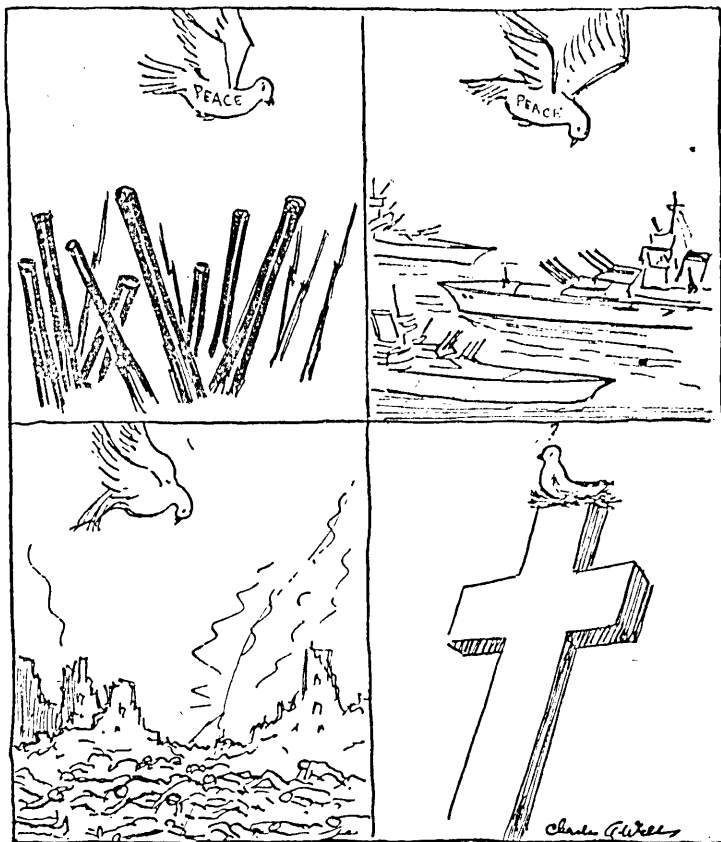
Forty-three senior employees of the Methodist Board of Missions and Church Extension in New York were honored with specially designed pins and gifts of money at the annual Employees Association dinner held at Hanson Place Central Methodist church, Brooklyn. Bishop Arthur J. Moore of Atlanta, Ga., president of the board, made the presentations to employees who had been with the board for 25 years or more. Miss Edna McArdle, Lynbrook, N. Y., headed the list with a record of 42 years and five months. The board employs 258 persons, exclusive of missionaries, at its New York headquarters, and in branch offices in Louisville, Cincinnati and Philadelphia.

Plan Evangelistic Campaign For Servicemen

Some 200 preachers representing 40 denominations will carry out week-long missions at 120 armed forces stations in the United States during January and February. Announcement of the evangelistic campaign for service personnel and their families was made by Dr. Stewart M. Robinson of Elizabeth, N. J., on behalf of the joint sponsors—the General Commission on Chaplains and the National Council of Churches. Dr. Robinson, chairman of the General Commission, said each mission, undertaken by a two- or three-man team of civilian clergymen, would open on Sunday and continue through the following Friday night. The missions will include mass-meetings, individual counseling, discussion groups and

WHERE CAN IT NEST?

By Charles A. Wells



Peace is almost impossible today because the moral and spiritual prerequisites are lacking. Russia's aggressiveness and communism's infiltration have had much to do with it, but the evils of sovietism could not be so conclusive as a barrier to peace if suspicion and fear and hatred were not so widespread outside the iron curtain. There is enough bad feeling even among the non-Communist nations to prevent peace from becoming a reality. Yet if the nations beyond the iron curtain were really bound together in Christian truth and love, that union of strength and purpose among the non-Communist millions would stop communism dead in its tracks as physical force can never stop it. When we come right down to it, the only place the dove of peace can be sure to find a nesting is where the principles of the cross are entrenched in the lives and thoughts of the people.

conferences of team members with base chaplains. The evangelistic teams will visit 90 army camps and 30 naval bases.

New Church To Have Cashier's Cage

There will be a cashier's cage in the vestibule of the new South Cavalry Baptist church at Indianapolis. The cashier will make change for those attending church. "If you don't want to give a \$20 bill, you can have it broken to a \$10 and two \$5's," says the Rev. L. A. Manuel, pastor. But he says this will increase rather than decrease the church's income. "The idea is to discourage so many pennies coming to church," Mr. Manuel said. He believes that most of the pennies in the offering plate are put in by persons who don't have change for the larger amounts they would like to contribute.

Explains Silence of People Leaving China

A system that makes persons leaving Communist China hesitant about "talking" when they get out was described in Minneapolis by the Rev. Arthur G. Lindquist, veteran of 28 years of service in China. Before he can leave the mainland, a foreigner or even a native Chinese must get the proprietors of two

shops or business houses to sign for his good behavior, Mr. Lindquist explained. If the person says anything derogatory about the Communist regime while he is out of China and this information is reported to officials there, the signers are arrested, he reported. Mr. Lindquist left the mainland two days before the Communists took Canton in 1949. Thus, he himself was not bound to keep quiet, but since the Communist regime took over most other people leaving have been "silenced" in this fashion, he said.

New Church Construction To Set All-Time Record

Despite government controls, church construction seems destined to set an all-time record this year, a survey by the Department of Commerce reveals. New starts on church building projects totaled \$42,000,000 each in the months of August and September, an increase of about 8 per cent over the comparable 1950 level. A 60-day ban on new building projects was in force during most of this period, but an exception was provided for those projects with materials already on hand or in sight. Apparently a good many churches were able to obtain exemption on this basis. With church construction valued at \$348,000,000 started in the first nine months of 1951, a new re-

cord mark is apparently in sight, eclipsing that of \$409,000,000 worth of construction which was set in 1950. At the present rate, the old mark will be exceeded by nearly 20 per cent.

Temperance Executive Heads Methodist Secretaries

Dr. Caradine R. Hooten, of Washington, D. C., was elected executive secretary of the Methodist Council of Secretaries during a two-day session at Chicago. Dr. Hooten is executive secretary of the Methodist Board of Temperance. As vice-chairman, the Council chose Dr. Charles F. Boss, Jr., of Chicago, executive secretary of the Methodist Commission on World Peace.

Methodists Plan National Church Attendance Drive

A national church attendance campaign sponsored by The Methodist Church's General Board of Evangelism will get under way in January. The campaign, using the slogan, "Give God A Chance," will enlist the services of laymen in Methodism's 40,000 churches, it was announced by Bishop Ralph S. Cushman, of St. Paul, Minn., board president. Principal goals, according to Bishop Cushman, will be the promotion of "weekly worship in church and daily Bible reading at home." The board is expected to select a prominent layman to act as campaign chairman. Other eminent laymen, including representatives of several denominations, will be invited to serve on a general steering committee. The Rev. Joseph H. Edge and the Rev. George H. Jones, staff members of the board's national headquarters at Nashville, Tenn., were named co-directors of the campaign.

Report Shows Decline In Economic Status of Church Workers

Churches and religious organizations are employing fewer workers today and are paying them poorer salaries in comparison with private industry than they did 22 years ago, a report released in Washington, D. C. reveals. The annual report on national income prepared by the U. S. Department of Commerce discloses that in 1951 religious organizations (which includes churches) were giving full or part-time employment to 218,000 persons. In 1929 religious groups gave employment to 222,000 persons. During this 22-year period the population of the United States increased by 25 per cent, from 121,000,000 to 151,000,000, indicating the extent to which the number of those engaged in spiritual ministrations has fallen below the population growth. At the same time, clergymen and lay religious workers have been falling steadily behind in the battle against inflation. In 1950 the average income per full-time employee was \$2,276 per year. The average for all occupational groups in the United States was \$3,024 per year. In 1929, the first year in which the government kept comprehensive statistics on national income by occupations, the average was \$1,610 per year. In 1923, the average for all occupations, however, was only \$1,421 per year.



From The Family Life Conference In Chicago



(Excerpts from Addresses at
The Conference)

"For Such Is The Kingdom"

A Devotional Address By
Bishop J. Ralph Magee,
Bishop of Chicago Area

No one in his right mind would presume to define, or describe the Kingdom of heaven, or the Kingdom of God. It deals with infinite spiritual reality. Jesus would agree that the secular world in which we are compelled to live is not the Kingdom of God. The Kingdom of heaven is spirit, or force or power.

Jesus attempted to give us some impression of His Kingdom by telling some very interesting and human stories. After all, life is lived mostly in the realm of impressions. If knowledge does not leave some indelible impressions we soon lose it. A magnetically imposed impression will stay with us for life. I believe this is the only excuse for old-fashioned revivalism. These meetings did leave with us some indelible impressions.

In his parables, Jesus revealed that the Kingdom exceeds the combined values, mental, emotional, social of material which we possess and prize. He indicated the absolute necessity of submerging all other values to the value of the kingdom.

We must conclude that the Kingdom of heaven possesses sufficient concentrated power to grow in proper soils and atmospheres. It seems evident that Jesus believed this Kingdom could grow to such strength as to sustain itself and bear the burdens of others. Paul caught it and said, "Bear ye one another's burdens and so fulfill the law of Christ." Here is encouragement to us as parents. We can possess the Kingdom of heaven to a degree to sustain our own eternal life, and to bear up our children until they are sufficiently strong to experience the Kingdom for themselves. It means this Kingdom can make us strong enough not only to bear up our children, but to aid others until they are able to care for their own spiritual life.

If a member of your family should ask how can I inherit eternal life, how well would you handle the situation? Our children and neighbors are entitled to our answer to the question. According to the parable of the leaven, Jesus declared that the Kingdom of heaven within has power to reach every faculty and ability of one's being. It also implies that the Kingdom of God has power to reach out silently from one's life to affect the members of one's family. It can even reach far beyond the family to affect the whole community life.

To whom does the kingdom of heaven belong? Certainly not the conceited; or to those who by their own decisions have permitted their souls to become unresponsive to spiritual forces; not to those who are dead to Christian attitudes toward others; but rather to little children, "of such is the Kingdom of heaven," and to the child-like in spirit, "Unless you become as little children, ye cannot enter the Kingdom of heaven."

We are left with the impression that the Kingdom of heaven is near each one; it is near each one who obeys and God desires each one to possess it. It is equally clear that

obedience to God's laws and God's spirit is the basis for entering the Kingdom of heaven or to have the Kingdom in one's life.

As parents what a challenge we have to help our children find the way into this Kingdom. It will take every faculty we possess pitched to its highest and best to have God accomplish this through us.

The Family Centered Church

Dr. John W. Rustin, Pastor,
Belmont Methodist Church,
Nashville, Tennessee

The Family centered church must maintain a program for every age group and every interest group.

The local church program should include: wholesome recreation, fine fellowship, real inspiration, sound instruction, true worship . . . and all of this must be translated into vigorous, community-wide social action.

The things we discuss and plan at this conference must be done in the local church or else the conference is a failure.

Most communities today are composed of three principal groups: the privileged, the underprivileged, and foreigners. The church must not only meet the separate needs of these groups, but they must be brought together as the Christian group in the local church.

If the 31,000 foreign students now in the United States can take back to their native lands a constructive picture of Christian family life, the impact might be greater than that of the atom bomb.

America is an uprooted nation constantly on the go. New families appear in the community almost daily. The church should be the first to welcome newcomers.

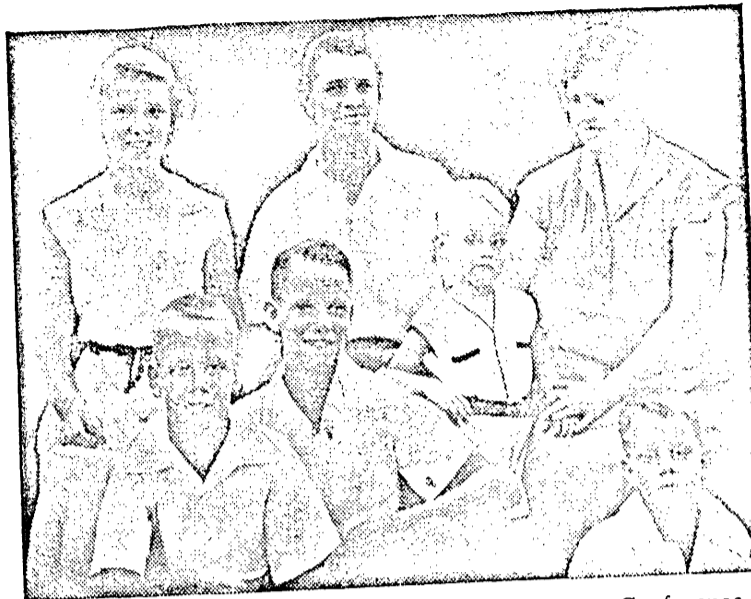
The church's concern about divorce must not be confined to "pulpit preaching." The church must concentrate on doing something about this problem, and the answer is largely a matter of Christian living in the home.

The Importance of The Family

Paul H. Douglas, United
Senator From Illinois

Today we realize that the function of the family is not so much economic as it is effectual. Outside the family, men and women are valued for what they can do, what they can produce, what they can grow. They are instruments, not ends of living in themselves. This produces an unsatisfying feeling, a feeling of frustration, for men and women wish to be loved, not hired and fired, and thought of as numbers. In the family people are valued for what they are; there they find affection, care, and love at the center of life. It is this love that the Christian church tries to spread, but it is difficult to spread it across the world. The amount of love which most of us have to distribute is limited, and if spread all over the world would be greatly diluted. The family is sufficiently small and limited so that within it we can express affection without dilution. Men come home at night to the family, and find there a haven where they are valued for themselves.

Forty years ago we thought the



The Methodist Family of the Year, guests of the Conference, introduced at one of the evening sessions.

best place for children was in institutions. There we thought they would have good care, good physicians, good food. But we found that institutional children were ruthless, that they got into more trouble than did others; they were sombre, unhappy, and felt they had been cheated. So we began 30 years ago to break up institutions and put children out with families in the homes. Imperfect though they are, these homes are better for the welfare of the children than are the most beautiful institutions.

Jesus taught that men and women are children of God, lovable and to be loved. That is what the best parents bring to their children.

The world makes us feel insecure and insignificant; but the family gives us each the idea that we are worthwhile. It is the best institution to buoy us up, and give us the feeling of security. In a changing world and community we want permanence, and that comes in the affection and love and security of the family when all else is changing. The family comes about by natural causes, but it fills a great and needed mission in the world.

The family is the institution in which we can best try out the values of Christian virtues, and can get practice in Christianity. The essence of this Christian teaching is in the Sermon on the Mount, the giving of self to others, self-forgetful love. Unless we apply this in the life of the family, that life will not be a success.

I believe that modern education should give us practical tools. Every man should be taught somewhere in school to do minor repairs about the house — how to put on the screens, do rough plumbing, etc. And it would make the family and family life seem more worthwhile.

A family should not become too self-centered. Sometimes we find a great devotion inside a family, but we find that family almost wholly aloof and shut off from the community. This is especially true in Suburbia. We cannot bring about the 'goodlife' by merely fleeing ugly conditions of the city to dwell in the country. Wherever we live, we must work to improve civic and educational facilities and assume citizenship responsibilities.

One criticism of Christian people is their relative inertia in the face of evil all about them. They seem to

believe they can create their own "kingdom of heaven," that their duties stop at their own front gate. The question is: Can one be good without being good for something? We must help create a divine life not only in the family but in the larger family of the community.

The Head of The House

By Dr. Ralph W. Sockman,
Pastor Christ Church, New York

The family is the spiritual atom of the atomic age. It has a potential we have not yet developed in our social and political, as well as our religious situation.

The modern home with its radio and television, can be a greater force than the old-fashioned home. These bring the world news and music to our family table. There the parents can help to shape the children's attitudes on matters of social relations and world affairs.

A great sign of hope today is that there are so many earnest and intelligent parents who are seeking the best kind of religious instruction for their children.

There is an old saying, "All is fair in love and war." Sex and war have been the two major interests which have been fed to American youth for the last dozen years. We have kept them in war training camps during the day and in front of scenes of love at the movies at night.

If we emphasize sex and war and do not provide a family to shape it, then everything goes. If we keep these two interests ever before youth in the way we have been doing, is it any wonder that they begin to think that anything goes in morals.

We are spending billions to make a free Europe and sending thousands of our men to make a free Korea. It is tragic irony to neglect our moral foundations in America and squander at home the liberties we are sacrificing to give to others.

When Christ is the head of the home He makes a magic circle that transforms religion into life; transforms the individual into a member; transforms the greed of competition into the grace of cooperation; transforms possession into trusteeship and transforms the family into a force.

OAK FOREST OPENS NEW SANCTUARY

More than five hundred persons crowded into the new sanctuary of the Oak Forest Methodist Church, Little Rock, Rev. D. Mouzon Mann, pastor, to attend the first service of worship on Sunday morning, October 21. Bishop Martin was the preacher for the special occasion. The \$125,000 structure has been almost three years under construction, with much of the earlier work of the building, especially the gathering of the stone, being done by members of the congregation. The building, located on Fair Park Boulevard in the Oak Forest section of Little Rock, has a sanctuary seating approximately 400 worshippers, an additional small chapel, pastor's study, and five class rooms.

On Sunday afternoon from 2:30 until 5 o'clock Open House was held during which time members, friends and visitors of the church were present for a time of fellowship and inspection of the new building. Included in the receiving line were Bishop and Mrs. Martin, Rev. and Mrs. Mann, Mr. and Mrs. John Parks Almand, members of the Building Committee with their wives, and the members of the Board of Trustees and Board of Stewards with their wives.

Bishop Martin, besides delivering the special sermon for the occasion, pronounced the Declaration formally opening the sanctuary for worship, after which the pastor led the congregation in a special prayer of Thanksgiving for the completion of the building.

Ground was broken for the Oak Forest building in the spring of 1948 and the cornerstone was laid in the spring of 1949. Aside from a few minor tasks and the landscaping, the building is now virtually completed.

The present pastor has been serving the Oak Forest Congregation since 1946, being the only regularly conference appointed pastor to serve the congregation, organized in the Oak Forest section in 1943. A fuller account of the building program will be in an early issue of the *Arkansas Methodist*.

INTERMEDIATES HEAR FROM INDIA

Last summer when the Intermediates of the Little Rock District were in camp a "Care Plow" package was sent to India. The following letter came in response to this gift:

August 20, 1951
Ingraham Institute
Chaziabad, U. P.
India

Dear Methodist Youth,

We don't know who inspired you to send us a CARE plow here at Ingraham Institute, but we certainly are grateful to you. I wonder how much you know about Ingraham Institute? We are first of all a school for village children up through 8th class. In the last few years we have started taking in girls too, and now have 30 girls in our school. Co-education is not common in India but we feel the boys and girls need the study and work together. We want the boys and girls to learn to do the things that will make them helpful people when they go back to their villages, so the boys all work in the fields and the girls learn to sew and cook. But our aim is much bigger than just a school. We want to go right out into the villages and work

among the boys and girls left there and among their parents. We want to help them learn work that will help them earn more money so they can have enough to eat. So we have a man here from England who teaches the boys how to make tools and things from metal that can be sold in the store. He has also helped build some new machines that will help the villager make better leather and then their shoes will sell for more money.

Mr. Johns helps the boys to learn about farming and as we go to the villages he will teach their fathers and brothers how to make the soil more fertile, where to get good seed, how to make their hens give bigger eggs and he also has a good Jersey bull from America. We plan at the same time to help the people with their church and Sunday School work. We will have schools for their pastors who have little education and we ourselves will help them read and give them Bibles and books that they can read.

We have put your group on our mailing list for a mimeograph letter we send out about three times a year, so you will hear from us again and do write us.

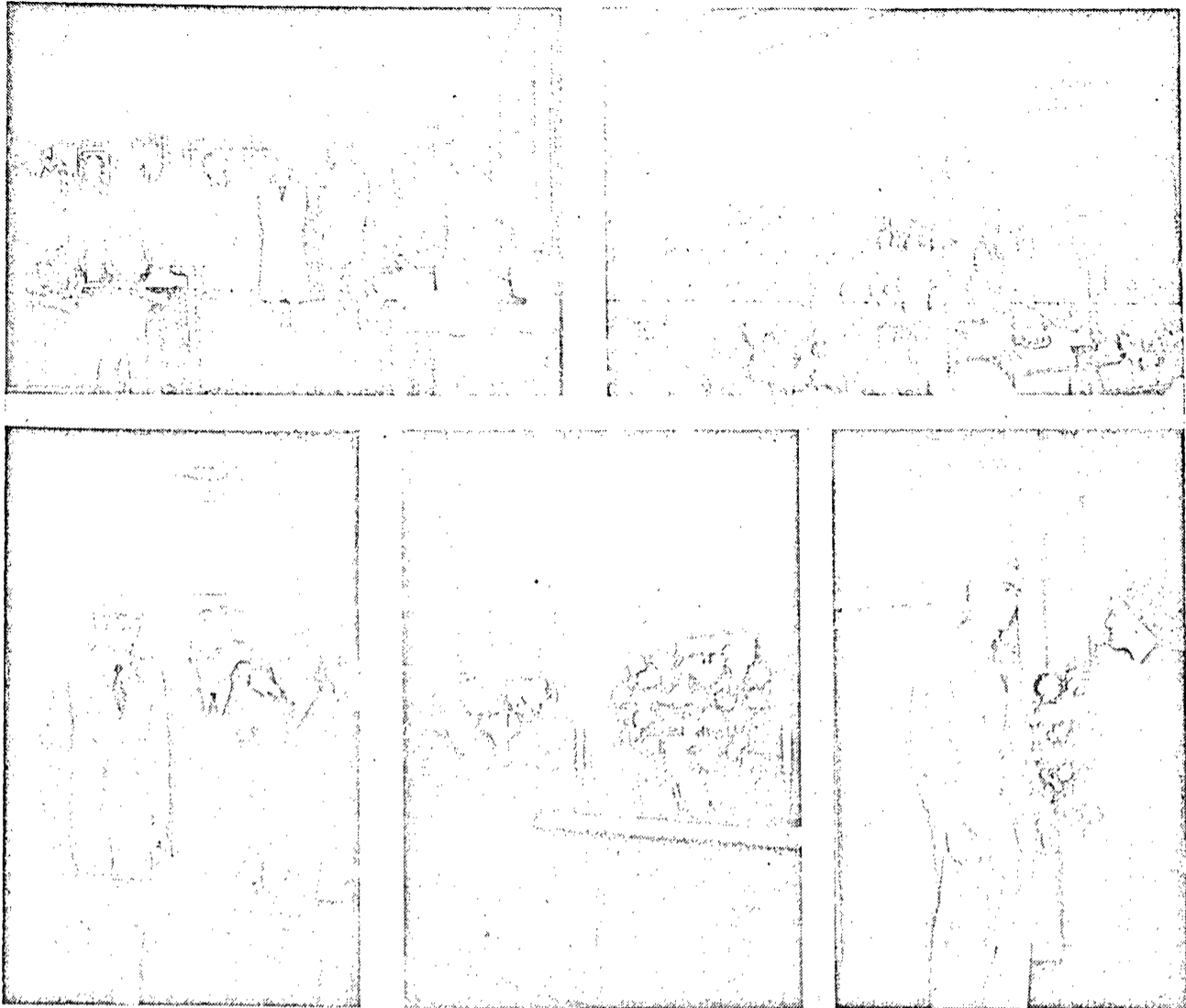
Mr. Johns says to tell you that the plow will be used by the boys in their 4-H projects. They each rent from the school a piece of land and work it themselves, plant their own seeds, etc. And then the profit

they make is their money. So the plow will help them keep it in good

condition. Thank you.

Maude and Drew Johns

SEEN AT LITTLE ROCK CONFERENCE MYF MEETING



Upper left, Retiring officers who were recognized and presented to the Youth Rally.

Upper right, New officers a few moments before their installation. Group includes adult counselors and district presidents.

Lower left, Samuel Teague, installed as new president of the conference organization for 1951-52; Bishop Martin, who delivered the inspirational message for the youth rally; and Howard Childs, who served the past year as president of the conference organization and who led the worship service for the rally.

Lower center, there was group singing led by Miss Imogene Dunlap, Conference Director of Youth. Note the altar arrangement and the large world globe emphasizing the universality of the Christian message.

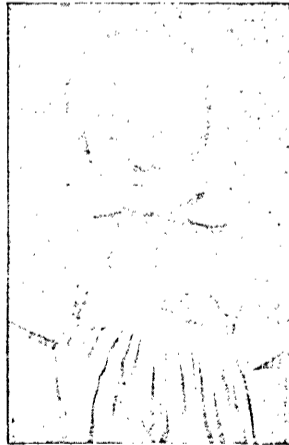
Lower right, Samuel Teague, new president, and Miss Dunlap, Youth Director, talk over plans for the new year.

In Korea: "Operation Kiddie Car"

gave little Chi Hie Suk her first plane ride—and saved her life.

She was formerly in a CCF orphanage in Seoul. She witnessed two invasions, survived for several months under the Reds, cried when she learned the superintendent of her orphanage was condemned to death for his American sympathies, smiled when the Americans came three days before the date set for his execution. She was part of the frantic flight from Seoul as the Reds returned and then, was one of the fortunate ones saved by the American Air Force.

But what of the 18,000 boys and girls who have lost home and parents and are hungry and friendless in bombed out, devastated Korea? The parents of some of these newly



CHI HIE SUK

created orphans were slaughtered by the Reds because they were Christians. 439 Protestant pastors are known to have been murdered by the Communists.

Will you "adopt" a homeless Korean child? The cost is ten dollars a month and there is no obligation to carry the adoption beyond the first year unless you should desire to do so. The child will be admitted into one of the 13 CCF Korean orphanage schools and you will receive the child's name, address, picture and case history. You can correspond with your child, if you wish.

Children may also be adopted in CCF orphanage schools located in Free China, Hong Kong, Japan, Philippines, Malaya, Burma, Indonesia, India, Pakistan, Lebanon and Finland.

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KOREAN METHODISTS RE-ESTABLISHING CHURCHES, HOMES

By THOBURN T. BRUMBAUGH

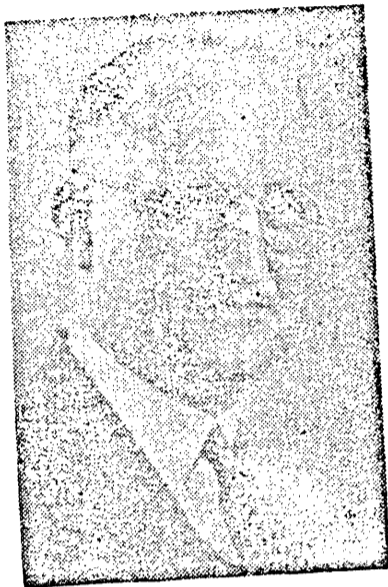
WORD comes from Acting-Bishop Hyunki J. Lew that the pastors and other leaders of the Korean Methodist Church are beginning to return to their homes and parishes in the central part of the peninsula. They are accompanying their people who, with heavy hearts, turn back again—some for the second or third time—to the cities, towns, and rural areas from which they fled so hastily in the face of communist assaults of last summer, autumn, and winter.

Community life is being revived and the Christian church is now even more a vital and necessary part of all such group relationships than before the war. Dr. Lew reports that ten of the church's seventeen districts south of the 38th parallel are being re-staffed by superintendents and pastors, with their families joining them as living and housing conditions permit. With pardonable pride in the vigor of the church and of his people, he continues: "We hope that every able pastor, Bible woman, and worker will be back at work by the first of October. Only the Seoul districts and those along the 38th line are still waiting, but we hope that even there the preachers, their families and Bible women will soon be back at their posts. Thereafter, we hope to have only the sick and the retired on the relief list."

Though Seoul is still under military law, over a half-million of its former inhabitants have returned. Dr. Lew says the church must go with, if not before its people. Thus three more districts must soon be reoccupied, and then gradually also the four remaining districts just south of the parallel, including Songdo in which Kaesong is located. This does not take into account the church's interests north of the parallel, though many Christian leaders from that area seized the opportunity during the brief U. N. occupation to flee to the south. They are not a part of the great number of evacuees who must be cared for

until they become again self-sustaining.

It is hoped too that it will be possible to re-open the Methodist Seminary in Seoul before long. Fortunately no great damage was done to these buildings, but if general reoccupation of Seoul is still prohibited, the school must be carried on with enlarged student body, faculty, classrooms and dormitory



DR. T. T. BRUMBAUGH

facilities in Pusan, to train leadership for the tragic needs of Korea's people. Chosen Christian University, Severance Medical School, Ewha University, and several other schools will have to await a more propitious time for official rehabilitation and re-opening.

In all, Korean Methodism has lost more than sixty full-time workers by violent death or other forms of "liquidation" since June 25, 1950. Approximately 350 were able to evacuate southward, taking with them as many of their loved ones as possible. Most of these were placed in refugee camps and colonies in or near Pusan and in certain islands off the southern coast. Though at

first they received military rations, there had to be replaced by aid from semi-public or private sources; and soon Methodist church and missionary relief agencies became responsible for the sustenance of approximately 1700 members of pastors' or other Christian families. Thousands of Christians were herded, together with other Koreans, into newly established communities and put to such gainful employment as a wartime economy provides. Thus they passed the weeks and months which intervened before they could begin to return to their normal vocations and eventually to their own farm, workshops, and homesteads.

Eight Methodist men missionaries are now in South Korea aiding the Korean Church and its related institutions in every possible way. They are: L. P. Anderson, Henry D. Appenzeller, Carl Judy, Donald Payne, Charles A. Sauer, William E. Shaw, J. Walton Spitzkeit, and Charles D. Stokes. The wives of these intrepid workers have been obliged to remain in Japan or in the United States. Thus far no women missionaries except nurses have been permitted to enter the war-torn land. It is hoped that negotiations at Kaesong will make possible the entry of missionary wives and of single women workers to Korea.

A General Conference of Korean Methodism and the election of regular episcopal leadership for the church is being planned. It is expected that at that time representatives of the "Mother Church" in America and of the Board of Missions will also go out to give aid and counsel as the Korean Methodists seek to reorganize and revitalize their spiritual and moral forces for the stupendous tasks ahead. In the meantime the Korean church, through Acting-Bishop Lew, asks the prayers and generous cooperation of all in America who realize of what paramount importance is the reinforcement of the bulwarks of Christianity in the effort to restore Korea to her rightful place in the world's life.

ior and senior men, Oliver Bass, El Dorado; Jo Lee Fleming Conway; Frank Jones, Flat River; Mo. Marvin Lawson, Conway, and Tommie Thompson, Little Rock. Dr. H. I. Lane is faculty advisor of the fraternity. Bill Holmes of Little Rock is president.

Cardinal Key pledges, according to President Ann Tennyson of Smackover, are Leita Bailew, Jonesboro; Patsy Bennett, North Little Rock; Mary Ann Metzler, Moro; Betty Harton, Conway; Mary Moore, Conway; Hettie Lue Wilson, Hot Springs; Sally Scott, North Little Rock, and Margaret Rich, Forrest City. Faculty sponsor is Miss Annie Maud McCorvey.

The thirteen new members will be inducted this week, along with Mary Buthman of Conway and Tom Murry whom Blue and Cardinal Key selected last year as outstanding sophomore girl and boy.

Blue Key and Cardinal Key are service organizations, carrying out such projects as polishing and displaying trophies, sponsoring book reports, and conducting tours through the college's new chapel and auditorium.—Guy Shannon

HENDRIX FELLOWSHIP TEAM AT DARDANELLE

Sunday, October 14th, was a red letter day for the Dardanelle Methodist Church when two members of the Hendrix College Fellowship Team, preached their first sermons and two new Methodist ministers started their life as preachers in the Methodist church. They were Billy Steel, son of Dr. Marshall Steel, Highland Park Methodist Church, Dallas, Texas, and Jimmy Gossett, member of Blytheville First Methodist Church, preached at the morning and evening services respectively. Their messages were good in that they were well organized and delivered in a pleasing style devoid of the usual "school-boyish" type.

The group brought some much appreciated numbers in song and rendered valuable service to the local M. Y. F. group. They were guests of the W. S. C. S. and the Guild who enjoyed the privilege of serving as hosts.—Ray L. McLester

It's a far cry from the old days when all you needed to farm was a team of mules and a plow. The present-day farmer not only has to be an agricultural, mechanical and civil engineer, but a chemist as well. And a politician on the side.—Toledo Chronicle.

Of all non-Christian religions in the world Islam is the only one which accepts Jesus as a great prophet. Yet Islam is the only religion which punishes conversion to Christianity by death. —Feizullah Carudy, "From Moslem to Christian," Presbyterian Life, 7-7-'51

HENDRIX COLLEGE NEWS

Chapel Choir Picked

The roster of the Hendrix Chapel Choir includes 31 of the college's top vocalists, according to V. Earle Copes, choral director.

The Chapel Choir, selected from the larger Choristers group, will make two major concert tours and a number of individual appearances during the year. During the first semester programs for the mixed chorus are scheduled in Little Rock, West Memphis, Jonesboro, Forrest City, Marked Tree, and Searcy.

The Chapel Choir roster includes Fred Arnold, Little Rock; Alicia Bell, Lepanto; Joann Berry, Little Rock; Mary Margaret Bird, Earle; Allan Brockway, Fayetteville; Dot Christopher, Conway; Sanders Clatworthy, Little Rock; Dale Crozier, Nettleton; Jerry Delleney, Dallas, Tex.; Nona Eagle, Prescott; Eugene Eflord, Little Rock; Betty Hawkins, Dallas, Tex.; Bonnie Heien, Stuttgart; Pat Holmes, DeWitt; Richard Hudson, Delight; Barbara Meacham, Batesville; Bob Montgomery, Little Rock; Beth Rhiddlehoover, Hot Springs; Margaret Rich, Forrest City; Judy Rowlett, Conway; Arthur Sears, Hot Springs; James Sewell, Little Rock; Marion Sorrells, Little

Rock; Mary Jean Stobaugh, Morrilton; Buzzy Teague, Pine Bluff; Ann Tennyson, Smackover; Ed Thompson, Conway; Frank Warden, North Little Rock; Elbert Warren, Little Rock; Bob Watson, Tuckerman, and June Williams, Carlisle.

Dr. Ellis Attends Training School

Dr. Matt L. Ellis, Hendrix president, attended a meeting last week of the Oklahoma City District Training School. During the meeting, he taught a class on stewardship in the church.

Alpha Chi Inducts Thirteen

The Hendrix chapter of Alpha Chi, honorary scholarship society, inducted thirteen new pledges last week in a formal initiation ceremony.

To be elected to Alpha Chi, a Hendrix student must be a junior or senior in the upper tenth of his class scholastically and must meet the approval of the society and the faculty. Dr. O. T. Gooden is advisor of the group.

Selected to junior membership in Alpha Chi were Jo Lee Fleming of Conway, Mary Moore of Conway, Richard Moore of Heber Springs, Mildred Palmer of Little Rock, Harry Pickens of North Little Rock,

and Norman Smith of Benton.

New senior members of the group are Betty Harton of Conway, Anna Bess McClellan of Pine Bluff; Bob Mount of Little Rock, Barbara Noble of Little Rock, Sherman Peterson of Kensett, Calvin Roetzel of Russell, and Peggy Thomason of Rison.

Winfield Pastor Tells of Ecumenical Conference

The Rev. Cecil Culver, pastor of Winfield Methodist Church, Little Rock, spoke on present-day Europe and the recent Ecumenical Conference at Oxford, England in a lecture to the Hendrix Christian Association last week.

Mr. Culver stressed the beauty of Europe and the great work done by the conference. He closed by advocating an E-3 program for young Americans to spend three years helping the free churches in Europe in their battle against communism and control by the state.

Cardinal, Blue Key Name New Members

Character, leadership and scholarship have earned places for thirteen outstanding Hendrix students in Cardinal Key and Blue Key, national honorary leadership sorority and fraternity.

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MRS. SUE M. WAYLAND, Editor

LOUISIANA DISTRICT EDUCATIONAL SEMINARS

Eight District Educational Seminars were held in the Louisiana Conference Woman's Society of Christian Service during the last two weeks in September, 1951. New Orleans District at Rayne Memorial Church, New Orleans; Baton Rouge District at First Church, Baton Rouge; Alexandria District at First Church, Alexandria; Shreveport District at Noel Memorial Church, Shreveport; Ruston District at Trinity Church, Ruston; Monroe District at Memorial Church, Monroe; Lake Charles District at Iowa Church and First Church, Lafayette, with the following District Secretaries of Missionary Education and Service presiding: Mrs. J. E. Manis, Mrs. Frank Peabody, Mrs. Warren Constant, Mrs. H. H. Mahaffery, Mrs. J. T. Prichett, Mrs. Don Alverson, Mrs. B. V. Todd. Conference Officers, who had been trained at the Jurisdiction School of Missions at Mt. Sequoyah, presented the four Approved Studies for 1951-52. Mrs. A. H. Wilcox, Conference Secretary of Spiritual Life, presented "The Book of Acts"; Mrs. Charles Goldthwait, Conference Secretary of Christian Social Relations, presented "The Family—A Christian's Concern"; Mrs. Glen Nordyke, Conference Secretary of Literature and Publications presented "Latin America"; and Mrs. Sam B. Dunbar, Conference Secretary of Missionary Education and Service, assisted by Mrs. F. C. Haley in the Ruston District, "Churches for Our Country's Needs." A talk on "Teaching the Approved Studies" by Mrs. Dunbar preceded the classes each morning.

The Seminars were very outstanding in Louisiana this year in many ways. There was a fine attendance (1,242), greater interest shown in teaching the approved studies, and a great deal of study being planned, judging from the sale of textbooks and supplementary material in the bookrooms. Mrs. C. W. Tebow, District Secretary of Literature and Publications of the Alexandria District, deserves high praise for her most attractive bookroom. It would have inspired anyone to study.

The District Secretaries of Missionary Education presented the Calendar of Study for the year in different manners. New Orleans District, under leadership of Mrs. J. T. Prichett, used an original idea and a song written especially for the occasion, sung by a quartette from Haynesville Society. The Alexandria District, Mrs. Warren Constant, Secretary, had a novel and attractive presentation, using people in costume to represent the four studies. At the noon hour, the Bunkie Society of that District presented the skit from the Methodist Woman, "Cast Thy Bread" to entertain and inspire us. Most of the Districts closed the day with that challenging devotional, "The Foot Cannot Say to the Ear" from Margaret Applegarth's book, "Right Here—Right Now".

Miss Elma Ashby, Missionary to S. Rhodesia, Africa, from the Louisiana Conference and Dr. John Norris, Missionary teacher in Union Theological Seminary in Argentina, were

NORTH ARKANSAS MEETING ANNOUNCED



MRS. JOHNNIE McCLURE

The Executive Committee of the North Arkansas Conference Woman's Society of Christian Service will meet at Conway First Church, November 8 and 9, 1951. The meeting will open at 3:00 p. m. on the 8th and close with luncheon on the 9th. Every member is urged to be present.—Mrs. James S. Upton, Recording Secretary.

HARRISON ENTERTAINS GUILDS

The Wesleyan Service Guilds of the Searcy District met at Harrison September 30.

Miss Ethel Jones gave the invocation at the luncheon served in Fellowship Hall. The theme of the meeting "For You the Church Doth Wait", was carried out in the registration cards and luncheon appointments.

Following the luncheon the group met in the Sanctuary for the afternoon program presented as follows: Organ Prelude, Mrs. Drena O'Brien; Hymn, "Rise Up, O Men of God"; business session, Miss Helen Stephens, Clinton, District Secretary, presiding; Vocal Solo, "Show Me Thy Way", Miss Virginia Holmes of the Eula Hudspeth Guild, Harrison; Address, Mrs. H. H. Fulbright, Promotion Secretary, W. S. C. S., North Arkansas Conference; Vocal Solo, "Stranger of Galilee", Mrs. Joanna McKinney of the Myrtle Hancock Guild, Harrison; Dedication Service, Miss Gertie Stiles, North Arkansas Conference Secretary, W. S. G.; Benediction, Rev. Earle Cravens.

Mrs. Fulbright brought a most inspiring message. Using the program theme she reminded us that Christ doth wait for us to accept our responsibilities in Christian Social relations, voting, doing our part in defeating the alcohol problem and promoting world brotherhood. She urged Guild members to live more prayerful lives and serve every way possible.

Miss Helen Price, President of the Myrtle Hancock Guild, was chairman of arrangements. Assisting committee members were Ethel Jones, Eula Albright, Frances Holabaugh, Ava Ruth Finch, Lois Thompson, Marhea Wilson, Sally Williams, Henrietta Gonce, Lela Morrison, Margaret Turner, Lucille Marshall, Etta Poynor, Vahnita Cannon and Mary Jim Jones.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Members of the Wesleyan Service Guild, Shreveport, who won in a guest speakers at two of the Seminars.—Mrs. Sam Dunbar, Reporter.

LULA McSWAIN SOCIETY MEETS

The Lula McSwain Society of Christian Service of Emmet Methodist Church met in the education building of the church on Monday, October 8, at 2 p. m. with Mrs. Herman Reyenga and Mrs. A. C. Jelly as hostesses.

The flower arrangements were suggestive of the fall season.

Mrs. Paul Edwards, leader, opened the meeting with the members singing "America the Beautiful," followed by reading of Psalm 96:7-13 by Mrs. Edwards, who also gave the devotional, "The Christian Gospel of Human Rights." Mrs. Reyenga discussed "The Right to a Fair Wage" and "The Right to a Marriage Based on Choice." Mrs. Scott Ross gave a talk on "The Christian Missionary and Human Rights." Mrs. Bob Magness discussed "The Right to an Education," and Mrs. Shelby Jones presented "Home Missions and Human Rights." The meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer in unison.

Mrs. Ramey Garland, president, conducted a brief business session after which she discussed the results of the "Visitation" program which the society conducted last week: at this time she presented Mrs. Denman Wylie in a discussion of the various reasons and excuses women offered when asked to become a member of the missionary society. Mrs. Wylie gave a report from a missionary in Japan on excuses of the Japanese women. As pre-arranged the members listened to the broadcast by Mrs. Landrum, Division Secretary of the Methodist Woman's Society of Christian Service.

The hostesses served donuts and coffee to the thirty members and guests present.

recent contest for new members were entertained Thursday evening, October 11, at the church with a supper and a costume party. Rev. J. B. Gambling gave the invocation, and Miss Carol Crowder, sang, accompanied by Miss Olivia Baumeister.

At the luncheon in the home of

PEARLE McCAIN REACHES JAPAN

On Board S.S. Pres. Jefferson
October 1, 1951

Dear Friends:

During this ocean voyage I have thought many times of the lovely experiences of the furlough which has come to a close and of the many people who have helped to make it such a pleasant and worthwhile one. My heart goes out in gratitude to you, as groups and as individuals.

We have had a quiet, pleasant voyage, except for the days we were in a storm. It was, I believe, the most severe storm I was ever in, but we came through safely, I am thankful to say. All of the passengers except one are missionaries and the fellowship has been fine. This is a freighter, so there are only twelve passengers, four of whom are children. The officers and crew are friendly. This is my second trip on a freighter. I find it a very satisfactory way to travel.

Our ship is scheduled to reach Kobe tomorrow morning. Needless to say, I am eager to get to my new home and into the work. It is a source of joy and strength to know, as I go to this work that I am supported by your interest and prayers and that I am part of a fellowship which reaches around the world. As you pray for the people and work in the land to which I am going, you will remember also, I feel sure, the people of China, where I had the privilege of spending so many years. Let us continue to work and pray for a world in which God's will is done and all live like children of the Heavenly Father.

May His richest blessings be upon you, each and every one!

Sincerely,

Pearle McCain

HOPE GUILDS MEET

Wesleyan Service Guilds of the Hope District met Tuesday evening, October 2, at Hill's for a dinner meeting. There were 85 members and guests present: Texarkana, First Church, 4; Fairview, 6; College Hill, 15; Hope, 9; Prescott, 4; Ashdown, 12; Mena, 4; Nashville, 7; Emmett, 1; and DeQueen, 24.

Mrs. Clarice Cannon of Hope gave the invocation; Mrs. Harvey Prince, DeQueen, welcomed the group and introduced the visitors among whom were District Superintendent and Mrs. E. D. Galloway of Hope, Rev. and Mrs. George Meyer, Nashville, and Rev. and Mrs. J. L. Tucker, DeQueen.

Miss Bertha Golden, Mena, district secretary, conducted a brief business session and introduced Mrs. Carrie May Powell, Texarkana, Program Chairman.

The program for the evening was a preparatory seminar for the mission studies. Mrs. J. F. Rushing, Emmett, district Secretary of Missionary Education, gave a brief resume of the study of Latin America, and Bro. Meyer, the Book of Acts.

The meeting was dismissed with the Guild benediction.

Mrs. Charles R. Wilkin, a new circle was organized at the Brinkley Methodist Church, with 12 charter

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CURRENT NEWS IN ARKANSAS METHODISM

BENTON COUNTY MINISTERIAL ALLIANCE

The Benton County Ministerial Alliance met October 15 in the Methodist Church of Gentry with Rev. Raymond Woodworth, president, presiding. Ministers present were: O. L. Cole, host minister, V. E. Chalfaut, Ralph A. Fox, Hubert E. Pearce, George Kleeb, Wendell Barbaree, Edmund Kornfield, Richard Geiger, T. P. Holcomb, Allen D. Stewart, C. E. Whitlow, J. C. Gibbons, Raymond Woodworth, and H. W. Jinske. Rev. W. F. Cooley, district superintendent of the Fayetteville District, was a guest.

The principal speaker was Chaplain James Burris of the Veterans' Hospital at Fayetteville. Chaplain Burris pointed out that ministers have a vital role to play in preventive medicine. From fifty to seventy per cent of our ailments are mental or spiritual at their base," said the Chaplain. He further made statements to the effect that a man's life can be literally poisoned by hate, fear, and worry, and that sick souls lead to sick bodies. He also quoted an eminent physician and surgeon, Dr. Sadler, to the effect that if Christianity were properly applied one half of our ailments or sickness would disappear or never occur. The chaplain emphasized the importance of faith in God and a purpose in life as essential to recovery and good health.

At a business session Rev. Hubert E. Pearce, pastor of the Methodist Church at Bentonville, was elected vice-president to take the place of Rev. J. William Watson, who is now pastor of First Methodist Church, North Little Rock.

The ministers were luncheon guests of the Gentry Ministerial Alliance. Rev. and Mrs. Cole extended their gracious hospitality.

The next meeting of the Alliance will be held January 14, 1952 in the Methodist Church of Pea Ridge with Rev. George Kleeb as the host minister.—Raymond Woodworth, President, H. W. Jinske, Secretary.

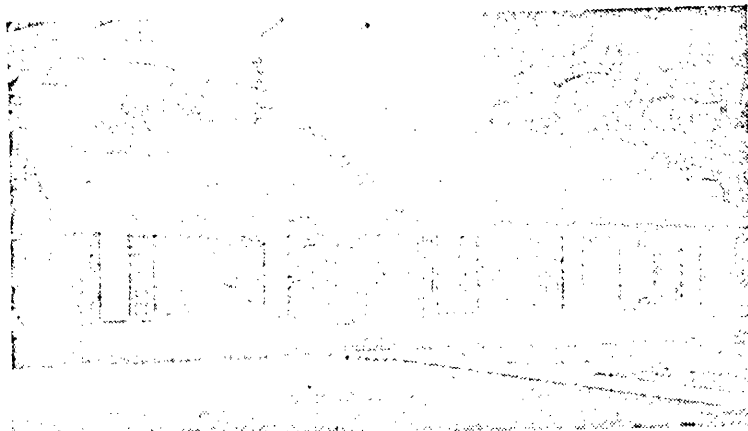
EVANGELISTIC DIRECTOR IN FLORIDA

The Rev. Leroy H. Walker, Director of the United Evangelistic Missions in the Arkansas-Louisiana Area left by air for Jacksonville, Florida Friday afternoon, October 19. He has been assigned to direct the "Cuban Plan" Mission in Florida, February 13 to 25, 1952. Coming at the height of the tourist season, top-flight Methodist preachers from the church at large will be invited to come to Florida for this Mission.

Mr. Walker is holding four Advance Preparation Conferences in Florida this week. A team consisting of Bishop Roy H. Short, Dr. J. Withers Blake, the Executive Chairman, Dr. E. J. Pendergrass, Conference Secretary of Evangelism, and Rev. Leslie Ross and Rev. Leroy Walker of the General Board of Evangelism will visit four points. Monday the Preparation Conference will be held at Ft. Lauderdale. Tuesday at Tampa, Wednesday at Lessburg, and Thursday at Lake City.

Mr. Walker will return to Little Rock on Friday, October 26.

NEW PARSONAGE AT WYNNE



THE congenial spirit of the Methodist congregation at Wynne has always made this one of the most pleasant charges of the entire Conference to serve. To this continuing joy there has now been added that of a fine new home for the pastor and his family.

The Church began to work on this problem early in the summer of 1949 and soon concluded the wise thing to do would be to sell the old parsonage and build a new one on a new location. The Church began to work in this direction and the new parsonage was ready for occupancy early in September, 1950.

The new parsonage is located at 508 Forrest Avenue and is a brick veneer building with plastered walls, living room, dining room, three bed rooms, two tile baths, kitchen with breakfast nook, good utility room, central forced air heating system, and an adjoining garage. The building was constructed according to plans and specifications drawn up by Morris Smith of Little Rock and under the direction of the following committee: Dave Black, Chairman; H. K. Barwick, T. B. Murray, M. L. Hampton, Cecil Coffin, C. W. Backs, Mrs. T. B. Murray, and Mrs. G. G. Dorris.

Substantial progress is being made along other vital lines. Reports to the last Annual Conference showed an average attendance in Sunday School of 215, an increase of 49% during the past two years and lifting our school from fourth to second place in the district. Four new classes and six new teachers have been added to the regular Church School staff. In addition to the regular officers and teachers we have a complete staff of associate teachers who are used when regular teachers must be absent or on other special occasions. Average attendance of the Church School for this Conference year to date is 14% above that of last year. We are planning to have a three-course training school in our church the first week in November. This will be the first school of this kind in this section for several years.

We had a very profitable program for our young people during the summer months with Miss Louise Fincher of Hendrix College serving as full-time youth director. The interest and devotion of young people grew right on through the summer and came to a climax in our Youth Activities Week the last week in August, with Rev. Gerald Fincher of Southern Methodist University as inspirational speaker.

Our laymen are providing one

special worship service each month in both the extension churches, Central and Ellis Chapel. These rural churches are going forward and plans are underway for them to form half of a good circuit by another Conference year.

We are enjoying our work with the good people of Wynne and are looking forward to further progress with them.—Lloyd M. Conyers, Pastor.

At Allendale On Brinkley Charge

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odist congregation at Brasfield, but not until now have we owned our property.

Beginning in September 1950, I gave them two services a month in this old tenant house where they had as many as 60 and 70 in Sunday School. During the winter months the church was started and completed in early spring. Had the formal opening service on Easter Sunday 1951, with Brother Dodgen preaching.

The property is valued at \$7000.00,

CARLISLE HAS UNUSUAL RECORD

On September 30th Promotion Day was observed with a wonderful attendance, though not our largest for the year. A. E. Owens, General Superintendent, arranged an interesting program and revealed some records which we think are unusually good. Our records show twenty pupils had attended one or more years without missing Sunday School a single Sunday, and three teachers had made such record. The perfect attendance was as follows:

Those attending one year, Bernie Miller, Dixie Lee, Kirkland Smith, Fred Perkins, Jr., Deborah Cook.

Those attending two years: Neil Pfeifer, Jane Patton, Gary Wayne Perkins, Charles Best.

Those attending three years: Robert Morey, Carol Buckley.

Those attending four years: Marilyn Hutson, Billy Cazer.

Attending five years: Marilyn Swears.

Attending six years: Janet Young, Don Hutson, Mrs. Leon Murray, Leon Murray, Miss Frances Murray.

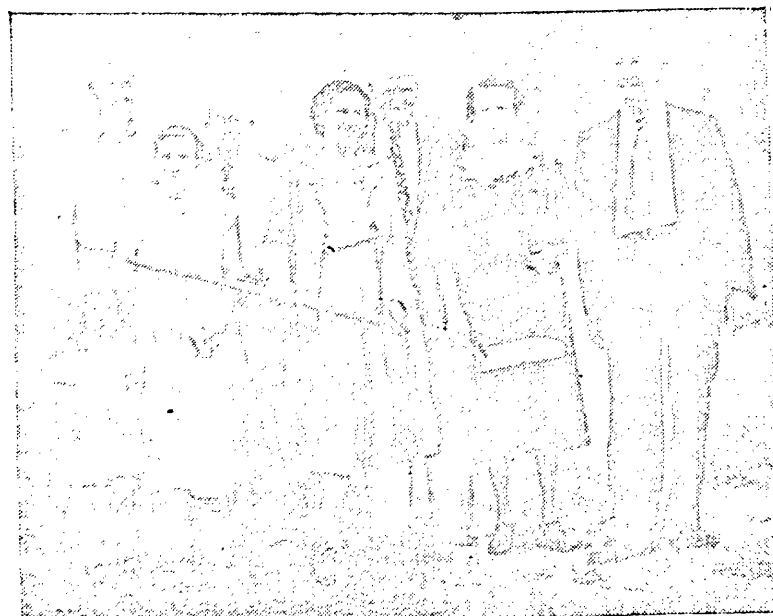
We had one with a perfect record for twenty-nine years, Charlie Perkins.

Three teachers had a perfect attendance record for one year or better. They were: Mrs. Clarence Swears, Mrs. Francis Best, Mrs. Miles Cook.

Our Sunday School is growing. We now need an educational building for expansion. Our church attendance is excellent, morning and night. Our finances are in good shape. Pastor and family are still happy.—Curtis Williams, Pastor.


and at time of completion had only \$500.00 indebtedness, and this total amount is to be paid in immediate future.—Jesse Johnson

GROUND-BREAKING CEREMONIES FOR MOUNTAIN VIEW CHURCH PARSONAGE



Above is pictured the group of those attending the ground breaking service at 9 o'clock Friday, October 5, 1951, for the new parsonage beside the Mountain View Methodist Church in Mena. They are, from left to right, back row, Rev. W. E. Elmore (who dug the foundation ditch); J. B. Jouett, treasurer; Rev. John N. Simpson, pioneer minister in Mena area.

Front row, left to right, Betty Ann Long, granddaughter of Rev. W. E. Elmore; Mrs. J. B. Jouett, Mrs. Leslie Philpot (who moved the first shovel of dirt); Mrs. John N. Simpson, wife of the Rev. John N. Simpson, and Rev. W. C. Lewis, the pastor of Mountain View Church, and other churches comprising the Mena Circuit.

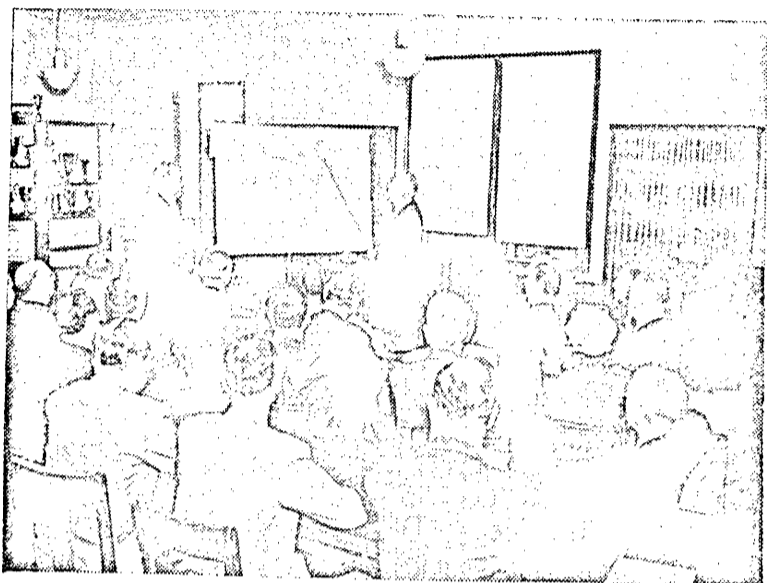


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 The Methodist Church
 The North Arkansas Conference
 Hendrix Station, Conway, Arkansas

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 Rev. J. Albert Gatlin, Executive Secretary

GETTING DOWN TO BUSINESS



Rev. J. Albert Gatlin, executive secretary of the North Arkansas Conference Town and Country Commission and Rev. Floyd G. Villines, Jr., chairman of the Commission lead the Commission in a discussion of the work in the Conference.

For the first time, within the memory of the writer, the North Arkansas Conference has had a thorough and definite survey of the total church situation. More than two hundred pastors answered the questions sent out. The information is most stimulating and challenging. It has been charted church by church. A full report will be forthcoming to all the pastors and other church leaders. While the knowledge gained is not perfect at all points, yet there is a very clear and definite general indicator established.

The writer had the privilege of pointing out the facts discovered with the assistance of Rev. Floyd Villines president of the commission. The onlookers, members of the commission within camera range of Mr. Paul Faris, manifested splendid interest. The meeting was of great help to every one present in finding ourselves in a better fashion. The writer wishes to express his gratitude for the fine way in which the pastors responded to the survey.

—J. Albert Gatlin

At Allendale On Brinkley Charge

From September 30 to October 5 it was my privilege to be with Jesse Johnson, pastor at Brinkley, in a week's series of services at the Allendale Church. This fine group of people is meeting in a former school building that has been converted into a church building. The building offers some fine possibilities for a permanent church structure. Our services were held at a busy time, but were attended regularly and loyally by the active members. Mrs. Johnson directed the song services in a fine way.

Brother Johnson preaches twice a month at nine o'clock in the morning to this splendid group. This type

pastoral service is one among many other approaches to ministering to the spiritual needs of small rural groups. There are multitudes of such communities. It may be that there cannot be a full church program in every sense of the word.

However, there are infinite possibilities in these communities for real Christian service. Pastors and laymen working together can preserve these communities for the church and help keep alive the spark of Christian discipleship.

Brasfield, The Church That Would Not Die

While there are many small churches on their last legs, seemingly, and while there are some who finally surrender to despair—not so Brasfield Methodist Church. Inability to work out a schedule of preaching services and lack of a building caused them to sit down in contemplation over their demise.

After careful and prayerful meditation, with hearts yearning for a better day, they rose up to live. Under the guidance of Jesse Johnson, pastor at Brinkley who came to help them, and the help of Rev. Ethan Dodgen, the District Superintendent, they reorganized. From the shelter of a tenant house they moved out to build a beautiful and adequate sanctuary where they are now tasting the joy of a fuller salvation.

The church is now in the Little Rock Conference and being served out of DeValls Bluff where they can have better care due to geographical location. We hail the Brasfield Methodists and pray God's blessings upon them. Albert Oliver is now serving them as pastor. He is a Hendrix student and doing a fine job.—J. Albert Gatlin

Beginning of Building Program Brasfield Methodist Church

The Brinkley Quarterly Conference took this official action on October 11, 1950. Trustees elected for Brasfield Methodist Church were: Wert Crigger, H. P. Warren, and J. A. Reed.

RESOLUTION FOR RECEIVING



UPPER—Allendale Methodist Church with Jesse Lee Johnson, Jr., son of the pastor on the steps.
 LOWER—Brasfield Methodist Church.

CAMDEN DISTRICT SUPER-ANNUATE ENDOWMENT FUND

Paid to the Superannuate Endowment Fund Campaign by the Camden District since the beginning of the Campaign in November 1948 to October 18, 1951.

Charge	Quota	Paid	Balance due this year
Bearden	\$ 2571.00	\$ 401.00	\$ 2170.00
Bradley	686.00	225.00	461.00
Garland	240.00	50.00	190.00
Buckner Ct.			
Buckner	59.00		59.00
Mt. Ida	12.00		12.00
Mt. Vernon	200.00		200.00
Oak Grove	200.00		200.00
Camden Churches:			
Fairview	3429.00	85.00	3344.00
Timothy		85.00	
First Church	6857.00	3965.00	2892.00
Chidester Ct.			
Missouri	200.00		200.00
Red Hill	85.00		85.00
Rocky Hill	171.00		171.00
Silver Springs	286.00	142.00	144.00
Chidester (Rushing Mem.)	2000.00	700.00	1300.00
Columbia Ct.			
Harmony	301.00		301.00
New Hope	256.00		256.00
Philadelphia	352.00		352.00
Sherman	368.00		368.00
Dumas			
Memorial	914.00	272.75	641.25
Calion	681.00	301.50	379.50
El Dorado			
Churches:			
Centennial	571.00		571.00
First Church	7428.00	6750.00	678.00
Vantrease	3028.00	2523.00	484.00
Emerson Ct.			
Atlanta	336.00	62.46	273.54
Christies Cpl.	286.00		286.00
Emerson	343.00		343.00
Ware's Chapel	229.00		229.00
Harmony Grove Ct.			
Harmony	571.00	461.00	110.00
Buena Vista	571.00	355.00	180.00
Westside		355.00	
Holly Spgs. Ct.			
Holly Springs	685.00	13.70	670.30
Mt. Carmel	228.00		228.00
Mt. Olivet	457.00		457.00
Junction City	1143.00	948.00	195.00
Beech Grove	85.00	63.00	22.00
Blanchard Spgs.	57.00	24.00	33.00
Olive Branch	114.00	21.00	93.00
Lewisville	2000.00	916.00	1084.00
Louann Ct.			
Louann	1023.00	127.00	901.00
Liberty	343.00	24.00	319.00
Silver Hill	557.00	383.00	174.00
Magnolia Churches:			
First Church	5484.00	3941.69	1542.31
Jackson St.	3429.00	50.00	3379.00
McNeill	286.00		286.00
Marysville Ct.			
Bethel	343.00	172.00	171.00
Fredonia	914.00	428.00	486.00
Friendship	343.00	70.50	252.50
Marysville	685.00	81.00	604.00
Norphlet Ct.			
Ebenezer	171.00		171.00
Norphlet	1935.00	992.60	942.40
Quinn	323.00	100.00	223.00
Parker's Chapel	1143.00	100.00	1043.00
Pleasant Grove	823.00	617.50	205.50
Princeton Ct.			
Macedonia	406.00		406.00
Princeton	331.00	12.00	319.00
Providence	144.00		144.00
Waverly	168.00		168.00
Smackover	3429.00	2052.00	1377.00
Stamps	2743.00	450.00	2293.00
Stephens	2743.00	1650.00	1093.00
Mt. Prospect	286.00		286.00
Taylor Ct.			
Taylor	1086.00		1086.00
Pine Grove	457.00		457.00
Welcome	457.00		457.00
Village Ct.			
Ebenezer	171.00		171.00
Lydesdale	343.00		343.00
Village	1023.00		1023.00
Waldo	2971.00		2971.00
Willisville	228.00		228.00
TOTAL	\$73031.00	\$33103.35	\$39927.65

—OTTO W. TEAGUE, Treasurer

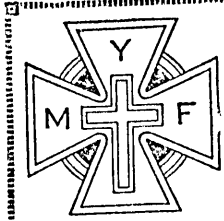
LOT AND AUTHORIZING BUILDING PLANS: "Resolved that Wert Crigger, H. P. Warren, and J. A. Reed, trustees of the Brasfield Methodist Church, be and are hereby authorized to accept donation of lot from Crigger Brothers with Trust Clause and proceed with plans to build a Methodist Church on this site."

Building Committee For The Church

Mrs. Walter Williams, H. P. Warren and Mrs. Wert Crigger were elected as the building Committees for the Methodist Church at Brasfield.

The church had been without a pastor for nearly two years when this building program was started. Since 1927 we have had a Methodist.

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WEONA'S M. Y. F. PROJECT



From l. to r.: Bill Odom, pastor, Larry Ramsey, Virginid James, Kathryn Ramsey, Jane Parker, Sue Cooper, Dennie Hutley, Bill Ray Cooper, Betty Hutley. Others not present for picture: Warren Tull, William King, Mrs. McLelland, T. M. McLelland, Mr. Ramsey, Mrs. Foshee, Mrs. Pauline Bartholomew, Allen and John Gibbons, Mr. and Mrs. J. T. James, Paul Hudnall.

The Weona M. Y. F. has a ten-acre cotton patch which the members have chopped. They have this project in order to raise money to help build the new educational an-

nex which the church is greatly in need of.

The land was secured by A. R. Robbs and J. T. James from Weona Farms Co.—Reporter

ARKANSAS VALLEY SUB-DISTRICT

The Arkansas Valley Sub-District met Monday, October 8, at Hays Chapel for its regular meeting. There were 117 present with Coal Hill having the largest group in attendance.

Ozark gave a most interesting and inspiring program, using as their theme, "Wait on the Lord."

Following adjournment a fellowship period was held and refreshments were served by the host church.

The next meeting will be held in Clarksville on November 12.—Reporter.

M. Y. F. OF THE MONTICELLO DISTRICT

The Methodist Youth Fellowship of the Monticello District held its annual meeting at Newton's Chapel on October 1. McGehee, Dumas and Newton's Chapel were all represented. Newton's Chapel won the attendance banner with 25 present.

An interesting program on "Christian Citizenship" was led by Wib Abston. A short play entitled "A Christian Citizen" was given by Mildred Bickham, Jo Bickham, Joyce Newton and Donnie Adair. The scripture was read by Opal Newton.

President Joline Triner presided over the meeting when plans were made to attend the M. Y. F. meeting in Little Rock on October 13.

A social hour was held.—Donnie Adair, Reporter.

Right is right if nobody is right, and wrong is wrong if everybody is wrong.—Bishop Fulton J. Sheen, author and educator.

McGEEHEE SUB-DISTRICT TRAINING SCHOOL

The Leadership Training School for the McGehee Sub-District was held at First Church, McGehee, October 8, 9, and 10. All of the charges of the Sub-District were represented in the three classes, registering a total of sixty workers from McGehee, Watson, Tillar, Newton's Chapel and Dumas. Thirty-nine credit cards were awarded.

The adult Sunday School classes of McGehee Church served coffee and donuts during the recess between sessions, and did many things to encourage fellowship among those attending.

The new approach to a district training program through a number of Sub-district units, set up by Dr. W. E. Brown, has proven its value. It brings about cooperation amongst the churches that are located near each other and puts a training school in reach of every church whether large or small.—R. A. Teeter.

A big nation is not one that is big enough to whip a small nation, but one that is big enough not to!—Pathfinder



HARTMAN M. Y. F. ELECTION OFFICERS

The Hartman M. Y. F. met on October 7 and elected the following officers: President, Elisabeth Baskins; Vice-president, Wilda Evans; Secretary and Treasurer, David Tucker; Song leader, Marilyn Patterson; Reporters, Joan Stallins and Don Kelley; Pianist, Ann Estep; Counselor, Miss Mary Cravens; Entertainment Committee, Wilda Evans, Paul Morris, Phyllis Johnson and Social Committee, Marilyn Patterson, Charles Roberts, Paul Morrow and Janis Morrow.

We have an enrollment of nineteen.—Reporter

METHODIST STUDENT RETREAT AT CANEY LAKE

A Methodist student movement retreat for Centenary College students was conducted Saturday and Sunday at Caney Lake, according to an announcement by Miss Betty McKnight, assistant mathematics professor and sponsor of the student movement.

The Rev. George Harbuck, pastor of the Methodist Church of Mansfield, was the principal speaker at the two-day event.

MARKED TREE HAS HENDRIX FELLOWSHIP TEAM

The Methodist Youth Fellowship of Marked Tree was host to a Hendrix Fellowship Team, October 13-14. Rev. James S. Upton served as adult leader with the following college students serving as members of the team: Bobby Watson, Leita Ballew, Allen Brockway, and George Schisler. Special activities started with a fellowship supper on Saturday evening followed by singing, discussion groups, recreation, and worship. Sunday morning Mr. Upton preached the morning sermon. Sunday afternoon beginning at 2 o'clock activities continued with singing, discussion, recreation, and a vesper service at 5 o'clock. Bobby Watson preached the sermon for the vesper service which was attended by both young people and adults. The activities were concluded with a Fellowship Supper.

Officers of the Marked Tree M. Y. F. are: Bettye Bolton, president; Martha Doty, vice-president; Virginia Morrisett, treasurer; Mary Cobb, secretary; Mr. and Mrs. Burk Dabney, Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Waskom, Jr., and Miss Rosemary Callahan adult workers.—Reporter

YOUTH REVIVAL AT FIRST CHURCH, MALVERN

October 8th, through October 14th was YOUTH REVIVAL week at First Methodist Church in Malvern. This meeting was sponsored by the young people of the church together with the help of their counselors and leaders. While it was carried on by First Church young people, all the youth of the city were given a cordial invitation to attend and participate in the services. In addition to teachers and counselors, the average attendance of young people each evening was 73.

The following general schedule was the program for each evening:

6:30-6:45—Supper at the church for all youth attending.

6:45-7:30—Singing, Fellowship and Directed Recreation.

7:30-8:30—Worship in the church sanctuary.

The ladies of the W. S. C. S. furnished the supper each evening. The singing and recreation was led by Mrs. Leo Hardwick, while Mrs. Bernadine Elrod led group singing for the evening worship. Others, too numerous to mention by name, did a splendid job in helping to make the meeting a great success.

Rev. James Edward Christie, pastor of Wesley Church, Alexandria, Louisiana, and son of Rev. and Mrs. A. J. Christie of Stuttgart, was the inspirational preacher for the revival. He did a most excellent job. His messages, couched in the language of modern youth, were both uplifting and challenging. Half a hundred young people dedicated their lives to full or part time Christian service, and there were three who united with the church. All in all, the week was well spent, and was an open demonstration that our young people stand ready to make genuine dedication of life and talent to any great and worthy cause. In this instance the preacher lifted up before the eyes of the young people the matchless Christ of our Christian faith, and with one accord, youth responded. Youth Revival week will be an annual occasion at First Church, Malvern, for such a week has brought new inspiration and faith to the entire church family.—Church Reporter

Church membership in the U. S. is at the highest point in history. According to a survey by the National Council of Churches, the 54 largest religious bodies (50,000 and over) gained 51.6% in membership between '26 and '49. In the same period our population increased only 30%.—Opportunity.

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"UNITED CHURCH MEN" ORGANIZED BY N.C.C.

Under the chairmanship of Lem T. Jones, a businessman of Kansas City, Mo., and with a directing committee of more than 100 leading laymen of 28 Protestant denominations in the U. S. A., the "United Church Men" has just completed its organization. It will be a "general department" of the National Council of the Churches of Christ, and will in its scope and program attempt to be an "arm" of the Council and of Protestantism as the "United Church Women" is now a service group. The department's purpose is announced as having laymen bear a stronger Christian witness and render more effective Christian service in their daily lives and work.

Specifically, United Church Men endeavor through men to strengthen the life and work of local churches of all denominations; provide a channel through which men can have denominational and interdenominational fellowship in a community and in joint planning; promote the organization of men's groups in the churches and pointly in the community; unitedly plan community, state and national "service projects" for the churches; interpret and promote the program of the National Council; and "encourage laymen in Christian witness and service in their everyday occupations and vocations."

One of the first undertakings of United Church Men will be the holding of a series of mass meetings of Protestant laymen in key cities across the nation. These meetings will attempt to arouse Protestant church men to greater activity, service, and devotion to their churches and to the goals of all churches. "It will not be an organization in competition with existing church organizations, but a strengthening of them in their own parishes, and an emphasis upon local churches working together, through laymen, women, and ministers, for the meeting of community needs—spiritual and physical." It is pointed out also that lay people represent at least 98% of church membership and should have a greater responsibility in carrying the loads of education, enlistment, succor, and ministry which now fall too heavily upon the clergy.

United Church Men has its national office in New York City. Its national director is E. Urner Goodman. Its list of leaders includes, besides Chairman Jones, some of America's leading church laymen and business and industrial leaders. Among them are: Charles E. Wilson, Harold E. Stassen, Harvey Firestone, Thomas J. Watson, Arthur J. Flemming, H. Roe Bartle, John Foster Dulles, J. Howard Pew, Barclay Acheson, Walter H. Judd, Grove Patterson, Charles P. Taft, Harper Sibley.

Methodists on the national committees include: Ray Nichols, Texas; Alfred H. Avery, Mass.; Harry A. Bullis, Minn.; Glenn B. Goble, Ill.; John Holmes, Ill.; Clifford B. Ramsey, N. J.; Eugene McElvaney,

Texas; Dr. Goodrich C. White, Ga.; Gay H. Brown, N. Y.; Kinsey Merritt, N. J.; Walter C. Coffey, Minn.; Bidge Wyatt, Mo.; Gurney P. Hood, N. C.; Ray W. Labbitt, Mich.

You wouldn't take a hammer to a television set that doesn't work, so why beat up a child that is much more delicately adjusted?—Dr. Hudson Jost, of Memphis, Quick.

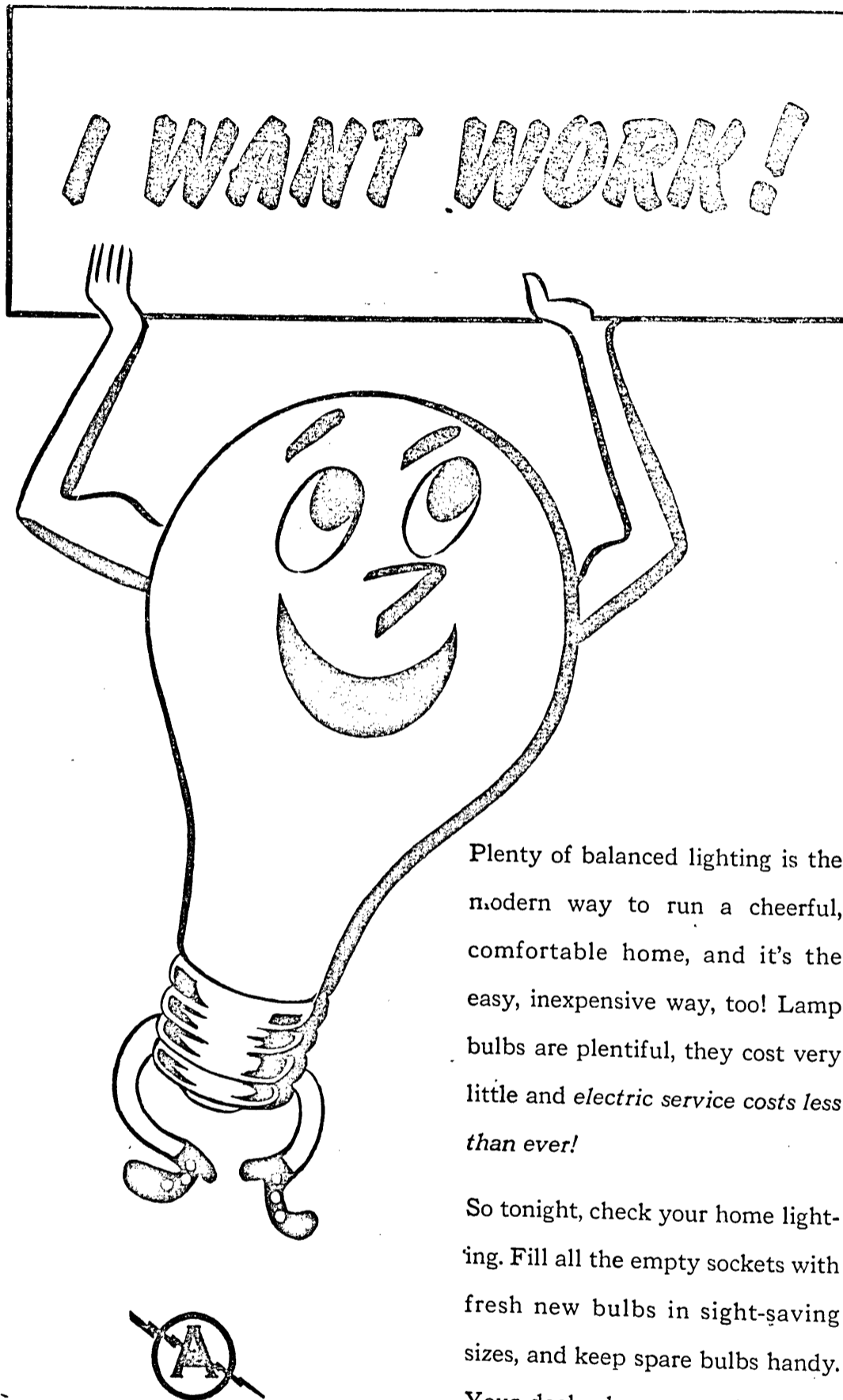
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members. Mrs. Robert Hawkins was elected Chairman, and Mrs. Jack Talbott, Secretary-Treasurer.

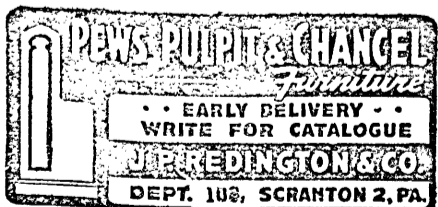
The Workman Service Guild of the West started the first of its kind, placed new equipment in the club kitchen.

Mineral Springs Society reports that their membership of thirty is carrying out a full program for the year. Programs and studies have been presented in full; local projects have included the repairing, redecorating and refurnishing of the parsonage; one hundred dollars has been pledged to missions and will be met. The spirit of co-operation in this society is fine.



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The Sunday School Lesson

By REV. H. O. BOLIN

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WHAT ARE THE DISCIPLINES OF LEADERSHIP?

LESSON FOR NOVEMBER 4, 1951

READ THE ENTIRE LESSON FROM YOUR BIBLE:
Exodus, chapter 3 and 4; Printed text: Exodus 3:1-15.

GOLDEN TEXT: "God said . . . unto Moses, Thus shalt thou say unto the children of Israel, The Lord, the God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, hath sent me unto you." (Exodus 3:15)

As we study the lessons of Unit II we will do well to bear in mind the general theme of the unit: "THE DISCIPLINE OF GOD'S WAY". The unit consists of seven class sessions. The lesson today is the second of those sessions. The theme of last Sunday's lesson was in the form of a question: "OF WHAT USE IS TROUBLE?" We tried to show there that even trouble has a place in the building of good character. The ancient Hebrews suffered a great deal, but this suffering tended to make better people of them. It led them to become the type of nation that could better carry out God's plans and purposes. The theme for today is also in the form of a question: "WHAT ARE THE DISCIPLINES OF LEADERSHIP?" This is a continuation of the general theme of the unit as stated above.

A Look At The Scriptures

It has been well said that the history of the world can be read in the biographies of its great leaders. We have for our consideration today one of the greatest leaders of all time. Some rate Moses, in the matter of leadership and influence upon the world, as second only to Christ. Others would place him after Abraham and Paul, but be that as it may, Moses stands out as one of the greatest men of the human race. Regardless of how much longer the world stands it will never get over the fact that Moses lived in it. For hundreds of years the greatest and most civilized nations of the world have used the ten commandments given by the Lord through Moses as a basis upon which they built their laws.

The Discipline Of Moses

From the very beginning of the life of Moses the power and purpose of God are seen operating in all matters which pertained to him. Nothing less than a miracle can account for some of the things that took place in his life. In spite of the fact that he was born at a time when the male infants of the Hebrews were being put to death, his life was spared, and not only so his own mother was secured to nurse him during his early years. She so instilled in his heart the principles of the Hebrew Religion that he remained true to it for the remainder of his life. In addition to the privilege of being brought up by his own mother he was reared as a prince in the palace of Pharaoh. The Egyptians at that time were the most highly educated and civilized people of the world. The Bible tells us that Moses was trained in all the learning of the Egyptians. The one thing above all others that made Moses a great man was his constant contact with God, but no one will ever know just how much

the training he received from the Egyptians was worth to him in later years.

Meditation In The Wilderness

One characteristic that is common to all great men is the fact that they spend much time alone in meditation. The psalmist realized this fact when speaking of the blessed man. He went on to call attention to the attitude of this successful man toward the law of God, and then he said, "In his law doth he meditate day and night."

This disposition to meditate was true of Christ. He had a lot to do and a very short time to do it. His life was to be cut short and he was to die young, but in spite of all this he spent 30 years in preparation. During those years, while not busy in the carpenter shop, he must have spent a lot of time in prayer and meditation on the mountains around Nazareth. But even his time of meditation was not over. Immediately following his baptism he again went out alone to meditate and pray for a period of 40 days. While there alone on that occasion he completed his plans for his active ministry.

The great Apostle Paul was also strong on meditation. We recall that following his conversion he went into Arabia where he spent three years in thinking through the great question of religion. He came from that period of meditation the greatest theologian of that or any other age of the world.

Moses spent 40 years in meditation. Day after day during all these years he went out with the flocks and herds with nothing to keep him company but his own thoughts and his realization of the presence of God. It was on a day like this, when he had driven his sheep to the back of the wilderness, that he met God face to face. We are told that he met the Lord in the midst of a bush that burned and yet was not consumed. God spoke to him out of the bush. The first lesson he was to learn was that of reverence. The Lord told him to take off his shoes for the ground on which he was standing was holy. The place of this vision was a mountain which is sometimes called Horeb and sometimes Sinai. It was on this same mountain later that Moses was alone with God for a period of 40 days during which he received the ten commandments.

The Call of Moses

Moses was a man of deep passion. His heart went out in sympathy to his enslaved people. If Moses had been a man of less caliber he would have rejected his people and stuck by the Egyptians. We recall how he was reared as a prince in Pharaoh's palace. A lesser man so reared

would have snubbed his people and would have been ashamed of them.

From the early years of his life Moses felt the call of God to liberate his people. He was attempting to do this very thing when he foolishly slew the Egyptian who was abusing one of his fellow Hebrews. Moses cannot be excused for this harsh act. It was a terrible sin. But the sympathy, however, which led him to commit this crime is commendable. His sense of justice and love for his people moved him to do this ugly deed.

The call of God to liberate his people, that Moses felt all of his life, was intensified during his years of meditation in the land of Midian. Finally the call culminated with his meeting with God at the burning bush. God informed him of his purpose to send him to lead the children of Israel out of Egyptian bondage. Moses felt very humble. He felt his unworthiness for such a great undertaking. He made excuses in his attempt to shun the responsibility. Moses argued that he was not worthy to stand before Pharaoh to plead the cause of Israel. God overcame this argument by insisting that he would be with Moses. Moses then expressed his doubt as to the fact that the people would believe that God had sent him to them. God overcame this contention by permitting Moses to perform miracles with his shepherd's crook. Moses then tried to excuse himself on the grounds that he was not eloquent. God insisted that he had given him the gift of speech and at his own will could increase his eloquence. This does not seem to satisfy Moses and God then promised to send Aaron, the brother of Moses, along with him to do the talking. As Moses went on his way he met Aaron and together they went to Egypt. The lesson closes with the fact that they gathered the elders of Israel together, and we are told that these men believed in Moses and Aaron and were convinced that God had sent him.

High Qualities In Moses' Life

There are a few outstanding qualities in the life of Moses that made him great. One was his disposition to meditate. Another was his sense of God's presence. Still another was his loyalty to duty. These qualities in any life will make for success. The discipline through which Moses passed also added to his usefulness. He was a marked man. All of his life God was preparing him for this great undertaking. We note that throughout the history of the human race God has somehow produced men at crisis times to lead the people out. Many times, as in the case of Moses, long years have gone into the preparation of these leaders.

Present Day Need of Leaders

There are certain periods in history when the world moves slowly. It is in more or less of a conservative mood. Then other periods come when rapid changes are taking place. We are in the midst of such conservative periods there is not such a great need for outstanding leadership. The world will move along in its even course anyway. But when the periods of rapid change come there is a great need for strong leadership. Things are changing so rapidly during such periods that a few false moves can bring about great catastrophes. There has never been a time before our own when men had such de-

structive power in their possession. The world today is as truly in bondage as were the ancient Hebrews. We are in bondage to selfishness, fear, hatred and misunderstanding. We need a modern Moses to lead us out. It is our faith that God will provide such a leader. As never before, we need real statesmen. We need men in high places who will think of the good of the people rather than the matter of staying in office. It gives us a feeling of great insecurity when we note that politicians in high places will stoop to the corrupt practice of using the tax money of the citizens of this nation to secure selfish advantages for themselves and their friends. If this practice continues it will do great harm to our nation. If this country is ever defeated it will be from within rather than from without. All Christian people should take an active hand in politics. They should select their leaders with great care and then pray earnestly that God may guide these leaders as they lead our country. It is easy to sit back and criticize. Many times criticism is unfair. We have not discharged our full duty when we elect people to offices. We should follow our votes with our prayers and our efforts in trying to assist those who are in places of responsibility.

PROTESTANT PANORAMA

More than a score of pictures of Methodist church life are included in a most attractive book just published entitled "Protestant Panorama: A Story of the Faith that made America Free." The jacket statement that "a skillful blending of text and photographs present an impressive picture of Protestantism in America" is borne out by an examination of the 180 large and beautifully printed pages.

The author of the text, Dr. Clarence W. Hall, former magazine editor of *The Christian Advocate*, is a Methodist. During war time, he founded and edited two service periodicals, *The Link* and *The Chaplain*. Currently, he is managing editor of the *Christian Herald*. The art editor of the book is Desider Holisher, a European journalist, with a long background of pictorial publications. His earlier collection of pictures of American churches was published under the title, "The House of God."

Among Methodist pictures included in Protestant Panorama is the memorable one made at the Unification Conference showing bishops, representing the three merging groups, with joined hands.

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